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1. PRESIDENTS REPORT

The last quarter has seen some interesting gunner activities and some thanks and congratulations are in order. Firstly I would like to thank the Executive Committee for swinging into action when the word got around that George Greening's estate was not in a great shape to finance funeral arrangements after George was so tragically drowned while fishing at Raglan. Our thoughts are with George's family and friends and our thanks go to Kemp Solomon, Peter Fraser, Colin Jansen and John Botica, and to all the donors for their efforts in helping to raise a good amount for the funeral.

Our next thank you is to the Auckland Artillery Officers Mess for their generous donation (see article later).

And finally, but by no means least, thank you to the CO and his staff who hosted us at Exercise Ben Cat (see post exercise article on the website). I believe this wonderful event could become the most important in our annual calendar as it gives such a unique opportunity to show the ex-gunners how the modern gunners are going about their business. Thanks to all members of 163 Battery.

Now for the congratulations; well done the gunners from the south. The celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of 'B' Battery was a marvellous event (see article later).

We now look forward to a great reunion in Palmerston/Linton. I am looking forward to the opportunity for ex gunners to reconnect with the serving gunners, and to show our support for our operational brothers.

Ubique. Tony McLeod, President RNZA Assn.

2. LAST POST

615924 **ADAIR**, Robert (Peter) Bdr, 25th Fd Bty, RNZA, WWII on July 8, 2013, aged 89 years.



203668 **FAZAKERLEY**, William Henry Lesley (Les or Taffy). S/Sgt 16 Fd Regt Korea. Died 11 September 2013 at Christchurch.

206315 **GILES**, William Frederick (Bill), BEM. K Force 50/52 162 Bty, 1 Bn NZ Regt 57/59, 161 Bty SVN 65/66 (Kennings Bty) and 66/67 (Honnors Bty) as BC's Bty Svyer, RNZA, died 18 June 2013 aged 83 years

Q754092 **GREENING** George Welsh Taylor. Bdr 4 Med Bty RNZA. George tragically died when fishing at the Raglan Wharf from which he fell into the sea and drowned on 8 July 2013.

30646 **HORSFORD** John O'Brien (JO'B), Col (Rtd), RNZA. BC 161 Bty SVN Mar-Sept 1969. Died North Shore Hospital 22 July 2013, aged 84.

T342211 **HUGHES** Terence (Terry). WO1, RNZA, at New Plymouth on 10 July 2013 aged 76. Terry retired as RSM 16 Fd Regt and toured SVN with 161 Bty in 1966 as the No 2 Gun Sgt.

F479095 **KINGI**, Whangaroa Haunui Dennis (Kare), RNZA. Passed away at home, 14 August 2013, aged 65.

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478684 **LALICH** Russell Graham, L/Bdr, RNZA.
Toured SVN with 161 Bty 1968 on No 3 Gun. Died 2
September 2013 at Auckland, aged 67 years.

454496 **MANSBRIDGE**, Charles Sydney (Syd).
Lance Sgt, 6th Fd Regt. Died 5 September 2013 at
Whangarei, 20 days short of his 92nd birthday.

204400 **PARSONS**, James Noel (Noel). Sgt 16 Fd
Regt Korea. Passed away at Te Kauwhata on 13 July
2013, aged 83 years

TOMS, Peter Geoffry, RNZA. Died suddenly on 14
September 2013 at Auckland, aged 59. RF Cadet,
Ngarimu VC Cadet Class 1970.

LILE, Ness, widow of Ted Lile passed away on 12
July 2013.

EULOGIES: Bill GILES and Terry HUGHES

**206315 William Frederick [Bill] GILES, BEM,
RNZA, ex K Force, 1 BN NZ Regt 57/59, Malaya,
161 BTY SVN 65/67**

Bill passed away peacefully at Middlemore
Hospital, Auckland, on Tuesday 18 June 2013.

Bill, the youngest of four, was born in London
in 1930. In the final years of the second world war, at
the age of 14 he left school and became a telegraph
boy in London until joining the British Merchant Navy
in 1947. When his ship arrived in New Zealand in
1948 he made a decision to stay and jumped ship.

Bill joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force
and served for 226 days, leaving in April 1950.

When volunteers were called for K Force, Bill
signed up and as a result of this he was caught and
charged with a Broken Contract with Shaw Savill. He
spent 1 night in prison and was let off leniently by the
court as his call up for Korea had come through prior
to the court hearing. Instead of getting 28 days hard
labour he was fined 3 pound 5 shilling. Bill always
reminded everyone he wasn't a 10 pound Pom.

He joined the New Zealand Army in 16 Field
Regiment which was then being raised for active
service in Korea. Bill deployed from Wellington by
ship with the main body for Korea and was on active
service from 10 December, 1950 until 21 February,
1952. He commenced as a gun number on number two
gun in D Troop 162 Battery. At the Battle of Kapyong
in April 1950 he was the gun layer on his gun.

Bill subsequently became the number one on
number four gun in his troop and was promoted to
Bombardier. Bill served from Pusan in the South
through to the battles of Imjin River and Kapyong,
north of Seoul.

He spent two months in Japan with a couple of
other regimental Bombardiers as
instructors for the incoming 16 Field Regiment
reinforcements.

On his return to New Zealand in early 1952 he

was posted to Waiouru with four other Regimental
NCOs to train reinforcements for the Regiment for the
Korean War.

Bill took his first discharge from the Army in
August 1952 and returned home to England for 12
months and worked as a London Bus Driver before
returning to NZ and rejoining the Royal Regiment and
served until May 1959 as a Bombardier. This included
a year on active service in Malaya posted to 1 NZ
Regiment and working in the mortar platoon. On his
return to New Zealand Bill once again left the Army.

Bill must have got a seven-year itch inside two
years, as he joined the Royal Regiment again in the
Territorial Force in April 1961 and transferred to the
Regular Force in November of that year in 2 Field
Regiment in the rank of Sergeant.

This was to become Bill's longest period of
service from late 1961 until the start of 1974, when he
finally retired from the army in the rank of Warrant
Officer Second Class.

Bill deployed to South Vietnam with the
original 161 Battery in July 1965 and returned to New
Zealand at the end of January 1967. This was the
longest single period of service by any New Zealand
soldier in the combat elements in Vietnam – 18
months. Bill served as the command post Survey
Sergeant, and then as the Battery Commander's Survey
Sergeant.



Bill was in
this latter job,
Harry Honour's
Survey Sergeant, at
the Battle of Long
Tan. This means
that he was one of
only three New
Zealand gunners,
and the last to go,
of those that fought
in the two major
battles that his
Regiment has been

involved in, one in Korea and one in Vietnam. Bill's
job at the Battle of Long Tan was to run his Battery
Commander's tactical command post, organising the
various batteries and combat aircraft that were
involved in supporting the infantry during that
desperate encounter battle

Bill was with the Battery when it worked
mostly in direct support of the 1st Battalion Royal
Australian Regiment as part of the American 173rd
Airborne Brigade, the main United States formation
protecting the northern approaches to Saigon. Mostly
out with the Battery Commander or the Battery, Bill
operated in all of the main combat areas of the
Brigade – War Zone C, War Zone D, Hobo Woods, Cu
Chi, Ben Cat, the Michelin Rubber, and the Song
Dong Nai River region.

It was the same when the Battery transferred to
the Australian Task Force in mid-1966. Bill spent all
of the rest of his time in Vietnam out with the Battery
Commander, and was involved in all of the major
operations during this period as well. He would of had

a tough life.

