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Foreword
by
Lt Col P H G Hamilton, RNLE
Commandant of The Army Schools

The Journal of the RF Cadet School is an excellent medium for the recording of RF Cadet activities and the expressing of opinions. Last year's Journal set a high standard, but I feel confident that this year's effort will maintain or even surpass it.

For the past ten years graduates from the RF Cadet School have gone out into units of our Army. The ex-RF Cadet is always welcomed as a well trained and disciplined recruit, and in some units they are already providing the hard core of NCO's required to

keep any unit on its toes. It has been proved that the training received by the Cadets stands them in good stead, whether in the workshops or in the field.

The excellence of the product turned out by the RF Cadet School, however, is only to be expected. The best instructors, officers and NCO's, in our Regular Force are responsible for training the RF Cadets. I am glad of the opportunity to say this.

Harking back to my first sentence concerning the expressing of opinion, I must go on record and express one, or rather ask a question: Are all the RF Cadets making the fullest use of the glorious opportunities which come their way? On occasions I feel they are not. There is no boarding school in New Zealand, however expensive, which offers such a range of facilities for work or play as the RF Cadet School.

To all RF Cadets and particularly those graduating, I would like to extend my best wishes. Your careers will be watched with the greatest of interest. You have been brought to an extremely high standard by an enthusiastic team of officers, NCOs and instructors. I trust you will maintain that standard and enhance the reputation of our Cadet School.

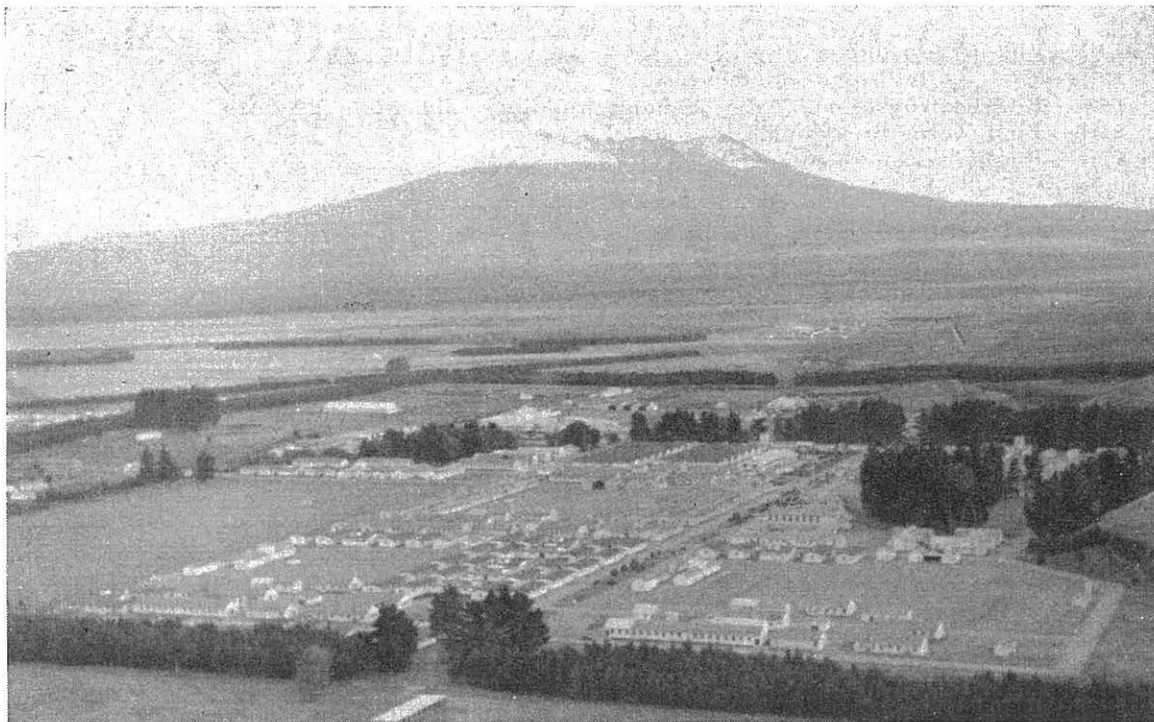
Editorial

The response to the first number of our Magazine last year justifies its continuance as a now established publication.

Again, the scope of the journal is determined by the wide range of cadet activities. The School motto is "Fortes Fortuna Juvat"; bravery, perhaps, cannot be taught, but it has been proved that Fortune favours the modern soldier equipped also with other qualities. The aims of the RF Cadet School in so equipping tomorrow's soldiers are explained in an article by the Officer Commanding, and we have attempted in other articles to provide an account of how these principles have been applied in 1957. Thus sport, academic and military training, and recreational activities have been featured, and we have also endeavoured to suggest that humour too enters the "real and earnest" life of a cadet.

It is hoped that this record will be to this year's cadets a reminder of times happy or hazardous in the unit; and to others, an explanation of why and how we exist. The enthusiastic response shown to last year's Magazine by ex-cadets has made it possible for their section to be considerably increased in this number.

To those who have assisted in many ways with the preparation of this publication, the Editor extends his thanks.



Waiouru Camp from the air, showing Army Schools.

Narrative of Main Events 1957

January—

- 14th—Army Schools reopen. Second-year Cadets return.
- 24th—New intake of 85 Cadets march in, bringing School Roll to 138.
- 28th—New class commences full-time training RF Depot. Full-time training second-year Cadets at Corps Schools.

February—

- 19th & 21st—Annual Swimming Sports at Taihape Baths. Cdt Laing, Champion Swimmer.

March—

- 11th—Full-time education commences for UE, SC, and General Education Classes. Part-time education and part-time Trade Training for Apprentice Group.
- 12th—1st Cross-country run. Winner: Cdt Calder.
- 23rd—2nd Cross-country run. Winner: Cdt Taia.
- 30th—Cricket season ends.
- 31st—Lt Meldrum replaces Lt Williams as Administration Officer.

April—

- 10th—End-of-term dance.
- 12th—First Term Break commences.
- 15th—Fire destroys some Army Schools buildings—including RNZASC.
- 24th—First Term Break ends.
- 27th—Rugby season commences.

May—

- 8th—First visit of Careers Masters.
- 13th—Capt Treanor and Lt Raue join staff of Cadet School.
- 15th—Second visit of Careers Masters.
- 25th—1st XV wins Ruapehu Rugby Sub-Union Challenge Cup Competition.
- 29th—New Recreation Room opens.

June—

- 3rd—First ski-ing trip, to Christiania Ski Club Lodge.
- 5th—1st XV and Hockey XI visit Taumarunui High School, Rugby won 12—9. Hockey lost 6—5.
- 16th—Cross-country competitive march. Winner, No. 2 Platoon, led by Sgt Brock.

July—

- 8th—Lt MacShane replaces Lt Meldrum as Administration Officer.
- 21st—Cross-country competitive march. Winner: Nos 3 and 4 Platoons.
- 24th—Guard of Honour for Governor-General, Lord Norrie.
- 25th—1st XV Rugby defeated Police Cadets 6—5. Hockey XI lost to Scot's College 3—9.

August—

- 10th—1st XV win Ruapehu Rugby Sub-Union Junior Competition.
- 15th—1st XV Rugby Team defeat Navy 16—3, at Woodbourne.
- 17th—1st XV defeat Air Force 6—3, at Woodbourne.
- 20th to 25th—School closed by influenza epidemic.
- 31st—1st XV lost to Gisborne High 3—5 at Gisborne.
Second Term Break commences.

September—

- 9th—Second Term Break ends.
- 21st—1st XV Rugby Team loses to St. Stephen's College 3—12, at Bombay.
- 27th to 29th—1st Soccer XI play New Plymouth High School at New Plymouth 0—0.

October—

- 1st—Fishing season commences.
- 10th—Inter-class Rugby Final won by Puttick Class.
- 12th—Inter-platoon Rugby Competition won by No 4 Platoon.
- 18th—Cadet Social held at Taihape for first time.
- 26th—Labour Weekend break. South Island cadets trip to Taupo.

November—

- 7th—School examinations for SC commence.
- 11th—Maj Dyson replaces Maj Firth as OC RF Cadets.
- 16th—Trade examinations for Apprentices commence.
- 18th—School examinations for UE and Apprentices commence.
- 31st—SC exams commence.

December—

- 2nd—UE exams commence.
- 4th and 6th—Athletic Sports.
- 11th—Graduation Day. Cadet leave commences.

A Brief Description of the RF Cadet School

By Maj E R FIRTH, MBE, BEM, NZ Regt

Officer Commanding
RF Cadet School

The aim of the Regular Force Cadet School is to develop regular soldiers of the best calibre, either as instructors or as soldier tradesmen. While School activities are generally consistent with the normal aims of military training, they are specially designed to recognise the youth and immaturity of the Cadets as far as possible; the School is run on the lines of a Post Primary Boarding School, but on a military basis.

The School is a sub-unit of The Army Schools, Waiouru, and is organised with a Headquarters, an Education Wing, a RNZE Apprentices Wing and a Company of Cadets. Training in subjects other than Education or Carpentry is carried out by other Schools within the Army Schools.

According to age on entry a Cadet remains in the Company for one to three years and graduates at the end of the year in which he attains 18 years of age. Each year's work is divided into three terms and in his first term the trainee will do six weeks basic training at RF Depot and begin his formal education in the Education Wing.

If a Cadet is young enough to remain for a second or third year, he is trained in the trade to which he has been posted. All Army trades are open to Cadets, but in the main Cadets are trained as:—

- (a) Apprentices in the Automotive, Building and Radio trades.
- (b) Instructors in all Corps.
- (c) Administrative personnel in all Corps.

A Cadet's day begins at reveille 6.30 a.m. (Sunday 7.30). He has breakfast at 7 and goes on Company Parade at 7.55 until 8.15. He attends morning classes until noon with a 20 minute break at 10 a.m. After lunch, work begins at 1.15 p.m. and

continues until 4 p.m., when all Cadets, regardless of trade, assemble for Physical Training or Sports for an hour. Dinner is at 5.15 and at 6 p.m. classes reassemble for two hours of education or trade theory. The day ends with lights out at 10.15 p.m. Training is carried out on Saturday morning and competitive sports in the afternoon.

The Cadets have their own dining and recreation rooms. The food is plentiful, wholesome, and attractively served. In addition to normal soldier rations, the Cadets are issued with extras because they are still growing and have tremendous appetites.

Free morning, afternoon tea and supper are provided in their recreation room which is conducted by a Cadet committee. In addition to the supper room and servery, they have a games room, billiard room and a reading room. Wives of staff attend in the evenings to serve supper.

A Cadet's welfare is catered for with various activities—mainly week-end. In addition to sports and week-end trips dealt with elsewhere, he is encouraged to go to church and once each month a combined Church Parade is held. Socials and dances are arranged once each month both in the Recreation room and in conjunction with the High School at Taihape. Other fixtures include swimming, Athletics and Rifle shooting competitions.

Some of the cadets are selected to be NCO's and are the equivalent of prefects in a Secondary School. The senior cadet is a Colour Sergeant, and each of the four platoons have a sergeant. Each platoon is divided into four sections with a corporal as section commander. A section lives in a barrack room, eight cadets to a room. The Cadets' Barracks are out of bounds to all other personnel. They are self-contained with all facilities and kept up to a very high stand-

ard of cleanliness and layout. A Cadet spends at least two hours and usually more each day on cleaning his quarters and personal kit.

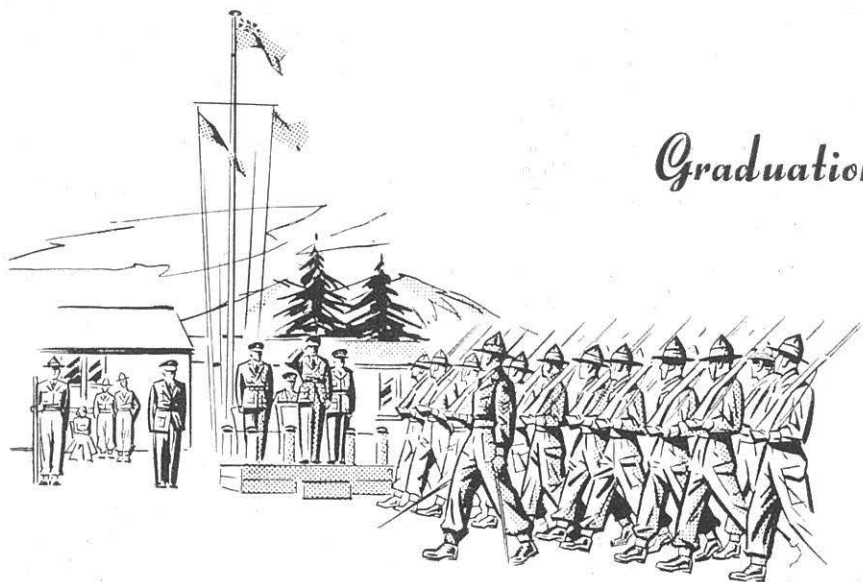
Army authorises payment of an additional 3/- per day for the Colour Sergeant and the Sergeants receive 2/6 extra per day.

Cadets are paid fortnightly and each receives two pounds as pocket money and the remainder is banked in his own account in the POSB Thrift Club. This scheme ensures that Cadets have money available to purchase clothing or to go on leave. It also inculcates thrifty habits.

Cadets are allowed leave to go shopping

in Taihape on Friday evenings and may be granted local leave on Sunday. They are allowed week-end leave once each month, but are permitted to go only to their homes or to an address approved by parents. They are allowed 30 days leave each year and this allows two term breaks of a week and about four weeks over Christmas and New Year.

It will be seen that the boy's day is fully occupied by work, organised games and other activities and considerable care is taken to ensure the correct balance between education, military, technical and recreational training, and the complete integration of the first three to achieve the object of the school.



1956

Once again we were favoured with a beautiful day. In customary Graduation Day manner the residents of the Housing Area were disturbed in their slumbers by the tramp of feet, the beat of drums, the clatter of tin cans and shouts of "We want . . ." Cadets were visiting members of the staff.

How do Cadets feel about their change in status from cadet to soldier on Graduation Day? To most it is probably a day of rejoicing tempered by feelings of regret and sadness.

Regret because of the feeling that if one had worked a little harder, been a little better, those exam. results would have been more satisfactory, those trips to the orderly room less frequent. Sadness because it means saying goodbye to good friends, and the feeling of belonging to a team is broken and remains as yet unreplaced by new loyalties.

This year about 150 parents and friends came from many parts of New Zealand to attend the parade and other functions.

The first event was the Parade and March Past. The Inspecting Officer was Brigadier J R Page CBE DSO, who took the salute and presented Corps badges and hat bands.

Following the parade the prize giving ceremony was held in the Camp Cinema. The then Commandant of Army Schools, Lt Col D A Caughley MBE, gave a review of Cadet activities during the year and Mrs. Caughley presented the sport, education and corps prizes.

Brigadier Page spoke to the graduating cadets pointing out to them the responsibilities of being a soldier. He also spoke of the advantages they held, having started their military careers as cadets, and expressed the hope that throughout their military careers they would uphold the traditions of the Service and give of their best at all times.

The prize giving was followed by afternoon tea, after which everyone moved to Firth Field to witness the PT display. In the capable hands of WOI Page and his staff the boys went through the various facets of training with skill and vigour. Rapid dispersal with a miniature mock battle amused the spectators.

Some of the participants suffered minor wounds, mostly caused by their not choosing a safe spot on which to drop "dead" when "shot."

After the display visitors to the camp were able to visit the various corps schools where the Cadets receive their trade and military education.

The buffet tea was served for Cadets, parents, official guests and staff in the Block V Mess. Cadets posted to the various corps had tastefully decorated their own corps tables, the distinctive feature of each set of tables being the corps colours and corps badges.

When tea was over excitement mounted as preparations for the Graduation Ball were put in train.

The Ball is the climax of an extremely long and busy day and Cadets make the most of it. Discipline is relaxed a little, normally grim faces smile, and everyone sets out to farewell the Graduates in a manner fitting to this day of days.

PRIZE LIST 1956

Prizes were presented at the Graduation Ceremony to the following cadets:—

Military:

Best All-round Cadet.—S sgt Powley D J.

Best of Corps.—RNZA: Lepl Rout J B. RNZAC: Lepl Ballance R. RNZE: Lepl Pumphrey B J. RNZ Sigs: Lepl Sanderson J B. RNZ Inf: Cpl Vickers G E. RNZASC: Lepl Biggwithers S. RNZAMC: Cdt Stewart M N. RNZEME: Cdt Wood R K. RNZ Pro: Cpl Raxworthy A C.

Education:

University Entrance Class.—Cdt Forlong S G.

School Certificate Class.—Cdt Kealey G B.

General Education Class.—Cdt Kingsley-Smith, R M.

Apprentices Class.—Lepl Ruha D.

Sport:

Champion Shot.—Cdt Bray E A.

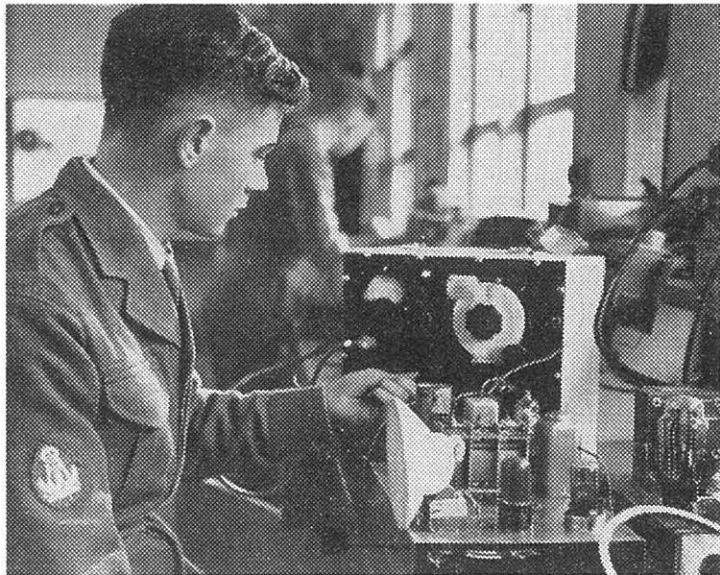
Swimming.—Cpl Vickers G E.

Athletics.—Cdt Forlong S G.



"A poet, eh? Well, Mr. Rupert Brook, let's see if 'stone walls do not a prison make nor iron bars a cage!'"

The School of Signals



In war the task of Signals is to provide and operate all the communications required by the Army. These communications enable commanders to control their formations in battle, and their staffs to plan, organise and administer. Without communications no modern Army can exist or fight. The task of Signals is unique in the degree of responsibility carried by the individual. The outcome of a battle, and perhaps the fate of a nation, may depend on the skill and integrity of one single tired signalman.

To carry out their task there are over twenty different trades in signals.

In peace time it is not necessary to train regular soldiers in all these trades and instruction is concentrated on the more important of them. For instance, in the School of Signals in Waiouru the trades which are taught are Radio Technician, Telegraph Operator, Keyboard Operator, Electrician Driver, Lineman and the necessary administrative trades such as Technical Storeman and Clerks.

This year there are six cadets learning various trades at the School of Signals. Cdts Dawson, Rockell and Earl are training to become Telegraph Operators. By the time they are fully trained in their trade they will be able, among other things, to set up and operate all types of army wireless equipment, be competent morse operators, be able to operate teleprinters and all types of army telephone exchanges. It is an interesting

trade, and many of our telegraph operators take up the hobby of becoming amateur Radio operators (HAMS) and build their own sets for operating with other HAMS throughout the world. This trade has many counterparts in civilian life, such as operators in the P and T and Railways Departments, ship's operators, etc.

In the Radio Technician trade there is only one cadet this year, Cdt Main. The Radio technician has the task of servicing and maintaining all radio equipment in the Army and can be likened to a Radio Serviceman in civilian life. This trade requires considerable hard work especially in the early stages, in order to gain all the technical theory background required. Most Radio Technicians trained in the Army are apprenticed in the trade and at the end of five years, provided they have passed their exams, they can become Registered Radio Servicemen.

On the administrative side, Cdts Polenski and Humphreys have been training at the school for a part of the year. They have been learning the method of accounting for the large number of various types of signal equipments and maintenance spares. Whilst store work may not be as varied and interesting as that of a Radio Technician or Telegraph Operator it is just as important, and requires men who have had a reasonable education and who are neat and tidy in their method of working.

The RNZASC School

The functions of the RNZASC are many and varied and it is the aim of the School to give RF cadets a basic knowledge of these functions.

To this end the school is divided into three wings, D and M, S and T, and catering.

