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## FOREWORD

by Lieutenant Colonel R. K. Rutherford,  
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1977 was a busy but very rewarding year for the Regular Force Cadet School. This journal records many of the highlights together with the achievements and successes of the many individuals who have made their contributions towards the excellent reputation of the Army's Cadets.

Whether you read every article, scan the pages for familiar names and faces, or perhaps blow the dust off the pages to settle a discussion many years hence, I hope you will recall that considerable personal effort is recorded here. For some it may have been easier than for others. Some may wish they had done more. Nevertheless the record is impressive.

I offer my congratulations to the School — Cadets and Staff — for upholding the traditions and carrying them into 1978. Those who graduated in December will, I feel sure, bring these standards with them to their units, and show that the School has indeed achieved its purpose of preparing young men for Army service.

*Cadet School Staff*



The full staff list for 1977 was:

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CSM	WO2 E. Tataurangi MBE RNZIR (vice WO2 G. Horsfall BEM RNZIR)
<b>B Coy</b>	
Coy Comd	Capt B. W. Isherwood RNZIR (vice Capt G. B. Howard RNZSigs)
CSM	(initially WO2 D. J. Mowat RNZEME)
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Sgt J. M. Morgan RNZAC,  
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(vice Sgt R. L. G. Holley  
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Sgt P. G. Johnson RNZASC,  
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Cpl R. L. Maber RNZE,  
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Cpl C. J. Filmer RNZASC

## GRADUATION 77

A large number of parents, friends and ATG staff were in attendance for the 1977 Graduation Parade which was held on the 16th December.

The day was fine and Cadet RSM M. P. Henderson led 109 cadets to the accompaniment of the New Zealand Army Band. The Parade was of a very high standard and the salute was taken by Brigadier J. R. Page CBE DSO. The graduates were presented with their Corps Berets and badges and marched off as Regular Force Soldiers.

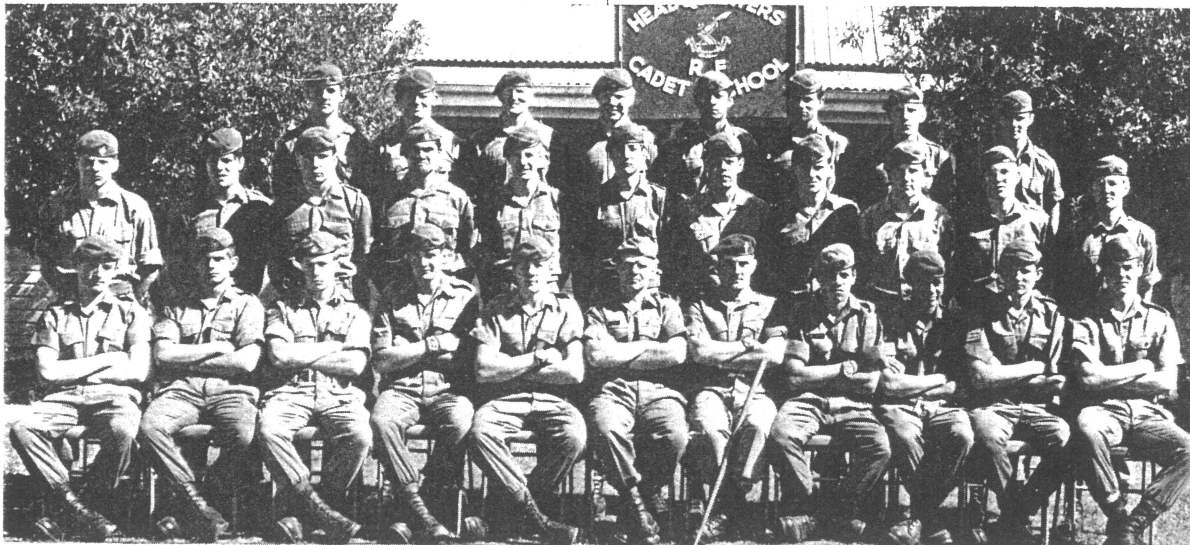
The Prizegiving ceremony was held in the Cinema and began with a Review of Cadet School's 77 year by the OC (Major Keay). Brigadier Page then reiterated the comments made by the OC about the scope of Cadet Training and its value and wished all the Cadets well in their future careers.

Mrs Cynthia Rutherford, wife of the Commandant Army Schools, then presented the prizes and this was followed by a Military static and mobile display where Cadets showed their military prowess.

Everyone then moved across to the 800 Man Mess where guests, cadets, parents and staff were able to mingle and chat informally, after which the graduate made their way home with their proud parents.

*Brigadier. J. R. Page, CBE, DSO. The class Patron inspecting the Graduation Parade. He is accompanied by the Cadet RSM M.P. Henderson, and Major Keay.*





*Cadet NCOs*

## **PRIZE LIST 1977**

### **MILITARY SECTION**

*HQ RF Cadet School Prize for Senior Cadet NCO for 1977 — Book — Cdt RSM — now —*

*Spr M. P. Henderson*

*Royal Regiment of New Zealand Artillery — Book — Gnr G. Robb*

*Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps — Owen Webster Memorial Cup and Book — Tpr D. C. McLay*

*Royal New Zealand Engineers — Hannah Cup and Tools — Spr P. G. Curran*

*Royal New Zealand Signals Corps — Noel Tinsley Memorial Trophy and Book — Sig H. J. Rangihuna*

*Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment — Cpl W. Houkamau Memorial Cup and Book — Pte P. M. Hunter*

*Royal New Zealand Ordnance Corps — Book — Pte R. W. Taylor*

*Royal New Zealand Army Service Corps — RNZASC Corps Trophy and Book — Dvr P. R. Gamble*

*Cfn G. R. Johnston recovering the Munro Cup and Book from the Mayor of Taihape, His Worship, Mr Munro.*



*Royal New Zealand Electrical and Mechanical Engineers* — Munro Cup and Book — Cfn G. R. Johnston

*Royal New Zealand Army Education Corps* — Gill Trophy and Book — Pte G. R. MacKenzie

*Best All Round Cadet on Soldier Training* — Minginui Shield and Book — Cdt E. Mei

*Best All Round First Year Cadet* — Milne and Choyce Cup — Cfn F. J. Rzoska

*The Individual Best Shot* — Cfn R. N. Bitters

## ACADEMIC SECTION

*Best Trainee on Military Education* — Ball Memorial Trophy and Book — Tpr D. J. Watson

*Most Improved Cadet at Education* — Book — Cdt P. R. Cracknell

*Top Cadet UE Class* — Gill Trophy and Book — Cdt L. J. Williams

*Top Cadet SC Class* — Gill Trophy and Book — Pte H. N. Ferris

## APPRENTICE PRIZES

### RNZE

*Most Promising First Year Carpenter Apprentice* — Watt Trophy and Tools — Spr B. K. Thompson

*Most Improved Carpenter Apprentice* — Tools — Spr H. D. V. Priest

### RNZAOC

*Most Improved Automotive Parts Apprentice* — Book — Pte B. R. J. Law

### RNZASC

*Most Efficient First Year Apprentice Chef* — Flt Lt Turnham Cup and Book — Dvr D. G. Pearce

*Most Efficient First Year Supervisory Steward* — Book — Dvr C. D. Williamson

### TOP AWARDS

*Officer Commanding Trophy and Book* — Capt D. G. Petherick Cup — Cdt CSM now Pte P. M. Hunter

*Best All Round First Year Cadet* — Milne & Choyce Cup — Cdt Sgt now Cfn F. J. Rzoska

## SPORTS SECTION

*The Champion Company at Sports* — Commandant's Shield — B Coy

*Champion Cross Country Company* — Maurice Power Cup — *Champion Rugby Company* — Rugby Shield — B Coy

*Individual Cross Country Champion* — Sharpley Trophy — Dvr P. R. Gamble

*Most Improved Rugby Player* — Tiny Hill Cup — Cdt B. N. Apaapa

*Most Improved Soccer Player* — Wrightson Cup — Cdt H. Chandra

*Outstanding Basketball Player* — Jameson Todd Cup — Cdt I. D. Bateman

*Champion Athlete* — Cdt LCpl K. J. Greenhill

*New Zealand Army Pocket for Soccer* — Cdt R. H. McPherson, Cdt LCpl C. H. MacDonald

### RF Cadet School Colours

*Rugby* Cdt RSM M. P. Henderson, Cdt B. N. Apaapa

*Soccer* Cdt LCpl C. H. MacDonald, Cdt M. J. Norris, Cdt R. H. McPherson

*Hockey* Cdt B. D. McNabb, Cdt SSgt S. T. Reilly

*Basketball* Cdt T. R. Hiroti, Cdt I. D. Bateman

## POSTINGS OF 1977 GRADUATES

R. J. ADAMS Steward RNZASC, Northern Company, Papakura.

K. I. ANSET Military Policeman RNZPro, 2/1 Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, Burnham.

B. N. APAAPA Crewman RNZAC, Queen Alexandra's (Waikato/Wellington East Coast) Squadron, Waiouru.

S. A. BAIRD Military Policeman RNZPro, 2/1 Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, Burnham.

A. M. BALL Electrician RNZEME, 1 Base Workshop, Trentham.

*Brigadier Page congratulated Dvr A. R. Michel, RNZASC on his graduation.*



C. M. BALLARD Storeman Clerk RNZAOC, Static Section, 1 Infantry Workshop, Papakura.  
 C. P. BAMBER Instructor All Arms RNZIR, 2/1 Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, Burnham.  
 I. D. BATEMAN Telegraph Operator RNZSigs, 3 Signals Squadron, Burnham.  
 S. R. BENNETT Cook RNZASC, Northern Company, Papakura.  
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 A. S. BUTLER Carpenter RNZE, RF Cadet School, Waiouru.  
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 H. CHANDRA Royal Fijian Military Forces, 1 Base Workshop, Trentham.  
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 W. A. COLLINS Vehicle Mechanic RNZEME, 1 Base Workshop, Trentham.  
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 P. R. GAMBLE Cook RNZASC, Waiouru Company, Waiouru.  
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 C. R. JOHNSTONE Cook RNZASC, Southern Company, Burnham.  
 T. P. KELLY Carpenter RNZE, RF Cadet School, Waiouru.  
 T. A. KING Field Engineer RNZE, 2 Field Squadron, Linton.  
 R. J. KNUCKEY Cook RNZASC, Waiouru Company, Waiouru.  
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 S. R. LEE Communications Technician RNZSigs, 1 Signals Squadron, Papakura.  
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 R. H. McPHERSON Cook RNZASC, Central Company, Fort Dorset.  
 S. F. MALONE, Communications Centre Operator RNZSigs, F, Headquarters Squadron, Papakura.  
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 R. P. MITCHELL Cook RNZASC, Northern Company, Papakura.  
 C. D. MORRIS Cook RNZASC, Central Company, Linton.  
 J. MUA Royal Fijian Military Forces, 1 Base Workshop, Trentham.  
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 L. J. WHITCOMBE Cook RNZASC, Northern Company, Papakura.  
 C. D. WILLIAMSON Steward RNZASC, Waiouru Company, Waiouru.  
 A. J. D. WRIGHT Electrical Serviceman RNZEME, 1 Base Workshop, Trentham.



*The Secretary of Defence, Mr Robertson, inspecting a guard of honour. He is accompanied by Cdt. C. S. M. Hunter.*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 6 Morrison Class return from leave
- 10 Page Class (new entrants) march in — total 113. Basic Training Commences
- 16-23 Senior Cadets Assist NZ Crippled Children's Society Camp Mission Bay, Lake Taupo.
- 17-19 Visit of Director Army Education — Sponsor RF Cadet School, Lt Col P. R. Raue RNZAEC.
- 28 Death occurred Sgt L. D. Hornbrook RNZIR. Military Funeral conducted by RF Cadet School.

### FEBRUARY

- 16-23 3 Platoon assist with ceremonial visit HM The Queen, Devonport. Basic continues.

### MARCH

- 4 End of Basic. March out Parade — Reviewing Officer Brig J. R. Page CBE, DSO, Class Patron.
- 7 Trade and Formal Education commence.
- 10 Barrack Guard for visit of Brig E. R. Diro, Commander Papua-New Guinea Defence Force.
- 12 Inter-Company athletics — won by B. Coy.
- 13 Church Parade.
- 17 Inter-coy softball — won by A Coy.
- 19 Visit from Taumarunui High School — (Sports).
- 28-4 Apr Adventure Training Exercise Recce, Rakaia River, Whitcombe Pass, Whitcombe River.

### APRIL

- 4 RF Cadet Method of Instruction Course commences.

8-11	Easter Leave.
20	RF Cadet Instructors Course Drill Phase commences.
25	RF Cadet School observed Anzac Day and Charter Parade at Lake Taupo. Sports v Taupo-nui-a-tua College.
26	Visit by Green Bay High School (Cultural).
<b>MAY</b>	
11	Staff v Cadets Hockey — Draw 2-2. School Regimental Formal Dinner.
14-30	May Leave Break.
31	Beginning of Second Term.
<b>JUNE</b>	
14	Visit by Major Feti, Commander Tongan Defence Force.
25	RF Cadet School Sports visit Gisborne Boys' High School at Gisborne.
29	RF Cadet Sports visit Wanganui Boys' High at Wanganui.
<b>JULY</b>	
6	Sports visit Queen Elizabeth College Palmerston North at Waiouru.
9-10	Cadet Sports visit to Police Cadet School Trentham.
11	RF Cadet Instructors Course Weapon Training Phase commences.
12	New Commandant Army Schools Lt Col R. K. Rutherford RNZE visits RF Cadet School.
24-25	Cadet School sports visit, Buller High School at Westport.
30-31	Cadet School sports visit, St Stephens College and Pukekohe High School at Auckland.
<b>AUGUST</b>	
8-12	Junior Inter-Services' Tournament at Woodbourne.
17	Sports visit from Wanganui Collegiate.
20-26	1st Adventure Training Period — Mountain Climbing, Canoeing and Tramping.
27-11 Sep	August Leave Break.
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
12	Third Term commences.
21	Staff-Cadets Rugby — won by Cadets 8-3.
26	Barrack Guard — Brig M. Kennedy, Comd Home Comd.
29-12 Oct	Exercise Western Union — soldier training, Instructors Course Field Phase.
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
14-21	Second Adventure Training period — Mountain Climbing, Canoeing.
28-30	Visit of 34 pupils (female) from Green Bay High School for Regimental weekend.
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
21-26	Ex Truppenamt, Chief of General Staff (NZ) Exercise.
26	RF Cadets provide Guard of Honour for VIPs' Minister of Defence, Hon A. McCready, MP, Chief of the General Staff (NZ) Maj Gen R. D. P. Hassett, Chief of the General Staff (UK) Gen Sir Roland Gibb, Maj Gen H. W. Scott (US Army), Maj Gen J. Whitelaw (Australia), Maj Gen P. H. Bennett (Australia).
28	Guard of Honour for visit of General Sir Roland Gibb, Chief of the General Staff (UK).
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
2-5	Military Pageant, Palmerston North. 110 Cadets participate — Guard of Honour.
10	Waiouru Desert Fair — Sponsor unit RF Cadet School.
12	Regimental Graduation/Xmas Dinner. Guest Speaker WO1 K. Malloch RNZE, RF Cadet of 1949.
14	Barrack Guards for visit of Chief of the General Staff, Maj Gen R. D. P. Hassett, visit of Commander Home Command, Brig M. Tebbutt.
16	Graduation Parade.
21	Page Class Senior Cadets proceed on leave.

## OC's REVIEW OF THE YEAR

1977 was in many ways one of the most challenging years of my career to date. I arrived in January to take up the appointment as OC knowing very little about RF Cadets, next to nothing about the aim or organisation of the School and certainly, with the odd exception, hardly knowing a soul on the RF Staff.

One of the exceptions to the latter was Sergeant 'Skin' Hornbrook and it was a very sad day indeed when he died, suddenly, as the result of a heart attack in the training area. I have been involved with several military funerals but the day we buried Sergeant Hornbrook was a particularly moving occasion, made more so by the scarlet of the Cadet berets, the precision of the Cadet firing party and the poignant notes from the Cadet piper as the casket was carried from the Gun Carriage. I felt very proud of the School that day in that it was obviously so capable of putting on such an occasion with such dignity and feeling.

Brigadier J. R. Page, CBE, DSO, the Patron, inspected his Class at the end of their basic training in early March and then watched keenly competed for events on the Confidence Course. It was a particularly hot day I recall and the patron, like those parents who watched, was impressed by the zeal and stamina evident as the various platoons strove for honours.



*The Officer Commanding Major J. D. Keay, RNZIR*

The aim of the School is 'To prepare RF Cadets for their Career in the Army' and it was with this aim in mind that the School year commenced in earnest on 7 March. For many of the senior Cadets it was a big moment as they either began their looked forward to apprenticeships or period of soldier trade training. Many of Page Class also commenced their apprentice soldier training at this time whilst the remainder started off following one of our Military Education streams.

Adventure Training (described at length elsewhere in this journal) went ahead in leaps and bounds and became a feature of 1977 with myself and the Adventure Training Officer spending many hours closeted together poring over plans and logistic details, safety instructions, demands for equipment and that sort of thing. It was well worth the effort as both staff and cadets appeared to get a lot from this very important type of extramural activity.

