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# Staff of the Regular Force Cadet School

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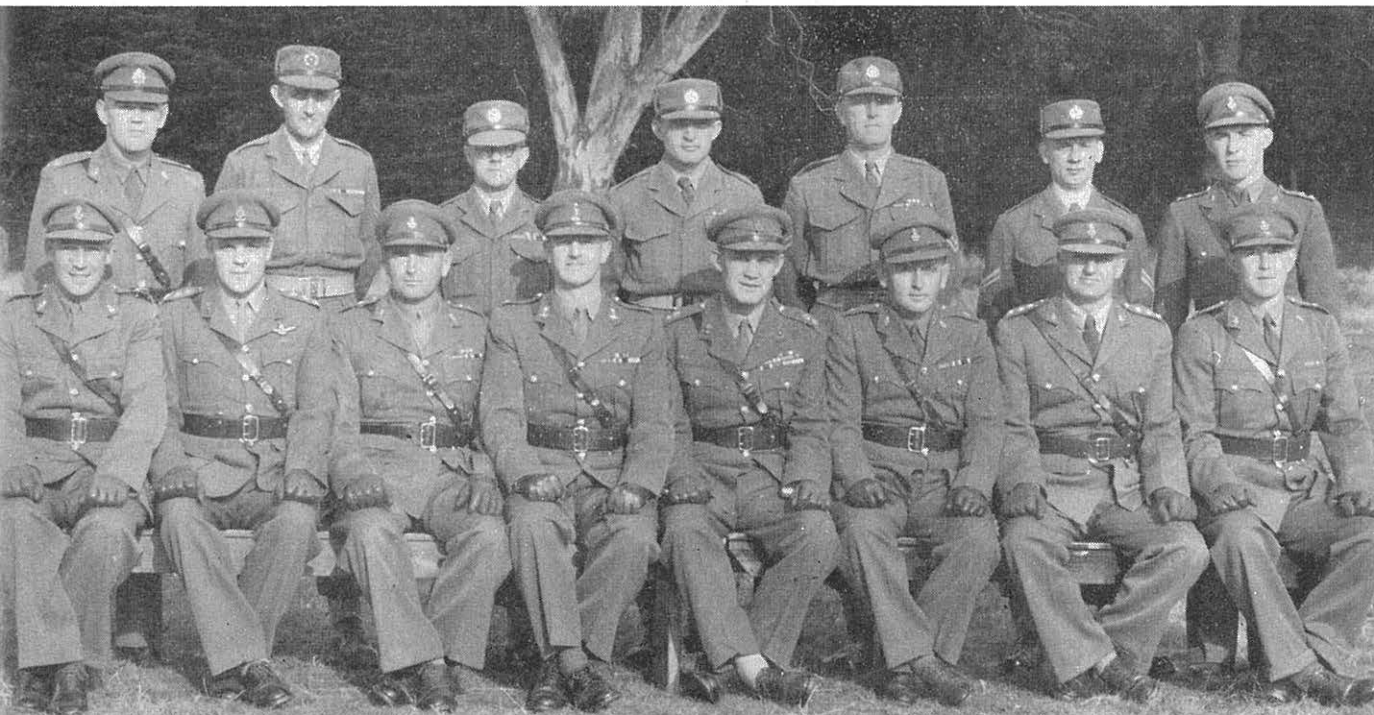
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# *Foreword*

*by*

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*Commandant of The Army Schools*

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The Regular Force Cadet Journal is now well established. This I consider is of great importance, as the activities of the RF Cadet School are best recorded in a publication such as this.

This year finds the New Zealand Army commencing one of its greatest reorganisations. In addition to its traditional role of organising and training the Territorial Force, the Regular Force is now responsible for providing that essential element of modern defence—a hard hitting force ready for immediate use.

This change provides new opportunities for the Regular Force Cadets. The former great demand for the well trained and disciplined instructors and tradesmen produced by the Regular Force Cadet School will continue. In addition the field force to be formed will



require non-commissioned officers who can lead troops. The training given to the Regular Force Cadets provides them with a good background for this role. I trust the cadets of the future will make the most of the opportunities which lie before them.

# Editorial . . .

In the history of the New Zealand Army, 1958 will be remembered as a year of great changes. It has also been a year of change in the Regular Force Cadet School.

Even in the physical appearance of the School, ex-cadets passing through Waikouru would notice many changes—the new businesslike layout of headquarters, the old name-carved desks in the Education Wing replaced by gleaming affairs of ply and tubular steel, the new boy-proof beds and happy colour scheme in the barracks—while ex-RNZE apprentices would find difficulty in recognising the scene of their youthful labours.

Readers of last year's publication will also notice many changes in staff, particularly in the headquarters. These changes have naturally resulted in new ideas, and consequent changes in organisation and general administration.

And so it must be, if our tradition is to continue as a vital tradition. But while we take note of the new, it is fitting that in 1958 we also remember the past, for a consciousness of tradition is an important factor in maintaining that important but intangible thing we call morale. Change is not a revolution from, but a continuing of a living tradition. Therefore, since 1958 is also the tenth anniversary of the Regular Force Cadets, we have marked this event by including a brief history of the School (as it is called now), written by the Chief Instructor, who, of our staff, has the longest record of association with the Cadets.

Thus it has been our aim this year to present a record of both Past and Present, and we hope that this record will be of interest to Cadets of today and yesterday—and possibly of value to the Cadets of tomorrow. The editor thanks all those who, often despite other pressing business (no pun intended) have promptly supplied copy as requested, or have in any way assisted with the publication.

—The Editor

# The School of Signals

Although there are many different trades in Signals, in peace time it is not necessary to train soldiers in all these trades, and instruction at the School of Signals is concentrated on the more important of them.

This year there are only four cadets learning trades at the School: Cdts Sutton and Subritzky are training to become Radio Technicians, and by the time they are fully trained they will be capable of servicing all types of army wireless equipment. This trade requires considerable hard work, especially in the early stages, learning the basic theory. However, it is a most interesting trade with good opportunities for advancement. Most Radio Servicemen are apprenticed in the trade and at the end of five years, provided they have passed their exams, they can become Registered Radio Servicemen.

In the operating trade we have Cdt Earl training to become an Instructor. He is at present attending an All Arms Instructor course, having already attended a Lineman and a Telegraph Operator one star course. The trade of Telegraph Operator is another inter-

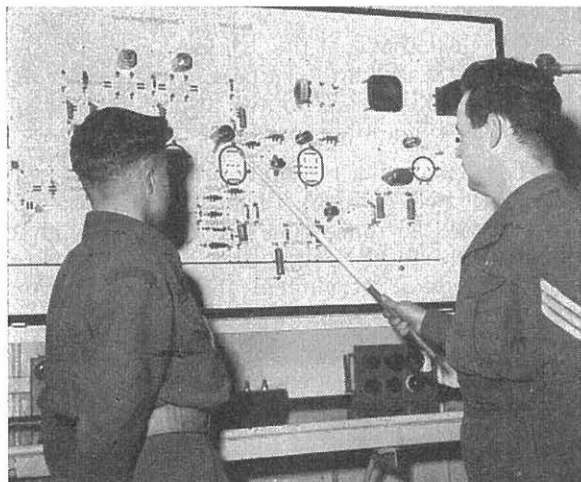


Cdt Sutton checking a radio to trace faults, part of his Radio Mechanic's Course.

esting trade with a wide variety of subjects. The fully trained four star Operator is capable of operating a teleprinter at thirty-five words per minute, sending and receiving morse at twenty-two words per minute, and setting up and operating all army types of wireless sets.

On the administrative side, Cdt Palenski has been working in the Technical Store and orderly room, learning the duties of technical storeman and clerk. This type of work is just as important as the other trades and requires men who have a good education and are neat and methodical in their work.

Around the School we have a few "Old Boys" at present. Sgt W G H Taylor is a Telegraph operator instructor in the Signal Training Wing; Sgt M D Burke is a Radio Technician instructor; L Cpl J B Sanderson is a Radio Technician in the Maintenance Workshop. Sig A H Dawson and Sig J G Rockell have been attached to the School for training as Telegraph Operators for most of the year.



Sgt Williams, instructor at the School of Signals, lecturing on the superheterodyne receiver.

# The Royal New Zealand Army Service Corps School.

1958 has been a quiet year at the RNZASC School in comparison with the incendiary events of 1957. At the time the 1957 notes for The Regular Force Cadet were written the School, following the fire of April that year when the existing School was burnt down, had found temporary accommodation in an old block of flats near the gymnasium—and it is still there! However, the Corps flag flies bravely outside our temporary home, and the Corps motto, “Nil Sine Labore”, is practised assiduously within its walls, albeit on occasion with the assistance of a little prodding by the School Sergeant-Major and the School Instructors.

The School is divided into three Wings—Supply and Transport (ST), Driving and Maintenance (D & M) and Catering—whose functions are broadly as follows:—

**ST Wing:** Instruction in supply and clerical trades, and general Corps employment.

**D & M Wing:** Instruction in the driving and servicing of army vehicles.

**Catering Wing:** Instruction in cookery and catering.

Cadets are attached to the Wing which is responsible for instruction in the trade which they intend to follow, although they are also nominated for courses at one or other of the other Wings in order to give them a general background knowledge of the functions of the RNZASC.

Four cadets only have completed the full year of training at the School, one in the ST Wing and three in the D & M Wing. They have attended or will have attended the following courses by the end of the year:

## **ST Wing**

Cdt Sgt Davies SA—Organisation and Employment: Butchery: RNZASC Clerks: Basic Motor Transport Servicing: Basic All Arms Instructors.

## **D & M Wing**

Cdt Thornton JE—Organisation and Employment: Butchery: RNZASC Clerks: Driver Class II.

Cdt Pangari PM—Organisation and Employment: Butchery: Driver Class IV: Driver Class II.



Cdts Wiki and Hemana changing a tyre at the RNZASC School.

Cdt Hikairo TP—Organisation and Employment: Butchery: Driver Class II: RNZASC Clerks: Basic All Arms Instructors.

Cdts Shortland DM, Smith R, Wiki M, Smith JH, and Taipari J have been attached to the School from September, all to be trained as Drivers. They have attended a Driver Class IV Course and a special Cadet Driving Course.

Cdt Davies NAC has been attached to the Catering Wing from September to be trained as a Cook.

Of the above, Cdts Davies SA, Davies NAC, Smith JH and Taipari J will be continuing with their training at the School in 1959, the remainder graduate this year.

To those who graduate, the Staff of the RNZASC School send their best wishes for the future. To those who will be with us next year, a word of avuncular advice—during your period of attachment to the School you will be attending or will have the opportunity of attending, dependent on your progress, a number of courses which the normal soldier who has not been through the RF Cadet School could only hope to attend over a period of some years; so make the most of your time here, work hard and do your best at all times, and get everything you can out of this period of your military career.

# School of the Royal New Zealand

## Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

The Royal New Zealand Electrical and Mechanical Engineers School, prior to the fire on the 10th of November, 1957, was considered the finest training wing of the Army Schools. It had a record of which any training establishment would be proud. It was a technical training school as good, if not better, than any in the country at which apprentices received a thorough grounding in their respective trades. Progressive plans and improvements were continually being put into effect.

The fire which razed the School to the ground was a grievous blow, destroying training equipment, machinery and tools which had taken years to collect or manufacture, and the situation which faced staff and students at the beginning of 1958 was indeed bleak.

Now the fire and the devastation it left in its wake are history and the RNZEME School is again a flourishing establishment. New buildings have been provided and altered to suit the requirements of the School, a great deal of the actual work being done by the School staff. Decorators, steam-heating engineers and electricians have come, done their part and left, and new equipment is arriving all the time.

During this upheaval the training of RNZEME Regular Force Cadet apprentices has gone steadily on with the willing help and assistance of the other Schools of the Army Schools and other units in the camp, for which the RNZEME School gives very grateful thanks.

New sections of the School have been planned, such as the panel beating section which is now in operation, and the engine reconditioning section.

The established sections with more space are expanding and being modernized. The engine and transmission sections have been separated, the engine section to be incorporated with the engine reconditioning section and the transmission section on its own with much more room to operate and with several pieces of equipment it did not possess before, such as a brake shoe riveting machine and a hydraulic brake cylinder hone. The engine reconditioning section will be equipped with all the necessary machines and tools to completely overhaul all types of engines. A new welding section is in operation with one of the latest are welding machines and a number of excellent gas welding plants. The fitting and turning sections have now been separated, each having its own workshop and class-room. The turning section is operating with borrowed machinery, but new modern machines are expected at any time. It is hoped in the near future also, to add a milling machine and a shaping machine which the old school did not possess.

As in the past the RNZEME Regular Force Cadet apprentices all gained their certificates in the New Zealand Trade Certification Board examinations; one of their number, Cadet Colour Sergeant M McR Jameson, gaining the highest marks for all New Zealand in the Motor Mechanics First Qualifying Examination.

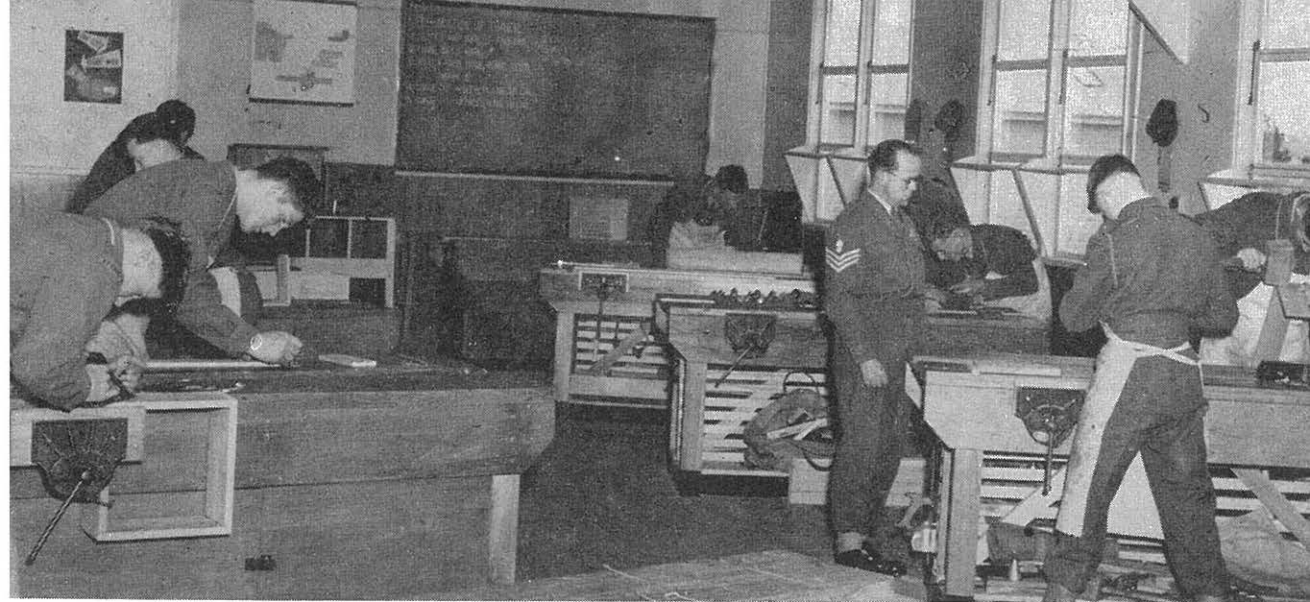
The demand for highly trained technicians in the Army increases every year and the hard core of these is the Army trained apprentices from the Regular Force Cadets. As this demand grows so will the RNZEME School, and it will continue to give that solid grounding so essential to the good tradesman.

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It was not only our own commanders—myself included—who thought so highly of the New Zealand Division, but Rommel rated them as his number one opponents.

—Sir Willoughby Norrie.





## The Royal New Zealand Engineers Apprentice Wing

The efforts of the Staff and apprentices have produced progressive changes over the past year, a credit to their hard work and initiative.

The most visible of these has been the establishment of two well set up Demonstration and Technical Drawing rooms. These were



Cpl Duncan, instructor in carpentry, explaining the theory of building foundations to Senior Cadets.

started late in 1957 and have slowly taken shape until all that remains to be done is the completion of the decorative lino laying at present in progress, the theme of which is the Corps colours.

In the workshops we have achieved that which we set out to do, that is to have each workshop self-contained from the other, each housing the best of equipment.

Our Junior workshop, which caters for the first year apprentices, has now been equipped with new benches, each having lock-up cupboards underneath to give the apprentices a secure storage for their tools.

These benches were built by the apprentices themselves as part of their syllabus of training.

The Senior workshop—that which we term the 'production department'—has also been developed to cater for the Second year apprentices doing both building construction and joinery, and compares very favourably in both facilities and equipment with any Technical establishment in New Zealand.

The most notable development has been the installation of the new machine tools, namely a 12 inch circular saw, 7 inch belt sander, 12 inch thicknesser, 6 inch buzzer, 20 inch bandsaw and a 14 inch radial saw. All these machines are of the highest quality, im-

ported from the Wadkin factory in England.

On the instructional side we are confident that the Wing will achieve its usual high percentage of passes in the N.Z. Trade Certification Examinations this year. We are entering fourteen candidates covering both the First and Second Qualifying examinations. In addition we have three School Certificate candidates sitting, and the Staff have every confidence in the ultimate results.

The Apprentice Wing has organized several instructional trips this year, the most notable being the visits to Central District's Construction Squadron, Linton, and the Karioi State Forest. At both these places excellent educational tours were made and will reflect in the results of the Trade examinations. Many more of these trips are planned for the future.

For the first time the RNZE Apprentice Wing has entered its own team in the Indoor Basketball competition, emerging with a very distinguished record.

We look forward to welcoming the 1959 intake of apprentices, but assure them that they will be hard-pressed to maintain the standards set by the graduating class, both in the field of sport and trade training.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON



Cdts Thompson, Gibb and Holley filling the sunny air with sweet music—or so, in the absence of a sound track on the film, we imagine!

## THE THOMAS TROPHY



This sterling silver trophy was presented to the RF Cadet School by the members of the SAS Squadron in 1956 in memory of Trooper Adrian Thomas, the first ex-cadet to be killed on active service. Trooper Thomas joined the cadets in 1951 as a member of Greville Class and graduated to RNZ Sigs before joining the SAS for service in Malaya. As a cadet he was an outstanding sportsman, being a member of the 1st XV, the 1st XI and a leading track athlete. He carried this interest in sport into the SAS and at the request of the Squadron the trophy is presented each year to the best all round athlete in the RF Cadet School.

# The Education Wing

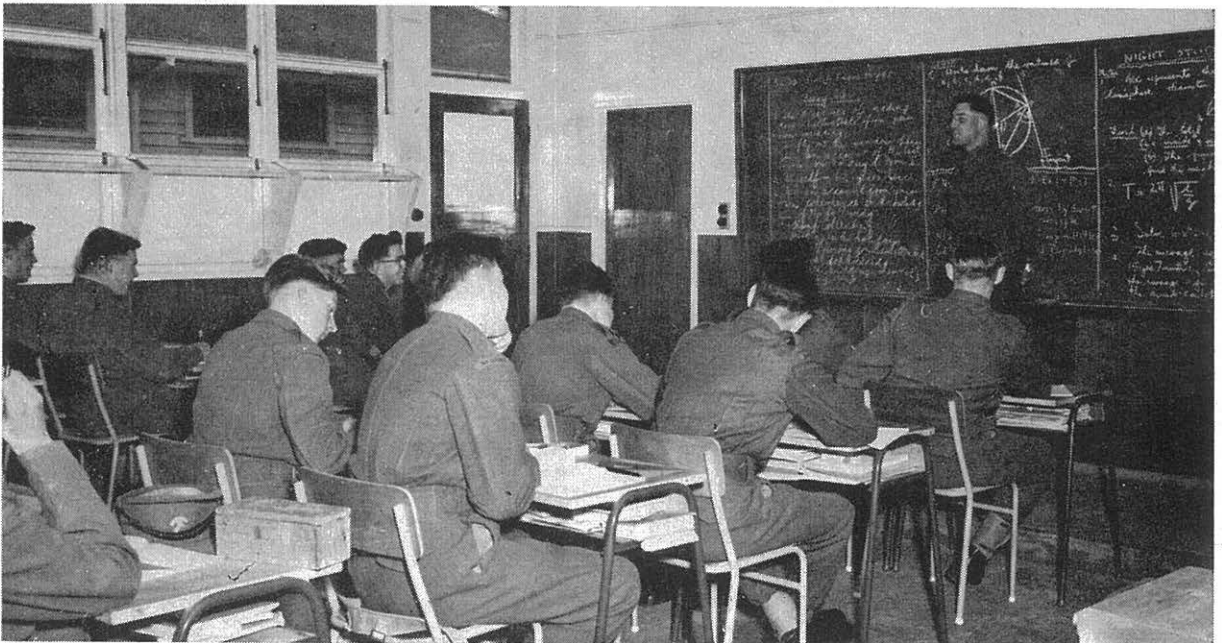
With the increase in the school roll 1958 has been another busy year for Education Wing.

