

# NEW ZEALAND PERMANENT FORCE OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION ::

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## 1. LAST POST -- ROLL OF HONOUR ::

Following a suggestion by our President at A.G.M. this year ; wherever a Member "passes on" -- a short "Obituary" -- no, not Obituary but "Appreciation" -- following the practice of the Royal Regiment UK, in its monthly Publication, "Gunner". They are better written than I can achieve and do appreciate what those Gunners have done in their dedication to the Regiment.

Since last Newsletter, 34, (Aug '80) we regret the passing of two Old Comrades :-

Brig.R.S.PARK, CB,CBE, at Auckland on 15 Aug '80.

The Funeral Service was conducted with full Military Honours at St,David's Presbyterian Church , Khyber Pass Rd. in Auckland, and attended by a large group of our Members -- the eulogy being read from the pulpit by Brig. G.P.Cade, DSO,OBE.

Brig Park was one of our most distinguished Members, whose close and infinitely interested association with the Regiment extended from his Graduation from Duntroon in 1916, whence he went immediately to France. Between the Wars for 20 yrs he held numerous Staff and Regimental appointments, and from Fort Dorset in July 1939 was posted to Head NZDLS in London, where he remained throughout "the Blitz" and WW.II., paying two visits to the Middle East during this time. His greatest regret was that he was not given the opportunity of Command in action during WW.II., however, from OC.NMD. in 1950, he was posted to Commander, NZ.Forces, Korea ; returning and Retiring in 1953.

His career therefore spanned from Entry Duntroon in 1914, until 1953 -- 39 years in uniform, and always intimately connected with the Guns --- No, it was even longer than that, as from late 1950's until early 1960's he was Colonel Commandant RNZA.

Major C.A.BAIGENT, at Mt.Maungamui on 26 Sep '80.

Cyril enlisted in the Regiment in 1938 in 14-Wing, and after Serving in Auckland, (Narrow Neck and North Head), was posted overseas with 14 IAA Regt in Apr.1941 -- later transferring to 5 Fd Regt, in which he Served, North Africa and Italy until the end of the War. Post-1945 he transferred and was Commissioned in RNZAOC. After appointments in CMD and SMD, he retired to Picton. His second retirement move to Mt.Maungamui, following his favourite game, golf, where he died from a heart attack during a game on the Course. We greatly regret his passing.

## 2. NEW MEMBERS ::

A.W.(Allen) PACKER,  
10 Brook St., CHCH. 7.

B.(Barry) DRYER,  
1 Benares St.,Khandallah,  
WGTON.

Major (S) B.K.(Bart) HENDL  
29 Guthrie St., Lower Hutt.

Lt(S) R.J.HITCHINGS,  
HQ. 16 Fd Regt, Papakura.

Ssgt (S) C.J.ANDREWS,  
(RNZE.Assoc.)  
HQ.NZLF, Private Bag,  
TAKAPUNA.

Col.(S) R.K.G. PORTER, OBE.,  
HQ. NZDEF., Private Bag,  
WGTON.1.

D.E.(Des) HARRISON,  
32 Willis Rd., Papakura,

R.A.WILLIAMSON,  
61 Martin Rd., Paraparaumu,

K.(Kerry) LEE,  
30 Somes Cresc, Newlands, Wgton.

Lt(S).C.M.GREGGORY,  
HQ. 16 Fd Regt, Papakura

Capt(S) G.E.(Graham) BLACK  
4 Med Regt RNZA, Army Office,  
HAMILTON

## 3. CHANGES OF ADDRESS ::



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Changes Of Address : Cont'd :

Brig. L.W.Wright	to :- 18 Fendleton Rd., CHCH.
H.G.C.Salt,	" 32 Northumberland Ave., Takapuna. 9.
Lt-Col C.C.Stewart	" 144 Broderick Rd., Johnsonville, Wgton.
A.R.(Alec) Johnson	" 42 Waiheke Rd., Henderson,
T.TeA. Pilcher,	" 54 Fernaig St., Papakura,
Brig.(S) G.A.Hitchings MBE,	" HQ.NZDEF. Wgton.
Brig.(S) H.B.Honnor. MVO.	" HQ.NZDEF. Wgton.
Major (S) B.Hewitt,	" Pulada, Malaysia,
Capt (S) G.R.Williams,	UNTSO, Israel,
Major (S) R.H.Williams,	" HQ. 3 Bde, Box 1470, CHCH.
Col. R.H.Smith.OBE.	" 16 Taupo St., Mt.Maunganui.
R.W.Robinson,	" P.O.Box.7098, New Plymouth.
C.(Colin) McIsaac	" 57 Beachlands Rd. Beachlands, Auck.
Major A.N.King,	" 16 Makatote Rd., Churton Park, Wgton.4.
R.W.(Smudge) Smith	" 53A. Raine St., Wanganui East.