Another feature of the year was the issuing of 250 brand new SLR's, complete with CES, in lieu of M16's. It was interesting to see how both the arms drill and shooting markedly improved despite the weight factor and criticism that cadets were not strong enough to handle the heavier weapon.

Three regimental dinners were held during the year, plus a number of barbeques — all very successful. The Regimental Functions were a particular success, especially on one occasion when our ranks were augmented by some 50 'young nubile' from Green Bay High School. Without doubt these young women both favourably impressed the cadets and were themselves impressed by the behaviour and good nature of our young soldiers. It was an experiment worthy of repetition.

Our contribution to the laying of the foundation stone for the Army Museum was considerable. We became responsible for all the administrative support for the day including provision of both a regimental and pageant guard. I could only admire the SSM as he sought to synchronise the drill movements of the SLRs with those of the Whitworth (circa 1860) rifles. His only consolation was that he was fairly sure there was not going to be any soldier present who could say 'Well that's not how we did it in my day'.

Following on from the 'museum day' was a regimental 100 man guard for the CGS (UK) General Sir Roland Gibb, a significant parade for the School as of course Sir Roland is the senior officer in the armies of the British Commonwealth.

Again the unit was called upon to provide a guard, this time for a searchlight Military Pageant in Palmerston North. This involved practically the whole School and was commanded entirely by the Cadet NCOs. A most commendable effort.

Our sports teams acquitted themselves with distinction, establishing a highpoint for the year when winning the Junior Inter Services' Tournament. I must confess Cadet Sgt Morris staggered a large crowd at Woodbourne (including the OC) when with time up on the clock in heavy rain and mud, he slammed over a penalty from the 40 metres point clinching the rugby final by one point!

Graduation Week came around before we knew where we were and again we were blessed with a fine albeit chilly December day for the Graduation Parade.

Looking back over 1977 the particular achievement I would like to place on record was the high standard of personal behaviour exhibited by all cadets. Young soldiers will skylark, will get into mischief, will get caught out breaking the rules but when they are man enough to admit their misdemeanours and own up, discipline is not a problem. I think it very much to the credit of the RF Cadets of 1977 that it was a happy School that year with very pleasing standards of both self and group discipline. I trust they will carry this fine record with them to their adult soldiering.

*Cadet RSM Crofts, challenging the Minister of Defence, the Hon. A. McCready and the Chief of the General Staff, Maj. Gen. R.D.P. Hassett, CB, CBE, at the laying of the Army Museum Foundation stone.*

## FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH OF TAUPO CHARTER PARADE 1977

As has become traditional, the School paraded on ANZAC Day at Taupo both to mark the solemnity of the occasion and to exercise the right of the unit to march through the streets of Taupo with 'drums beating, band playing, colours flying, bayonets fixed, and swords drawn.' The latter stems from the Charter bestowed on RF Cadet School in 1970 which permits the unit to march ceremoniously through the town as an annual event.

It was a chilly day this year with a southerly blowing off the lake directly into the ranks. However, it was a tribute to their steadfastness that not one young soldier succumbed to the cold or the long periods spent at attention. On the contrary, the parade was of a particularly high standard and did much to swell the ranks of those civilian groups assembled in front of the Taupo war memorial. It was particularly pleasing to hear from the gathering of RSA servicemen, some very senior in rank, how well the unit looked both in drill and personal appearance.

## LAYING OF MUSEUM FOUNDATION STONE

Near the end of the year I was privileged to do the 'Wero' for the Minister of Defence at the Stone Laying Ceremony for the Museum. RF Cadet School did the Guard for it and half were outfitted with uniforms from the Governor Grey era while the rest wore lemon squeezers. In all the 'Wero' and Guard went off without a hitch.

Cdt Crofts  
(Cadet RSM for 1978)



## **BRIGADIER J. R. PAGE CBE DSO CLASS PATRON 1977**

Brigadier Page was educated at Southland Boys' High School and later at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst from which he graduated in 1928. After holding a number of junior Artillery appointments, he became Adjutant of the 3rd Artillery Brigade Group in 1937.

In 1940 he assumed command of 26 Battalion and took it overseas with the 3rd Echelon. He remained in command of 26 Battalion in Egypt, Greece and Libya. In 1941 he was severely wounded and forced to return to New Zealand. During his service in the Middle East, Brigadier Page was awarded the DSO and was twice Mentioned in Despatches.

From 1942 to 1947 he held various appointments on the General Staff at Army Headquarters. In May 1947 he was made Military Secretary, continuing in this post till 1950 when he took command of Northern Military District.

After becoming Commander 1 Infantry Brigade in 1951, Brigadier Page, in the following year, became Adjutant-General. In 1954 he attended a course at the Imperial Defence College in the United Kingdom. He was awarded the CBE in 1953.

On his return to New Zealand in 1956, Brigadier Page was appointed Quartermaster-General.

Brigadier Page also has a notable record as a sportsman. He was a prominent New Zealand rugby football representative from 1931 to 1935, touring Great Britain in the 1935 All Black team. This distinguished soldier is now retired living in Taupo.

## **STAFF NOTES**

1977 commenced on a very sad note for the unit when Sgt L. D. (Skin) Hornbrook died as a result of a heart attack whilst on exercise. The resultant military funeral conducted by the unit was a fitting tribute to Sgt Hornbrook's long and loyal association with the school.

Sgt Peter Mason, our RNZAOC Auto Parts Storeman instructor, completed his engagement in February and left the Army for supposedly lucrative employment on Auckland's North Shore. He was replaced by Sgt Greg Leslie who soon found his niche as a cheerful and hardworking NCO.

We next said farewell to LCpl Dan Raroa then WO2 George Horsfall, who cunningly contrived to slip away like a ship in the night, followed by Sgts Mac Douglas and Grant Holley. Having settled down to a seemingly

quiet period, SSgt Terry Archer suddenly discovered that the Posting Intention proforma does have its place as he, lucky chap, found himself posted to Singapore. The unit was however fortunate to have waiting in the wings another sapper of no mean repute in the shape (hic!) of one Sgt (now SSgt) Mike Lacey. He admirably filled the slot of Senior Trade Instructor, perpetrating not only SSgt Archer's sound professional attitude but ensuring the 'dobbers book' was kept up to date; the latter being a feature of many staff functions.

Our loyal and long serving SSM, WO1 John Knap was posted to greener pastures in August, his place being filled by WO2 David Mowat who managed to squeeze in some six weeks of being a WO1 before he too was posted right on the end of the year.

SSgt Junior Manihera finally succumbed to pressure and after some procrastination found himself posted to 2/1 RNZIR at Burnham — the home of all good infanters. He was shortly followed by Cpl 'Sid' Lomas also posted to Burnham.

New NCO faces to replace those who left have been: WO2 Eddie Tataurangi MBE as CSM A Coy, Sgts 'Hooks' Matthews and 'Jake' Jacobs to the Training Wing, SSgt Tom Riri BEM to Training NCO, Cpls Dave Ambler and John Filmer to our Q staff and for the first time ever, a female soldier in the guise of Sgt Ina Read. Sgt Read, an exiled (or perhaps even deported) Australian took up a vacancy at the Education Wing mainly to add a little couth and culture to this far flung bastion of the RNZAEC.

Probably the Education Wing saw the greatest sub-unit posting turbulence in 1977 with Capts David Brown, Arthur Young and Colin (and at some time Major) Bruton saying their farewells. Colin expressed his disappointment at not rating a mention in the New Year's Honours. He was sure that those who 'survived' two or more years in the Education Wing qualified at least for an OBE! We welcomed in their stead Maj Bill McGunnigle, Capt Jeff Woodcock and Capt Peter Nelson.

On the regimental side of the house there were also major upheavals. The OC, Maj David Keay finally assumed command vice Maj Harry Duncan in Jan 77. Lt Stuart McLachlan gave way to Lt Craig Cocker as OC A Coy, only to hand the job on to Lt John Whiting for the five months. Craig was on Ex Long Look. Capt Grant Howard handed over to Capt Bernie Isherwood as OC B Coy and even the Admin Officer changed reins. 2Lt Terry Byrne

handing over to 'yet another' gunner — Lt Roger Newth. Roger used to think the School of Artillery a busy place until he arrived at RF Cadet School. He now contends he used to lead, by comparison, a rather sedentary existence.

## FAREWELL TO MAJ H. DUNCAN RNZAEC

Maj H. Duncan, one of the longest serving unit officers finally severed his links with RF Cadet School in January 1977. He had contributed much in his years with the School both professionally as an Education Instructor and as a stalwart of the 1st XV which he coached for several consecutive years. His posting as CI Education Wing in 1974 was a fortuitous appointment as Major Duncan brought to the job considerable teaching experience and sound suggestions as to how the curriculum could be improved. He was instrumental in restructuring education training, introducing the Military Education Course and having the entry age for RF Cadets raised to 16 years 2 months.

In July 1976, with very short notice, he assumed command of the unit (vice Major J. A. Dennistoun-Wood) and took on the responsibility of guiding the staff and cadets through to graduation that year. That particular parade was a first class affair and a fitting testimonial to the energies which Major Duncan put into his 'unexpected' appointment.

After handing over to Major J. D. Keay in January he was posted to the Education Section in Linton where he continues to serve.

## EDUCATION WING NOTES

The non-commissioned officers that may not be perfectly proficient in their writing, keeping accounts, spelling etc., are expected to attend. Boys are ordered to go to school until they are dismissed by the adjutant; and it is strongly recommended to the Private Soldiers to take the earliest opportunity of going to school, as . . . those who make the greatest proficiency there will be the first for promotion. Standing Orders of the 25th Foot (1804)

1. What is your full name?
2. a. What is your Army Trade?  
b. Are you a one or a two year Cadet?
3. What are your Academic Qualifications? (School Cert, or UE)
4. What would you like to do this year? (Bear in mind your qualifications, trade, and future army career)
5. What hobby would you like to pursue here at Education Wing?

## Education Wing RF Cadet School (Questionnaire 1977)

As can be seen from the above, Cadets are no longer ordered to go to school. Some have to attend Education Wing but the choice of course is now relevant to their aspirations, career and the Army's needs. To allow this to be done effectively, the Education Wing RF Cadet School must offer meaningful courses at all levels to suit all careers — a tall order. However the Wing has settled down to a balanced fare of formal education and general education and this is being updated all the time.

### Military Education

As a result of the experience of 1976 (where the course was not overly successful) the syllabus for the General Education phase of the Military Education Course was revamped, subjects for 1977 being:

- a. TCA English (obligatory for all General Education Cadets and, where possible, Cadet apprentice tradesmen);
- b. Elementary Man Management and Leadership (EMMAL); and
- c. Modular Science.

Generally the results were fair to good although it became apparent near the end of 1977 that the Modular Science and EMMAL courses were not the success it was hoped (probably because there was no civilian qualification to be gained). In contrast the TCA English course was obviously worthwhile where some 62% passed the examination.

### Education Wing Staff



Efforts have been made to secure civilian recognition in both the modular science and supervisory management (EMMAL) fields (both these courses being Army oriented). However, the Department of Education is at present conducting a pilot scheme with 40 secondary schools and in spite of representations by the CI and DAE, is not prepared at this stage to further expand the scheme to RF Cadet School. Representations have also been made to the Vocational Training Council (via the Institute of Man Management). A decision is now awaited whilst consultations proceed between the Vocational Training Council and Defence HQ.

Obviously civilian recognition of these subjects will provide better motivation for the Cadet students who eventually take up the courses. It should be noted that the General Education subjects listed are not taught at New Zealand secondary schools.

**Formal Education**

The results from Formal Education in 1977 were quite pleasing. Of the eight who sat School Certificate, passes were gained in seven subjects, whilst in University Entrance, 10 cadets passed a total of seven subjects (plus obtaining their Sixth Form Certificate). Six Formal Education Cadets also obtained the

*The VE and School Certificate courses, with Capts. G. D. Charles and J. E. Woodcock, inside the Beehive at Parliament before meeting the Minister of Defence.*

TCA English qualification during the year.

Other courses run by the Wing during 1977 included the Petroleum Operators Course and a special TCA English Course for Signals and EME Cadets and Regular Staff.

The Ammunition Technicians Course is to be run in February 1978.

Staff Classification results for 1977 were as follows:

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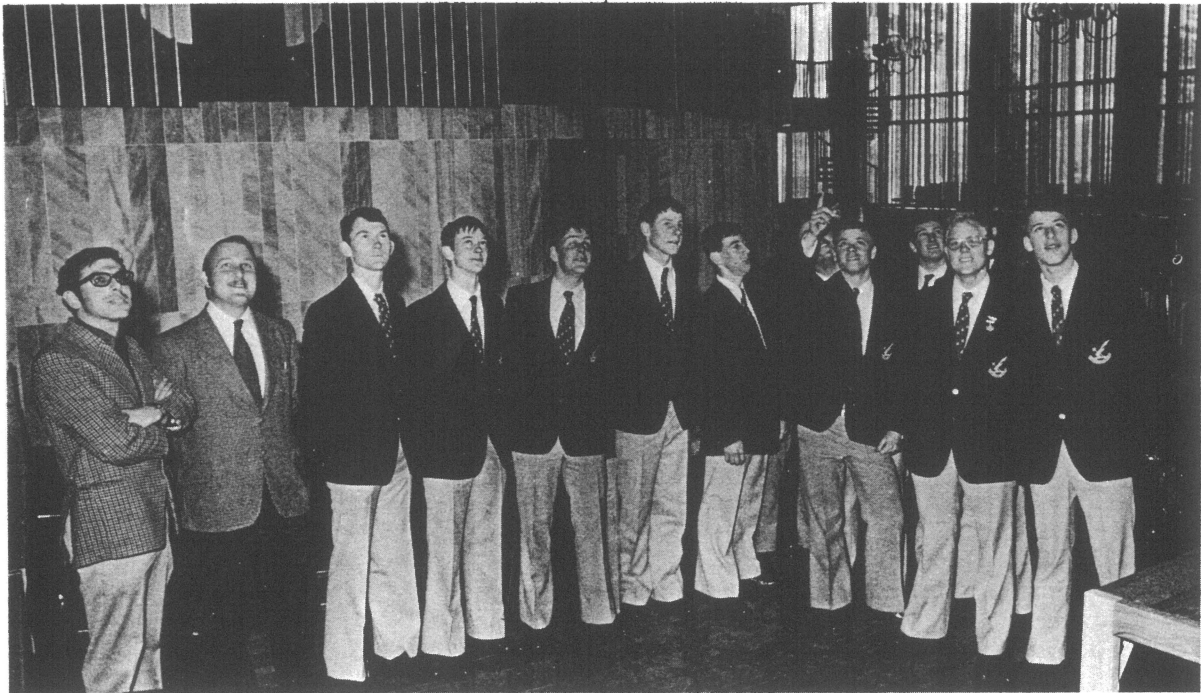
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E. A. D.				
Cartledge	Q2		Q2	
R. D. Evans			NQ	
H. N. Ferris	Q1		Q2	
T. P. Kelly			Q1	
B. R. J. Law		Q2	Q2	

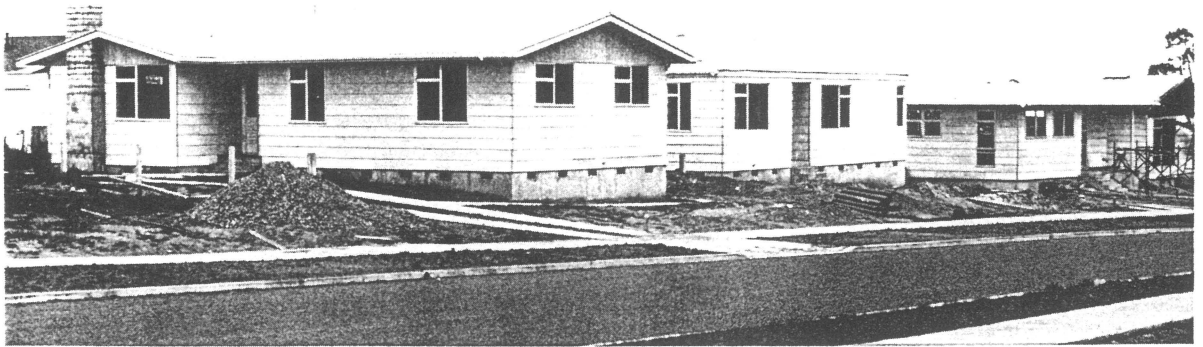
**Note:** A Q1 indicates a higher pass than Q2.

No Cadets registered for September examinations.

