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1. LAST POST - ROLL OF HONOUR :

No. 1443, William L.C. SHILTON, Life Member, at Paraparaumu (suddenly) on 8 Dec '80, aged 80 yrs.

We did not know of this until informed by a letter from his daughter in Apr '81.

Bill Enlisted in The Regiment in Aug. 1919 and served with a Special Force in Fiji in 1920 during 'the troubles' there.

He purchased his Discharge in 1921. (£10, a great sum in those days, if you wanted to leave in the first five years).

Rejoining in 1924, as No. 1496, (interesting thought, only 53 Enlistments in 5 years ?) ; he transferred to NZPASC in 1926 as a Ssgt, (promotion in other Corps was "just like that" - but in RNZA it was not).

In RNZA his Rank had been Driver, and due to his experience with horses, this had been carried forward into ASC.

He took his second Discharge in 1932, (no buy this time).

His career in the 1930's is unknown, but from 1939-45, he served throughout the War as a Flight Sergeant on clerical duties in RNZAF.

No. 1883, Carl Stephenson LEE, at Auckland on 20 Aug '81, aged 61 years.

Carl Enlisted in the Regiment with ? Wing in 1940.

He sailed overseas with 7th Reinforcements in Aug 1941, and was posted to 14 LAA (Bofors) Regt in which he Served in Egypt, Syria, North Africa, and Italy. On disbandment of 14 LAA in 1944, he transferred to 4 Fd Regt in which he Served on the final march to Trieste and the end of the War in Europe.

Returning to NZ in Sep 1945, his post-war service was in the Auckland Area with 9mCoast Regt. He Retired Medically Unfit in the 1960's.

In later years he suffered from acute arthritis, a condition which was apparent during his overseas Service, and for which he was consistently refused a Disability Pension.

This subsequently confined him completely to his wheel chair for the last five years. His family, particularly his wife Margaret, through those years in tending to him must have been under some strain.

He was accorded Military Honours, a task carried out by members of 161 Battery, 16 Fd Regt, with efficiency and dedication.

• In Carl, we sincerely salute a cheerful and patient sufferer.

No. 210204, Leonard Owen GORDON, at Auckland on 6 Aug 1981 aged 52 years. Len enlisted in 16 Fd Regt in the early 1960's, and Served in Vietnam with 161 Bty in 1966/67.

Following a heart condition he was Discharged Medically Unfit in the 1970's.

Later it was discovered he was suffering from cancer, from which he had to leave his civil employment.

He passed away in St. Josephs Terminal Care Unit at Mater Hospital. His cheerful and patient disposition is missed by his family and by us all.



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2. CHANGES OF ADDRESS :

Major K.F. LEE,  
c/- Officers Mess,  
Papakura Camp.  
Major L.RAWLEY,  
1/4 Rewi St.,  
Torbay, AUCK.10.  
Col. H.L.JONES,  
27 Richmond Ave.,  
Wellington. 5.  
P.GIBSON,  
Admin.Staff.,  
Kingseat Hospital.  
M.S. PHILLIPS,  
71A Kent St.,  
Picton.  
Brig. L.W.WRIGHT,  
c/- Post Office,  
CUST. Nth Canterbury.  
V.O. LOADER,  
32B Havelock St.,  
MORNINGTON, Dunedin.

Major R.J.TURNER,  
19 Leane St, Hughes,  
Canberra.ACT. Aust. 2605.  
Capt J.B.ROUT,  
1.RNZIR. NZFPO.5. Singapore,  
c/- GPO. Auckland,  
W.A.COOPER,  
45 Mack Place,  
Papakura.  
B.TOLSON,  
313 Papanui Rd.,  
Whangamata.  
R.W.SMITH,  
56A Raine St.,  
Wanganui East.  
W.F. GILES,  
c/- Post Office,  
Ormondville, Hawkes Bay.  
G.D.S. Geddes,  
Reinga Rd., KeriKeri,  
Bay of Islands.