In addition to the usual examination classes two cadets have this year received instruction for Stage I University subjects. In March ten cadets commenced to study for University Entrance, but withdrawals for various reasons during the year will result in six sitting the examination in December. Similarly the School Certificate class has been gradually reduced from thirty-one to fifteen cadets who will finally complete the course. This year there has been a much greater demand than usual for technical subjects in the examination groups and as a result no instruction has been given in either Biology or Commercial Practice, two subjects which, in the past, have proved most popular. Once again also, the facilities of the Correspondence School have been used only sparingly, seven cadets each taking one subject. A new departure this year has been the policy of allowing some cadets who have already attempted School Certificate to offer five subjects for the examination. Special study for these cadets has been arranged in the administration periods which have also been used for special coaching in

weak subjects for both University Entrance and School Certificate classes.

This year the General Education class, with seventeen members, has been considerably smaller than usual. Last year's system of full time education for two terms followed by full time trade training for one term was once again used and there is no doubt that this new scheme has proved a real success. A new subject for General Education this year was History of the New Zealand Military Forces. This subject is designed to give the cadet a fuller knowledge of the background of the Regular Force of which he is now a member. This has been sadly lacking in the past and it is hoped that arrangements can be made for all cadets to receive instruction in future years.

The interest in technical subjects shown by this year's intake was also reflected in the greater size of the Apprentice class this year. By the third term it had grown to thirty-four members and was imposing considerable strain on the accommodation of the Wing. The course once again was the limited trade one of English, Trade Calculations, Physics and Technical Drawing, but time was found also for one period of History of the New Zealand Military Forces. The decision to allow the Carpenters



and Joiners to sit their First Qualifying Examination in their first year has resulted in the trade calculations course being split this term into two separate classes, Mechanical Trades and Building Trades, which will concentrate a problem directly related to their respective trades.

No staff changes have occurred during the year. Maj Gill has remained as Chief Instructor, with Capt Nelson as 2IC in charge of Mathematics and Science, Lt Raue in charge of English, Lt Skilton controlling Commerce, and Lt Barbour supervising Technical Drawing. Capt Treanor from the RNZE Apprentice Wing has once again assisted with the Trade Calculations. Lastly, no mention of the staff would be complete without acknowledging the unobtrusive, but very real assistance given behind the scenes by the Wing typist, Mrs. Hazeldine.

The Library has once again been a most popular institution in the Wing. The loan collections have been changed regularly and we extend our thanks both to the School Library Service, Palmerston North, and the Central Military District Library, Wellington, for the assistance they have been to us. The varied selection of books now available enables us to satisfy almost all tastes. Our own permanent collection continues to grow slowly but surely.

It is pleasing to record that we have recovered almost completely from the disastrous fire that struck the Army Schools late in 1957. Accommodation is still a problem and we have been forced to use what is really a locker-room as an extra classroom, but most of the other scars have disappeared. All our text book losses have been replaced and new tubular steel tables and chairs are arriving at the moment to replace those damaged or destroyed in the fire. It is hoped that by the time next year's magazine is produced we will be able to record the addition of a new, well equipped technical drawing room to the facilities of the Wing. Plans for this have been submitted, but so far no date for re-building has been given.

Once again we must be content with recording last year's examination successes as we go to press before the end of the academic year. In 1957 two members of the UE class were successful and nine cadets passed the School Certificate Examination, while twenty passed various Qualifying Examinations of the New Zealand Trades Certification Board. In addition 40 cadets were awarded the Army Education Certificate Class II. Their names

## LIBRARY NOTES, 1958

The library has continued to be a popular feature of Education Wing activities this year. We have not had such a large number of new acquisitions to the text book section this year—most of the new books having been replacements for those lost or damaged by last year's fire. However, in most subjects our stocks are now adequate for classroom needs.

The loan section has continued to function smoothly. One English period for each class has been set aside as a library period and of course this is the most popular English period of the week. We now have 600 books in the loan section with titles to suit most tastes. Books about the war remain in demand and are most popular, as they have been in previous years.

The Country Library Service continues to send us, at three monthly intervals, a very good selection of fiction and non-fiction.

Selected magazines have been regularly received, but because the library has been used as a classroom we have been unable to make the fullest use of them as "odd moment" reading material. Some of the magazines are: The New Scientist, History Today, The National Geographic, The English Geographic, Walkabout, The Student's Digest and The Journal of Agriculture.

Over 600 volumes have been read this year by just on 80 readers and it is interesting to note that a number of members of the staff have been fairly regular borrowers.

We have the privilege of making requests direct to Country Library Service for texts and books of general interest and this service has been made full use of during the year.

Once again we would like to remind ex-cadets that a good way of having your name and generosity remembered by those who follow you is to present a book to the school library. So to those of you who have in the past felt that the book selection in the library could have been improved, here is a practical way of making that improvement possible—send along that contribution.

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are recorded elsewhere and to one and all we extend our congratulations. We hope that this year's candidates will achieve equal success in the various examinations which are now looming up ahead.





FIRST XV: Lane P F, Sloper B W, Pangari P M, Miles T R, Luscombe G I, Gatenby W B, Adlam N H, Taylor C R, Kingi R R; Kereopa F A, Hemana H, Nicholson D R, Brown J W (Capt), Maj J T Gill (Coach), Sharrock R G (Vice-Capt), Copyn R F; Powley J, McNeill E F, Laing G A, Devlin M H, Wickliffe J H, Paterson W D.

## On the Field of Sport

### RUGBY

Rugby was once again one of the main winter sports of the School and three teams were entered in the Ruapehu Sub-Union competitions. The First Fifteen once again contested the Junior Grade and two teams, the A's and the B's, took part in the Third Grade.

Originally it was proposed that a new Fourth Grade, restricted to those under seventeen years of age and ten stone in weight, should be created in the Sub-Union, and the School offered to produce a team in this grade. Unfortunately after two friendly games had been played enthusiasm in the other clubs waned and the scheme fell through. This was unfortunate not only for the younger and lighter Cadets who would have benefited from such a competition, but also for the many other players in the dis-

trict who, at the moment, are compelled to play Third Grade although definitely too small and immature for the grade. In spite of the failure this year we hope the scheme will be revived next year when we will be only too willing to co-operate once more.

Results this year suffered from the lack of team practices. A new timetable for the Army Schools made it extremely difficult to get all team members at practice with the result that team work in all grades suffered. The First Fifteen once again won the Junior Competition, the Championship Cup, the Morrissey Shield and the Charity Cup, playing through the season without a defeat. It also won the Inter-Service Junior Competition, but lost the Rosie Shield to the Police Cadets. It lost two of its three outside school games, defeating Taumarunui High School 49-0, but losing 6-3 to the Hamilton High School 1st

XV and 13—3 to St. Stephen's School. The Third A's were second in the Third Grade and were compelled once again to admit defeat to Ruapehu College 1st XV, who won this competition. The difference between the two teams, however, decreased considerably as the season progressed and better attendances at practice could well have altered the situation. The Third B's finished third in the competition.

The usual competitions were held within the School. The Junior Class defeated the Senior Class for the inter-class trophy. No. 2 Platoon, captained by Cpl McNeill, won the inter-platoon competition, defeating No. 3 Platoon 13—12 in a stirring final after fortunes had see-sawed from side to side in a most exciting fashion. No. 1 Platoon won the wooden spoon after another hard struggle with No. 4 Platoon.

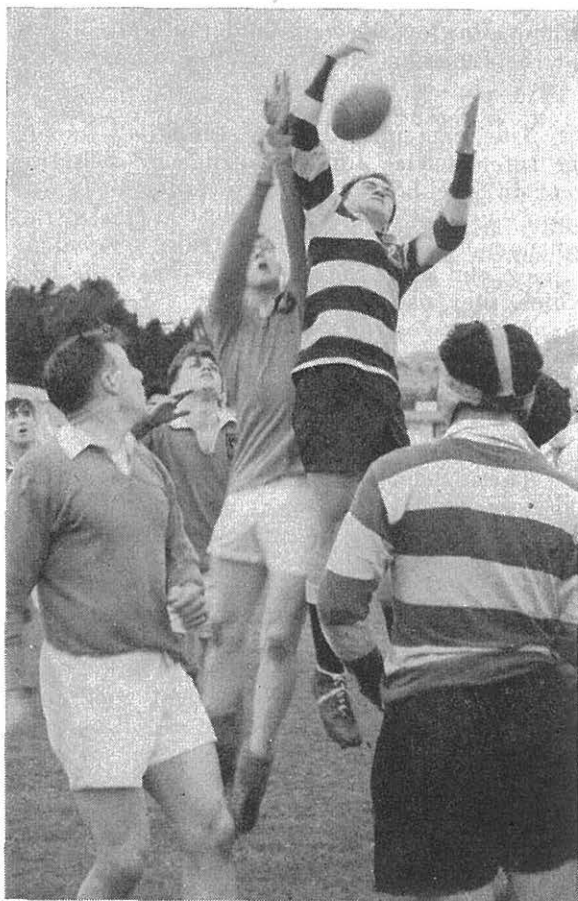
### The First Fifteen

The following represented the 1st XV this year:—Brown, J W (Captain), Sharrock, R G (Vice-captain), Costello, F E, Lane, P F, Powley, J, Kereopa, F A, Hemana, M, Wickliffe, J H, Adlam, N H, Paterson, W D, McNeill, E F, Laing, G A, Miles, T R, Devlin, M H, Gatenby, W B, Kingi, R R, Luscombe, G I, Pangari, P M, Nicholson, D R, Sloper, B W, Copyn, R F, Taylor, C R.

With five of last year's team still available the 1st XV rapidly developed into a first-class side. The backline without a single weak link was probably the best ever to represent the Cadets and was a highly efficient scoring machine. Good handling and solid running by the insides resulted in the two wingers, Lane and Hemana, scoring many fine tries. Lane, a speedy runner with good acceleration, is potentially a first-class wing three-quarter, and Hemana, also very fast, was the most improved player in the team once he cured his main fault of poor handling. Powley and Sharrock both played consistently well and if the latter was a little more dangerous on attack, the former was undoubtedly the best tackler in the team. Adlam at first five-eight has magnificent hands and once fully fit gave the necessary initial thrust to the backs. Paterson sent out quick long passes from half-back and also ran intelligently from the base of the scrum. When he was injured for some games McNeill proved a solid and efficient substitute. Costello at full-back started the season well, but perhaps as the result of so

many "armchair rides" was less safe in later games. He tackled well, however, and was a reliable place-kicker. Kereopa and Wickliffe also performed well, in a variety of positions.

The forwards in their early games did not reach the same high standard as the backs. Their play was much too loose and spasmodic and their lineout work was poor. A series of rather easy games made the trouble worse and these weaknesses contributed directly to our loss to the Police Cadets 8—18, early in the season. Later in the season, with the introduction of Devlin and Gatenby into the pack some of these faults were eliminated, but the lineout weakness persisted and was quite a serious problem. This could be attributed partly to the difficulty of securing a full muster at practice. Brown, the captain, was undoubtedly the outstanding forward in the team. He eliminated last year's fault of playing too loose and



A St. Stephen's player beats Luscombe to the ball in a match won by St. Stephen's.



developed into a good pack leader using his strength in the tight to advantage and running like a back in the open. Nicholson, Kingi and later Gatenby gave him good support in the tight. Laing was outstanding in the loose and scored some very good tries with his consistent backing up. Lusecombe in his first year as a forward must learn to get to the rucks quicker and once there to get in after the ball rather than hang about on the edge waiting for the ball to come to him. The same applies to Pangari, Taylor and Miles. Devlin, in spite of lack of size, played extremely well when he came into the team for the school games later in the season. Copyn and Sloper both hooked well, but both need to improve their all-round game considerably.

During the season Sharrock was selected for the King Country Junior Reps and he, Brown, Copyn, Lusecombe, Laing, Paterson, Adlam, Powley, Hemana and Lane all played for the Ruapehu Sub-Union Junior Reps.

The team played its best football during the Inter-Service Junior Tournament held this year in Auckland. It convincingly beat Air Force 42—15 and Navy 19—0 to win the tournament. The forwards really played as a pack and gave the backs a feast of the ball which they used to advantage. We wish to thank Navy for the excellent time and we are looking forward to next year when the tournament will be held on our home ground at Waiouru.

Three School games were played during the season. In June we entertained Taumarunui High School 1st XV for our annual fixture. Their team was smaller than usual and although the final result was 49—0 they never gave up trying. Early in August we visited Hamilton to play the Boys' High School 1st XV. Unfortunately weather conditions were atrocious and a high wind plus heavy rain led to the game deteriorating into a mud scramble. Hamilton emerged winners 6—3 after a very even game. It was unfortunate, however, that the weather played such a part as Hamilton were undefeated during the season and we were looking forward to what on a good day could have been an excellent match. In September, we entertained St. Stephen's School—another annual fixture. Once again they proved too strong,

winning 13—3 in a good game played in fine weather on a hard ground.

This match brought to a close a very pleasant season in which the final analysis of the team's performances was as follows:—

Played 15—won 12, lost 3. Points for, 479; against, 74.

### Third Grade "A"

At the beginning of the season a few of last year's team were available to form the nucleus of the new team. In the selection games some promising material was revealed and we looked forward to producing a good team. For various reasons the early promise shown did not come to full fruition, but our record during the season was reasonably satisfactory. Only two games were lost—both to Ruapehu College 1st XV, who once again fielded a very strong team.

Towards the end of the season several of our players were developing so well that they were promoted to the 1st XV. We extend congratulations to Powley, Devlin and Gatenby on their success. McNeill also played for the 1st XV when Patterson, W D, was injured.

We congratulate the following players on their selection as Third Grade Representatives for the Ruapehu Sub-Union:—Davies, S A, Devlin, Gatenby.

The following players also represented the Sub-Union in the representative game against Taihape:—Knowles, Wiki, Kiwi, Patterson, A J, Murphy, Broughton, Taipari, Davidson, Douglas and Watson.

Regular players in the team throughout the season were:—

Broughton (Capt.), Davies, S A (Vice-Capt.), McNeill, Davis, B N J, Young, Kiwi, Wiki, Patterson, A J, Hooper, Davidson, Taipari, Gatenby, Devlin, Harvey, Murphy, Nightingale, Williams, Watson.

### Match Results:—

- v. College B — Won 16—0
  - v. Cadet B — Won 8—0
  - v. College A — Lost 3—11
  - v. Ohakune — Won 32—0
  - v. College B — Won 14—3
  - v. Cadet B — Won 12—3
  - v. College A — Lost 8—9
  - v. Ohakune — Won by default
  - v. College B — Won 24—3
- (friendly game).

**SOCCER XI:** Back Row: Henderson M J, Douglas A J, Young D H, Routledge R R, Burke, G B.

Front Row: Collins R J, Hancox M C, Mowatt D J (Capt), Cpl McLachlan J (Coach), Crimmins U R, Sinclair M J, Horgan P Q.



**RUGBY 2nd XV:** Back Row: Kiwi A J, Douglas A J, Watson B D, Hooper P C, Murphy A R, Wiki M, Bron A B, Davis B N J.

Front Row: Taipari F, Devlin M H, Williams R G, Lt N L Skilton, Broughton J F (Capt), Davies S A (Vice-Capt), Paterson A J, Davidson P E.

**RUGBY 3rd XV:** Back Row Smith R, Bramley J, Booth A J, Wotton C G, Bestic E B, Horgan P Q, Jorgenson H P, Shortland D M.

Front Row: Knoblock W R, Holley J S, Earl B L, Lt P R Raue, Sutton M T (Capt), Milligan R D, Rainham T A, Sinclair M J.



## ANNUAL SWIMMING SPORTS

The Annual Swimming Sports were held in the Taihape and Ohakune baths on the 21st and 22nd February. The fine weather of the first day did not extend to the second, but the water temperature remained moderate and some good times were returned on both days. Many trips had been made to the baths during the summer, so that there had been no lack of practice among the competitors, and it was pleasing to see many boys who had shortly before been unable to swim taking part in the events. The results of the finals were:—

33 1-3 Yards Freestyle.—1st Nightingale, 2nd Laing, 3rd Hoffman.	Time: 19.6sec.
33 1-3 Yards Breaststroke.—1st Lane, 2nd Laing, 3rd Copyn.	Time: 26sec.
33 1-3 Yards Backstroke.—1st Laing, 2nd Copyn, 3rd Sutton.	Time: 27.2sec.
50 Yards Freestyle.—1st Hoffman, 2nd Nightingale, 3rd Henderson.	Time: 30.9sec.
50 Yards Breaststroke.—1st Lane, 2nd Laing, 3rd Sharrock.	Time: 44sec.
50 Yards Backstroke.—1st Laing, 2nd Hoffman, 3rd Sutton.	Time: 42.4sec.
100 Yards Freestyle.—1st Harvey, 2nd Nightingale, 3rd Monks.	Time: 1min. 19sec.
100 Yards Breaststroke.—1st Monks, 2nd Lane, 3rd Wedlake.	Time: 1min. 35.8sec.
Dive.—1st Ryan, 2nd Harvey, M A, 3rd Laing.	

Swimming Champion: Laing.

## SOCCER

The Soccer season commenced with a few games arranged by our very able coach, Sgt A Bayliss RNZEME School, and from these games a team was picked to play against the Police Cadets at Trentham when we went down for the Opening of Parliament in June.

We were unable to arrange many games this season, but a few of the cadets have represented the Camp Team against various teams, while the following have played for Waiouru "B" against Wanganui Marist at Wanganui: Douglas, Mowat, Collins, Rutledge, Mintey, Crimmins. We must congratulate the afore mentioned for their very fine improvement in play and team work.

### Games Played

Cadets	1 v. Waiouru Camp	6
	Scorer: Crimmins.	
Cadets	3 v. Police Cadets	1
	Scorers: Douglas 1, Crimmins 2.	
Cadets	1 v. Navy Irirangi	5
	Scorer: Crimmins.	
Camp "B"	1 v. Wanganui Marist	2
	Scorer: Crimmins.	

Congratulations to Crimmins for scoring in every game; we hope you can repeat this next season!

## CRICKET

We are looking to next year's cadets to regain the ashes of Cadet Cricket, for last season's record indicates the need for new blood in our broken ranks. This is perhaps an excessively pessimistic review of the season, for light was breaking through the dark clouds as the season went on. This year's intake of cadets soundly trounced their older fellows in February, and the Weir Class members of the team began to stop the unbroken progression of defeat. Up to this time five games had been lost, but towards the end of the season three old foes had their victor's laurels torn from them—CMT (on 9th February), Pirates (15th February) and Taihape (8th March—Cadets declared at four fickets for 162, and player-coach Lt Burrows scored an impressive 88 not out).

Sharrock, the captain in 1958, batted consistently well and deserved to win his Army Representative blazer, and DeBique and Pater-son A J were also among the outstanding wielders of the willow. Sharrock, Sutcliffe and Pangari bowled well and fast, but the need was felt for a slow bowler with good spin.

Weir Class will form a strong nucleus for next year's team, and if next year's lads are up to our hopes we look forward to a more successful season.

## SKIING AND MOUNTAINEERING NOTES

It is disappointing to record that for the second year in succession skiing conditions on Ruapehu have been most unsatisfactory as far as the cadets are concerned.

The mountain did not receive a good coating of snow until well into July and as a result the commencement of skiing trips had to be postponed until then. Even after the snow did arrive the weather almost every weekend proved to be most unkind and more than half the organized visits had to be cancelled because of weather conditions. It was most frustrating to see the mountain bathed in sunshine during the week only to have conditions deteriorate on Friday and result in the cancellation of yet another trip. Those who took part in the first trip in the third term and arrived at the top of the mountain road in a full gale, however, were readily convinced of the wisdom of these decisions.

Under the circumstances, therefore, fewer trips have been held than in previous years, but every opportunity has been taken to use the facilities that the mountain provides. Several ski trips have been held and have proved so popular that two trucks, instead of the usual one, have normally been required. All the skis held by the unit have been fully used and extra pairs have been borrowed from the Camp Ski Club. With more limited practice than usual there has not been the same rapid progress as in past years, but Cadet Robb shows promise among the "snow bunnies." Cadet Costello, however, now a "veteran" of three seasons is the only one yet able to tackle the T Bar. With the advent of better weather in September and October it is hoped that this situation will be remedied.