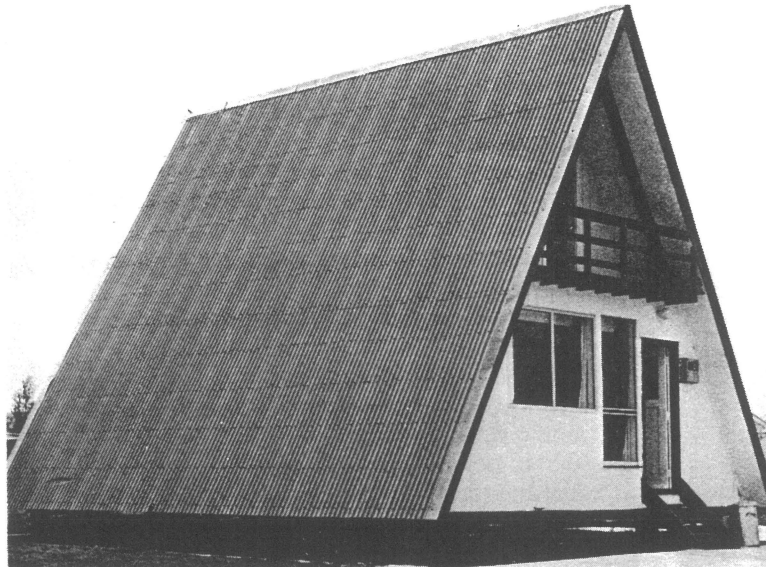
Staff changes for 1977 included the arrival of Captain Woodcock from the Army Education Section, Major McGunnigle from Kaikoura, Sergeant Read from Australia and Captain Nelson from Ruatoria, and departures included Major Bruton to RNZEME and Captain Young to the Navy.

The Chief Instructor, Education Wing, would like to express his thanks to those Staff members and Cadets who worked so hard to make a difficult 1977 year so successful.





*Houses under construction by cadets from apprentice wing.*



*A new addition to the Army Motels — an 'A' frame at Turangi built by apprentice wing cadets.*

## **RNZE APPRENTICE WING NOTES**

The Royal New Zealand Engineer Apprentice Wing is responsible for the training of carpentry, plumbing and electrical apprentices.

This year, due to no electricians or plumbers being required, only carpentry apprentices were trained. Due to the RNZE Apprentice Wing being recognised as a Technical Institute a new training system has been adopted which enables the apprentices to sit their Trade Certificate exam after two years of training. This year we had seven second year apprentices who sat their Trade Certificate exam in November and there will be another fourteen who will sit next year.

Another role of the Wing is Star Classification of carpenters from units within the army.

It has been a busy year for the Wing with a number of major tasks being undertaken. These tasks were: building three garages, building three houses, and semi-completing four other houses, and completing the 'A' frame leave centre at Turangi.

The staff of the Wing consists of three Instructors and one Storeman, one instructor short due to SSgt Terry Archer being posted to Singapore.

Present staff is: Senior Trade Instructor, SSgt Mike Lacey; Senior Instructor, Sgt Cass Hanson; Instructor, Cpl Ross Mabey; Storeman (SQMS), LCpl John Filmer.

All of the apprentice wing staff would like to thank all of the apprentices for their conscientious efforts during the past year and to wish them all the very best for their examinations and their future careers in the Army.

## **TRAINING WING: NOTES**

### **In Memoriam:**

The following poem is dedicated to D896773 Sgt L. D. Hornbrook, who died suddenly whilst instructing in advanced soldier training early in the year.

Takoto mai ra e te toa, i raro i te maru o Ruapehu.  
Ko Koe te toa rangatira, i nga ra ka huri,

A ko to wairua hei maramatanga mo nga hoia,  
o nga ra e tu mai nei  
Ko koe hoki te pou whakamarumaru mo ratau  
No rira e te toa, moe mai ra i to moengaroa;  
e moe i roto i te ariki.

#### Translation:

Rest on old soldier  
'Neath the bounds of Ruapehu  
It was you who lead by example in bygone days  
and  
It is your Spirit that is a guiding light to the  
young soldier of today  
Indeed their great sheltering roof is gone.  
Therefore  
Sleep in the never-ending sleep; rest on with  
our Lord.

#### TRAINING WING STAFF

As with previous years we have had changes  
in staff, and the introduction and application of  
new methods of instruction.

Training NCO:

(A) SSgt J. H. O. M. T. Manihera RNZIR.

Instructors:

Sgt T. Brown RNZA

(B) Sgt M. R. J. Gower RNZASC

(A) Sgt G. Holley RNZIR

Sgt P. G. Johnson RNZASC

(B) Sgt H. S. Jacobs RNZIR

(B) Sgt J. N. Morgan RNZAC

Sgt V. W. Niwa RNZA

(B) Sgt D. A. New RNZSigs

Sgt P. L. Wikaire RNZIR

(A) Sgt M. M. Douglas RNZIR

(A) Denotes posting from unit in 1977.

(B) Denotes posting to unit in 1977.

*Training Wing Staff.*



#### THE TRAINING YEAR

**Basic Recruit Training.** Training began 10 January 1977 when the new class of Cadets marched in. This was the Page Class, so named after the distinguished soldier and sportsman, Brigadier V. R. Page CBE, DSO. Basic Recruit Training concluded 4 March 1977.

This Recruit Training was conducted by Regular Force Cadet School, under the administration of A Company, and ably assisted in the detailed conduct by Training Wing.

The highlight for this training was the Cadets' participation in the Guard of Honour at the ceremonial visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, at Devonport. Sgt G. Holley had the honour of commanding 3 Platoon at this ceremony.

During this training period, the school experienced a great loss in the death of Sgt L. D. Hornbrook, who died in the field.

**Advanced Soldier Training.** Senior Cadets (Morrison Class) returned to continue their training, which commenced by their becoming assistant instructors and/or Administration NCO's with the Basic.

The remainder of Morrison class began their training with refresher courses of basic military skills, to conclude with a period of living in the field, undergoing advanced soldier training.

During this period, assistance was ably given by the Cadets to the New Zealand Crippled Children's Society, at Mission Bay, Taupo.

**Courses.** From 4 April 1977 Training Wing conducted a variety of courses for Cadets and Training Wing Staff, and this continued through to November.

**Basic All Arms Instructor Course.** For the third consecutive year, Regular Force Cadet School conducted the Basic All Arms Instructor Course, with a Reassessment Programme ending November 1977. This course was to be conducted in modules of 20-25 working days in each. However, due to changes in direction of Instructor Courses promulgated by TMS, the Basic Instructor Course was initiated during the year. The Basic Instructor Course was implemented under the auspices of TMS, and allowed the School to plan for future intentions. Of the 48 Cadets who attended the course, only four failed to qualify.

At this time, it is planned that Cadets again will have the opportunity in the latter part of the year, to attend the Basic Instructor Course, either at TMS, or as at present, in Regular Force Cadet School under the auspices of TMS.



*"Just keep coming . . ." A cadet prepares an unpleasant welcome for the enemy!*

The last module of the year was given to concentrated Field Training, which included map reading, field craft, living in the field, watermanship and survival, conducted in camp and in Minginui.

**Driving Courses.** Driver training was conducted to enable Regular Force Cadets to gain drivers' licences in Lt/Ht. This began 19 October 1977, and concluded with the testing on 4 November 1977. Of the Cadets (13) who attended, 12 passed the driving test.

**Staff Training.** Systems Approach to Training has been the talking point for some time, and under the very competent instruction of Major Oakley-Browne and the staff of TMS, further valuable insight has been gained. This included the writing of objectives, classification of objectives into domains and strategies, network analysis and design of tests.

This enables the staff to be conversant with the current modes of instruction.

Service Writing has been introduced to the staff, to assist them in carrying out their tasks as part of the Training Wing. In addition, staff attendances at star and promotion courses have been maintained.

**Sports/Recreation.** Training Wing has assisted in Sports/Recreation in the following activities:

Sgt P. L. Wikaire	1st XV Rugby
Sgt J. W. Niwa	
Sgt P. G. Johnson	2nd XV Rugby
Cpl S. Lomas	
SSgt M. D. Flattery	Cricket
Sgt T. Brown	
(Manager)	3rd XV Rugby
Sgt D. H. New	Basketball
Sgt G. Brown	

#### **Recreation/Adventure Training**

Sgt M. R. J. Gower	Mountaineering
Sgt P. L. Wikaire	
Sgt R. Matthews	
Sgt P. L. Wikaire	Canoeing
Sgt D. H. New	

**Miscellaneous Activities.** Members of the Training Wing during the year attended the following as supplementary instructors and/or coaches.

Sgt H. Jacobs	supplementary to RTD
Sgt M. R. V. Gower	
Sgt T. Brown	supplementary to TMS
Sgt P. L. Wikaire	TOD to
Sgt J. W. Niwa	RFMF Training
Sgt M. M. Douglas	School — Fiji
Sgt J. M. Morgan	
Sgt P. G. Johnson	
Sgt M. R. J. Gower	

**In Conclusion.** To the "graduates" of this year and the "seniors" of next year, the training gained whilst at Regular Force Cadet School is the foundation upon which an assured military career can be yours. The application of this knowledge, and the implementation of it in all endeavours, will assure your career in the Army.

**An Appreciation.** To the following we say thank you for your assistance during this past year:

HQ The Army Schools  
Training Methods School  
School of Infantry  
School of Signals  
Recruit Training Depot  
4 COD  
School of Army Service Corps.

Finally a special thanks must go to HQ Regular Force Cadet School.

## THE SCHOOL OF ARMOUR

The School of Armour, located in Waiouru, has the responsibility of training all members of the Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps (RNZAC) in those skills special to the armoured soldier.

RF Cadets selected to graduate into the RNZAC have the opportunity to attend courses at the School of Armour in preparation for the day they become "Black Hatters".

During 1977 eight cadets attended the RNZAC Indoctrination course. This course is designed to introduce new members of the Corps to the Corps and to enable them to take their place in a squadron as useful soldiers. The course covers the use and maintenance of communications equipment, machine guns, driving of wheeled vehicles and Corps history.

One cadet attended the M113 Drivers Course — a six week course which teaches students all aspects of tactical driving by day and night and the maintenance required to keep the vehicles in fighting condition.

The RNZAC is currently equipped with the M41 "Walker Bulldog" light tank and the M113 Armoured Personnel Carrier. The M113 is the main armoured fighting vehicle in the New Zealand Army.

This year, as Exercise TRUPPENAMT took place during the period of the indoctrination course, cadets were attached to various Squadron Headquarters with the aim of giving them experience of living in the field, command post operations, and minor tactics.

RF Cadets who underwent training at the School of Armour during 1977 and who have graduated were: A. J. Dewar, D. H. Howlett, R. J. Roberts, D. C. McLay, D. J. Watson.

Cadet D. C. McLay was awarded the Owen Webster Memorial Trophy and book for the best RNZAC graduate.

## SCHOOL OF MILITARY ENGINEERING

This year a total of three courses run by the School of Military Engineering were attended by Regular Force Cadets.

In August 3 Officers and 38 Cadets from Education Wing attended a one day course on demonstration and practical use of lever movements applicable to military bridging. The programme involved 4½ hours on the theoretical and practical aspects of Bailey bridging and two hours on general engineering.

The RF Recruits Basic Field Engineering Course in September was attended and passed

by the following cadets: Cdt Sgt Flintoft, Cdt Hopkirk, Cdt Kelly, Cdt King, Cdt Martin. This course is designed to train RNZE recruits in basic field engineering and includes such things as booby traps, demolitions and watermanship, among others.

In October Cdt Sgt Malone and Cdt Wharepapa attended and qualified on the Regular and TF Other Ranks basic plant course. This course is designed to select soldiers for employment as RNZE plant operators and involves, in part, the operation, maintenance and servicing of tracked and wheeled earthmoving machines and their ancillaries.

SME at present has nine ex-Cadets on its staff. They are as follows: WO1 Nepia (1950), SSgt Foley (1965), SSgt Huber (1968), Sgt Ross (1969), Cpl Jackson (1966), Cpl Jones (1973), LCpl White (1973), LCpl Rudolph (1974), Cpl Toia (1970).

*Cdt. Sgt Rzoska under training at Waiouru Workshops.*





*Cdt. Sgt. Kitto refitting an exhaust unit.*

## **SCHOOL OF SIGNALS**

The School of Signals is responsible for training technical and non-technical personnel of RNZ Signals, both Regular Force and Territorial Force and Regular Force Cadets. It comprises an Instructional Wing, which as the name suggests is responsible for the actual instruction of technical and non-technical tradesmen, and the Training Systems Planning Cell. The Planning Cell is responsible for producing course content, from the early stages of Job Analysis, right through to the actual production of systemised packages for inclusion in the various courses which the School of Signals conducts.

A total of eleven Regular Force Cadets attended courses of instruction at the School of Signals during 1977. Of these, Cadets Bateman, Ewens, and Sandilands attended the "new look" Basic Communicators Course, while Cadets Malone, Porter, and Rangihuna attended the One Star All Trades Course in the earlier part of the year, and the Teletypewriter Operator Course during the period May-July. In addition, Cadets Ball, Chandra, Connelly, Glasson, and Lee attended the Fundamental and Basic Electronic Technology Courses. Training in the technical trades progressed to the stage where these 5 Cadets are now capable of repairing some of the communication equipments used by the New Zealand Army.

Valuable experience was gained by most of "our" cadets during Exercise Truppenamt, the largest exercise undertaken by the New Zealand Army for many years. Experience was gained in operating techniques in the Control Headquarters Communication Centre, and in first line repair of communication equipments with the Technical Maintenance Troop.

The 1977 Training Year has been a busy one both for the staff of the School of Signals, and for those attending courses there. To those RF Cadets graduating and taking their place in RNZ Signals units throughout the country this year, the Chief Instructor and staff extend their best wishes.

## **RNZASC SCHOOL**

### **Catering Wing**

Once again the Catering Wing held the biggest attraction for Cadets undergoing training with the RNZASC. A total of 21 graduated in the Corps as Cooks or Stewards. Most of them are this year preparing to sit their first City and Guilds examination.

City and Guilds are an institute based in London that sets standards for a variety of trades including catering.

### **MT Wing**

The driving trade received a big boost this year with 19 Cadets graduating. This is the biggest number for several years.

### **School Staff**

There have been a number of staff changes in the School HQ during the past year. The CI Maj Davies was posted as DST and now a Lt Col. His replacement is an ex-Cadet, Maj McIver (Stuart Class 1961). The School SSM was replaced by another ex-Cadet WO1 Walker (Russell Class 1960).

### **Graduates**



*"A crying shame" Cadet Murphy preparing lunch.*

**Catering:** O'Riley, Strange, Williamson, Edwards, Greenhill, McPherson, Murphy, Pearce, Twist, Adams, Ferguson, Johnstone, Michel, Morris, Smith, Whitcombe, Bennet, Gamble, Knuckey, Mitchel, Grieve.

**MT Wing:** Chambers T. G., Hiroti C. T., Mei E., Morris C. D., Pearce D. G., Strange K. W., Williamson C. D., Clarke B. T., Hiroti T. R., Michel A. R., Murphy K. W., Richards G. P., Twist I. F., Dickson C. D., McPherson R. H., Mitchell R. P., O'Riley T. P., Smith N. B., Whitcombe L. J.

## SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY

The years 1976-1977 saw several ex-Cadets and Cadets pass through the School on some of the following courses:

- a. Mathematics;
- b. Gun Numbers;
- c. Driver Operators;
- d. Radar Operators; and
- e. Intelligence Operators.

Recent ex-Cadets and Cadets that have undergone instruction on some of the above courses were:

- a. Gnr Ashworth (Morrison Class) 1976.
- b. Gnr Bensemman (Thornton Class) 1975.

- c. Cdt Cpl Robb (Morrison Class) 1976.
- d. Cdt Hopkinson (Page Class) 1977.

### **Role of the School**

The School of Artillery is responsible for the training of all officers, men and intending cadets of the Royal Regiment.

It is still the practice for cadets on graduation to the Royal Regiment to be attached to the School for training. At present there are two cadets who have just completed the Driver Operators Course.

### **New Equipment and Developments**

During 1977 the School has been involved in the formulation of a Manual Fire Control System to back up the F.A.C.E. computer. The system was trialed on 26-27 November 1977 in its entirety and was found to be very successful and fast.

The HP 9825A desk computer also arrived during the year and was used extensively throughout the trials.

The M101A1 Towed Howitzer arrived in New Zealand during the year and will be issued in early 1978 to 3 Field Regiment in the South Island.

### **Ex-Cadets on School Staff**

The following ex-Cadets were on the School's staff during 1977:

- a. WOII R. Wirihana (Puttick Class) 1957.
- b. Lt&QM R. Newth (Sinclair-Burgess Class) 1956.
- c. WOII P. B. O'Connor (Parkinson Class) 1964.
- d. SSgt P. J. Duggan (Gentry Class) 1962.
- e. SSgt. K. C. Burnell (Bennett Class) 1963.
- f. Sgt G. Waters (Crump Class) 1967.

## **SCHOOL OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

During this year we lost the invaluable services of our Chief Instructor, Major F. T. Burns REME, who returned to the U.K. after his two year secondment at the school, and Major D. R. Abbott RNZEME became the new Chief Instructor on 1 August 1977.

The training year began in earnest in March when the eighteen Cadets arrived at the School and began a three week basic general engineering phase which included workshop safety and the correct use of hand tools etc. After this period, the Cadets branched out into their respective trades. Once again the emphasis was on more practical work than in previous years with the vehicle mechanic Cadets spending three months at Waiouru Workshops and the general engineering trades spending the majority of their time in the fitting

and turning sections during which time they manufactured some useful tools and equipment.

The vehicle mechanic Cadets also attended a Heavy Trade Drivers course run by staff of this School, at the end of which they sat their H.T. drivers' licence which all but one passed.

