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Foreword

by Lt Col D. A. Caughley, MBE, RNZAC Commandiant of The Army Schools

The publication of the Journal of the RF Cadet School is a venture which I know will have the support of everyone interested in the RF Cadets. I congratulate all concerned with the publication of the Journal and I know they have spent a great deal of their own time to produce it.

The Regular Force Cadet School is in its ninth year and well over 400 cadets have graduated into the ranks of the Regular Force. Comments I have heard from officers who have received graduates into their units all confirm the success of the Regular Force Cadet scheme. There is no doubt that the Cadet who has had the benefit of at least a year's training in the Regular Force Cadet School can become a worthy member of any unit in any Corps of the Army. The experience gained during this period of training stands the Cadet in good stead. He learns tolerance, discipline, leadership, team-spirit and self-reliance early in life, while learning also the techniques and skills of a Regular soldier.

The Regular Force Cadets have the benefit of being trained by the best officers, NCOs and instructors in the New Zealand Regular Force. They are all enthusiasts who are doing a worth-while job most ably, and I welcome this opportunity to say so. With these officers, NCOs and instructors the Regular Force Cadets reach a high standard which, I hope, they will maintain when they are posted to their units.

Finally, I want to tell those Cadets who graduate this year that your careers will be watched with great interest by all those who knew you at the RF Cadet School and I wish you all the very best of luck for the future.

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Editorial

Although the Regular Force Cadet School was established in 1948, this is the first time we have seriously undertaken the production of a School Magazine. We hope, however, that from now on, it will be an annual publication which will add to the traditions that the School is gradually building up.

In the circumstances, therefore, it is fitting that in this first number we should explain some of our aims. Firstly, we are attempting to provide a record of the activities of the School over the year—to reveal more fully to those who already know something about us exactly what we do and to introduce ourselves to those to whom we are comparatively unknown. Secondly, we hope that in this issue, Cadets who are leaving us this year will find a lasting souvenir, and that in their future service in the Army, it will give them something to look back on and revive memories of their years as Regular Force Cadets. Lastly, we anticipate that the Journal will prove a link between the School and past Cadets, and that those ex-Cadets who see it, will be reminded that the traditions which they helped to found, are still being carried on and developed.

With these aims clearly in view, we have set out to give a clear picture of the Regular Force Cadet at work and at play. Sports are an important part of Cadet life and the sporting activities of the School are therefore fully covered. But we are essentially a training organization whose object is to produce the regular NCO of tomorrow, and it is to the various aspects of training of the Cadet that the bulk of the emphasis has been given. Trade training and formal education both receive due attention and our Honours Board and the progress of our ex-Cadets recorded elsewhere in the issue, reflect the success of our efforts. In a somewhat lighter vein, the original contributions show the life of the School from a different aspect.

We should like to take advantage of this opportunity to appeal to ex-Cadets who happen to read this number. We have gone to some trouble to discover what has happened to you since you left the School but in spite of all our efforts, we have undoubtedly missed or overlooked some of you. Keep us informed of your whereabouts so that the ex-Cadets' section can be enlarged in future issues.

Finally, we must record our thanks to all those who have helped in various ways to make this publication possible.



## WAIOURU CAMP SHOWING THE ARMY SCHOOLS

## NARRATIVE OF THE MAIN EVENTS OF 1956

## Jan.:

- 16—The Army Schools reopen and all second-year Cadets return to Waiouru.
- 17—The new intake of Cadets march in to School. School roll for 1956 totals 117.
- 19—Full time basic training of intake begins at Regular Force Depot Full time trade training for second year Cadets commences at Corps Schools.

### Feb.:

22—Annual Swimming Sports held at Taihape Baths. Cadet Cpl. Vickers wins School Swimming Championship.

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- 28-Lt. A. N. Nelson and Lt. L. G. Barbour join staff of Cadet School.
- 29—Full time basic training concludes for new intake.

Mar.:

- 1—Part time education, part time basic training begins for new intake.
- 3—Five Cadets visit Wellington for District Swimming Trials.

17—Cricket Season ends. Cadet 1st XI wins Ruapehu Cricket Association Senior Championship.

30—Easter break begins.

### April:

- 2-Easter break ends.
- 13—Maj Gen Lockhart inspects School during visit to Waiouru.
- 27—Inter-Platoon Rugby Competition won by No. 3 Platoon.
- 30—Basic training of new intake ends. Full time education commences for University Entrance and School Certificate candidates. Part time trade training begins for remainder of new intake.

### May:

7-End of term dance.

10-First term break begins.

21-First term break ends.

### June:

- 1—Maj T. W. Bate relinquishes appointment as Senior Education Officer. Capt J. T. Gill assumed appointment of Senior Education Officer and promoted to Major.
- 4—Queen's Birthday break. Skiing season begins.
- 6—Visit of RNZAF Boy Entrants from Woodbourne. Cadet 1st XV defeats Boy Entrants 1st XV 3-0.
- 26—1st XV and 1st Hockey XI visit Taumarunui High School. 1st XV defeated 15-8. 1st XI defeated 2-1.

### July:

- 10—1st XV visits New Plymouth Boys' High School. Defeated 3-0.
- 16-New Cadet School Physics Laboratory opened.

- 21—Seamen Boys visit Waiouru. Cadet 2nd XV defeats Seamen Boys 1st XV 26-0.
- 29—Cadets win Ruapehu Rugby Union 10-aside Junior Knock-out Competition.

### August:

- 11—St. Stephen's College 1st XV visits Waiouru. 1st XV defeated by St. Stephen's 9-0.
- 20-End of term dance.
- 22-Visit of Careers Masters to Waiouru.
- 23-Second term break commences.

### September:

- 3—Second term break ends.
- 8—Rugby season ends. Cadet 1st XV wins Ruapehu Rugby Union Junior Championship. 2nd XV wins Third Grade Championship.

### **October:**

- 13—Cadets provide Drill and PT display for officers of Infantry Conference.
- 22—Labour Weekend break. South Island Cadets camp at Taupo.
- 29—Skiing season ends.

#### November:

- 1—Cadet School examinations for Army Education Certificate Class II begin.
- 17—Apprentices' Trade Examinations held.
- 19—School Certificate candidates begin School Certificate Examination.
- 26—University Entrance candidates begin University Entrance Examination.

## December:

- 5—Cadet School Athletic Sports.
- 7—Graduation Day. Graduation Parade and Graduation Ball. Cadet leave commences.



AFTER THE TERM BREAK

## Graduation, 1955

The 1955 Graduation Parade of the RF Cadet School was inspected by the Adjutant-General (then Quartermaster-General) Brigadier L. W. Thornton, O B E After the parade, he addressed the Company at the presentation of prizes. We append an extract from his address.

Speaking to the graduating Cadets, the Brigadier said:—

"I would urge you to do three things, and they are:—

Be a good soldier, first and foremost.

Do your best with what you have.

Be thorough.

"Today, the soldier is a citizen, and to some extent, the citizen is a soldier. The thing that distinguishes the one from the other is discipline. True military discipline is the willing submission of personal interests and inclinations for the good of the team. It has cheerfulness in it, and not surly obedience; it comes from self-discipline, from the moral courage of making yourself do things that your lazier and more careless self does not want to. In New Zealand our military discipline does not consist of heel-clicking and highly polished brass and the frequent use of the word 'Sir.' Yet, the outward signs of discipline are important, especially in peacetime. My experience is that the chap who is a bad-hat in matters of ordinary discipline is the most likely to crack when under fire, for he has no self-discipline from which to draw his strength when the going is tough. The discipline of our Army must come from inside you as a positive urge to keep the team together to do its job properly. In the Cadets, you have learned the way of military discipline; I beg you to hang on to that idea throughout your service.

"My second piece of advice is that you should do your best with whatever you have, putting forward the best effort that you can in whatever capacity you are called upon to fill. If you are to be an apprentice electrician, for example, then be the best apprentice electrician that you know how.

"Finally, be thorough. That one word "Thorough' was the personal motto of that great soldier, Lord Kitchener. It means that you should attend to the detail of your job, and turn out a workmanlike product no matter what the task may be. You can extend the idea further, and apply it to matters of opinion. In the Army, you will be required constantly to give opinions on many subjects, and you will be tempted to criticise. Before you do so, be sure of your facts, avoiding opinions based on hearsay or prejudice. Lastly, be positive in your service, your activities, enthusiasms, and if you wish, your dislikes too.

"Remember the celebrated prayer of Sir Francis Drake:

'Oh, Lord, when Thou grantest to Thy servants to endeavour any great thing, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning but the continuing of the same until it is thoroughly finished that which is the true glory.'

"If you do your best with the talents you have been blessed with, and apply your energies wholeheartedly to the Service which you have chosen then there will come a day when you will look with pride on a successful career, and say:

"'I have played the man and I have served my country well.""