This year more attention has been given to the other attractions of the mountain besides skiing. Several visits were made during the



A party of cadets resting en route to the summit of Mt. Ruapehu during the ascent to the Crater Lake.

first term by parties interested in merely exploring the slopes and in spite of some trouble with transport these proved most enjoyable. The building of a cadet hut on the eastern slopes will make more of these excursions possible as well as opening up this area for skiing in the winter.

In March a trip to the Crater Lake on Mt. Ruapehu was organized by Maj Gill and Lt Barbour. Twenty-four cadets made a six-thirty start from camp and by using the chair lifts began their climb at about six thousand feet at nine-thirty. The summit plateau was reached about eleven-thirty. Weather conditions were not ideal and although it was possible to examine the lake and the various peaks of Ruapehu, cloud prevented the party enjoying the magnificent view that is available on a clear day. The return trip was made down the glacier and, although a power cut prevented the use of the chair lifts, the whole party was safely on the road by three o'clock. Our thanks are due to WOII Taylor and L Cpl McPake, two experienced mountaineers, who actually led the climb.

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All are filled with pride for the Desert Army, all are full of gratitude to the people of New Zealand who had sent this splendid Division to win fame and honour across the oceans.

—Winston Churchill.

Everyone in the world knows of the gallantry of New Zealand's soldiers.—Joseph Stalin.

The New Zealanders, most of whom volunteered to serve in the European Theatre from love of adventure, must be considered as dangerous opponents.

—278 Div. (German) Intelligence Summary, December, 1944.





CADETS "1" INDOOR BASKETBALL: Douglas A J,  
Maj W H Dyson, Kereopa F A, Horopapera F J, Shar-  
rock R G, Davies S A, Luscombe G I.



CADET SERGEANTS: Sgts Dyer  
B S, Lomas J J, S Sgt Brown  
J W, Sgts Davies S A, Caldwell  
W T.



EME CADETS INDOOR BASKETBALL: Horgan P Q,  
Douglas A J, Henderson M J, Hancox M C, McNeill  
E F, Lt J. Hawkins, Davis B N J.

## INDOOR BASKETBALL

Known as one of the fastest and most scientific games in the world, Indoor Basketball has had a large and enthusiastic following during 1958. Over seventy Cadets have turned out for Cadet teams participating in the Waiouru Association competitions. This association is a particularly strong one and the selection of Cadet Sharrock in its nationally recognized representative team has been a triumph for RF Cadet basketball.

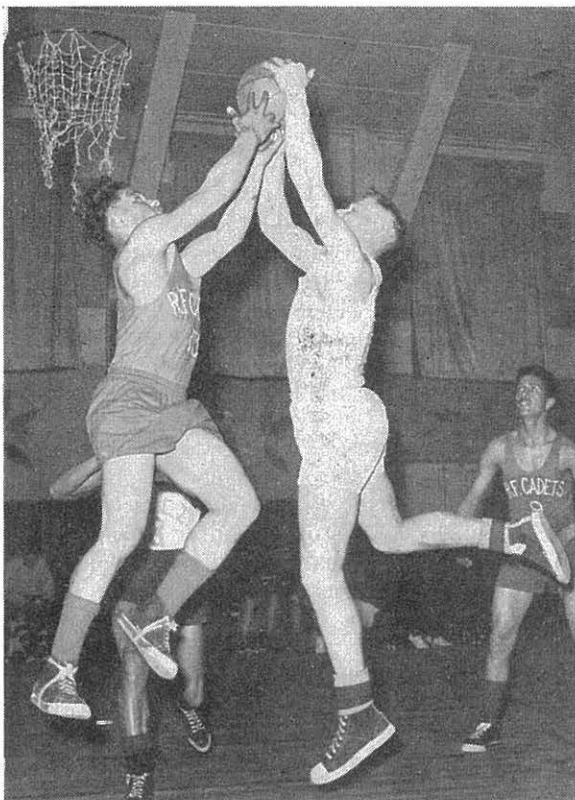
The four Cadet teams playing locally are known as Cadets 1 (playing "A" Grade), Cadets 2, Engineer Cadets and RNZEME Cadets (all playing "B" Grade). Although none won their grade, all were renowned for their ability to force leading teams to play their very best against them.

In addition to local matches Cadets have played several games against teams from other centres and the results of these games are as follows:—

v. Wanganui "B" at Waiouru	won 27—20.
v. Navy at HMZS Philomel	won 42—10.
v. Wanganui Schoolboy Reps at Waiouru	won 51—20.
v. Ex Cadets at Waiouru	lost 44—68.
v. Palmerston North at Stratford	won 28— 8.
v. Stratford at Stratford	won 35—32.
v. Hawera at Stratford	lost 38—48.

With a summer coaching plan under way Regular Force Cadets should provide some very strong teams for home and away games during 1959.

The highlight of the year's play was the trip of the A, B and C teams—twenty-two cadets, to Stratford, to compete in the Taranaki-West Coast Schoolboys' Tournament. The journey by truck, including a stretch of rather dusty road, (2 Lt Hawkins' 'short cut') could scarcely compare with the comfort of the famed Greyhound Line, and when the teams alighted in Stratford they were delighted to discover that they had left their bed-stretchers at Waiouru! However, some excellent competition was encountered at the tournament although not much rest was allowed between games. Each of the three teams played four games, and although none reached the finals, two came very close. About thirty teams took place in the tournament, coming from Hamilton to Palmerston North. Hawera deserved to win the men's competition, but our teams are already preparing to attempt to wrest the honours from them next year.



Sgt Dyscn (Trax) blocks high jumping Horopapera's attempt at goal.

## A SOLDIER THINKS.

So you're sick of the way the Camp is run  
 And sick of the way the rationing's done  
 And sick of always standing in line,  
 You're sick you say—well that's just fine.  
 And I'm sick of the cold and sick of the heat,  
 And I'm sick of the feel o' my aching feet,  
 And I'm sick of the siren's wailing shrieks,  
 And I'm sick of the groans of the sick and the  
     weak,  
 And I'm sick of playing a soldier's beat.  
 I'm sick of the tussocks and sick of the dust,  
 And I'm sick of the men that tell me I must,  
 And I'm sick of running here and there.  
 I'm sick of being told to cut my hair—  
 But I'm cured very quick when I think of the  
     day  
 I'll be out of this Camp and on my way . . .  
 But I'll be sick again when my mind goes back  
 To the days when I used to carry the pack.  
 I'll be just plain— sick.



# The Junior Services Tournament

This year it was Navy's turn to be host at the Junior Inter-Services Tournament held at HMNZS **Philomel** in Auckland from the 20th to 23rd of August. The competition had been extended to include indoor basketball, and so a party of twenty cadets, fifteen rugby and five basketball players, departed for Auckland to participate. Being the highlight of the winter sports programme it had been eagerly awaited, especially as the final teams that were to travel were not announced till shortly before the tournament.

The first stage of the journey was to Ohakea airfield by transport, whence we were to be picked up by a Bristol Freighter already bearing the Air Force party, and so to Auckland. This plane trip was regarded rather apprehensively by some of us who had not flown before, a prospect which was not further enhanced by the issuing of paper bags aboard the plane "just in case of illness." However, all went well and within a comparatively short time we were touching down at Whenuapai. The next stage was by Navy launch across the Auckland harbour to **Philomel**. A touch of amusement was provided by the "all hands to the rescue" of an Air Force hat which blew overboard, but after expert manoeuvring by the launch "skipper" it was recovered—a little wet perhaps, but still serviceable.

We proceeded to **Philomel** where we were met and conducted to the quarters where we were to stay. Lunch was next on the programme, after which we were given a demonstration of slinging a hammock by Naval cadets and ratings—quite simple "when you know how!"

Army versus Air Force was to be the opening rugby match of the tournament, so after changing we made our way to the ground for a 'warm-up' and 'pep talk' by our coach, Major Gill. The match was played in brilliant sunshine (quite a change from Waikouaiti) on a fast ground. Army won the toss and decided to give Air Force first use of the sun. Play was fairly even in the forwards, see-sawing up and down the field, but the Army backs proved to have too much superiority, particularly regarding pace. The game resulted in a win for Army, 41—15, a margin which does not give

full credit to the Air Force's performance against a bigger and heavier team.

That night the basketball was played, but there was only one game since Air Force unfortunately was unable to field a team. This also resulted in a win for Army, 42—10, the inexperienced Navy team putting up a good struggle, but having to give way to experience and combination. As Army were to play Navy at rugby the next day our team had an early night after the basketball—and what a night it turned out to be! None of us had ever slept in a hammock before and were quite looking forward to the experience. Our views were soon changed—hammocks do not seem to have the same equilibrium as beds. The lights were put out. Silence prevailed for a short time, then came the creaking of ropes as someone attempted to turn over or change his position, followed by the muffled thump of a body "hitting the deck." More ropes would creak as others attempted to see who the unlucky one was, followed by more thumps as they joined him. This continued late into the night, until some of the more restless sleepers gave up and slept the remainder of the night on the floor.

The next morning was free, being mainly occupied with preparation for the forthcoming game (including lolling about or "resting up," a characteristic that we found was not unique to Army Cadets only).

The game against Navy was also played in bright (if a little hot) sunshine. This proved to be a dour forward struggle. The Army had, perhaps, the edge, but never-the-less play was hard. The opportunities for back play were not many, with good tackling breaking down the majority of attacks. The game went to Army, 21—0, with both sides exceedingly glad to hear the final whistle.

Leave was granted that night, and most of the team took the opportunity of having a look at Auckland and its sundry amusements and entertainments. The team slowly returned by twos and threes ready for another "battle of the bed," but most of us seemed to have mastered the technique of "hammock slumber." Perhaps some of us had procured stabilizing effects as a precaution. Anyway, one certain cadet was extremely unlucky in

TENNIS TEAM: Metcalfe J C, Clapperton B W,  
Pangari P M, Devlin M H, Paterson A J,  
Knoblock W R.



SOFTBALL IX: Back Row: Anderson  
J C, Sinclair M J, Crimmens U R.  
Front Row: Hemana M, Wickliffe J  
H, WOII Luckham H H, Ormsby D  
H, Knowles B J.

Absent: Watson B D, Copyn R F,  
Sloper B W.

RNZE APPRENTICES INDOOR BASK-  
ETBALL: Laing G A, Luscombe G I,  
Nicholsen D R, Jorgensen H P, Capt  
R A Treanor, Eden P G.



## The Cadet Company Sergeant Major

The function of Cadet Company Sergeant-Major is roughly equivalent to the head prefect of a school, and entails additional duties and responsibilities arising from the military and residential nature of the School. All these duties have been capably fulfilled this year by Cadet Company Sergeant-Major James Winiata Brown.

Cadet Company Sergeant-Major Brown was educated at the Waimana Primary School and Opotiki College, where he was a member of the rugby first fifteen. He entered the Cadet School in 1957 at the age of seventeen, and since he had already obtained School Certificate, he successfully sat for his University Entrance examination in 1957. This year he is continuing his instruction as an Infantry Instructor, for which he has already done five courses, and is now attending a series of courses to qualify for his third star. He is the captain of the rugby fifteen (a front row forward himself) and also captain of the Cadet "A" Indoor Basketball team.

He has won the respect of the cadets under his leadership by his cheerfulness and eagerness to listen to and help with cadets' problems, and at the same time maintains a firm and willing discipline in the company. He will graduate at the end of 1958.



Cdt Sgt Brown J W.

his fall from a hammock, damaging his teeth rather badly.

The next morning was also leave, with our team reporting back to watch the Air Force v Navy match. Taking the two previous matches into account the Navy team seemed to be slightly favoured for this match. However, the Air Force rose to the occasion and after an extremely hard fought game the result gave a fair indication of the play, with a nil-all draw.

That night a dance had been arranged in the gymnasium, with girls from the Navy League and Mayor's Hospitality Organisation coming over by launch. It was an extremely enjoyable affair and we were all sorry when it came to a rather abrupt end with the beginning of the electric power supply cut.

We left *Philomel* the next morning, returning by the same routes, except that those who lived in Auckland or further north departed on leave. The Air Force had kindly consented to

land also at Paraparaumu to allow those from districts around Wellington to get home more quickly.

Thanks Air Force and Navy for some enjoyable games and thank you Navy for your generous hospitality, and for an occasion we shall not forget.

—P Lane.

### REVEILLE.

Screeching, wailing, klaxon proud,  
The cock of dawn rips asunder the morn,  
Ruining the calm of night's shroud.  
You, harsh siren, in your daily sonata  
Bring forth our feelings of dismay;  
Dreams, those holidays of night, depart.  
We must face the reality of day.  
No chance, no chance to return to sleep,  
To recapture those lands far away,  
For they are the shroud of the heavenly sheep,  
Lost forever to the brilliance of day.

—MHD.

## GRADUATION — 1957

On Graduation Day each year the senior cadets make the transition from cadet to soldier, and last year's ceremony marked this important occasion with fitting dignity.

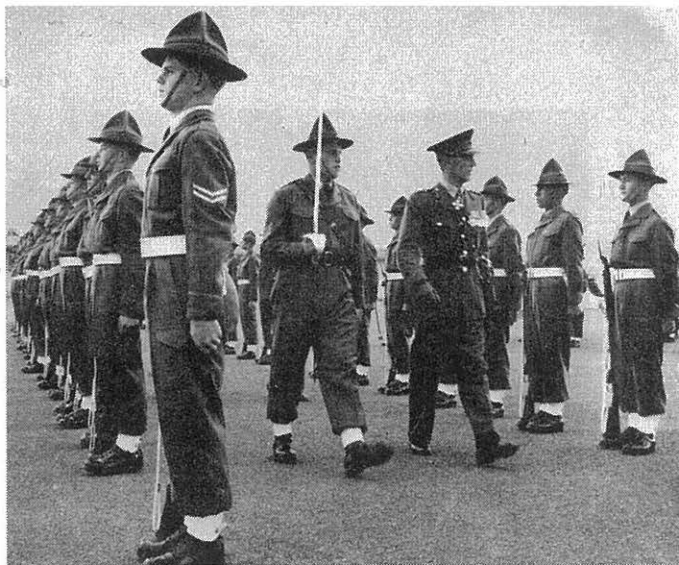
Fortunately the morning's slight drizzle did not fulfil its promise of rain, and the overcast sky did at least shelter the cadets from the fatiguing glare of summer sun on a parade ground.

At 2 p.m., before two hundred parents and friends of the cadets, the ceremony began with a Parade and March Past, which was reviewed by the Vice-Chief of the General Staff, Brigadier R C Queree, CBE, DSO. Thanks to several weeks of hard preparation for this event the standard of drill and bearing reflect credit on the instructors and the cadets' own pride in themselves. At the very moment of graduation, when the graduating cadets formed up in front of the parade and were given their corps badges and pugarees by Brigadier Queree, no doubt many of those cadets, while looking forward with eager ambition, also let their minds turn back with something of regret to the life they were leaving.

Following afternoon tea, the cadets and visitors assembled in the camp cinema for the awarding of prizes. Lieutenant-Colonel P H G Hamilton, Commandant of The Army Schools, reviewed the year's activities, and spoke highly of the cadets' all-round performance during the year.

Brigadier Queree then addressed the gathering, referring to the graduating cadets' change of status, in the Army's eyes, from boys to men and urging them to continue to take pride in their corps and in the service. He stressed that, despite scientific development, the importance of the type of training given to New Zealand's soldiers to-day was still paramount. A popular belief that the H-bomb, intercontinental ballistic missiles, earth satellites and other scientific developments would make war in the future merely a matter of pushing buttons, and that there would be no need for conventional weapons and armed forces as they were known to-day, could not be sustained, he said.

"Those who think in terms of pushing buttons and the redundancy of the armed forces probably overlook the fact that whatever weapons of war are used it is essential to



Brigadier Queree inspecting the Graduation Parade.

have well-trained and disciplined men to use them," said Brigadier Queree. "In fact, the more advanced and effective the weapon, the higher is the standard of training and discipline required for those who will operate it.

"As Field Marshall Montgomery has said: 'The value of any weapon is in direct proportion to the training, ability, determination and morale of the men who will handle it.'

"Whatever weapons are used, whatever weapons may be invented or introduced into warfare, in the final outcome it is necessary to have men in being, on their feet, actually in physical possession of any ground it is desired to hold," said Brigadier Queree. "While these basic factors stand there will always be the requirement for a well-trained, well-disciplined army of high morale."

After Brigadier Queree's address, prizes were awarded by Mrs. P H G Hamilton, wife of the commanding officer of The Army Schools.

Cadets and their guests were then entertained at dinner, where they sat at their respective corps tables which had been decorated with the appropriate corps insignia and trophies. The outgoing Senior Cadet, Craftsman Jameson, spoke for his departing class, and Cadet Coker replied on behalf of those who were to return in the following year.

In the evening the celebrations reached a climax at the Graduation Ball, where cadets, graduates and their friends joined with staff and visitors to bring the day to a joyous close—at 1.15 next morning.





Standing by a three-language warning sign are Cpl Vickers, G E, Sgt Jamieson H, and L Cpl Grace E T.

## Many Cadets are Serving with 1 Battalion in Malaya

More than thirty former Regular Force Cadets are serving with the 1st Battalion, the New Zealand Regiment, in Malaya, two of them as officers, ten as sergeants and all as fine examples of the merits of the Regular Force Cadet introduced into the New Zealand Army ten years ago.

Twenty-four year old Sgt Noel Jamieson ('50 class) has commanded 12 Platoon, D Company, since January, and his platoon has established one of the finest patrolling records in the battalion. Sgt Jamieson graduated into the Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps and he was stationed at Waiouru when posted to the battalion last year.

Two other ex-Cadets in D Company are Cpl G E Vickers ('55 class) and L Cpl E T M Grace ('55 class). Cpl Vickers was an infantry instructor at Linton when posted to 1 NZ Regiment last year. An old boy of Hastings High School, Cpl Vickers is in 11 Platoon.

L Cpl Grace, just 21, has had three months' hard jungle patrolling this year. He was educated at Sacred Heart College, Auckland, and like Sgt Jamieson graduated into the Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps, which he is keen to rejoin when he returns to New Zealand. He has spent leave in Penang, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur.

Sgt Dick Scadden ('52 class) is the only ex-Cadet in B Company, camped at Tanjong Rambutan. Platoon sergeant of 6 Platoon, he took part in B Company's celebrated attack on a strong-point manned by 20 terrorists. The capture of Communist documents from this camp was instrumental in moving the Malayan Government to defer for one year the lifting of emergency measures. Dick was educated at Nelson College. His

wife and child live in Ipoh, 10 miles away from his camp.

Largest concentration of former RF Cadets in the battalion is at Sobraon Camp, Taiping, where A Company and C Company have now joined Headquarters Company and Battalion Headquarters.

The best known ex-Cadet in this camp—if not in the battalion—is 21-year-old Sgt Brion Duncan ('55 class). As regimental police sergeant it is only natural that Brion should know and be known by so many men. A burly 6ft. 2in. and 15st., he is not the sort of person one forgets in a hurry and he has a quietening effect on revellers and mischief-makers. From VIP visits to funerals, he and his white-gaitered men are always there to direct traffic and personnel. At 21 he is the youngest soldier to hold this appointment in a New Zealand force overseas. He was educated at New Brighton College.

When Sgt Duncan moves out he will be relieved by Sgt "Ali" Barber, who was in the original ('48) company of cadets. Before posting to the battalion he was NCO in charge of the Provost Training Depot at Papakura.

From provost to catering is a big move and takes us to where Sgt M C A Harris ('48 class) fills the important position of "trouble shooter" for the cooking and organisation side of battalion

catering. A trim, neatly-dressed soldier far removed from the traditional idea of a stout Army cook, Sgt Harris has for the present put his cooking days behind him. He joined the Cadets from Wanganui Technical College and on graduation went into the catering side of ASC at Trentham. From there he did the rounds of Fort Dorset, Linton and Waiouru and found time in between to attend a course at the Australian Army Cooking School at Ingleburn, New South Wales, and another course for bakers at the Dominion Wheat Research Centre, Christchurch. Back home in Waiouru, his wife and two children keep the garden and house in shape. His view on RF Cadet life: "For the boy who can accept discipline with some responsibility it offers the greatest opportunities of learning a trade or furthering education. I have no regrets on my choice."