In the Queen's Birthday honours in June 1966, while still serving in Vietnam he was awarded the British Empire Medal.

The citation reads:

"Sergeant Giles served in the Royal New Zealand Artillery Regular Force from 1953 to 1959 rising to the rank of Bombardier. He was released from the Regular Force in 1959 and re-enlisted in 1961. Since this date he served as an instructor at the School of Artillery. He is currently serving as Battery Survey Sergeant with 161 Battery in South Vietnam.

Since assuming this appointment Sergeant Giles has taken part in all combat operations to which 161 Field Battery has been committed. At all times his work has been characterised by outstanding steadiness and careful attention to detail. His skill and initiative had enabled him to deal with problems not previously encountered by the Battery. To cope with these problems he has devised innovations and procedures which have proved most successful and which have contributed in no small way to the high professional reputation established by the Battery.

At all times Sergeant Giles devotion to duty, loyalty and outstanding leadership qualities have been an inspiration to the personnel who have worked with him. His sense of humour and cheerfulness in situations of danger and stress, have contributed greatly to the high morale of the battery"



Force Command on the North Shore.

Since retiring Bill has been an active and cheerful member and contributor to the Royal New Zealand Artillery Association.

Lt Col (Rtd) Barry Dreyer, Col Comdt RNZA

34221 HUGHES, Terence RNZA.

I want to acknowledge the service and returned service people here, and the serving soldiers from 16 Field Regiment, Terry's Regiment, who have come across from Linton Camp. The soldiers include the Regimental Sergeant Major, a job Terry held himself nearly 40 years ago.



I do not have Terry's service records available so will go on my recollections.

I first met Terry in Vietnam in early 1966 when Terry was an experienced Non Commissioned Officer on number two gun and I was a young and inexperienced officer.

All those stories you hear of the grizzled NCO teaching the young man who is his boss, how to fight a war, are absolutely correct.

Except Terry was not grizzled – he was a quiet and unassuming man, with a good sense of humour, extremely helpful, and focused on doing his job as absolutely the best he could.

Terry also knew how to take command when he needed to. Terry was typical of these NCOs in 161 Battery who made the Battery work, and made it as good as it was.

Terry and I also worked very closely together for a number of years at the School of Artillery in Waiouru, Terry as a Staff Sergeant and then Warrant Officer Class Two, training the reinforcement officers and Non Commissioned Officers for Vietnam, up until the war ended in 1971. I recall that Terry stayed on at the School for a few years after that.



I am not sure where Terry went then, but he returned to the Regiment in late 1973 in Papakura as the Regimental Sergeant Major, the premier Warrant Officer's job in the Royal Regiment, leaving the Regiment at the end of 1976, to retire.

He left the service and returned to New Plymouth

Terry was a good and dedicated soldier, professional at what he did, an experienced combat soldier who enjoyed passing on his knowledge to others. He was steady, in fact steady as a rock when he needed to be. A man with an impish sense of humour and years of loyalty.

Lt Col (Rtd) Barry Dreyer, Col Comdt, RNZA

3. REPORT FROM THE COL COMDT

The Regiment has had a busy time through live firing, a period of maintenance and support, and then back into the field for live firing. During the period there have been a number of personnel offshore on a range of exercises and attachments in both gunner jobs and in civic affairs in the South Pacific.

In June some of the trustees of the Heritage Trust – our history group – got together in Linton to work through memorabilia which had been stored for some time in boxes and files in the Regiment. This was also an opportunity to trial the database which is being developed by the Trust. The opportunity was also taken to work through several mountains of old pamphlets to make some decisions on which was to be kept and which would be disposed of. The same went for an array of gun stores.

There were a number of interesting items located including an early 1915 photograph of the Palmerston North gun battery assembled after they had been mobilised. This was the 4.5" howitzer battery that landed at dawn on 26 April, 1915 at Gallipoli and provided the only artillery fire support for the Anzac Division for the first couple of days of the campaign, as they were the only guns to get ashore in the sector. In fact they were in action shooting 20 minutes after landing, the battery's first live shoot.

Of great interest to the subalterns assisting us was a WWII Japanese silk flag, which will likely adorn an office in one of the gun batteries.

In July I and other Association members attended the funeral of Terry Hughes, a gun sgt in Vietnam, SMIG at the School and in the mid 70s, RSM of the Regiment.

Some of you will have seen the TV coverage of the 21 Gun Salute by the Regiment in Wellington for the birth of Prince George in late July. The coverage went round the world – well done Regiment.

Sports week at the end of July was very well contested, particularly the basketball and rugby, both won narrowly by 161 Bty, the rugby in extra time. All the games were contested in great spirit and hard fought, so congratulations to all those that took part.

My next activity was laying a wreath on behalf of all ranks RNZA at the service at the National War Memorial in Wellington on Vietnam War Commemoration Day, 18 August. It was a simple and straightforward service, well attended, and with a lot of gunner representation. I was able to tell CDF that his guard and catafalque party at the service were "a good Gunner guard", and they did a good job too.

Late August was the AGM of the Band of the RNZA in Auckland. You will remember that the Band was disestablished as an Army unit and the RNZA have signed Articles of Association with the Band to allow them to retain their name, uniforms, military relationships, and Gunner badges, while they essentially operate as a self contained civilian band. They are in good shape, enthusiastic Gunners, with little change in playing strength, and plenty of work to do. As a Corps we must continue to support our Band whenever we can. Next year they have their 150th year

of continuous service to the nation.

You will recall from the last newsletter that Graeme Hutcheson, the oldest (joined the RNZA in 1935) active member in the Association was off to Malta to see family and we provided him with a letter of introduction and fraternal greetings to the Royal Malta Artillery Association. Graeme is just back and had a splendid day with a couple of Maltese gunners.



Above: Captain Joseph Cachia, WOII Graeme Hutcheson, Colonel John Harrison. Capt Garcia is a Gunner Staff Officer and Colonel Harrison Chairs the Royal Malta Artillery Association.

We will try to get Graeme to write a few notes for the next newsletter.

In early September a couple of WO's from the Regiment and I will be in Dunedin for the functions celebrating the 150th year of Dunedin's 31 (D) Bty. It will be good to catch up with the deep South Gunners.

This will be followed a few weeks later with a Regimental Parade for presentation of the Black Diamond beret patch to newly qualified gunners, and a week later the Regimental Dance in Linton.

The main future activity though is the RNZA Association weekend in Palmerston North 18-20 Oct, including visits to the Regiment and formal dinner in the Mess. It will be a great weekend – see you there.

Ubique. Barry Dreyer, Col Comdt RNZA

4. REPORT FROM CO 16 FD REGT - Lt Col Matt WESTON

Pacific Partnership 2013 (PP13)

In recent times 16th Field Regiment has taken over the Civil-Military Coordination capability for the NZ Army. This typically involves all liaison, planning and coordination between the military, government departments and non-governmental organisations on exercises and operations. I (Matt Miranovich) recently deployed as the deputy director of the civil-military coordination centre (CMCC) for Pacific Partnership 2013.

Pacific Partnership is the largest disaster response-preparedness mission in the Indo Asia-Pacific region. Working at the invitation of each host nation, this year Pacific Partnership involved personnel from USA, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, France, South Korea, Singapore, Japan and Malaysia along with a large contingent from various

Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and Inter-Agency Governmental Organisations. PP13 happens annually, alternating between white hull and grey hull ships and varying in the countries they visit. PP13 has been providing humanitarian response and disaster preparedness to South Pacific Nations since 2005.



