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1. NEW MEMBERS ::

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Auck/North A.A.
Box 2178. AUCK.1.
Major M.R.WICKSTEED,
HQ.F.F.Comd.,
Fort Cautley, D'PORT,AUCK.9.
Lt-Col R.J.ANDREWS,
Director RNZA.,
HQZNZDEF. WGTON.
Capt (Ret'd) I.G.WILSON,
18 Veronica Ave.,
NAPIER.
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46 Fernaig St.,
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10 Cheinsford Ave.,
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Major D.K.BOWLER,
GS02. RNZA.,
HQZNZDEF. WGTON.
WOI. I.H.CUNNINGHAM.
WBOP. Army Area,
TAURANGA.
M.J.McIVER,
c/- P.O. HariHari
Sth Westland.
S.M.(Stan) HARDING,
c/- Southern Cross Hotel,
CHCH. 1.

2. CHANGES OF ADDRESS ::

L.B.(Bruce) TOLSON to
15 Selwyn St., CHCH. 2
WOI.G.R.(Yogi) YOUNG,
7 Boundary Rd.,
PAPAKURA
A.H.(Sandy) BISSETT,
119 St.Martins Rd., CHCH.2.
WO2.D.G.MAXWELL,
22 Bty, 16 Fd Regt. FORT DORSET.
F.J.(Fred) PRIOR,
WHANGAMATA,
Bay of Plenty.

W.T.(Shiner) SHIELDS, to
43 Hillary Cresc. CHCH. 4,
T.P.(Pat)SHIRLEY
2/31 Fratley Ave.,
Farm Cove,Pakuranga, AUCK.
WOI.R.J.(Goldie) GOLDSWORTHY,
27 Fraser Rd., Devonport, AUCK.9.
G.A.(Hookey) STUART,
39A Factory Rd.,
MOSGIEL. DUNEDIN.

3. WELFARE : ARMY MOTELS ::

It is thought, and in fact known, from conversation with some of our Members, that they don't know of our eligibility .
These Motels were built some years ago - in fact forward planning is still proceeding to build more in localities where holiday accommodation is favourable - from a very wise investment of Army's allocation of Wharf Funds from the 1951 Strike.

We come under Category 2, "Retired Army R.F." It is appreciated that Serving people and their young families under Category 1, have that priority during school holidays etc., but Retired folk can always get in during the "off season"; and during this period of course they are interested in keeping them occupied, thus paying their way.

From conversation I gather that the Welfare Section is genuinely interested in the welfare of Retired Old Soldiers.

Brochures, Application Forms and other info can be obtained from :-

"Army Motels Booking Clerk - Welfare Section"

P.O.Box 2178. AUCK.1.

HQ.Coy A.T.G. WAIOURU

HQ.LINTON CAMP

P.O. Box 1470, CHCH. 1.

for PAIHIA and ROTORUA,
" ACACIA BAY (TAUPO) & TURANGI,
" WANGANUI CITY; LANDGUARD BLUFF (WGVI)
" WAIKANAE, and NAPIER.
" HANMER, KAIKOURA, & LAKE TEKAPO.

Having stayed at several of them myself, I can certainly verify that they are up to the standard of any civilian Motel - and at just \$8.00 a day - that's great value.

4. 1979 RE-UNION AND A.G.M. ::

Wally Ruffell and I - (I was staying at Acacia Bay, which partly accounts for the enthusiasm in para.3), last week, had a recce and discussion with Spa Hotel's Management. Other venues were also looked at, but recommendation would be Spa, to be considered by your Committee at this Sat's Meeting, 24 Mar - more of this later in next Newsletter. We are working to get all the guff in hand as early as possible.

5. NEWS FROM AND ABOUT MEMBERS ::

Bob RUDGE writes from Thames, where he has retired - for the third time - from Hotel Management etc., tells us of a trip to Queensland, and liked it so much he'd love to go back there.

G.A. (Hockey STUART - also retired for the second time, after some years with NZBC, now living in a cosy Unit in Mosgiel, writes interestingly of the old days of horses and men on the range at Sutton, Central Otago - much water under the bridge since then Hockey - a grand letter and only sorry space does'nt allow full publication.

Recently overseas - Pat HALL to Hawaii and Reg NUTSFORD on walkabout in Australia. We hope both your journeys were enjoyable.

Congratulations were sent on your behalf to Dick HASSED on his award of the MBE in New Year Honours.

Maj-Gen McKINNON writes from Taupo, still keeping an active interest in our doings. Thank you for arranging a Padre for our Church Parade which unfortunately had to be cancelled because of the weather.

Sandy BISSETT writes a very welcome letter wishing to be remembered to all his old contemporaries, glad to see you back in the fold Sandy, we'd lost touch for a while.