Two other former Cadets who graduated at the same time as Sgt Harris are S Sgt J Nisbett and Sgt I R Trueman.

S Sgt Nisbett ('50 class) joined from the Te Karaka High School, Gisborne. He was an infantry instructor at Papakura and later served three years as a cadre NCO, 1 Haurakis. He is now company quartermaster-sergeant, A Company.

Sgt I R (Baldy) Trueman ('48 class), 27 years old and superbly fit, is more often than not patrolling in the jungle. He was an instructor in CD Training Battery, Waiouru, and then served as cadre NCO, 2 Field Regiment, Stratford.

Sgt B W Butler-Stony ('51 class) admits to a liking for fast cars from an early age. An experienced road trial driver, his sleek car is a common sight on the highways in Perak. On duty he drives a TR3 and is also band sergeant. He was educated at Silverdale school.

An ex-Cadet in demand both in the battalion and outside it is Cpl N A Behrent ('50 class), an old boy of Hamilton High School, who is one of the battalion's two first-class rugby referees. Kept moving by his job as ration clerk, he is responsible for the indents, issuing and accounting of all rations within the battalion but still finds time to referee club or inter-State games in Perak. After graduation he served in North Island camps from Sylvia Park to Trentham. He is married, with twin two years-old daughters.

Probably the busiest ex-Cadet in the unit is Sgt Vivian Dawes ('51 class), the battalion's chief clerk. A calm, hard-working type, even with the piles of files, the countless queries and the buzzing telephone that fill his small office, he can still find time to arrange rugby games and tie up all the arrangements necessary to get a team on to the field. Always in first-class physical condition, Viv Dawes is a mainstay of the battalion's rugby team, both as player and administrator. He was one of the five men from the battalion selected for the All-Malaya side that toured Thailand this year. Viv was quite prominent in academic and sporting spheres at Dargaville High School. While at Waiouru he represented Army and Wanganui at rugby.

Working under Sgt Dawes are two other ex-Cadets, L Cpl Des Rogers ('55 class) and Pte R C Smith. Des Rogers joined from the Rotorua High School. One of his tasks is furnishing and maintaining identity cards.

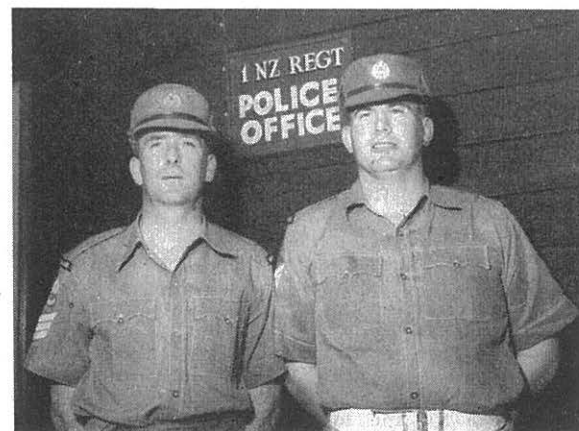


Sgt Jamieson with men of his platoon on D Company's range.



(Above): S Sgt Nisbett J V (left) in his Q Store with Sgts Trueman and Harris.

(Below): Provost Sgts Duncan and Barker.





Sgt G Clayton ('53 class) is another NCO who is kept particularly busy at Battalion Headquarters. Educated at Wellington College, his first posting after graduation was as a clerk, Regular Force Cadet School, and he filled a similar post at Army Schools before becoming the battalion pay sergeant. He has built up a hi-fi system which is the envy of the battalion and thus enjoys to the full the classical music of which he is so fond. In between work and music he is attempting to learn the Cantonese language, universal dialect of the Chinese in Malaya.



(Above): Cpl Behrent with his new car.

(Below): Sgts Dawes and Clayton in Sgt Dawes' office at Battalion Headquarters.



From the Battalion Headquarters circle to the Pioneer Platoon's tradesmen's section is only a short walk and there among the buzz of saws and thump of hammers two of the biggest of the ex-Cadets in the battalion work. Cpl T King ('52 class) and Pte P Chase ('52 class), both healthy lads at the best of times, appear to have thrived in the Malayan climate.

Cpl King, who looks as though he should be locking an All Black scrum, was educated at Dargaville Boys' High School. Six feet two inches and 15st., he is a solid proposition at five-eighths and takes a lot of stopping.

Pte Chase, known as "Penny", is Corporal King's off-sider and a jovial type who besides construction work is something of an expert at preparing a hangi.

In the centre of Sobraon Camp is the battalion transport pool, where Cpl Eric Ball ('52 class) fills the important role of Battalion Transport NCO responsible for the maintenance of more than 70



Cpl King outside his workshop.

vehicles. Cpl Ball, ex-Southland Technical College, is one of those rare combinations—a technical expert and a good administrator. Parent corps is RNZAC.

Platoon sergeant of HQ Company's MG platoon is 26-year-old Sgt G Slack ('50 class), who joined the Cadets from Waitaki Boys' High School and qualified as an infantry instructor. Another of those ex-cadets who didn't like the single state, he is in Army parlance M1.

Among a recent draft of replacements were three former Cadets—Lt D McIvor ('52 class), 2 Lt P Scott ('52 class) and Cpl G Ward ('53 class).

Lt McIvor is another old boy of Dargaville High. He was under 16 when he joined the Cadets in 1952. He passed his UE the same year and was an instructor in 1953. In 1954 he went to Duntroun and in 1957 he graduated with the Infantry Prize included. He will command a platoon.

2 Lt Peter Scott went from graduation at Waiouru to Burnham and attended Canterbury University. In 1955-56 he was a corporal and an instructor at Burnham, did the Portsea OTC course in 1957 and was posted to Linton as an instructor. He is a CBHS old boy.

Cpl Ward, ex-Palmerston North Technical High School, was posted to Army Schools on graduation and later served at Linton.



Sgt Harris (left) gives Sgt Trueman a preview of what's cooking for the evening meal.

# These Were the Men

Each year's class of Cadets is named after one of New Zealand's distinguished soldiers. We give below some details of the men after whom the 1957 and 1958 classes were named. These are the men who have already become part of the tradition of the New Zealand Army, and whose deeds serve as an inspiration for the younger soldiers following on under the same flag. Perhaps some Cadet readers will, in years to come, make their names famous in the gallery of our country's military heroes.

## 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 rear-guard 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.

## MAJOR-GENERAL SIR NORMAN WEIR, KBE, CB.

Major-General Sir Norman Weir has the distinction of being the first graduate of the Royal Military College, Duntroon, to become a Chief of the General Staff. He was also the first graduate to receive a knighthood.

Sir Norman was born at Heathcote Valley, Christchurch, on 6 July 1893, and attended the Heathcote Valley School and the West Christchurch District High School. He entered Duntroon in 1911 and graduated as a lieutenant in August 1914.

General Weir was severely wounded at Gallipoli and returned to New Zealand in July, 1915. From then on he held a variety of staff appointments in New Zealand, with tours of duty to Australia. In 1957, he commanded the New Zealand Coronation Contingent in London.

In 1940 Sir Norman took over command of the Central Military District and then, as a major-general, he commanded the 4th Division. He went to the Middle East in 1942 and served successively as Officer-in-Charge of Administration, Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force; Commander, 6th New Zealand Division; Commander, Maadi Camp; and Officer Commanding New Zealand Troops in Egypt. He was mentioned in dispatches in 1944.

Sir Norman returned to New Zealand in 1944 as Quartermaster-General and Third Military Member of the Army Board and two years later became Chief of the General Staff. He was made an Aide-de-Camp (additional) to the King in 1945, a Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath (CB) in 1946, and in 1948 was made a Knight of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. He retired in 1949.

# The Reason Why

Boys join the Cadets for many and varied reasons. We asked some to set out their ideas on paper; some found this a difficult thing to express in words, but the following two essays seem fairly typical of the ideas behind many of the lads when they first decide to don the uniform of a Regular Force Cadet.

Why did I join the Regular Force Cadets? This is a question that was often asked of me by friends, college mates searching for a career, and concerned relations when I first became a cadet (and which is quite often still asked). To my own surprise, as well as to theirs, I found that at first I could not give a direct answer. I tried to explain, but I seemingly could not find a real reason. What did attract, and finally cause me to "take the Queen's shilling" and become a cadet? So I began to think and consider the series of events which led to my choosing of a career.

I had done well in the School Cadets, having been appointed to a comparatively high rank after attending several NCO courses at Linton, a brief insight into Army life which I thoroughly enjoyed. Besides this I had been a school prefect for two years and had done reasonably well in school work, obtaining School Certificate in my third year.

I was looking for a career with good opportunities for advancement; a secure future and something which I would enjoy

doing—an essential factor in any career. Coupled with this I wanted to participate in various sports as fully as possible, a desire which many careers would not enable me to realize.

These were my requirements for a career, and for a while it appeared as if I would have to compromise in order to find a career at all. Then a friend asked me if I had ever considered the Army as a career.

Up till then I had heard very little of the Regular Force Cadets so when a cadet arrived at our school and gave me a brief insight into the life of a cadet, I immediately began to look into it. A point that impressed me was this cadet's obvious enthusiasm. He thought that life in the cadets was "great", and his enthusiasm was catching.

When I first considered the opportunities awaiting in the Army I was surprised at the great amount of scope the Army offered. There were opportunities in all fields. After careful consideration I decided that I would,

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## MILITARY:

Best All-round Cadet—S Sgt Jameson, M McR

Best of Corps—RNZA: L Cpl Newth, R

RNZAC: Cpl Smith, S V

RNZE: Sgt Brock, W R

RNZ Sigs: Cdt Main, B J L

RNZ Inf: Cdt Burrell, E P

RNZASC: L Cpl Turner, R

RNZEME: Sgt Howe, P A

RNZ Pro: L Cpl Schollum, G P

## EDUCATION:

University Entrance Class: Cdt Brown, J W

School Certificate Class: Cdt Davies, S A

General Education Class: Cdt Dawson, A H

Apprentices Class: Cdt Young, R C

## SPORT:

Champion Shot: Cdt Ormsby, D H

Swimming: Cdt Laing, G P

Athletics: Cdt Burrell, P J

All-round Athlete (Thomas Trophy) Sgt Peden I L

## PRIZE LIST

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if I joined, like to join one of the "teeth" or fighting arms, preferably Infantry.

But this was but a little of what I found. This was what I had been looking for. In the Cadets there was ample opportunity for sport of all kinds, from rugby or cricket to fishing trips at Lake Taupo or skiing trips on Mount Ruapehu. A boy joining the Cadets could undertake trade or corps training in the Corps Schools where he could gain 'star' classification or grades of experience; or else, if he preferred, further his education at the well equipped school provided—in many respects the same as a secondary school.

It was this latter course that I chose, and am at present sitting UE exams and aiming at securing an Officer Cadetship. It seemed rather strange at first, being paid to go to school, but that is exactly what I am doing. I have been a cadet for about eight months now and have enjoyed every minute of it. I feel that I have a secure career with a promising future, good companionship, a great deal of opportunities for physical and social recreation and, as important as all these, that I am happy in my work.

—P. F. Lane.

Throughout the earlier years of my life it was always my desire to enter into a career that would provide me with responsibility and leadership combined with discipline. I found all this and more when I entered the Cadets this year.

Perhaps something that impressed me more than anything else was the excellent prospects offered by the Army as a career. For those who are of suitable potential and possess the educational qualifications, the opportunity to gain a cadetship at either Duntroon, Sandhurst or Portsea is offered, while for those who prefer the instructional side there are varied vacancies in the "teeth arms" in such regiments as Infantry, Artillery or Armoured. Some of the boys desire to qualify in a trade providing them with a career in later civilian life if they so desire. The trades offered range from Telecommunications mechanics, Dental mechanics to Vehicle mechanics.

Throughout our life in the Cadets we have been encouraged to enter fully into the

sporting life of the unit, for which ample time is allowed. In the summer months there is cricket, swimming, tennis, softball, indoor basketball and athletics to choose from. The annual swimming and athletic sports are very enthusiastically contested events. Rugby, soccer, hockey and indoor basketball provide a basis for sporting activities in the winter months combined with frequent skiing trips and deer stalking. All the representative teams play in outside competitions, and many have had trips away. The 1st XV went to Philomel this year, for example, and won the inter-services football tournament.

Some of us who desire to further our education are sitting University Entrance or School Certificate, and some of the apprentices are sitting their qualifying examination. Those who are doing University Entrance or School Certificate receive instruction at the Education Wing of the Cadet School. The School is run along the same lines as any post primary school with a staff of fully qualified instructors.

One of the greatest parts of life in the Cadets is that everyone learns to live together, working as a team and a high degree of comradeship is established which would be unique in civilian life.

For recreation there is our own 'Rec' room where we can play either snooker, darts, table tennis or simply read. Usually at the weekend we have a film evening, and there have been several dances in Taihape.

There are some cadets who have been appointed NCO's who are responsible for maintaining discipline and control of the company in the barracks. Here is the opportunity for the NCO's to develop the ability to lead their men, to understand them and to work with them. Something, perhaps more important than anything else, that one develops in the Cadets is a respect for self pride, which is reflected in the high standard of dress and drill constantly maintained by the unit, the culmination of which is the graduation parade at the end of the year for the cadets graduating into the Regular Force.

—C. G. Wotton.



# The Family Tradition in the Cadets

During the preparations for the tenth anniversary of the School, a committee of ex-cadets was busy preparing rolls for the issue of invitations to a reunion. As this list grew and was arranged in alphabetical order the number of occasions on which the same surname and address appeared more than once gave rise to speculation on the number of sets of brothers that had passed through the School since it commenced. Even the most optimistic estimates, however, were exceeded when a final analysis revealed that seventeen different younger brothers had followed an elder member of the family into the Regular Force Cadets. Equally interesting from the point of view of the training and opportunities offered was a detailed examination of the occupations they elected to follow.

Pride of place went to the Lynch family when in almost successive years from 1952 to 1955 Laurie, Michael and Kerry entered the school. No doubt Laurie's selection for officer training at Duntroon influenced his brothers as all three enlisted as potential instructors. The same attraction no doubt existed for Geoffrey Monks who this year enlisted in Weir Class following Brian, now a Lieutenant, New Zealand Regiment, who was at the School in 1952-53. Other pairs of brothers to both elect to join "teeth arm" corps were K E and B E Malloch in 1949 and 1951 and L W and G Nathan in 1952 and 1957.

But their number is more than equalled by those who chose to follow similar trades. Car-

pentry appealed to both R B and G I Luscombe (1949 and 1958), D and W Kaio (1954 and 1955), W and R A Blair (1951 and 1952), K and P H Jorgenson (1955 and 1958); vehicle trades to I V G and E Craig (1953 and 1957) and W F and R C Young (1949 and 1957); wireless maintenance and repair to H C and R J Clifford (both 1949) and J L and R A Simkins (1955 and 1957); and equipment repairing to M and A N McAinch (1949 and 1951).

Only in relatively few cases have two brothers chosen trades with little or no similarity. Neil Hancox (1957) preferred training as a motor mechanic to his elder brother's choice as an instructor, and Gilbert Simons (1957) similarly preferred the trade of carpentry when his elder brother in 1951 had trained as a clerk. Again Ronald Milligan in 1957 chose to be a carpenter when his predecessor, Graham (1954), had elected to be a motor mechanic.

The comparisons are interesting and the fact that four younger brothers are actually in the School this year shows that quite a family tradition has already been built up in only ten years' of existence. It reflects creditably both on the conditions existing in the School and the value and efficiency of the training offered, for no parents would permit their son to enter an establishment which they had tried and found wanting and no elder brother worth his salt would recommend to his junior a career with which he was not himself completely satisfied.

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## Padres' Corner

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### RELIGION AND THE ATOMIC AGE

When asked what kind of weapons will be used in World War III, Einstein is reported to have said, "I do not know what kind of weapons will be used, or how they will be used; but I know one thing, that if there is a World War IV the weapons will be bricks and stones." In this Atomic era, or a step further, Anno

Sputnik I, a world war means the annihilation of whatsoever mankind has achieved through the ages, from the day he discovered the use of fire to the day he launched earth satellites, and if anyone survives, he will certainly have to go back to the stone age.

"I think as things are now and as statesmen go," says Bertrand Russell, "it is an even chance whether any human being will exist forty years hence." This is indeed a gloomy prospect. Where lies mankind's hope of survival?

Peace is the most sought after thing in the

world to-day, and its price has never been so high in the history of mankind.

Mankind is confronted with the spectacle of the two greatest powers America and Russia, each presenting a "way of life" and seeking to gain the world's acceptance. It is not the presentation of ideas that is difficult but it is the putting of them into effective practice.

The nations of the Western world have for centuries professed to be a Christian people pledged to fulfil Christ's commandment, "Love thy neighbour as thyself" and "to love one another as I have loved you."

The command of Christ is completely adequate. Christianity has not failed. But many, many millions have failed to be Christians. Once again to-day we have to find deeper meaning and clearer understanding of the teaching of our Christian religion if we are to make a positive contribution to the life of this atomic age.

We are challenged to reveal evidence in our own lives of the reality of our religion. Mankind to-day, as always, needs men of vision, purpose and courage.

God is the Lord of history and He can guide the world to better social order, better unity and truer justice if mankind is prepared to let Him work in and through us all to achieve the desired goal.

Each one of us can make a contribution. God can and will produce results through us if we are honest and sincere in our desire to play our part.

This is a challenge that only real men will take up and requires the best they can give. Are you prepared to accept the challenge and to seek a vital living religion that will match the needs of this atomic age?

—Padre F J Green.

### A CHIP ON THE SHOULDER

The story is told of a fight in Alexandria between a Greek hairdresser and an Arab newspaper seller. The Greek, who was the

aggressor throughout, dashed from his shop, and slashed the Arab's face with a razor. The traffic stopped, the crowd took sides, advice was shouted in five languages, and to add excitement to the scene, the lady about whom the battle was being fought, leaned out from an upper window, and proclaimed through her tears, that if the combatants did not stop at once, she would hurl herself into the street. Such was the picture. There was material for a fight of the highest order. The weapon used was not the traditional cut-throat, but the ordinary Gillette blade, held between forefinger and thumb. This was before the single edged carver, which can be held so that it does not harm the one using it.

Bitterness, like a Gillette razor blade, can do a certain amount of harm to another or others, but it can very often, do far more harm to oneself. A bitter man can be destructive in what he says, may cause mischief, but he is the sufferer in the long run. Bitterness is the extension of a bad mood. It jabs continuously at people, and all the time the blade goes deeper and deeper into oneself.

It is a curious tendency in human beings that they tend to work up a hate against people they themselves have treated unjustly. "Cornered," they dig themselves in where they should be digging themselves out. Not only can we be unfair in this way to people, but we can act in exactly the same way to principles. We can be bitter towards ideals, towards authority in general, and even, strange to say, towards the circumstances of our own life, when those circumstances are of our making.

The Greek hairdresser was led away screaming with rage and mortification. The Gillette blade was taken from him, and his hand bandaged up with towels from his own shop.

—Padre J McNeill.

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Our army is composed of the scum of the earth—the mere scum of the earth.

—Stanhope's **Life of Wellington**.

Every man thinks meanly of himself for not having been a soldier.

—Samuel Johnson, Letter to Boswell.

# Social Activities

## Recreation Room

A secondary motto for the Cadet School might well be "work hard and play hard," for together with their full timetable of military and educational instruction there is time reserved for a wide programme of sporting activities. However, when the day's work and play are done, and the brass and boots polished for next morning's parade, the Recreation Room becomes the hub of the cadets' social life.

On evenings and weekends the "Rec Room," renovated and modernised last year, takes on the atmosphere of a "Club," and in the two-table billiard room, table-tennis and darts room, there will always be found some cadets who like to take their leisure as intently as their work—the less energetic souls are more likely to be found in the reading room or at the hot-dog stand, where cigarettes and drinks are also sold. Perhaps many cadets feel a nostalgia for their more maritime homes, for stocks of chocolate fish need constant replenishment.

The "Rec Room" hall has been used for two talent quests during the year, and free films of high standard have been shown on Sunday evenings. Wednesday night has become "Bowls night," and members of the Waiouru Community Centre Indoor Bowling Club have been visiting to provide coaching and competition—although recent cadet victories suggest that the visitors may be picking up a few pointers themselves!

Cdt Buttimore is top of the table-tennis ladder, Pangari is the snooker champion, and Holley is the acknowledged expert at bowls.