4. LIFE MEMBERS :: (Note : sincerely regret having not previously published)

P. (Phil) GEORGE, Dunedin,	}	Elected - 26 Apr '80,
E.W.(Ernie)HARGREAVES, Wgton,		
W.C.(Bill) SHILTON, Paraparaumu		
O.F.(Ollie) MacDONALD, CHCH		
G.H.(Geoff) ROCHE, Manurewa	)	Elected 23 Aug '80.

5. RE-UNION AND A.G.M. -- TAUPU.

The Programme included the 'First Get-together' as a 'Happy Hour' at Taupo RSA on the Friday afternoon 14 Nov. The hospitality and kindness shown to us by both Members and Staff was greatly appreciated ; it was a good 'warm up'.

The main part of the Re-Union , again held in our own Historical Setting, the Spa Hotel, the weather being perfect, and the gardens at this time of year at their best, added to the occasion.

The A.G.M. went very well, and there was some interesting and instructive perhaps I should have said constructive discussion. Minutes will be available to all District Reps. - and the tape recording also to those where greater numbers can hear it - early in the New Year.

The Dinner, an interesting and tasty Menu, well prepared, took inordinately long ; the main dish arriving a little cold. This we knew was not the fault of the valiant serving staff, whose numbers were woefully small.

From this we hope that Dining Room Management may take a salutary lesson. However, despite this it was an enjoyable evening.

Our Guests of Honour were Major & Mrs Langevad.

Later Bill spoke giving excerpts, and stories of characters from a career, from France 1914-18. Egypt-Greece '40-'41, Japan 1946 ; with the characteristic Langevad wit, which has not diminished one whit in 81 years.

Capt.Jim Gilberd proposed "The Regiment", with some reminiscences of Service in his day. Jim is well known as the keenest and one of the ablest horsemen in the Regiment, one of the few - I think the only New Zealander who rode in the Coronation Procession in 1953.

He has been Commissioned to write a book on the role of the horse in NZ Army -- if any Member has any material whatever on the subject, let us have it, for retention, or copying and return, it will all add to his story.

WOII.(SMIG) Kevin Burnell, from School of Artillery, Waiouru. replied, giving us some insight into the life of the Gunner today, and touching on his experiences whilst posted on "Long Look" exchange duties at Royal School of Artillery, Larkhill, UK, last year.

"Absent Comrades" was feelingly proposed by Major Dave Sweeney from



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Those attending were :- Arthur & Noanie James, Dave & Flo Sweeney, Jim & Dot Gilberd, Alf & Vickie Smith, Des & Bunty O'Connor, Tony & Helen Parkes, Bill & Joy Powrie, Gordon & Nora Weaver, Wally & Ailsa Ruffell, Terry & Joan Transom, Ian & Iris Rowntree, Len & Cora Woods, George & Ella Sutherland, Dave & Mollie Crichton, Dick Healey, Ian & Renee McLean, Dave & Marie Roberts, Bill & Valda Baker, Ernie & Bobbie Hargreaves, Jock & Joan Gunn, Ron Atkins, R.W. Robbie & Dorry Robinson, Kevin & Shelley Burnell, Mal Tyson, Pat Hall, Bill & Win Langevad, Laurie Adam, Jack Baigent, & Thea, Darkie & Nancy McWhinnie, Dave & Averill Jones, Wally & Joan Sherson Ashley & Pauline King, Jack Gillooly, Harold Nicholson, and our oldest and staunchest stalwart Greg Kelly attended the General Meeting.

And for those who wrote and expressed regret at not being able to be with us :- Charlie Ammiss, Eric Autridge, J.D. Bennett, Eric Bickerton, Harry Bigg-Wither, A.W. Birchall, Bob Blankley, Cliff Bragg, Tom Brown, Alan Boyd, Frank Gibson, Tom Hedley, Bart Hendl, Ray Huston, Capt Mike Forsyth, RA. Emil Jennings, Peter Joplin, Henry Keen, Jack Keinzley, Les Kitney, Johnnie Maikle, Herb Milne, Tom Morgan, Nelson MzLeod, George Norris, Tom O'Reilly, Jack Osmers, Pun Page, Darcy Pollard, R.O. Robinson, Bill Shilton, Zig Schroder, Colin Stanbridge, General Thornton, Tan Vine, Doug Warden, Norman Whitney, Les Wilson, Brig. Les Wright, Gen McKinnon, R.W. Smudge Smith, Dick Hassed, Jack Mercer, Morry Charteris, Ernie Collett, Colin Cochrane, Morrie McEwan, 'Farouk' McDonald, Ivan Wilson, and by Kevin Burnell - Major Tom Roche, WO1. Master Gunner Bob Wirihana, and other Members of Waiouru Gunners Club.