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## THE NEW SCIENCE LABORATORY

It was a great day for the RF Cadet School when, in July of this year, the new Science Laboratory was handed over and occupied. For a number of years, the Cadet School has felt the need for a properly equipped science laboratory for several reasons.

Firstly, the modern Army is a scientific one, and RF Cadets, as the hard core of future RF Instructors and tradesmen, need to receive a sound basic knowledge of Physics, so essential to the modern soldier.

Secondly, many of the new entrants had only two years' Post-primary education. Some were definite officer material, and, if the necessary educational qualifications could be provided, would be possible entrants to RMC Duntroon.

Thirdly, it would increase the number of

subjects that could be offered for the University Entrance and School Certificate examinations by candidates from the Cadet School.

Lastly, it would increase the interest of the New Zealand Education Department in the RF Cadet School, and the work carried on in it.

In due course, a large classroom was selected as the site for the laboratory, plans and costing made, and finally approved at  $\pounds1,400$ . This sum was for materials alone, for all labour was supplied by the RF Cadet apprentices, who carried out the task as part of their training under the supervision of RNZE tradesmen. Carpentry, joinery and fittings, painting, plumbing and electrical wiring were all done by the Cadets a good example of the practical side to Cadet training.

The laboratory is of the most modern design, with chromium fittings, waxed benches, multi-coloured walls in pastel shades, and gas fume cupboard. Each bench is equipped with adequate cupboard space, water, gas and electric power points. The best of equipment has been supplied and further stocks are on order in England. It is hoped to have all necessary apparatus on hand by December, 1956.

Now the laboratory is functioning, RF Cadet School can provide Physics and Mechanics to University Entrance level. From 1957 onwards, Physics will be an option for the University Entrance and School Certificate Examination classes, and a compulsory subject for the General Education Groups. In addition, Mechanics, and possibly Chemistry, classes will be taken.

RF Cadet School is proud of its new laboratory, and looks forward to increased interest in the subjects that are offered.

### VISIT OF CAREERS ADVISERS

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Just prior to the second term vacation the School was visited by a group of thirtysix Careers Masters from various Postprimary schools throughout the country. Unfortunately, an accident on the Main Trunk delayed the arrival of several members of the party from the Auckland area, but in spite of this, a comprehensive tour was arranged which enabled them to get a broad picture of the activities of the School.

Following an address by the Commandant, Army Schools, and the O.C. RF Cadets, the masters visited the Cadet Barracks and then inspected the usual morning parade of the unit. Many of them took advantage of the occasion to renew acquaintance with Cadets who had previously been at their schools.

During the rest of the day the visitors were conducted through the Education Wing, Carpentry Wing and the Corps Schools where Cadets are engaged in trade training. In each school, the facilities available for the training of Cadets were on display and trainees were actually seen on the job. In the late afternoon the masters watched a PT display organized by the Physical Training Staff and the official portion of the tour was wound up with a recapitulation period in which questions arising out of what had been seen, were discussed.

This visit represents a new departure for Cadet School. We are most anxious to extend our contacts with the Post-primary Schools of New Zealand and feel that visits of this nature are one of the best methods by which this can be achieved. It is hoped that in future years similar visits will be arranged and that other Careers Advisers will take advantage of the invitation extended to see what the School has to offer.

### TAUMARUNUI TRIP

On Tuesday, 26th June, the First Fifteen and the Hockey Eleven left for their annual games with Taumarunui High School in two GMC's driven by Cpl. Brown and L/Cpl. Coe.

The scheduled time of departure was 0900 hours but it was somewhat later before the trucks finally got away. The Rugby truck, driven by Brownie, with Major Firth in the cab, led the way over the magnificent road to Taumarunui-bumps and dust were both free and plentiful. Bob followed up behind with the hockey team and after nearly ramming the truck in front several times eventually reached the Taumarunui Domain at 1200 hours-on time no less. In spite of a commando raid on a roadside shop, all were ready for the midday meal.

After a picnic lunch in the mist, the teams prepared themselves for the forthcoming assaults. In the Hockey match our team narrowly missed victory, being defeated 2-1, a big improvement on last year. The Rugby game was held up because of the non-arrival of the referee, but finally got under way with one of the High School masters filling in. Our team did not play up to expectations and lost to the better side 15-8. Some of the players complained that being 2000 feet lower than usual at Taumarunui they could not play up to standard, but there were other more obvious reasons for the schoolboys' success. The Taumarunui team is a good one this year and some of our chaps undoubtedly took them too lightly. After all, altitude made no difference at New Plymouth.

After the games the teams had afternoon tea at the new High School, but this did not quench the thirsts of the boys as well as did the Kentish Ale procured on the way home.

It was at Makatote Gorge that disaster struck. The cab of Bob's truck was suddenly filled with smoke, and upon investigation it was found that the sump was completely devoid of oil. The truck was left in the tender care of Bob and three volunteers while everybody else climbed into the first truck and arrived back in camp at 1930 hours. Here, in going through the picquet gate which Brownie must have thought was useless, the canopy of the truck very neatly did away with the barrier. But disregarding this, he must be complimented on his driving.

All in all, it was a most enjoyable trip which we hope to repeat next year.

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### DRILL AND PT DISPLAY

During the weekend of 13-14th October a refresher course for one hundred and fourteen officers of the New Zealand Division was held at Waiouru. The Cadets were selected to give a display of drill and PT to these officers to illustrate recent developments in these particular subjects.

The drill display took the form of a ceremonial parade and march past similar to that of Graduation Day. The Company gave a most impressive performance. The general steadiness of the parade and the rifle drill in particular were the subject of much favourable comment. The Cadet Band paraded and provided the music for the march past. The time was first class but it is perhaps better not to mention the subject of his baton to Drum-Major Wood. Later in the day the PT display was staged on Firth Field. The object of the demonstration was to show how this subject links in with other forms of military training in the modern army, and particularly how it helps the infantry soldier. "Training with a purpose" was the keynote with the emphasis on alertness, strength, speed, co-ordination and confidence, all qualities essential to a soldier. Both the exercises and the dress were progressive, the Cadets being divided into three groups for basic (PT kit), corps (boots, gaiters, long trousers, and jersey) and battle (battle order) training.

In the basic group, elementary exercises, quick reaction activities and relay races designed to develop mental alertness, coordination, speed and suppleness, were demonstrated.

The corps group went a stage further and carried out a more progressive type of training aimed at producing strength, confidence and agility. This included a series of exercises with logs weighing one hundred and twenty pounds, hauling, pulling, pushing, etc.

Finally, the battle group demonstrated the finished article in which all the qualities developed in the earlier training were put into action. Dressed as for battle, this group carried out competitive hauling on heavy logs, rifle exercises and confidence training over an improvised course.

The display was concluded by a demonstration of rapid dispersal from a moving vehicle by the battle group and a display of horse work, ground gymnastics and club swinging by the other two groups.

# NEW PLYMOUTH TRIP

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During July, the First Fifteen made the annual visit to New Plymouth to play the New Plymouth Boys' High School. Despite the long and tedious trip by road, the Cadets arrived in good heart, and ready to see the "bright lights" of the city. Emergency quarters were provided in the Area Hall, for the usual billets at High School were not available.

In a bright game, played on a very wet ground as curtain-raiser to the Combined Services-Taranaki game, the Cadets lost to High School 3-0. Cadets were unlucky to lose, for they dominated the game, holding a territorial advantage at all times. Time after time the Cadets gave the crowd a thrill as the backs swung the ball about. only to be held up inches from the goal line. They were unlucky not to score on a number of occasions.

After the game, the Rugby Union provided refreshments, and in the evening, Cadets were guests at a Grand Ball held by the Star Club.

Altogether, it was a successful and enjoyable trip.

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### VISIT OF RNZAF BOY ENTRANTS

This year it was our turn to entertain our counterparts from the RNZAF and a group of Boy Entrants with two officers arrived at Wajouru at noon on 5th June.

As the chief object of the visit was the annual Rugby match, the visitors were left free for the afternoon to hold a practice run. In the evening, they were entertained in the Cadet Recreation Room. It was an informal occasion and many tall stories were told of the comparative advantages of both Waiouru and Woodbourne. The champions of both sides, however, went to bed still convinced that they belonged to the better service.

The following morning, a tour of the Army Schools had been arranged and the highlight was a free ride for all on the Centurions-a never-failing favourite with visitors to Cadet School.

In the afternoon, the Rugby match between the Cadet First Fifteen and the Boy Entrants First Fifteen was played. As usual, it was a stern struggle. The teams were evenly matched in the forwards. with the Air Force probably a little bigger and faster in the backs. The Cadet forwards played a particularly solid game, however, and gradually got the better of their opponents. MacAndrew, at half back, by

judicious running from the scrum, kept the play among his forwards and the rest of the backs tackled soundly, preventing the opposition from functioning as an attacking unit. At half-time, the Cadets led 5-0, and although the Air Force scored a good try towards the end of the game it was not converted, and the Cadets secured a narrow but deserved win 5-3.