## Dances

Popular as the "Rec Room" is, however, and despite its varied amenities for amusement, the cadets are forced to seek further afield for

feminine companionship. The result of this lack in camp life has been the series of dances held in Taihape during the year. Six such dances have been held, capably organised by the Dance Committee, Cdt S Sgt Brown, Cdt Sgt. Davies, Cdt Cpl Laing, Cdt L Cpls Palenski and Wright, and Cdt Nicholson and Eden. These boys deserve a high commendation for the success of these ventures. The dance band, led by WOII Luckham (sax) and comprising Frazer and Dwane on trumpets, Palenski on drums, Devlin on guitar and Caldwell on piano, performed with skill and versatility.

## Formal Dinners.

A very successful innovation this year has been the practice of holding Mess Formal Dinners. So far only two such dinners have been held, but they were so popular that it is intended to establish the custom as a monthly tradition. The Dinner is conducted along the lines of an Officers' or Sergeants' Mess Formal Dinner (except that the toast is drunk in orange juice!) and as well as being a popular social event will also help foster the *esprit de corps* of the school. On both occasions so far the menu will give most mothers a difficult standard of culinary excellence to emulate when their sons return on leave. Main organiser of this scheme has been Capt R A Treanor.

## Dress

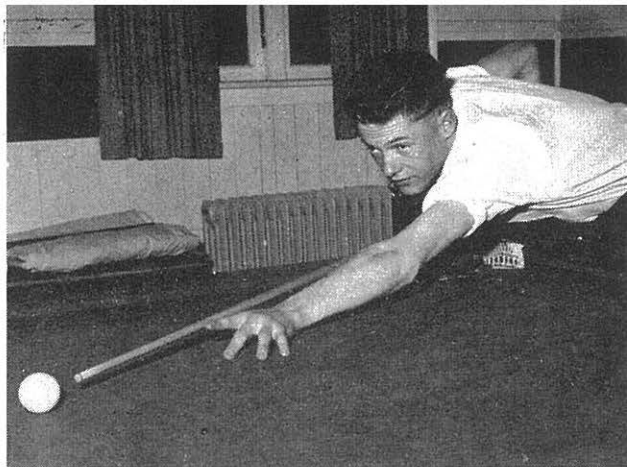
Another welcome innovation this year has been a new "easy dress" tie, which features the Cadet crest woven in silver on a blue background. This matches the navy double breasted blazer with the crest woven on the breast pocket, which, worn with white shirt and grey slacks, gives the cadets a dress for leave or social occasions which is smart in appearance and enables cadets to show off their pride in the school they belong to.

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I never expect a soldier to think.—G. B. Shaw, **The Devil's Disciple**.

You can always tell an old soldier by the inside of his holsters and cartridge boxes. The young ones carry pistols and cartridges: the old ones, grub.—G. H. Shaw, **Arms and the Man**.

When the military man approaches, the world locks up its spoons and packs off its womankind.—G. B. Shaw, **Man and Superman**.



Top Left: The drum and bugle band. Top right: Cdt Monks G, concentrates on a tricky angle. Centre left: A corner of a barrack room. Centre right: Cds Frederiksen Robb and Laing studying in the Library. Lower left: Meal time in the Mess. Lower right: Relaxing in the Recreation Room.



# The Opening of Parliament

It is possible that for many New Zealanders the annual Opening of Parliament is an event which, like the democratic system of government itself, is somewhat taken for granted, and one which seems insignificant compared with an All Black victory or the national disaster of a defeat in Test cricket. In fact, no other single event more intimately affects the individual life of every citizen. Appropriately, therefore, the day is attended with spectacle and ceremony, and it was to the honour of the Regular Force Cadet School that it was called to play an important part in this ceremony by providing the Guard of Honour.

At 2.25 p.m. on the 10th of June, 1958, accompanied by the band of the First Battalion of the Wellington Regiment (CWO), the hundred strong Guard had marched on to its position in front of Parliament House, and formed up two deep to await the arrival of His Excellency the Governor-General. At 2.30, His Excellency arrived, and after he and his staff had taken up their positions on the steps of Parliament House, and the RNZAF trumpeters had sounded a fanfare, the Guard Commander, Maj W H Dyson, RNZ Sigs, gave the command "Present Arms". The Cadets, their red lanyards, shoulder flashes, and puggarees and their white webbing brightening the drab khaki, made a splendid sight as they moved as one man and then stood steady during the salute. Simultaneously the band played the National Anthem, the Tenth Coast Regiment Saluting Battery fired a twenty-one gun salute, and RNZAF aircraft flew low overhead. His Excellency then inspected the

Guard before moving into the House. At the conclusion of the ceremonies inside the House, the Guard again presented arms as His Excellency departed, then formed up and marched back to Army Headquarters.

Many tributes were paid to the high standard of drill, dress and efficiency, among which the most valued was that of His Excellency himself, who, in a letter to the Prime Minister, wrote: "I was impressed by the smart bearing and steadiness on parade of the Guard of Honour from the Regular Force Cadet School."

But to those of the onlookers who had no experience of military life this splendid performance told nothing of the tedious hours of training on the Army Schools Parade Ground during those long weeks of preparation. Only the Cadets themselves knew the satisfaction that comes from being part of a perfectly functioning team of men, united in action and spirit, and only the Cadets fully appreciated that such physical and mental harmony can be won only by hard training.

On the lighter side of the trip to Wellington was the sports tournament held with the Police Cadets at Trentham Camp, where the cadets were quartered during their stay. The Regular Force Cadets defeated Police Cadets in soccer, lost in rugby, and in indoor basketball the honours were shared with one game each.

The cadets gave a performance worthy of the great occasion, and received in return an experience which they will not forget throughout their military careers.



# Honours List 1957

## Selected for RMC Sandhurst:

Devlin M H

## Selected for RMC Duntroon:

Bestic E B

## University Entrance:

Brown J W

## Schol Certificate:

Caldwell W T

Coker W D

Davies S A

Geraghty T R

Lomas J J

Peden I L

Reynish T K

Ryan R J

Wright K E McK

## Trades Certification Examinations:

### Automotive Electricity—First Qualifying:

Fenwick J R

### Carpentry and Joinery—First Qualifying:

Brock W R

Costello F E

Ngawaka T P

Wills R O

### Carpentry and Joinery—Second Qualifying:

Kitney M L P

### Electrical Wiring—First Qualifying:

Rolle D K

### Fitting, Turning and Machining—First Qualifying:

Howe P A

Neville F C

### Motor Mechanics—First Qualifying:

Jameson, M McR

Kelly J D

Mitchell C W

Allan W R

Harvey R L

### Motor Mechanics—Second Qualifying:

Burrell P J

Drader P C

### Panelbeating—First Qualifying:

Abbott G W

### Radio—First Qualifying:

Blacklock J A

Main B J L

## Army Education Certificate Class II:

Ballantyne K J

Broughton J F

Brown J W

Caldwell W T

Coker W D

Davies S A

Dawson A H

Eden P G

Geraghty T R

Hancox N

Harding L A

Henderson M J

Horopapera R J

Keen D J

Kennedy D W

Kingi R T R

Knowles B J

Laing G A

Lomas J J

McNeil E F

Milligan R D

Mudgway R G

Nicholson D R

Patterson W D

Prohl C J

Reynish T K

Robinson L R

Rolle D K

Ryan R J

Simm E J

Simons G H

Subritzky R C

Taia M

Tawhara M

Tuck R D

Wickliffe J H

Wilson J B

Wirihana R T

Wright K E

Young R C



L Cpl Jameson receiving his prize for topping the Trades Certification Examination for Motor Mechanics (First Qualifying). He was the third cadet to do this, and scored an all-time New Zealand record of 98%.

During 1958 the following cadets qualified, as indicated, in various Army courses towards Star Qualifications:

**The Regular Force Depot:**

Basic All Arms Instructors' Course:

Brown J W, Q2

Dyer B S, Q2

**Basic Training and Courses:**

Basic Training and Courses:

Maj S R McKeon, NZ Regt and Staff

Wickcliffe J H, Q2

**The School of Army Administration:**

Junior "A" or Junior "Q" Course:

Keen D J, Q1 ("Q")

Pangari P M, Q2 ("Q")

Palenski G T, Q2 ("A" and "Q")

Prohl C J, Q1 ("A")

Ryan R J, Q2 ("A")

Wright K E, Q1 ("A")

Basic "Q" Storeman/Clerk:

Keen D J, Q1

Kingi R R, Q1

Palenski G T, Q1

Wright K E, Q1

RF Organisation and Employment:

Davies S A P, Q1

Hikairo T P, Q2

Thornton J E, Q2

**The Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps**

**Depot:**

Driver RNZAC One Star:

Kereopa F A, Q1

Lawton B J, Q2

Gunner RNZAC One Star:

Kereopa F A, Q1

Lomas J J I, Q1

Lawton B J, Q1

Ormsby D H, Q1

Signals One Star:

Dyer B S, Q1

**The School of Signals:**

Lineman One Star:

Earl B L, Q1

Palenski G T, Q2

**The School of Infantry:**

Three-inch Mortar Instructors:

Brown J W, Q2

Basic Infantry Instructors' Course:

Brown J W, Q2

Dyer B S, Q2

Kennedy D W, Q2

**The Royal New Zealand Army Service Corps School:**

RF Clerk RNZASC:

Davies S A P, Q1

Thornton J E, Q2

Butcher One Star:

Davies S A P, Q

Hikairo T P, Q

Pangari P M, Q

RF Driver's Course—Class IV:

Earl B L, Q

Keen D J, Q

Kingi R R, Q

Murray K A, Q

Pangari P M, Q

Prohl C J, Q

Palenski G T, Q

Ryan R J, Q

Shortland D M, Q

RF Driver's Course—Class II:

Hikairo T P, Q2

Paterson W D, Q2

**Camp Hospital:**

First Aid Course:

Prohl C J, Q

Ryan R J, Q

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The 'eathen in 'is blindness must end where 'e began,

But the backbone of the Army is the Non-commissioned man!

—Kipling, **The 'Eathen.**

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**Cdt CSM S Sgt Brown J W**

**School Attended**  
Opotiki College

**Home Town**  
Waimana

### No. 1 Platoon—

Sgt Davies S A P  
L Cpl Kennedy D W  
Cdt Kingi R R  
Cdt Ormsby D H  
Cdt Thornton J E  
Cdt Luscombe G I  
Cdt Murphy A R  
L Cpl Palenski G T  
Cdt Broughton J F  
Cdt Lawton B J  
Cdt Munro R G  
Cdt Simm E J  
Cdt Metcalfe J C  
Cdt Williams R G  
Cdt Powley J  
Cdt Roulston K E  
Cdt Costello F E  
Cpl Knowles B J  
Cdt Keen D J  
Cdt Walker M T  
Cdt Ryan D J  
Cdt Sinclair M J  
Cdt Stevenson R R  
L Cpl Paterson W D  
Cdt Kereopa F A  
Cdt Baker K A  
Cdt Hikairo T P  
Cdt Sharrock R G  
Cdt Pangari P M  
Cdt Smith J H

Opotiki College  
Marist Brothers  
Te Kaia  
Tauranga College  
Heretaunga College  
Wairoa College  
Waitaki B.H.S.  
King's High School  
Rawene D.H.S.  
Northland College  
South Otago D.H.S.  
S.M.T.C.  
Cambridge H.S.  
Waihi College  
Westport Technical  
Otahuhu College  
Ngatea D.H.S.  
Christchurch West H.S.  
Geraldine D.H.S.  
Pukekohe H.S.  
Wairoa College  
Mt. Albert Grammar  
Marton D.H.S.  
Whakatane H.S.  
Avondale College  
S.M.T.C.  
Coromandel D.H.S.  
New Plymouth B.H.S.  
Ruawai D.H.S.  
Wairoa College

Opotiki  
Invercargill  
Gisborne  
Tauranga  
Wellington  
Wairoa  
Oamaru  
Dunedin  
Rawene  
Kaitaia  
Balelutha  
Auckland  
Cambridge  
Waihi  
Westport  
Auckland  
Ngatea  
Christchurch  
Geraldine  
Mauku  
Wairoa  
Auckland  
Rata  
Matata  
Auckland  
Auckland  
Coromandel  
New Plymouth  
Ruawai  
Tahaenui

### No. 2 Platoon—

Sgt Dyer B S  
L Cpl Ryan R J  
Cdt Death R D  
Cdt Eden P G  
Cdt Thompson F V  
Cdt Dacre C J  
Cdt Gibb J H  
Cpl McNeill E F  
Cdt Young R C  
Cdt Le Noel N R A  
Cdt Davidson P E  
Cdt Davis B N J

Thames High School  
Northcote College  
Wellington Technical  
Christchurch Technical  
Wellington Technical  
Wairoa College  
Putaruru High School  
Coromandel D.H.S.  
S.M.T.C.  
Dargaville D.H.S.  
Dargaville D.H.S.  
Te Puke D.H.S.

Parawai  
Auckland  
Wellington  
Christchurch  
Lower Hutt  
Wairoa  
Putaruru  
Coromandel  
Auckland  
Dargaville  
Dargaville  
Te Puke



Cdt Douglas A J  
 Cdt Dyer S J  
 Cdt Gee R F  
 L Cpl Hancox M C  
 Cdt Adlam N H  
 Cdt Bergerson M E  
 Cdt Bron A B  
 Cdt Clapperton B W L  
 Cdt Geraghty T R  
 Cdt Holley J S  
 L Cpl Wickliffe J H  
 Cdt Burke G B  
 Cdt Harvey R L  
 Cdt Henderson M J  
 Cdt Johnston W J  
 Cdt Jorgenson H P

Nae Nae College  
 Kawa Kawa D.H.S.  
 Wellsford D.H.S.  
 Waitaki B.H.S.  
 Kaeo D.H.S.  
 Kati Kati D.H.S.  
 Foxton D.H.S.  
 Kawa Kawa D.H.S.  
 Dargaville D.H.S.  
 Putaruru D.H.S.  
 Tauranga College  
 Heretaunga College  
 Kati Kati D.H.S.  
 Tauranga College  
 Matamata College  
 New Brighton D.H.S.

Lower Hutt  
 Moerewa  
 Wellsford  
 Oamaru  
 Kaeo  
 Kati Kati  
 Foxton  
 Moerewa  
 Dargaville  
 Putaruru  
 Tauranga  
 Wellington  
 Kati Kati  
 Huntly  
 Matamata  
 Christchurch

### No. 3 Platoon—

Sgt Lomas J J I  
 L Cpl Bestic E B  
 Cdt Dwane D S J  
 Cdt Fletcher G K  
 Cdt Frederickson A G  
 Cdt Hooper P C  
 Cdt Gatenby W B  
 L Cpl Devlin M H  
 Cdt Langdon I R  
 Cdt Knoblock W R  
 Cdt Kiwi A J  
 Cdt Miles T R  
 Cdt Milliken D R R  
 Cdt Mintey F R  
 L Cpl Wotton C G  
 Cdt Hemana M  
 Cdt Harvey M A  
 Cdt Lane P F  
 Cdt Anderson J C  
 Cdt Rainham T A  
 Cdt Nightingale P H  
 L Cpl Nicholson D R  
 Cdt Booth A J  
 Cdt Monks G D  
 Cdt Bramley J  
 Cdt Collins R J  
 Cdt Copyn R F  
 Cdt Crimmins U R  
 Cdt Milligan R D

Hamilton Marist  
 Palmerston North B.H.S.  
 Carterton D.H.S.  
 Queen Elizabeth T.C.  
 Hastings B.H.S.  
 Waipawa D.H.S.  
 Opunake H.S.  
 St. Augustine's College  
 Hamilton Technical  
 Wairoa College  
 Raurimu D.H.S.  
 Tauranga College  
 Avondale College  
 Wellington Technical  
 Opunake H.S.  
 Wellsford H.S.  
 Hamilton H.S.  
 Heretaunga College  
 Takapuna Grammar  
 Mt. Roskill Grammar  
 Wellington College  
 Nae Nae College  
 Tauranga College  
 Tauranga College  
 Kaeo D.H.S.  
 Kati Kati D.H.S.  
 Papakura H.S.  
 Putaruru D.H.S.  
 Henderson H.S.

Otorohanga  
 Rotorua  
 Carterton  
 Palmerston North  
 Hastings  
 Tikokino  
 Kaponga  
 Wanganui  
 Ngaruawahia  
 Wairoa  
 Raurimu  
 Tauranga  
 Auckland  
 Lower Hutt  
 Opunake  
 Wellsford  
 Hamilton  
 Upper Hutt  
 Devonport  
 Auckland  
 Wellington  
 Wellington  
 Tauranga  
 Tauranga  
 Kaeo  
 Kati Kati  
 Auckland  
 Putaruru  
 Auckland

### No. 4 Platoon—

Sgt Caldwell W T  
 Cpl Murray K A  
 Cpl Horopapera R J  
 Cpl Taipari F  
 Cpl Wiki M  
 Cpl Thomas S A

Taumarunui D.H.S.  
 S.M.T.C.  
 Tekaha M.D.H.S.  
 Kaitaia College  
 Te Kao D.H.S.  
 Dilworth

Christchurch  
 Auckland  
 Tekaha  
 Mangamuka  
 Te Kao  
 Auckland

Cpl Watson B D  
 Cpl Taylor C R  
 L Cpl Horgan P Q  
 Cdt Smith R  
 Cdt Pelvin D B  
 Cdt Buttimore D R  
 Cdt Frazer P G  
 Cpl Prohl C J  
 L Cpl Earl B L  
 Cdt Paterson A J  
 Cdt Mowatt D J  
 Cdt Nicholson I R  
 Cdt Knowles J N  
 Cdt Routledge R R  
 Cdt Robb J W H  
 Cdt Rondel P A  
 Cpl Laing G A  
 Cdt Severs M  
 Cdt Sloper B W  
 Cdt Sutton M T  
 Cdt Shortland D M  
 Cdt Wright K E McK  
 Cdt Davies N A C

Nelson College  
 Kati Kati D.H.S.  
 Motueka D.H.S.  
 Kaitaia D.H.S.  
 Whakatane H.S.  
 Waiuku D.H.S.  
 Auckland Grammar  
 Selwyn College  
 Kelston H.S.  
 Whakatane H.S.  
 Hutt Valley Memorial T.C.  
 Mt. Roskill Grammar  
 Taupo High School  
 Avondale College  
 Mt. Roskill Grammar  
 Northcote College  
 S.M.T.C.  
 Alexander Secondary Modern (Singapore)  
 Putaruru D.H.D.  
 Hamilton T.C.  
 Motatau D.H.S.  
 Wanganui T.C.  
 Timaru T.H.S.

Ruatapu  
 Kati Kati  
 Motueka  
 Herekino  
 Whakatane  
 Waiuku  
 Auckland  
 Auckland  
 Auckland  
 Matata  
 Wellington  
 Auckland  
 Maroa  
 Auckland  
 Auckland  
 Torbay  
 Auckland  
 Waiouru  
 Putaruru  
 Hamilton  
 Opahi  
 Wanganui  
 Timaru

## Narrative of Main Events, 1958

### January—

- 25th—Swimming trip to Ohakune and Taihape.
- 29th—New intake of 85 Cadets marches in, bringing total roll to 139.

### February—

- 1st—Cricket match Weir class defeated Sinclair-Burgess and Puttick.
- 22nd & 23rd—Annual Swimming Sports at Taihape and Ohakune.
- 28th—Lt Burrows replaced Lt MacShane as Company Officer.

### March—

- 1st—Inter-District Athletic trials. Sharrock, Paterson, DeBique selected.
- 2nd—CMD athletic trials at Linton.
- 9th—First Term Dance.
- 22nd & 23rd—Fishing trip to Lake Taupo. Visit to Crater Lake, Mt. Ruapehu. Rugby training commences.
- 29th—Sixty Cadets visit Air Pageant at Ohakea.

### April—

- 8th—Change to battledress uniform.
- 11th—Cdt Brown appointed Cdt CSM.
- 12th—Cadet guard and buglers at opening of Community Centre.
- 24th—Fishing trip to Amori.

## May—

- 12th—Term examinations begin.
- 13th & 14th—Visit by Defence Psychology Evaluation Panel.
- 15th—Guard of Honour for Maj-Gen W G H Pike, CB, CBE, DSO.
- 17th & 25th—First Term holidays.

## June—

- 9th—S/Sgt MacDonnell appointed Company Sergeant Major.
- 10th—Guard of Honour for Opening of Parliament.
- 11th—Rugby, Indoor Basketball, and Soccer tournament against Police Cadets at Trentham.
- 14th—Cdts Sharrock and Laing play in King Country Rugby Representative Trial.
- 15th—Dance at Taihape.
- 17th—Taumarunui High School visit for Rugby and Hockey tournament.
- 21st—Cross-Country run.
- 26th—Weir class wins Inter-class Rugby.