Towards the end of the training year, all cadets attended a basic welding and Junior Corps course, the latter proving popular because of the recovery phase.

All the graduating Cadets this year were posted to 1 Base Workshops, Trentham, as part of the new RNZEME policy on apprentice training.

This year's roll of Cadets and instructors is as follows:

**Vehicle Mechanics:** Bitters R. N., Collins W. A., Cunningham J. G., Johnston G. R., Lee M. S., McDowall D. K., McKinnon T. J., Northcott E. G., Rusden M. R., Rawiri D. T., Rzoska F. J., Scruton G. H., Wallis G. A., Tobin M. I.

**Instructor:** SSgt Swaney T. M.

**Fitters Turners:** Dillon R. G., Polson D. S.

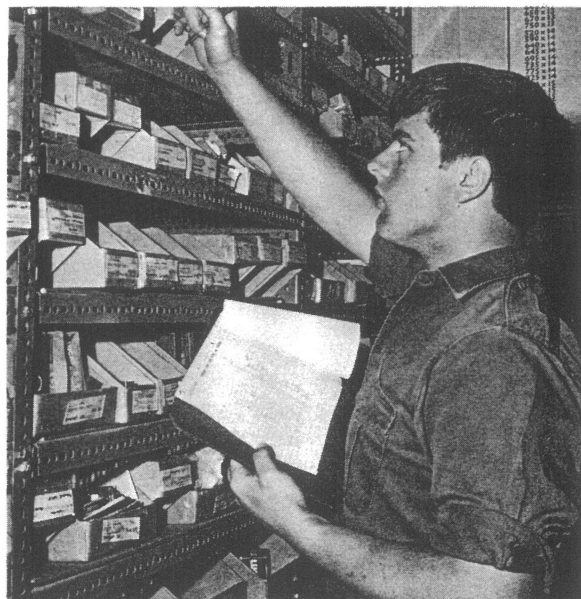
**Instructor:** SSgt Clarke C. C.

**Appliance Serviceman:** Wright A. J. D.

**Instructor:** Sgt Watson B. D.

## **RNZAOC SCHOOL**

*Cadet Murch doing a stock-check.*



During the 1977/78 year, four Regular Force Cadets chose to join the Royal New Zealand Army Ordnance Corps as Storeman/Clerks specialising in the trade of Automotive Parts and Accessories Merchandising. They attended Course 11.28 1 Star Storeman Clerk

at the RNZAOC School, Trentham Camp.

The 1 Star Storeman Clerk Course is designed to introduce and familiarise young RNZAOC soldiers with basic ordnance procedures. This includes both the clerical and warehousing side of the Corps. The Cadets who attended the 1 Star Course acquitted themselves admirably, all passing with high marks. These results show the advantages of RF Cadet trade training.

All the RNZAOC Cadets graduated and have been posted to various Workshop Stores Sections around New Zealand. There they will continue their apprenticeships, hopefully to pass the required examinations and eventually gaining Trade Certificate in Automotive Parts and Accessories Merchandising.

RF Cadets that attended the RNZAOC School in 1977 were:

Name	Trade	Posted To
Cdt C. M. Ballard	Auto Parts Apprentice	Static Section 1 Inf Wksp Stores Section
Cdt R. W. Taylor	Auto Parts Apprentice	Static Section 1 Inf Wksp Stores Section
Cdt L. D. Murch	Auto Parts Apprentice	1 Base Wksp Stores Section
Cdt B. R. J. Law	Auto Parts Apprentice	RNZAOC Stores Section Waiouru Wksp

SOMETHING I'LL NEVER FORGET

Cpl P. HOLLINGS

When I joined the army and Cadet School, I joined as a hopeful electrical apprentice, but what's happened to me in the process is an experience I'll never forget. You read books and love stories about the odd one out in different things, well I've had more than my share. There's not many of you that can say you've been caught paralytic on a fire drill parade in the middle of the night. Have you wrapped a double canoe around a log in the Wanganui River completely smashing it up? Well, as I said there's an odd one out in every world. But the most Classical story is yet to come. Have you ever almost drowned in the M113 pond out past the magazines after a run

around Three Kings? I have, don't try it, it's not funny.

ADVENTURE TRAINING

*"But who are ye in rags and rotten shoes,  
You dirty-bearded, blocking up the way?"  
"We are the pilgrims master; we shall go  
Always a little further: it may be  
Beyond that last blue mountain, barred with  
snow."*

J. E. Flecker, in "Hassan."

Adventure Training is that training of an adventurous nature which will promote and develop in the Cadet the qualities of leadership, initiative, resourcefulness, courage, stamina, delegation, planning and man-management. It is designed to supplement training and sporting activities. The training must create situations in which these qualities can be practised and therefore should include elements of real challenge and hardship for the participants. Thus Adventure Training plays a part of activities at Regular Force Cadet School.

Several exercises have been run this year: seven climbing trips to the South Island (Mainland), two trips to the Lake Waikaremoana area, two canoeing trips down the Wanganui River, and one rock-climbing exercise run for us by the NZSAS Centre at Papakura.

Descriptions of these exercises are set out below. In addition, several weekend training trips have been made to Mt Ruapehu to practise basic mountaineering skills.

ADVENTURE TRAINING — QUOTABLE QUOTES

Exploring is delightful to look forward to and back upon, but it is not comfortable at the time, unless it be of such an easy nature as not to deserve the name. Samuel Butler

The man who climbs only in good weather, starting from huts and never bivouacking, appreciates the splendour of the mountains, but not their mystery, the dark of their night, the depth of their sky about. Gaston Rebuffat

The manners of mountaineers are commonly savage, but they are rather produced by their situation than derived from their ancestors. Doctor Samuel Johnson

There is nothing, after a good guide, which tends so much to ensure a successful expedition as an early start. C. E. Mathews

In 33 years of mountaineering much of my time has been spent in trains — to and from Arthur's Pass. Contrast the old-time winter sports excursions (5/- return) which gave between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. in which to dash up Mounts Aicken, Avalanche, or even the high B'limit, as dual climbing and running exercises, and the Greymouth excursions with their cheery grog-laden bods.

Sometimes we cooked in a carriage, and the guard would be greeted with a smell of sausages or kidneys and bacon sizzling in a precariously perched frying-pan. My best effort was to use a meths cooker that got so hot it burnt an indelible round mark into the linoleum of the carriage floor. By the time he had turned up we had eaten the feed and packed up the cooker. He was mystified about the mark; the more so because I asked him if he believed in fairies.

John Pascoe

In reply to your letter of 17th October asking if Artillery horses could be made available to carry material from Cass to a hut site at the Waimakariri River, I have to state that these horses are at present fully employed, and I regret that they cannot be spared for this work.

(Signed) Rolleston  
Minister of Defence

## EXERCISE TAIPO TERROR

This Adventure Training exercise involved a tramp over the Harman Pass of the Southern Alps in August.

The first day's walk was an eleven mile one up the Waimakariri River to Carrington Hut. The following day was the longest and most tiring of all, and involved climbing up to the Pass itself, and then proceeding down the western side along the Mary Creek to the Julia Hut. The crossing was a good one, but there were some slippery slopes near the top of the Pass.

The third day was, in effect, a partial rest day, the party sleeping in until late morning before departing at about 1100 hours. The move down the Taipo River to the Seven Mile Creek Hut was less gruelling than the previous day, and the hut was reached about 1600 hours.

The last day saw the party move at a leisurely pace from Seven Mile Creek Hut to the Taipo River roadhead, from where it was uplifted by a vehicle from the Greymouth Army Area.

Participants: Capt J. E. Woodcock, Cpl R. Matthews, Cdts K. F. Anset, P. R. Cracknell, Cdt Cpl D. J. Fenton, Cdts C. C. Ferguson, M.

W. Hayward, C. T. O. Hiroti, Cdt Cpl A. R. Michel, Cdts G. F. Stevenson, A. J. Spence, Mr A. J. Olliver (Civilian guide).

## EXERCISE TAIPO TERROR II AND GROANING GRUNT

These two exercises ran concurrently, and paralleled Exercise Taipo Terror I for the most part. Both parties (a total of 18 persons) set off from Klondyke Corner on the 11-mile walk up the Waimakariri to Carrington Hut. The original plan had been for one of the groups to have a rest day in Carrington while the other moved over the Pass. This was necessary as there was no way the next hut could accommodate 18 people. However, as it looked as if the weather was going to deteriorate, it was decided that both parties would move on, one staying at the first hut (Julia), the second continuing to the New Mid Taipo. The following day the first party carried on to the Seven Mile Creek Hut and took the next day as a rest day, while the other party moved down from the New Mid Taipo. The final night saw 18 people sleeping in the six bunk Seven Mile Hut. The next day both parties moved out to the road.

The weather was quite good for most of the trip, although on the second to last day it rained heavily, making the crossing of the Seven Mile Creek a linked-arms affair.

Participants: Capt J. E. Woodcock, Sgt M. R. Gower, Lt J. Whiting, Sgt R. Matthews, Cdts S. A. Baird, W. G. Carpenter, P. A. Gamble, R. J. Knuckey, G. F. Pugh, N. B. Smith, I. F. Twist, B. N. Apaapa, S. R. Anset, A. J. Dewar, H. N. Ferris, P. M. Hunter, C. M. Kitto, L. C. Leabourne, A. J. Pope.

## EXERCISE WELCOME WESTBREW

This exercise involved a crossing of Brownings Pass from the Wilberforce to Arahura Rivers in August. For the whole four days of the exercise, the weather was brilliantly fine and cool.

The first day's walk was simply an eight-mile up-river walk to Park-Morpeth Hut in the Wilberforce. The next day was the tough one — over the Pass itself. The steep 1500' scree slope leading up to the Pass was covered in frozen snow and ice, and steps had to be cut the whole way. It took just over four hours to climb it, and some of the Cadets were a little apprehensive of the steep and slippery slopes. Ice-axes were found to be a real asset, but fortunately ropes did not have to be used.

Lake Browning was completely frozen over,

so the party walked around the edge and down into the Arahura, reaching the Harman Hut at about 5 o'clock.

The next day was another easy one — down the Arahura to the Styx Saddle, then down the Styx to Grassy Flats Huts. A good night was spent there, and an interesting conversation had with two opossum trappers who flew in by helicopter. We then walked out to the road and rendezvoused with a vehicle from Greymouth Army Area.

A pleasant day was spent at Greymouth and Hokitika, looking at the greenstone factory, the Strongman coal mine and the gold dredge. The personnel of the Greymouth Army Area went

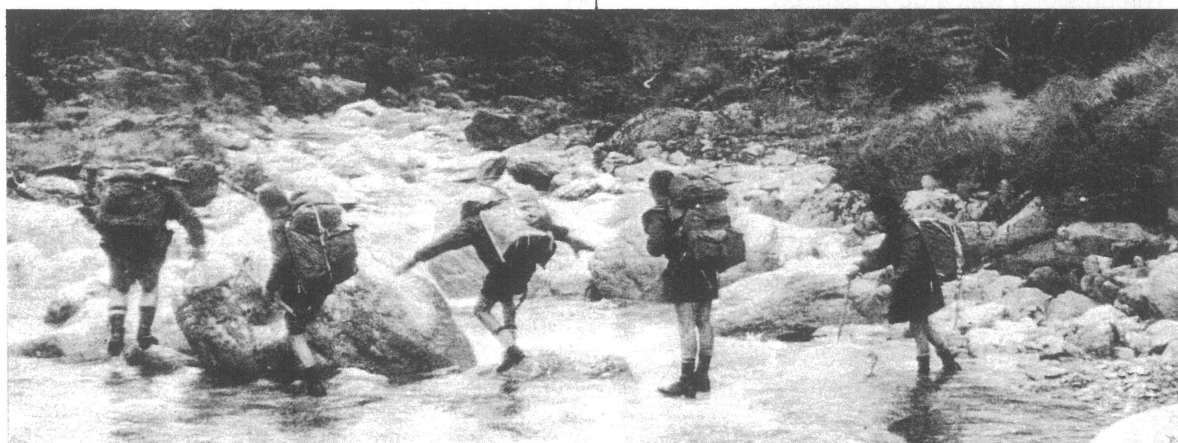
out of their way to welcome us, and we now know what West Coast hospitality is really like!

Participants: Capt Charles, Sgt Wikaire, Cdts Evans, Hiroti, Hopkirk, Johnstone, McGregor, Murch, Peretini, Shaw, Thomas.

## EXERCISE WELCOME WESTBREW II

This October exercise paralleled the August one for most of the route. Once again, the party walked in to Park-Morpeth Hut on the first day in fine weather.

The next day (again in fine weather) we set out to climb the Pass. The snow was not frozen as it had been in August, but was in fact rather



*Near Summit Browning Pass — Cadets MacDonald and Strange. Snowing at the time.*

*Moving down Arahura River to Harman Hut.*

soft, which made travel rather exhausting. By the time we reached the top of the Pass, the weather had closed in and it was starting to snow fairly heavily, with a strong wind and a lowering of temperature. After reaching the top of the Pass, we plodded around Lake Browning in knee-deep soft snow. We got down to the Harman Hut and spent the night there.

The next day we plodded off in light rain and moved down the Arahura River on the old miner's track to Mudflats Hut where we spent a comfortable night.

The next day we moved down the Arahura River to a hut by the Cesspool. This hut may well be marked as such on the map, but it was found to be full of shingle up to the eaves! The result was that we had to move to the roadhead (6 map clicks away) within an hour! We reached the spot easily in this time, and found a two-bunk hut to stay in. Somehow we all crowded into it and spent a comfortable if crowded night. The next day we moved a few miles down the road to meet our transport from Greymouth.

Once again, the West Coasters made us welcome and did everything they could for us. Then it was a case of back to Waiouru, and return to work.

Participants: Capt Charles, Sgt Leslie, Cpl Arnold, LAC Black (official photographer), Cds MacDonald, Strange, Watson, Whitcombe, Williams.

## **EXERCISE JOHN PASCOE**

Exercise John Pascoe consisted of a tramping trip from the Rakaia to the Hokitika River via the Whitcombe Pass.

The first day consisted of arriving at Burnham at 0330 hours for two hours' sleep. Breakfast followed at 0600, then we moved by truck to the Upper Rakaia River and walked 21 kilometres to a bivouac at the junction of Lauper Stream and Rakaia River.

The next day we moved up the Lauper Stream to the Whitcombe Pass 4100', which was covered in hard frozen snow, and then moved down the Whitcombe River to Neave Hut.

The next day was an easy one, down past Cave Camp to Prices Flat Hut. At Cave Camp we had a spectacular view of the dominant peak of the area, Mt Evans, 8600'.

The day after we moved down past Mathias Junction Huts down to Rapid Creek Hut, where we intended to spend the night. However, the hut was occupied by opossum trappers, skins and dog, so it was decided to press on out to the roadhead, some 5 clicks downriver. A

comfortable night was spent here, and the next morning an army vehicle from Greymouth Army Area picked us up and took us in to Greymouth.

There was just time to sample some of the traditional West Coast products and generous hospitality before moving back to Waiouru.

Participants: 2Lt Byrne, Sgt Gower, Cds Bell, Broom, Hamilton, MacKenzie, Robb, Taylor, \*Mr W. Cocker, \*Mr R. Neilson.

\*Attached to Exercise to see how the Army worked in the field on an extended exercise. Both men are members of the New Zealand Mountain Safety Council and have participated in the Youth Training Programme conducted by the New Zealand Deer Stalkers' Association.

## **ADVENTURE TRAINING WITH THE NZSAS CENTRE**

On 15 October 1977, ten RF Cadets arrived in Papakura by bus looking forward to a short attachment to the NZSAS Centre for adventure training. The training consisted of an introduction to SAS small boating, cross country movement and cliff climbing.

The venue selected for the small boating phase was Little Huia situated due west of Papakura on the Manukau Harbour. Accommodation was at the Kelston High School outdoor education camp at Huia.

After a short introduction to the Klepper Aerius canoe, the enthused Cadets clambered into the water. To their dismay they found the Klepper was more difficult to paddle than it appeared, in the demonstration that the instructors gave. However, after thirty minutes of paddling some crews were working well together. After all, a successful paddle in a Klepper depends on a co-ordinated team effort by the crew.

Due to the lack of time launching, beaching and paddling techniques were the only subjects covered. A short distance paddle, including the occasional tow for those who lagged behind, saw the boating draw to a close.

At about midday on Sunday 16 October the group divided into two parties and set out for the climbing area, a distance of about 12 miles through the lower part of the Waitakere Ranges. The intention was for both groups to link up at a halfway point that night. Unfortunately for one group, the weather closed in and they were forced back to Huia. After an early morning start and following the road, they again set out for the climbing area, finally linking up with the other group at midday.

The climbing training was carried out in association with an NZSAS Basic Climbing Course that was starting that morning. The subjects covered included;

- a. Care and maintenance of equipment
- b. Arresting a fall
- c. Belaying, roping and rappelling
- d. Team climbing.

Unfortunately, five days was not long enough to do more than just elementary climbing. However, "elementary climbing" was enough to teach the group the importance of self reliance, team work and confidence, when one is clinging to an almost sheer rock face by the fingers, knees, toes, and, sometimes, teeth.