A film evening rounded off an enjoyable visit. the visitors leaving the following morning to return to Woodbourne. ng to territoria (in the second second

### SOCIAL JOTTINGS

End-of-term dances were held in May and August this year. The dance hall was ambitiously decorated by the Ball Committe and a host of willing workers, with greenery, painted murals and streamers lifting its usual mundane atmosphere to one of colourful splendour. Lt Col Caughley and many of the staff attended as guests of the Cadets.

Dancing partners came in bus-loads from surrounding districts, and the colourful dresses, together with soft lights and soft music, broke down the reserve of many a retiring Cadet. Our thanks must go to the girls and their chaperons for coming such long distances to make the dances the successes that they were.

Supper arrangements were in the capable hands of WO1 Middleton and the ASC Cadets, who provided an astonishing array of good things.

With Graduation Ball still to come, we look forward to another, even brighter, evening.

### Dancing Class

During the winter months, dancing class was held in the Cadet Recreation Room for both beginners and advanced students. Mrs. Bailey kindly gave her wealth of experience and we extend our grateful thanks to her. Because of her efforts, many a non-dancing type now moves about the floor of the Ohakune Dance Hall with absolute confidence.

## The RF Cadet Blazer

In an effort to smarten the leave dress of Cadets, a decision was made this year to procure some form of standard garment. Finally, a navy-blue blazer was decided upon. Quotations were received from many firms, and a choice made. The individual measurements of each Cadet were taken, to ensure that the garments would be of good fit and appearance.

The blazer is of navy-blue material, fulllined throughout with silk lining, with the RF Cadet badge embroidered in silver on the breast pocket. The style is a doublebreasted one, with small bronze buttons to complete the effect.

Much favourable comment has been heard about the smart appearance of Cadets in their new blazers and grey slacks. The effort and time put into the project is thus very worth while.



### **COLOUR SERGEANT POWLEY**

Cadet Colour Sergeant D. J. Powley, this year's Senior Cadet, was born at Invercargill in February, 1938. He was educated at the St. George Primary School, the Tweedsmuir Intermediate School and the Southland Technical College, where he studied Engineering for four years.

At school, he had a good leadership and sporting record. He was a House Captain, RSM of the School Cadets, a School Prefect, Captain of the Soccer XI, a Southland Junior Soccer Representative for four years, and in 1953, a member of the South Island Junior Soccer XI.

Colour Sergeant Powley joined the RF Cadets in January, 1955, and entered Waiouru Camp as a member of Shuttleworth Class. He did not elect to do School Certificate and at the end of his basic training was placed in the General Education Group. As he had been selected to become an Instructor in the Engineers, during his first year in Cadet School he attended and qualified in a Basic All Arms Instructors' Course lasting 16 weeks. In addition, he secured his Army Education Certificate Class II.

At the beginning of his second year in the School, he assisted with the basic training of the new intake of Cadets and since then has attended a series of Army courses designed to increase his efficiency as an Instructor RNZE. These include a Basic Infantry Course at the School of Infantry, Waiouru, to broaden his general army background, and a series of specialist courses at the School of Military Engineering-a Basic Field Engineers' Course, a Mine Warfare Instructors' Course, and a Demolitions Course. By passing these courses, he is eligible for one star immediately after graduating from Cadets and can gain his second star, for which he already has the necessary theoretical qualifications, as soon as he has had a further six months' experience as an instructor.

While in the School, Colour Sergeant Powley has continued his active interest in sport. In summer, he has played tennis, and in winter, Soccer. At the latter, he has represented the Cadet School, the Ruapehu Soccer Association, and the New Zealand Army. This year, he has tried his hand at Rugby also, and made a few appearances for the Cadet First Fifteen.

Colour Sergeant Powley will graduate from the School in December.

## These Were The Men

Each Cadet Class is called after a distinguished Regular Soldier, and for the benefit of this year's Cadets, we include in the Journal a brief account of the careers of the two officers in honour of whom the present classes are named.

#### Lieutenant Colonel C. Shuttleworth, DSO

Lieutenant Colonel C. Shuttleworth, who served with distinction in the New Zealand Army for over 15 years, was a graduate of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

Born in the Nelson district on 19th January, 1907, Lieutenant Colonel Shuttleworth attended Nelson College before proceeding overseas in 1926 to begin his military career. Following his graduation from Sandhurst, he was stationed for two years at Aldershot.

Returning to New Zealand in 1929, Lieutenant Colonel Shuttleworth was appointed adjutant of the Otago Mounted Rifles, and later adjutant of the Auckland Mounted Rifles. At the outbreak of war in 1939 he was Area Officer at Auckland.

On posting to the 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force, Lieutenant Colonel Shuttleworth went overseas in August, 1940, as Commanding Officer of the 24th Battalion.

It was while leading his battalion in action during the Libyan campaign in 1941 that he won the Distinguished Service Order, and was subsequently taken prisoner. The citation to the award mentions the "remarkable skill and coolness" with which he led his battalion in the operations which finally resulted in the capture of vital objectives in the Sidi Rezegh area. "His personal courage and leadership," says the citation, "was an inspiration to all his troops and was largely responsible for the magnificent achievement of the battalion he had so ably trained and led in action."

Lieutenant-Colonel Shuttleworth was captured by the enemy a few days later and was not liberated until April, 1945. He died in London the following month.

## Major-General Sir William L. H. Sinclair-Burgess, KBE, CB, CMG, DSO

Major-General Sir William L. H. Sinclair-Burgess, General Officer Commanding the New Zealand Military Forces and Chief of the General Staff from 1931 to 1937, takes his place with New Zealand's most distinguished soldiers.

Born in England on 18th February, 1880, Sir William came to New Zealand with his parents to settle. He served for nine years in the New Zealand Volunteers before joining the Permanent Force, in which he was commissioned in 1911.

Under the system of interchanging officers, he went to Tasmania in 1913 and the following year was on active service with the Australian Forces. He was awarded the DSO for distinguished service on Gallipoli, and for services in France was honoured by the Americans with the Distinguished Service Medal and by the French with the Croix d'Officer Legion d'Honneur. He was six times mentioned in despatches.

In 1918 Sir William was appointed a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George (CMG) and the following year a Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath (CB). Both these honours recognised valuable services during military operations in France and Flanders.

He was appointed Aide-de-Camp to King George V in 1928, was created Knight Bachelor in 1934, and Knight Commander of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in 1935. This was four years after his appointment as General Officer Commanding the New Zealand Military Forces.

His outstanding work in this position was recognised by the extension of his appointment for two years till 1937.

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The School learned with regret of the death in Malaya of Trooper Adrian Raymond Thomas, the first ex-Cadet to be killed on active service. He was serving with the SAS Squadron.

Trooper Thomas was twenty-two years of age. He joined the Cadets in 1951 as a member of Greville Class and graduated to RNZ Signals. In the School he is remembered as a likeable comrade and an outstanding sportsman. He played for both the First Fifteen and the First Cricket Eleven and also took an active part in Cadet athletics, where he left his mark as a sprinter.

After service with Signals, Trooper Thomas transferred to the SAS and left for Malaya last year. We publish the following extract from a letter of the Squadron Commander describing the action in which he received the wounds from which he later died.

"On 2nd May Thomas was leading scout of a patrol which was tracking a group of Communist terrorists. They got quite close and heard the sounds of mess tins rattling. The patrol set out to investigate.

"Thomas came to a stream and as he was crossing it on a log a terrorist dodged from behind a tree and shot him. He fell into the river and was rescued seriously wounded by his patrol mates as the terrorists fled. He was carried to a landing zone and a helicopter was called by radio, but Thomas died before it could reach him.

"Trooper Thomas was a first-class leading scout and a good all-round soldier. He played for our Squadron Rugby team and was our star."

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### The School of Signals

The School of Signals trains all RF Cadets who will graduate to RNZ Sigs. The chief trades with which it is concerned are wireless operators, linemen, and radio and telegraph mechanics.

At the moment all Cadets at Sigs. School are training either as radio mechanics or as telecommunications mechanics. On the completion of their five-year apprenticeship they are eligible to sit the examinations for registration as radio servicemen and the training they receive at the School and later in other Signals units is equal to, if not better than, that obtained in civilian life.

The trade of radio mechanic progresses through the various star classifications to a maximum of four stars. Cadets are normally held at the School until they have reached a two star standard and are then posted to District Signal Troops in the main centres to gain practice in their trade. They return to the School at frequent intervals to attend further courses, both to improve their knowledge of the various equipments and to improve their star grading. It is possible for a radio mechanic to attain the maximum grading of four stars in four years from the commencement of his training.

At the moment, eight Cadets are receiving either full time or part time training in the School. Three more are doing full time education for School Certificate or University Entrance and will take up their apprenticeships at the beginning of next year, when they will go on to full time training.