During the past year cadets were attached to each wing for training.

This year we have not produced any Sterling Mosses, master chefs or supply geniuses, but nevertheless the standard of the cadets has been pleasing.

The year began well and training proceeded at a good pace until *

April will live long in the memory of the 1957 cadets at the RNZASC School, for on the morning of 15th April there was no longer a school!

Within a short time, however, the cadets were established in another building—an old block of flats by the RF Depot gym.

With cadets assisting the necessary modification of this building, new lecture rooms were soon produced. One thing we can boast—the School has undoubtedly the best toilet facilities of any in New Zealand.

D & M Wing

This wing trains cadets in driving various types of army vehicles over all roads and conditions. Further, the principles of maintenance are applied so that cadets being trained will have a good knowledge of the W.D. vehicle—its components and their functions, the servicing system and maintenance, all the time being given a background knowledge on theory.

This year five cadets were attached to the D & M Wing, one of whom, Cdt Jackson, had already reached the standard of driver Class II. Later in the year this cadet attended an instructors' course.

* See Narrative of Main Events, 15th April.—(Ed.)

Of the remaining cadets, one attended a Driver Class II Course and three attended a Class IV Course.

Later in the year nine first-year cadets were attached for training. For two weeks they were given instruction on Basic servicing and were taught to drive various types of army vehicles. These cadets were then sent out to the camp Tpt Sec and CDVD; there to apply some of the knowledge acquired at the school.

The reports from these units indicate considerable keenness being displayed by the cadets.

By the end of the year it is hoped that all these students would have obtained a heavy trade licence and a carrier licence, DV and the testing officers willing.

The Catering Wing

Two cadets were trained in catering subjects during the year and both performed well on practical work. The fire, however, upset the training programme considerably and with added commitments for the instructors, the cadets were trained in the Camp Kitchens. During the year the catering cadets attended a Basic All Arms Instructors' Course which will be of benefit in the future.

S & T Wing

Two cadets were trained in this wing during 1957. One cadet later transferred to the D & M Wing whilst Cdt Lepl Grassick attended three courses at the school and an Instructors' Course at RF Depot.

Courses Attended By Cadets

Cdt Lepl Grassick: Storekeepers; Clerks; Org and Employment; Basic All Arms Instructors.

Cdt Cpl Heperi: Clerks; Org and Employment.

Cdt Jackson: Drv Class IV and Class II; Org and Employment.

Cdt Calder: Drv Class IV; Org and Employment.

Cdt Kirk: Drv Class IV and Class II.

Cdt Couchman: Drv Class IV; Org and Employment.

Cdt Hoffman: Basic All Arms Instructors (Part only).

Cdt Cpl Turner: Cooks 2 and 3 star; Basic All Arms Instructors.

First Year Cadets

The following first-year cadets did a Basic MT Servicing Course:—Christensen, Davis, Hikairo, Kire, Pangari, Paterson, Tuck, Thornton, Wilson.

By the end of the year most cadets would have attended other courses at the school.

To the graduating cadets of 1957, the RNZASC School would like to wish you well. It is hoped that the training you have received at the school will stand you in good stead during your military career. Good Luck.

The RNZEME School



In a modern army the technician becomes increasingly important; without him and his specialist knowledge the mobility, communications and striking power would soon fail. Vehicles, tanks, guns, telecommunications and all other pieces of equipment on which the army relies to fight and in peace time to train for war require the skilled technician to ensure they are kept at the peak of condition to perform the roles for which they were designed.

The ability of the technician to perform this role depends to a very large extent on the early training he receives, and it is the aim of the RNZEME School to ensure that the young soldiers of the Regular Force Cadets who pass through the school get the best technical training possible.

The RNZEME School is recognised as a trade training school by the NZ Trade Certification Board. All the school instructors are qualified men and each is a specialist at his own particular trade.

During the past year the school has expanded. With the introduction of third year cadets two Practical Work Bays were opened and put into operation. It is hoped that the experience gained in the repair and maintenance of technical equipment will stand the cadets who work in them in good stead when they enter the hustle of the RF workshops. A

room where Diesel instruction will be given is progressing satisfactorily and should soon be in full operation; another running engine, namely a GM Two Stroke, is expected to be added to the two already installed, and several pieces of special test equipment are expected in the near future. The Auto-Electrical wing has added several pieces of test equipment also, including a Crypton Analyser on which practically all the electrical equipment of a vehicle can be tested.

A considerable number of new pieces of equipment, including a Main Bearing honing bar, a Connecting Rod bearing honing jig, a Cylinder boring machine, a Cylinder honing machine, a Brake shoe riveting machine and an Electric melting pot will be added to the Vehicle Mechanic training wing and it is intended to introduce complete engine reconditioning to the cadet vehicle mechanics training. Five gas welding plants are expected before the New Year for the Gas and Arc Welding Wing.

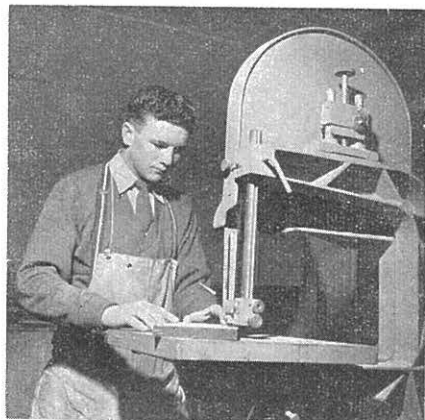
The school staff are very proud of the unbroken record of passes attained by the RNZEME cadets sitting trade qualifying examinations and are confident that the future will see no lowering of this standard.

At the school are four third-year cadet apprentices, undergoing the following trade training, two Vehicle mechanics, one Electric-

ian V and P, and one Armourer, all have passed their First Qualifying examination and will be sitting the Second Qualifying examination at the end of the year. Of the second-year cadets, who will sit the First Qualifying examination this year, five are Vehicle mechanics, one is an Electrician V and P, one Fitter and Turner, one Armourer, two Telecommunications mechanics and one Panel Beater. The first-year cadets comprising four Vehicle mechanics, one Electrician V and P, one Fitter and Turner, one Armourer and one Panel Beater, will face the examiner at the end of next year.

The school also instructs School Certificate candidates who are sitting the Workshop Theory paper. After the examination they will return next year for full-time trade training as the following, two Panel Beaters, one Vehicle Mechanic and one Fitter and Turner.

The RNZEME cadets have always in the past had their share of responsible positions in the Cadet Company, but this year's cadets have far exceeded their predecessors in this field, having the Cadet Colour Sergeant and two Platoon Sergeants among their number and also the Best Athlete of the Year.



The main function of this Wing is to introduce and initiate the training of those Cadets who have been apprenticed, or have signified their intention of becoming an apprentice, in the trade of Carpentry and Joinery.

The preliminary introduction is commenced under Sgt Dorset RNZE in the Junior workshop, which is attached to the main Technical Training block. In this workshop they are revised and brought up to the standard of a third-year Technical High School student, when a satisfactory overall standard has been achieved, the work then progresses onto more advanced studies up to that required for the First Qualifying Ex-

The RNZE Apprentices' Wing

amination of the NZ Trade Certification Board.

This training in their first year occupies every afternoon with the mornings spent on the academic subjects necessary for their full education.

The second year apprentices occupy most of the remainder of the Technical block, their headquarters being the Senior workshop under Lepl Duncan RNZE. The work done by these apprentices is of a much more complex nature and includes all classes of woodwork ranging from Joinery construction to practical work on full-sized buildings. A notable example was the complete interior renovation of an old building, transforming

it into a recreation room complete with cafeteria, billiards room, table-tennis room and writing room, the finished building being comparable with best modern institutions.

All the work carried out in this Wing adheres strictly to the syllabus laid down by the Trade Certification Board and every effort is made by the Instructors to exercise the apprentices in all the best modern trade practice. The ultimate goal of all apprentices is the First Qualifying Examination which they sit at the end of their two years' instruction.

The Wing has been fortunate in being granted an extra building and some time has been spent on converting this into a Building Construction theory room complete with full-

sized sections of buildings as training aids, and the remainder of the building will be made into a modern Technical Drawing room. This will be completed in time to receive the 1958 Cadets and its effect will be to relieve the pressure on the existing buildings which have been suffering through lack of space and room to expand.

Discipline and the overall administrative control of the Wing comes under the Senior NCO Instructor Ssgt Davis, whose five years' experience with Cadet apprentices well qualifies him to deal with the numerous problems that arise when dealing with young apprentices.

The Chief Instructor is Capt RA Treanor NZAEC.





Education Wing Notes



Once again, in 1957, Education Wing has had a busy year.

There has been an even greater demand than usual to study for public examinations and at the beginning of March twelve cadets began the University Entrance and thirty the School Certificate course. The numbers have been gradually whittled down during the year for various reasons and six students will now sit University Entrance and twenty-two the School Certificate examinations at the end of the year. A slight rearrangement of the training syllabus allowed both groups to commence full time education at the beginning of March and it is hoped that the extra time available for study will produce even better examination results than in the past. Biology was introduced as a UE subject this year for the first time and has proved very popular, but in general the science options have not proved as attractive as was expected. The value of physics, in particular, to the soldier of today cannot be overstressed and it is hoped that in future years more Cadets will take advantage of the facilities for this subject offered by our own laboratory. The wide range of subjects now offered by the Wing is reflected in the fact that only five examination candidates were forced to enrol at the Correspondence School for one subject each.

The General Education Group has consisted of twenty-two members. As an experiment they undertook a course of full-time schooling for the first two terms and then left the Wing to concentrate on full-time trade training in the third term instead of dividing their time equally between trade

training and education throughout the year as in the past. This has allowed Education Wing to provide a much broader curriculum for this group of cadets, most of whom have had only a limited post primary education. This year for example Commercial Practice was added to the syllabus and next year further additions are contemplated. The scheme has also enabled the Corps Schools to attach the cadets concerned to various star qualification courses and this made better use of the training time available. The success of this year's course will result in the same policy being followed in future years.

Eighteen future army tradesmen made up this year's Apprentice Group. They have once again concentrated on a specific trade course of English, Mathematics, Physics and Technical Drawing. As in previous years their afternoons have been devoted to trade training. Three cadets from this group have this year followed special courses in plumbing and house wiring with the Technical Correspondence School.

Only one change has occurred in the staff this year. In May Capt T I D McLennan was compelled to resign from the Army for health reasons. Everyone in the School regrets Capt McLennan's departure and wishes him every success in his new appointment at Seddon Memorial Technical College, Auckland. Capt McLennan's place was taken by Lt P R Raue who previously taught at Mt Roskill Grammar School. Education Wing has also benefitted by the appointment of Capt R A Treanor as full-time Chief Instructor of the RNZE Apprentice Wing. Capt Treanor was a technical teacher at Whangarei Boys High School and he now instructs in Woodwork and Trade Mathematics in Education Wing in addition to his other appointment.

This year also the Wing typist, Mrs. Hazeldine, has undertaken the training of clerks teleprinter operators and operators wireless and keyboard in typing. A small but enthusiastic class is making good progress this term.

The Library has once again proved a popular feature of the Wing. The loan collections have been changed regularly and we owe a debt of gratitude to both the Schools Library Service, Palmerston North, and the Army Library Service, Wellington, for the excellent selection of books with which we have been supplied. All cadets in the Wing are now undertaking a regular course of directed reading with a selection of books wide enough to suit all tastes. Several cadets before graduating have presented books to the library and the Librarian, Lt Skilton, has made arrangements for such presentations to be suitably acknowledged inside the book. In this manner we are keeping our permanent stocks up to date with new and popular titles.

This year a new honours board has been erected in the entrance hall of Education Wing. On it are recorded all examination

successes that the school has had since it was established in 1948. It is a reminder of the past which should interest visitors to the Wing and it will, we hope, inspire cadets who are with us to greater efforts to get their names included. Another innovation is the introduction of education prizes for the best cadet in each group. They were first presented at last year's graduation and names of the successful recipients are recorded elsewhere in this issue.

Unfortunately we go to press too early to comment on this year's examination results. But it is pleasing to record that in 1956 one cadet passed University Entrance, six were successful in School Certificate and twenty-one secured passes in various Trade Certificate Examinations. Their names appear on this year's Honours List and we offer them our congratulations for a job well done. Finally we wish to the best of luck to this year's toilers who, by the time the journal is published, will know the worst. We would remind them of the old saying "Most of us get what we deserve, but only the successful will admit it."

Valedictory

Major E R FIRTH, MBE, BEM, NZ Regt

After four years' association with the RF Cadet School, the Officer Commanding, Major E R Firth, MBE, BEM, NZ Regt, left on 11th November to take up a new appointment as Area Officer, Tauranga. This association with the school is longer than that of any other OC, and many amenities which the cadets enjoy are the results of his efforts.

Maj Firth joined the Army as a recruit in February, 1935, and after serving as an instructor at GHQ Training Depot, Trentham, was employed at several Areas 1937-1939. In 1939 he was first posted to Northern District School of Instruction, and then as RQMS 18 Battalion, of which he became RSM in 1940. After distinguished overseas service in the Middle East, being mentioned in dispatches 1941, he was returned unfit to New Zealand in 1942, to serve at Army Schools until 1948. He was commissioned in 1945.

After a period of duty at Linton, he renewed his connection with Army Schools in 1952, as OC RF Depot, and in the following year also became OC RF Cadet Unit, later re-organised as the RF Cadet School. Maj Firth continued to hold these two appointments until he handed over the RF Depot in April, 1955. In recognition of his outstanding services to the New Zealand Army he was awarded the BEM in the New Year Honours in 1954, and became a Member of the British Empire in 1955.

Within the Cadet School Maj Firth will be remembered for many innovations which have now become part of the traditional life of the unit.

One of his main interests has been the organisation of the Cadet Recreation Room. Starting as a small sideline in a disused hut the Rec Room has been developed into the

first class amenity which was finally opened this year. From the beginning Maj Firth gave his personal attention to the scheme and he often fought an almost lone battle to secure what he considered was necessary. In the actual running of the Rec Room also the Cadets owe a debt to Mrs Firth who has organised the roster of voluntary helpers and has herself spent many hours serving tea and buns to hungry cadets.

The cadet blazer, slacks, and tie are another idea originated by Maj Firth. Their popularity speaks for itself and if the tie is rather "too square" to appeal to the taste of all, it distinguishes its wearers as members of a select group and like many an old school tie will have a greater appeal for its owner in the future than it does today. The present khaki and red puggaree and red lanyards are other alterations to dress introduced by Maj Firth.

As OC, Maj Firth has shown a great interest in sport. He has been instrumental in building up contacts with a series of outside

schools which have resulted in the organising of sports fixtures, several of which are now annual events. As a keen angler he has fostered this sport in the School. Week-end trips to Taupo for cadets are now a feature of the trout fishing season and the long week-end camp at Labour Week-end for cadets whose homes are too far distant to be reached during the break is eagerly looked forward to.

But perhaps the greatest contribution Maj Firth has made, has been the genuine personal interest he has shown in every cadet who has attended the School. In spite of his position as the dispenser of CB, extra drills and "voluntary" contributions, he has won the confidence of all cadets and given many advice which has helped them considerably in their later careers as soldiers.

Thus all members of the Cadet Company and the Staff of Cadet School are sorry to see him go and wish him "good luck" and "good fishing" in his new appointment at Tauranga.

Random Shots

LIBRARY NOTES

In the school the library has two main functions.

Firstly it provides the text books required for the various subjects and secondly it has a loan section of some 400 books, fiction and non-fiction, for general reading.

During the year many new text books have been added to our shelves, mainly in Physics, Mathematics and English. We are most happy to see this because it means we are able to supply to the students the best up to date books for study purposes.

In the loan section books available come from three sources.

About 150 of the books belong to the school, having been culled from Army HQ, District and Camp libraries throughout the country. Most of these books are of the type generally used for directed reading and authors include Conrad, Jane Austen, R. L. Stevenson, Scott, Mark Twain, Chesterton, Galsworthy, Conan Doyle, etc.

The second source of books is the Cen-

tral Military District Library which provides us with about 150 books of a popular nature suitable for leisure reading.

The Country Library Service provides us with 120 books, half of which are fiction and half non-fiction. These are all Intermediate Collection books. The selection of non-fiction books is an excellent one.

During the year 80 borrowers have taken out of the library over 500 books, an average of just over 6 books per person. Considering the many other activities in which cadets are involved, and their limited amount of leisure time, this seems a healthy figure.

VISITS OF CAREERS MASTERS

This year, on 8th and 15th May, the School was visited by twenty-six Careers Masters from Post-Primary Schools all over New Zealand. The purpose of the visits was to enable careers masters to support their advice to prospective soldiers at their schools with a background of first-hand information of the Cadet School.

During their stay the masters were guests

of the Officers' Mess, and their tour was introduced by a welcome and introductory lecture in which the OC Cadets, Major Firth, gave an outline of the arms and organisation of Cadet Training. After morning tea Major Gill, Chief Instructor of the Education Wing, conducted a tour through the Wing and answered questions on the academic aspect of Training. Before lunch the Regular Force Depot and School of Infantry were visited under the guidance of the Chief Instructors, and the Cadets were seen at Mess. The tour concluded with an inspection of the Cadets' Recreation Room and the Schools of Engineers (Carpentry Wing), RNZEME (Motor Trades), Signals (Radio and Line Communications) and Artillery.

Of particular interest to the masters were a display of Cadets at Physical Training and an inspection of the Centurion tank. Both groups of masters agreed before they left that their stay had been as instructive as it had been socially enjoyable.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

This year has been excellent in the way of social gatherings. We have held four socials, three in the new Recreation Room and one in Taihape. All these evenings were successful. The boys enjoyed themselves very much and all look forward to the next evening.

The committee put a considerable part of the spare time into the preparation of these socials and for this I would like to thank them very much.

The object of these socials is to break the military routine and give the boys a chance to forget their worries and have a good time. It also allows them to mix with the opposite sex, which is one thing we all miss in the camp to a large extent.

The main trouble in the past has been the lack of young ladies but it is hoped that the future socials will provide more dancing partners for the boys.

We all hope that the socials next year are even more successful than the ones held this year.

—Lcpl J Dawson.

THE DEBATING CLUB

As the saying goes—"it had to happen sooner or later." That just about sums up the birth of the debating club.

It is inevitable in an establishment of our type that there are many friendly arguments and, being a normal person, I was involved in a considerable amount of these. Therefore, one night after holding forth on the merits of a certain subject it suddenly occurred to me that it would be interesting to see who actually was the winner of these arguments—thus the birth of the club.

At first the club was looked upon with dubious eyes, but there were enough members to start it. The first debate that took place was a complete success. The word went around the Cadets and we soon had a flood of new members. The styles of debating were very ragged at the beginning, but with coaching from the staff the boys were soon putting forward very good arguments and the competition was very strong. It has now come to the stage where there is very little separating the winners from the losers and this in itself has given the club a very good boost.

It is now possible to have four teams debating at once and a ladder system is to be introduced which should lead to further competition. There is a hope amongst the members of the club to challenge other units in the Camp—when there is a good chance of us winning that is!

Having given the merits of the club I suppose I should give the disadvantages—as is inevitable, after every debate the losers invariably argue with the winners that they should have won instead!

—Lcpl W J Grassick.

THE CADET BAND

The RF Cadet Band has the proud distinction of being the only Regular Force Military Band in New Zealand.

This year we are undergoing a transition from bugles and drums to a full Silver Band, under the able instruction of WOII Luckham, who has had experience with band training in



the Royal Marines. We hope that the Silver Band will be ready for Graduation this year.

The Band plays for the Army Schools Parade each Monday morning, and it is not unusual for it to be asked to provide music at CMT Passing Out Parades and other TF Parades.

Although there is always a great response when volunteers are called for, unfortunately in previous years a shortage of instruments has forced us to limit players to those with previous experience. We are fortunate this year, however, in that with some thirty new instruments it is possible to tutor inexperienced players.

Next year it is hoped that the Silver Band will play on the Army Schools Parades and, with the enthusiasm shown by the present bandsmen, this objective should be reached.

—Drum-Major I L Peden.

OPERATION "WARM-UP"

On 23rd June the Cadet Company had a route march which was called "Operation Warm-up." Each platoon was taken by truck to about one mile north of Baggush Camp (as the crow flies, six miles from Waiouru) and was issued with a map. The platoon sergeants, who had already seen the maps, had a trail picked out across the hilly, rugged, stream-patterned country, and the operation started.