CMCC Meeting with NGO and Partner Nation Heads

Above from bottom centre clockwise:

Lt Matt Marinovich, (16 Fd Regt NZ), Maj Sophie Toupin (Can Army), Wg Comdr Paul Howard (RAAF), Mr John Grabill (Project Hope), Ms Jan Villaita (UCSD Pre-Dental Society), Dr Lynn Bemilier (Project Hope), Mr Gary Glauberan (University of Hawaii), Dr Kristin Camp (World Vets) and Cdr Joyce Blanchard (USN)

This year PP13 visited Samoa, Tonga, New Caledonia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea. The mission provided medical care, engineer support and civil assistance to better prepare these Pacific nations in the time of a disaster as part of the responsibility we have to the Region. For the first time in eight missions partner nations took the lead in certain countries with Australia leading Papua New Guinea and New Zealand leading Kiribati and Solomon Islands, as well as providing command augments to the mission, including the Deputy Mission Commander.



Above: Lt Matt Marinovich and a member of the Samoan Fire Service during the Disaster Response Field Training Exercise

Operating from six different platforms of ships from numerous countries, three Kiwis deployed to Hawaii in late May to join USS Pearl Harbour and her crew at Joint Base Pearl Harbour-Hickam. Our first destination was Samoa where CMCC conducted a range of subject matter expert exchanges (SMEEs) with the local population in Apia and Savaii including; bio-sand filter water catchment installation and training, basic seamanship skills with the coastguards, first aid SMEEs with the authorities, a disaster response symposium and culminating in a Field Training Exercise modelled off the 2009 Tsunami which devastated villages throughout Samoa. From there we set our sights on the Kingdom of Tonga where we again provided medical, engineering and civil assistance to the local population and government departments. Following the Kingdom of Tonga we made a brief liberty stop in at Noumea and then moved onto the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Whilst we were in Noumea, HMAS Tobruk along with JDS Yamagiri were providing the same support to Papua New Guinea. The mission focus remained the same with a larger emphasis than on disaster response, due to the current drought they were experiencing. At this point, HMNZS Manawanui had made her way to Solomon Islands to support Explosive Ordnance Teams to find and render safe explosive remnants from WWII.

After just over a week in RMI we departed for Kiribati. Whilst underway we were joined by USNS Matthew Perry where we conducted our first Replenishment at sea. USS Pearl Harbour was now re-supplied with everything from fuel to food. We arrived in Kiribati where 150 NZ Army Engineers and Medical personnel met us along with HMNZS Manawanui. NZ took the lead for Kiribati, continuing our mission but by adding a NZ twist on it. After ten days in Kiribati everyone embarked on USS Pearl Harbour and we steamed towards Solomon Islands where NZ would again lead it.

Upon arriving in Honiara we met HMNZS Canterbury and for the first time in Pacific Partnership history, we conducted a change in flag ship, the Mission Commander and his command team embarked aboard HMNZS Canterbury where they would remain there for the duration of the mission. I took a small team of three and disembarked USS Pearl Harbour into Honiara where I would remain for the duration to conduct disaster response and fisheries workshops with the local government. Whilst our small team remained behind, all three ships made their way up to the Western Province, focussing their efforts in Gizo, Seghe, Munda and Choiseul. Early August USS Pearl Harbour left the Solomon Islands and begun her journey back home to San Diego while HMNZS Canterbury remained in the Solomon Islands and completed the mission until she finally departed a week later. The remaining Kiwis and US command staff finally closed the mission on 15 Aug and flew back to NZ.

Lt Matt Marinovich, Adjutant, 16 Fd Regt, RNZA

Ex TALISMAN SABER 2013

Exercise Talisman Saber is a bi-annual Combined Joint exercise which trains US Pacific Command (USPACOM) and the Australian Defence Force (ADF) in a realistic and challenging environment, and which brings service members closer and improves both nations' ability to work bilaterally and multilaterally. More than 27,000 American and Australian personnel participated in the exercise in multiple American and Australian locations. It incorporated military forces from each branch of the American military including: the Army, Navy, Marines and the Air Force and all of the services of the ADF. The exercise focused on training a Combined Task Force (CTF) of American and Australian forces in Major Combat Operations in a high-intensity war fighting scenario. USPACOM units and the ADF conducted land, sea, and air training throughout July and August. The exercise combined a Command Post Exercise, a Field Training Exercise and a Live Fire Exercise into the ADF's largest joint exercise.

For the first time observers from the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) were invited to attend the exercise, as a precursor to possible future New Zealand involvement. Three New Zealand Army personnel from 16th Field Regiment were attached to the 5th Australian Battlefield Coordination Detachment (BCD) as part of the 613 Air Operations Centre (AOC) at Joint Base Pearl Harbour-Hickam, Hawaii. The BCD operates as the liaison and coordination interface between the Land Component of the CTF and the Air Component of the CTF. The BCD performs a critical role in generating situational awareness within the Air Component about what's happening within the Land Component. It also acts as the portal out of the Air Component for those specialist capabilities, beyond just ground attack aircraft, that only the Air Component has and the Land Component needs to access.

Prior to arriving in Hawaii the New Zealanders undertook build-up training at RAAF Glenbrook in Sydney to familiarise themselves with the processes and operating systems used by personnel in the BCD. This was new territory for the New Zealand participants and they were on a steep learning curve. Coming from a small organization, it was eye-opening for the New Zealand participants to experience coordination of people, resources and equipment at a level which New Zealanders rarely get to experience. New Zealand's participation in Talisman Saber 13 is continuing to strengthen practical cooperation with international partners. This interaction will help the development of the NZDF amphibious capability, which is the main focus for the NZDF moving into 2015 and beyond. It provides a benefit to the NZDF far beyond the cost of that participation as it also builds the framework for continuing regional defence cooperation in the Pacific, and further a field.

Lt Catherine Dymock, Targeting Offr, 161 Bty. RNZA

5. THE LIFE OF A MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER (MLO) IN SOUTH SUDAN: Major SHAY BASSETT

Life as a MLO in South Sudan is quite different to anywhere else I have lived and worked previously. Prior to this tour I had never set foot in Africa, and although I have been lucky enough to serve in a variety of interesting locations over the years, none were like this place. South Sudan can be majestic one moment and tragic the next. This is not a place for the faint hearted or those attached to creature comforts, but at times it is amazing.

The natural environment in the area where I'm based is harsh, the people incredibly poor. It is a testimony to human endurance that they manage to survive living here at all. Every aspect of life is harder and takes longer in this part of the world than it does in New Zealand. Whether it is securing enough clean water for the next couple of days, or trying to meet with the leader of some armed group who has been killing civilians, almost nothing here is easy.

Illness also casts a constant shadow over everyone here, whether they are rich or poor. The combination of heat (which is on a par with Timor-Leste) and almost total absence of sanitation as New Zealanders know it, means gastro upsets are almost unavoidable and malaria is as common as the flu in winter back home. The 20 members of our MLO team are all Army Majors or Colonels, many from their respective country's special forces. Even with this relatively high level of knowledge, skills, and experience in the group, three have had malaria in the last two months and almost all the longer serving guys have already had it once or twice. Maintaining individual health is an ongoing challenge that is tackled with a vigorous regime of anti-malarial pills, eating as best as you can, and lots of hand sanitizer!