## July—

- 6th—Ski-ing trip to Chateau. Deerstalking party.
- 13th—Ski-ing trip to Chateau.
- 16th—Ex-Cadet Reunion.
- 18th—Dance at Taihape.
- 28th—Cdt Sharrock represents Army in basketball at Inter-Services Tournament.

## August—

- 2nd—Platoon win Inter-platoon Rugby.
- 15th—Dance at Taihape.
- 16th—36 Cadets visit Machinerama Exhibition at Wanganui.
- 17th—Formal Dinner.
- 21st—2 Lt Hawkins Company Officer.
- 20th & 23rd—Inter-Services Junior Tournament at Auckland.
- 23rd—Second Term holidays commence.

## September—

- 7th—Third Term begins.
- 17th—Visit of Post-Primary School inspectors.
- 20th & 21st—Visit by St. Stephen's Rugby team.
- 26th & 28th—20 Cadets play in Taranaki West Coast Schoolboy Indoor Basketball Tournament at Stratford.
- 28th—Formal Dinner.
- 27th & 28th—Ski-ing trips.

## October—

- 1st—Fishing season opens.
- 19th—Mountaineering party.
- 25th & 27th—Labour Weekend. Fishing trip to Taupo.

## November—

- 9th—Visit to St. Stephen's, Bombay, of Tennis, Cricket, Softball teams.
- 13th—Third Term internal examinations begin.
- 20th—School Certificate examinations begin.

## December—

- 1st—University Entrance examinations begin.
- 10th—Graduation Day.
- 12th—Cadets depart for Christmas leave.

## Old Boys' Notes

In accordance with the aims of the Journal we have endeavoured once again to give a fairly full coverage of the activities of ex-cadets who have graduated into the ranks of the Regular Force. To do this we are dependent on the assistance of ex-members of the unit in various camps and, although some have been most helpful, others have failed to respond. If there are gaps, therefore, it is not because we have not tried and we would appeal to those camps concerned to provide us with information for next year's issue. We would like to thank S Sgt Dawes, S Sgt Taylor, S Sgt Wishnowsky, Bdr Hancox, Cpl Ward and L Cpl Hickey for the assistance they have provided in this direction.

It is pleasing to record that the movement to form an ex-Cadets' Association is slowly spreading. A committee for CMD has been set up and is busy consolidating the movement in the district and successful reunions were held in both NMD and CMD this year. Details of these are given later in these notes.

The formation of the 1st Battalion NZ Regiment and its departure for service in Malaya has provided many cadets with a chance to serve overseas. The following is a brief summary of the activities on and off parade of ex-cadets posted to the battalion up to the middle of 1958.

Pte Astwood P (Allen Class) graduated from the cadets as a clerk, but later became an instructor in the Artillery. After completing his term in the RF he returned to civvy street, but re-enlisted when the battalion was formed. Peter is now serving in the mortar platoon.

Cpl Ball E (Williams Class), like Peter, took his discharge at the end of his initial engagement because there was no overseas service available for young soldiers at the time. Eric is now a two star corporal in the transport section.

L Cpl Boyd G (Allen Class); also in the transport section. George got married this year. Rugby is his chief spare time activity.

Sgt Butler-Stoney B W (Greville Class). At first posted to the MMG Platoon, Basil later transferred to the transport section and is now Band Sgt. He is also the proud owner of a 1957 TR3 sports car.

Sgt. Clayton G W (Symons Class) is still the Pay Sergeant and possesses the best set of hi-fi equipment in the battalion. Graham is still very keen on indoor basketball.

Sgt Behrent N A (Allen Class) is the ration NCO and has his wife and two children in Malaya with him. Norm owns a new Humber 80 and is also making a name for himself in rugby circles as a first class referee.

Cpl Crafts B L (Young Class) is a section commander in C Coy who is one of the veteran "jungle bashers" of the unit.

Pte Dixon H A H (Allen Class) is another who is fortunate to have his wife and child in Ipoh. He is posted to A Coy.

L Cpl McHardy H (Shuttleworth Class) is a recent arrival in Malaya. He is employed on driving duties.

Cpl Marshall B (Mead Class) tried his luck in civvy street as a builder before rejoining the battalion. He attended a tracking course at the Farelf Training Centre at Kota Tinggi and is now a corporal in Tracking Wing.

Sgt Nesbit J V (Mead Class) finds Malaya a little different from Tauranga where he was previously with 1 Hauraki Regiment. Now CQMS A Coy, his wife and daughter are with him in Malaya.

L Cpl Rogers D P (Shuttleworth Class) is records clerk for the battalion. The title "Charwallah," which he enjoys, is the result of certain happenings better not explained.

Cpl Scadden R (Williams Class) was formerly an instructor at Burnham. At the moment he is an acting platoon sergeant. Dick distinguished himself in the jungle by deliberately exposing himself when his section was pinned down by heavy CT fire in action, to draw fire and allow the advance to continue.

L-Cpl Sinclair N (Greville Class) is a real adventurer who saw service in the Antarctic before joining the battalion. In Malaya he has made another spectacular addition to his colourful experiences by capturing a terrorist near the company camp.

Sgt Slack G A (Allen Class) is the MMG Platoon Sergeant. Another family man with wife and children at Taiping, his chief spare time activity is indoor basketball.

Sgt Trueman I (Mead Class) is a reinforce-



ment who has been posted to C Coy as a platoon sergeant. "Baldy" is well known in basketball and Artillery circles.

Cpl Vickers G (Shuttleworth Class) arrived as a reinforcement in August '58. He is now a section commander in D Coy.

L Cpl Grace E T M (Shuttleworth Class) is another reinforcement posted to D Coy.

Cpl Hall D B (Greville Class) is in the Sigs Platoon HQ Coy. We do not know whether his wife is yet in Malaya or not.

Sgt Harris M (Mead Class) is the chief cook of the battalion. His wife remains in Waiouru whence he hopes to return at the end of a year TOD in Malaya.

Sgt Jamieson N (Allen Class) is a platoon sergeant in D Coy. He is another real "jungle basher" with a formidable record of successful operations against the communists.

Sgt Duncan B P (Young Class) is Provost Sergeant for the battalion. "Screw" is "respected if not liked" by the whole unit, but we hear that the rousing farewell organized as the result of a false rumour of his departure was a little premature.

Cpl Faulkner D (Young Class) is an instructor in the Training Platoon. He is due to return to New Zealand before the end of the year.

S Sgt Dawes V S (Greville Class) the chief clerk, is a well known figure in Taiping for both his financial and his sporting activities. His fame as a footballer is spreading and we hear he is a "cert" for the Perak State Team. His activities in the mess committee have also revitalised the Sergeants' Mess.

Sgts Pepper B J (Allen Class) and Lawrence V (Allen Class) and Cpl Grant L D (Young Class) have already returned to New Zealand. We congratulate Cpl Grant on his selection to attend Officer Cadet School, Portsea, next year.

L Cpls Slocombe, Reynish and Collinson all of Sinclair-Burgess Class left for Malaya in August. All three have passed a ROSB to attend Officer Cadet School, Portsea, following satisfactory completion of a year TOD in Malaya.

Others to pass through 1 Bn Holding Depot in Waiouru on their way to Malaya include Cpl Inglis B J (Shuttleworth Class), L Cpl Nepia T O T (Allen Class), Cpl Fowler P G H

(Allen Class), L Cpl Steele A E (Young Class), L Cpl Reihana P P (Shuttleworth Class), L Cpl Pouwhare R B (Allen Class), Spr Harty T R (Greville Class) and Cfn Maguire R I (Williams Class).

Several more ex-cadets are actually awaiting flights to Malaya as the journal goes to press. These include Lt D S McIver (Williams Class), 2 Lt P D B Scott (Williams Class), Cpl Ward G D J (Symons Class), Cpl Caskey I C (Shuttleworth Class), L Cpl Drummond S G (Greville Class) and L Cpl Hales R L (Sinclair Burgess Class).

As service in Malaya is on a voluntary basis it would appear that ex-cadets are welcoming the opportunity to get a trip overseas.

The year has also seen the usual changes closed to home.

Sgt Fell T J (Allen Class) has been posted from RNZASC School, Waiouru, to ND Coy RNZASC. Terry will be missed by the Camp rugby and hockey teams of which he has been a prominent member for some years. He has been replaced by Sgt Hudson D (Mead Class) who returned recently from Malaya with the SAS Squadron.

Other members of the SAS posted to Waiouru include Sgt Burke M D (Miles Class), who is at School of Signals, and Sgt Dixon J (Williams Class), School of Infantry.

2 Lt W A Ancell (Symons Class) who last year won the Sword of Honour for the top graduate of the Officer Cadet School, Portsea, has been appointed Transport Officer, the Army Schools.

Bdr Millyn B D (Symons Class) is at present posted to Burnham Camp. Rumour has it that a visit to sunnier climes is possible in the near future. Others at Burnham include Bdr Blyth and L Bdr Cross (Shuttleworth Class).

L Cpl Robertson A D (Young Class) is at RNZEME Workshops, Linton. He represented Army at Athletics and Manawatu at Rugby League this year.

Other ex-cadets at C D Construction Squadron, Linton, include Spr Quest (Shuttleworth Class) now a three star plumber, Spr Watson (Young Class), Spr Brock (Sinclair-Burgess Class), Spr Ellis (Shuttleworth Class), Spr Kitney (Sinclair-Burgess Class), Spr Sangster (Sinclair-Burgess Class), Spr Wills (Sinclair-Burgess Class), Spr Rutherford (Shuttleworth Class), Spr Roberts (Puttick

Class) and Spr Ngawaka (Sinclair-Burgess Class).

Cpl Brown E H (Shuttleworth Class) and S Sgt Weallans L T (Mead Class) are posted to the cadre of 2 Battalion New Zealand Regiment.

Bdr Hancox J (Miles Class), now in Papakura, is an ex-cadet and has enjoyed a TOD in Fiji. Others include Cpl Spring-Rice (Mead Class) and Sgt Young (Mead Class).

Three members of Shuttleworth Class to get a second stripe this year are Cpls Inglis, Niall and Earsman.

L Cpl Sowter (Young Class) was full back for this year's Combined Service Rugby Team. Others to win their Army pockets for Rugby were Tpr Tenana (Young Class) and Spr Blong (Symons Class). The latter was also in the Counties' Senior Representative Team this season.

S Sgt Taylor W G H (Mead Class) is an instructor at the School of Signals, Waiouru. He has been with the school since his cadet days. He is now married with two children.

Lt L J Lynch (Williams Class) and Lt D McIver (Williams Class) both graduated from the Royal Military College, Duntroon, into the New Zealand Regiment last December. The former won the Sword of Honour for the best all round cadet of his class. He is now posted to Burnham Camp.

L Cpl MacAndrew (Shuttleworth Class) is on the PT staff at RF Depot. He represented Army at rugby this year and was showing good form until a broken nose ruined all hope of selection for Combined Services.

Cpl Pollard (Allen Class) and Sgt Kermeen (Miles Class) are both instructors at RNZEME School. Both are now A Grade mechanics.

L Cpl Heke (Sinclair-Burgess Class) is posted to Army HQ as a medical clerk. He recently married a Wren.

Others to take the plunge into matrimony include L Cpl Craig (Young Class), Spr Wati (Young Class), Cpl Powley (Shuttleworth Class) and L Cpl Richards (Symons Class).

L Cpl Flint (Shuttleworth Class) represented CMD at hockey in the Inter District Tournament. He is at present at School of Military Engineering, Linton.

Lt Couzens (Mead Class) broke a long association with Waiouru when he was posted to HQ CMD in the middle of the year.

Sgt Brighthouse (Miles Class) was posted to Tauranga on returning from Malaya with the SAS.

Spr Ellis (Shuttleworth Class) won his blazer pocket for swimming this year.

Cpl Walkley (Symons Class) has passed his final examination as an "A" Grade mechanic. He is now married with three children.

Sgt Meredith (Mead Class) is now an electrician with CD Construction Squadron.

Among those instructing at the School of Military Engineering are S Sgt Malloch (Mead Class), Cpl Whitecliffe (Williams Class), Cpl Anderson (Williams Class) and Cpl Powley (Shuttleworth Class).

Sgt Maxwell (Mead Class) is clerk in Signal Group at CDOD. Also in the Depot is Pte Barker (Puttick Class) who is a storeman in MT Group.

Dvr Heperi (Sinclair-Burgess Class) is a pool driver at CMD HQ. He has completed the instructor's course and now has two stars.

Lt Monks (Grenville Class) recently left Waiouru on final leave before departing for Malaya. Brian qualified for his second "pip" this year.

Lt Murphy (Mead Class), Sgt Bennett (Grenville Class) and S Sgt Dyson (Mead Class) were all in the Army Indoor Basketball team this year. Sgt Bennett was also in the Army Cricket XI.

Fred Marsh and Pat Pattison of Symons Class join the list of cadets who have served their initial engagement and returned to civvy street.

Sgt Wishnowsky (Miles Class) has a new appointment as "G" clerk at Div HQ, Linton.

Two ex-cadets who recently graduated from OCS Portsea, 2 Lt's Cudby (Shuttleworth Class) and Rodda (Young Class) are posted to Burnham Camp. Also at Burnham is Lt Stanley (Mead Class).

Cpl Manley and Cfn Chambers, both of Symons Class, are at present at A & G Workshops, Trentham.

Bdr Menzies (Symons Class) recently transferred from Signals to Artillery. He is posted to Papakura and is still a keen soccer

fan.

Lt Burt (Mead Class) is Adjutant of 1 Hauraki Regiment at Tauranga.

Ex-cadets in the Armoured Depot, Waiouru, include S Sgt Dyson (Mead Class), Sgt Pye (Miles Class), Cpl Taylor (Shuttleworth Class) and Tpr Tenana (Symons Class).

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), L Cpl Jerry Steele (Young Class) and L Cpl "Bulldog" Drummond (Greville Class).

Others who have left the army are Bob Whyte (Miles Class) now a schoolteacher; John Pressland (Mead Class) and Tony Erstich (Mead Class), both with the Maori Affairs' Dept.; B N Spring-Rice (Mead Class) who is designing transistor portable radios for an Auckland firm; I G Stimson (Greville Class) and G Jackson (Miles Class) both motor mechanics; "Dixie" Robson (Miles Class) who has a milk round at Raetihi, and John Morgan (Miles Class) who is farming in Taranaki.

L Cpl Jameson (Sinclair-Burgess Class) received for 1957 the prize awarded annually by the New Zealand Trade Certification Board to the candidate passing top of New Zealand in their annual qualifying examinations. A special presentation was held in Waiouru to mark the occasion.

As this is the tenth birthday of the unit ex-cadets may be interested to hear of the present activities of some of their early instructors. Of the education staff, Maj Bate is now Senior Secondary Assistant of the Waipawa D.H.S.; Maj Kendrick is Head of the Social Studies Dept. at Howick D.H.S.; Capt. Hawkhead is an Inspector of Post Primary Schools in Hamilton and Capt Greaves is in charge of mathematics at Huntly College. Lt Hay is teaching at Wellington Tech and Capt. McLennan at Seddon Tech in Auckland. Of the military staff Maj Firth is Area Officer at Tauranga; Maj Morris is AMS at Army HQ; Maj Stanley Harris is CI School of Infantry, Waiouru, and Maj Boyd is OC HQ Coy 1 Bn Malaya. Capt Kearney is Area Officer, Gisborne; Capt Launder is Adj 1 Bn Malaya; Lt Williams, Adjutant 1 Cants Christchurch; Lt Millichip is at Papakura Camp and Lt Meldrum is due back in Waiouru in November following a TOD in Malaya.

WOII Allen and WOII Kiddie are both in Tauranga; S Sgt Young is QMS of 1 Auck, and WOI Cairns is now stationed in Nelson. WOI Forsyth is RSM of 1 Bn in Malaya and S Sgt McDonnell has returned to the Cadet School for a further tour, this time as CSM. Of other well known identities closely associated with the School, Maj McCullough is now retired and working as a civilian at NMD HQ Auckland; Padre Dobson is in Papakura Camp and WOI "Jimmy" Page still on the PT staff RF Depot.

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### NOTES FROM THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE DUNTROON

With two ex-cadets graduating last December four now remain at Duntroon. Two are in 1st Class (Fourth year) and will graduate this year, two are in 2nd Class and still have one year to go. The latter will be joined next January by one member of Weir Class, Cdt L Cpl Bestie, who passed the recent ROSB for selection to RMC.

The following are brief notes on the activities of the present staff-cadets.

Paul Spender (Young Class) graduates into RNZASC this year and has been thoroughly enjoying the ASC specialisation training this year. He is captain of the RMC Ski Club and "has been doing a fine job in instructing newcomers to the sport in the Gill method of skimanship."

Alan Fraser (Young Class) graduates into New Zealand Regiment and expects to see a fair bit of Waiouru in 1959. He is CSM of the Sovereign's Company this year and captained the Reserve Grade Rugby Premiers in the season just completed.

Brian Jones (Shuttleworth Class) now holds the rank of L Cpl. "Exam results, despite the distractions of social life, are proving that RF Cadet School training is not in vain." Played a good season of football as five eight for the Reserve Grade Premiers and is keen to join the ranks of the Infanteers at the end of next year.

Kerry Bell (Shuttleworth Class) is also a L Cpl and hopes to graduate to the New Zealand Regiment. Kerry sprang a surprise on his fellows in August by announcing his en-

gement to a charming lass from Sydney. He is now hoping that import restrictions will not prove a difficulty!

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## THE OFFICER CADET SCHOOL, PORTSEA

In 1957 the New Zealand Army commenced a new scheme for training some of its young officers. Instead of holding OCTU's in New Zealand, potential officers were sent to OCS Portsea for a year's course. Already five ex-cadets have graduated from the school, one of them 2 Lt Ancell, winning the Sword of Honour for the best all round cadet. This year only one ex-cadet O/C Baker DS is at the School and we include in this article a brief description of the activities of the School written by him which should serve as a guide to future cadets selected to attend the course there. As a result of ROSB's held during 1958 Cpl Grant (Young Class) and L Cpl Jameson (Sinclair-Burgess Class) will enter Portsea in January, 1959, and three others, L Cpls Reynish (Puttick Class), Clocombe (Sinclair-Burgess Class) and Collinson (Sinclair Burgess Class) are due to attend in 1960 contingent on receiving a satisfactory report of their year TOD in Malaya.

The following is a description of OCS by OC Baker:

"The Officer Cadet School is situated on a narrow headland at the Eastern side of the entrance to Port Phillip Bay. It is sixty-six miles from Melbourne and the nearest town is Sorrento which is three miles away.

The School was established in 1952 on a plan similar to Schools in the United Kingdom and Canada. The aim of the School is to give a balanced introductory education in basic military subjects and to foster within each Cadet the mental and moral qualities on which leadership depends. OCS caters for those who are either too old, are married, or lack the educational qualifications necessary for Duntroon.

The course at OCS lasts approximately twelve months and is divided into two terms with a month's break in between. The terms start in January and July with a new intake of Cadets each time so that there is always a Senior and Junior class at the School. The subjects taught are extremely comprehensive

and range from Weapon Training and Map Reading to Tactics and Military History. In all there are over twenty different subjects taught.

As in the RF Cadets, sport plays a very important part. The sports catered for are rugby, hockey and basketball in the winter and swimming, tennis and cricket in the summer. There is also athletics, boxing and golf.

OCS is the logical follow on from the RF Cadets. Some ex-cadets who have graduated from OCS are Ancell, Scott, Gadsby, Rodda and Cudby. At present there are six New Zealanders at OCS one of whom is an ex-Cadet. This is O/C Baker who was in Greville Class (1951-52). Although the course is not an easy one it is within the scope of anyone who has received RF Cadet training.

The Cadets from OCS graduate as Second Lieutenants and promotion is so arranged that the RMC and OCS graduates are on equal terms.

At present there are 42 Cadets at OCS, 20 in the Senior Class and 22 in the Junior Class. Of the total number 6 are from NZ, 2 from Malaya, 1 from Fiji and the remaining 33 from various parts of Australia.

The training received at OCS is of the highest standard and will prove invaluable to the Cadets when they graduate as officers, no matter to what army, corps or service they are posted."