3. NEW MEMBERS ::

Major J.McL. ROSS,  
70 Kauri Rd.,  
Whenuapai. AUCK.  
Major A.D.ROSS, GSO.2.RNZA,  
Army G.S. Private Bag.  
WGTON.1.  
G.L.BRENNAN,  
66 Rosamond Ave.,  
Mt.Roskill, AUCK.4.

J.CATTON, Ssgt N.P.MOROS,  
82 Kiwi Rd., c/- Army G.S.  
Pt.Chevalier.AUCK.2.Private Bag. WGTON.1.  
Maj-Gen L.A. PEARCE, CBE.,  
13 Stapleford Cresc.,  
Browns Bay, AUCK.10.  
Lt-Col G.D.BIRCH, MBE, Director,RNZA,  
Army G.S. HQ.NZDEF, Private Bag,  
WGTON.1.

Plus the following :- Address : c/- Waiouru Gunners Club,  
WAIOURU CAMP.

Capt BEATTIE,	2Lt HUGES	2Lt WITHERS	2Lt PROCTOR
Ssgt TE POU	Ssgt NEWELL	Ssgt WHYTE	Sgt TUAHINE
Sgt RICHARDS	Bdr WAITERE	Bdr IHE	Bdr FOSTER
Bdr EHAU	LBdr(W) WEBSTER	LBdr STEEDMAN.	

We particularly welcome them to our Ranks, as showing an interest in all things which Gunners do, did, and always shall.

4. NEWS FROM AND ABOUT MEMBERS ::

Will try and include as much news as I can in this para., given space, postage weight etc. But even the mention of a name will recall "old so and so" ; and each without exception, pass on their best wishes to us all.

From Dist. Reps. :-

Jim Gilberd, a frequent correspondent, writes of Napier/Taupo doings and people, Ivan Wilson, Alec (Farouk) MacDonald, Greg Kelly.

From Bryan O'Connor, now our Dist Rep of the keen ChCh group.

Here I agree we should record an appreciation of the sterling job that Emil Jennings carried out over 3-4 yrs. We're sure that Bryan and the team will carry on the good work.

From George Stuart, giving us news of the Dunedin folk, Dick Healey, Phil George, Henry Keen, Frank Cherry, Vic Loader. He enclosed a cutting,(article and photograph), of Dunedin's 'B' Battery, 1875, good stuff, if you come across anything like it, send it in and we'll stow it away in the archives.



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A card from Alf Smith, from Lucerne, still enjoying his UK/Europe trip, (back home now however).  
Letter from Joff Adams, holidaying in the "Winterless ? North", sorry we didn't make contact Joff.  
Notes from : Bruce McIver, Phil Monk, TAN Vine, Bert Harvey, Col. Roger Pearce, Bernie Banks, Laurie Adam, Letter from Sandy Bissett, - also giving us news of the ChCh people, Fred Prior, Whangamata, Rex Lovett, Doubtless Bay, Les Kitney, Greg Kelly, Taupo, our Senior Member, R.E. (tommy) Atkins, Titahi Bay, Raa'd Darcy Pollard, from Oman, giving us an interesting insight of life in the Sultanate. It seems to be a very well-equipped, (better than we are), and colourful Army.

5. COMMITTEE NEWS ::

Meeting of 9 May '81. : President reported on his attendance at the April Meeting of the Advisory Council, RNZA, held at Fort Dorset.  
His visit to Army Museum on 24 Apr. in connection with the launching of the book "New Zealanders at War".  
He attended the Dawn Parade at Waiouru Camp the following morning, "every Unit was on Parade, he could not recall having attended a more impressive Ceremony - afterwards breakfast was served in the Main Mess in truly Army fashion".  
From 25 Jul '81. : main points were ; our Balance is reasonably healthy and Committee agreed that we transfer \$1000.00 onto an Investment Account with POSB at the better rate of interest of 12% p.a. This still leaves sufficient Balance to work on.  
Discussion on A.G.M. and Re-Union - see later para for details.

6. NEWS FROM DIRECTORATE ::

The Directorate's monthly Newsletter, "Gunfire" is distributed to all Serving Units, (also to us), 16 Fd Regt, Papakura, 4 Med Bty, Hamilton, School of Artillery, 22(D) Bty, Fort Dorset, 3 Fd Regt, ChCh, and 31 Bty, Dunedin. I'm sorry I had intended to include snippets from them, again a little worried about space. If you have a contact with any of the Units, and are interested in reading "Gunfire", it contains a wealth of news about the wide activities of our present-day Gunner.