The platoons had to make their own ways back to camp, stopping at the Home Valley cattle-stop to be checked in by the judge. No. 2 Platoon was the first to return, beating No. 1 Platoon by about five minutes, and taking about one hour, twenty minutes for the distance. Nos. 3 and 4 Platoons, which started about an hour after Nos. 1 and 2, came in in small groups of two's and three's. Most of the cadets from these platoons lost their way and arrived back at different times, the latest arriving in at about 6 o'clock. Several of these parties reported sighting a herd of about 12 deer, but although rifles were carried—no ammunition!

On the latter half of the march it started to rain, and this had a dampening, but also a cooling effect on the trampers. Most of the cadets survived the march, but two members of No. 2 Platoon were helped back, but were really none the worse for wear.

As a test of physical fitness the operation was successful and was carried out generally in good spirits, though it must be admitted that one cynic was overheard to remark that the cadets might have made better times had they had something better than just camp to come back to!

—R C Young.

Sports Section

CRICKET

"In he runs, over comes his arm—and, clean bowled!" This was happily a common event in last season's bowling of the 1st XI. Davies B, Peden, Howe, De Bique and Caldwell were some of our most consistent bowlers, while the hard-hitting batsmen numbered Green, Pollock, Pangari, and our coach Lt Williams. Howe played sound and orthodox cricket in both departments and was an efficient team captain.

Last season commenced after Labour Week-end 1956, and concluded at the end of March, 1957. We played in the Ruapehu Union for the Ruapehu Challenge Shield, which we were successful in winning, and in fact we lost only three matches during the season. The most exciting game of the season was that against Kariori, which was the season's last match and also the critical game concerning the Challenge Shield.

In the coming season we will play in the Taihape Union, because of the more convenient location of these matches. To next season's cricketers, and to the new faces among them who have this successful tradition to uphold, "Good luck, and good cricketing!"

The team: Howe (captain), DeBique, Caldwell, Lawton, Pangari, Nathan, Pollock, Davies B, Costello, Ballantyne, Green, Scholium, Burrell E P, Peden, Lt Williams (coach-player).

HOCKEY

This year the hockey team captained by Cpl Pickavance began the season with just a bare eleven players four or five of whom were newcomers to the game.

During their first practices, it was seen that the team had much to learn and this was evident in their first outside game against Taumarunui which they lost 7—1. We cannot blame the teams altogether as Taumarunui are noted for their Hockey skills. In that game, Burrell, Drader, DeBique and

Coker played well in the forwards and Lepl Webster played extremely well in the goal even though the score was high.

The following competition games proved that under the coaching of Lt Norton, Lt Gatfield and Lepl Webster, the team had gained confidence and ability from their previous losses. This confidence and ability brought the team considerable success at the Five-a-side Tournament at Taihape.

In playing in the colt section they were successful in reaching the semi-final in which they were beaten 1—0.

In all, the season was not completely in our favour, but with the practices and games the team improved greatly. Most games were played in good spirit and the season was enjoyed by all players who joined with their captain in thanking all those who helped in any way at all and special thanks are conveyed to Lt Norton who gave up much of his time to coach our team.

SOCCER

Due mainly to the efforts of the coach, Sgt Bayliss A, RNZEME, the team played many more games than would have otherwise been possible, including two trips away, to New Plymouth and Waikune.

There were several newcomers this year, which must have been very welcome as the regular players were down to about a half-dozen. Some of them have developed into quite promising players, while Peden has risen to new heights—doubtlessly inspired by the visit of the Austrians. The morale and team-spirit have been high throughout the season, although the first defeat naturally caused a little despondency. Peden and Howe have shared the honours for captain over the season, and this was the team for most of the matches:—

Peden—Captain and Centre-half. Able captain—puts team before winning.

Howe—Vice-captain and Left Back. Plays safe defence, with sure boot.

Dyer—Goalkeeper. Outlawed when losing—accepted when winning.
 Main—Right Back. The other half of the solid defence—played in spite of injury.
 Meyer (Left Half) and Munro (Right Half). Versatile—constitute a good defending or attacking position.
 Harding—Right Wing. Fast—played well all season.
 DeBique—Inside Right. Fast—inclined towards “1-man team.”

Wills—Centre Forward. Mainstay of attack—“individualist.”
 Roberts—Inside Right. Good left foot—willing player.
 Chesham—Left Wing. Slow, but sure—decisive kick.
 Games played—11, won 2, lost 3.

The team has had a measure of success, and high hopes are held for next year.
 —BSD.



Rugby Notes

RUGBY

Four teams were again entered in the Ruapehu Rugby Sub-Union competitions—two Junior and two Third Grade. Three of the teams were made up entirely of cadets, but the fourth, the Junior “B,” was compelled to call on the assistance of several ex-cadets in order to keep a team on the field each week.

The First Fifteen once again won the Sub-Union Junior Championship and Challenge Shield competitions. But in the Third Grade Ruapehu College proved too strong for both our teams and made a clean sweep of the trophies. College had a very strong team this year and we regret that the game with the 1st XV, that had been organised as a curtain raiser to the King Country and Combined Services representative match, had to be cancelled because of the influenza epidemic. We congratulate College on their Third Grade success and hope to see them in the Junior Grade next year.

First Fifteen

The following represented the 1st XV this year:—Simons G H G (vice-captain), Taia M, Wickliffe J H, Rolle D K H, Pollock C D, Kereopa F A, Schollum G P, Robinson L R, Brown W, Nathan G W, McNeill E F, Mitchell C W, Jameson M McR (captain), Brock W R, Kealey G B, Hoffman T, Burrell E P, Laing G A, Brown J W, Nicholson D R, Calder N G, Craig E.

With only two of last year's team available a period of team building was necessary early in the season and it was some time before the best combination was evolved. At first the backs were the more powerful section of the team with Schollum showing good form at second five-eighths and Simons proving a tower of strength at full-back. Lack of speed and determination by the wings and bad handling (a fault which plagued the backline throughout the season), however, spoilt many promising movements. The forwards at this:

stage were playing badly. Slowness to the loose ball, a lack of concerted drive in the tight and an almost complete absence of cover defence led to some very mediocre displays.

As the season progressed, however, a considerable improvement was shown. The introduction of Taia and Rolle in the wings and Mitchell at half helped the backline considerably in spite of the permanent loss of Schollum through injury.

A rearrangement of the forwards also had most beneficial results. Brock in particular, plus Kealey and Brown J W, became the basis of a powerful pack in the tight while Laing and Calder were prominent in the loose and Hoffman gave some outstanding exhibitions of line-out play. Nathan developed into an accurate goal kicker who, in several games, converted vital penalties or tries at crucial moments. Jameson proved a most effective captain and leader. He missed several games with injuries and his value to the team was emphasised by the all round higher standard produced when he was actually on the field. In the latter part of the season also, a very effective cover defence was evolved and the standard of tackling became extremely high.

The team reached its peak early in August and it was unfortunate that the influenza epidemic had a most adverse effect on form just before some of our outside games.

During the season Schollum and Simons were selected for the King Country Junior Reps and as well as these two Brock, Brown J W, Brown W, Craig, Calder, Hoffman, Jameson, Laing, Mitchell and Nathan all represented the Ruapehu Sub-Union.

The team retained the Sub-Union Championship Cup, the Charity Cup and the Morrissey Memorial Shield, but suffered three defeats and a draw in the process. The final analysis of competition games was:—

Played 13, won 9, lost 3, drawn 1—

Points for 116; points against 60.

Three matches were played against outside schools this year. Early in the season the team visited Taumaranui and defeated the local High School in our annual game, 12—9, after a hard, but interesting tussle. Just before the end of the term it travelled to Gisborne and lost to the High School 1st XV,

3—5. The game was played in pouring rain, but in view of the fact that all the team except one had been in bed with influenza earlier in the week and three members could not make the trip, we were well satisfied with our performance. In September a trip was made to Bombay to play St. Stephen's School—another annual fixture. Once against the weather was unkind and the match was lost, 3—12, after another hard struggle in the rain. We must thank St. Stephen's for a most enjoyable week-end.

The highlight of the season, however, was our victory in the Inter-Services Junior Tournament held this year at Woodbourne. The team won both its games, defeating Navy 16—3 in the opening game and the RNZAF Boy Entrants 6—3 in the final. During this tournament the team produced its best Rugby of the year and its form compared favourably with that of past First XV's. As we had also defeated the Police Cadets, 6—3, in a game played after the Guard of Honour, we can really claim to be inter-services champions.

Junior "B"

As more players of junior standard were available than could win a place in the 1st XV a second junior team was formed. There were, however, not enough cadets to fill it completely and several ex-cadets who were in Waiouru accepted an invitation to play for the team. These included four outstanding members of last year's first fifteen, L/Cpl McAndrew, Sprs Marshall and Flavell and Cfn Ruha, together with several from the Third "A", Sprs Casey, Shaw and Jorgenson. A strong team was thus assembled which, although it won only two games, was a hard team to beat as its record of points for and against shows. It had three stirring tussles with the 1st XV for two very narrow losses and a draw, but failed to show quite the same form against outside teams.

Its full playing record was:—

Played 11, won 2, lost 7, drawn 2—

Points for 88, points against 91.

Several of its members in the early part of the season later won promotion to the 1st XV. In addition Ngawaka won a place in



FIRST RUGBY FIFTEEN

Brown J, Kealey, Rolle, Hoffmann, Brock, Schollum, Calder.
 Laing, Burrell, Nicholson, Simons (Vice-captain), Maj Gill (Coach), Brown W,
 Kereopa, Nathan, Taia.
 Craig, Mitchell, Wicliffe.

Absent: Jameson (Captain).

the Sub-Union Junior Reps. The cadets who played for the team were as follows:

Kelly J D, Robinson L R, Rolle D K H, Pollock C D, Coker W D, Heperi T N, Slocombe D B, Mitchell C W, Geraghty T R, Henderson M J, Nicholson D R, Ngawaka T P, Ormsby D H, Tuck R D, Burrell E P, Petricevich J, Nevill R.

Special thanks are due to Cpl Slater who coached this team. He was often in difficulties over the availability of players, but never failed to field a team throughout the season.

Third Grade "A"

This year's team failed to reach the high standard set by the 1956 team.

At the beginning of the season the forwards lacked weight and drive, but as the season progressed they developed into a strong pack thanks to the inclusion of A H Dawson and E J Petricevich who were not required in the Junior squad.

The backs promised to be a fast, reliable unit, but mainly because of lack of practice together (prevented by key players becoming injured or being on courses) the necessary combination failed to develop.

Consequently our traditional rivals, the Ruapehu College 1st XV, with a very good team, vanquished us each time we met. We congratulate the College on winning the competition and hope we will lower their colours next year.

Only one non-competition game was played this year. This was against the Utiku third grade team. The match was played in most unpleasant conditions and play was mainly confined to the forwards. The result was a win for us by 8 points to 3.

We congratulate the following players who were selected as Third Grade Representatives:—

Dawson A H, Petricevich R J, Reynish

T K D, Grassick W L, Litchwark B N, Broughton J F, and Earl B L.

The following players were also selected for the game against Taihape Third Grade Representatives:—

Costello F, Kire B, Kingi R T, and Patterson W D.

Regular players in the team were:—

Reynish T K D (captain), Grassick W J L (vice-capt.), Costello F, Davies S A, Litchwark B N, Kearns G S, Smith S V, Davis B N J, Davis P, Patterson W D, Pangari P M, Kire B, Broughton J F, Wirihana R T, Kingi R T, Earl B L, Harvey R L, Caldwell W T, Petricevich R J, Dawson A H, and Blacklock J A.

Match results:—

- v College B — Won 8—5
- v College A — Lost 16—3
- v Cadet B — Won 12—3
- v Utiku — Won 8—3
- v College B — Lost 5—6
- v College A — Lost 9—0
- v Ohakune — Won 18—3
- v Cadet B — Won 24—3
- v College A — Lost 22—5

Third Grade "B"

The team commenced the season with three victories — over Ohakune Town A's, Ruapehu College B's, and Raetihi—but unfortunately this record was not maintained and the rest of the games were lost. This beginning was not "a flash in the pan," however, since players who showed promise were promoted to the "A" grade, to their gain and our loss.

Many of the members were having their first introduction to Rugby, and despite a rather general lack of fitness at times, showed that with a little more experience they will graduate to higher honours.

SKI-ING NOTES

The activities of Cadets on Ruapehu this year have been rather disrupted by most erratic snow conditions.

An early start to the ski-ing season was promised when snow fell thickly late in May,

and bookings for a cadet party were secured at the Christiania Ski Club lodge for Queen's Birthday week-end. The party arrived on the mountain on Friday evening, but for once there was too much snow. Heavy falls backed by a strong wind made condi-

tions fairly unpleasant and when the central heating failed, as a result of the power lines collapsing under the weight of snow, a shivering group beat a hasty retreat back to camp early on Monday.

After that, visits were confined to the usual Sunday day trips which have once again proved very popular. The demand for skis has been so great that the Cadet School holdings have proved insufficient and cadets have been using additional skis borrowed from the Camp Alpine Club.

Unfortunately warm rain removed most of the early snow and right through to the August break there was a distinct shortage on the lower learner's slopes. One exception which few who went on the trip will forget was the occasion of the August blizzard. Thanks to sterling efforts by Calder, who was driving, the GMC reached Salt Hut before its progress was stopped by a four-foot drift. Conditions were not very good for skiing, but they served to impress upon members of the party the importance of the rule against skiing alone at any time. As only three other vehicles managed to get up the mountain the party did some valuable rescue work includ-

ing the recovery of a large articulator which was completely blocking traffic at the Chateau.

Fortunately heavy snow in September and early October has resulted in much better conditions in the latter part of the season and present indications are that sufficient snow should remain to extend activities well into November. As a result several cadets are now showing increased proficiency. Many are now using the beginners' tow. So far, however, few have graduated to the T Bar.

Welcome news for all army skiers, including cadets, is the fact that a site for the Army Ski Hut has been selected near the top of the mountain road in the alpine village. Plans for a forty-bunk two-story hut with all modern conveniences have been approved and it is hoped that construction will begin this summer. With a hut of this size accommodation should be available for cadet parties whenever required. Week-ends can then replace day trips and those bed lovers who just can't make it to catch the truck at 8 o'clock will be able to do much more skiing than at present.

Athletic Results

5th December 1956

100 Yards.—1st Earsman, 2nd Reid, 3rd Waugh.	Time: 11.2sec.
220 Yards.—1st Reid, 2nd Waugh, 3rd Earsman.	Time: 26.4sec.
440 Yards.—1st Forlong, 2nd Reid, 3rd Ellis.	Time: 1min.
880 Yards.—1st Don, 2nd Rutherford, 3rd Hooper.	Time: 2min. 20sec.
1 Mile.—1st Forlong, 2nd Candy, 3rd Dawson.	Time: 5min. 5sec.
Javelin.—1st Hooper, 2nd Earsman, 3rd Simkin	Distance: 144ft 6in (record).
Long Jump.—1st Schollum, 2nd Waugh, 3rd Vickers.	Distance: 18ft 7½in.
Shot Put.—1st McAndrew, 2nd Hoffman, 3rd Wills.	Distance: 39ft 6in (record).
High Jump.—1st Ballance, 2nd Vickers, 3rd Drader.	Height: 5ft 2¼in.
Discus.—1st Simkins, 2nd Calder, 3rd Jameson.	Distance: 105ft.
Hop, Step and Jump.—1st Rout, 2nd Burrell, 3rd Marshall.	Distance: 40ft 7in.
Cross Country.—1st Forlong, 2nd Caskey, 3rd Reihana.	
Relay (4 x 110 yards).—1st 2 Pl, 2nd 3 Pl, 3rd 1 Pl.	

Athletic Champion, 1956: Forlong.

Swimming Sports

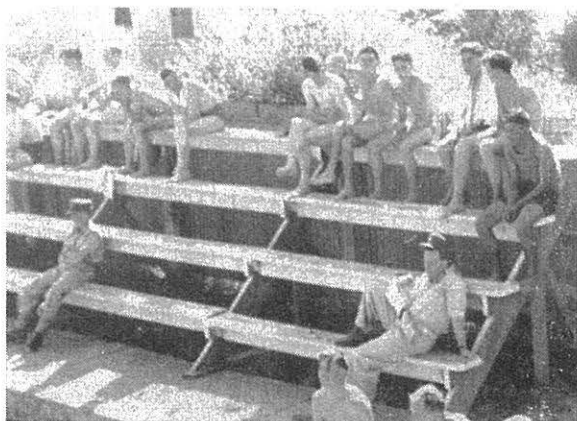
Fine weather again favoured the Annual Swimming Sports held at the Taihape Baths on the 19th and 21st February, and six new records were established. This makes Puttick class's victory over Sinclair-Burgess class (second year class) not very surprising. Not recorded in the official results, the Staff Race was notable for the wearing of flippers by Cpl Poka and the sabotage wrought on many favourites by human torpedoes; it was won by Cpl Blomfield. Fortunately the Cadets showed more knowledge of the rules in the main events. Results:—

- 33 1-3 Yards Freestyle.—1st Laing, 2nd Dawson A H, 3rd Hoffman. Time: 18.4sec.
 33 1-3 Yards Breaststroke.—1st Deadheat: Bray, Jameson, 3rd Laing. Time: 25.2sec.
 33 1-3 Yards Backstroke.—1st Ballantyne, 2nd Laing, 3rd Hoffman. Time: 25sec.
 Plunge.—1st Peden, 2nd Harvey, 3rd Bray. Distance: 33ft 4½in.
 50 Yards Freestyle.—1st Peden, 2nd Deadheat: Taia and Dawson A H. Time: 29.6sec (record).
 50 Yards Backstroke.—1st Candy, 2nd Laing, 3rd Hoffman. Time: 40.5sec (record).
 50 Yards Breaststroke.—1st Bray, 2nd Jameson, 3rd Williamson. Time: 39sec (record).
 Diving. —1st Hoffman, 2nd Bray, 3rd Candy.
 100 Yards Freestyle.—1st Dawson A H, 2nd Peden, 3rd Ballantyne. Time: 1min 9.6sec (record).
 Penny Scramble.—1st Costello.
 100 Yards Backstroke.—1st Laing.
 Underwater Swim.—1st Taia, 2nd Grassick, 3rd Kraules. Distance: 127ft 7in.
 100 Yards Breaststroke.—1st Jameson, 2nd Bray. Time: 1min. 34.2sec.
 100 Yards Medley.—1st Laing, 2nd Dawson A H, 3rd Jameson. Time: 1min 26.8sec (record).
 Inter-Barrack Relay.—1st Platamon, 2nd Olympus. Time: 2min 40sec (record).
 Inter-Class Relay.—1st Puttick.

Swimming Champion: Laing.