The training went on both day and night and the group was able to experience a night roping and rappelling exercise where they all had to ascend a cliff approximately sixty feet high with the assistance of a rope and then rappell down again. If this activity could have been photographed, it would have shown some strange facial expressions.

The group left Whatipu at midday on Friday 21 October. They returned to Papakura where they only had time for a quick shower and change prior to catching the train back to Waiouru.

A worthwhile exercise for the Cadets? Only they will know.

## ADVENTURE TRAINING ON THE WANGANUI RIVER

### EXERCISE DELIVERANCE II

The following article was written by Mr J. McNeil, a journalist, who accompanied the October trip down the Wanganui River.

The Wanganui is the longest navigable river in New Zealand, the trip from Taumarunui to Wanganui City Bridge being 234 km. For most of that distance the deep green river meanders through sheer rocky ravines cut, according to Maori legend, by a retreating Mt Egmont. Egmont, known to them as Taranaki, had been courting the beautiful wife of Tongariro, and when observed by the jealous husband fled to avoid Tongariro's volcanic wrath.

For the Cadets, and the inhabitants of the slopes in past times, the river was the only way out of the deep bush clad hills. Maori tribes built pas on the cliff tops, withdrawing the vine ladders when the enemy was sighted. The Government of the day offered the hills around the river to returning World War I soldiers. Some managed to survive until the Depression drove the last of them away.

The Cadets set off down the river in two double and three single fibre-glass canoes, accompanied by two instructors from the

*Cadets C. P. Bamber & D. H. Howlett  
approaching some "white" water.*





*One of the small but fast rapids on the Wanganui River — letting the water do the work!*

Cadet School, one in a canoe, the other in a rubber rescue and provisions boat. For much of the trip, with the outboard motor out of order, it filled the latter role.

Although the Cadets had done some initial training in canoe handling, it was no surprise that the first mishap occurred early. On a bend preceding a rapid was Paul Hollings from Cambridge, awaiting rescue from a large tree stump. Behind him in the river lay half a red and white canoe. He and David Chapman from Ashburton had always avoided the obstacle but Paul, fearing he would hit his head, grabbed hold. The current did the rest, breaking the canoe in half, and washing David downstream.

Paul was retrieved from the log with most of his gear after the raft drifted past the log and was held by a rope. In an inflated life-jacket he bobbed down to the raft and was soon safe inside, his woollen long-johns, though wet, keeping him warm.

In a quick dash up the river the next day, the OC Cadet School and the ranger from the Wanganui River Scenic Board, Kerry Bramley, managed to retrieve half the canoe and the remainder of the boys' gear in his jet-boat. He also brought in two single canoes so that the wrecked Cadets could continue the journey.

The ranger was pleased that the party had been able to contact him through the Wellington Mountain Radio Service. The small portable two-way radio hired from them gave clear reception almost all the way down the river, and in addition to the rescue trip, provided a daily weather report.

Since the increase in fuel prices, there have been fewer jet-boats using the river, but last summer the ranger counted more than 2000 canoes. He stressed the necessity of travellers on the river checking in with the police at Taumarunui and at the nearest police station on the way out. It was almost impossible to walk out of most of the river areas, he said.

The Cadets were probably better provisioned than most others on the river. The advantages the rubber raft gave were fresh food, lanterns, dry clothes and bedding. Though the huts along the river are crude by the standard of some others, they were dry and comfortable, and much appreciated by the Cadets at the end of the day.

The Scenic Board, said the ranger, is considering declaring the middle stretch of the river a scenic reserve, and of abolishing the existing huts. Natural camp sites would be developed instead. Many canoeists preferred to travel this way anyway, he said.

Each day the Cadets' prowess in canoes improved. Kerry Duff from Whangarei was soon able to master his canoe, which was ideally

suited to the long slow stretches of the river, while David Howlett (Tokoroa) and Chris Bamber (Dunedin) had few difficulties after their initial swim in the cold water. Harder it was for David Chapman who was now equipped with a true white-water canoe, which took the rapids with ease but bucked and twisted in the swirl-pools. Paul Hollings soon made amends for his initial ducking, and was not sighted underwater again.

Two hazards of the river were man-made. One was the rock wall built to supply more water to the large paddle steamers that once plied the river, and must have been one of the major tourist attractions of New Zealand. When attempting the shallow rapids in canoes it is hard to imagine that even at night large vessels were winched up-stream in a service which began in 1885 and continued for 40 years. The tourists' first night out from Taumarunui was spent in a houseboat of 20 double bed-rooms, a large dining room, smoking lounge, bathrooms, and electric light. It was built on a barge and floated downstream to Kirikau and later Retaruke. It was destroyed by a fire in 1934. The second night was at Pipiriki House, a fine hotel, which was built in 1898 and burnt out in 1909. The second building was destroyed by fire in 1959.

At the height of the tourist season there were 12 steamers on the river, the largest carrying 400 passengers, the smallest "Waireka" carrying 40. The "Waireka" still plies the river between Wanganui and Hipango Park.

The second hazard is pollution. The fine handbook on the river published by the New Zealand Canoe Association warns that it is severely polluted, by natural chemicals from tributary rivers flowing through the volcanic regions around the river, and from town sewage. Drinking the water or taking it in when capsized can result in severe dysentery, the association warns.

The Cadets were fortunate. No such misfortune came their way, and they were able to sing their way down the long slow stretches. They re-grouped later to tell of the near-misses over the rapids, of the numerous goats, birds and occasional signs of civilisation. Lunch was taken on the sandy beaches and the boys were usually off the river by five, cooking up feasts from their new-look ration packs.

The river saved its best till last. The final day's trip to Pipiriki was a long hard haul, but the rapids at the last stage were well discussed. Fun they were, fast shallow water and a large boulder with pressure waves one metre high to engulf the unwary. All Cadets

made it in time to see the provision ship almost lost on that last stage.

Out of the water for the last brew-up the boys watched torrential rain dampen the comfort of jet-boaters taking advantage of a long weekend to make the same trip in hours.

They had developed their self-confidence, bonded their friendships and learned more about the real New Zealand — all by courtesy of the Army adventure training.

Participants: Capt B. W. R. Isherwood, Sgt P. L. Wikaire, Cdts Duff, Bamber, Hollings Chapman, Howlett, Mr J. McNeil.

## **ADVENTURE TRAINING 1977 BROWNING'S PASS**

By Cdt Sgt McGREGOR A. R.

Adventure Training plays a part in Cadet School activities, and is in most cases looked forward to by all.

The Brownings Pass last year I found to be one of the highlights of my training. Setting off in the back of an RL truck on a crisp August morning not knowing exactly what was in store for you over the next six days, despite several briefings.

We bounced up the Wilferforce River bed for hours sometimes moving slower than walking speed and were all in a way pleased to get started on the walk to Park-Morpeth Hut, our first night's shelter. It was a fine day and shortly after de-busing we were met with the view of the pass many miles up-stream. The hut was reached in late afternoon after boulder hopping most of the way up the river at a steady pace. The huts aren't five star motels by a long stretch but no one complained and the evening meal was cooked while resting the weary bones. An early night was enjoyed by all after a short joke session and the nightly radio "sked" with the Canterbury Mountaineering Club.

An early start the next morning after a hot breakfast, we set off for the base of the pass, some one mile up-stream. Looking up at the pass towering for what seemed thousands of feet brought some shady looks from members of the group and some very graphical comments. As we could not wish for better weather the decision was made to cross over today so we set off up the zig-zag at a moderate pace to the base of the snowline. The zig-zag was an old road constructed by miners as a way from Canterbury to the West Coast.

A ten-minute rest at the base of the snowline was looked forward to as the weight of the packs seemed to double.

For the next four hours we were standing,

taking turns at cutting steps through the frozen snow and moving at what seemed a snail's pace. By this stage everyone was getting tired and once again the odd graphic comment would echo around the surrounding hills. For all the highlight of the trip was reaching the summit, looking down onto the West Coast and Canterbury Plains gave all a sense of achievement. After lunch of chocolate and raisins we moved off to the next hut by now most feeling the aches of the day's activities. Again after a large evening meal bed was a welcome sight and a good night's sleep was enjoyed.

Monday morning we set out to Grassy Flats Hut once again in fine weather. The trip over Styx Saddle was made at a leisurely pace and the hut was reached in mid afternoon. The next morning we were greeted by two opossum trappers who talked for a while and made the mistake of putting down their radio, as one member of our group mistook it for ours and packed it away. (On discovery in Greymouth he was victim of much rhubarbing from the rest of the group.)

Tuesday, the long walk out to the road where after a bit of hassle a vehicle met us and took us to Greymouth where two days of relaxing was enjoyed prior to proceeding on leave.

Despite some hard work the trip was enjoyed by all members and proved a worthy way of spending six days in the South Island.

## ADVENTURE TRAINING

Last year as a first year Cadet I went Adventure Training with 14 other Cadets to the Ureweras on a tramping expedition. We left Waiouru at midday on 2 RLs. By this time we were down to 13 strong (unlucky for some). After a long trip up and getting lost in the pine forest between Taupo and Murupara, we stopped for the night at a little spot in the bush. We thought it was neat because we had huts and no one else was about, but by bed time the place was full of trampers and hunters (nice women too).

The next morning we set off in the trucks for the run up the road to the drop-off point. We went up the road. And hello, there's a ruddy great tree down on the road. So it was walk from there. The 12 click walk was now an 18 click walk in the rain. But off we went quite happy. Soon the road gave way to a track and the track to a river. So knee to waist deep in water we went on singing cheerful songs like "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" and "If I Ever Get Out Of Here".

Well when we got to checkpoint one it was

just on dark and we found that our hut was full of hunters, so we slept out and I will add it was still raining.

Next morning we set off at 7.30 with me the great white hunter in front. We made this leg of the trip quite easily and quickly but wet and tired we stopped for lunch. We then set off for our night stop, but alas we never made it. We lost the track or so we thought and after several hours of going up escarpments and down to the river again we stayed in the river. At times tricky crossings were made but we managed. Our packs had gained in weight with all the water and we stopped for the second night on a sandy bank by the side of the river.

By morning we were running out of sandy bank and the river was still rising. We set off with slightly dampened spirits as it was still raining. We found the checkpoint by lunch time and had lunch there and set off on the next leg. The track had been a small side stream which was now a river of sorts but we got to the night's stopping point without one mishap. Dave Clark lost the sole of his boot (good old army equipment). The spot was on the side of a lower slope of a hill that rose up 3250 ft. This we would climb the next day.

We set up camp. Lt Howard was in his tent, Fanny, Chuck, Roberts and myself in hammocks and the rest in Hutcheyes (half shelters). We set up the mountain radio and found to our great pleasure it would be raining for the next three days. This was to be a night of sheer hell. First two hammocks went and the fellows moved into hutcheyes. During the night the others went except mine and so did the mountain radio. One fellow got minor exposure and we had to put him in a hutchey. Myself and Butts got a minor dose of sore guts and Chunky had the flu so after a sleepless night we set off for the top. I counted 12 false crests to that hill and each one took a little more out of the group. When we reached the top Lt Howard appraised the situation and decided he and two others and the sickies would stop and the others go on to the huts at Lake Waikaremoana. The next day they would come back and help with our packs. After 14 hours' sleep we all felt pretty good the next morning and we set off to meet the other group.

We stopped for lunch by a river which had been knee-high the day before and was now chest-high and running fast and dangerous. We crossed safely and proceeded quickly up a hill to keep warm. Halfway up we reached a search and rescue team and more were behind them, yes it was a full scale Rescue Operation. We made it to the boats on the river and were

taken across the lake to a camping ground, given huts, towels, showers and they opened the shop to let us buy anything we wanted. I wanted smokes because I was sick of smoking tea leaves wrapped in ration pack toilet paper. The next day we left for Rotorua and then on leave. Not really fun Adventure Training, but exciting and full of experiences.

Well that's all and I hope the Cadets keep doing Adventure Training.

R. G. FISHER

## **ADVENTURE TRAINING 1977**

A. F. BROOM

The Whitcombe Pass trip was a thrilling and new experience for a North Islander who had only been as far as Christchurch. We left Burnham at approximately 0730 hours and arrived at the farm house at about 0945 hours. We stopped briefly to discuss the rest of the journey up the right hand bank of the great Rakaia River. We mounted the truck and headed off up the Rakaia. The truck took us as far as possible, but the rocks were starting to get a bit large for the truck to handle. We dismounted and started boulder hopping. The first stop we had was at lunch time which was at about 1330. We needed water for our ration packs but there was absolutely no water in this great river I had heard so much about. The first night was spent at the Bivi. We broke camp at 0615 and headed up the Lauper Stream. The trip through the pass was magnificent; the pass was hard with ice and snow and a plastic ground sheet made a good sledge. We had lunch just down through the pass beside the Whitcombe Stream. The rest of the trip was the most exciting climbing over boulders and scrambling over rock slides. The Whitcombe River grew every step of our trip down the river and then we were told that this little stream converted the Whitcombe river into the Hokitika River, but the Hokitika River will always be known to me as the Whitcombe River.

## **GOAT SHOOTING**

This year a number of goat shooting trips took toll of about 400 goats in the Raetihi area. This figure is down on last year's, but not surprisingly, as the goats are becoming a little wary and numbers are diminishing.

It is believed that goat shooting, although not a profitable sport, is a good one, as it improves fitness (the goats like steep hills), and develops many important shooting and hunting skills.

Staff members also took Cadets deerstalking, rabbit shooting and duck shooting as well as goat shooting.

## **MY ARRIVAL**

Well, after a long trip down from up North, to this place that I'd missed when I'd blinked a few years ago, the bus pulled up outside the three storey building called Terendak Barracks. Well I got off and grabbed my bag, and we were formed up into a big blob. I looked up at the 1st, 2nd and 3rd floor balconies only to find bulk of these big blokes called seniors glaring back down at me. Then someone started calling our names out in alphabetical order. As each one was called, they were clutched up and led inside. I was one of the last so I had plenty of time to wonder just what I'd got myself into and I still wonder sometimes. Well after a while I was clutched up and led up to the 3rd Floor and into room 39. The bloke with me pointed to a bed and a bed roll and told me to make my bed. This I did then I lay down and had a think about the fact that this was to be my home for the next two years. Well I've been here almost 20 months now, I've had some good times and some bad and I've learnt something. Roll on Graduation. (LCpl TIMPERLEY) TINK

## **BIRD WATCHING by "Parky"**

The time is about 1015 on a week night. At this time us jokers on the top floor should be getting ready for bed, but if somebody should go through the floor they would find most rooms deserted.

The south end ablutions were much the same as all the ablutions except that they offered a much better view of the middle and top floor rooms of Faenza Barracks.

In those rooms in Faenza Barracks, the girls would be taking a shower or getting changed to go to bed. Many a tense moment was spent in the ablutions, the windows opened about 4" and untold eyes peering into rooms which had the curtains opened, but alas most of the time the curtains were pulled at the last article of clothing and many a curse was uttered or yelled.

So another night of bird watching was over but every now and then pink flesh was seen, but most of the time the boys went to bed frustrated hoping for a better night the next night. See you all around in the future.

## **THE LIFE OF AN ACCIDENT PRONE CADET**

by CDT CPL JOHNSTON

The first accident I had as a Cadet was a week before Easter 1977. We (the soccer team) had gone to Eltham in Taranaki to attempt an annihilation of their soccer team. Personally I

thought it was a waste of time but we went on regardless. It was during the second half that I decided to take on this bulking great cow-cockey — bad mistake. At one stage there I could have fitted an RL between by thigh bone and my shin bone. Naturally this little experience caused considerable pain to me somewhere around the knee region so of course being a Cadet I expressed my opinion of the whole sordid affair in typical Cadet fashion. I'm only glad there were no priests around, only a handful of cow-cockies who act completely dumb unless you're talking about bloat or grass staggers.

Then after I had healed up after that little mishap I thought I'd play another game. This time it was Police Cadets. Again a bad mistake. In ten minutes I was flat on my back with a torn knee. This time our coach just left me there grovelling among the grass grubs and worms. This earned me a week in hospital and two months on light duties (LD).

The third time was at Minginui, a tiny township out Murupara way. We had just arrived for our field phase for the Instructors Course. The same night I decided to tackle Dave Fenton when he went into our tent. Only thing was he didn't like it so he threw me backside over turkey and presto torn knee again. For this I got three days at home and a further stretch on LDs.

The fourth time was in the Rangataua Forest during Advanced Soldier Training and I hope it's the last time. I really don't think the Army likes to pay for operations in private hospitals, so the moral of this story is:

"If you want to bludge your way through Cadets dislocate a knee a few times and you've got it made."

## **DESERT FAIR 1977**

The 1977 Desert Fair was sponsored by RF Cadet School.

It proved to be one of the largest Desert Fairs so far held, and attracted 5,000 or so people to Helwan Camp for a variety of free entertainment and displays, coupled with the usual stalls and fairground activity.

The elements were most unkind and the Fair was postponed from Saturday 10th December (which dawned wet, windy and cold) to Sunday 11th December.