The Church Parade on the Sunday morning at Opepe Cemetery, in beautiful weather was well attended, although some Members were out on the road early to make their destinations, was conducted very sincerely by Padre Nevill Drake from Taupo. Wally Ruffell read the well-chosen Lesson from Revelations - St. John, Chap 21, Verses 1 to 8.

Later, in the garden at the Spa, close by the House Bar, the farewell 'one for the road' was an enjoyable hour. Those staying overnight tarried a little longer, but those getting on the road, sensibly observed the 'one'. For old and true friends it was a nice farewell. - until next time !

6. COMING EVENTS :: VERY SHORTLY ::

Jack Keinzley and his Auck. Committee, have arranged a 'Get Together' at TAKAPUNA RSA for WEDNESDAY 10 Dec. Auck. Members please turn out in Force, it takes the form of 'ladies bring a plate', which assures us of a bumper supper, we also hope to see any other from out of town, turn up to be with us.

ST BARBARA'S DAY -- PAPA KURA ::

16 Fd Regt. RNZA, will Celebrate the Day on Thu. 4 Dec 1980, beginning with a Regimental Parade at 1400 hrs - "mounted" - with Guns, (105mm Howr) (Jim - no horses unfortunately). Members able to attend - please do, to see today's Gunner at his best.

To close - from your Committee - and in fact from all the Family of Gunners - from each to the other - we wish you all and your families, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 1981.

Cheers for now - keep in touch,

Yours,

Terry Transom



N.Z. PERMANENT FORCE OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

Accounts - Period 1 Jan '77 to 30 Jun '78.

Income and Expenditure Account.

Travelling Expenses	60 00	Subscriptions	955 50
Printing & Stationery	85 59	Interest	70 02
Cheque Books	1 00	Refund Stamp Duty	1 29
P.O. Box Rental	47 50	" " Box Rental	16 32
Re-Union Expenses - 1977	793 00	Re-Union Receipts	688 81
<u>DONATIONS:</u> Army Museum Fund	50 00	Postage	10
Takapuna R.S.A.	10 00	Sale of Cuff Links	15 00
<u>GIFT:</u> Photographs	5 60		
Depreciation on Shelving	2 65		
Postage (incl. \$10-80 ex income)	80 11		
Tolls	3 96		
Excess Income over Expenditure	607 63		
	<u>\$1,747 04</u>		<u>\$1,747 04</u>

Benevolent Fund Account.

Donations	52 50	Balance as at 1 Jan 1977	62 75
Cheque No 78724 - Cancelled	10 00	Press Notice	3 40
Balance as at 30 June 1978	<u>65 65</u>	Wreaths & Flowers	<u>62 00</u>
	<u>\$128 15</u>		<u>\$128 15</u>

Wellington Re-Union Account.

Balance as at 30 June 1978	<u>\$8 66</u>	Balance as at 1 Jan 1977	<u>\$8 66</u>
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE, 1978.

Benevolent Account (Overspent)	65 65	Cash in Bank	1,132 54
Wellington Re-Union Account	8 66	<u>Stock in Hand</u> : Badges	41 00
Petty Cash	1 96	: Ties	43 50
Accumulated Fund		: 1st Day Covers	66 90
as at 1 Jan '77 \$760-17		Permanent ANZAC Wreath	5 00
Excess <u>Income</u>		Shelving \$26-48	
<u>Expenditure</u> \$607-63	1,367 80	<u>Less</u> Depreciation <u>2-65</u>	23 83
	<u>\$1,312 77</u>		<u>\$1,312 77</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby report that I have examined the books of the New Zealand Permanent Force Old Comrades Association (Inc.) for the 18 months period ending 30 June, 1978, and pursuant to Rule 10 of the Association's Constitution I have received all the information I have required, and in my opinion the attached accounts and Balance Sheet present a true and fair statement according to the best of my knowledge and as shown by the books of the Association.

Wendell A.C.A