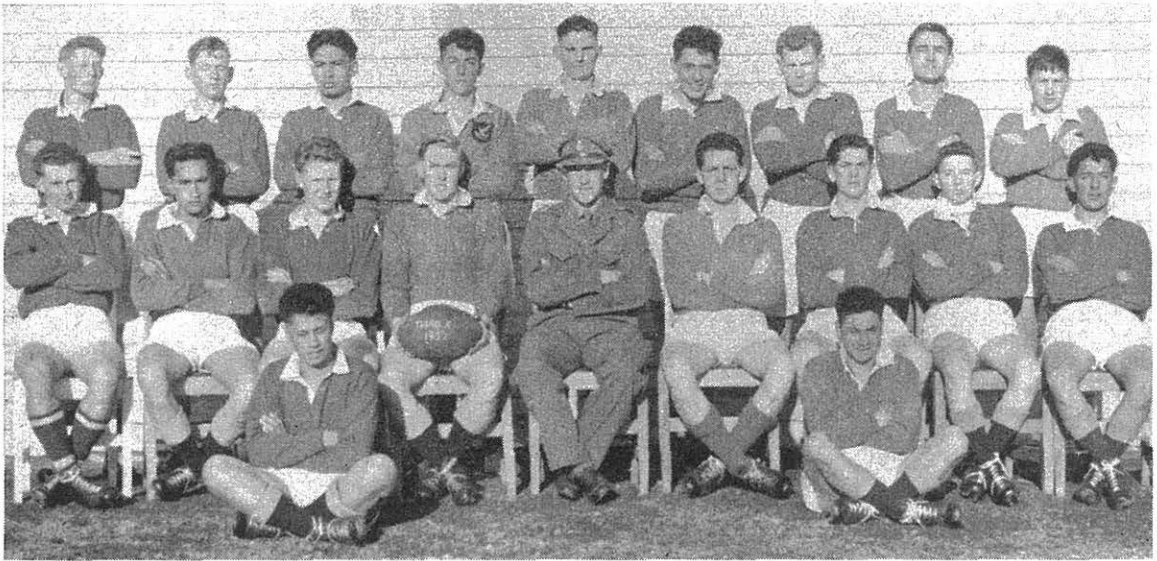


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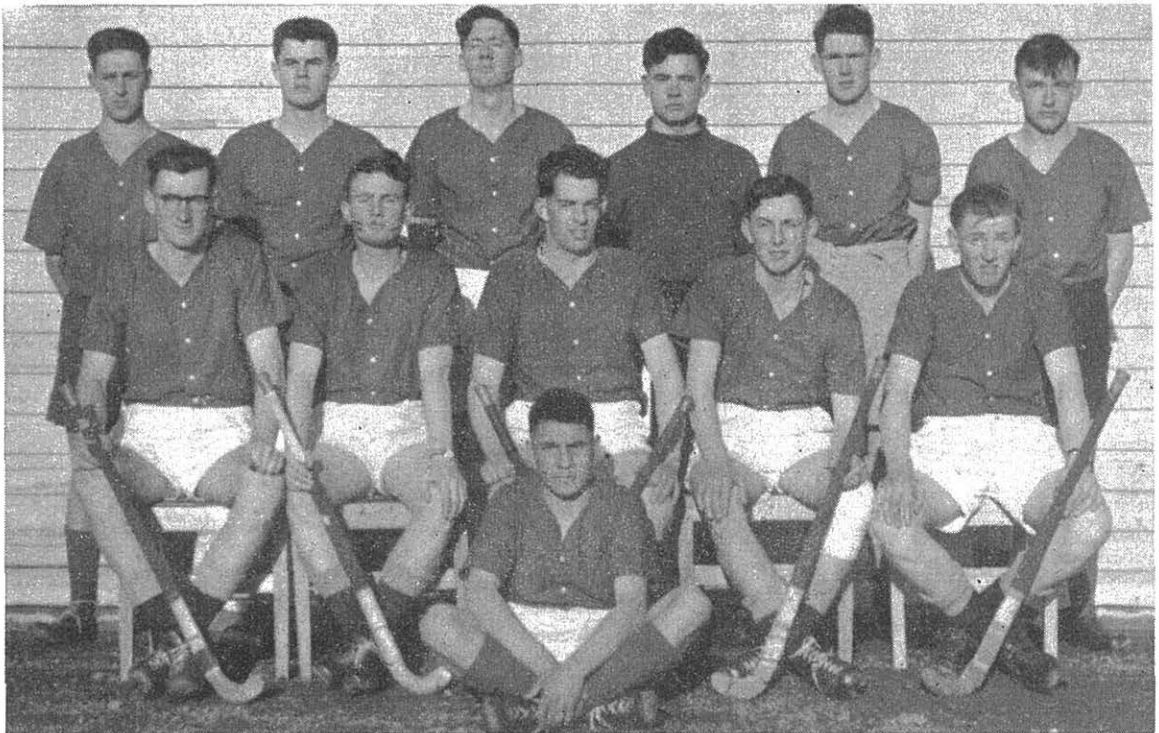
Recognise these?

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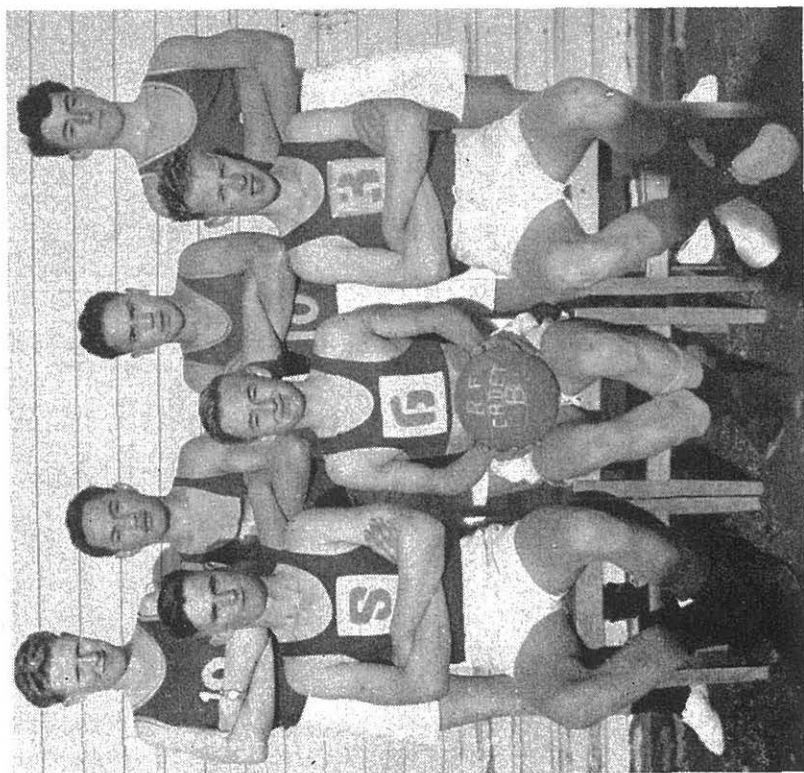


Kitney M L, Lichtwark N, Kingi K T, Pangari P M, Dawson A H, Petricevich J E, Blacklock J A, Harvey R, Davies S A, Kearns G S, Broughton J F, Caldwell W T, Reynish T K D (Capt), Lt N L Skilton (Coach), Grassick W J L, Costello F, Earl B L, Patterson W, Wirihana R T, Davis P.

HOCKEY XI



Eden P G, Coker W D, Kennedy D W, Wilson J B, Rockell J E, Christensen K, Drader P C, Knowles B J, Pickavance W, Ryan R J, Burrell P, De Bique R A.

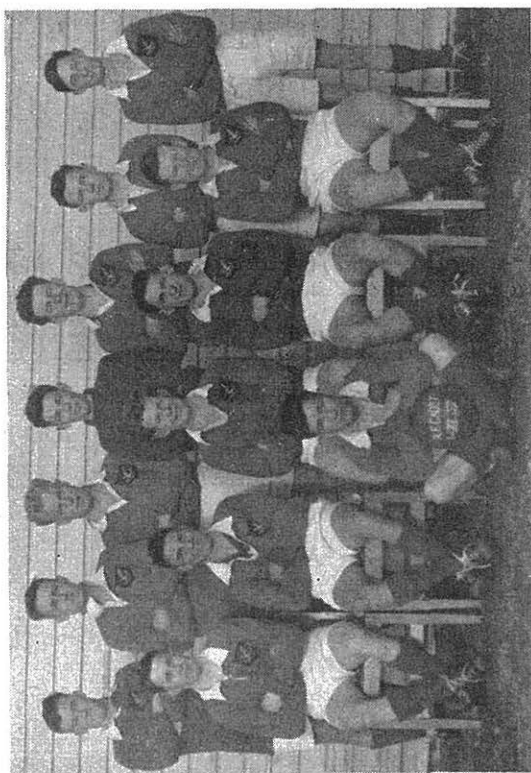


INDOOR BASKETBALL

Caldwell W T, Horopapera R J, Simons G H,

Pangari P M, Dawson A H, Dawson J H,

Rolle D K.



SOCCER XV

Meyer B J, Howe P A, Candy C W, Dyer B S,

Young R C, Main B J, Burke G.

Munro R G, De Bique R A, Peden I L, Wills R O,

Chesham M J, Roberts I H.

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.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR WILLIAM L H SINCLAIR-BURGESS KBE CB CMG DSO

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

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR EDWARD PUTTICK KCB DSO

Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Puttick, KCB DSO, one of New Zealand's most distinguished soldiers in two World Wars, was born in Timaru on 26th June, 1890.

After keen service as a Territorial officer General Puttick proceeded overseas with 1 NZEF in 1914. He saw action in Egypt and France, taking part in both battles of the Somme. He was severely wounded at Colin-camps, near Amiens.

On his return to New Zealand in 1918 General Puttick was appointed a Major in the New Zealand Staff Corps. After attending a course at the Imperial Defence College, London, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel in 1937. A year later he was Adjutant and Quartermaster-General at Army Headquarters, Wellington. In 1940 he took command of 4 Infantry Brigade.

He fought with distinction in the engagements on Mount Olympus, and the final rearguard action of 4 Infantry Brigade, near Marathon, has been described as an achievement worthy of the highest traditions of the British Army. In 1942 General Puttick became Chief of the General Staff and General Officer Commanding the New Zealand Military Forces. His contribution to the organisation of New Zealand's defence system during the war was widely praised on his retirement in 1945.

Among General Puttick's numerous awards are the Distinguished Service Order and Bar, the United States Legion of Merit, and the Greek Military Cross. He received a knighthood in February, 1946.





Taia runs



and scores !

Force ran a bus into Blenheim for us. Everyone, I think, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Saturday was the big day. Both Air Force and Army had won one game. It was rumoured that it would be a good exciting game, Air Force slightly favoured to win.

It certainly proved an exciting game. Both teams were even. Army scored first with a try, but it was unconverted. Air Force opened their scoring with a delightful try. poor tackling on this occasion by Army helped the score. The game then seesawed from one end of the field to the other, the Army having a territorial advantage. Then Air Force was penalised right by their posts and Nathan kicked the penalty 6—3.

Towards the end of the game our captain injured his already weak ankle. He had to come off. But the score remained the same until the final whistle was blown, mak-

ing the Army team the "champions."

A dance was put on for all teams that night and it was enjoyed by all. Previously a buffet tea was held when the coaches of both sides spoke—the Navy and Army thanking the Air Force for its generous hospitality.

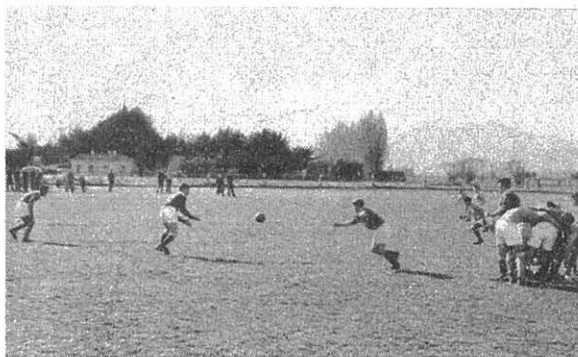
On Sunday the Army and Navy teams departed from Woodbourne. Everyone, I think, will remember this trip. Many new friends were made and many enjoyable moments were spent at Woodbourne. The aircraft left with the final comment from the Air Force that "next year the tables will be reversed."

The Army left the plane at Ohakea to travel home to Waiouru, arriving back at 5.15 p.m.

Thank you, Woodbourne, for a fine tournament, socially and competitively!

—EPB

Along the line.



Jump for it !



Sports Snapshots



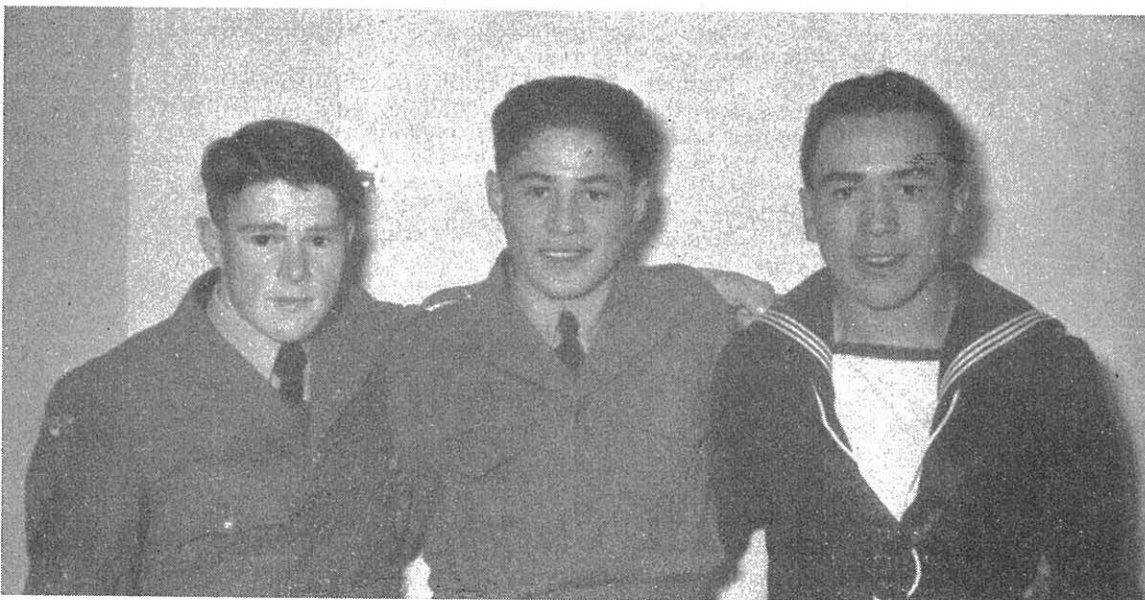
A successful stalk



Cadets at the Chateau



Athletic Sports



Comrades in Arms at Woodbourne.

TAUMARUNUI TRIP

We left for Taumarunui on a typically overcast and wet Waikouru day. The teams, 1st Rugby XV and 1st Hockey XI, went by "trooper" with our old friend Cpl Slater at the wheel and Lt. Meldum 'co-pilot.'

On one occasion our co-pilot took the wheel, and deciding that a bank on a corner was in the way, proceeded to annihilate it, leaving it spattered along the side of the truck!

We arrived at Taumarunui without further incident, and after being welcomed we were shown over our "place of rest," where we left our food and gear. The Hockey and Rugby were due to start at 1.30, but the field being some distance from the school, we had to embuss again.

Both games were hard and even, the Cadets winning the Rugby 12—9 and losing the Hockey 5—6. Taumarunui High School, our hosts, very kindly put on a meal for us after the games and at 4.15 we departed very happy—and still in the rain.

—E.P.B.

WAIKUNE TRIP

On Saturday 15th June, the Cadet Soccer Team left by truck to play the Waikune

Prison Warders at Waikune, about a mile and a half from National Park. The weather was dull and overcast, but the boys began to change in the best of spirits although rain had started to fall. By the time the teams took the ground it was raining heavily.

Our opposition's ages ranged from 24 to 54, but neither the disparity in age nor the inclemency of the weather were able to prevent a keen game being played, and at full time the cadets left the field jubilant with a win of 6—1.

After the game we were hospitably entertained at afternoon tea in the Officers' Mess, and arrived back at Waikouru at about 7 p.m.

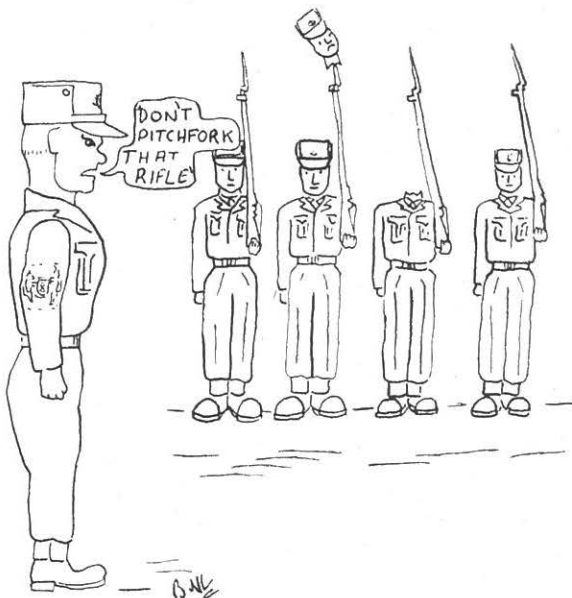
—B J Meyer.

GISBORNE TRIP

It was with optimistic spirits that the 1st XV boarded the RNZN bus from HMNZS "Irirangi" on Friday 30th August that was to take them to play the Gisborne Boys' High School 1st XV. This was the first time that Cadet Rugby had invaded Gisborne, and after a tedious thirteen and a-half-hour journey the team was billeted at the School. After a meal, everyone was very soon in bed in preparation for the morrow's match.

Not the musical bugles of reveille woke us on the morn, but the sinister drumming of beating rain. The game was played on Gisborne's main Rugby ground as a curtain raiser to the Combined Services - Poverty Bay match.

The teams ran on to the field in rain, but the ground was still firm. After the kick-off both sets of backs made a brave attempt to handle the ball, but it soon became evident that it would be the feet of forwards that would dominate play. Play switched quickly from end to end of the field, and defence was strong on both sides, but just before half-time a Gisborne winger made a fine break and scored. The try was converted, making the half-time score Gisborne 5, Cadets nil. The Cadets increased their efforts in the second half, to be rewarded with a penalty, but despite continued fierce endeavour



the final whistle sounded with a 5—3 victory for Gisborne.

The game over, we forgot our worries and foremost thoughts were those of holiday spirit, but alas, the rain continued until our departure for Waiouru at 6.30 a.. Sunday. Who said Gisborne was a fair city?

—J W Brown.

NEW PLYMOUTH TRIP

The highlight of the Soccer season this year was a trip to New Plymouth to play the High School 1st XI. Leaving at 8.30 a.m. on Friday, 27th September, the truck, driven by Cpl Dorset, made good time, and Wanganui was reached in time for lunch. Arriving in New Plymouth at 5 p.m. the team was taken to the billets, and then it descended in force upon the City. Ideas of an early night were strengthened by the weather which had become rather wet. The next morning brought heavy rain and although some of the team went sight-seeing in private cars, the majority preferred to stay indoors. By 1.15 p.m. members of both teams began to converge on the ground, and surprisingly enough, the game started right on 1.30, in pouring rain. The Cadet side was trying for a quick goal, but the ball was hard to control and the opportunity did not arise. Our defence was strong and several promising moves, started by the fast High School forwards, were successfully broken up. At half-time neither side had scored, and now the Cadets had the weather against them. A couple of shots by the forwards were unsuccessful and after 27 minutes the referee declared the game a draw. That night, the teams were entertained at a private home, where an excellent supper was followed by some films.

Later the cinemas in town were visited, also a dance in one of the suburbs. Sunday was fine, but we had to leave at 9 a.m. for Waiouru. The return journey was broken for lunch at Wanganui, and a stop at a scenic waterfall. The trip was enjoyed by all and next year it is hoped to entertain the High School team here at Waiouru. It will be interesting to see if they can fulfil their promise to win.

—B S Dyer.

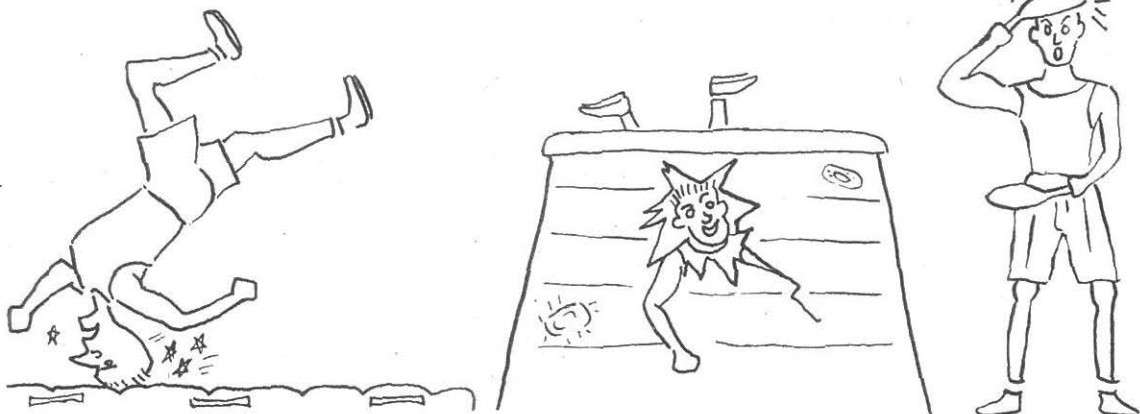
BOMBAY TRIP

The last tour of the Rugby season was that of the 1st XV to St. Stephen's College, Bombay.

Transport was kindly provided in the private cars of Maj Firth, Maj Gill, Capt Thorpe and WOII Luckham—a welcome change from the hard benches in the back of a GMC!

On arrival, the team was welcomed by a fearsome haka, and then were shown to their sleeping quarters where they retired early. Rain fell before the game, but it fined up later, so that the game was played on firm ground, although the ball was rather slippery to handle. This gave some advantage to the heavier St. Stephen's pack. After a half-time school of 6—0 to St. Stephen's increased 9—0 shortly after play recommenced, Nathan rallied us with a penalty, but another penalty by St. Stephen's brought the full-time score to 12—3 for St. Stephen's.

After the game some cadets proceeded to Auckland for week-end leave, while others were hospitably entertained by their victorious hosts until their departure the following day.



