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1. LAST POST - ROLL OF HONOUR ::

Major M.C.Nabbs, MBE, on 23 May '84, at his home,
Major H.G. Salt, MBE, on 19 Jul '84, at North Shore Hospital.

"we shall remember them".

2. CHANGES OF ADDRESS ::

Dyson. R.H. Col.
to 2 Devonviews,
Aramoana Ave,
Devonport, AUCK. 9.
McIver. R.B.
4 Metcalfe Rd.,
Henderson, AUCK. 8.
Stott. S.
121 Sycamore Dve.,
Sunnynook, AUCK.10.

Meikle. I.M.
to 6 Dunrobin Grove,
SILVERSTREAM.
Pawlowski. A.J. Ssgt,
1 Sqn. NZ Scottish RNZAC,
Burnham Camp.
Turner R.J. Major,
14 Angell St.,
Johnsonville, WGTN.

And the following from "those found" - "gone no address, N/Letter 43 :-

Anderson W.G. Ssgt,
3 Caughley Cresc.
WAIOURU.
Dennis. C.W.
8 Rickard Place,
New Lynn, AUCK.7.
Dixon. W.G. Col.
73 The Esplanade,
Raumati South.
Fantham H.G.
118A Baker St.,
CHCH.

Cole. C.L.
4/98 Grey St.,
Onehunga, AUCK. 6.
Dixon P.J. Capt,
51 Golf Rd.,
Paraparaumu Beach.
Fitzgerald. J.E. Major.
Army Area Office,
Invergargill.
Sadler. A.B.
135 Broadway
WAITARA.

3. NEW MEMBERS ::

Chittock. M.J.(Maurie),
141 Inglewood Rd.,
INVERCARGILL.
Harvey. S.J. (Pete).
45 Rosario Tce.,
Red Beach, OREWA.
Mamiera R.N. WO1.
RSM. 16 Fd Regt RNZA.,
PAPAKURA CAMP.

Stevenson. G. Major,
Director QE.II Museum,
WAIOURU.
Morgan. D. WO1,
WO. RNZA. RNZA Directorate,
HQ. NZDEF. WGTN. 1.

Also the following who have joined us as Members of the Waiouru
Gunners' Club. :-

Capt T.A.Ellen, Sgt G. Robb, Sgt B.J.Marrivale, Sgt B.D.Bethell, Bdr
J.W.Joule, Bdr R. Werehiko, Bdr L.T.Ritaka, Bdr J.Farmer, Bdr T.J.Hemi,
Lbdr T.A.Sandilands, Lbdr M.Ruatahi, Lbdr P.A.Cook, Gnr H.Meuwesen,
Gnr R.Maher.

4. COMMITTEE NEWS :: from Minutes of the following Meetings :-

Please remember that Dist.Reps. hold copies of Minutes of Meetings. If
you're interested contact him to "read all about it" in a bit more
detail than we have room for here.

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Committee News : (Cont'd) ::

- 5 May : W.N. ("Rookie") Stephenson, Ngunguru, was Elected Northland Dist. Rep.
Correspondence to and from Patron, Maj-Gen McKinnon on subjects in Taupo, Our discussions/and corresp. attempting to assist Taupo RSA in obtaining a 25 Pdr. (Note : this gives rise to the news that a team from your Exec. refurbished and repainted the 25 Pdr held by Takapuna RSA, prior to Amzac Day) Other Districts Please Note :
Deliberations ref Jubilee Re-Union
- 7 Jul : Correspondence from Sir Leonard Thornton, DRNZA, Lt-Col Harvey, and Capt Baigent ref proposed Coast Arty Exhibit at QE.II Army Museum - these in response to Sec. gathering all relevant papers - letters, Minutes of Meetings etc on the subject since 1980 when it was first suggested, onto one file and posting it to all concerned.
Col. Graham Birch we understand has also been working on the same subject for Museum Trust Board, and is now in receipt of the file showing our interest.
Pres. reported on his recce to Taupo, together with Gen. McKinnon and Capt Gilberd, they collectively made several contacts which had previously been established by a good deal of "leg work" by Gen. McKinnon ref this year's Re-Union. (See para on A.G.M. & R/U.)
- 8 Sep : Pres. corresp. with U.K. Fortifications Club on Coast Arty in N.Z. on which he has done a good deal of research. (Their original query to High Commissioner, London, had found its way through various channels to us).
He also reported on his attendance at RNZA Council Meeting at Papakura. There were interesting discussions on Gunner matters, new Eqpts, 105 and 155mm, administration, dress, RNZA is finally to get the khaki beret, Certificates of Service for RF and TF, etc.

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NEWS FROM AND ABOUT MEMBERS ::

George Stuart, our Otago Rep. a frequent correspondent writes of many of the old Gunners - as he was arranging the 50th Anniversary of their Enlistment in the Regiment of 6-Wing, in 1934.
They were unable to arrange a venue in Trentham Camp, but met in the Upper Hutt RSA on 4 Sep.
Jeff Aitken, Len Barnes, Sel Bryant, Bill Dillon, all ChCh, Ernie Hight, New Plymouth, Dave Sweeney, Wanganui, Eric Hall, Harley Penrose, Wgton, George Stuart, Dunedin. 'Shufti' James, our Hutt Valley Rep. although not 6-Wing was able to assist with arrangements at that end.
The turnout was pretty good considering that a great many of the originals are not now with us.
Jim Gilberd, also a frequent correspondent writes of his 'parish' and its people, and has 'pitched in' with the negotiations in Taupo for the venue and catering for the Re-Union.