Training in the School is divided into three main sections for the radio or telecommunications mechanic. The first of these is Workshop Practice, which teaches the trainee the use of various tools used in his trade. Such things as soldering, fitting and turning, and welding are included. Workshop Practice is divided into three two-week courses, one of which is passed for each star up to the third. The second section is Trade Theory and Practice. As well as electrical and radio theory, this covers at the one star level, map reading, construction of simple equipments, the use of simple testing apparatus and experiments. For extra stars, more advanced courses in radio theory deal with subjects like frequency modulation, design and siting of aerials, VHF, and high power transmitters. At the two star level the apprentice much pass a servicing procedure course designed to teach him the use of all test instruments used in the Army.

The final section involves courses on special Army telecommunications equipment. Most of these take one week each. They teach layout, operation, repair and alignment of the particular equipment building on the principles learnt on earlier theory and practice courses.

It can be seen that a large field is covered in these courses. An Army trained radio mechanic should have no difficulty in obtaining a Certificate in Radio Technology after he has reached a three star grading. But the trade is not an easy one, and considerable aptitude and interest must be shown by trainees if they are to succeed.

Communications in the Army use a large proportion of the techniques developed by civilian telecommunications organizations. although they must work under conditions far different from those in civilian practice. No civilian radio set is expected to operate after being immersed in water or dropped by parachute. But Army sets must undergo far rougher treatment than this. The man who keeps them working is the radio mechanic. Frequently, he will be the only person in the unit with enough knowledge to repair a faulty equipment, and the success or failure of the whole operation may well depend on his skill. It is a responsible job, a hard job, a tiring job, but, above all, it is a job which demands the maximum in knowledge and skill if communications are to be "swift and sure."

### THE RNZASC SCHOOL

Cadets have received training in all the main Wings of ASC School.

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In the Driving and Maintenance Wing, training has been divided into two main classes, a small class of First-year Cadets and a larger class of Second-years. The First-year Cadets were employed on basic corps subjects and on driving instruction. The Second-years were divided into three groups, consisting of those Cadets wishing to remain as Drivers, those training as Instructors, and those who missed their initial driving and maintenance training in their first year because of scholastic studies.

The First-year students were given driving instruction and vehicle servicing each afternoon for the first half-year. They were then passed on to the S & T Wing for a grounding in basic corps subjects.

The Second-year Cadets began their training by attending the One-star, Class IV, Drivers' Course. Of the seven who attended the course, which includes convoy and crosscountry driving, simple servicing and fault finding, all gained a pass with Cadet Bigg-Wither gaining a First Class qualification.

At the conclusion of this course, the Cadets who were to become instructors left the School to attend a Basic All Arms Instructors' Course at the Regular Force Depot. During their absence, the remaining two were attached to a RF Driver Class II Course. This is similar to the Class IV Course but is much more detailed and includes such additional subjects as motorcycle training, difficult cross-country driving, vehicle recovery, and an attachment to MT Workshops helping a qualified mechanic. Both Cadets were successful, Cadet Bigg-Wither becoming the first Cadet to gain a Q 1 on this type of course. Cadet Aitken also gained distinction with his prowess on a motor-cycle, when on a certain convoy, having lost control of his machine, he succeeded in riding under a timber truck and roaring right through a barn before regaining control. To add to their basic background, the same two Cadets were also attached to Storekeepers' and Butchers' Courses, on both of which they qualified.

Meanwhile the Cadets returning from RF Depot were attached to another Class II Drivers' Course. Three qualified and others were prevented from doing so only because they were not old enough to secure a heavy traffic licence, one of the essentials of the course.

One student of the School, L Cpl. Brown, has now obtained all the qualifications necessary to qualify for three stars when he leaves the Cadets.

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D & M INSTRUCTION, RNZASC SCHOOL



PRACTICAL WORK IN RNZEME SCHOOL



TRADE THEORY LECTURE, RNZEME SCHOOL

### THE RNZEME SCHOOL

This School is responsible for the training of those Cadets who will be apprenticed in the mechanical, and some of the electrical trades of the Army—Vehicle Mechanics, Auto-Electricians, Fitters and Turners, Armourers, Panel Beaters, Welders and Telecommunications Specialists. The School is recognised by the Trade Certification Board as an Apprentice Training School and its instruction leads to the First Qualifying Examination of the Board.

Although the Cadet specialises in his chosen trade he also receives training in other subjects sufficient to give him a working knowledge. Thus a fitter and turner is taught basic welding and sheet metal work. An armourer is taught fitting, turning and welding, etc.

In his first term of technical training, every EME RF Cadet gets practice in the use of hand tools, filing, chipping and drilling. A short course of elementary soldering is interposed, to give young muscles and limbs a respite from the continuous motion encountered in filing. At the commencement of the second term, the apprentices are moved to their appropriate trade departments and continue their basic practice. The syllabus of each trade is progressive term by term.

Depending on his trade, the Cadet will spend varying periods in each of the three Wings into which the School is divided.

In the Motor Engineering Wing he receives instruction in the basic elements of Motor Engineering. He obtains a basic knowledge of engines, brakes, steering and suspension and then applies the theory to practice on the models in the shop. The Wing has recently acquired a Land Rover chassis and engine for instructional purposes. Towards the end of his training in the Wing, the apprentice goes to the reconditioning department, where a vehicle requiring a complete overhaul is made available for him to carry out all the necessary repairs.

In the Electrical and Carburation Wing the student is taught the theory and practice of these subjects and has at hand the latest devices to help him. At the moment a Crypton Analyser is on order for use in the Wing. Eight static motors are provided to enable faults to be set up and then located and repaired by the Cadet. A large assortment of motors, generators, and carburettors are kept and the student can build his own simple electrical machines. A battery charger enables him to study the problems of charging in a practical way.

The Mechanical Engineering Wing teaches skill in the basic tools used by all EME tradesmen. Fitting and Turning are the main trades taught and the Cadet has, apart from general hand tools, a variety of lathes. drills, grinders and mechanical saws to learn about. Each student is allotted a vice, bench, and set of tools which are his responsibility. Special tools like stocks and dies, reamers, micrometers and other pieces of equipment which tradesmen have to be familiar with are available on loan. Each Cadet makes a number of test pieces designed to test his progress. He is taught metalling, and works in a variety of metals with the emphasis on close tolerances.

At the moment the following numbers of Cadets are receiving instruction in the School:—

Motor Mechanics	 	14
Auto Electricians		4
Armourers	 * 	3
Fitters and Turners		5
Panel Beaters	 	1
Telecom. Mechanics		2
Total	 	29

No Cadet has ever failed a Qualifying Examination after training at EME School and the School looks to this year's Cadets to keep up this enviable record.



## RNZE TRAINING WING

More familiarly known as "Carpentry Wing," this section of the Cadet School trains those Cadets who will be apprenticed to the various building and construction trades — carpenters, joiners, plumbers, painters, and electricians. It works in close association with the local Troop of the Central Military District Construction Squadron, which contains many of the specialist tradesmen needed to train the Apprentices. Both the Wing and the Troop have the same officer-in-charge.

As well as teaching the care and use of tools and the basic principles of carpentry and joinery, the Wing also gives instruction in Trade Mathematics, Technical Drawing and Craft Technology. The aim of the instruction is not only to produce competent tradesmen but also to prepare apprentices for the Trade Certificate Examination and the Woodwork section of the School Certificate. To date, the Wing has had a good measure of success with examinations and it is hoped to continue this in the future and also to add to plant in the workshop and undertake, even more than in the past, a large share in the general construction work in the camp as trade training exercises.

Most Cadet Apprentices spend two years in the Wing. During their first year, in which only part of their time is devoted to trade training, they spend a great deal of time in the workshop at trade lectures, Technical Drawing and such indoor exercises as the construction of saw horses, step ladders and tool boxes. In the latter part of the year, some outside constructional activity is undertaken, frequently the construction or renovation of garages in the Housing Area.

In the second year, which is devoted entirely to trade, the Apprentices undertake

a more ambitious programme designed to lead to the First Qualifying Examination. Once again lectures are given, but more time is devoted to large-scale outdoor projects. Many units in camp have benefited from the work undertaken by the Cadets as trade training projects. This year some of the main jobs have been the construction of shower rooms in the Satellite Camps. garages in the Housing Area, and the interior fittings of the Cadet Laboratory. At the moment, the major projects on hand is the conversion of the old Block Two Mess into a Recreation Room for Cadets. Working under the supervision of RNZE tradesmen the Cadet apprentices are responsible not only for the structural alterations but also for the joinery, bricklaying, electrical work and plumbing. Incidentally, for the benefit of amateur critics, the bricks in the main entrance ARE correctly laid.

At the moment, the Wing is training nine First-year apprentices, including two who will be sitting School Certificate, and nine Second-years.

### EDUCATION WING NOTES

Nineteen fifty-six has been a year of changes in Education Wing—both in staff and in curriculum.