The Guard of Honour

"Royal Salute, Present . . . Arms!" With perfect timing and precision the Guard completed the compliment as the black limousine drew up on the shining tarmac. Motionless, hardly daring to breathe, we stood facing the Administration Building of the Paraparamu Airport on 24th July and waited for His Excellency the Governor General, Lord Norrie, to alight from the car. Captain Thorpe, the Guard Commander, marched out to meet His Excellency, and reported the Guard "present and ready for inspection."

Returning his salute, Lord Norrie moved slowly down the ranks, stopping here and there to ask a cadet about his home town or his opinions of army life. As he moved to the second rank, we were conscious of the scurrying photographers trying for exclusive "shots" for their newspapers. All the while, we left the eyes of the bystanders making their own critical inspection of the spit-polished boots, immaculate battle-dress, and spotless web. We were gratified, compelled to gaze straight ahead, to note that an at-

tractive blonde air hostess had thoughtfully placed herself in a large window in the building to our front.

His inspection finished, His Excellency returned to the official party to exchange farewells with Mr. and Mrs. Holland and other dignitaries.

"By the left, Quick . . . March!" We marched around a RNZAF Dakota drawn up on the apron and again formed up, this time facing the door of the aircraft. The Chiefs of Staff lined up on our right, coming to attention with us as the official party approached. With the appearance on our right of Their Excellencies we sloped arms with confidence, feeling the rifle respond to the smooth actions, which, thanks to the arduous preparatory training, were almost automatic.

At the base of the landing steps, His Excellency acknowledged the second Royal Salute as the strains of "God Save the Queen" drifted over the silent crowd. Then a spontaneous "Three Cheers" arose from



A
PROUD
MOMENT

the throng as Lord Norrie waved and entered the aircraft.

"Guard of Honour, Order Arms!" As the aircraft taxied towards the main runway, we all sensed a feeling of achievement. Suddenly we became glad of the monotonous training which had helped us to attain our goal and welded us into a team.

As we marched back to the dispersal area, with the Dakota flying overhead, the Guard Commander passed on to us the de-

parting Governor General's appreciation of the Guard: "Good turnout, and bearing is excellent." The CGS sent the following message to the Commandant, Army Schools, "I congratulate you and all ranks of the RF Cadet Guard of Honour, who paraded in farewell to His Excellency the Governor General at Paraparaumu Airport on July 24th. Your bearing, drill, and appearance reflected the greatest credit on yourselves and the Army. I am appreciative of your high performance."

—B. Dyer.

The Colour Sergeant

Cadet Colour Sergeant Jameson M McR, Senior Cadet of 1957, was born in March 1939, at Hamilton. He received his primary education at Papakura Normal School. He then took an Industrial course at Otahuhu College for three years, gaining his School Certificate in 1954, and took a Sixth form Science Course.

At school he earned some distinction in sport and leadership, being a Junior Prefect, and CSM in the School Cadet Battalion. He was a member of the First Fifteen, and represented his school in the Inter-School Swimming Championships and the Weekly Press Challenge Shield for shooting.

In January 1956 Colour Sergeant Jameson entered the RF Cadets, and having already gained School Certificate, he elected to do no further education and immediately commenced Trade Training in the RNZEME School, training to be a vehicle mechanic. During his first year he was a Cadet Lepl. He sits the First Qualifying Examination of the Trades Certification Board at the end of this year.

At the RF Cadet School Colour Sergeant Jameson has captained the Rugby XV in 1957 and the Softball XI in 1956. He was a member of the 1st XV in 1956. He came third in the Swimming Championships this year, being particularly successful in the breast-stroke events. He is a keen fisherman, and ski-ing and shooting (on the range and deer-stalking) occupy much of the leisure time that his duties enable him to spare.

He will graduate in December, 1957.



Colour Sergeant Jameson.

One of the Social highlights of the Cadet Year was the festive opening of the "Recreation Room"—in fact, a block including a two-table billiard room, a table tennis room, quiet room, refreshment bar, and a large dance hall complete with bandstand, radiogram and piano. The block was completely renovated in contemporary style by Cadet labour, and was opened 29th May.

The night fell wet and cold with a prospect of the heaviest snowfall yet for Waiouru. Our spirits were high until the news of "NO



The Mock Orderly Room.

Opening of the New "Rec. Room"

girls" came, but, although this news brought gloom, the show went on (and, seeing that there was no Night Study, Puttick Class didn't really mind).

The outside of the Rec Room is rather drab, but a surprise awaits the visitor entering the building—contemporary curtains pastel-shaded chairs, tables and walls, lino, a bar (non-alcoholic) with laminex top, and ultra modern lampshades, transform this former Ministry of Works office into the envy of any Mess in the Camp.

The Cadet Dance Band ("The Shiiks") started warming up as the guests arrived—the CO, OC, the teachers with their wives, and a few others, including Major-General Weir, Brigadier Queree and a couple of colonels. As there was a shortage (though not so severe as had first been thought) of the "fair sex" dancing all night was impossible, so Paul Ngawaka brought on his Maori choir, and the "Choclits," which brought the house down, and later on these groups were recalled again and again. Star of the "Choclits" was Dave Ormsby, with his "Marie" and "The Great Pretender." Then Len Robinson and his group gave their version of "The Spaceman" which was well thought out and presented. After supper, and a couple of dances later, "Major" Abobt held an Orderly Room with Lepl Grassick as a well-padded CSM and Cdt Jackson as the victim. This proved to be a very witty sketch indeed.



"The Shiiks" in the groove.

Then our head-cadet, Colour Sgt Jameson, gave two one-man exhibitions called, "Fish 'n Chips at the Pictures" and "Reveille," much to the delight of the audience.

The night drawing on, Maj Firth officially opened the building with a speech in which he gave a short history of the completion of the building, and went on to state his intention of conducting monthly socials so that the "lads could learn to get on with the opposite sex" (little did he know!). Soon afterwards the "Brass" said goodnight and

departed; this, of course had nothing to do with the Major's speech!

Two outstanding guests of the evening were the winners of the statue waltz, Mr and Mrs Nelson, and Mr. Meldrum, the Ballin the Jack King. But even better was to come, when it was announced that "No 0800hrs parade tomorrow!" What could be better to end a Cadet Social with? Please don't answer. But I am sure that everyone who went enjoyed themselves—I did!

—S. Davies.

Padre's Corner

AN ANCIENT SATELLITE?

By Padre A H Lowden

On October 4th the Russians launched the first satellite from the earth. Scarcely a dozen years after man had mastered the secret of releasing the enormous energy known to be latent in the atom; man is now within sight of overcoming the law of gravity which has hitherto tied him to this earth and its atmosphere.

Our daily papers have been full of the story and its vast implications. It is approximately 1957 years since a similar object was last seen moving across the sky in a definite orbit from East to West. Apparently it was not always visible, because when the wise men of the East approached Jerusalem, in their impatience they did not wait for the star to appear that evening, but asked Herod to help them find the Saviour of the world.

Perhaps that satellite entered the earth's atmosphere above the village of Bethlehem and became a blinding and a guiding light while it burnt itself out in its fall.

By the common consent of the modern world, time is counted not from the appearance of that star, but the birth of the child to which it led.

The wise men of our day are already asking, "Where do we go from here? Will this new power be a factor for good or evil?" That depends on whether the darkness of hate and greed or the light of love and trust rules in the new generation.

"This is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you. That God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

"If we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanseth us from all sin."

LAW AND FREEDOM

By Padre J McNeill

Very early in life man becomes aware that he is living in a world of laws. The conclusion he comes to, consciously or not, is that there are a whole series of conditions and results which may be counted on fairly well. Fire burns, for instance, rain wets him, and solid objects fall to the ground and not the sky. And he quickly comes to realise that they are not of his own choosing—they may even be against it—and are certainly not affected by his disapproval. Ignore them he may, but he suffers. There is no freedom from them, he learns, but only freedom within them. And freedom within them can be had only by one who knows them.

A motorist has two sets of laws put before him. The regulations of the Transport Department restrict his speed to certain limits, and forbid him to double park. They are a nuisance perhaps, and when there is no traffic officer about, he is proud to break them. But the second law is that he must obey the instructions the manufacturer gives him. It becomes a rule that he should use

the gears in a certain order, and put oil in appropriate places. Should he break this law, he regards himself as stupid. One never gains freedom by ignoring the maker's instructions, nor loses it by obeying them. If he chooses to ignore the instructions General Motors has given him for the running of his Vauxhall, a man may gain some immediate advantage, but finally have a car which could not be run at all.

Free a razor from the old day-to-day task of removing hair from the face and use it for cutting kindling wood. You would not cut much wood, but in a short time, the razor has been ruined. Imaginary freedom for the instrument means its destruction.

In fact obedience to law extends freedom. A scientist discovering a new law of nature does not consider that man's knowledge or power is further limited thereby. It was necessary for man to obey many laws before he could fly in the air. "Sputnik" flying outside the atmosphere meant more laws discovered, and obeyed. Law extends knowledge, making a greater freedom possible.

What holds for the natural law applies to the moral, for the authority is the same for both.

HOW WOULD YOU BE?

By Padre D C G Cameron

When we learn to do something new, like driving a car, it isn't long before we ask the friend who is teaching us, "How am I doing?"

In the larger business of living perhaps we don't very often ask other people's opinion as to how we are getting on, though we all did when we were children. Probably we feel that we have had enough experience and judgment to know for ourselves just "how we are doing." If we are confident and reasonably happy and doing pretty well

compared with our fellows, we don't bother very much about it. We just sometimes say to ourselves, "You're doing all right." Of course if we are feeling a bit inferior, though we never admit it, we may find ourselves trying to find out what other people are thinking of us and our progress. We don't actually ask, "How am I doing?" but that is what we really want to know.

For, to most people, it is a matter of great importance that they should stand well either in their own eyes or those of other people or both. But how very few people ever bother to think about how they are doing in the eyes of God! Yet if it is true that this is His world and that He has laid down certain rules and principles for happy and constructive living, surely it is important to pay some attention to His standards—particularly if we hope one day, when our bodies die, to live permanently in His perfect world. There is a worth while story to read in the New Testament on this point. It is in St. Luke's gospel, chapter 12, verses 16-21.

For after all even the most self-satisfied people sometimes ask themselves such questions as: "What am I here for? What sort of person am I meant to be? What sort of standards ought I to live by and where shall I find them?" If we ask questions like these we are really asking, "How am I doing?"

For if, as Christians believe, God is not a vague absentee power, but One who has shown men standards and requirements by His life, isn't it only common sense to see what they are?

The world is in a frightful muddle. Isn't it at least possible that this is because so many people are setting their standards of behaviour either by their own judgment or by that of their neighbours, and so very few are trying to follow the way of life that God demonstrated and taught when as Jesus Christ He came to this planet? Now I ask you, "How would you be!"

On (and off) Parade

Company Headquarters.

1957 has seen a large number of changes in the personnel of Company Headquarters.

Early in the year the Administration Officer, Lt R G Williams, NZ Regt, received a posting to Adjutant 1st Battalion Canterbury Regiment and was replaced by Lt W J A Meldrum NZ Regt. The latter will go down in the history of the unit as the originator of that popular (?) Sunday afternoon diversion "Operation Warm-up." Unfortunately before he could think up any more similar ideas to brighten a dull moment Lt Meldrum was posted to 1st Battalion NZ Regiment for service in Malaya and his place was taken by Lt and QM C G MacShane NZ Regt. Company Headquarters has become, as a result a quieter if less lively place. During the year also WOII Allan was replaced as CSM by WOII

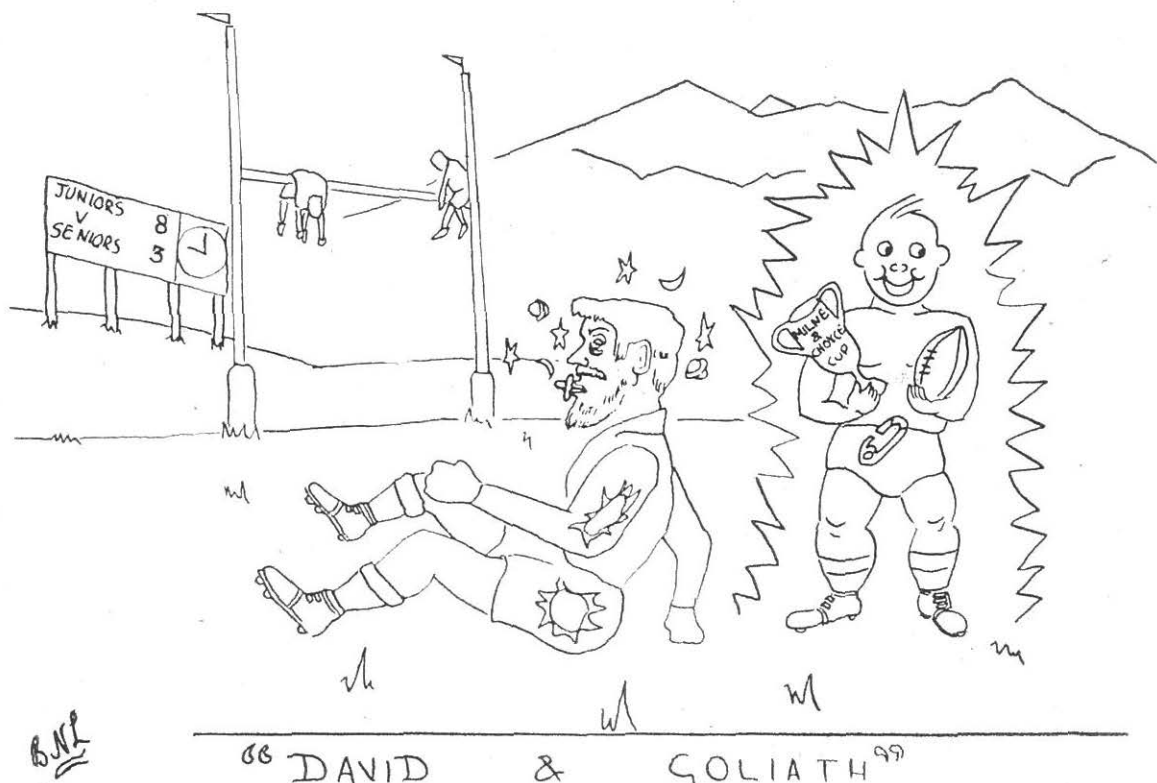
Luckham, Cpl Redwood assumed the appointment of CQMS previously held by Cpl Slater and Lcpl Webster became company clerk in place of Cpl Blomfield.

In October it was announced that Maj E R Firth MBE BEM NZ Regt would be relinquishing the appointment of OC RF Cadets, which he has held since 1953, before the end of the year. An article on Maj Firth appears elsewhere in the magazine. Maj Firth will be succeeded by Maj W H Dyson RNZ Sigs.

No. 1 PLATOON

This platoon, after surviving the reshuffle, emerged with added glory—in the persons of Tuck, Subritzky, Young and Prohl.

In sport we were well represented, our



The Inter-Platoon Rugby Final.

platoon boasting two 1st XV players, two Junior B's and five Third A Rugby players. As for "aerial ping-pong," six misguided, but athletic specimens of human nature sought relaxation (but did they find it?).

The rest of the class played either Hockey or Basketball, and in a few cases, successfully! But the real platoon spirit was shown when all sections combined to form a Rugby team for the inter-platoon competition, and won, without any help from the referee, the "Wooden Spoon."

The platoon is, however, a happy one, as can be seen by the number of permanently fixed grins gracing the faces of so many of its members.

The section competition is keen, No. 3 section having won three "sleep-ins" in succession. All sections work together and (nearly always) do as they are told without complaint. The NCO's get along well with their fellows, and altogether there really is only one platoon—number one.

—SD

No. 2 PLATOON.

Our platoon sergeant is none other than the worthy "Bill" Brock, a keen fishing addict and valuable member of the 1st XV. 21C is Cpl Smith, known to us on informal occasions as just "Smithy"—he is training in the Armoured Corps. Next we have Cpl Turner, recently promoted from Lepl, who is training to be an instructor in cooking in ASC—what's cooking? Lepls Wills and Costello are, like Sgt Brock, training in the Engineers—so no wonder our platoon goes like a bomb. Is your radio playing up? Does it make funny noises? Then take it to Main Services Ltd., and Mr. Main will personally repair—or fix for good—your faulty set. "Eddie," who desires to remain otherwise anonymous, is the "Errol Flynn" of the platoon, and an adventurous soul on the Auckland leave trains. From the wilds of the Coromandel Peninsula comes Hughes—the Abominable Snowman has nothing on the Moe-hau Monster. Motor-cyclist Barker seems to know **some** of the Rode Code. Burke was a late addition to Company, but an early

starter for CB. Blacklock is a walking advertisement for the latest in teen-age fashions. Dyer, bitten by the ski-bug, must almost own the Chateau now; and Burrell, who together are responsible for these "Brief Lives"—no comment!

—EPB and BSD

No. 3 PLATOON

"Grab a scrubber! was the fiery if not elegant call to the humble cadet just disappearing round the corner to dodge the scrubbing-out. However, we are a happy platoon, comprising, like mankind at large, of sports, intellectuals, and fools, coming from as far as Titoki northwards, down to the Bluff.

Our platoon sergeant is none other than 1st XV half-back "Mich the monstrous midget." Our section commanders are Cpls Hepari and Allan, who are to be congratulated on their second stripes, and Lepls Schollum and Newth. As a platoon we hold a firm place in company activities, being well represented in sports teams and the various military corps.

In exercise "Muck Up" we arrived back at the barracks soaked and tired but still in good spirits as we were able to squeeze from our thirsting lips a hearty tune to help us on the last stages of our journey. In exercise "Worn Out" things worked out better as we kept together more as a unit, to be rewarded by being the first back to the barracks, a long time before any of the others arrived. In the Inter-Platoon-Rugby competition we fought hard and well, and by some mischance we were unlucky to lose to No. 4 platoon (if we had really decided to win it could have been done easily!).

I could go on for ever telling you about the achievements of No. 3 platoon and the unopposed position of superiority we possess in the Company, but as it will offend the other platoons for me to expose their underling position, I decline. To conclude I would say that although we are the superior beings of the Company this has been altogether too easy to attain as competition was lacking and of a lower quality.

—JWB

No. 4 PLATOON

4 Platoon, a happy mob

Set about and did their job,
The fruits of their work are easily seen,
For as a platoon they reign supreme.

Inter-platoon football was announced,

The others told us "You'll get trounced!"
But on the field we didn't yield,
And finished in triumph with the shield.

Endurance marches were installed,
And so for a meeting we were called—
A plan was devised among the kin,
And on the day we came in to win.

In our dress we are the best
And far surpass that of the rest.
Our drill on parade is always seen
Fit for the palace of the Queen.

My pen is running short of ink,
It's time I finished, don't you think?
I'll finish now with one small line—
I'm very proud the platoon is mine.

—ILP

Original Contributions

PAPER WARFARE

A war of paper rages continually in the net-work of trenches that constitutes Army organisation. We are continually surrounded by it; masses and masses of typed and written sheets. It is a source of pain—from the highest staff officer to the lowest clerk. And, the question comes naturally, what is it all about? Civilians are inclined to be sceptical of the ponderous organisation that entwines the armed forces and the involved paperwork of the Services is a continual butt.

They laugh at the work required to obtain "screws, brass" or suchlike objects from QM stores, at the writing involved in obtaining leave passes, bank books and in drawing transports. But the Army smiles slyly down its nose and says, "Ah ha! But we know what it's all for!" And perhaps they do, but to the raw recruit who is stranded in this jungle of writing and form filling, it's all rather terrifying. He is told, for example, that it is all for discipline's sake. But how can a grammatical form, which is completely foreign to him, have anything to do with discipline! Again the Army says, "Ah ha!" and he needs must sigh in resignation.

Finally must come a time of leave, but before he can escape he must throw himself against the wall of paper again. His leave application, correct in every detail, must be

approved. Orderly Room clerks sneer over the "ill-formed" letters and pass it, reluctantly, further up. Finally it rests before the Great Man himself (who was just like us, so we are told) and he makes the momentous decision. Having reached it, he passes it back down among his inferiors until the recruit gladly or sadly receives it once more.

And so it continues. A battle against untidiness and lack of uniformity. In the Unit, Company, Battalion, right up to Army HQ offices themselves, men hurry here and there with urgent expressions on their faces and sheafs of paper in their hands. A never-ending harvesting season which supports one of the most extensive of filing systems, a system so complex it is painful to think about.

Will it ever cease? I think not, for its saving grace, call it that, is that the whole thing is a tradition. It serves, to a certain extent, a useful purpose, **but** where would the army be if there were no more reasons for lesser-minded civilians to make jokes at?