Perhaps surprisingly, an aspect of Africa that I had not given a lot of thought to while preparing to deploy, was the wildlife. But on arrival I immediately noticed the wide variety of bird species here. Unlike the relatively bland avian choice we have at home, the birds here are more colourful and vary in size from smaller than a mouse to as big as a German Shepard. One in particular, a huge stork called a Marabou, is about the ugliest bird you are ever likely to see and has to be the closest living thing to a Terradactyl. It is an amazing beast and has a reputation for being able to eat almost anything and survive, which is an enviable trait in South Sudan that has the added benefit of making the bird's flesh so disgusting the local people will not eat it.

Monkeys and baboons are common place in and around the base, and reptiles abound. We have a Monitor lizard well over a metre long living under our logistics container. Although their bite can be fatal and a whip from the tail of a large lizard can break a human leg, this is not actually a bad situation, as a local explained to me, "where Monitor live, no mice, no rats, no snakes!"

Against this backdrop our MLO team works

seven days a week as part of the United Nations Mission In South Sudan (UNMISS). Our area of operations is Jonglei State, which is approximately the size of the North Island, as flat as the Canterbury Plains, and has no sealed roads. As a consequence, movement by vehicle beyond the local base areas becomes almost impossible once the rainy season is in full flight, and the area known as the Sudd once again becomes the largest swamp in the world.

The MI-8, MI-17, and MI-26 military helicopters provided by Russia and Rwanda are absolutely critical to sustaining operations during the four to five months of the rainy season, which should be with us in full force come June. Lately, road movement has also become severally restricted in Jonglei as a result of the deteriorating security situation. Armed groups have ambushed UN convoys with deadly results for both the Indian troops providing the escort and civilian truck drivers they were trying to protect.

Day to day the MLO's work very closely with counterparts from the Sudan Peoples Liberation Army (SPLA) which started as a rebel organisation fighting for an independent South Sudan in 1983 and is now the country's national Army. Together we will conduct escort duties on UN flights around the State, and visit local SPLA force commanders from company through to divisional level for a variety of reasons. We also participate in Integrated Team patrols that include representatives from other UN organisations or branches and may be just a single day, or last for a couple of weeks. Living conditions on these patrols can vary from being based out of a small UN troop tented camp to fully deploying in the field with an armed escort.

For the bulk of South Sudan's population the cost of living is very low, but this is mainly due to an extremely low average wage and subsistence living that occurs in most of the country. This means the choice of western style groceries is extremely limited and they are very expensive. US\$100 buys two packets of cereal, a dozen tins of fish, two tins of fruit, three pots of pasta sauce, and a bottle of soy sauce. Not quite Pack and Save prices.



The groceries above that US\$100 will buy you in South Sudan.

In summary, my African experience so far

has been different to what I had expected, but not necessarily in a negative way. It is definitely proving to be memorable, and the people you get to work with are fantastic - we have 18 nationalities from six continents in our team. Although I do not see myself becoming one of the many expats here who have 'fallen for' Africa and make it their home, I certainly have no regrets about coming and am definitely enjoying the professional and personal opportunities presented every day by living here.

6. 'A BLAST FROM THE PAST' ANNUAL REPORT 161 Bty 1973

A. SINGAPORE SNIPPETS – EX JALAN ULU

161 Bty was deployed to Singapore in September 1972, to take part in Ex JALAN ULU with 28 ANZUK Brigade. A few sappers and super-soldiers were sent to keep us company, but in honesty, it must be admitted that they added little to the importance or the dignity of the occasion.

The exercise got off to a flying start by courtesy of the RNZAF and their fleet of internationally famed Hercules Airliners which can accommodate 30,000 lbs of luggage and stores and 70 passengers with absolute ease and scarcely any discomfort at all, unless you happen to be more than 3 feet 8 inches tall and accustomed to a normal daily temperature which rises above freezing point. The writer of this article had gone to some pains to insinuate himself into the aircraft that was scheduled to spend the night at Darwin. Unhappily for him, the air force then decided that Sydney was close enough, and he spent his night stranded at Richmond Air Base instead, where the tide of events washed him against the Bar of the Officers' Mess leading to greater unhappiness.

The next day, on to Singapore. Our intrepid travellers spent many exciting and perilous seconds straining their eyes and their necks in an endeavour to see the fabled island of Timor, Bali and Java through the great portholes of this splendid liner of the skies. Following established Air Force procedures, the contingent was landed 2 hours late on that side of the Singapore furthest from its destination.

The next morning we paraded to be greeted by the Commander 28 Brigade, Brigadier Walsh, and CO 28 ANZUK Field Regiment, Lt Col Jones. Both made us strongly aware of how welcome we were. The Brigadier was also anxious to stress how much they had both enjoyed their visit in August to 'Papakura'. Then to work, drawing stores and vehicles and generally settling in. True to form, 161 Battery took no time at all to get itself settled very comfortably indeed, thank you.

Almost at once we were away to Mersing on Exercise DOUBLE TIME with 1 RNZIR. Having travelled half-way across the world to take part in an exercise that would break new ground for our Army, we were naturally keyed up to a high pitch as we

waited at the LZs for the fly-in to the Battalion Base Camp. Excitement and tension mounted during the flight, and then – touchdown! Deplane! A wild rush cleared the helicopters, then we crouched, eyes closed, clutching bits of kit until the sand-storm of the lift-off cleared.

Wide-eyed, expectant, our game but groggy gunners stood up to view the jungle headquarters of that renowned force of stern fighting men, the 1st Battalion, the Royal New Zealand Infantry regiment. The tropic sun beat down on golden sand and azure sea, birds made harsh cries in the tree tops. On the grassy slopes above the beach stood a group of chattering natives, clad either in hipster swimming togs, or Army underpants. Surely they should not be here? Standing proudly among them like the White Rajah, followed by a train of uniformed attendants, was the CO 1 RNZIR. Slowly recognition dawned. Could it be? ... Were these ... was ... this... the Battalion? Yes, for now their raucous cries could be understood, and having been understood, as raucously answered. We had arrived in the middle of the exercise in time to catch a stand-down period by the seaside before Exercise DOUBLE TIME began.

The next few days were (for the FO Parties) idyllic. They moved off to join their Companies in a round of swimming and sunbathing which seemed to take up the whole of each day. They saw little of their brethren on the gun position. Rumour had it that they were digging camouflaged gun pits. With that delicacy of feeling which is the hallmark of all FO Parties, they decided not to disturb the gun position while it was busy, instead calling in on the Battery only once a day to pick up essential supplies of beers and mail.

All too soon, this happy state of affairs came to an end, and the exercise began. It has been aptly described as Churchillian: blood, toil, tears and sweat – especially sweat. Over these dark days it is perhaps best to draw a veil. The contrast between the sufferings of the FO Parties and the life led by the gun position people is perhaps too cruel. In 4 days, with 48 men they occupied only 5 gun positions, never occupying more than 3 at the same time. (In the same period, by heroic effort, one of the FO parties walked almost 3000 yards).