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## THE EX-CADETS ASSOCIATION

It is pleasing to record that considerable progress has been made towards the formation of this association on a dominion wide scale. As stated in last year's Journal, a flourishing organisation has been established in Northern Military District, with headquarters in Papakura Camp. A Committee consisting of Bdr Hancox (Miles Class), President; Cfn Peebles (Shuttleworth Class), Sec/Treasurer; and Cpl Inglis (Shuttleworth Class), Spr Burgess (Young Class) and L Cpl Geldard (Miles Class), Members, was elected for this year and is entrusted with the running of the Association's affairs in the district. In Central District a similar committee consists of Lt.



Murphy (Mead Class), President; S Sgt Taylor (Mead Class), Sec/Treasurer, and S Sgt Wealens (Mead Class) and L Cpl Jameson (Sinclair-Burgess Class), Members, elected for the same purpose. An effort is now being made to foster a similar arrangement in the South Island and when this is established it is proposed to elect a National Committee and formulate a constitution for the whole country. Meanwhile any ex-cadet desiring further information can obtain it either from any of the above or from Maj Gill CI RF Cadet School.

The object of the association is to maintain the ex-cadets as a body along the lines of the RSA. It aims to provide assistance either as a loan or a grant to members to help them over a period of difficulty or illness. On the social side it hopes to run periodic reunions and possibly a small postal service which will enable members to renew acquaintances which have been broken through a diversity of postings during army service. To this end a master nominal roll has been compiled and although it contains many errors and has many omissions it has already proved invaluable in contacting a very large proportion of ex-cadets.

Both NMD and CMD held successful reunions this year. Early in August over sixty ex-cadets attended a reunion held in Waiouru. The great majority were from the Wellington and Taranaki areas, but it was pleasing to see a few like Flying Officer A D Winkelman (Mead Class), E Bray (Sinclair-Burgess Class) and W D Pattison (William Class) who made the trip from the South Island. Old timers outnumbered the newer ex-cadets and many of the Miles, Mead and Allen Class members serving in Waiouru had a pleasant weekend renewing acquaintances with John Morgan, "Dolly" Daulton—now a policeman by-the-way—Dennis Bognuda and Laurie Stunnell of Miles Class, and Bob Weir and Alex Clearwater of Mead Class. During the afternoon an ex-cadet basketball team consisting of Spud Murphy (Mead Class), Russ Luscombe (Mead Class), Jack Bennett (Greville Class), Mike Jameson

(Sinclair-Burgess Class) and Pat Dyson (Mead Class) gave the Cadet A team a lesson in how the game should be played, but a suggestion that the cadet 1st XV and 1st Hockey XI was also available for games was not taken up by the visitors. Old age appears to be catching up with too many—at least that is the excuse that was given. On the Saturday evening an enjoyable get-together was held and discussions went on far into the night as to what happened in the "good old days." The weekend was concluded with a tour of inspection of the present school buildings. Organization of the weekend was in the hands of Lt Murphy (Mead Class), S Sgt Taylor (Mead Class), Tpr Tenana (Young Class), Sgt Burke (Miles Class) and L Cpl Jameson (Sinclair-Burgess Class), and while it was pleasing to see so many members of the older classes putting in an appearance, the response from the younger generation was a little disappointing. It is hoped in future that a more representative cross section will attend future functions.

This was the case at the NMD Reunion. The association there has now been organized for twelve months and is well organized and well publicized. Slightly less than sixty ex-cadets were present at a Saturday night function held in Papakura Camp, and an examination of the guest list shows that every class to pass through the School was represented. Reports to reach Waiouru indicate that a "good time was had by all" and once again old days in the cadets were relived with some gusto and, no doubt, suitable exaggerations and embellishments. It is interesting on such an occasion to see how many of the early classes are still serving and the way they get together is a good commentary on the class spirit that membership of the RF Cadets develops.

We are all looking to the South Island now to complete the organization. Surely there are sufficient ex-cadets in the "private army" down there to get things under way.

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It is the love of the people; it is their attachment to their government, from the sense of the deep stake they have in such a glorious institution, which gives you your army and your navy, and infuses into both that liberal obedience, without which your army would be but a base rabble, and your navy nothing but rotten timber.

—Edmund Burke, **Conciliation with America, 1775.**

# A SHORT HISTORY of THE REGULAR FORCE CADET SCHOOL,

by Maj J T GILL, NZAEC

This year (1958) the Regular Force Cadet School celebrated its tenth anniversary. It is appropriate, therefore, at this stage to look back over these momentous first ten years to see the main developments that have occurred and to list the very real accomplishments of the school in that time. Traditions are built only slowly, but the School already has a record of which it can be justly proud and is building up a set of traditions which will play their part in shaping the character of the New Zealand Army of to-morrow.

The Regular Force Cadet Scheme began in 1948. As the new Regular Army was gradually evolved in the years immediately after World War II its nucleus was the returned servicemen who had served during that war. It soon became obvious, however, that it would be extremely difficult to secure the junior NCO's and younger skilled tradesmen to replace these men as they were either promoted or retired and it was to make up this deficiency that the Regular Force Cadets were established. The object was to train the potential instructors and craftsmen who would provide the future senior NCO's and tradesmen of the Regular Force. Entry was to be limited to boys between the ages of 16 and 18 years and recruits were to spend either one year or up to their eighteenth birthday in the unit, whichever was the longer period. Although the emphasis was to be on producing a soldier, attention was to be given to improving the educational standard of the recruit and in the case of the tradesman a considerable proportion of his training was to be devoted to technical trade instruction. A high standard was to be demanded and, as well as a rigid medical examination, the recruit was required to pass a battery of intelligence and attainment tests before being accepted.

The introduction of boys into the army involved certain new problems and to meet these a new Wing of the Army School of Instruction—The Regular Force Cadet Wing—was established under Capt B Boyd MBE with S Sgt Kearney J as CSM. They were assisted by three full time educational instructors, Lt T W Bate, MA, Lt J T Gill, MA and S Sgt Hay, D R, MA, who were responsible for the education of the cadets, and three regular force sergeants, Sgts Bright, Cairns and Shave, acting in a part time capacity as hut commanders. Training was under the overall supervision of Col G Clifton, DSO, MC, Commandant of the Army School of Instruction, and Maj G F McCullough, MBE, Chief Instructor. Special huts in Trentham Camp were allocated to the Wing and improved toilet and laundry facilities were installed. Other huts were fitted out as education classrooms and special classes were established in the various technical training wings of the Army School of Instruction to deal with cadets. Training was offered in the following trades: potential instructors in all corps of the New Zealand Army (trained

initially in the Small Arms Training Wing), Vehicle Mechanics, Electricians Vehicle and Plant, Panel Beaters, Spray Painters, Plumbers, Fitters and Turners, Armourers and Auto Electricians (trained by The RNZEME Wing), Carpenters and Bricklayers (trained by the RNZE Wing). Radio Mechanics, Operators Wireless and Line, Electricians and Telecommunication Mechanics (trained in the RNZ Sigs Wing), Butchers, Cooks, Driver Mechanics and Ration Storemen (trained in the RNZASC Wing) and Medical Orderlies (trained in the Hygiene Wing and the Camp Hospital). Special hobby huts were established by the AEWS, and the cadets had the use of a swimming bath, a gymnasium and all the facilities of the well equipped Trentham YMCA. A special mess was also set up solely for their use with an augmented ration scale to suit the needs of growing boys. The time-tables and organization of several post primary schools with boarding establishments attached were carefully studied and the system finally evolved aimed at creating a boarding school with a military and technical bias.

On 15 July, 1948 the initial intake of cadets, 90 strong, marched into camp. In accordance with the policy of naming each entry after a prominent New Zealand soldier they were known as Miles Company in memory of Brigadier R Miles, OBE, DSO, MC, who lost his life during World War II. The Company was organized as three platoons for administrative purposes. The initial period of basic military training was four weeks and after that the day was divided among education, trade, military and sports training.

Because the year was so far advanced there were few cadets who wished to sit outside examina-



First intake of Regular Force Cadets assembled outside QM Store, Trentham, after receiving their first Army "issue".



Capt Boyd leading on the Cadet Guard of Honour for the Opening of Parliament, 1949.

tions and the chief work of the education instructors was providing a general education course for the three platoons in English, Mathematics, Social Studies and General Science. Three cadets, however, were enrolled with the Correspondence School for School Certificate and also received special coaching from the education instructors. In the School Certificate Examination (1948) one of these three, Cdt Wishnowsky provided the school with its first examination success. Supervised study was instituted for one hour three nights a week with each platoon in turn spending one night at the AEWS hobby huts. The hobby facilities provided included cabinet making, arts and crafts, model aeroplanes, electronics and radio, motor car maintenance and repair, speech training and amateur dramatics.

As the year progressed the rank of "Senior Cadet" was established and those cadets who had shown definite powers of leadership were promoted. They became section leaders in the platoons which were still under the supervision of the RF hut commanders. A "Cadet Forum" was also established—a weekly meeting between the OC Cadets and representatives of the cadets in which problems in the day to day administration of the unit were discussed and difficulties, if possible, ironed out.

At the beginning of 1949 a new Company, Mead Company, marched into Trentham. There were 97 recruits in this group and as Miles Company was still under training the school roll was 187—the highest total it has reached so far. Capt Boyd continued as OC, but during the year Lt Stanley-Harris

marched in as Company Officer to assist with the administration. S Sgt Kearney was CSM for the initial part of the year, but was later replaced by Sgt Cairns. The education staff was increased to cope with the increased numbers. Maj B Kendrick, MA was appointed Senior Education Officer to take over control of cadet education. Lt Hawkhead, BA, BSc was placed in charge of mathematics and science with WOI Blackett, G, BSc as assistant instructor. During the year S Sgt Hay and WOI Blackett were both commissioned as lieutenants. Three extra hut commanders, L Cpls Martin Mulligan and MacDonnell were also attached to the Wing. During the year, also, Colonel J I Brook replaced Colonel Clifton as Commandant. The Wing itself underwent a slight reorganization, the education section separating from the rest and becoming known as AEWS Wing.

With the first full year of training stretching ahead the Wing rapidly settled down to the system which has, until recently, been followed ever since. The initial period of basic military training was extended to six weeks. Following this, training time was divided as follows: first year, 50 per cent Education, 50 per cent Military Training in the first term. 50 per cent Education (with additional full time study later in the year for those sitting external examinations), 40 per cent trade and 10 per cent Military Training (including sports and PT) for the rest of the year; second year, concentration on trade except in exceptional circumstances where a cadet might be allowed to continue with education.

During the year the problem of out of working hours activities of the cadets was tackled vigorously. Lt Stanley-Harris assisted by the education officers was appointed Activities Officer to co-ordinate weekend activities and encourage those cadets not taking part in sport to do something active during the weekend. For Potential Instructors participation in team sports was compulsory, but for tradesmen it was optional and cross country, tramp, softball, basketball and cricket matches and swimming were arranged for this latter group in good weather, with films, basketball and hobbies in bad weather.

Weekend camps were established to instruct cadets in the administrative arrangements necessary for the erection, maintenance and striking of a small unit camp while at the same time providing recreation, exercise and a break from the routine of barrack life. Attendance at at least two camps was compulsory. The first, such as might be carried out by a Territorial Force sub-unit, was held in an area accessible to transport and stores rations and personnel were carried to the camp site. The second was in an inaccessible area and necessitated stores being man-handled into the location. These camps became very popular and "Operation Rita (Relaxation in the Akatarawas)" became a regular feature of cadet life. Lt Hawkhead was an enthusiastic tramp and many trips were held into the bush of both the Akatarawas and Rimutakas.

From the beginning sport was a major feature of the life of the unit. In the sports periods coaching was given in swimming, life saving (to bronze



medallion standard), basketball, softball, tennis and cricket in the summer and boxing, hockey, soccer and rugby in the winter. As well as participating, cadets were taught the duties of judges and referees. As an experiment the sports period was, for a time, held immediately after lunch because of the heat of the classrooms in summer, but on the advice of the Education Department inspectors, who visited the school annually, the present 1600—1700 hrs period was resumed. Sports clubs were established for the main team games and three rugby teams, a soccer team, a hockey team, a cricket team, an indoor basketball team and two softball teams were entered in the various Wellington and Hutt Valley competitions. Interservice competitions were held in rugby and boxing with the Navy Seamen Boys at a tournament held in Hamilton. The Cadets won both sports.

The YMCA had become a real centre of cadet life. It provided billiards, table tennis, a canteen and a buffet and its reading room and quiet room were also well patronised. Padre hours were popular and in 1949 twenty-three cadets were confirmed in the Church of England, and fifteen in the Presbyterian Church.

During 1949 a pipe band was begun under WOII McNeill of Tactical Wing.

On 26 Feb., 1949 the first Cadet Swimming Championship was held and Cdt Sgt Burt, P J won the individual championship. In March Cdt Sgt Murphy, J W R won the athletic championship.

The first graduation parade was held on 23 August, 1949 when 49 Miles Company cadets, who had reached the age of 18 and were not remaining for further education, graduated into the Regular Force. The passing out parade was inspected by the Adjutant General, Brigadier W G Gentry, CBE, DSO, and was followed by a prize giving and addresses by the reviewing officer and the Commandant Army School of Instruction in the Camp Cinema, a gymnastics and PT display and a tour of inspection of the various training wings. In the evening a Graduation Ball was held in the YMCA. The prize for the best all round cadet was won by Cdt Sgt Pye, I J. In December a second graduation parade was held with 62 cadets from both Miles' and Mead Companies being posted to corps. The parade this time was inspected by Maj-Gen K L Stewart, CB, CBE, DSO, Chief of the General Staff, and followed the same form as the August ceremony.

In November and December the University Entrance, School Certificate and Trade Certification Examinations were held. Three cadets passed UE; twelve, School Certificate; two the Second Qualifying Examination for Motor Mechanics and two the First Qualifying Examination in the same trade.

At the Duntroon Selection Board in December, Cdt L Cpl Stanley became the first RF cadet to be selected for the Royal Military College, Duntroon. He entered the College in January, 1950 and graduated lieutenant, December, 1953. Two of the cadets who passed UE, Spring Rice, B N and Grant G R were selected by the Army to attend University courses in 1950 and Grant later became the first cadet to secure a university degree, graduating BA in History in 1955 and MA in 1956.

Sixty-three cadets from Miles' and Mead Companies still remained when the new group of 85 cadets marched in 17 Jan., 1950 to make the total roll for that year 148. It was decided, with three groups in the unit to reorganise as one company and designate each separate entry as a "class." The new group was thus known as Allen Class and the two earlier companies were renamed Miles and Mead Class respectively. The old black company should flashes were replaced by the now familiar red "RF Cadet" flash and the black diamond ceased to be worn on the pugaree.

Staff changes included the departure of Capt Boyd who was succeeded by Lt Stanley-Harris as OC and Maj Kendrick who was replaced by Capt Bate as SEO. One interesting feature of the new entry was that it included a Fijian member of Fiji Military Forces who had been sent to New Zealand to take advantage of the instruction offered by Cadet Wing.

Sport again played a full part in the curriculum. The First Eleven captained by Cdt Sgt Taylor (till Dec., '49) and Cdt Cpl McDowell (1950) and coached by Lt Gill won the Hutt Valley Cricket Association Fifth Grade Competition. The Softball Nine captained by Cdt L Cpl Campbell and coached by Capt Bate won the Hutt Valley Softball Association Knock Out Cup—a handicap competition for all grades. The new athletic champion was Cdt Clarke, W A and the champion swimmer Cdt Turnbull, B A. With the arrival of WOII Page from the British Army gymnastics became very popular. Classes were held in the evenings and the Cadet gym squad gave several public displays at functions in the Hutt Valley. Teams continued to participate in the other team games although not achieving the same success as those mentioned. Tramping and harriers again had their devotees and a four day camp for the whole unit was held at Waikanae in February. An attempt to found a golf club met with little success in spite of the generous donation of a large pool of clubs by Mr. J Watt, the professional at the Herautanga Club. The annual cadet rifle shooting competition was instituted and won in 1950 by Cadet Trainer V B.

At a second Inter Services Tournament held this year with the Air Force Boy Entrants the cadets won the rugby, 9—6, and drew in the boxing, five bouts each.

Term dances were held in the YMCA and many cadets attended dances in Lower Hutt at a club organised by Mrs. R B Asche as part of a welfare scheme for soldiers in the Wellington area.

As many cadets proved to have had little previous domestic training, practical instruction in darning, sewing, cleaning and ironing was organised under instructors provided by Lt Burn, NZWRAC.

The unit mounted two guards of honour during the year. On 23 June fifty cadets paraded outside Army Headquarters and were inspected by Field Marshal Sir William Slim, GCB, KCB. A guard of ninety-six was trained for the opening of parliament five days later, but owing to bad weather this had to be cancelled. Subsequently, however, the Governor General Sir Bernard Freyberg, VC, GCMG, inspected the guard at a special parade held in Trentham



Camp on 13 July. Afterwards he addressed the cadets in the Camp Cinema.

Another memorable event of 1950 was the retirement of Maj G F McCullough, MBE, Chief Instructor of the Army School of Instruction. The "Screaming Skull" was well remembered by all the early intakes of cadets and he did much to give the unit the early high standards which it has always maintained. A special cabaret evening was given by the cadets to farewell him.

Following Maj McCulloch's retirement the Army School of Instruction was reorganised. It was renamed "The Army Schools" and the various Wings became separate autonomous "Schools" and "Units." The RF Cadet Wing became the "RF Cadet Unit" and the AEWS Wing became the "RF Cadet School." Also, with the introduction of Compulsory Military Training the unit lost its Regular Force hut commanders whose duties were taken over by Cadet NCO's. Cadet sergeants, corporals and lance cor-

Capt J M Morris replaced Lt Stanley-Harris as OC and WOII Forsyth joined the unit in place of Sgt Cairns as CSM. During the year, Capt Hawkhead resigned from the education staff and was replaced by Capt R E Greaves. Lt Hay was also posted out of the school and not replaced.

The reduced numbers resulted in much smaller education classes. Five cadets only made up the UE Class with seventeen doing School Certificate and twenty-four in the General Education group. Trade subjects, Engineering Shopwork, Woodwork, Technical Drawing and Electricity and Magnetism were introduced into the School Certificate course for the first time and with the extension of the Trade Certification examinations to include Carpentry and Joinery, Plumbing and Electrical Wiring, much more attention was devoted to these subjects also.

The usual sports were again played, but with less success than previously—another reflection of the decreased roll of the unit. With the departure of Capt Hawkhead also, the interest in tramping declined although camping was still a popular weekend activity.

Two Guards of Honour were provided during the year, one for Sir John Kotalawala, the Prime Minister of Ceylon; the other for the Opening of Parliament in June. Graduations were reduced from three to two and with thirty-five cadets graduating in December only twenty-four remained for 1952.

William Class, 1952, was another small entry and brought the roll to 73. The only staff change was a new CSM, S Sgt Millichip in place of WOII Forsyth who was posted to RF Depot.

For the first half of the year the unit was in Trentham and activities closely resembled those of previous years. An outstanding event, however, which will live in the memory of the participants was the camp at Featherston and the march back over the Rimutakas to Trentham.

In August came an even more momentous event—the shift to Waiouru. During the vacation the unit ceased to occupy its old home at Trentham and transferred to Waiouru where training recommenced at the beginning of September. The move itself was accomplished with a minimum of disruption, but it had many effects on the unit as a whole. The new lecture rooms, mess and barracks were a great improvement on Trentham, but the comparative isolation of the new location brought real problems for sports competition, leave and recreation.

As the School of Military Engineering which had trained cadet apprentices in the building and construction trades did not shift to Waiouru, a new RNZE Apprentice Wing was added to the RF Cadet School. S Sgt Davis who was in charge was under the overall supervision of Maj Bate, Chief Instructor of the School.

In spite of the move examination results were very satisfactory. Three cadets passed University Entrance and six School Certificate. Six were also successful in trade examinations. Cdt Baker D S topped New Zealand in the First Qualifying Examination for Motor Mechanics with another cadet, Cdt Sgt McCracken, J H, second.

One graduation only was held in December.



Weekend bivouac—Miller Company at Bull Run in the Akatarawas. From left: L. Stunnell, T. O. 'Brien, Lt A. H. King, P. Garlick, G. Wareup. At rear: I Barber, J. Hay.

porals had been created in 1949 to replace the earlier "Senior Cadets."

At the December examinations two cadets passed University Entrance, five passed School Certificate and five passed the First Qualifying Examination for Motor Mechanics. The successful School Certificate candidates included the Fijian boy, Cadet Tongani-valu, who in 1951 was sent to Sandhurst by the Fijian Government and graduated as a Lieutenant two years later.