—J Lomas.

THE PRESERVATION OF CHAIRS

A chair, that is a modern school chair, consists of four wooden legs about eighteen inches in length, a wooden seat usually made of plywood with a covering of leather packed

with kapok, a wooden backrest and the necessary articles that keep it together. These articles are glue, nails, tacks and extra pieces of timber for supporting and strengthening purposes. On the whole the chair is considered to be very strong and efficient in its purpose, that is for sitting upon. However, some pupils, or should we give them a more apt name, scallywags, think that chairs have a dual purpose. They think or even say they know, which is very remarkable today among the pupils (who have a very 'small' range of knowledge), that chairs are things that pupils vent their savage anger upon. Ugh! How horrible, poor chair. When these savage little brutes called cadets see a chair they promptly start to mishandle it. But when their efforts to destroy it are found to be fruitless, they begin to get a little nastier. For instance, they lean back as far as they can until the chair is holding their weight on the two rear feet only. This is when it begins to respond to the cadet's now successful effort to destroy it. "Ha! Ha!" he says to himself, "Heh! Heh! Heh! Now I've got you."

Creak! Creak!—goes the chair and the little savage sitting upon it gives a satisfactory chuckle and begins to manhandle it even more. Even if this method brings no response from an extra stubborn chair there is always that method which has not yet failed the cadets, that which causes the chair to become a huge mass of unrecognisable timber and kapok, simply picking it up and smashing it over the head of some disturbing little creature in class.

However, this essay is not based on the facts about the destroying of chairs, but is written or supposed to have been written on the preservation of chairs. But, if we know something of how chairs are destroyed it would no longer become a mystery as to how furniture is mutilated or destroyed when the officer in charge of Cadet School discovers it. Maybe some of it is purely accidental, but please consider how much of it is intentional.

Therefore, if we must help to prevent the destroying and mutilation of furniture in the Cadet School there are the following suggestions to be considered.

First of all there are certain disturbing elements to be either eliminated, discharged or punished. These are in the form of cer-

tain cadets who seem to glory in destroying that which does not belong to them. Secondly, there are those that destroy, or should I say weaken the furniture to such an extent that in time the thing just decides to collapse as the result of no immediate cause whatsoever. These cadets are fools, even though I myself have done it, but to a certain extent only they do not do it intentionally, but are unconscious of the fact that they are destroying the furniture. Therefore, if we want to keep our furniture in a good state of strength and looks we must give these cadets a lecture on the Preservation of Chairs.

I suggest that the Army obtain chairs consisting of one large hunk of cast steel strengthened with iron, copper, barbed wire and tin surrounded with electric wires.

—R C KINGI

SEEN ON LEAVE

His shoes were brightly coloured blue
Yellow soles adorned the two,
Burnt orange socks within did wear
This peacock dazzling all near.

His trousers were a size too small—
Or was he just a size too tall?
Concealing laughter with a cough,
I puzzled how he got them off

His shirt was tinted bloody red
To match the hat upon his head.
No tie he wore, but a cravat—
An emerald green bespattered that.

A ming blue coat he'd proudly on,
With shoulders broad as it was long;
Lapels plunged low to form a 'V',
In length it hung around the knee.

Beneath the hat his hair was long, but—
I looked twice—I could be wrong,
The sight I saw I won't forget—
This walking clown was a Cadet!

—I Peden.

THROWING DOWN THE GAUNTLET

When I first joined the Army through the Cadets my heart was set on being an Infantry Instructor and I had no doubts of ever being in another Corps.

The day came and the postings were out, I was in the Royal NZ Army Service Corps! What a blow below the belt. To me the whole world had tumbled down around me and there was no future left for me in the Army. However, after a twice repeated application for a change of Corps I was interviewed by officers of the RNZASC who opened my eyes to the real possibilities in ASC. Several days later my change to Infantry came through and I refused it—the best thing I have ever done, besides joining the Army.

My training in the ASC started only this year as I was sitting, successfully, School Certificate in 1956. I had little experience in the Corps for the first five months of this year as I was on the Instructors' Course at which I was lucky enough to qualify. My work then started seriously at the ASC School and I chose the Supply and Transport side for my course.

I am the only cadet in this, but I have not regretted it, for, where my other ASC friends have only one star or no stars, I now have two stars and in a very short time I hope to have my third star. This nearly completes my trade training which will be a great advantage in future years.

It is now very apparent to me that the very worried choice I made last year has paid back abundantly.

At this stage I should like to thank the School Sergeant Major who has helped me a great deal in coaching and advice in my short stay at the school of the best Corps in the New Zealand Army—the Royal New Zealand Army Service Corps.

—Lepl W J Grassick.

EXPLOSION IN THE LAB

Mr. N.

Prowled round his 'den'

With nose at high port ready,

He took a sniff,

And caught a whiff

Of rock-gas rather heady!

He struck a match
And turned to catch

The source of gas most noxious,
'Though little thought
That he had bought

A ticket to the doctor's!

A sudden flash

Made useless trash

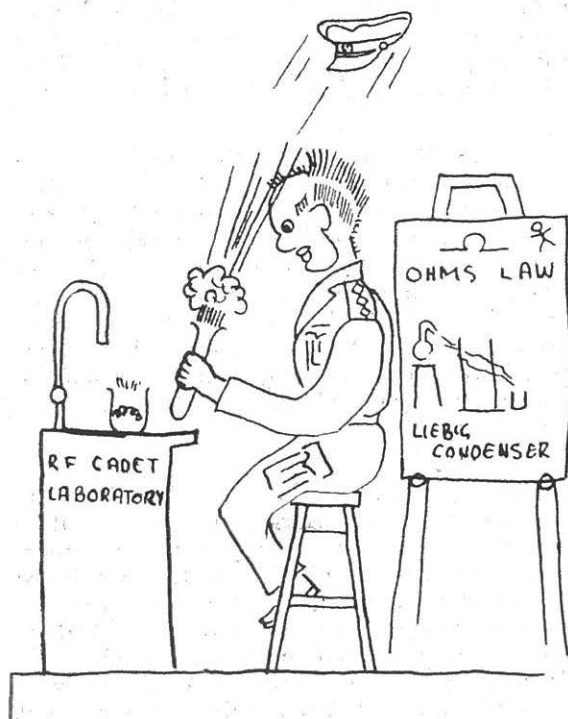
Of eyebrows, hair and whiskers.

He now knew well,

But would not tell,

The follies of his blunders!

—Bystander.



REMINISCENCES OF A REGULAR FORCE CADET

By Simon's Class.

Since I was old enough to realise there was such a thing as a permanent army, I felt

I would like to belong to it.

Towards the end of my school days, when I had the difficult task of deciding a future career, I heard about the RF Cadets from a one-time school mate who was home on leave and wearing this distinguished uniform.

I asked him many questions about army life and he painted a very vivid picture. He spoke first of all about his tough O.C. and how very easy it was to get into trouble. I did not think it possible for anyone to fine you except a Magistrate or J.P., but he said his O.C. also commanded him to "chase a bugle" now and then. Was this army "a law unto itself?" He went on to describe the antics that go on in Cadet Barracks. These, of course, include all the pranks possible in a boarding school and extra ones peculiar to the army. What he did on leave was most interesting, but cannot be repeated, because even this magazine has a censor, I think.

I was young and wanted a life of adventure and decided to call in on the local area office for further information. My friend's description of army life had a great influence on my enlisting in RF Cadets, but it is impossible to put into words the real reasons. Some join just "to give it a go," but true soldiers start with the right frame of mind.

The area staff were most obliging, and gave me a pamphlet which I later found was known as the "bull . . . book." I dashed home joyfully to find my parents at first disheartened that I was not staying at school to become a doctor or lawyer, but, reluctantly they gave their approval. That afternoon I had an interview with the Area Officer. "Please sit down Mr. . . ." he said. I felt important since he apparently considered me no longer "just a schoolboy." After medical boarding, etc., a letter arrived in due course saying "You will report to Ssgt . . . under the clock at the Christchurch station and receive travel warrants for Waiouru, etc."

I finally arrived at Waiouru with three other cadets and was shoved into a room in Olympus Barracks and told to get into bed and have the light out as soon as possible. I could not sleep for excitement, everything had happened so quickly and I had not even had

time for a good look around. My eyes came to rest on the rifle rack standing in the middle of the room, and I could make out the dim outline of rifles. Next thing I was rudely awakened by the fire siren, and the section commander screaming in a horrible voice for me to get my feet on the floor. This was naturally done with the utmost despatch and we were informed the ablutions were down the corridor and breakfast was at 0645 hours. I didn't have a clue what 0645 hours meant and tagged along with everyone else.

After eating a plate of queer porridge, two elongated pieces of skin containing a meaty substance and last week's cold mashed potatoes, we were allowed to sit in the barracks and wait for the CSM to address us. He gave I recall, a brief sermon of do's and don'ts, and bundled us off to the Q store to draw our kit. I felt like a wireless set on a production line having new pieces added every minute.

Next we were told that for the rest of the day we were to prepare for morning parade, and the start of basic training. I immediately thought of dashing about and firing a rifle as I went, as done by soldiers in a newsreel. Unfortunately, basic training was not all the fun and glory I imagined.

After basic training, we were posted to our trades and in a few weeks were "Old Soldiers" and knew the ropes backwards. I will never forget the change parades we experienced during "leisure hours" when on CB. I never thought it would be possible to change from denims into BD with greatcoat and webbing on top in five minutes, until forced to try it.

My proudest day was graduation day. Graduation is something which only an RF Cadet can understand the full meaning of. To an outsider it appears "just another parade," but to a Cadet it means he has reached the stage where he can call himself Private. If you ask a Cadet who has just graduated what he has achieved, he will not be able to tell you—just another of those things which cannot be put into words.

I, like many others, have served two years in the RF Cadets and am very proud of it.

Honours List

Army University Scholarship:

Collinson J D

University Entrance:

Slocombe D B

School Certificate:

Bracey A

Grassick W J

Hales R L

Kealey G B

Kitney M L P

Neville F C

Trade Certification Examinations:

Auto-Electricians—First Qualifying

Pickavance W H N

Carpenters and Joiners—First Qualifying

Casey J R

Kearney N A

Kettle E

Pumphrey B J

Hayes R D

Jorgenson K J

Rutherford J

Shaw R E

Electricians—First Qualifying

Morgan J

Fitters and Turners—First Qualifying

Woodmass N F

Painters—First Qualifying

Flavell F R

Plumbers—First Qualifying

Ellis T C

Radio-Mechanics—First Qualifying

MacQuibban A J

Sanderson J B

Simkins J L

Vehicle Mechanics—First Qualifying

Keown G

Noon S F

Burrell P J

Drader P C

Wood R K

Army Education Certificate Class II:

Allan W R

Blacklock J A

Bracey A

Bray E A

Fenwick J R

Grassick W J

Gunn M D

Hales R L

Harvey R L

Heke P T

Heperi T N

Hoffman T

Howe P A

Hughes D A

Humphreys T H

Johnstone C P

Kealey G B

Kingsley-Smith R M

Kitney M L P

McClelland D

Main B J L

Moetara R

Munro R G

Neville F C

Newth R

Peden I L

Ruha D

Whittle M N

During 1957 the following Cadets qualified, as indicated, in various Army courses towards Star Qualifications:—

The Regular Force Depot:

Basic All Arms Instructors' Course:

Grassick W J, Q2
Heperi T N, Q2
Jackson P V, Q2
Lichtwark B N, Q2
Newth R, Q2

The School of Army Administration:

Junior "A" and Junior "Q" Course:

Kealey G B, Q1
Palenski G T, Q2

The Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps Depot:

RF Instructor Wireless RNZAC:

O'Neill M J, Q2
Smith J L, Q1

Signals One Star:

O'Neill M J, Q1
Smith J L, Q1

The School of Signals:

Radio and Telecommunications Mechanics

One Star Wksp Practice:

Blacklock J A, Q1
Munro R G, Q1
Slocombe D B, Q1

Radio and Telecommunications Mechanic,

One Star—Theory and Practice:

Main B J L, Q2

School of Military Engineering:

RF Roads and Plant Instructor RNZE:

Robertson I H, Q2

Mine Warfare Instructors' Course:

Robertson I H, Q1

RNZASC School:

RF Clerk RNZASC:

Grassick W J, Q1

RF Drivers' Course—Class IV:

Kirk N W, Q

RF Cooks—Two and Three Star:

Turner R, Q2

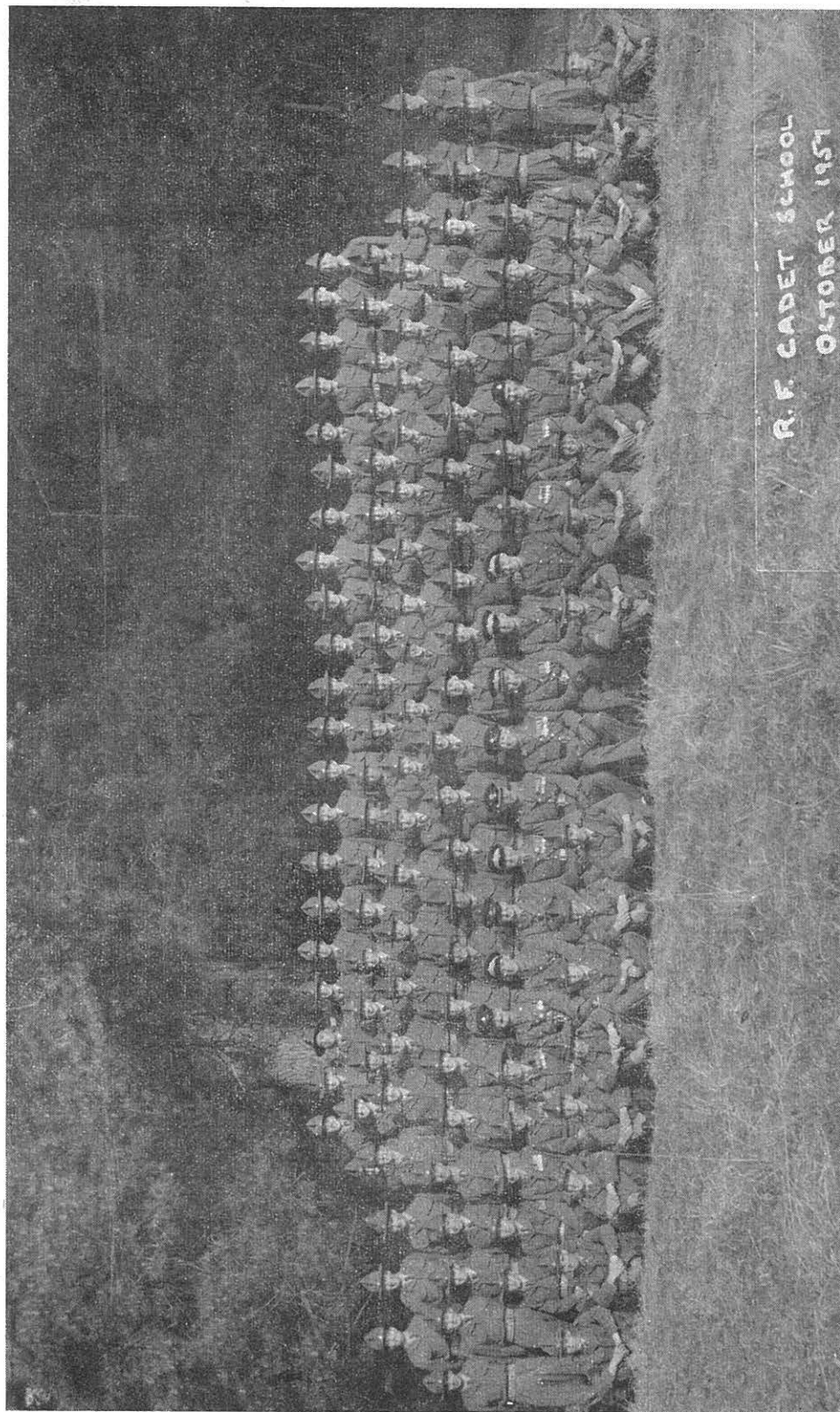
RF Storekeeper:

Grassick W J, Q1

Medical Corps Depot:

Junior Nursing Course:

Whittle M N, Q2.



R.F. CADET SCHOOL
OCTOBER 1957

Cadet Roll 1957

Colour Sgt Jameson M McR No. 1 Platoon—

Sgt Howe P A
Cpl Pickavance W H N
Cdt Geraghty T R
Cdt Jackson P V
Cdt Kirk N W
Cdt Lawton B J
Cdt Ryan R J
Cdt Tuck R D
Lcpl Coker W D
Cdt Eden P G
Cdt Noble A W
Cdt Pangari P M
Lcpl Robertson J D
Cdt Subritzky R C
Cdt Young R C
Lcpl Kelly J B
Cdt Calder N G
Cdt Couchman L W
Cdt Davies S A
Cdt Litchwark B N
Cdt Prohl C J
Lcpl Harvey R L
Cdt Caldwell W T
Cdt Chesham M J
Cdt Drader P C
Cdt Laing G A
Cdt Munro R G

School Attended

Otahuhu College

St Bernard's College
Otahuhu College
Dargaville D.H.S.
H.V.M.T. College
Waipukurau D.H.S.
Northland College
Northcote College
Seddon M.T.C.
Palmerston Nth B.H.S.
Christchurch Tech. Coll.
Kaitaia College
Ruawai H.S.
Sacred Heart College
Seddon M.T.C.
Seddon M.T.C.
Dargaville H.S.
Tokomairiro D.H.S.
Marton D.H.S.
Opotiki College
Seddon M.T.C.
Selwyn College
Katikati D.H.S.
Taumarunui D.H.S.
Te Puke H.S.
Taumarunui D.H.S.
Seddon M.T.C.
South Otago H.S.

Home Town

Papakura

Trentham
Otahuhu
Dargaville
Lower Hutt
Takapau
Kaikohe
Auckland
Auckland
Palmerston North
Christchurch
Kaitaia
Ruawai
Mt Eden
Auckland
Bayswater, Auckland
Dargaville
Milton
Patea
Opotiki
Auckland
Auckland
Katikati
Taumarunui
Mt. Maunganui
Ongarue
Auckland
Balclutha

No. 2 Platoon—

Sgt Brock W R
Cpl Smith S V
Cdt Craig E
Cdt Kire B
Cdt McNeill E F
Cdt Main B J L
Cdt Mudgway R G
Cdt Rolle D K H
Lcpl Turner R
Cdt Blacklock J A
Cdt Burrell E P
Cdt De Bique R A
Cdt Dyer B S
Cdt Hancox N
Cdt Henderson M J
Cdt Palenski G T
Lcpl Wills R O
Cdt Burke G B

St. Patrick's Silverstream
Auckland Grammar
Rawene D.H.S.
Murupara H.S.
Coromandel
St. Bede's College
Raumati D.H.S.
Wellington College
Otorohanga D.H.S.
Whakatane H.S.
Helensville D.H.S.
Horowhenua College
Thames High
Waitaki B.H.S.
Tauranga College
King's High
Naenae College
Heretaunga College

Trentham
Remuera
Whakapara
Murupara
Coromandel
Christchurch
Paraparaumu
Wellington
Te Awamutu R.D.
Whakatane
Waimauku
Levin
Thames
Oamaru
Pukemiro
Dunedin
Naenae
Heretaunga

Cdt Candy C W
 Cdt Death R D
 Cdt Fenwick J R
 Cdt Kereopa E A
 Cdt Murray K A
 Lcpl Costello F E
 Cdt Barker M M
 Cdt Burrell P J
 Cdt Hughes D A
 Cdt Keen D J
 Cdt Reynish T K D
 Cdt Wilson J B

N.P. Boys' H.S.
 Wellington Technical
 Whangarei B.H.S.
 Avondale College
 Seddon M.T.C.
 Ngatea D.H.S.
 Hastings B.H.S.
 Taumarunui D.H.S.
 Mercury D.H.S.
 Geraldine H.S.
 Hokitika D.H.S.
 Lawrence

New Plymouth
 Hamilton
 Dargaville
 Auckland
 Auckland
 Ngatea
 Hastings
 Taumarunui
 Whitianga
 Geraldine
 Hokitika
 Lawrence

No. 3 Platoon—

Sgt Mitchell C W
 Lcpl Newth R
 Cdt Hoffman T
 Cdt Milligan R D
 Cdt Nicholson D R
 Cdt Pollock C D
 Cdt Robinson L R
 Cdt Thornton J E
 Cpl Heperi T N
 Cdt Davis B N J
 Cdt Earl B L
 Cdt Humphreys T H
 Cdt Kealey G B
 Cdt Lomas J J I
 Cdt Meyer B J
 Lcpl Allan W R
 Cdt Kearns G S
 Cdt Kingi R R
 Cdt Theyers J C
 Cdt Wirihana R T
 Cdt Wright K E Mc
 Lcpl Schollum G P
 Cdt Brown J W
 Cdt Harding L A
 Cdt Lindsay R W
 Cdt O'Neill M J
 Cdt Simm E J

Coromandel D.H.S.
 Seddon M.T.C.
 Gore H.S.
 Henderson H.S.
 Naenae College
 Titoki D.H.S.
 Hawera Technical Coll.
 Heretaunga College
 Waipukurau D.H.S.
 Te Puke
 Kelston High
 Motueka D.H.S.
 Horowhenua College
 Marist, Hamilton
 St. Patrick's, Silverstream
 Petone Technical College
 Nelson College
 Te Karaka
 Waitaki B.H.S.
 Waitara H.S.
 Wanganui Technical College
 Tolaga Bay H.S.
 Opotiki College
 Hamilton Technical College
 Marist Bros., Hamilton
 Temuka D.H.S.
 Seddon M.T.C.