While still at the beach (sorry, base) camp, the Battery had been practising its watermanship skills with vast enthusiasm. It was decided therefore to have one of the sections redeploy by water. Thus came to pass the greatest saga of the sea played out in far Eastern waters, since the sinking of the *Prince of Wales* and the *Repulse*. As the morning sun cast shafts of light across the glassy surface of the sea, those on the shore were treated to a magnificent spectacle. Silhouetted nobly against the dawn, in the prow of the leading vessel of a brave little flotilla, was the awesome profile of the Battery Captain. The majestic advance of the Battery was, however, soon stopped. One of the boats carrying E gun shipped a wave over the bow and began sinking. To bring the bows up, the passengers rushed to the stern – which began to ship water. The passengers rushed to the bows. For a few

splendid moments, this struggle between man and the sea literally seesawed in the balance. Then the boat ended the matter with dignity by sinking gracefully on an even keel with all hands, and more importantly, with E gun. Few who witnessed this affair will soon forget it, especially the scene that was played out later in the afternoon, when the tide went out and 120 infantrymen, up to their necks in water, EMU-bobbed half-a-mile of the Malaysian territorial waters, searching for the missing breech ring for E gun.

Exercise DOUBLE TIME was important for at least one tactical innovation, a pioneering breakthrough in the tactics of the Battalion attack. As the assault company struggled up the final 50 yards of the hill for the attack on the enemy camp, a growing disturbance could be heard from behind. Then, bursting like a meteor through the front line of the assault came the Battalion Commander. Before the astound gaze of the friend and foe alike, accompanied only by his RSM (firing short bursts from the hip) and his IO (cracking enemy skulls lustily with his map board), he stormed over the wire and vanished into the heart of the guerrilla fortress. But now came an even more astonished sight. In a superb display of the noblest traditions of their Regiment, the BC's Party followed behind. Gasping, but determined, his glasses entirely fogged over from his exertions, crashing through the bushes and into trees, armed only with the handset of his radio, the dauntless Dreyer pressed hard on his Colonel's heels. Behind him, with the handset lead of his radio joining him to the BC like an umbilical cord came Botica, sweating and swearing. Bevan followed behind him, his endeavours depriving him (for the first time on record) of speech. Bringing up the rear came O'Connor, still making cancellations and alterations to his target record book. Together they plunged into the battle smoke and were lost to view. By the time the assault company actually reached the objective, little more than mopping up remained to be done.

What remained of the exercise seemed anti-climactic. Certain highlights linger in the memory, such as the Battalion Commander giving a tremendous rocket to his Signals Officer because the BC's party had perfect comms, when the Battalion did not. Mercifully, they were both completely unaware that the reason for this was that the gunners had quietly purloined the Battalion's only dipole aerial.

After DOUBLE TIME, back to Singapore for a week in barracks and then into Exercise SILVER KRIS with 28 ANZUK Brigade. The revelation of what *really* went on during this period will, however, have to await some date in the future when tempers have cooled and the scandal has died down. In the meantime, three things must be said before I close:

(a) This was the first time that 161 Bty had ever been in DS to 1RNZIR, but all of us fervently hope it will not be the last.

(b) All members of the 28 ANZUK Fd Regt did everything in their power to make us realize that they

regard 161 not as visitors, but as brothers, and that without 161, the Regiment is like a man with a missing arm.

(c) I doubt that we will ever again be made so welcome or treated so well as we were by every person with whom we had dealings in Singapore. Even in this generous company, however, two persons were outstanding for the warmth with which they looked after us – Brigadier Walsh and Colonel Jones.

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B. POST SINGAPORE

Elements of the Bty deployed to the Kinloch area of Taupo on Exercise CALENDAR PAGE 73. We operated an Arty Tac and manned 4 BC Parties for the Brigade as lower controls for the RNZAF. We were joined by elements of 16 Fd Regt for the weekend while Brigade ran a command post exercise. The real BC was mostly seen lurking on lake's shore with a rod and net, and judging by the early mornings' feverish activities and late breakfasts managed the odd trout of two. I'm told on one expedition that Intelligence Platoon provided the boat and info on the fishing grounds, BC 161 the tucker and Comd 1 Bde the whisky! That's more the style of the exercises we were accustomed to.

Training continued with new recruits qualifying on basic gunnery courses, and a number of personnel qualified as HT drivers. Christmas leave of course took up most of the period and, in most cases, we managed a very pleasant 4 weeks.

C. ANNUAL CAMP

Annual Camp turned out to be a particularly busy period. About twenty members of the Bty were away on courses or TODs so we were a little under strength, we got through 6 or 7 days shooting and a lot of movement. We deployed in DS of 7 RNZIR fore the Bde exercise and withdrew through 5 gun positions. An interesting experience as only a month later we did a pursuit over the same ground with 5 RAR!

The major interest at Camp, of course, was FACE, and we had our first shoot with this equipment, kindly loaned by the school. We are not sure that we like the idea of hulking armoured Corps tracked load carrier as the mobile portion of FACE – the tankies always turn up with a knowing smirk on their faces; however, the day went well and CP staff were left with the distinct impression that their days as TARS were numbered.

The other flusters at camp were the salutes we fired. One in Auckland, for HRH Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, and the next day one in Wellington for the new Parliament - the Silver Star travel was good though. All of this went on during the live firing phase!

D. POST CAMP

Post Camp was taken up by Section Adventure Training. We have a small pilot scheme afoot for Army adventure Training. Sections conducted five weeks of activities, ranging from sailing across the Gulf in a borrowed RNZN whaler, through field survey on Rangitoto and Motu Tapu Island (interspersed with skin diving, fishing and water skiing), to exploration and driver training in the far North up to Tom Bowling and Spirits Bay. (The BC got a 6lb snapper at Houhora). The Bty reconcentrated, refreshed and suntanned from their activities, ready for Exercise COLD KOALA.

E. COLD KOALA

This was an advance and attack exercise with 5 RAR in Waiouru. It proved a most interesting exercise. We deployed BC and 4 FO parties, plus a CPO as arty lower control. Like camp – a lot of movement. It culminated in picnic dinner and ales at Westlawn Hut! Better places than Westlawn for that, but the ideas was good. It was our third time in DS 5 RAR (twice in Vietnam) so some old faces were re-seen and lot of tales re-fought.

F. FIJI

The Fiji trip was planned as a non-firing gunnery exercise out of Suva, but at the last moment the RNZAF couldn't come to the party with all their aircraft, so we reduced it to a living-in-the-field command post exercise. About a third of the detachments were TFVs from the Regiment and they fitted into our CP structure extremely well (and brought home more perk kit than the Battery combined!). In the first week it was all "tropical-moonlight-reflected-in-the-water-over-palm-trees", but the second week was damp: mud, slush and rain that cleared up just in time for our two days' leave prior to coming home.

We also managed to parade the detachment at the Suva Cenotaph for ANZAC Day. The ceremony was small but very moving and included a good sprinkling of Kava, Aussies and Kiwis. Off to the RSA for an hour and then back to the bush.

We also managed, while waiting for the RNZAF, to visit the St Christopher's Orphanage in Nausori. The Bty has been assisting with the support for the orphanage for a couple of years, on each Fiji trip, and it was the first opportunity for most of us to see them at work. A fascinating place and well worth any support we can give them.

G. CRYSTAL BALL GAZING

Planned activities at present are eight weeks of unit one and two star courses ending 6th July, followed by a fortnight of interest/adventure training in the Auckland area. We are off to Waiouru, shooting

23/31 July, and then we try our hand at all arms training for a few weeks. WE return to Waiouru late September for another bout of live firing and then (here is the crystal ball bit), we go to Australia for a few weeks on a Task Force exercise in either Northern Queensland or Victoria. After that we are back to CALENDAR PAGE time again.