As a result, the Cadets were called upon to work both days and did a fine job on the Saturday, holding down tents and looking after the complete security of the site under atrocious conditions. The Sunday was not much better but at least the rain held off for the

whole day. Once again the cadets performed admirably. In fact, without their efforts the Fair would not have approached the committee's expectations. The Cadets received \$50 for their Cadet Fund from the Desert Fair Committee in appreciation for a job well done. In addition, the Cadets chose a Desert Queen — Miss Nicola Matthews — who came 3rd in the Desert Fair Desert Queen contest. As well as taking 3rd prize, a total of \$380 was paid to the Cadet Fund from the centralised disbursement of monies — clubs, charities and voluntary organisations all benefited from the Fair and the Army Memorial Museum is to receive a \$1500 donation from the Fair Committee.

The Desert Fair Committee would like to thank the Cadets and Cadet School for the magnificent job done by them to ensure an enjoyable and profitable Desert Fair Day.

## **VISIT OF GREEN BAY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS**

After a series of problems the visit of the Green Bay High School girls was finally approved. The main problems were: the distance, the cost and the fact that Cadet School would need to look after the girls in the manner to which they were accustomed. However, these problems were overcome in typical Army fashion and transport and accommodation were provided at no cost to the girls. Thus on Friday 28 October 30 girls and four staff members arrived by bus from Auckland and commenced to grace Waiouru with their presence for the next two days.

The following day, Saturday, saw the girls getting the feel of the Army. They were shown Waiouru Workshops, School of Artillery, QA Squadron and some of the messes. After their rides in APCs and tanks the girls were given rifle shooting practice, closely coached by Cadets.

That evening the girls were treated to a regimental dining-in in the Cadet mess. The dinner was run along strictly formal lines: staff in mess kit or Service Dress, Cadets in Number One Civilian Dress, and the ladies in long gowns. After the dinner, which lasted about two hours, the girls were invited to a disco completely organised by Cadets. The disco included a male fashion parade and a creditable imitation of a disc jockey by a Cadet.

On Sunday morning the ladies left for Auckland and home with probably a new understanding of the Army and even, in some cases possibly, a new boyfriend.



*Cadet Prosser and friend at the Regimental Dinning-In.*

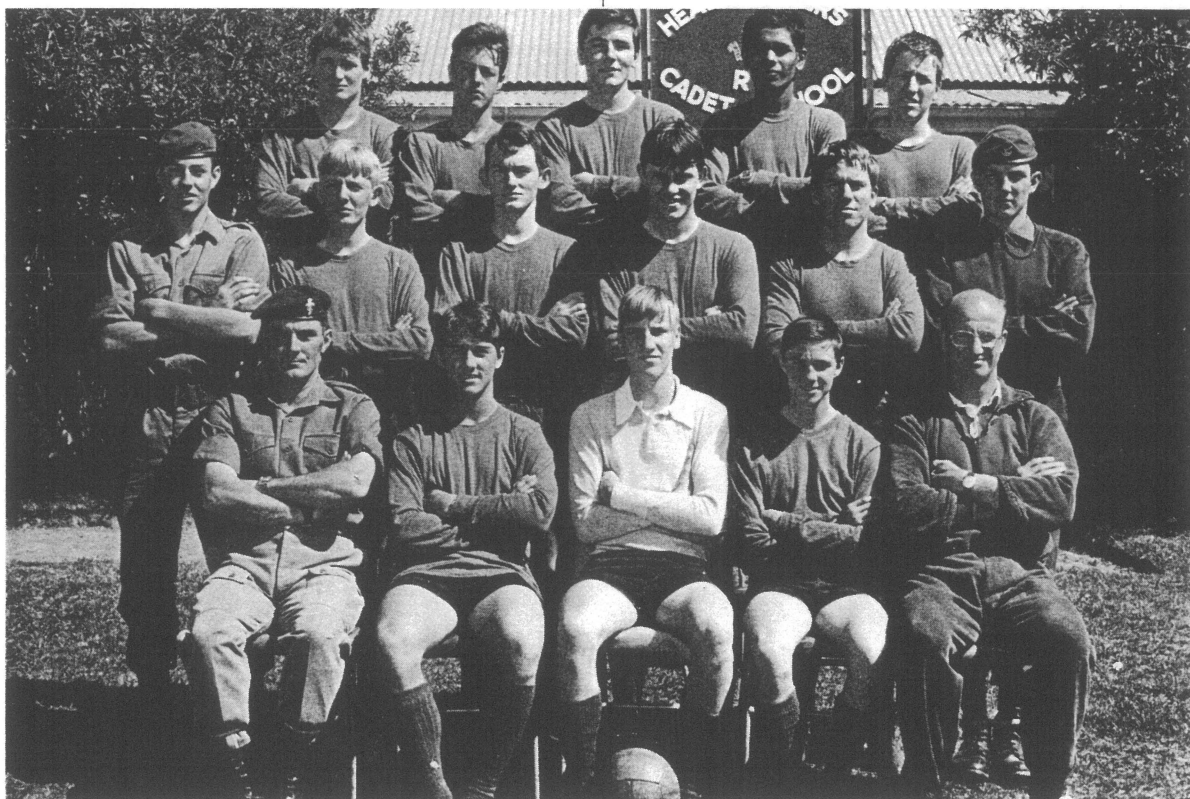
*Cadet McLay adjusting a radio headset on one of the Green Bay High School girls.*





*Cadet O'Riley explaining the safety precautions of the M16 rifle to a Green Bay pupil before she fired it.*

*Cadet School Soccer XI*



## SOCCER

The team had a busy season with mixed success. One of the problems was the small number in the squad. Martin suffered a bad knee injury early in the season. His halfback skills were very much missed. What success the team did have was due mainly to the team effort rather than individual skill, although Carpenter on his day is one of the best ball players in Army soccer. In many games the Cadets were giving away age, height and weight. This showed up in the game at Trentham against the Police Cadets. The Police were given a hard game and did not get on top until late in the second half, to win 3-1. This was a game in which Johnston aggravated a knee injury which had been troubling him all season.

MacDonald and McPherson are to be congratulated on making the Army team. These two, plus Norris, Watson and Richards represented ATG in the Inter-Regional Tournament. Unlucky not to make the ATG team were Collins and Carpenter. Chandra was perhaps the most improved player. Hollings made up for any lack of skill by giving his best all the time. Bell, Neels, Thomas and Kelly were other regulars who performed well. Mention too must be made of Peter Newth, the son of Lt Newth. Peter is not a Cadet but helped out on several occasions and was a distinct asset with his powerful tackling and

good ball distribution.

### Results

#### Won

Taupo 6-1; Raetihi 5-4; Taihape 5-3; Taumarunui High School 3-0; ATG 1-0; Queen Elizabeth College 4-1; Wairoa College 6-1; Buller High School 4-0; Wanganui Collegiate 3-0; Tongariro High School 5-1; Eltham 2-0.

#### Lost

Eltham 5-0; Kelston 3-1; Taupo College 4-0 and 3-2; Turangi Wanderers 6-1; Gisborne Boys' High 2-1; Wanganui Boys' College 7-1; Police Cadets 3-1; Airman Cadets 3-0; Taihape 4-1.

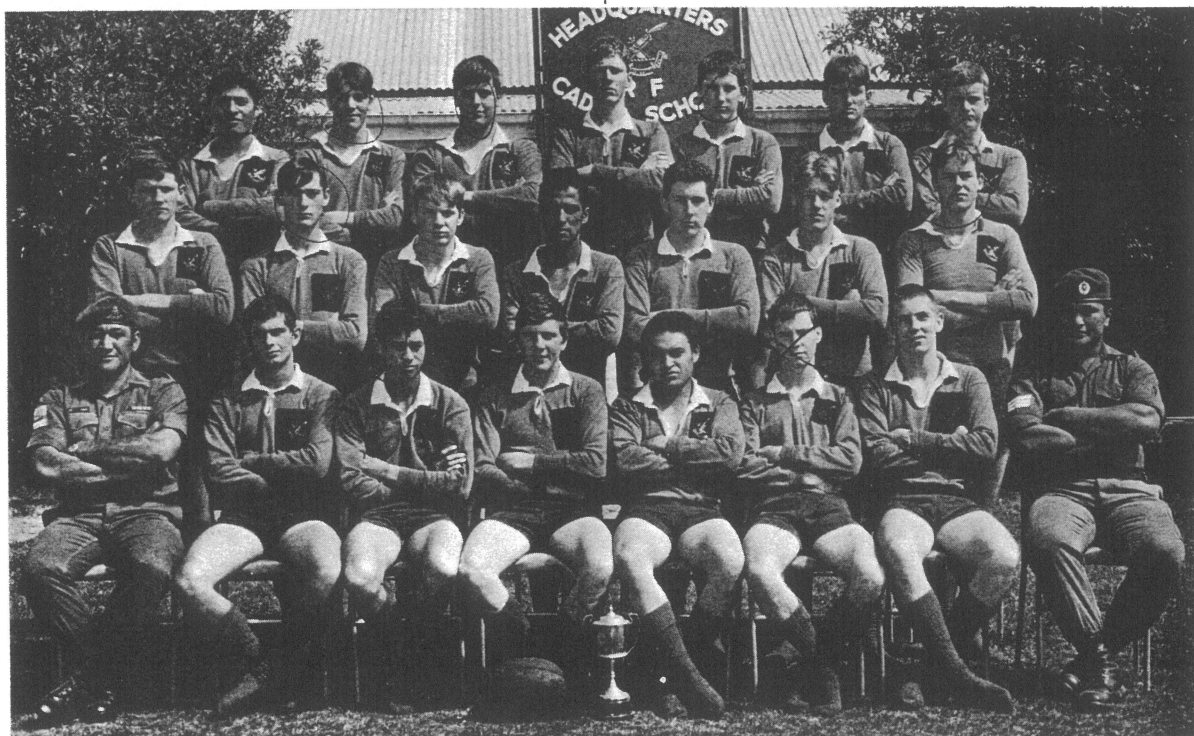
Played 21. Won 11. Lost 10. Goals: For 51, Against 50.

### FIRST FIFTEEN

In spite of a few problems at the commencement of the season, we recovered any lost ground, and with a bit of fire and flair from Sgt Niwa, Sgt Wharewera and Sgt Wikaire, the team gradually started to take form, as far as team spirit and combination were concerned.

At the beginning, the Captain was Cdt Russ Taylor. He withdrew from that position in the early stages of the season, and was replaced by Cdt RSM Henderson, who performed extremely well, both as a captain and as a player.

#### *Cadet School First XV*



Our first game was against Taupo. This proved an upsetting game as far as our team was concerned.

The game against Taumarunui High School was played in high spirits, with a win to us. Gisborne High School proved to be superior all round, with their speedy backs and dominating forwards who, throughout the entire game, proved too exhausting for our team. Wanganui High School had us bringing in our 2nd XV players, to replace those injured.

Queen Elizabeth from Palmerston North gave us our second win, but only after a determined struggle on our part. In the dying minutes of the game, we saw Cdt Bill Apaapa score two tries, one of which was not allowed.

When we played the Police Cadets from Trentham, it seemed that both teams had a bad Sunday morning game. However, the trip south when we played Buller High School on the West Coast proved most enjoyable, with a lot of our lads getting into the swing of things.

We arranged to play St Stephens (Auckland) 2nd XV instead of the 1st XV. We were evenly matched, but they proved to be too good on their muddy home field at Bombay Hill.

At Junior Inter-Services, the tension in the final was on Air Force vs Army. The ground was wet and muddy with the Air Force supporters trying to demoralise our team. Throughout the game, the pressure was applied by both teams, producing very entertaining rugby. In the last five minutes, Air Force sneaked in for a try, which put us down two points. In the dying second, we were rewarded with a penalty kick 40 metres out, in a very difficult kicking position. Morris placed the ball to take a round the corner kick at goal, which, to the team's delight, sailed in between the posts, clinching the Junior Inter-Services for us.

#### **Nominal roll of the 1977 1st XV:**

Henderson (RSM), Apaapa (Bill), Taylor (Maori Track), Robb (Nobb), Flintoft (Digger), Polson (Pols), Danby (Motor Mouth), Rowlandson (Rowley), Murch (Fat Boy), M. S. Lee (EME Schools), Wallace (Wally), Michel (Slow), Pope (Popie), Greenhill (Greeny), Chalmers (Marlborough), Morris (Morri), S. Lee (Pretty Boy), Clarke (B.T.), Peretini (Perri), Rangihuna (Junior), Mei (Wairoa Kid), Rzoska (Dizzy Spells).

## **SECOND RUGBY XV**

The start of the season gave us a chance to select three rugby teams (1st XV, 2nd XV and 3rd XV), in a series of games to pick the stronger players and fit them into their

respective teams. After a slow start we managed to swing into action with a game against the 3rd XV defeating them by 54 to nil. We had our ups and downs from 20th April 1977 to 13th August 1977, but always had a keen bunch of players at each game. The two most promising players of the season were Cdts Chapman and Rawiri who received the School colours for their effort.

The following are comments from one or two of the games.

#### **Taihape College v 2nd XV, 11 June 1977:**

Opposition much smaller, very untidy first half, settled down in second half. Good game by Hopkinson (3 tries), good kicking by Raro, reserves were Ball and Hunter. Won 27-3.

#### **Taupo College v. 2nd XV, 15 June 1977:**

With a 38 to nil defeat last time we were determined to get revenge and so we did with the performance of players like Chapman and Fenton who stood out. All players got a game and the scorers were Chapman, McKinnon and Hopkirk, with two conversions by Raro. We won 16 to 8.

#### **Ruapehu College v. 2nd XV, 19 June 1977:**

With a couple of 3rd XV players to make up our team we faced a rather small opposition team, so the Cadets treated the game as a joke, but the joke was on them as the opposition gained the first points. A good chance for our team to put into practice various moves but this was not done. Coach not happy with team. Won 62-7.

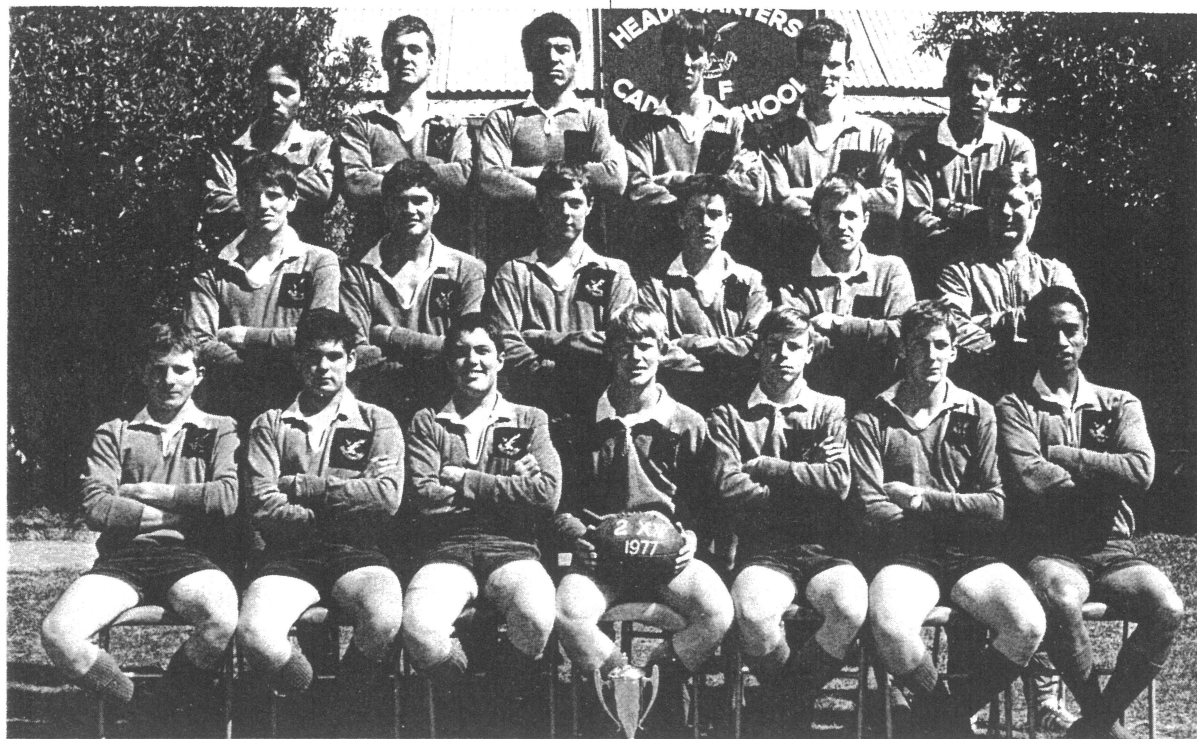
#### **Gisborne High v. 2nd XV, 26 June 1977:**

With a score by Hopkinson in the first ten minutes I thought the team was away to a win but because of bad tackling and ball handling the opposition shot away to a blinding 53-7 win. Good play by Chudleigh at fullback and tackling by D. G. Clarke (on his home ground) showed that we were not giving up.

#### **Taihape College v. 2nd XV, 2 July 1977:**

The college team looked much better this week and because Northcott and Rusden did not show, Danby came in as hooker and Hopkirk as prop. The game went well but forward moves did not work when a penalty chance was lost in front of the posts. McKenzie and Rawiri showed promise during their first side stepping moves of the season. Well done 2nd XV, winning 32-3.