At the end of 1955, Captain R. E. Greaves left the Wing to take up an appointment at Huntly College and his place as Head of the Mathematics Department was taken by Lieutenant A. W. Nelson, who came from the staff of Gisborne High School. Another mathematics instructor, Lieutenant L. G. Barbour, a new arrival from Scotland, also joined the Wing at the beginning of the year. In May, Major T. W. Bate resigned to return to the teaching service and was succeeded as Senior Education Officer by Major J. T. Gill, with Captain T. McLennan becoming Second-in-Command. We would like to welcome the new staff members and wish best of luck to the "veterans" who are returning to the teaching profession.

Educationally, the big event of the year was the opening of the new Physics Laboratory. After a series of delays, the Wing now possesses a modern, well-equipped



laboratory and is able to give a much fuller course of instruction to all Cadets as well as allowing a much wider choice of subjects to candidates for School Certificate and University Entrance.

This year, no Cadets are attempting Stage I University subjects and the University Entrance class of two is considerably smaller than that of 1955 because several Cadets who have already gained their School Certificate have chosen to concentrate on fulltime trade rather than improve their academic qualifications. The School Certificate class, originally fifteen strong, has been reduced to eleven candidates who will now sit the final examinations in November. Because of the wider facilities available in the Wing, less use has been made this year of the Correspondence School, although two School Certificate candidates are taking subjects through it, and one Cadet is receiving private tuition in German from a resident of the Housing Area.

The General Education Group this year contains a great variety of trades and an attempt has been made to provide a broad curriculum which will be of use to Cadets in their Army careers at a later date. Next year, in addition to English, Physics, Mathematics and Current Affairs, it is hoped to include some instruction in Bookkeeping and Commercial Practice. These subjects should be of particular value to clerks, storemen, instructors and ASC tradesmen.

The Apprentice Group this year has been composed solely of building and mechanical trades. It has concentrated on Mathematics, English, Mechanics and Technical Drawing. A new departure this year has been the division of the Technical Drawing classes to allow greater specialisation according to trades.

Our library, which now contains some three thousand five hundred volumes, has been reorganised in the course of the year. In particular a new lending section of about five hundred books, both fiction and nonfiction, has been added. About half of these, which are on loan from the Country Library Service and from Army sources, are changed at frequent intervals, while the remainder

are our own permanent stock. The object is to provide a supply of specially selected books for directed reading better suited to the needs of those Cadets who are sitting outside examinations. In addition, the Library now has its own inter-loan service, making available to Cadets the facilities of all the other libraries in New Zealand. This should prove of immense value in the future and our librarian, Lieutenant Skilton, anticipates a greatly increased demand as the full possibilities of the service are realised.

Unfortunately, the results of this year's examinations will not be available in time for publication, but elsewhere in this issue is a list of examination successes at the end of 1955. To those whose names appear, the staff of Education Wing offer their heartiest congratulations, while to those who are now anxiously awaiting the verdict on this year's efforts, they wish the best of luck. The latter may take some consolation from the following thought of an eighteenth century writer on this subject:

"Examinations are formidable even for the best prepared, for the greatest fool may ask more than the wisest man may answer."—(C. C. Colton, 1780-1832.)

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## RUGBY

At the beginning of the season four teams were entered in the local competitions of the Ruapehu Rugby Sub-union, two in the Junior Grade, which is an open competition, and two in the Third Grade, which has a weight and age restriction. Unfortunately, because of injuries, one Junior team had to be withdrawn at the end of the first round and the season was completed with only three teams. The First Fifteen once again won the Junior Competition, playing through without a defeat, and the Second Fifteen was bracketed with its traditional rivals, Ruapehu College, as winners of the Third Grade.

## First Fifteen

The following played regularly for the First Fifteen this year: R. Moetara, F. R. Flavell, S. F. Noon, P. P. Reihana, E. H. Brown, B. G. Hooper, W. A. Kearney, P. T. McAndrew (Captain), G. D. Rutherford, G. E. Vickers, D. Ruha, A. C. Raxworthy (Vice-captain), L. D. Marshall, J. D. Collinson, W. R. Brock, M. McR. Jameson, J. Morgan, I. A. Reid, P. T. Heke.

The team started the season with only four members of last year's undefeated champion team, but reinforced by members of last year's seconds and several valuable recruits from the new intake, it once again had a very successful year, winning the Junior Championship for the third successive occasion. Team play, however, suffered from lack of practice in the middle part of the season, when bad weather made grounds almost unplayable for some weeks and on the whole, the team did not reach the all-round standard of which it was capable. This was reflected in the results when we came to play our outside games later in the season.

The forwards developed into a formidable pack whose fitness enabled them particularly in the second half, to subdue heavier teams, but the backs failed to live up to their early promise. This was due partly to lack of real pace in the five-eighths, but even more to bad handling, which on many occasions led to lost tries. Most of the backs will have to learn to keep their eye on the ball rather than watch an opponent coming in for the tackle. A pleasing feature of the back play was the high standard of tackling in almost all games. In this direction Flavell was outstanding.

Cadet Sergeant McAndrew, at half-back, proved a sound tactician and a reliable captain, while Cadet Cpl. Raxworthy led the forwards consistently well. Cadet Flavell, on the wing, and Cadet Moetara, at fullback, were the pick of the rest of the backs. Cadets Marshall, Vickers and Rutherford played soundly in the forwards. McAndrew, Flavell, Moetara and Raxworthy all won representative selection.

In our outside games, the team once again visited New Plymouth, but this year lost to High School 3-0. It was also defeated 15-11 by Taumarunui High School and 9-0 by St. Stephen's, but defeated its traditional rivals, the Air Force Boy Entrants First Fifteen, 3-0.

### Second Fifteen

This team was entered in the Third Grade. On the whole the season was a successful one. Out of all games played only two were lost and two were drawn. Early in the season, it became apparent that our strength lay in the forwards and that our backs would require much practice and match experience before they became an efficient try-scoring machine. Except for one or two games against weak opposition, they did not develop into the first-class combination we had hoped for. The greatest weakness was in the five-eighths position. During a critical match against the Ruapehu First Fifteen, Schollum, one of our best forwards, was moved out to this position, and this change was an immediate success. We won this match 13-11, thanks to Schollum's defensive play, and to the fine kicking of Rout. Schollum played in the

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FRONT ROW (L. to R.): Reid, I. A.; Moetara, R.; L./Cpl. Marshall, L. D.; Sgt. McAndrew, P. T. (Capt.); BACK ROW (L. to R.): L./Cpl. Noon, S. F.; Reihana, P. P.; Flavell, F. R.; Collinson, J. D.; L./Cpl. Coe, R. Ρ. W. R.; Heke, P. T.; Ngawaka, T. Ruha, D.; L./Cpl. Brock,

ABSENT: L./Cpl. Jameson, M. McR.

(Coach); L./Cpl. Brown, E. H.; L./Cpl. Vickers, G. E.; Kearney, W. A.; L/Cpl. Hooper, B. G.

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first five-eighths position for the rest of the season.

Early in the season we lost to the Ruapehu College B team and it was the loss of this game which robbed us of a clear-cut win in the local championship. We share honours this year with the Ruapehu College First Fitfeen, with whom we had some hard struggles during the season. The resulas of the three games with them were:—

First game, 3-3.

Second game, 13-11 (in our favour).

Third game, 6-6 (saved on time by a beautiful kick by Rout).

Two non-competition games against Taihape District High School were enjoyed by everyone. Our team was considerably heavier and more experienced than the Taihape team, but they fought hard all the way. The results were 11-8 and 11-6, both in our favour. We look forward to meeting this team again next year.

A match against the Seamen Boys First Fifteen was won 26-0.

The full record of the year's matches is as follows:—

Games played, 14; won, 11; drawn, 2; lost, 2. Points for, 212; against, 55.

During the course of the season G. Keown, J. Morgan, N. G. Calder, G. P. Schollum, S. F. Noon, W. J. Grassick, B. J. Pumphry, and P. Williams were selected for the Third Grade representatives.

Members of the team were: G. Keown (Captain), J. K. Morgan, S. F. Noon, G. P. Schollum, P. Williams, B. J. Pumphry, W. J. Grassick, R. M. Peebles, J. B. Rout, D. A. Waugh, C. W. Mitchell, L. J. Ormsby, J. A. Blacklock, N. F. Woodmass, R. Ballance, E. D. Kettle, I. M. Shilton, N. G. Calder.

The team was coached by Lieutenant N. Skilton and WO II R. Kiddie.

### Third Fifteen

The chief problem facing this team was lack of combination as the result of a rapidly changing membership. The hard core of about six or eight regular players was assisted by a large number of others who were most spasmodic both in training and attendance at matches. Towards the end of the season, when the Junior "B's" were disbanded, the situation improved a little, but in general, teamwork was notable for its absence.