H. POSTINGS

In the past half year we have had some nine new recruits and about 15 postings in and out. Key postings involved are:

- i. New FO Capt Ted Lile form the School
- ii. New GPO Lt John Brandon (ex 1 NZATTV)
Vice Lt Jim Rolfe (off to FF Comd)
- iii. New Sect Comd 2 Lt Rob Hanton (from ATG)
Vice 2 Lt Mike Pearce (to 4(G) Med Bty)
- iv. New BG WO2 John Rout (from Regiment)
Vice WO2 Bernard Ayling (to sunny FF Comd)
- v. New Nos 1. Bdr Tom Turunui from Waiouru
Bdr Jeff Waters from TFD
Bdr Billy James for Ranger Sqn

We have also lost or about to lose personnel to Singapore, either to 28 ANZUK Fd Regt or 1 RNZIR: Lbdr Brown, Gnrs Brooks, Bevan, Oldham, Watene, Stratton and Ruri. Gnr Mita PW is off as the 161 Bty representative to Hawaii on Exercise PACIFIC PAX.

I CONCLUSION

It has been a good year - nine weeks overseas, a good camp and shooting phase, and the commencement of adventure training. We are at a good strength and look like maintaining our team for a while. The rest of this year shows promise of being both interesting and challenging. See you here on 26th May, and for those celebrating elsewhere our best wishes for a successful Gunners Day.

7. **FRANK HARLOW - A PROUD NEW ZEALANDER NOT READY TO FADE AWAY**

Shortly before Australia and New Zealand troops waded ashore at Gallipoli, a bitter sweet parody song *Old Soldiers Never Die*, was a favourite among British and American forces; General Douglas MacArthur breathed new life into the lyrics in his 1951 resignation speech when he reminded the US Congress that "they just fade away".

Sitting in his West Pennant Hill home, Frank Harlow seems the embodiment of this sentiment. On the lounge room wall are his World War II medals. So too are the medals of his uncle, John Harlow, of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade, killed in action in France in September 1918. There is also a photograph of his

mother Ada, wearing a flax cloak presented to her in 1922 by a decorated veteran of the Maori wars of the previous century.

On Sunday, 11 August 2013, Mr Harlow was to join New Zealand II veterans living in Australia at their first ever reunion at the Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu in Redfern. "Shouldn't be surprised if it were our last too," he joked.

He turned 100 on the previous Saturday and six of the thirteen men expected to attend are over 90 years old. One, Bob Wood, of Sawtell, who escaped a prisoner of war camp at Modena but was so bored back home he returned to fight in Italy, will be 99 on Monday.



Mr Harlow, a dairyman and member of the voluntary Territorials during the Great Depression, enlisted in 1939 and served with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in North Africa, Greece and Crete.

"On Crete they dropped 6000 German paratroopers on Allied positions. I had a bren gun, I used it. I do not know if I killed anyone I don't wan to know," He said.

Sent home to train tank crews, Mr Harlow left service to become a cheesemaker in New Zealander's war effort. He remained in the food industry and settled near his daughter in 1994 following the death of his wife, Jean. They had known each other since Bible class and married on his last leave before sailing to war.

Come ANZAC Day, New Zealanders traditionally follow WWI at the front of the Sydney march but with the older soldiers faded, the kiwis now lead. "Perhaps it's because we're superior." Said Bob Wood, a retired major who had led the New Zealander contingent for years.



The reunion will celebrate the birthdays and the 75th anniversary of the NZ Sub-Branch of the Returned and Services League in NSW.

Mr Harlow was to be presented with the *korowai* (cloak) presented to his mother by Ben

Biddle NZC (*Ngatapa*)

Pa-Maori Wars. It has been stored at the Whakatane Museum for nearly 50 years.

8. FORT TAIAROA – ARMSTRONG DISAPPEARING GUN

Introduction

Taiaroa Head (known to the Maori people as Pukekura) has served as a natural refuge and defensive position guarding the entrance to Otago harbour since the beginning of human occupation. Located at the tip of the Otago Peninsula, it is approximately 33 km from Dunedin City.

The first Maori visited this coast approximately 1,000 years ago in seasonal food gathering forays. Eventually occasional visits turned into permanent occupation and a fortified village (Pa) was built on the headland.

Otago was formally settled in 1848, but sealers and whalers had operated from the harbour from the early years of the century.

As a consequence there had been considerable contact between the Maori inhabitants and the ship's crew. The shore based whaling stations becomes trading centres. One of these was located at Otakou only a short distance from Taiaroa Head.

From the early days of European settlement, signalmen and pilots were based at Taiaroa Head. In 1864 a lighthouse was built and lighthouse keepers joined the growing community.

New Zealand became a British Colony in 1840 and England was expected to provide protection from enemies. However in the 1870s New Zealand was made responsible for its own land defence and a scheme of coastal defence was prepared to cover major ports.

As a result of the threat of war between Britain and Russia over Russian incursions into Afghanistan, a financial commitment to defence was made in 1885 and construction of Fort Taiaroa began.

The addition of a barracks and militiamen meant that by the turn of the century there were over 100 people living permanently at Taiaroa Head.

Armaments

Six gun batteries were installed between 1885 and 1905. The batteries were equipped with eight guns, including three 64 pounder Rifled Muzzle Loaders with a range of 3,500 yards, one seven inch, seven ton RML with a range of 4,000 yards, the present six inch Armstrong Disappearing gun with a range of 8,800 yards, and to combat fast enemy torpedo boats one six pounder and two 12 pounder quick firing guns.

Construction

These Taiaroa gun emplacements were carefully concealed with earth parapets. Earlier gun emplacements constructed overseas in the classical stone fort style had proved to be vulnerable. First they were easily visible, and with recent advances in optics the enemy gun layers could get an accurate range by focussing on the sharp outlines of the structure. Secondly, the old style forts of stone and masonry construction proved under bombardment to be less efficient in minimising casualties to defenders than

earth parapets around emplacements. With the new concept, incoming shells penetrated the soft earthen material and caused much less injury when exploding.

Restoration

In 1972 the Otago Antique Arms Association gathered support for the retention of the Armstrong Disappearing Gun in its original gun pit. Its members completely refurbished the gun. In 1986 a tunnel was constructed to give access from outside the Albatross Colony into the old tunnel system. After the restoration of the tunnels and magazine structure, and the installation of historic display material, the complex was opened to the public in November 1987.

Manufacture of Operation

This six inch, five ton breech loading gun on hydro-pneumatic carriage was manufactured in 1866 by WG Armstrong and Co at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England and tested in its present gun pit in June 1889. The retracting carriage was invented in 1879 by Moncrieff and Armstrong improved on it by using a hand pumped water and air ram system to raise the gun to the firing position above ground level. On firing, the ram system was recompressed as the gun recoiled into the gun pit for reloading. Such was the pace of change in armaments at that time that, despite being the latest in technology in 1885 the Armstrong Disappearing Gun was quickly overtaken by more effective guns and was virtually obsolete by 1912.

Technical Information

6 inch Rifled Breech Loading Armstrong Gun and Hydro-Pneumatic Carriage.

Serial #	4809
Manufactured	1886
Calibre	6 inches
Weight	5 ton barrel
Length	17 ft 6 inches
Projectile	100 lb
Range	8,800 yards (5 miles)
Rate of Fire	1 round per minute
Elevation	15 degrees max
Depression	5 degrees max
Gun detachment	10 personnel

Article supplied by Ross Goldsworthy, ex CMT and RF Coast Gunner

9. PROMOTION

New appointment: Col Nick Gillard

Date: Monday, 24 June, 2013

Col Nick Gillard, currently Head of Strategy Management (Army) in Army General Staff has been appointed Commander 1 Brigade in Linton from December this year.