**St Patrick's College, Silverstream, v. 2nd XV:** A last minute arrangement by the Cdt RSM and the OC. We came upon a larger opposition forward pack, but our forwards worked very well by holding off the opposition for most of the first half. The second half found our backing up beginning to fade and the



*Cadet School Second XV*

opposition gained the overlaps and scored. We lost 20 to nil.

Because we did not have a lot of games planned throughout the season we were included in the later round of the local competition and were fortunate enough to win the trophy in the 5th Grade. Congratulations, team! The players at the beginning of the season were: Cadets Hopkinson, McKinnon, Rusden, Chapman, Knuckey, Elston, Northcott, Anset, D. G. Clarke, McKenzie, Rawiri, Evans, Fenton, Tobin, Stevenson, Ball, Mitchell, Hunter, Strange, Hopkirk, Chudleigh, G. R. Johnston, Prosser.

I would like to thank the players for their donation towards the upkeep of the jerseys and also the manager (Sid) for his continued support at the games.

#### **Team Results 1977**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opposition Team</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Opposition</b>	<b>2nd XV</b>
20 April	3rd XV	ATG	Nil	54
25 April	Taupo College	Taupo	38	Nil
28 April	Gunners	ATG	16	4
5 June	Cadet 1st XV	ATG	23	9
11 June	Taihape College	Taihape	3	27
15 June	Taupo College	ATG	8	16
19 June	Ruapehu College	Ohakune	7	62
26 June	Gisborne High	Gisborne	53	7
2 July	Taihape College	ATG	2	32
10 July	St Patricks Silverstream	St Pats	20	Nil
16 July	Ruapehu College	Ohakune	3	78
23 July	Buller High	West port	13	4
30 July	St Stephens	St Stephens	32	4
16 August	Ruapehu College	ATG	Nil	20
13 Aug	Taihape College	Taihape	6	10

Games Played: 15. Won — 8. Lost — 7.

### THIRD FIFTEEN RUGBY

Because of rugby "politics" the 3rd XV did not start its competition until 11 June 1977. In fact this was its second game as it had already played Taupo College 3rds on Anzac Day.

Results of games played outside the competition were:

25 April 1977 v. Taupo-nui-a-tia, won 18-6

15 June 1977 v. Taupo-nui-a-tia, won 13-0.

13 August 1977 v. Pukekohe 2nd XV, lost 12-4. (Note that two Cadets had to play for

Pukekohe.)

In the local competition, the 3rds played Taihape and Ruapehu College 2nd XVs.

Results were:

v. Ruapehu, played four times and won all four matches 42-0, 52-0, 60-4, 18-0.

v. Taihape, played three times, losing three times 9-4, 22-12, 18-0.

This gave the 3rds a good record of 10 matches, 6 wins, 4 losses, 223 points for and 71 points against.

The team in points scoring order was:

	Tries
Curran	9
McKay	2
Ballard	4
C. R. Johnstone	1
Grieve	4
Hayward	4
Linton	4
Ennor	3
Leabourne	3
Porter	2
Dillon	1
Ferguson	1
Glasson	1
McGregor	1
Pollard	1
Whitcombe	1
Cracknell	
Connelly	
Hamilton	
Pugh	
Shaw	
Walker	
Wright	
Coach SSGt Rich	
Managers Sgt Brown, Ch CI III Pipe	

Penalties	Conversions	Total
		36
	8	24
1	2	23
	7	18
		16
		16
		16
		12
		12
Drop Goal		11
		4
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The team and coach/managers thank the adult apprentices from B Company for their assistance in driving vehicles to the various venues.

### SOFTBALL

Although softball this year was only a weekend sport for the team members we acquitted ourselves well in the games played.

Results are as follows:

v. United — lost all three games.

v. Navy (Irirangi) — one loss, one win.

v. Devonport Navy Apprentices — won 52-2.

v. Ranaipo Prison — lost.

v. Turangi — lost.

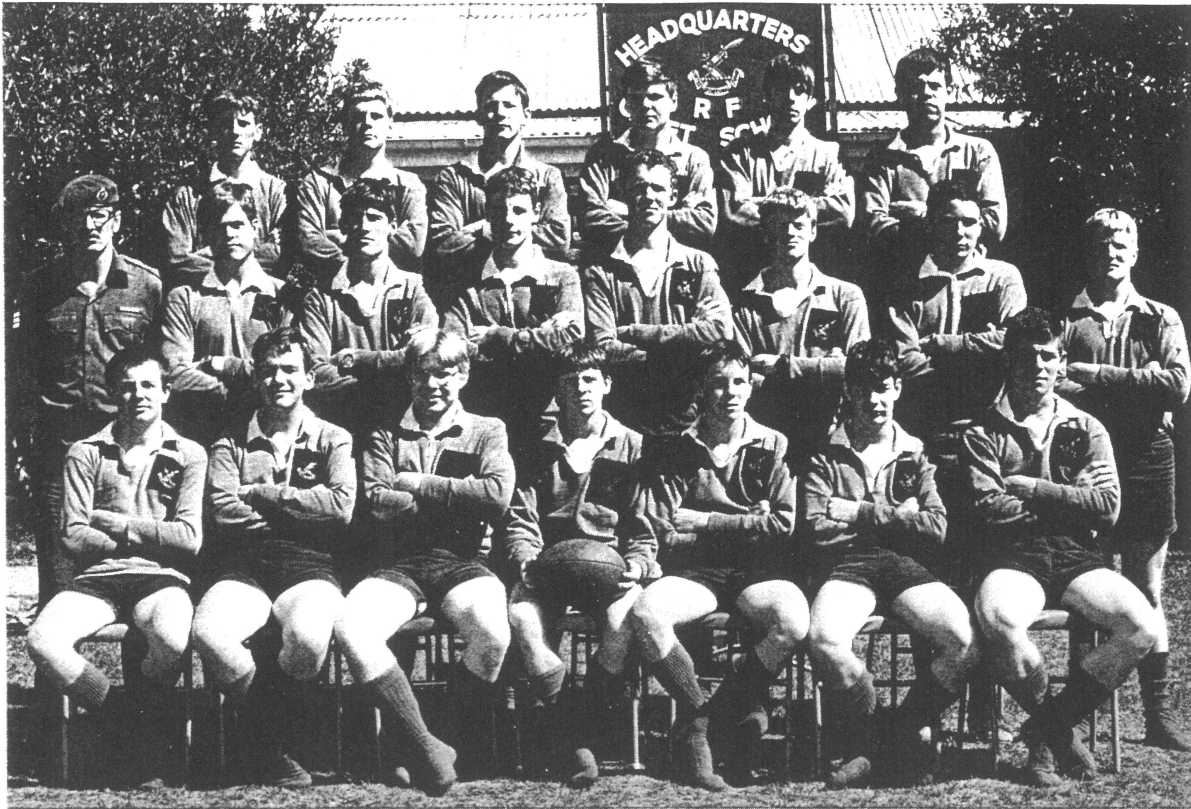
Note: All games played in men's grade.

Some of our best games were against the local United team as this was the best team in the area and accordingly gave us plenty of good hard practice.

Although we gained no honours as a team, two of our members were selected for the regionals — Cdt T. R. Hiroti and Cdt Flaws. Unfortunately Cdt Hiroti was unable to attend owing to examination commitments.

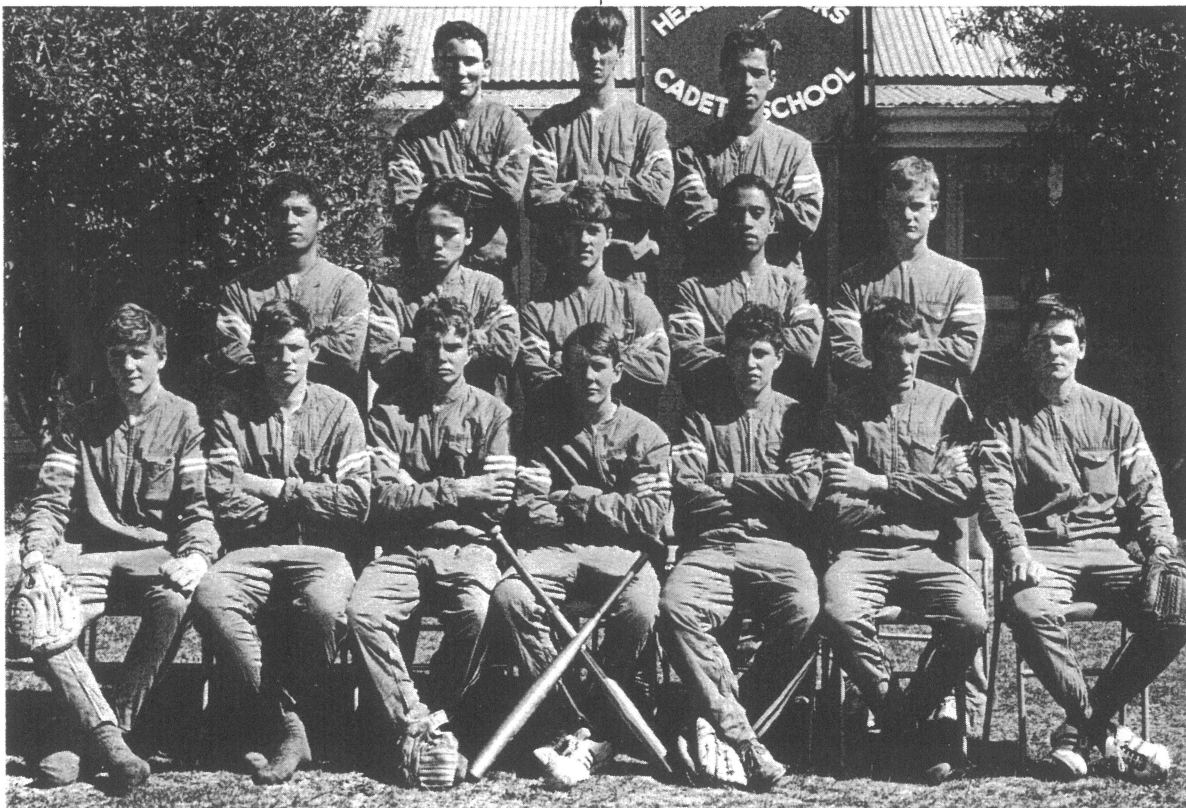
We were a good all-round team, working well together and much of the credit for this must go to our coach LCpl Davies, RNZAOC, who gave up so much of his spare time for us.

The team was as follows: Cdt Dickson (Capt), Cdt T. R. Hiroti (Vice-Capt), Cdt RSM Henderson, Cdt CSM Brown, Cdt Norris, Cdt Sgt Flintoft, Cdt McLay, Cdt LCpl B. T. Clarké, Cdt Clarke, Cdt Cpl Neels, Cdt Rawiri, Cdt Chalmers, Cdt LCpl Porter, Cdt Peretini, Cdt Tobin, LCpl Davies (Coach).



*Cadet School Third XV*

*Softball Team*



## COMPETITION SHOOTING

Although both large and small bore rifle shooting have the backing of the HQ RF Cadet School, it was difficult to organise competition shooting this year for many reasons, not the least of which was the departure of Capt J. K. Williams who had run shooting for the past two years. However, some shooting, both large and small bore, did take place.

### Large Bore

Shoots were held regularly by Hautapu-Waiouru Rifle Club every Sunday during the year, and were occasionally attended by Cadets. The most consistent Cadet attender was Cadet R. J. Bitters who shot well on most occasions. He also attended the Wellington Rifle Association Spring Meeting in Trentham, and (as a Sapper) the NRA meeting, also at Trentham in January 1978.

Large bore rifle shooting can be undertaken very cheaply by Cadets, as the club subscriptions are low and target rifles

available. Range facilities are also good, with shooting taking place at the 300, 500 and 600 yard mounds.

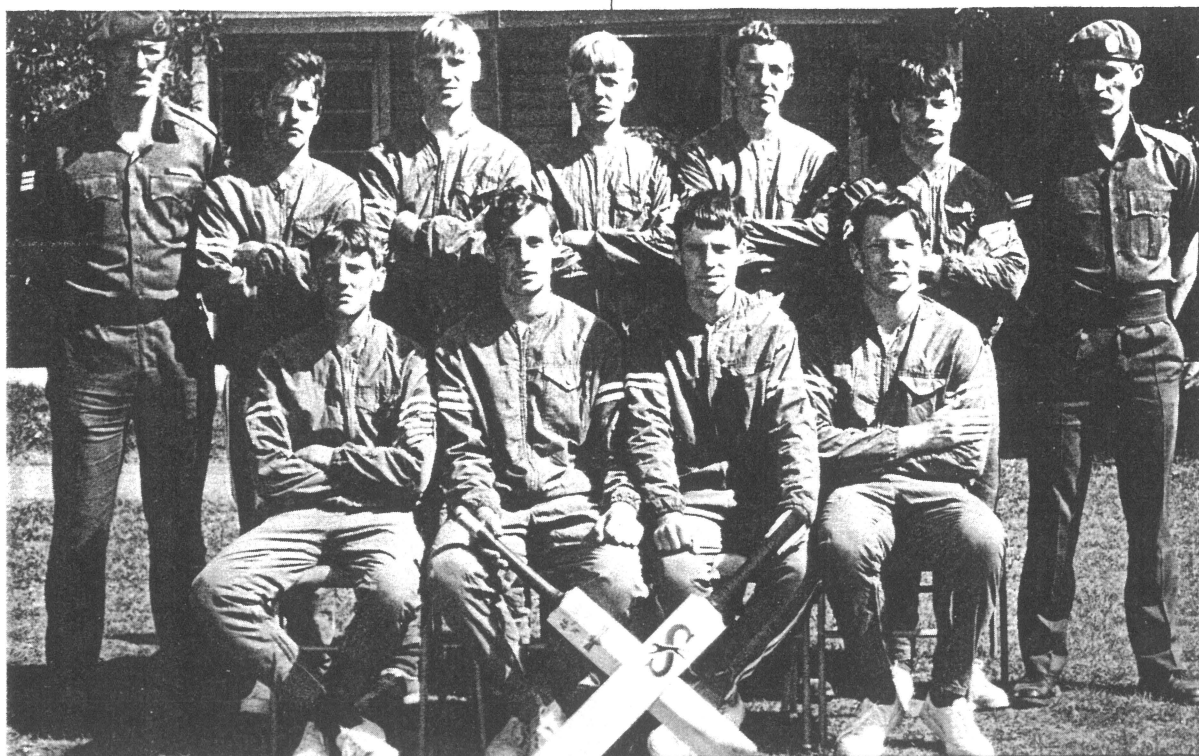
### Small Bore

During the winter, members of the Rifle Club travelled to Utiku (just south of Taihape) every Tuesday evening to shoot small bore targets with the Utiku Smallbore Rifle Club. Once again Cadet Bitters shot very well, achieving a number of possibles.

In the Junior Inter-Services Tournament held at Woodbourne, the smallbore team (using No. 8 .22 rifles) lost to the Airmen Cadets by a mere one point over a 500 point match. All this despite the fact that the Airmen Cadets had been practising for months whereas our lads managed only one hasty practice a day or two before.

*Cadet Shooting Team*





*Cadet Cricket XI*

## **RF CADET SCHOOL CRICKET XI**

The team coached by Sgt M. Flattery Donohue, enjoyed some success in the local competition. Good bowling by Kelly, Richards, McPherson and Bateman was supported by good batting by Danby and Kelly.

In alphabetical order the team was: Ball, Bateman, Danby, Johnstone, Kelly, McPherson, Pugh, Richards, SSgt Rich, Sgt Flattery, Cpl Arnold.

The inter-company cricket match though unorthodox (about 18 a side) provided everyone with a lot of fun. B Company won the match convincingly.

## **BASKETBALL**

### **Cadet A Team**

This year the interest of the Cadets overall in basketball was lacking at the beginning of the season and showed in the scores of the first few games. But once the team was assembled and training commenced they showed a great deal of vigour and enthusiasm.

Cadet Brown was the only player from the previous year, and he gave the team some depth of experience. The new players with lots of experience and skills of the game were: Cdts T. R. Hiroti, Bateman, Ewens, Dickson, Howlett, Holder, Clarke B. T., and Scruton; these players with Cadet Brown produced a

strong lineup and were one of the strongest teams in the A grade competition in the Waiouru Indoor Basketball Association tournament.

This season, as in last season, Cadets were selected to play for the Waiouru Command team to play in the Inter-Regional Tournament held at Burnham.

The following players were selected: Cdts Brown, Bateman, Hiroti, Ewens, with the latter three winning player of the match awards.