Things looked black at the beginning of of the season when High School "A" apparently not realising that the cricket season had finished, ran up a 40-0 score in the opening game. But better things followed and after more losses by lesser margins, wins were recorded against High School "B" and Ohakune.

The regulars deserve credit for keeping the team together so that those who wished could get a run on a Saturday, and Lieutenant Barbour and Corporal Slater worked hard at a difficult task trying to coach a team with such changing membership.

During the season, nine games were played for two wins and seven losses.

### HOCKEY

The 1956 Hockey season has now closed leaving many pleasant memories of hard, clean hockey with the RF Cadet Hockey Eleven. The season started off rather badly but after a short time we settled down to serious hockey and became a constant threat to the leaders of the local competition, in which there were five teams—Navy, Army, Cadets, Pakeha and Ramblers.

Most of the games were played in Taihape, although five were played on our home ground. Army finally finished first in the competition with Cadets second, eight points behind the leaders. We were justly proud of our position, for the competition was one of Senior status.

Together with the local games, we had three most enjoyable games played away. The first was at Taumarunui, where, after an extremely hard game, we were defeated 2-1. The second was the "Five-a-side" tournament at Wanganui, where the "A" team lost two matches and won one, while the "B" team lost all three matches. The third game away was at Taihape, where we entered in the "Five-a-side" tournament, winning two matches and narrowly losing a third.

The regular players were: C. Cooper (Captain), P. Burrell, B. Duncan, I. Caskey, P. Drader, R. Hayward, R. Hayes, M. Whitlock, J. Peden, A. MacQuibban, R. Kingsley-Smith. The team was composed mainly of Shuttleworth Class, who were the mainstays of the team.

Thanks must go to Lieutenant Gatfield, who helped us a great deal, as coach and adviser. Cadet Cooper performed extremely well as Captain, while Cadet Burrell ably fulfilled his duties as Secretary.

The team has been thinking seriously of playing hockey throughout the summer months, and it seems likely that this plan will be carried out. By the winter months, then, we should be really fit, and so raise the standard of our play even higher.

### SOCCER

The team, as has been the case in the past, started out full of high hopes. But as the competition started to lag, several members dropped out and changed over to what Soccer players call "the queer game." In spite of this setback, the team members continued to do some hard practice and amazed everybody by nearly beating the Camp team on two occasions.

The clashes with the Camp team were most interesting and instructive, as this team is more experienced and has the ability to exploit its opportunities more readily. The results of these matches were:—

Camp 4, Cadet 3.

Camp 3, Cadet 1.

Two of the team were selected to play in the inter-District trials, but owing to certain rules, they were not allowed to play in the selected team. These two players, Sergeant Woodmass and Lance-Corporal Earsman, were regarded as certainties for the Army team. They proved their worth in a practice game against the Army team after the inter-District competition. Several games with the 21st intake of CMT proved a great success, the games being played in the best of spirit. Many thanks to the staff of the Support Company and the Training Battery for organising these games.

I think at this stage mention must be made of the grand work done by WO I Page in organising our practices and keeping the team together when prospective games were not in the offing. His work was greatly appreciated and the team wishes to thank him and hopes that next year he will have a squad of players that will do its best to keep up the tradition of sportsmanship and keenness already present in the School.

### BASKETBALL

The Basketball season this year started with a bang with the organization of competition in the Camp Cinema and two Cadet teams were entered. Both have played consistently well and achieved very good results in view of the fact that they were often playing against older and more experienced opponents.

### The Cadet "A" Team

The team was Lance-Corporal Rout, Cadets Ellis, Earsman, Marshall and Reihana, assisted by player-coach Corporal Blomfield.

With Marshall and Earsman as guards and Rout. Blomfield and Ellis the forwards. a winning combination was built up. The best games of the season were against Cadet "B" and IDLZ. These games were the source of much amusement for the spectators, especially the clashes between the two cadet sides. The "A" team had one loss to the "B's," but in the next game got its revenge in an evenly-contested match. 14-11. Against IDLZ the "A" team always played good basketball. The outstanding players during the season were Earsman, Rout and Ellis. It is a pity that next season this combination will not be together again, as with the experience they gained in the past season they would be a hard team to beat.

## Basketball "A" Team



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BACK ROW (L. to R.): Reihana, P. P.; L./Cpl. Morgan, J.; Cpl. Blomfield, R.; L./Cpl. Earsman, J. B.

FRONT ROW. (L. to R.): L.Cpl. Marshall, L. D.; L./Cpl. Rout, J. B.; Ellis, T. C.

### The Cadet "B" Team

At the beginning of the season this team had all inexperienced players, but as the season wore on, they learned many valuable lessons. The outstanding players were Coe playing at centre, Jackson at left shoot and Kearney and Keown at guard. Jackson's shooting at the basket amazed everyone, including himself, at times.

The team's best games were against RF Depot, Cadets "A" and Rangers. Against RF Depot, a much more experienced team, the "B's," although beaten, were never far behind. When they came up against Rangers it was always a hotly contested game and honours were even at the end of the season. In the final count up of points it was found that Cadet "B" had taken first place in the Second Division and thus won the Somerville Cup. It is up to next year's teams to make sure that we hold it and maintain the reputation that the Cadets have won in their first real season in competitive basketball.

### CRICKET

At the time of writing we are about to commence the 1956-57 season.

During the 1955-56 season the Cadets fielded one team and were successful in winning the Competition, the McIntosh Shield and the Ruapehu Cricket Association Cup. Only one game was lost and this was partly explained by the graduation of seven members of the original team in December, 1955. This necessitated a considerable amount of team building at the beginning of the second half of the season.

The side's greatest asset lay in the batting strength. Every member made at some time what could be called a match-winning contribution. Naturally, there were some whose batting was more consistent than others and those deserving particular mention were Caskey, Waugh, Tutara and Sowter.

The bowling, however, was rather weak for the team lacked two really accurate and hostile openers and there was little variation in the attack from the medium-paced swing bowlers. Sowter performed well as a slow right-hand bowler and there was one outstanding performance from Blyth, who, opening the bowling against High School, carried on through the innings to take all ten wickets for seventeen runs. This is surely an effort that takes some equalling in any grade of cricket.

The bowling deficiency was more than made up for, however, by keen fielding. Few catches were dropped and this usually enabled the bowlers to dismiss the opposition for a reasonable total well within the scope of our batsmen.

### SOFTBALL

The 1955-56 season saw a mixed team of Young and Shuttleworth Classes playing in a very unstable competition. The only other teams playing regularly were a Camp team and a scratch team from Raetihi. Nevertheless, some very interesting games were played. The most exciting was our clash with the Camp team. This game was very close and the Cadets had a merited win against a far more experienced team. The pitching of Rus and the catching of Kina had the Cadets in trouble, but heartened by the pitching of their own pitcher, Eddie Lloyd, they rallied and scraped home, 21-19.

The 1956-57 season has started and a local competition consisting of five teams has begun. At an opening day tournament conducted on the 6th October two Cadet teams entered and much to the embarrassment of the A team, the tournament was won by the B team. Congratulations to the "B's" on a really fine effort.

The two teams are being coached by Sergeant Robson and Corporal Blomfield, and their work is greatly appreciated by all players. The penalty system started by Sergeant Robson has proved a great success and the teams hope that the funds will be used to the best advantage.

Many thanks to Sergeant McMurtrie for the assistance she has given the Cadets in regard to gear and general interest. Two of the Cadets, Lance-Corporal Earsman and Cadet Ellis, are executive members of the Waimarino Softball Association and they are responsible for arranging games and seeing that they are controlled properly. Lance-Corporal Earsman also acts as an umpire.

There are a few promising players among the Sinclair-Burgess Class, and next year should see the Cadet teams among the leaders once more.

## SKIING NOTES

Mountaineering and skiing have been very popular with the Cadets this year.

During the first term, several visits were made to the mountain but unfortunately, most of them were dogged by bad weather. Only on one occasion was it clear enough to see the summit. In spite of this, several hardy climbers managed to touch real ice and snow much earlier in the year than their less energetic comrades, who preferred the extra time in bed, to the early rising which the trip from Camp necessitates.

Bad weather continued to make conditions impossible for skiing till long after the usual opening date of the season—Queen's Birthday weekend. It was well into July before snow conditions were suitable, but from then on, several Sunday trips were organized, and particularly in September, when the weather was extremely good, some most enjoyable outings were held. Snow ploughs gradually became more proficient and by the end of the month a few of the more daring spirits like Costello and Fenwick were tackling the "T Bar" Tow as well as the Chair Lifts. With a little more practice, several of the keener skiers will be on the beginnings of "Christies," which are the mark of the real expert.