On behalf of all Gunners, congratulations to Nick on the appointment – well done and we are sure you will have a successful tenure, following in the steps of a number of illustrious gunners.

Ubique. Barry Dreyer, Col Comdt. RNZA



10. 'B' Battery Dunedin 150th Anniversary Celebrations

Sixty five die-hard gunners from Dunedin celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of 'B' Battery in Dunedin on the 7 September 2013. Having recently refurbished a 25Pder, this was a great excuse for the group to check the serviceability of the gun with 5 Rounds Fire For Effect from both the 25pder and an L5, fired at 7.45pm before the diners were piped into the dining room for a ladies formal dining-in. An outstanding evening was enjoyed by all attendees, amongst whom were the Colonel Commandant Col Barry Dreyer and RNZAA President Tony McLeod down from Auckland. Ex Sergeant-Major-of the Army WO1 (Rtd) Paul O'Connor was the Guest Speaker and he mentioned the valuable lessons he had learnt working with the Territorial Force during his time as BSM at 31(B) Battery (some of these were censored!). The organising Committee led by Chris Diedrichs (and consisting of too many hard workers to mention here), did an outstanding job and did full credit to all those volunteers who have served in 'B' Battery and 31(B) Battery over the past 150 years. Even though economic times have meant that there are no longer any guns in the deep south, the 'gunner spirit' is alive and well. Congratulations Dunedin Gunners. We salute you.

11. CMT NATIONAL SERVICE REUNION

When: 2nd to 4th May 2014 **Where:** Wellington, New Zealand.

Plans are now underway with organising a CMT – National Service Reunion in Wellington, New Zealand, from the 2nd to the 4th of May 2014.

It will mark 64 years since the inception of Compulsory Military Training and 52 years since National Service began in New Zealand (CMT November 1950 to August 1958 National Service May 1962 to August 1972).

There will be a full programme of activities throughout the weekend with a meet and greet on Friday evening, bus trips around points of interest in the City on Saturday morning, Dinner on Saturday evening and a Church Service on Sunday morning before dispersal.

Expressions of interest are now being received by either of the email address above or my snail-mail address above left, or by telephone.

Note - accommodation will be your own responsibility.

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WW2 Gunner Group, East Coast Bays RSA, Auckland, 29 August 2013



Left to Right: Bob Bilkey, Bevan Haysom (front), Lloyd Bell-Booth, Con Thode* (103 yrs), Eric Grainger, Tony McLeod (standing), Don Sutherland, Ray Cranch, Graham Burgess, Brian Kissin, Nell Walter, John Foote.

AWOL, but not forgotten: Doug Liggins, Hugh Newsome, Lou Nunnery, Doug Porteous, Frank Whiting

*As New Zealand's only submarine commander with the RN during WW2, Con is considered an "Honorary member" of the group

12. 2nd WORLD WAR II MEETING

WW2 Gunners Still Remember`

On 29 Aug 13 ten WW2 gunners met for lunch at the Browns Bay RSA. The group meet about every 3 months and whilst their numbers are dwindling, their concern for their mates is not. The group are now aged from 91 years to 103 years, and tales of the activities of 4th and 5th Field Regiments in North Africa and Italy dominate the conversation. We younger gunners have not forgotten the part these men played in world history in general, and in our own NZ heritage in particular. To Lloyd Bell-Booth and your gun crew, we say THANK YOU. (Tony McLeod, President RNZA Assn).

13. GOODALL, SERIAL OFFICIAL, SETTLES INTO HIS NEW LIFE

Fred Goodall has been out of the spotlight for sometime. Sports Editor Jonathan Millmow catches up with the former test umpire in the first of a new series of "where are they now".

Fred Goodall is happy to have a visitor. He's clicked over to 75 and is minding his own business in Newlands where he is adjusting to life after a double heart bypass.

Goodall sits in his chair, occasionally moving forward when he wants to highlight a point. He has a large flat screen TV, which he watches live sport and the history and art channels on. But he can't sit there all day. "The doctors have told me to walk for 45 minutes, four times a week. It is a steady walk, not a Sunday stroll".

Goodall was a cricket umpire until the West Indies teams of the 1980s broke him. He then found peace throwing the javelin and officiating in the throwers circle. Instead of shouting "no ball" he was suddenly saying "no throw". He is a serial official. He's into his 56th year.

around in the shot put and discus circle you have to watch the tow. You watch like a hawk". Goodall could talk about his javelin career all day.

He's less comfortable talking about the West Indies trio of Colin Croft, Clive Lloyd and Viv Richards. He recounts the stories but doesn't want them appearing in print today for fear of reopening all the old wounds.

He wrote 23 chapters for a book but pulled stumps on it in 1991 and now the manuscript sits in a

draw.

Goodall doesn't forgive easily. He's never wanted to make peace with the West Indies trio. He remembers someone in the media trying to tee up reconciliation with Croft, when the latter returned to New Zealand as a radio commentator in 1999-2000.

"Somebody for the press came by my flat in Rintoul St in Newtown and I saw this guy coming up the stairs and I went to the door and said to the guy, "No, I'm not talking to him. Goodbye". I knew immediately what they were trying to do.

"I have crossed paths and shaken hands with the 1980's captain [Lloyd]. He apologised to me at the top of stairs at the Basin. We quickly shook hands. It was sort of, for a couple watchers on".

How did you feel? "All right".

Goodall is good with dates and numbers. His best throw was 39.87m. He umpired 24 tests in 24 years. He is the game's youngest test umpire at 27 years 32 days. He had his bypass surgery in 2008. He was No 151 on the hospital waiting list in Wellington so they switched him to Hamilton. The operation cost \$35,000. He was "out for nine hours" and in hospital for nine days. His second wife Di is the "breadwinner". Yesterday was the 20th anniversary of her employment at IRD.

His daughters are 48 (Florida based Anne) and 45 (Christchurch based Helen). His Mum wanted to live until 90, but she died five years ago aged 89. "She had a good Innings".

While on numbers, I ask him about Richard Hadlee's 300th wicket.

Conspiracy theorists reckon Goodall wanted to be part of history when he raised his finger for an eternity to adjudge Allan Border leg before wicket. "Paddles said to me, 'I had [Geoff] Marsh out earlier in the morning and you didn't give it'.

"He autographed that photo of me, appealing to me and me doing that. I can see the point you are making. Ah bloody Goodall getting in on the act". Border wasn't his most controversial call. That came years earlier at Hagley Oval when he gave Walter Hadlee out in a club game.

"The day I gave Walter Hadlee out on Hagley Oval the whole four matches stopped". "No umpire had the guts to give him out. I was a West Coaster. Ten minutes later was afternoon tea and all the umpires gathered together and I got lectures by them. 'You must be 100% certain'. I was 100 per cent certain".

Like anyone Goodall worries about this and that. He wishes he was around more when his daughters were growing up, rather than refereeing rugby and working part time in the territorials, on top of teaching geography at St Andrews's College in Christchurch and umpiring. He worries about melanoma after years of umpiring without a hat or sun block. But one thing he doesn't worry

about is his hasty departure from umpiring. In 1989 he walked away, or as he calls it "BOQ". Bugged off quickly.



Article published in the Dominion Post on Saturday 14 September 2013.