The new class for 1951—Greville Class—numbered only 41, bringing the total roll to 79. This was a reflection both of the shortage of youths in the age group required by cadets and the competition resulting from the commencement of a similar boys' training school by the Air Force.

In 1952 the unit roll was the lowest on record. 16 cadets returned for a second year and with only 25 new entries in Symon Class the roll barely topped forty. The Education staff was reduced to three with the transfer of Lt Blackett to Army Headquarters and during the year S Sgt Young replaced S Sgt Millichip as CSM.

The unit was rapidly settling into its new home and making the readjustments necessary. Training differed little from that provided in Trentham, but some modifications were required in leisure time activities. Sports teams were entered in the Ruapehu Rugby Union, Ruapehu Cricket Association and Taihape Indoor Basketball Association competitions, and skiing, trout fishing and deer stalking began to feature in cadet activities. Softball, so popular at Trentham, hockey and soccer were discontinued through lack of competition and swimming, harriers and boxing lapsed through lack of interest. Weekend camping remained popular and several trips were made to Lake Taupo, particularly on long weekends.

Education classes were again small with four in the University Entrance class, two in the School Certificate class and the remainder in General Education. In the examinations at the end of the year three passed UE, but neither School Certificate candidate was successful. Six cadets passed Trade Certification Examinations.

At the annual Duntroon Selection Board two more cadets, Cdt Sgt Lynch, L J and Cdt Sgt McIver, D S, were selected to attend RMC. Meanwhile, as has already been mentioned, the first cadet graduate of Duntroon, Lt Stanley of Mead Company, and the first cadet graduate of Sandhurst, Lt Tonganivalu, had won their commissions. They were, however, not the first ex-cadets to be commissioned as earlier in the year 2 Lt Murphy of Mead Company had passed an OCTU in NZ and been commissioned in the Regular Force, and 2 Lts Mainwaring of Miles Company, Couzens of Mead Company and Patchett of Allen Class had all won commissions as members of K Force.

Graduation in December saw the passing out of twenty-four cadets, leaving seventeen to continue in 1954. A slight improvement in recruiting resulted in Young Class numbering 34, thus making the total roll 51.

Capt Morris was transferred at the beginning of the year and the appointment of OC passed to Maj E R Firth, BEM, acting in a part-time capacity as he was also OC RF Depot. A full time Company Officer was once again appointed and this position was filled by Lt Launder, a recent graduate from RMC Duntroon and holder of the Sword of Honour. S Sgt Young continued as CSM.

1954 was another quiet year with relatively few cadets to be trained, but highly creditable results were achieved. Two cadets studying extra-murally passed English I from Victoria University College, one cadet out of three candidates passed University Entrance, seven out of eleven secured School Certificate and six out of six passed trade examinations. Fifteen cadets qualified for the newly created Army Education Certificate Class II and two, Cdt L Cpls Fraser, A R and Spender, P H, were selected for RMC Duntroon.

In the sporting field the 1st XV, captained by Cdt J. Gowler, and coached by Capt Gill, won the Junior Grade of the Ruapehu Rugby Union and the 1st XI, also captained by Cdt Sowter, and coached by Lt Launder, won the Ruapehu Cricket Association Senior Competition.

The drum and bugle band which had gone into recess was revived and plans were made for the formation of a brass band.

Changes in uniform made during the year included the replacing of the old khaki pugaree by the present khaki and red and the introduction of the red lanyard. Both these innovations owed much to the interest of Lt Col W R K Morrison, DSA, Commandant Army Schools, at the time.

At the 1954 graduation parade 26 cadets marched out. The unit, however, had turned the corner and the first class achievements of 1954 were followed by greatly improved recruiting in 1955. A decision had been made during 1954 to lower the age of enlistment of cadets to 15½ years and this, together with a more active recruiting campaign, resulted in the new class—Shuttleworth—numbering exactly 100. The total roll was thus 125 and, although it finally stabilised at 108, it was above the century mark and has never dropped below again since.

Lt Williams replaced Lt Launder as Company Officer and S Sgt Millichip returned for a further term as CSM. In February Lt T I D McLennan, BA, DipEd joined the education staff, and in August Lt N L Skilton, BA was appointed as a much needed additional education instructor.

Examination results were again satisfactory. Two cadets, Cdt L Cpls Bell, K and Jones B were selected for RMC Duntroon; one passed University Entrance, nine School Certificate and fifteen various Trade Certification Examinations. For the second time in three years a candidate from the School, Cdt Sgt Russell, J F, topped New Zealand in the First Qualifying Examination for Motor Mechanics. Fifty cadets qualified for the Army Education Certificate Class II.

The 1st XV again won the local rugby competition, going through the season undefeated and the 2nd XV was successful in the Third Grade. A policy of outside games with post primary schools was established and the 1st XV played a drawn game with the New Plymouth Boys' High School 1st XV. The team also visited Woodbourne and defeated the Air Force Boy Entrants 1st XV, 9—6. With increased numbers, soccer and hockey were reintroduced although both suffered from the lack of a regular competition and had to rely on friendly games to survive. The 1st XI also won its competition for the second year in succession. Cadet Sowter once again captained both the 1st XV and the 1st XI. Cdt Cpl Foster P was the 1955 swimming champion and Cdt L Cpl Niall, P won the athletic championship. Boxing recovered some of its popularity and Cdt L Cpls Kearney, N A and Reihapa, P were selected for the Army team and won their bouts at the Inter Service Tournament. The sports peculiar to Waiouru, skiing fishing and shooting, continued to be popular and parties were organized for some or all of these in most weekends.

Outstanding military events were the march through Wellington when the unit led by the cadet



Cadet band leads the SAS Squadron marching through Wellington prior to embarking for Malaya, October, 1955.

band accompanied the SAS Squadron on its farewell parade through the city before it embarked for Malaya—the presence of eight ex-cadets in the Squadron made the occasion even more memorable—and the Guard of Honour provided for General Sir Gerald Templar, GCMG, KBE, DSO, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff designate during his visit to Waiouru.

A long standing want in the unit was filled when a cadet recreation room was opened late in 1955. It was established first in temporary premises now part of the RNZE Apprentice Wing, pending the vacating of the present building by civilian workmen in Waiouru. Wives of staff members served in the buffet each night and the School owes a real debt to Mrs. Firth, wife of the OC, who did the initial organising of this important service. The immediate popularity of the "Rec Room" was reflected in the consumption of buns which soon reached a record figure of almost 10,000 per month.

Recruiting figures showed a slight decline in 1956 and Sinclair Burgess Class numbered sixty-one. The total roll was 117. Yet another reorganization saw the combining of the RF Cadet Unit and the RF Cadet School into one entity with the title RF cadet School. Maj Firth became full time instead of part time OC and his HQ staff was increased to include an CQMS and a clerk as well as the Company Officer and the CSM. The old RF Cadet School was renamed Education Wing, and its staff along with the RNZE Apprentice Wing and staff came under Cadet HQ for administration although each still had a Chief Instructor at its head. WOII Allen became the new CSM with Cpl Slater as CQMS and L Cpl Webster as company clerk. Capt Greaves resigned from the Education Wing and two new instructors, Lt A W Nelson, BSc and Lt L G L Barbour, MA, were appointed to the Wing. In May Maj Bate was succeeded as Chief Instructor Education Wing by Maj Gill.

Sport once again featured fully in the programme. The 1st XV and the 2nd XV both won their respective rugby championships again and the 1st

XV also won the ten aside knockout trophy. Regular yearly fixtures were begun with Taumarunui High School and St. Stephen's School, Bombay, both games being lost by narrow margins. The 1st XV again visited New Plymouth and was defeated by the Boys' High School 1st XV, 3—0. Hockey benefited from the introduction of a local competition in Taihape, the 1st XI finishing runners up in the Senior Grade. Another sport which received a boost as a result of the formation of a local competition was indoor basketball. Two teams were entered in this and the "B" team won the Second Division Championship. The "A's" in the First Division found their opponents too old and experienced, but won as many games as they lost.

The scope of Education Wing was considerably expended with the opening of the new physics laboratory. Previously instruction had suffered from the lack of a good laboratory. The interior work was done by cadet apprentices in the various building and construction trades and the finished product was a credit to their instructors. Equipment was imported from overseas and enabled the Wing to give instruction in Physics up to UE level. At the same time the scope of the library was expanded by the introduction of a loan section from which cadets could borrow a selected set of fiction and non-fiction of a higher standard than was otherwise available to them. About five or six hundred books were made available by the Country Library Service and the Army Library Service and provision was made for periodic changes to keep the section up to date.

Another innovation was the introduction of the cadet blazer and tie for walking out. A navy blue double breasted blazer with the cadet monogram and a specially designed tie were approved and made available to members of the unit on purchase. Finally, 1956 saw the introduction of a school magazine for the first time. This publication, now called "The Regular Force Cadet," was designed to record the activities of the school and give each graduating cadet a souvenir of his period of service in the school.

Puttick Class, 1957, numbered eighty-five, a slight improvement on the previous year and the total roll was 138. Early in the year a number of staff changes occurred. Lt Meldrum replaced Lt Williams as Company Officer, Lt Raue, MA replaced Capt McLennan in Education Wing and Capt Treanor, a technical teacher, joined the School as Chief Instructor RNZE Apprentice Wing. Later Lt Meldrum left for Malaya and Lt McShane took his place. WOII Luckham joined the unit with the dual appointment of CSM and Bandmaster. Cpl Redwood became CQMS and finally, in November, Maj Firth severed a long connection with cadets when he relinquished command to Maj Dyson.

Trade training and education were once again the main activities of the School. Two members of the UE class passed the final examination, nine were successful in School Certificate and twenty passed various trade examinations. Outstanding in the latter group was Colour Sgt Jameson M McR who carried on a cadet tradition by topping New Zealand



in the First Qualifying Examination for Motor Mechanics. During the year also, twenty-two cadets qualified in various army courses which would assist them to qualify for stars.

In sport the 1st XV won its fourth successive championship, but the 2nd XV was defeated in the Third Grade by its old rivals Ruapehu College. The 1st XV had further successes in outside games defeating Taumarunui High School 1st XV, 12—9, Police Cadets, 6—5, and at the first fully organized Junior Inter Service Winter Tournament defeated both Air Force and Navy Boys to win the competition. It was defeated, however, in two other school games by Gisborne Boys' High 1st XV, 5—3, and St. Stephen's School, 12—3. The Soccer XI visited New Plymouth and drew with the Boys' High School, 0—0, and the Hockey XI lost to Taumarunui, 6—5. Basketball, skiing, deer stalking were other winter sports and cricket, softball, tennis, camping and fishing occupied most weekends in the summer. Cdt Laing won the swimming championship held at Taihape and Cdt Burell P J was the athletic champion. Cdt Peden became the first holder of the Thomas Trophy for the best all round cadet athletic.

The drum and bugle band was augmented in 1957 by the silver band. The long awaited instruments arrived and with the appointment of a bandmaster practices were held each evening. Finally the great day came when a full cadet brass band was able to play on Army Schools parade.

Another innovation was the founding of a Debating Club. Thanks to the enthusiasm of Lt Raue debates were held in Education Wing once a month after studies and the club soon had a keen following.

On 29 May the new Recreation Room was finally opened. This occupies one side of the cadet mess block and contains a games room and lounge and buffet, toilet facilities, a billiard room and a quiet room in which are housed the main cadet trophies and honours boards. All renovations were done by the cadet apprentices and the result is one of the best equipped buildings in Waiouru Camp—as reflected by the fact that it was chosen as the location for the luncheon given to Mr. Duncan Sandys, the British Minister for War, when he visited Waiouru. The Rec Room rapidly became a centre of cadet life. Morning and afternoon teas were served there daily and a series of highly successful socials were organized in the building. A particularly successful evening was held in November to farewell Maj and Mrs. Firth on their departure for Tauranga.

Two other events will live in the memory of 1957 cadets—the Guard of Honour at Paraparaumu and “Operation Warmup.” The former was the guard mounted on the occasion of the departure from New Zealand of the Governor General Lord Norrie. A three day visit to Wellington culminated in the parade at the airfield on 24 July as Lord Norrie finally departed for Britain. Less pleasant are the memories of “Operation Warmup,” the special invention of Lt Meldrum. Each platoon was taken by truck to a predetermined point and then, under the platoon sergeant, sent on a cross country compass march designed to bring it back to camp. As a

refined form of torture the natural hazards of the trip were added to by the atrocious weather that developed as the exercise continued.

Finally 1957 will go down as the “year of the fires” in Waiouru Camp. In April a large fire swept through the Army Schools' instruction block and destroyed the RNZASC School and the School of Army Administration. Cadets in general were not directly concerned and although training of drivers and clerks was disrupted, temporary quarters enabled courses to be resumed with a minimum of delay. Early in November another fire destroyed the MT Workshops' RNZEME School, the temporary School of Army Administration and one room of RF Cadet School. All the school buildings were threatened and had to be evacuated. Considerable damage was done by wind and rain to furniture, books and notes and as this was less than a week before the final examinations the results were serious. Strenuous efforts by staff and pupils had the School running again within two days, but the damage was reflected in a shortage of classrooms, loss of notes and books and somewhat disappointing examination results.

Graduation was once again held in December and sixty-one cadets were posted to corps.

The new entry Weir Class, like its predecessor, numbered eighty-five and the total roll for 1958 was 139. Lt I Burroughs MC was posted to the unit as Company Officer in place of Lt McShane, but was seconded for duty as Adjutant the Army Schools before taking up his appointment. Instead, first Capt Vail and later 2 Lt Hawkins acted as Company Officer. The appointments of bandmaster and CSM were separated. WOII Luckham retained the former and S Sgt McDonnell assumed the latter.

Sport once again was emphasized though results suffered from a reorganization of the training time-table of Army Schools which made it almost impossible to assemble complete teams for training. The cricket XI was entered in the Taihape competition as the Ruapehu Association had gone into recess and finished in the middle of the Senior competition—a very creditable beginning. The 1st XV won the local Junior Rugby Championship and repeated its victory in the Inter Services Junior Tournament. In its outside games it defeated Taumarunui 1st XV, but lost to Hamilton Boys High School 1st XV, St. Stephen's School and the Police Cadets. In spite of these losses it was an outstanding team, probably the best ever to represent the school as its record of 494 points for and 74 against indicate. Basketball, Soccer and Hockey teams also competed, but with only limited success.

A highlight of the year was the Guard of Honour for the opening of Parliament in June. The unit shifted to Wellington for the period before the guard, which was inspected by the new Governor General, Lord Cobham, and returned to Waiouru the following day.

As this was the tenth anniversary of the founding of the school a reunion of ex-cadets was held in Waiouru early in August. Over sixty cadets attended and a tour of inspection of the School was followed by a social evening. Sporting competitions had been arranged in most sports, but with the ex-

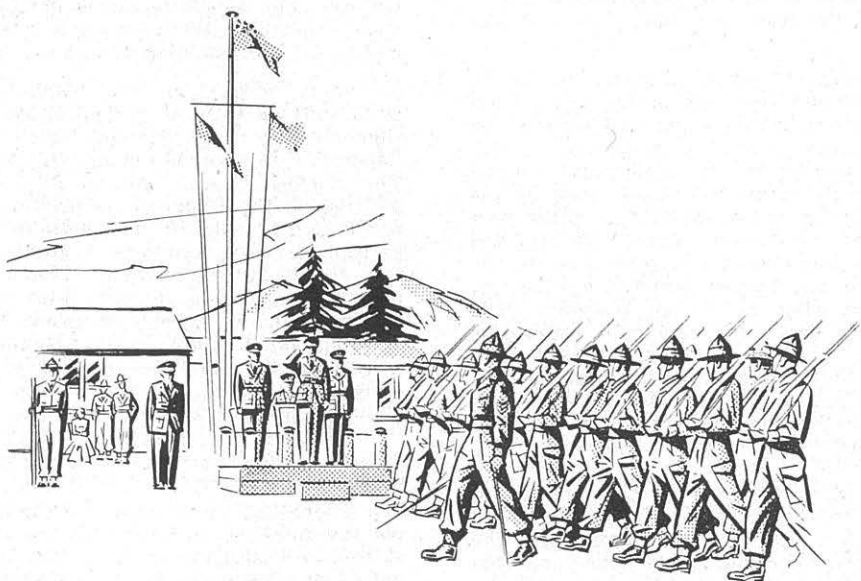


ception of basketball, the ex-cadets were unable to raise teams and these had to be cancelled.

It is fitting at this stage to summarize the achievement of the School in its first ten years of existence. Some six hundred and fifty cadets have passed through the School and the bulk of these have graduated into the Regular Force. Eighteen have won commissions, four more are at present at RMC Duntroon and one at the Officer Cadet School Portsea. Of the younger generations, one is waiting to attend Duntroon next year, one will enter Sandhurst and two will attend Portsea. Three others, at present in Malaya, have passed a ROSB for Portsea provided they perform suitably during their year overseas. This averages out at almost three for each year of the School's existence. Of this group one has won the Sword of Honour for Duntroon and two for Portsea. This sword is presented to the best all round cadet of the year at the

particular college. A large number from the earlier classes now hold the rank of Staff Sergeant and a few will soon become eligible on service for promotion to warrant rank. The number to pass the final trade certification examinations from the early classes was disappointingly small, but steps have been taken to make these examinations compulsory and the percentage finally becoming fully qualified tradesmen should increase considerably. Finally, one ex-cadet has graduated with a Master of Arts degree.

In the field of sport ex-cadets have had an equally important influence on the Army. They have qualified for blazer pockets in every sport possible and although so far no New Zealand representatives have emerged, ex-cadet Luscombe, who played in the final rugby trials prior to the selection of the 1953-54 All Blacks, deserves special mention. Several others have become provincial representatives.



# The Regular Force Cadet School—General Information

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## Object

The object of the School is to provide the Army with young fully-trained tradesmen and to train young boys to be instructors and so supplement the Regular Force other ranks who enlist at the age of 18 or more. To this end, most Cadets are accepted for service at the age of 15½ years or slightly older and graduate at the end of the year in which they turn 18.

## Entry

There is one intake each year, normally in January, and since conditions of service vary from year to year, the Press or any Army Office are the best sources of information for any young lad considering enlistment. An applicant must, however, produce his parents' or guardians' permission before entry can be gained.

## Period of Training

Cadets serve from one to three years in the School depending on age on enlistment. The first eight weeks are taken up with basic soldier training where a Cadet learns the basic rudiments of soldiering. He then goes back to school, as it were, to further his educational knowledge in a variety of subjects and so occupies the remainder of his first year.

If a Cadet is young enough to remain for his second or third year he commences his trade training. Apprentices commence their trade training immediately after basic training.

All army trades are open to Cadets, but in the main they are trained as:

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

## Promotion

A Cadet who shows leadership qualities has the opportunity for promotion to Cadet Company Sergeant-Major which, together with Cadet Sergeant, brings an increase in pay. Any promotion gained while training is relinquished on graduation.

## Clothing and Necessities

A complete outfit of clothing for winter, summer and sports wear is provided free, as are all text books, tools, etc., that are required. The School is credited with having one

of the most up-to-date laboratories in New Zealand.

## Rations and Quarters

Since the School is located in Waiouru, barracks are steam-heated and are comfortable. Ample bedding is provided, and each Cadet has the use of a wardrobe and lowboy. The ration scale is such as to provide for the needs of a growing boy. Excellent meals are provided and food is well cooked.

## Pay and Allowances

Cadets are paid fortnightly, each receiving £2 pocket-money, the balance being paid into a Post Office Savings Bank or Thrift Club account with the object of encouraging a Cadet to save. The pay scale varies from time to time according to changes of Regular Force changes of pay.

## Amenities and Sport

A recreation room, library, dances, trips to the Chateau, fishing and other amenities are provided for the Cadets' off-duty hours, and approximately five hours a week are taken up with physical and recreational training under the guidance of qualified instructors, both outside and in the gymnasium.

Cadet teams are entered in the local competitions in Rugby, cricket, softball, tennis, athletics, swimming, indoor basketball, soccer, hockey, and time for training is allowed. Expert coaches are available in organised sports.

## Religious Instruction

One hour per week is set aside for religious training in the particular denomination of the Cadet, so helping towards the highest possible moral standard required.

## Medical and Dental Services

Free medical and dental services are provided at Waiouru Camp. If necessary, Cadets requiring specialised treatment may be sent to Palmerston North or even Wellington.

## Leave

The leave entitlement for Cadets is 30 days a year, plus statutory holidays. Three free travel warrants to a Cadet's home and return are provided yearly, and the School breaks up for holiday three times a year, approximately corresponding to secondary school holidays. Cadets are given a ration allowance during their leave.

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