Throughout the season the team represented RF Cadet School against other colleges with the following results:

11 June Cdt School v. Palmerston North Boys' High School, lost 32-48.

11 June Cdt School v. Wanganui Boys' High School, lost 36-72.

12 June Cdt School v. Wanganui Collegiate, lost 58-72.

26 June Cdt School v. Gisborne Boys' High School, won 49-24.

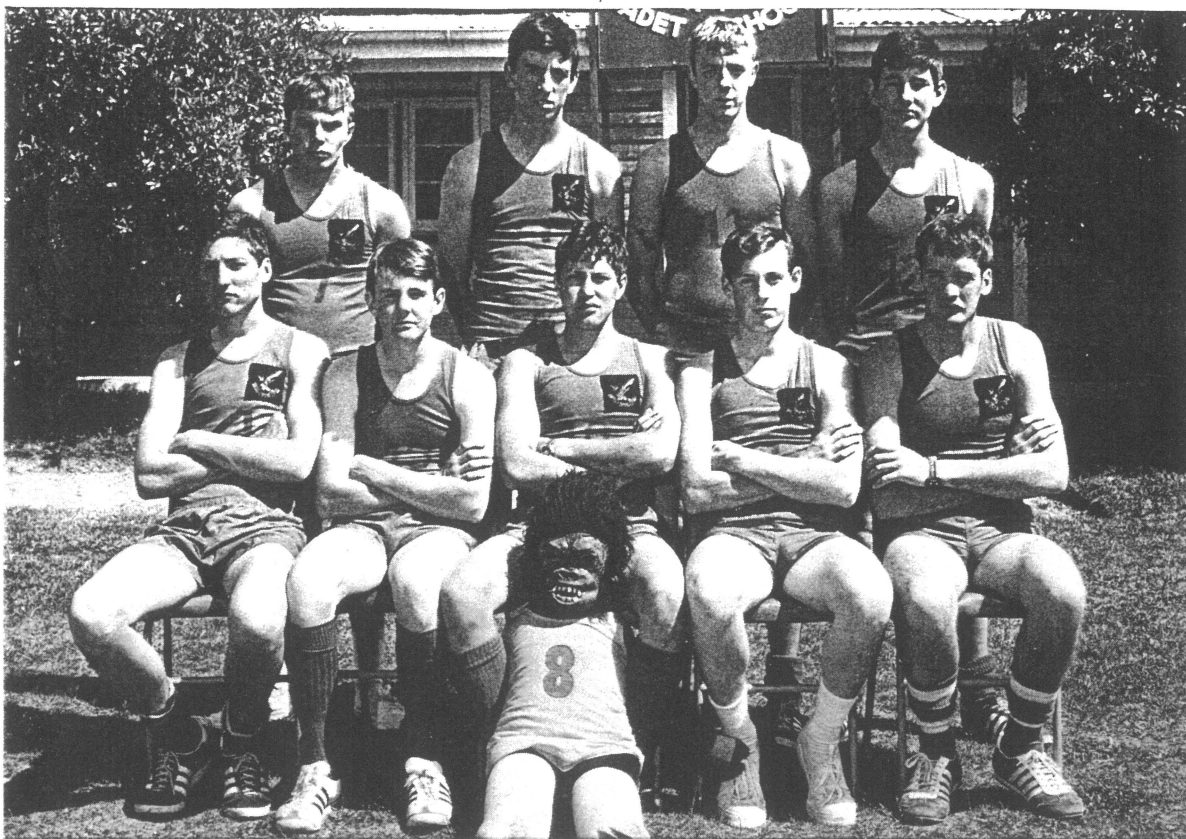
6 July Cdt School v. Queen Elizabeth College, lost 56-74.

9 July Cdt School v. Police Cadets, won 61-58.

16 July Cdt School v. Wairoa College, won 68-42.

23 July Cdt School v. Buller High School, lost 51-69.

30 July Cdt School v. Pukekohe High School, won 61-20.



*Cadet Basketball Team (The Cadet No. 8 in front represents what the SSM calls "A well turned out cadet")*

13 September Cdt School v. Tongariro High School, won 58-10.

**Junior Inter Services:** 9 August Cdt School v. Airforce, won 72-40.

Throughout the season the team travelled to other tournaments and fared very well as a team and as members of the Waiouru Basketball Association's A grade team.

The Junior Inter Services held at Woodbourne was a fitting finale to the season with a good win against Airforce and then Cdts Hiroti, Ewens, Bateman, Howlett, Brown, Dickson and Holder gained a place in the Junior Inter Service team which had a convincing win over the Marlborough Colts Rep team 63-18.

Overall, the Cadet A team had a very good season; they played good basketball, and worked and trained hard for all tournaments.

## HOCKEY

We started the year well, notching up a few minor wins. At the beginning of the season, we played quality hockey, in high spirits. Our main problem, which we soon overcame, was lack of team-work, a vital ingredient to hockey skills.

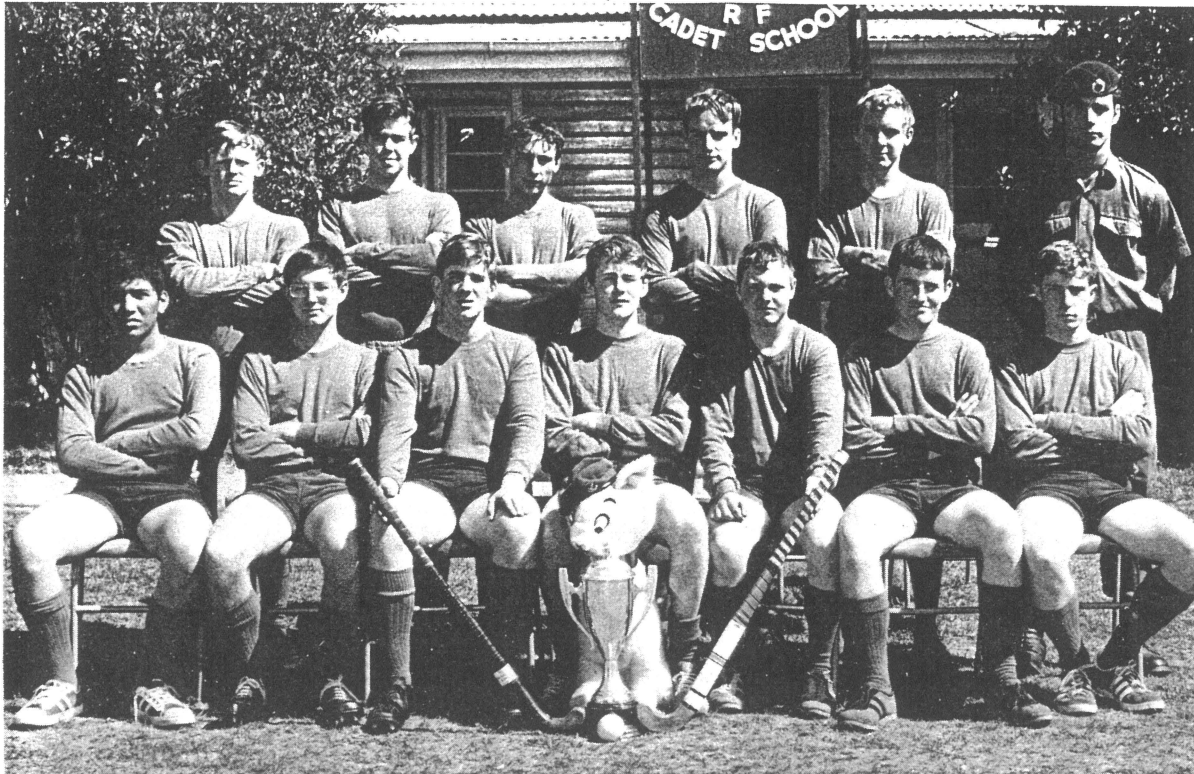
Our team was made up mainly of learners to the sport, but we had a few experienced players as well, such as Cadets McNabb and King, who were both school representatives. Other consistent players were Cadets Mitchell, Reilly, Twist, Thompson, Flaws and our goalie N. Smith. The rest tried hard, and were quick to pick up the basics.

The team was: *Coach* Cpl R. L. Maber RNZE, *Goalie* N. B. Smith, *R. Back* S. T. Reilly, *L. Back* E. B. Deeming, *R. Half* B. K. Thompson, *C. Half* R. P. Mitchell, *L. Half* Spr T. J. Wyatt, *R. Wing* L. C. Sandilands, *I. Right* T. A. King, *C. Forward* I. F. Twist, *I. Left* B. D. McNabb, *L. Wing* S. R. Flaws, *Reserves:* C. M. Kitto, B. V. Timperley, A. J. Dewar.

The two players to receive colour awards this year were Cadet Reilly for his contribution to the sport, and Cadet McNabb for his playing ability.

Most of our 18 games were played away from Waiouru, including one in the South Island. This added incentive to our players.

Games played	18
Games won	10
Games drawn	2
Games lost	6



*Cadet Hockey XI*

### Season Highlights

July 18-22 was a date that the RF Cadet School hockey team would not forget, the Junior Inter-Services. The team played one hundred percent better than they had ever played throughout the whole season. The main attraction was undoubtedly the way the forwards combined, making gaps for the halves, back tackling, accurate passing — oh, I could go on for hours but I shan't. (Footnote: Note Cadet King is a forward.)

The backs, well they played their normal cool, calm, collective game. Superb to watch with Shane Reilly and Terry Wyatt and our goalie Cadet Smith back there, the team seemed unbeatable, but the ball still seemed to find the back of our goal. We put it down to the downright rotten weather. Not forgetting the halves, Thompson and Mitchell who I would say made the team more exciting and much faster than I think Air Force were expecting.

Nevertheless we still won the cup with McNabb scoring 2 goals, Twist 1 and King 1. The final score was 4-3 to the Army Cadets.

The sports fixtures for 1977 included a trip to Rotorua for the team who were to play in the Secondary Schools' Hockey Tournament. The competition started on 20 August through to the 26th.

The team stayed at the Army Hall which was a short distance from the school at which we played. Our first game we started off in high spirits but these were depleted rather quickly. We ended up losing that game rather badly due to the faster and more skilful opposition.

As for the social side, we made out very well. A couple of lads chatted up a few of the local girls while they were in town and showed them Cadet hospitality by taking them out to dinner a couple of times.

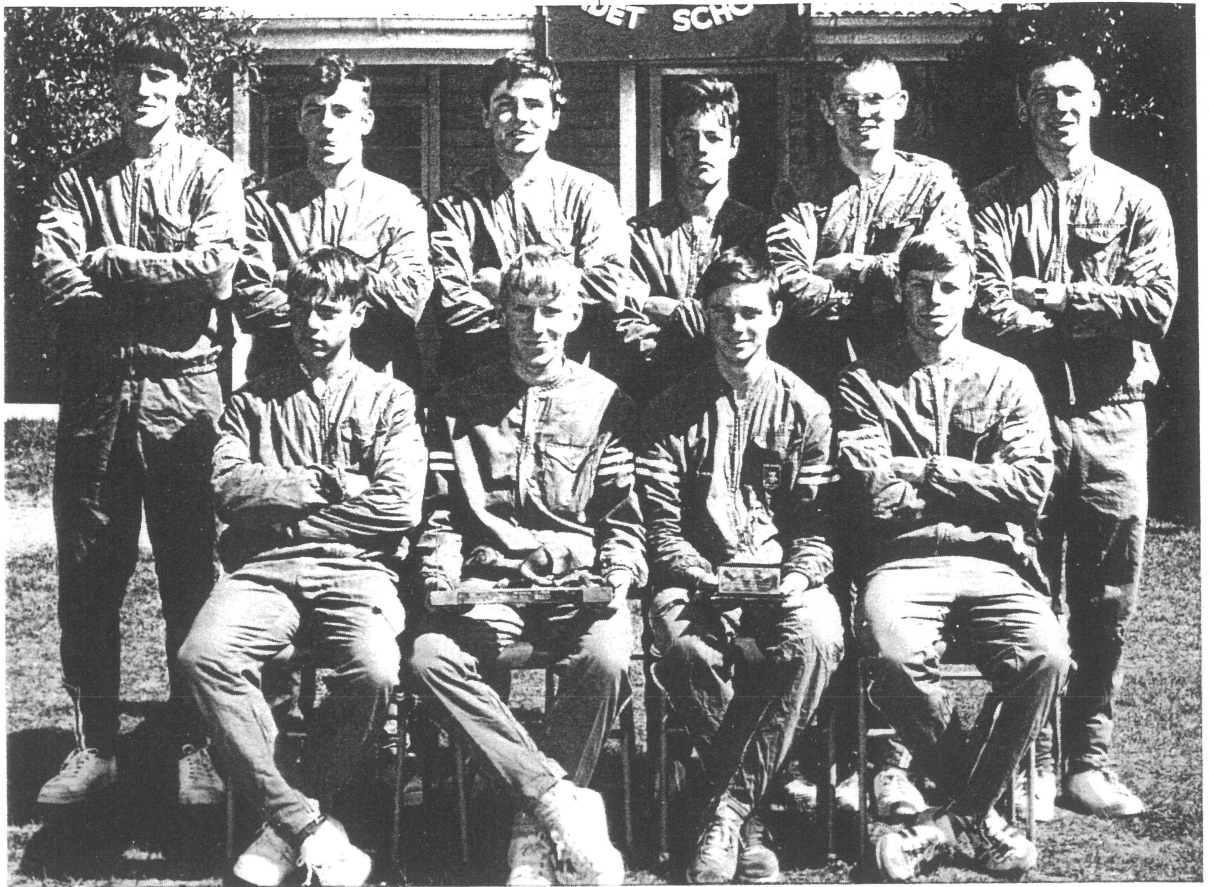
Overall the trip went down rather well. We now have a name for ourselves in Rotorua which as usual is good (we hope). Hopefully we will be able to make the trip to the Secondary Schools' Tournament next year as there is a desire to bring the shield back to Waiouru.

### B COMPANY NOTES

1977 began for B Coy with Advanced Soldier Training. The whole company was involved except for six NCOs who assisted with instruction on the Basic Course.

Trade training commenced in March and from then on the Company was split up among the various Schools.

There were several staff changes in the company during 1977. OCs changed three times within a space of six months which meant those regulars at Orderly Rooms were



*Cross-Country Team*

kept on their toes. The year began with Lt Howard followed by Lt McLachlan and finally Capt Isherwood. The SI Apprentice Wing, SSgt Archer was posted to Singapore in August and his place was taken most ably by SSgt Lacey. Cadet School's answer to Jack Gleeson, Cpl Lomas was also posted late in the year and his place taken by LCpl Filmer.

We send best wishes to those who have left and thank them for their efforts throughout their time with the unit. We would also like to welcome the new members of the staff and trust that their time with B Coy will be mutually rewarding.

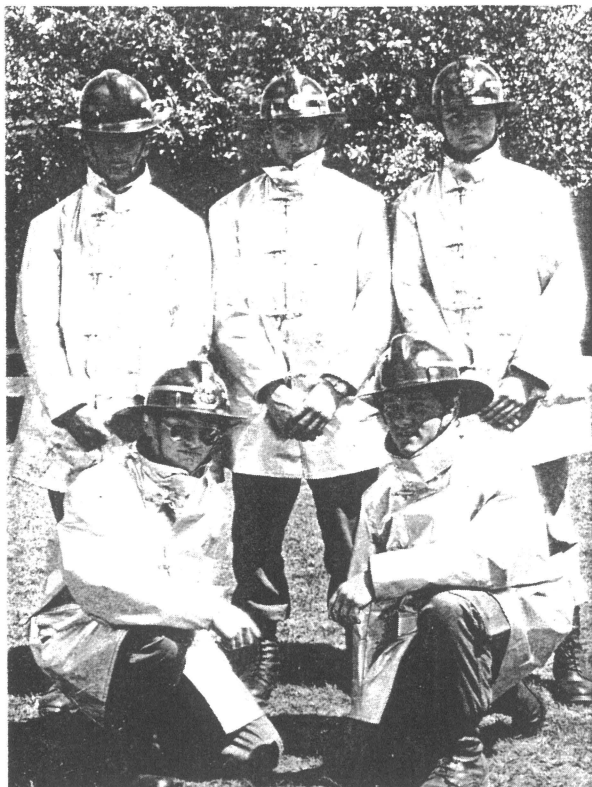
The promotion of Senior NCOs in August saw B Coy produce the Cadet RSM and Colour Sgt. On the sports field, the company was supreme, winning inter company athletics, cross country running and the Commandant's Shield for champion sports company. In individual sports, Cadet R. N. Bitters won the rifle shooting and Cadet LCpl P. Gamble won the cross country in record time.

Overall the year has been a most successful one. We wish the graduates well for their

futures in the Regular Force and look forward to a challenging and interesting year in 1978.

## **B Company Nominal Roll**

Capt	B. W. R. ISHERWOOD, RNZIR
Sgt	G. L. LESLIE, RNZAOC
SSgt	D. M. LACEY, RNZE
Sgt	K. J. HANSON, RNZE
Cpl	R. L. MABER, RNZE
LCpl	C. J. FILMER, RNZASC
Cdt LCpl	R. J. ADAMS
Cdt	A. M. BALL
Cdt LCpl	C. M. BALLARD
Cdt	S. R. BENNETT
Cdt	R. N. BITTERS
Cdt WO2	R. D. BROWN
Cdt	A. S. BUTLER
Cdt	H. CHANDRA
Cdt	W. A. COLLINS
Cdt	P. J. CONNELLY
Cdt	S. G. CUNNINGHAM
Cdt LCpl	P. G. CURRAN
Cdt	M. J. DANBY
Cdt	E. B. DEEMING
Cdt	R. G. DILLON
Cdt LCpl	K. D. DUFF



*The Cadets who became Volunteer Firemen as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.*

Cdt	A. L. EDWARDS
Cdt	R. D. EVANS
Cdt	C. C. FERGUSON
Cdt	S. R. FLAWS
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