14. CHIEF OF ARMY COMMENDATION

I am very pleased to let you know that CA Maj Gen Dave Gawn has awarded his Commendation (Chief of Army's Commendation) to WO1 Dennis Schofield, RNZA, the Director of Music at the Band of the Royal Regiment of New Zealand Artillery.

This is a well earned medallic recognition from Army to Dennis for his long and distinguished service and contribution to the RNZA and in particular to his work in the last year or so as the Band transitioned from an active RNZA sub-unit to a strong and well resourced military brass band with Articles of Association linking the Band to the Regiment.

The award is particularly appropriate as the Band move into their 150th year of continuous service to the nation.

On behalf of All Ranks RNZA, congratulations to Dennis, and to the Band – this is a well earned honour.

Ubique. Barry Dreyer, Col Comdt RNZA



15. Greetings from Col Comdt RAA



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Dear Gerry,

ROYAL REGIMENT OF NEW ZEALAND ARTILLERY DAY GREETINGS

I extend my greetings and best wishes on behalf of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery, the Head of Regiment, Brigadier P.C. Gates, CSM and our Colonels Commandant for the sixty-sixth anniversary of the Royal Regiment of New Zealand Artillery on the 1st of September.

Our ties with Gunners from New Zealand continue to strengthen with instructors delivering training and other technical exchanges during this year.

Our thoughts remain with all gunners serving overseas we wish them good shooting and a safe return to their families.

Please convey our best wishes to all ranks of the Royal Regiment of New Zealand Artillery, their families, your affiliated associations and friends from all ranks of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery.

Ubique

Gerard Ward

16. THIS AND THAT 2013 AGM PROPOSED AGM

- Welcome
- We Remember them
- Minutes of Previous AGM
- Presidents Report
- Presentation of Financial Report
- Election of Officers
- Notices of Motion
- General Business

We welcome all new members and associate members.

Q Store: Don't forget to check out the items that we have for purchase in our Q Store on the on's website www.rnza.org.nz and click on Q Store.



17. AUCKLAND ARTILLERY OFFICERS MESS

The monthly luncheon held on Friday 6 Sept 13 provided an excellent opportunity for Tony McLeod to thank the members of the Auckland Artillery Officers Mess for their very generous \$1000 donation towards development costs of the website. Members in the photo above are; front row from left-John Irvine, Lincoln Laidlaw, David Knight, back row from left-John Foote, Guy Nash, John Vague, Grahame Keys, Mark Shulze. The Mess would love to see more members attend the luncheon (see website under `Activities/ Auckland for details).

18. EX ALAMEIN GUNNER PASSES AWAY

#66254 **WAGSTAFF**, Tom died on 20.1.13 aged 94 years. Tom attended the El Alamein Commemoration in Egypt in October of last year, and on his return attended the Armistice Day meeting Prince Charles

Defence Dept artist Matt Gauldie travelled with the WW2 Vets to El Alamein in October last year and spent a lot of time with Tom taking photos and talking to him about what he may paint. The background was inspired by a photo of Tom's in the WW2 original photos he took with him on the trip, of the desert night sky lit up by the muzzle explosion of one of the 25 pounders in Tom's crew. The painting below of Tom (on the right) and a fellow WWII Veteran now hangs in the foyer of the NZDF HQ in Wellington.



K. FROM THE NEWS FILES

It's 48 years since New Zealand woke up to the harsh reality of war in Vietnam with this report from Chris Turver, the NZPA's first war correspondent attached to 161 Battery for three months in 1965:

Dateline Ben Cat, NZPA Correspondent, Sept 14 - Two New Zealand gunners were killed instantly late yesterday morning when their ammunition-laden Land rover was blasted apart by a Viet Cong-planted landmine.

They are Sergeant A.J.S Don, married, of Porirua East, and Bombardier R White, married, also of Porirua East.

The blast of the mine blew all four occupants high in the air and sections of the Land rover were strewn over a 30-yard radius.....

That was the start of a report which captured the front page headlines of New Zealand newspapers on September 14 1965 and graphically brought the Vietnam war to family, friends, and all New Zealanders. The report went on to recount that this was 161 Battery's first operational assignment, forming part of a convoy from its base at Bien Hoa with American, Australian, and South Vietnamese forces, to subdue a Viet Cong stronghold at Ben Cat in the notorious Iron Triangle. In that one operation New Zealand lost two killed, with several seriously wounded by booby traps. Al Don and Jock White were the first of 37 New Zealand artillery and infantry troops to be killed during New Zealand's seven-year involvement in the Vietnam war. As a survivor from that landmine explosion you would think the details were vividly etched in my brain but instead I was out cold, concussed from the force of the blast, and never heard or saw a thing for several minutes.

On meeting the families of Al and Jock at Parliament during Parade 2008 I was able to tell them from first hand experience that their husbands would not have known or felt anything. They seemed to take comfort from that.

At Ben Cat, I slowly came to in rubble on the side of the track with a slashed forehead, smashed spectacles, and worrying more about finding my portable Olivetti typewriter and camera – both located totally undamaged. It didn't cross my mind until later that fellow survivor Lance Bombardier Roy Edwards and I were particularly lucky to be alive after sitting on live 105 mm shells in the rear tray when the landmine was electronically detonated by a couple of Viet Cong, subsequently tracked down and killed. Land rover Romeo 2 was blown to pieces and only later did I appreciate the value of the Aden configuration, with lots of sandbags on the base of the tray before the shells were loaded!

While L/Bdr Edwards was uninjured and stayed at the 'front' (later to be injured by a booby

trap), I was fixed up with a field dressing and packed off to Bien Hoa Field Hospital in the same chopper carrying the bodies of Al and Jock.

They say war always has its funny side. I was laid out on a bed and covered with a dark green sheet, virtually from head to toe, with a just clear space at head level for the medic to stitch me up. Unknown to me, the Battery BK, the late Capt Murray Connor, had been sent to track me down and check my condition. He came through the tent flaps and all he could see was a body covered by a sheet with a pair of boots facing him.

"Is he dead?" a voice asked in hushed tones. "Not ready yet Murray" says I. Later that day I was driven in to Saigon to file my story of the tragedy through the Reuters office and the next day bludged a chopper lift from Ton Son Nhut back to Ben Cat to rejoin the operation for another week.

The irony of the Ben Cat experience was that I had just been cabled by the NZPA managing editor in Wellington with a message encouraging me, for my own safety, to limit my coverage to the security of 161 Battery! Until Ben Cat, the Battery had been working up at Bien Hoa and I had broadened my coverage to show what the allies were up to. This included a search-and-destroy patrol close to the Cambodian border with a US Special Forces team; flying on board the USS Independence to observe takeoffs by fight-bombers to North Vietnam; sailing on board a South Vietnamese junk on a coastal interdiction patrol; flying in a US Sky raider dive bomber to saturate a jungle clearing in the Iron Triangle; and patrols with our Battery Forward Observers with the 1 RAR and US 173rd Airborne Brigade.

The NZPA Board had expressed concern that I could be at more risk covering the allies than sticking with the Battery! As things turned out I was switched to Borneo in early October to spend a month covering the last rotation on to the border of

1 RNZIR including one long-range infantry patrol, an interdiction patrol on board HMNZS Santon, and re-supply flights by the RNZAF Transport Squadron.

Throughout all my "service" with the New Zealand artillery, infantry, air force, and navy (including Mururoa in 1973), I came to have the highest regard for the absolute professionalism and comradeship of our people. I always felt safe.....and that's probably the highest tribute.



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