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"APPRECIATIONS" ::

457585 Malcom Charles NABBS, MBE,

"Mac" as he was affectionally known to his many friends, joined the RNZA in 1951. He soon made his mark in the Regiment, being promoted Lbdr before the end of his first year. Thereafter his efficiency and devotion to duty saw his rapid progression through the non-commissioned ranks as an instructor, including three years at School of Artillery from 1958-61.

Promoted WO2 in 1964, he served for a short time as BSM, 4 Med Bty before being posted overseas as BSM 161 Bty in Vietnam.

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Appreciations : Major M.C.Nabbs :

As a result of his Service there he achieved the very rare distinction of being awarded the MBE on Active Service.

Returning to NZ in 1966, he was promoted WO1 and posted to School of Artillery as Master Gunner until 1969.

Posted Chief Clerk, at Directorate RNZA in 1970 in which year he was Commissioned. Various Staff Appointments followed, S.O.Manning, GS02 RNZA, Promoted Temp.Major in 1974, Sub.Major in 1981.

His final appt. was DAQMG (Works) at Landforce HQ. Takapuna.

He underwent major surgery in May '83, and after recovery went back to work, but had to retire in Jan 84 ; he bravely lingered on until May '84. This long suffering is reflected in the words of someone who wrote of him, "Throughout his career Mac never failed to present a cheerful outlook no matter how dismal the circumstances ; thus he was an inspiration to others including those of equal rank".

1496. George Harold SALT, MBE,

George Enlisted in NZ. Army in 1917, at the age of 14 yrs, and was posted to Featherston Camp as a Trumpeter Boy. After two years he 'became redundant' at the end of the War in 1919.

He Enlisted in Royal NZ.Artilletry in 1923, being posted as a Field Artillery Driver, his stories of the horses and their names at that time were legion ; at the old Alexandra Barracks in Buckle St. (The present site of the Carillon and National Museum Wellington).

He served there for some years, then posted to Narrow Neck Camp, Auckland still with Field Arty.

In the mid-1930s he transferred to Coast Arty and was intimately concerned with the installation of 6in Mk XXI on Motutapu Island.

During the 1939-45 War years he was engaged in Coastal Mountings in the Pacific, mainly in Fiji, and in Tonga. Returning to NZ. he was again actively engaged in mounting 6in P.5. Naval Mountings in numerous places around the NZ coast ; Whangaroa, Makara, Nelson, Oamaru, and Dunedin, to name a few.

Later he was concerned with the mounting of 6in Mk XXIV's at Godley Head, Lyttleton, and back in Auckland the completion and proofing of the 9.2in installations at Whangaparaoa and Waiheke Island.

These experiences naturally made him one of the leading experts of the time in Coast Artillery Installations.

He finished his Service as CO 9 Coast Regt in the interim period after the War, and Retired in 1948.

He was universally known as an amazing raconteur, recalling people and places with great wit, even the smallest incidents throughout his life, things you and I would have forgotten years ago.

7. RE-UNION AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING :: 1984 ::

This para represents official notification of A.G.M., (Rule 6.(a)) but Annual Report and Balance Sheet shall be only available to Dist.Reps, (for perusal by all Members), and those who indicate attendance et AGM, and as is usual, Programme, Agenda, and Balance Sheet is posted to those who are coming.

The Spa Hotel is booked for the week-end 10/11 Nov.

Accn. aval. is :- 3 DB. Units,
10 Twin B Units
2 smaller TB Units
Suite 'A' - four SB's.

Tariff :- \$16.00 per person a night, Bed & B'fast. Please arrange your account with Spa in the normal way, but remit cost of Dinner direct to us.

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Re-Union : 1984 :

Following a recce carried out by Gen. McKimmon, Wally Ruffell, and Jim Gilberd, it was decided that we should accept the hire of Taupo Senior Citizens premises, centrally situated right behind the Post Office, you can't miss it. A recommended Caterer has also been engaged. As we have the use of the hall from 0800hrs until midnight it is proposed also to hold the A.G.M. there in the morning. (See Programme).

Total cost for Dinner is at \$15.00 per head.

Wine requirements for Dinner will be BYO, Spa Wholesale will make available wines from a wide range at purely W/sale rates. No wine stewards at the venue, so bring your own corkscrew, glasses will be there - no cracked enamel mugs -. It is proposed to serve sherry in the 'Happy Hour' pre-Dinner.

As we shall probably overflow Spa Hotel, we strongly recommend the Acapulco Motel, at 19 Rifle Range Rd., (very near the Lake front and 200 yds from shopping centre) P.O.Box 347 Taupo, Phone 87-174. The owner is a RSA Member, and if you mention you are an Old Comrade, a reasonable rebate should be forthcoming for any of his '20 spacious two bedroomed Units'. Sounds like room to even double up with friends.

Again, as this is our Jubilee Year, we can certainly hope for a greater muster than usual from all areas. As always it promises to be an old friends happy gathering - a matter about old faces, old places, and of the chance to meet new ones too.

Looking forward to seeing you again, let's know in good time that you'll be there too.

All the best from each to all - see you in Taupo.

Yours Ubique,
Perry Hanson

JUBILEE RE-UNION AND A.G.M. - SPA HOTEL, TAUPU, W/E 10/11 NOV 1984 ::

Name :

I will/will not be attending.
(confirmation 'will not' states regret, and official apology for A.G.M.)

I will be accompanied by : Christian Name.

I require/do not require accon. at Spa Hotel.

From:hrs

Date:

To:

Date:

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

Dinner at Taupo Senior Citizens Club : (1900 for 1930hrs)

Please reply by mid-Oct.

To : Sec. Address page 1.

Giving us time to finalise arrangements.