7. 16 FD REGIMENT NEWS ::

Their bi-monthly Newsletter "Fire for Effect", a concise and interesting publication of their activities. We are lucky enough to have sufficient copies for distribution to Dist Reps in Napier, Wellington, and ChCh.  
It makes good reading, the story of their numerous activities, exercises with other Forces, UK Units, USA, Aust., etc in NZ, (Waiouru/Tekapo), Hawaii, Fiji, to name some places.  
One snippet mentions, "in 161, (the Regular), Bty, "there are now fifteen Members parachute qualified".

8. PERSONAL RECORDS. :: See Appendix ::

Some years ago a similar questionnaire went out to all Members, a study of the File shows 62 replies ; consequently our Records have very little information about you or your Service.  
If you are one of the 62, of course there's no need to do it again, but we are interested in obtaining as accurate a record as possible ; who knows - future History or something.  
It is also intended to use the pro-forma as an "Enlistment device".  
Dist Reps will subsequently get copies for use in enrolling New Members.



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A.G.M. AND RE-UNION. : 1981 ::

The Spa Hotel is again booked for the week-end 14/15 November.

Accommodation available is 3 Double Bed Rooms, 14 Twin-bed, and 2 Singles, at a Tarrif of \$25.00 Bed and Breakfast for Twin or Double, and \$15.00 B.& B. for Singles.

Tarrif should be paid at Spa Office as you leave in the normal way.

The evening function on Sat. 14th, will be a Buffet/Smorgasbord type meal - the Menu looks an appetising one, among others, three hot dishes ; at a reasonably better price of \$10.00 per head. Please remit this amount to us with your confirmation.

Members are requested to purchase their own Wine requirements either before or during the meal.

We have received a donation of "Artillery Port", for the normal Toasts after the meal.

Lunch - three courses - is available on Fri., Sat., and Sunday, at \$6.50 per head, or "a lighter simpler lunch if required".

Again this would be an individual arrangement, but could you indicate on pro-forma if/when you require it, so we can let Spa Catering have a figure to work by.

It is regretted that Army Motels Booking has confirmed that Acacia Bay is booked out for that w/e. We came back and asked for any cancellations - no reply as yet, so cannot bank on it.

Mount Cook Line has written. On their Coach Lines to Taupo from Napier, Auck. and Wgton - if we can muster 10 people from those start points, they can come up on a 10% Rebate. Have we that many ?

Let us know and we'll contact them with Names/Times of travel etc.,

That's about all for now ; I've collected it all, but have I told it all ? I hope so, space permitting.

Looking forward to Taupo -- aren't you ?.

*Yours, Terry Hanson*

NATIONAL RE-UNION AND A.G.M. - SPA HOTEL, TAUPO, W/E 14/15 NOV. 1981 :

Name :..... (please print).

I will/will not be attending,

(Confirmation "will not" represents regret, and official apology for AGM).

I will be accompanied by :..... (Christian name).

I require/do not require accn. at Spa Hotel :-

From :..... hrs Date :.....

To :..... hrs Date :.....

Lunch :.Fri/ Sat/ Sun. (delete not required)

Please find encl my cheque for : \$.....

URGENT !!! Please reply by Mid-Oct.  
giving us time to tie-in with Spa.

To :- Sec.  
Address - page 1.

# PERSONAL RECORD

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## "SERVICE HISTORY SHEET"

Regimental Number..... Date of Birth :.....

Surmane :.....

Christian Names:.....

Service Nickname:.....

Date Commenced Service:..... Date Ceased Service:.....

Rank on Cessation:..... Highest Rank Held:.....

Decorations :..... Service Medals Held :.....

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Brief Description of Service : Locations, Appointments, Dates/Times :.....

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Unusual Appointments or Duties :.....

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Types of Equipments Served On :.....

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Amusing/Embarrassing Occurences :.....

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(Continue to Sheet 2 if necessary).