This year again, Cadets have been fortunate in having their own equipment, but each year breakages are reducing the number of pairs of skis available. Before long now some serious thought will have to be given to the problem of replacements. In this connection, the practice of using skis as toboggans is not very considerate. It is not a particularly difficult task to build a toboggan in the hobby hut if you prefer tobogganing, thus leaving the skis for those who are keen enough to improve their standard in an increasingly popular sport. With the proposed Army Alpine hut on the mountain now definitely approved, skiing seems assured of even greater support in the future with the possibility of weekends. rather than day trips, as an added attraction.



And then he said "One pace forward march those who want to go 'Sheing'," and I end up in this blooming lot!!

## Annual Swimming Sports

The Annual Swimming Sports were held at the Taihape Baths on 22nd February. Unfortunately, the weather was unkind, for the day was chilly with a cold breeze. These conditions were not favourable to record-breaking times and in many of the final events of the day large numbers of scratchings were received. However, a pleasant day was had, with Lance-Corporal Vickers receiving the Championship.

## Results:-

### 33 1/3 yds. Freestyle:

1st Willis, 2nd Ellis, 3rd Gunn. Time, 18 2/5sec.

#### 33 1/3 yds. Backstroke:

1st Vickers, 2nd Hoffman, 3rd Stewart. Time, 24sec.

#### 33 1/3 yds. Breaststroke:

1st Jameson, 2nd Bray, 3rd Vickers. Time, 24sec.

#### Underwater Swim:

1st Grassick, 2nd Smith, 3rd Willis.

#### 50 yds. Freestyle:

1st Willis, 2nd Reihana, 3rd Stewart. Time, 30 4/5sec.

### 50 yds. Backstroke:

1st Vickers, 2nd Stewart, 3rd Waugh. Time, 41 1/5sec.

### 50 yds. Breaststroke:

1st Bray, 2nd Jameson, 3rd Vickers. Time, 39 3/5sec.

### Diving:

1st Ellis, 2nd Marshall, 3rd Vickers.

### Penny Scramble:

1st Roberts, 2nd Reihana, 3rd Harvey. Number of pennies, 7.

### 100 yds. Freestyle:

1st Willis, 2nd Vickers, 3rd Slocombe. Time, 1min. 10sec.

### 100 yds. Backstroke:

1st Eliis, 2nd Cross, 3rd Waugh. Time, 1min. 42sec.

### 100 yds. Breaststroke:

1st Jameson, 2nd Vickers. Time, 1min. 39sec.

#### 100 yds. Medley:

1st Vickers, 2nd Slocombe, 3rd Lynch. Time, 1min. 37sec.

#### **Plunge Final:**

1st Peden, 2nd Roberts, 3rd Gunn. Distance, 35ft.

### 220 yds. Freestyle:

1st Grassick, 2nd Cross, 3rd Vickers. Time, 3mins. 52 3/5sec.

## Inter-Class Relay (8-man team): 1st Sinclair-Burgess. Time, 2mins. 50sec.

## Inter-Platoon Relay:

1st 4 Platoon, 2nd 2 Platoon, 3rd 1 Platoon. Time, 2min. 18 4/5sec.

'Twixt optimist and pessimist The difference is droll; The optimist sees the doughnut, The pessimist the hole.

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McL. Wilson (Optimist).

The art of reading is to skip judiciously.— P. J. Hamemrton (The Intellectual Life).

## Athletic Sports

The Cadet Athletic Sports are held at the beginning of December each year. As the Journal goes to print before the sports are held, we will be compelled to publish the results from the previous year. In this issue we therefore publish the results of the 1955 events.

We were fortunate in choosing a good day for the meeting and four records were broken. Congratulations go to Cadet Smyth, who broke no less than three—440 yds., 880 yds., and One Mile— and Cadet Hooper, who increased the figure for the Javelin by seventeen feet, an outstanding effort.

Cadet Lance-Corporal Niall won the Athletic Championship for 1955 after an exciting tussle with Cadet Smyth, in which the issue was in doubt till the very last event.

Detailed results are as follows:-

100 yds. (Record 10 1/5sec., Cadet Grant, 1949, Cadet Nathan, 1953):

1st Niall, 2nd Ward, 3rd Tutara. Time, 11sec.

220 yds. (Record 23 2/5sec., Cadet Sinclair, 1949):

1st Smyth, 2nd Ward, 3rd Earsman. Time, 28sec.

440 yds. (Record, 56 3/5sec., Cadet Clifford, 1951):

1st Smyth, 2nd Woodmass, 3rd Reid. Time 55 3/5sec.—a record.

880 yds. (Record 2min. 18sec., Cadet Murphy, 1949, Cadet Tuck, 1953):

1st Smyth, 2nd Raumati, 3rd Burgess. Time, 2min. 11sec.—a record.

One Mile (Record 5min. 9 3/5sec., Cadet Bruce, 1949):

1st Smyth, 2nd Blyth, 3rd Russell. Time, 4min. 58sec.—a record. Javelin (Record 104ft  $6_4^3$ in., Cadet Anderson, 1954):

1st Hooper, 2nd Niall, 3rd Earsman. Distance, 121ft 9in.—a record.

- Shot Put (Record 37ft.  $2\frac{3}{4}$ in., Cadet Robertson, 1954):
- 1st Niall, 2nd Raumati, 3rd Foster. Distance 36ft. 10in.
- Discus (Record 107ft 5in., Cadet Robertson, 1954):

1st Niall, 2nd Raumati, 3rd Rhodda. Distance 95ft. 3in.

Long Jump (Record 20ft 0in., Cadet Murphy, 1949):

1st Niall, 2nd Don, 3rd Earsman. Distance 18ft. 6in.

High Jump (Record 5ft 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>in., Cadet Robertson, 1954):

1st Marshall, 2nd Don, 3rd Earsman. Height, 5ft 0in.

Hop, Step and Jump (Record 41ft. 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>in., Cadet Robertson, 1954):

1st Don, 2nd Niall, 3rd Earsman. Distance, 39ft. 10in.

### Inter-Platoon Relay, 4 x 110 yds:

1st No. 2 Platoon, 2nd No. 3 Platoon, 3rd No. 4 Platoon. Time, 49 4/5sec.

### Inter-Barrack Medley Relay:

1st Olympus, 2nd Platomon. Time, 4min. 15 2/5sec.

### Inter-Class Relay, 4 x 220 yds.:

1st Shuttleworth, 2nd Young. Time, 1min. 40 4/5sec.

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## Original Contributions

### COMPOSED ON A MONDAY MORN

(With apologies to William Wordsworth.)

Waiouru has not anything to show less fair Queer would he be of mind who would abide at

A place so revolting in its atmosphere; This school now, doth like a zoo abound With noisy Cadets and Teachers in a swound Books, rulers, pens, ink and pencils lie Under the wrathful glare of master's eye. As strident voices fill the languid air Never did the students more long for sleep Than on a Monday morning, with the week ahead.

Ne'er saw I, never gazed upon a drowsier crowd,

They sit in silence and dream of bed:

Only the mighty teacher talks aloud

And every pupil yawns and rests his weary head.

F.C.N.

### ON GETTING UP ON COLD MORNINGS

The persistent and annoying clang! clang! clang! of the steam pipes as they warmed up, served as a first line alarm clock for us during the winter months. The deafening clanging and cracking accentuated by the otherwise dead silence of the barracks was impossible to stifle despite the number of blankets one immediately pulled over one's head. Unlike most alarm clocks, it could not be shut off, even by leaning over and giving it a hearty clout! Oh no! nothing quite as simple as that. Instead, one just lay there hoping that some other poor mug would be driven to distraction first. Finally, when someone could stand it no longer, he would gingerly slip out of bed, taking care not to let any warmth escape, grope round beside the bed for a pair of socks-which weren't there-stagger across to the door, muttering to himself about deaf sergeants, and slip quietly into the accursed sergeant's cube, and turn the valve off. Blessed silence at last!! As one man, everybody's head emerged from hibernation under the bedclothes, and within a few minutes the sound of deep breathing announced that at least one "never say die" type was trying to catch forty winks before reveille started in earnest. Ha!! Ha!! thirty minutes was the maximum, and then all hell was let loose.

I often used to lie there and picture in my mind's eye exactly how this happened. Fifty yards away, in the Fire Station. I could see some monstrous alarm clock doing its duty on some sapper's lowboy; then this same ogre would don a pair of ear mufflers. stretch out a great hairy arm and press that hated button (no doubt located within easy reach of his bed). Words cannot describe the piercing, screaming wail that was emitted from the fiendish red box on the top of the roof. The united efforts of a hundred iet engines could not have exceeded the ear-splitting crescendo of sound that echoed round and round the room. Gradually the wail died away, but, not to be outdone, the jolly old Orderly Sergeant had to have his crack as well!! Over the PA system, was played that awful discordant bugle "blare," and then old and scratchy records, the martial tunes of which wafting across the parade ground to us, served to drive us deeper under the blankets. Then, to add insult to injury, the blessed orderly "Joe" threw open the door and bellowed "Wakey, wakey!! Assume the perpendicular!! Get out of bed you bludgers!!" Ah, such is life ——.