Colville
 Auckland
 Gore
 Auckland
 Lower Hutt, Wellington
 Whangarei
 Manaia
 Wellington
 Takapau
 Mangakino
 Auckland
 Nelson
 Waikanae
 Otorohanga
 Wellington
 Lower Hutt
 Nelson
 Gisborne
 Spreydon
 Urewui
 Wanganui
 Tolaga Bay
 Waimana
 Auckland
 Ngaruawahia
 Temuka
 Auckland

No. 4 Platoon—

Sgt Peden J L
 Lcpl Dawson J H
 Cdt Bracey A
 Cdt Knowles B J
 Cdt Paterson W D
 Cdt Petricevich J F
 Cdt Taia M
 Lcpl Grassick W J
 Cdt Abbott G N
 Cdt Ballantyne K
 Cdt Broughton J F
 Cdt Rockell J E
 Cdt Simons G H G

Seddon M.T.C.
 Seddon M.T.C.
 Hastings H.S.
 Christchurch West High
 Whakatane H.S.
 Te Kao Maori D.H.S.
 Opotiki College
 Wellington College
 Kowhai School
 Whangarei H.S.
 Rawene D.H.S.
 Stratford Technical High
 Dargaville D.H.S.

Auckland
 Auckland
 Hastings
 Christchurch
 Matamata
 Ngataki
 Opotiki
 Wellington
 Kingsland
 Whangarei
 Hokianga
 Wellington
 Dargaville

Cdt Wickliffe J H
 Cdt Whittle M N
 Lepl Slocombe D B
 Cdt Brown W
 Cdt Dawson A H
 Cdt Davis P
 Cdt Hikairo T P
 Cdt Kennedy D W
 Cdt Kitney M L D
 Cdt Tawhara M
 Lepl Ngawaka T D
 Cdt Christensen B M
 Cdt Horgan P
 Cdt Horopapera R J
 Cdt Nathan G W
 Cdt Neville F C
 Cdt Ormsby D H
 Cdt Roberts I H

Tauranga College
 Xavier College
 Papanui H.S.
 Te Kao D.H.S.
 Foxton D.H.S.
 Whakatane High
 Coromandel
 Marist Bros., Hamilton
 Wanganui Technical College
 Opotiki College
 Opotiki College
 Te Awamutu H.S.
 Motueka
 Tekaha M.D.H.S.
 Dargaville H.S.
 Tauranga College
 Tauranga College
 New Plymouth B.H.S.

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 Opotiki
 Waimana
 Te Awamutu
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 Tekaha
 Dargaville
 Tauranga
 Tauranga
 New Plymouth



Postscript!

Just prior to going to Press broke out the latest Army Schools fire. One side of the Education Wing Main Building was scorched, while we lost one room in the adjacent building. Cadets worked hard through the early hours of the morning, salvaging valuable equipment from threatened buildings. Despite some damage to the school, normal education routine was under way on the next afternoon, though many Cadets lost valuable study notes just prior to their examinations.

Old Boys' Notes

Those who read last year's Journal will notice that the ex-cadet section has this year been considerably expanded. It is one of the aims of the Journal, explained last year, to act as a link for past students of the School. We feel this can be best done by devoting a fairly large section to ex-cadets.

It has, however, been very difficult to collect the necessary information and we would appeal to ex-cadets to keep in contact with us whenever they come to Waiouru. Our thanks are due to the small group in each camp who helped us this year, Bdr Hancox and Lcpl Inglis (Papakura), Sgt Wishnowsky and Lcpl Vickers (Linton), and Lbdr Cross (Burnham).

The outstanding event of 1957 for ex-cadets was the successful reunion held at Papakura in August. A full account is printed at the end of this section. It is pleasing to see the proposal made in the Journal last year to form an Ex-Cadets' Association is being actively followed up.

The formation of the 1st Battalion NZ Regiment for service in Malaya has given Ex-Cadets an excellent chance for service overseas. The following is a list of those posted to the Battalion with their appointments:—

Sgt Anderson A (Williams Class) Assault Pioneer Sergeant.
Pte Astwood P F (Allen Class), Mortar Platoon
Pte Ball E (Williams Class) Driver HQ Coy.
Cpl Behrent N A, (Allen Class) Ration Cpl HQ Coy.
Sgt Butler Stoney B W (Greville Class) MMG Sgt HQ Coy.
Sgt Clayton G W (Symon Class) Pay Sgt Bn HQ.
Cpl Crofts B L (Young Class) Section Commander C Coy.
Sgt Dawes V S (Greville Class) Orderly Room Clerk Bn HQ.
Pte Dixon H A H (Allen Class) Rifleman A Coy.
Sgt Duncan B P (Young Class) Provost Sgt Bn HQ.

Cpl Grant L D (Young Class) Section Commander C Coy.

Cpl Hayward W D A (Young Class) Section Commander C Coy.

Lcpl King, T G W (Williams Class) Pioneer Section HQ Coy.

Sgt Lawrence V (Allen Class) CQMS D Coy.

Sgt Nisbett J V (Mead Class) CQMS A Coy.

Sgt Pepper B J (Allen Class) MMG Platoon Sgt HQ Coy.

Lcpl Rogers D P (Shuttleworth Class) Records Clerk Bn HQ.

Sgt Slack G A (Allen Class) MMG Sgt HQ Coy.

Sgt Taylor L M (Miles Class) MMG P1 Sgt HQ Coy.

In addition Sgt Rafferty W A (Symon Class) has been posted to Force HQ as a clerk.

We congratulate you all on your postings especially Brian Duncan whose promotion to sergeant at the age of 19 must be a record for the regular force.

Others to get a third stripe on posting to Malaya include Graham Clayton (Symon Class), Basil Butler Stoney (Greville Class) and "Chips" Rafferty (Symon Class). "Chips" has also taken a brand new wife overseas with him. What a honeymoon!

News has arrived of the recent promotion of the following ex-cadets in SMD—Sgt Jack Bennett (Greville Class), Sgt B J Dossett (Williams Class) at Burnham Camp, and Lcpl A G Leeden (Williams Class) at SD A and G Workshops.

Cpl Spring-Rice (Mead Class) has now passed two units for B Sc. He has also secured his first class CRT Radio Serviceman's Licence. He had a period of service in Fiji during which he reached the rank of sergeant.

Others at Burnham Camp include Cpl Hall DB (Greville Class), Lcpl Painter (Mead Class), Cpl Steele (Symon Class), Lcpl Batchelor (Mead Class), Lcpl Clark (Miles Class), Lcpl Stevenson (Miles Class).

With the SD Construction Squadron are Sprs Lloyd (Young Class), Ward (Young

Class), Meikle (Mead Class) and Lcpls Wickens (Mead Class) and Malloch (Greville Class). All are now at least three-star tradesmen.

Lcpl E Ball (Williams Class) left the Army, but has re-enlisted to serve in Malaya. So has Des Herewini (Shuttleworth Class) who was working in the Maori Affairs Department.

Other ex-cadets who have tried "civvy street," but re-enlisted include Sgt "Rusty" Taylor (Miles Class), Cpl Jimmy Twist (Mead Class), Sgt Laurie Pye (Miles Class), Lcpl Drummond (Greville Class).

Cpl Alf Mackley (Mead Class) now at SD A and G Workshops is married with two children. He has passed first class CRT Radio Serviceman's Licence and is now studying for AM Brit IRE.

Other family men include Lt Murphy (Mead Class), Ssgt Garner (Mead Class), Sgt Weallens (Mead Class), Cpl Meredith (Mead Class) and Ssgt Taylor (Mead Class), all of whom have two children, and Lcpl Taylor (Shuttleworth Class) who has one.

Lt Phil Burt (Mead Class) and Spr Tom Nathan (Williams Class) from NMD, Sgt Pat Dyson (Mead Class), Sgt Kina Lawrence (Allen Class) from CMD, and Sgt Jack Bennett (Greville Class) from SMD were all members of the successful Army Basketball team which toured Australia in April. Pat Dyson topped the goal scorers for the tour with an average of 14.5.

Sgts Dyson and Bennett also won selection for the Combined Services team later in the year as did Lt Murphy (Mead Class) who was not available for the Australian tour.

The 1956 Annual Report of the Royal Military College Duntroon shows that the six ex-members of the School are all doing exceptionally well. SC B Jones (Shuttleworth Class) was top of the Arts Section of Fourth Class and won the prize for combined civil subjects. SC Kerry Bell (Shuttleworth Class) was eleventh in the same group. SC A Fraser (Young Class) was third and SC P. Spender (Young Class) sixth in Third Class, while Lcpl D McIver (Williams Class) and Lcpl L Lynch (Williams Class) were fifth and sixth respectively in Second Class. As there are approximately 50 students in each class it would appear that RF Cadet School

training is of very real value at Duntroon. Laurie Lynch is Senior Under Officer (the top staff cadet appointment) at Duntroon this year and a strong candidate for the Sword of Honour. We wish him luck at graduation.

Dvr Stan Lecompte (Shuttleworth Class) from Burnham has been posted to Waiouru where he has been an active member of the Camp Junior Rugby Team.

Lcpl Barry Hooper (Shuttleworth Class) is at ASC Wing Papakura Camp, while Dvr Ron Hayward (Shuttleworth Class) is at Camp Transport.

Cfn Wyn Slade (Young Class) and "Horse" Read (Shuttleworth Class) are at EME Workshops Papakura.

Dvr Sam Biggwith (Shuttleworth Class) is driving with ND Coy ASC and so we hear getting into "wife strife."

The instituting of a course for New Zealanders at the Officer Cadet School Portsea near Melbourne has resulted in five ex-cadets getting an enjoyable 12 months course in Australia with the prospect of a regular commission at the end. Those who have won the opportunity in the first year of the scheme are Officer Cadets Ancell (Symonds Class), Gadsby (Williams Class), Scott (Williams Class), Rodda (Young Class), and Cudby (Shuttleworth Class).

Lcpl Mike Anderson (Symon Class) is now in the engine bay at ND Workshops.

Cpl Webster (Shuttleworth Class) has been posted as a clerk to RF Cadet School.

Pte John Collinson (Sinclair-Burgess Class) is using his Army University Scholarship for full-time study at Auckland University this year under the ROR scheme.

Spr Ross Blong (Symon Class) represented NMD and the Army at Rugby this year. He was also in the Counties Senior Representative Training Squad.

A thought for ex-cadets. A way of having your name and association with RF Cadet School perpetuated is to present a book to the School Library. Donations of this nature are acknowledged in the book and also in the Journal each year.

Cfn Max Skilton (Shuttleworth Class) from SD MT Workshops represented SMD at Rugby. Others at the Workshop are Cfn John Russell (Young Class) and Neill Gilbert

(Young Class) with Cfn Bobbie Overend (Shuttleworth Class) at the Armourers Shop.

Lcpl Pouwhare (Allen Class) is at Waikato Camp. He was promoted Cpl this year, but leaves the Army at Christmas after 8 years' service to manage his farm at Murupara.

Kerry Lynch (Shuttleworth Class) is now a Lcpl instructing in Infantry Training Wing Burnham Camp along with Cpl Dave Hayward (Young Class).

Lcpl Barry Earsman (Shuttleworth Class) now a clerk at Area 1 Auckland played soccer for NMD, the Army, and Combined Services this year. He also hopes to get UE. Best of luck in this Barry.

Sprs John Casey, Brian Pumphrey, Rex Hayes, Len Marshall and Ralph Flavell (Shuttleworth Class) have all now been posted to ND Construction Squadron after an extra winter in Waiouru. They were a tower of strength to the Cadet Junior "B" Rugby team during their stay. Marshall and Flavell won junior Representative honours for the Ruapehu Sub-Union.

Another stalwart of Cadet Junior "B" was Lcpl McAndrew (Shuttleworth Class) now on the PT staff of RF Depot. "Mac" was selected for King Country as a second five-eighth in the latter part of the season.

Cfn Ruha (Sinclair Burgess Class) won an Army Rugby pocket this season. With Lcpls Fred Milligan (Young Class) and Jim Sowter (Young Class) both Junior Representatives for Counties, he also played a few games for Junior "B" when in Waiouru on courses.

Lcpl Roxworthy (Shuttleworth Class) has taken Brian Duncan's place in the Provost Section Papakura Camp.

Lcpl Pollard (Allen Class) has joined Sgt Kermeen (Miles Class) as an instructor at RNZEME School Waiouru. Both are now A Grade mechanics and their appointments show the benefit the Army is now getting from early RF Cadet intakes.

Lcpl Barry Inglis is at Supply Depot Papakura Camp. A leading instigator of the ex-Cadet reunion and the proposed Ex-Cadets Association, he has helped the Journal with information from NMD.

Cfn Lynch (Young Class) is posted to

Waikato Camp. He recently passed his Second Qualifying Examination as a Motor Mechanic.

Cpl "Onsey" Miller (Williams Class) and Cfn Robertson (Symon Class) won Army blazer pockets for athletics this year.

Spr Nathan (Williams Class), Lcpl Nepia (Allen Class) and Lcpl Reihana (Shuttleworth Class) all represented Army at Rugby. Nepia won a place in the Combined Services XV also.

Sgt W. Taylor (Mead Class) is now instructing at School of Signals Waiouru. He is married with two children. Still a keen cricketer he is Club Captain of the Camp Cricket Club. During the winter months he keeps fit as a member of the local Rugby Referees Association.

Sgt K Malloch (Greville Class) is now instructing at School of Military Engineering Linton. After service in Korea he was posted to England on a two-year Engineering Course. He returned to New Zealand with an English wife.

Sgt Wishnowsky (Miles Class) is still at Div HQ Linton as "Q" Clerk. He was in Waiouru recently on a Staff Sergeant promotion course.

Lcpl Polkinghorne (Williams Class) passed his final trade certification examination last year and is now an A Grade Motor Mechanic. He is at present posted to Waikato Camp Ngaurawahia.

Sgt Dossett (Williams Class), Bdrs Lynch (Young Class) and Milligan (Symon Class) and L Bdrs Rout (Shuttleworth Class), Blyth (Shuttleworth Class) and Cross (Shuttleworth Class) are posted to SD Training Battery Burnham. John Rout represented SMD at Soccer. Ron Cross was in the SMD basketball team along with Eddie Lloyd (Young Class). Ron Blyth won an Army pocket for swimming at the summer Inter-Services Tournament.

Spr Wati (Young Class) and Cfn Woodmass (Shuttleworth Class) from Papakura Camp have both recently become engaged to be married.

Reports state that Cfn Eichler (Young Class), Nickless (Shuttleworth Class) and Drayson (Young Class) now at Trentham have all made successful contacts with the

nursing and dental trainees in the area.

L Bdrs Smith (Shuttleworth Class), Don (Shuttleworth Class) and Williams (Sinclair Burgess Class) are "squarebashing" with Arty Wing at Papakura as also is Bill Cooper (Shuttleworth).

Young Class stalwarts Pete Foster, "Willie" Williams, Dave Kaio and "Blue" Burgess and Sam Noon (Shuttleworth Class) all represented NMD at basketball in the District sports. Dave Kaio made the Army team for the Inter-Services. Pete Foster swam for Army at the summer sports.

Malcolm Stewart (Shuttleworth Class) and Pete Heke (Sinclair Burgess Class) are now Lepls instructing at the Medical Corps Depot Burnham. Also at the Depot are Sgts Gledhill (Allen Class) and Calloway (Allen Class).

Lt John Murphy (Mead Class) is still at the School of Infantry, Waiouru. Now married with two children he is still a keen sportsman, being Club Captain of the Rugby Club and an active member of both the basketball and cricket clubs.

Sgt Wrigley (Allen Class) is at present stationed at Fort Dorset.

Ssgt Garner (Mead Class) is a "Q" instructor at the School of Army Administration Waiouru. He is still an active member of the Camp Junior Rugby Team.

Lt Couzens (Mead Class), Sgt Pye (Miles Class), Sgt Dyson (Mead Class), Cpl Miller (Williams Class) and Lepls Tenana (Young Class), Taylor (Shuttleworth Class), Ballance (Shuttleworth Class) and Grace (Shuttleworth Class) are all at Armoured Depot Waiouru.

Lepl Pattison (Young Class) is at Camp Transport Waiouru.

Among the instructors at CD Training Depot Linton are: Lepls Caskey (Shuttleworth Class), Vickers (Shuttleworth Class),

Hales (Sinclair Burgess Class) and Drummond (Greville Class).

Instructing at the School of Military Engineering Linton are Cpl Whitecliffe (Williams Class) and Lepls Powley (Shuttleworth Class) and Flint (Shuttleworth Class).

With CD Construction Squadron are Sprs Quest (Shuttleworth Class), Watson (Young Class), Morgan (Shuttleworth Class), Kearney (Shuttleworth Class), Kettle (Shuttleworth Class) and Raumati (Shuttleworth Class). Kearney and Raumati were both in the Army Boxing Team this year.

Others at Linton are Dvr Ferguson (Shuttleworth Class), Cpl Ward (Young Class), Cfn Walkley (Young Class) and Lepl Robertson (Young Class).

Ex-Cadets now in Civvy Street include Bob Whyte (Miles Class) now a school teacher; Jim Pressland (Mead Class) and Tony Erstich (Mead Class) who are both with Maori Affairs Dept. Both hold commissions with the Territorial Force; BN Spring Rice (Mead Class) who is working for a radio firm in Auckland designing transistor portables; Keith Wickins (Mead Class) in the building trade in Palmerston North; Don Stead (Mead Class) butchering at Ohakune; IG Stimson (Greville Class) a motor mechanic at Paparoetoe; G Jackson (Miles Class) a motor mechanic at Takanini; BW Hughes (Allen Class) working in Wanganui.

The ex-cadets with the SAS, Sgts Brighthouse (Miles Class) and West (Allen Class), Cpls Sun (Greville Class), Dixon (Williams Class), Burke (Mead Class) and Sprs Nash (Allen Class), Hudson (Mead Class), Edwards (Allen Class), will be returning from Malaya this year. We include here accounts of some of their activities while overseas, written by Brighthouse, Dixon and Hudson.

The SAS Squadron in Malaya

The 22 SAS Regt to which we are posted is descended from wartime SAS and has a very proud history. SAS fought with distinction in Egypt and Europe, normally carrying out their tasks behind the enemy lines. The Regt was formed to combat terrorists in Malaya and is descended from the 2 SAS. Since

its introduction here in 1951, the Regiment has operated almost continuously in the difficult deep jungle areas. As a unit of trained parachutists, it has quite often been called upon to drop on terrorist hideouts.

The parachuting side of our training is most interesting, not only because we get 6/-

a day extra, but also because it is something new to most of us. Since our initial parachute course all of us have completed at least another four descents to keep in training and to qualify for our pay. Six members of the Squadron have been lucky (or unlucky) enough to do a jump into trees. This is a fairly risky descent as a landing on trees is naturally much more hazardous than on a DZ (Dropping Zone).

Our Squadron became operational as part of the Regiment in late January, 1956 and spent most of the year operating in the deep jungle of the Cameron Highlands in North Malaya. This year it is being employed in lower country in Central, Malaya. Our terrorist elimination total up to the date of writing is 19—(15 killed, 3 surrendered and one captured).

With our period of service now almost finished Cpl Dixon writes this account of a typical jungle operation:

After a period of leave, then a spell of re-training, we were prepared to proceed into the jungle on another operation, commencing on the 28th July, 1956. The length of the operation was to be thirteen weeks. The actual task set us was very important, as it included dealing with aborigines who, up till then, were under CT (Communist Terrorist) domination.