Emil JENNINGS, our busy live wire ChCh Rep writes of their doings with news of changes of address and new Members. They have regular 3-monthly "get togethers". Joff ADAMS, Russ de la COUR, Bill DILLON, Olly MacDONALD, Les WRIGHT, Basil PARSONS, Bruce TOLSON, (now having abdicated as King of Stewart Island), a strong and dedicated team had a "chatty cheery" evening on 9 Dec last - their next on Sat. 17 Mar. Our congratulations go out to a keen group.

Jim GILBERD, still keeping a keen finger on doings in Hawkes Bay/Taupo.

All our Members there in good fettle.

A letter from Major D.K. BOWLER, now GS02 at RNZA Directorate, gives us news of our Serving Members. Lt-Col MASTERS, previous Director, is now attending J.S.S.C. in Canberra.

Lt-Col R.J. ANDREWS, after a period as Chief of Staff in Fiji, where he was intimately involved in setting up the Fiji Bn. in Lebanon, has taken over as Director RNZA.

Major BOWLER enclosed the latest copy of the RNZA Newsletter which keeps us closely abreast of present Gunner doings. It is interesting to note from the present Roll, the variety of Appointments being carried out by all Ranks - eighteen overseas, mainly in Singapore, and numerous within NZ. - if you remember, E.R.E. appointments for Gunners were few and far between in the old days -- but it clearly shows, now as always, - the versatility of the Gunner.

Maj-Gen HASSETT, one of our distinguished Members, now plunged deeply into the Commercial world, has taken his bowler hat to Kuala Lumpur, representing several important NZ Firms in that area, a bit close to the world's hot spots, but we wish you well.

Our congratulations to Eric AUTRIDGE on his election to President, Takapuna RSA. Two other Members, Eddie (Red) RYAN - a stalwart of many years with them, and Cyril HAYDEN, a previous Vice President, remain with the Executive.

5. (Cont'd) Another "lost one" back in the fold, Col. R.H. (Bob) SMITH. now Secretary/Mgr of Mt Maunganui Golf Club. We wish you well in what appears to be a labour of love, and no doubt a reduction in handicap with so much practice.
L.B. (Bruce) TOLSON, retired from 'King of Stewart Island' now with a ChCh firm, still fit and well.
T.W. (Shiner) SHIELDS, not in very good health, trouble with the legs, but tells us that he can still make the pub which isn't very far away - hope pins will soon get right Shiner.
Recently saw J.D. (Sham) SHAW, now pretty fairly recovered from two major operations over a long period, hope the complete recovery is not far away.
J.J. HANVEY, had a bad spin only last week, but sounds quite chirpy, over the phone that is, still undergoing some tests, we only hope they find nothing "J.J.".
6. WAIOURU GUNNERS CLUB BALL ::
The Annual Event held near Gunners Day in May, at Chateau Tongariro. Unfortunately, firm date at present is not known, but they assure us that Members are most welcome. If you wish to attend please contact, Sec. Waiouru Gunners Club. HQ. A.T.G. at Waiouru.
7. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ::
It has been pointed out, that in addition to past attachments of RNZEME and RNZSigs personnel, that other Corps, RNZE, RNZASC, and RNZMC, were attached to 16 Fd Regt in Vietnam. A study of the Rules showed that these people could be eligible as Associate Members. Any Member who proposes one who wishes to join us, give us a few details - Regt No., Rank, length of Service, length of attachment, etc. Such a proposal will be vetted by Committee on the normal way.
8. FINANCIAL MATTERS ::
(a) ANNUAL SUB. With this Newsletter you will find a small billet-doux reminding you of your Sub. position. A great many Members are well in Credit - they naturally won't get one. But post it in, or alternatively give it to a Dist. Rep. who will forward it on.
(b) INVESTMENT OF FUNDS ::
We are in a reasonably sound Financial state however, and as directed by the A.G.M. to invest some of it at a more favourable rate; on your behalf we bought \$700.00 in Govt. Stock at 11%.
9. THE ARMY MEMORIAL MUSEUM ::
We keep this project continually in view. - if any Member can contribute in any way, has an exhibit, or knows of one which may be of use to them, contact The Director, at Waiouru.
10. COMING EVENTS ::
ANZAC DAY : We hope to be as well represented as usual at the Takapuna RSA Ceremony - Auckland Members please note, let's have a good turnout again.
GUNNERS DAY :: 16 Fd Regt will parade at Auckland Cenotaph at 1030 hrs Sat. 26 May, and are at the moment drafting their Movement Order, and letter to us, asking for our attendance. Once again, Auckland Members, we hope as many as possible can be there.

Keep in touch - see our "Newsbits", don't you agree that it is nice to read even a republished 'Newsbit' from an old mate.

One point I forgot in para. 3, - in making an Application for an Army Motel, it may help to mention that you are a Member of the O.C. Assn.

All the very best for you and yours,

Henry Lawson