### **GRADUATION**, 1955

- We sprang to the dais, our joy they could see,
  - "Ed" bounded, "Blue" bounded, in fact, forty-three.
- "Good luck," said the Brig., as our pugs he outdrew,
  - "Luck !" thought the rest, as they watched and stood to.
- Behind lay our flashes, on ground they were cast,

For now we were RF—real soldiers at last.

Not a word to each other, we kept a straight face,

Brim by brim, stride by stride, never changing our pace.

- I raised up my noggin, to get the true height,
  - Down past the dais with a groppy "eyes right."
- We were the graduates, only us picked as fit,

Undoubtedly us who had made the big hit.

We are the ones who oppressed are no more, We have been posted to our special corps.

No flashes, no lanyard, no rifle to clean,

- We'll spend all our time on the sights to be seen.
- Don't cry lads, don't worry, don't fret or don't fear,

Just keep this in mind, lads—'tis your turn next year.

B.J.I.

## "A SHOOTING TRIP WITH RUSS."

Shooting is a popular weekend activity with many Cadets and the following is an account of a typical weekend trip under the control of Corporal Blomfield.

We left Waiouru, and soon arrived at the edge of the bush, where we set off up a bush road.

We came to a slip and after half an hour of cutting trees, and general digging, we got clear. Several trees were in the way and each had to be removed with the good old axe. A second slip appeared. To get past this we had to clear a little rubbish and pull down a fence. With wheels right on the edge on one side and on the other halfway up a bank, the truck got across by leaning over at an angle of twenty degrees. This one took almost an hour. A small hole in the road was crossed with the aid of a plank measuring about six by two.

Shortly after this we came to the third slip. To get across we rolled boulders, dug trees, chopped branches, moved soil and levelled off the track. This took roughly an hour and a half. Half-way across, the outside wheel started to slide. We "tracked" the wheels by digging trenches. By this time we were hungry, so we had dinner. This done and the "tracking" finished eighteen inches deep—we started the truck. It stopped, stalled, started, slipped into the tracks, stalled, started and shot clear.

The whole time taken to cross the third slip was about three hours.

Our next obstacle was a drain which had caved in. We smashed a fence to obtain posts but they weren't big enough. We cut some punga trees and after an hour or so we were clear. We camped down for the night soon afterwards.

Next day Russ and I went down the valley, and there got lost. We were three hours late and so fired signal shots. The boys up at the camp thought we had found something, decided to help us and promptly set off—in the wrong direction.

Thus Russ and I got back to camp, only to find no one there. The other party had met a shepherd who sent them further back into the bush. However, they saw some pigs and were lucky enough to get six of them. It was dark when they returned, hours overdue, in rain and heavy mist. The next day a couple of trucks came through with a few dogs. Shooting was impossible, so we contented ourselves with knocking off bottles.

On the return trip we found that slips were all clear as the chaps after us had used dynamite to good effect. It was a tough, but very enjoyable, weekend.

## CADET EDUCATION

The room was dark and stormy The Ink was flying thick,

Someone grabbed old Scotty

And hit him with a brick. On hearing all the rumpus,

Instructors forced the door, But not expecting water,

Copped a bucketful or more.

The class was School Cert. English, The leader I.L.P.

The teacher grabbed this fellow, And over the chair went he.

The room was in a shambles, But fun was running low,

Someone grabbed a duster,

And dealt a ghastly blow.

They buried that poor fellow

Under an earthly mound.

Don't mourn for him, dear friends, The rest are Ardmore bound.

I.L.P.

### **GUESS WHO?**

Lt Col C..... y

I am the monarch of all I survey, My right there is none to dispute; Cowper, "Alexander Selkirk."

Maj F....h

The law is the true embodiment Of everything that's excellent. It has no kind of fault or flaw, And I, my Lords, embody the Law. Gilbert "Iolanthe."

## Lt W.....s

Here we may reign secure; and in my choice

To reign is worth ambition though in hell:

Better to reign in Hell, than serve in Heav'n.

Milton "Paradise Lost."

Maj G.....l

New honours, come upon him Like a strange garment, cleave not to their mould, But with the aid of use.

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Shakespeare "Macbeth."

Capt M.....n

A little nonsense now and then Is relished by the best of men. Anon.

Lt S. ....n id down bot i opping correl

O grant me Heaven, a middle state Neither too humble nor too great; More than enough for nature's ends, With something left to treat my friends. Mallet "Imitation of Horace."

## Lt N.....n service correct and a

He was in Logic a great critic, Profoundly skilled in Analytic.

Butler "Hudibras."

## Lt B....r

And Noah he often said to his wife when he sat down to dine,

"I don't care where the water goes if it doesn't get into the wine."

> "Chesterton "The Flying Inn." Anonymous.

### A DAY IN THE RF CADETS

The morning is shattered by a siren's howl,

I stagger from bed and grab my towel. Still bleary-eyed and at a loss,

I go to take my morning wash.

My way to the section then I tread,

And replace the blankets on my bed.

All is done with every care,

In order that it should be square.

Then echoes through the morning cold,

The wailing notes of a trumpet gold. This caused my thoughts once more to rally, It's half-past six, there sounds reveille. Until seven o'clock I work flat out,

Until I hear the waited shout-

"Mess call, boys, away we go,"

And the sound of feet running to and fro.

After breakfast I clean my rifle,

In my mind just worried a trifle,

Whether I'll be charged or not-

And how many days the last bod got.

After parade I feel much better, And then I post my mother's letter. When all at once the dreaded shout.

Bellows "Sinclair-Burgess Class-move out."

The hours slowly pass away,

Thus comes the end of another day. My gear all done and in a heap, The bugle sounds the time for sleep.

Bone weary and tired I hit the hay, Ready for the same the following day.

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I.L.P.

There's a wonderful family call Stein-

There's Gert and there's Epp and there's Ein;

Gert's poems are bunk, Epp's statues are junk, And no one can understand Ein. Anon (The Steins).

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Nothing in education is so astonishing as the amount of ignorance it accumulates in the form of inert facts.—H. Adams (The Education of H. Adams.)

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An expert is one who knows more and more about less and less.—N. M. Butler (Commencement Address).

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Government in its best state is a necessary evil; in its worst state an intolerable one.—T. Paine (Common Sense).

If you want to know what God thinks of money, look at the people he gives it to.—

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Anon (Old American Saying).

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First Qualifying

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First Qualifying

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## MOTOR MECHANICS First Qualifying

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Sgt. Kermeen (Miles Class) is now instructing at EME School, Waiouru.

Ex-Cadets at the Armoured Depot include Lt. Couzens (Mead Class), Sgt. Dyson (Mead Class), Sgt. Jamieson (Greville Class), Cpl. Pye (Miles Class).

Sgt. Wishnosky (Miles Class) is now a clerk at HQ New Zealand Division, Linton.

Sgt Malloch (Greville Class) is instructing at SME, Linton, after two years in England.

Tpr. Bradley (Symons Class), who recently left the Army, is preparing to accompany the New Zealand Expedition to the Amazon.

Sgt. Nisbett (Mead Class) is now with the Regular Force Cadre of 1 Hauraki Regiment, and Sgt. Robinson (Miles Class) is in a similar appointment with 1 Armoured Regiment.

Sgt. Behrent (Allan Class) visited the School while on an ASC Course at the Army Schools. He is now NCO-in-charge of the Supply Depot at Waikato Camp.

Lts Patchett (Allan Class) and Mainwaring (Miles Class) were commissioned while serving with K Force. Both are now back in civilian life.

Bdr. Millyn (Symon Class) is instructing in AA gunnery at the School of Artillery, Waiouru.

Lt. Stanley (Mead Class), who graduated from Duntroon in 1953, is now on the staff of Training Battery CD Training Depot, Waiouru.

Sgt. Dawes (Greville Class) was this year appointed RQMS, The Army Schools.

Cfn. Russell (Young Class) received the highest marks in New Zealand in the First Qualifying Examination for Motor Mechs. last year.

Among those now back in "civvy street" are ex-Cadets Grant (Mead Class), who completed MA at Canterbury College and is now with Vacuum Oil; Presland, now farming in Hawke's Bay after a period with K Force; Weston, in the building trade in Palmerston North; and Young (Allan Class), who is training to be a pilot with NAC.

Pte. Swan (Mead Class) is now serving with the Australian Army.

A group of ex-Cadets now instructing at the RF Depot, Waiouru, includes Sgt. Fell (Allan Class), Cpl. Butler-Stoney (Greville Class) and Cpl. Faulkner (Symon Class).

Ex-Cadets in all parts of New Zealand have recently shown interest in some sort of ex-Cadet reunion. A proposed function on these lines in Auckland fell through because of the early camping season in Northern District, but it is hoped to organise one definitely next year. From Burnham Camp comes a suggestion for some sort of lapel badge for ex-members of the School. What about it, chaps?