We were to encourage the aborigines to live in one area which would be protected by a permanent Security Force. In fact, a type of fort.

Let me at this stage introduce you to the Malayan Aborigine. These fellows live a very simple and happy existence. They provide all their own food which consists mainly of fish, ubi (sweet potatoes and tapioca), maize and bananas. The terrorists naturally prey on the aborigine and demand food and information. Having no protection the aborigine has no option but to comply.

On the second day of the patrol an aborigine penghulu (headman) called Busu contacted my Troop commander, Lt Yandall, and offered to lead us to a group of seven terrorists. It would take too much space to give detailed information on this patrol, so I will go over it quickly.

The patrol numbered eighteen and was split into three groups (Bren group, Assault

group and Cut-off group). After an approach march of a day, we finally attacked the camp at last light. There were only five terrorists present, four of whom were killed and another wounded. For leading us to the camp the penghulu received a reward of 7000 Straits dollars (about £800) which gave the aborigines further confidence in us.

Later in the operation, on more aborigine information one more terrorist was killed.

The rest of the operation was carried out by normal patrolling and ambushes. We were finally lifted out by helicopter on the 27th October, 1956. The operation was a complete success. Firstly we killed five terrorists and secondly we won the confidence of the aborigines who at the end of the operation were settled in two areas on the main rivers and were living in close harmony.

For interest, I shall give a summary of patrol equipment. Each man carries his personal weapon and four magazines of ammunition. In his Bergan Rucksack he must carry a change of clothes, sleeping gear, food and cooking utensils. He must also carry a map and compass. All this equipment is most important as each man has to be self-sufficient if he loses his patrol or has to take over command. The standard of morale and comradeship is very high with no exceptions.

Here I must finish, hoping that you have gained some knowledge of our tasks. This article is brief and mainly just a resume as it would take a full book to give all details. Finally, as an ex-cadet let me congratulate you on starting a magazine, the first copy of which I found full of interest. —JAD

Finally Cpl Hudson writes about parachute training:

The initial parachute course at Changi entails eight descents and this is followed by continuation training, i.e., parachute descents every three months, during re-training periods.

Two days prior to jumping the PJI's (Parachute Jumping Instructors) appear at camp for the purpose of ground training which consists of landings, aircraft drills and flight technique (descent).

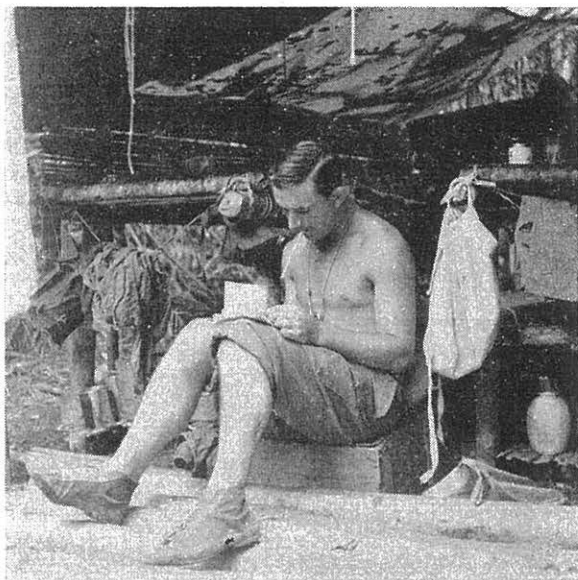
The PJI's are extremely popular and we enjoy working with them. There is plenty of work and one must roll or land in the correct manner—feet, side of leg, hips, across

back and over shoulder. A continuous motion is sought as the impact of landing is then evenly taken by the entire body.

After a jungle operation we are a little rough, but the smooth roll soon comes back to us. After all the training we are ready to carry out our descent the following morning.

Reveille is at 0430 hrs and the first thing studied is the weather. Low cloud, fog or high winds may postpone the descent as these are detrimental to parachuting. But this morning is clear and it is on. An early start is necessary for we must finish before the weather deteriorates.

We move to the Safety Equipment section at RAF Station, Kuala Lumpur and draw our 'chutes—one main, one reserve. The fitting of 'chutes must be good as an ill-fitting 'chute can be uncomfortable especially the leg straps.



Sgt Wert writes home.

We emplane on the Valetta aircraft in loads of twenty. To facilitate parachuting, plane loads are divided into groups. A group of persons is called a 'stick.' Today sticks are of five each.

In the plane, we sit down in our allotted seats, fasten our safety belts and soon take

off for the Dropping Zone at Kajang which is seven minutes flying time away.

On the despatcher's command "Prepare for Action!" activity begins. We unfasten safety belts and tuck them away and those on the starboard side raise the seats and lift the static line cable (A very necessary piece of equipment) on to the seats. The static line (this pulls the 'chute from its pack) is then hooked to the cable.

The despatchers check every move.

We are now approaching the dropping zone, so let us become one of the first sticks.

"First Stick Stand Up!" is the first command the jumper hears and until then he has been trying to think of anything other than the coming descent. As he stands he may feel tense, but he knows he will soon be out of the plane.

He welcomes the next order, "Check Equipment!" as this employs his mind as well as his hands. He carries out his checks and on the command "Tell Off for Equipment Check," he taps the shoulder of the man in front of him to let him know he's OK (he hopes). When "Action Stations" is ordered he begins moving in crocodile step down the plane to the door.

On the command "Stand in the Door" the leading man moves cleanly into the door and as his spot is vacated the following man moves smartly into it.

"Go!" The man in the door makes a visible effort against the slip-stream, thrusts himself out, and is on his way down to the ground, 1000 feet below. If he makes a good exit he "Sits" in the slipstream—a bad one and he soon knows about it as the current tosses him about.

His racing, jumbled thoughts clear and he feels elated as he settles down to carry out the task of controlling his parachute.

The air is now uncannily quiet and he welcomes the peacefulness after the turbulence of the slipstream. He approaches the ground and landing training is applied. His feet touch the ground and he does a good roll. Well, not too bad anyway—at least he stood up.

Perhaps he has made some small mistake as he rolled, but as he folds up his 'chute he knows the others will magnify it to the extent of a grievous error. But he is not disturbed for another descent is to his credit and he can laugh at their friendly chaffing.

—DH.

OFFICER CADET SCHOOL — PORTSEA

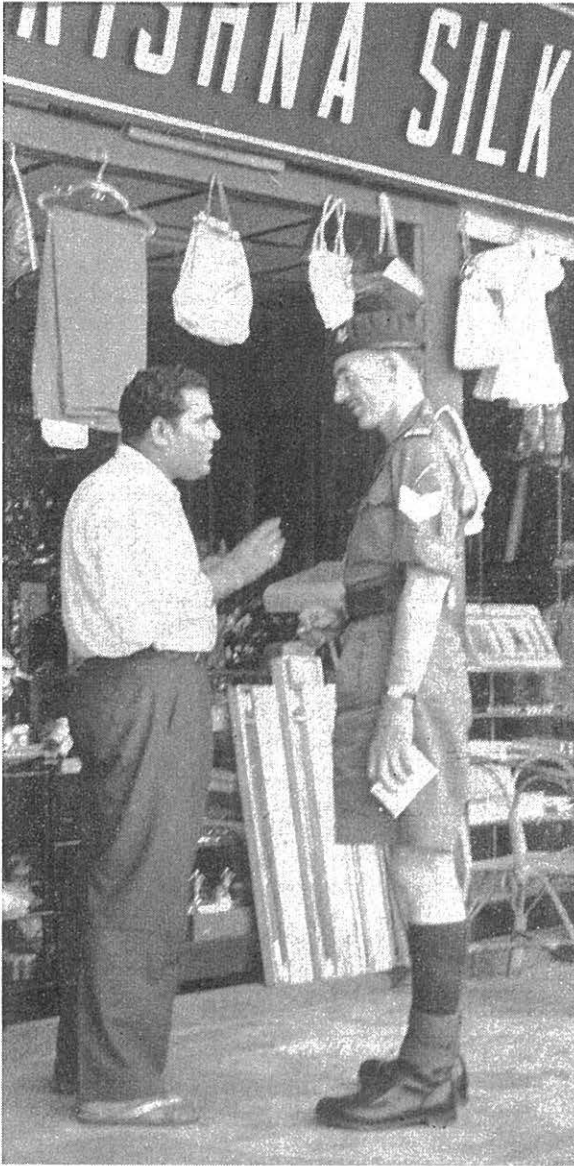
The following is an article supplied by C S M Ancell (Symon Class) on the new officer training school in Australia which New Zealanders are attending for the first time.

The school is situated at the Quarantine Station, Portsea, sixty miles from Melbourne and right at the entrance to Port Phillip Bay. The actual cadets' quarters overlook the bay and provide a magnificent view of the area. Each cadet has his own room and there is a billiard room to relax in or an ante room where cadets may entertain visitors during the week-ends. The bay also provides facilities for swimming, which is one of the summer sports of OCS.

The other sports played in the summer are cricket and tennis, with outside matches against the Royal Australian Naval College, Flinders, and the Royal Australian Air Force College, Point Cook. Both these colleges have regular matches against OCS and in the winter, Rugby union and hockey take the place of the summer sports. An inter-service Athletics Meeting is also held during October of each year with all three schools competing for the trophy.

The object of the course at OCS is to prepare cadets with a basic knowledge of all military subjects required, for the commencement of a career as a commissioned officer. The course of twelve months' duration is broken up into two terms. Between each term there is a break of one month. This system allows two courses to be run at OCS concurrently. The Senior Class or term is six months ahead of the Junior Class and this allows the traditions of the school to be passed down from one class to the next. These traditions are mainly associated with the Cadets Mess.

The Mess has become the keeping place for the sports trophies and the School Honour Boards. The billiard room contains the photos of all the previous courses, and teams that have represented OCS in the sporting world. The Mess is run as an Officers' Mess with its own stewards who assist in its running and working. The cadets have their own Mess Committee which controls the Mess affairs and finance. Attached to the Mess is a Cadets' Social Committee, which organises



Sgt G J Brighthouse chatting with an Indian silk merchant while on a shopping and sightseeing visit to Changi Village.

the four Cadet Balls that are held each year. The most important of these are the two Graduation Balls.

The twelve month course allows a thorough grounding in the military techniques and skills required by the junior leader.

The First Term includes instruction in Physical Training, Weapon Training (Rifle and Bayonet, LMG, Machine Carbine, Pistol, Grenade, 2-inch Mortar), Drill and Ceremonial, Fieldcraft, Map Reading, and introductory lectures in Staff Duties, Organisation and Characteristics of the Arms and Services, Military History, Military Law, Current Affairs. The Second Term contains in addition, Tactics, Military History, Current Affairs, Imperial Geography, Administration (Peace and War), Driving and Servicing of Military Vehicles.

Throughout the course the cadets are tested in leadership and other officer qualities and have their own NCO's appointed within the company.

At present the company is made up of three platoons of two sections each commanded by a corporal. Each platoon has a platoon sergeant in charge of it. The senior cadet is the Company Sergeant Major and has a Colour Sergeant to act as CQMS for the company. All NCO positions are held by members of the Senior Class.

The company of sixty has students from the Australian Army, the RAAF (Ground Defence Officers), the New Zealand Army, the Federation Army of Malaya and the Singapore Military Forces. It is hoped that some students will be sent from Fiji and the Philippines later.

Ex-RF cadets are well represented in the eight students from New Zealand. In the first group of the New Zealand students there are the following ex cadets: Arthur Gadsby and Peter Scott, both of Williams Class and Tony Ancell, Symon Class. As members of the Senior Class, Ancell was appointed Company Sergeant Major and Gadsby, Colour Sergeant (CQMS). In July two more ex-cadets arrived in the second group of New Zealand students. They are Quin Rodda (Young Class) and Brian Cudby (Shuttleworth Class), both of whom are doing their Junior Class at OCS now.

The present Senior Class graduates on the 12th December, 1957, and it will include the first OCS graduates to the New Zealand Army, provided of course, that the students do graduate. The Officer Cadets graduate as Second Lieutenants into their respective armies and the Air Force Cadets graduate as Pilot Officers into the RAAF.

Graduation Day is eagerly looked forward to and is celebrated with a final parade and presentation ceremony in the afternoon and winds up with the Graduation Ball and ceremonial pinning of the "pips" that night, thus concluding the twelve months' course at the Officer Cadet School, Portsea.

The Cadet School congratulates both CSM Ancell and Colour Sergeant Gadsby on their appointments. To have the top positions at both Australian officer training establishments, Portsea and Duntroon, filled by ex-cadets reflects credit not only on them but also on the training they received as Cadets.

THE FIRST EX-RF CADET REUNION.

"Why there's old——"; "Major Mac hasn't changed, has he?"; "Miles Company only at this table!"; "Do you remember——?" "Do you know I think I am the only member of —— Class here tonight."

These were some of the comments to be heard on the night of August 3rd, 1957, when some fifty odd ex-RF Cadets, some of whom had travelled from as far afield as the South Island, attended the first reunion of the unit held in the old canteen at Papakura Camp. An energetic committee headed by Bdr Hancox and Lepl Inglis had gone to a lot of trouble organising the evening and the fact that it was such a success was due in no small measure to their efforts. The number attending was rather less than anticipated as well over three hundred invitations were sent out, but unfortunately the earlier-than-planned departure of the NMD sports teams to the winter tournament at Christchurch prevented a considerable number of the sports enthusiasts from attending.

Those who did attend, however, had a

most enjoyable evening reminiscing about the past and renewing acquaintanceships dimmed by time and distance. As well as ex-cadets there was a pleasing attendance of others who had been associated with the unit down the years. They included Maj Firth, Maj Gill and WOII Allen, the present OC, CI and CSM respectively, Maj Boyd (the original OC in 1948), Maj McCullough (original CI), WOI Forsyth, WOI Schwass and Lt Millichip (ex-CSM's), Padre Dobson and WOI Donovan. Apologies were received from Brig Clifton (CC at Trentham in 1948) and Maj Morris (OC 1951-53).

The following ex-cadets attended:—Anderson M (Symons Class), Barber I (Miles Class), Beggs J (Miles Class), Bernasconi R S (Miles Class), Burgess W G (Young Class), Casey J R (Shuttleworth), Collinson J D (Sinclair Burgess), Cooper W J H (Shuttleworth), Craig J (Young Class), Dixon A H A (Allen Class), Duncan B P (Young Class), Edwards R G (Miles Class), Ellis T C (Shuttleworth), Ferguson A R (Shuttleworth), Foster P (Young Class), Fowler P G (Allen Class), Geldard O (Miles Class), Gordon L (Mead Class), Hancox J E (Miles Class), Hays R D (Shuttleworth Class), Hayward R S (Shuttleworth), Hobson A (Mead Class), Hooper B G (Shuttleworth Class), Hughes B W (Allen Class), Inglis B (Shuttleworth), Jackson G (Miles Class), Kaio D (Young Class), Kaio W (Shuttleworth), McGuire R I (Williams Class), Milligan F (Young Class), Noon S (Shuttleworth Class), Peebles R M (Shuttleworth), Sanderson J B (Shuttleworth), Seddon A (Miles Class), Simkins J L (Shuttleworth Class), Sowter J (Young Class), Stimson I G (Greville Class), Waiwatai H K (Mead Class), Williams W G W (Young Class), Wrigley T D (Allen Class), Slade W (Young Class), Smith J (Shuttleworth Class).

All are now older and some have left the Army, but all showed the good spirit that has actuated the unit since its inception and all agreed that time spent in RF Cadets was time well spent.

The most important event was the initial steps that were taken to form an Ex-Cadets' Association to cover the whole of New Zealand. An interim committee consisting of Bdr Hancox (President), Lepl Inglis (Secretary), Sgt Barber (Treasurer) and Cpl Fowler and Spr Burgess as members was elected to circularise all ex-cadets and initiate a drive for membership. It is proposed to elect local

committees in each camp to establish the association and then hold a postal election for a Dominion Committee to decide a constitution and launch the association officially.

With the official business completed, a good supper was served and the real business of the evening began. Celebrations continued till the early hours of the morning and it was agreed that a further reunion should be held. As 1958 is the tenth birthday of the unit what better place than the RF Cadet School itself where ex-Cadets can see the changes that have occurred since the "good old days" that got such a tongue thrashing at this first reunion?"

The editors of the Journal consider this a good suggestion and would be pleased to hear from any ex-Cadets who receive the Journal, but are unable to contact a local branch of the Association.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE, DUNTROON.

This year, two ex-Cadets will graduate from RMC. They are Senior Under Officer, Larry Lynch and Colour Sergeant, Don McIver, of Williams Class. Lepl Allan Fraser and SC Paul Spender, of Young Class, will graduate next year. SC Kerry Bell and SC Brian Jones are halfway through the course, and will go into 2nd Class next year.

Larry Lynch had the honour of being appointed Battalion Sergeant Major—the senior member of the Corps of Staff Cadets. The last New Zealander to hold this position was Lt R I Launder, who will be remembered by Symon and Young Classes. We hope that Larry will win the Sword of Honour for 1957. Brian Jones won the prize for academic subjects in the Arts section of 4th Class in 1956.

SPARE TIME ACTIVITIES AT RMC.

At Duntroon we have a term "extra-curricular activities", which applies to whatever Cadets do in their own time. One does not realise the facilities available in this respect until one actually comes here.

An active organisation is the Rifle and Pistol Club. A member of this club recently won the ACT elimination shoot for the Queen's Medal. The club functions with others from Canberra, operating at the College's rifle range, on Sundays. Allan Fraser

is a keen member and at present is Captain of the Pistol Club.

The College has its own skiing chalet at Mt. Genini, some fifty miles away by road. It was built by Cadet working parties, and a ski run was cleared nearby. During the winter many Sunday trips are made to Genini and occasionally the trips take up a whole weekend. During longer leaves, the Ski Club has arranged trips to Mt. Kosciusko. Paul Spender and Kerry Bell have featured well in this department.

A half-hour or so from Duntroon is Lake George. It is around the 120 square miles' mark, and the Corps has a boatshed and bunkhouse out there. The Sailing Club spends the winter scraping, painting and generally preparing the boats for the short season available before and after Christmas leave. The yachts are "VJ" class, about fifteen feet long, and the Club has four or five of them. On several occasions there have been regattas with Canberra and Goulbourn clubs.

At the beginning of 3rd Class (2nd year) the Cadets learn to ride motor-cycles. Those showing promise in this aspect have the opportunity of joining the Motor Cycle Club. The club operates, under the MVT instructors, on Sundays. Members have to service the machines and take part in cross-country trips, mud runs, river crossings, even snow runs. The machines are Harley Davidsons, and a member of the motor-cycle club finishes his course here with considerable experience behind him.

The College Amateur Radio Club, VK-2RM, is an active organisation. Lately, members have spent more time repairing radios for friends than in transmitting.

During this winter Cadets had the opportunity of taking wrestling and unarmed combat after work in the afternoons. Many took part in an interesting demonstration at the finals of the CSC boxing championships.

Quite a few New Zealanders are keen on

fencing and have ample opportunity of taking part in this sport. The RMC Fencing Club competes with Canberra organisations, and occasionally with teams from Goulbourn.

Army transport is available on Sundays for those who wish to play golf in Canberra. 1st class may play golf as a summer sport—that is, during recognised sports periods—and, as well as the annual RMC Golf Championship for the Staker Cup, won this year by SC Don McFarlane of Rotorua, there is an annual competition between 1st class and the Officers' Mess. The College, at the moment, has a well kept practice range for golfers and there is a possibility of a 6-hole course being installed.

This year, several members of the Corps introduced a new activity. This is the modern pentathlon, which consists of swimming, horse-riding, fencing, pistol shooting and cross-country running.

Although basketball is a recognised major sport, competition games are played in Cadets' own time. The RMC First this year defeated the touring NZ Army team.

In the social world the Corps of Staff Cadets is quite active. Besides the many formal occasions, there are the recreation dances. These are normally run by individual companies. They range from normal dances to "barn dances", "come as you are" and "Bohemian" affairs. Anything new can probably be found sooner or later at a rec' dance.

Perhaps the most popular spare-time activity is "spine-bashing", which can be done in a Cadet's own room. With a radio and soft music, one can doze all day. There is also the other "activity" in which the Cadet is seldom actually seen. Cadets soon manage to build up acquaintances in Canberra and getting away from the College over a weekend has its advantages. A Cadet here at Duntroon can have a most enjoyable four years provided he has no inclination to work hard or to save any of his pay roll.

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