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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, LIEUTENANT COLONEL R.K. RUTHERFORD,
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FOREWORD

by

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Each new intake of Regular Force Cadets brings together boys from many varied backgrounds. For most, this is their first time away from home and families. The Regular Force Cadet School introduces them to the military environment, the discipline and hardship, the adult concepts of warfare and soldier training. These aspects of military life develop teamwork and esprit-de-corps. For the individuals, pride and self-confidence develop. With formal education and trade training added, the boys are well on their way to maturity, and the foundations are laid for the future.

This journal covers all aspects of the year at the School, and shows the activities which moulded these boys into soldiers. It is a record of their achievement.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "R. K. Rutherford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.



The Class Patron
Major General
W.S. Mc Kinnon,
CB, CBE, BSc

THE CLASS PATRON - MAJOR GENERAL MCKINNON, CB, CBE, BSc

Major General Walter Sneddon McKinnon was born in 1910 and educated at Otago Boys High School and Otago University, graduating with a Bachelors degree in Science in 1932.

After being appointed to a regular commission in the New Zealand Army in March 1936, he attended a number of Artillery and Staff courses in Australia and the U.K.

After a period at Army Headquarters, Wellington, he spent more than four years with 2NZEF in the Pacific, in Italy and Japan, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and being Mentioned in Despatches. A number of Staff and Command appointments followed.

In October 1953 he was appointed Commander of the Southern Military District with the rank of Brigadier, and he headed the New Zealand Joint Services Mission in Washington from March 1954 to February 1957. On his return to New Zealand he Commanded the Northern Military District until becoming Adjutant General in June 1958.

He was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1961.

In January 1963 he became Quartermaster General and he was appointed Chief of the General Staff in April 1965 succeeding Major General L.W. Thornton, with the rank of Major General.

He was awarded the CB in 1966 and retired from the Army on 31 March 1967, and at present is living in Taupo.



THE OFFICER COMMANDING, MAJOR T.G. ROCHE, RNZA

OFFICER COMMANDING'S REVIEW

It is opportune that I comment briefly on aspects of the 1979 training year at the School. It would be inappropriate for me to pre-empt the vivid stories of life and incidents at the School, some of which appear elsewhere in this magazine. I will therefore limit my comments to policy aspects.

The training policy in 1979 differed markedly to that of previous years. In the past, the School conducted basic training of six or seven weeks for all cadets, then conducted training for the military education and formal education classes. The individual training of the majority of cadets, whilst directed by RF Cadet School, was carried out by the individual Corps Schools in Waiouru, Linton, Trentham and Burnham.

This year, the majority of the 172 members of McKinnon Class who entered in January, and a number of the 52 members of Hudson GC Class who returned for their second year, undertook an extended 7 month period of training in subjects relevant to all Corps of the Army - the basics - navigation, weapon handling, fieldcraft and communication English. This was conducted by the Cadet School Staff.

The new policy reflects amendments to Corps training requirements resulting from the Corps trade restructure of 1978, which primarily reflects the increasing demands of outside trade training authorities for the work-time of the young apprentice tradesmen.

Opportunities for the teaching and revision of military skills is being reduced as the trade prescriptions intensify. To compensate, the School has provided the majority of the graduating cadets with a solid grounding in those military skills they require during the first three years of adult service.

The School has, of course, continued to provide formal education in SC, UE subjects and extra mural units through Massey University. The major change from previous years for the 35 cadets in this group was the fact that they were required to

complete an Infantry Recruit Corps Training Course in conjunction with their studies.

From September 79, we conducted advanced courses in Signals, Medical and Methods of Instruction for some 80 cadets unable to commence their Corps trade training.

It would be wrong to deny that there have been teething problems and times of frustration for both staff and Cadets, with the emphasis in training being directed to all arms skills. The need for increased equipment entitlements has been identified, as has the need for a 100% staff manning level. Despite the problems I can report that with the assistance and encouragement of the Army Schools and Headquarters ATG, the training has been successful.

Sport has continued to be a major aspect of life in the School; for the very good reasons that it develops in young men team spirit, physical fitness, tolerance and hardiness. Generally speaking, our teams have done well with the undoubted highlights being the large numbers of cadets who made both Colts and Army teams - in both winter and summer codes/sports.

We look forward next year to adding cadet representation in the Army Swimming and Water Polo teams, now that Waiouru is blessed with one of the best swimming pools in the central North Island.

One of the major problems associated with life in Waiouru is the scarcity of a wholesome social life for our young soldiers. The staff of Cadet School have endeavoured to solve this by conducting discos, Regimental Dinners and other organised recreational activities, but these are only partial solutions. I am grateful therefore to the families in Waiouru who have sponsored cadets during the year. They have welcomed the cadets into their homes and extended true family hospitality.

Cadets have also, in their own time, made a contribution to the community; some participating in the choral group, rifle

and tennis clubs, others assisting with Cubs. Such involvement is particularly worthwhile for the cadets and I am grateful to the many Waiouru Community Groups who have actively encouraged cadet participation.

The year has been a challenging one - I am confident that the 162 graduated cadets are well prepared for their future careers, that they will serve our Army well and will be a credit to themselves, their parents and the Regular Force Cadet School.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the members of my staff for their dedication and total involvement in the training and welfare of all the cadets. This expression of appreciation extends to their wives and families for the tolerance they have displayed towards the demands the unit makes upon their family lives.

Finally, on behalf of the Cadets of McKinnon Class, I wish to thank Maj Gen McKinnon for his interest and participation in the School activities during the year. His presence at field exercises, sporting venues and our graduation ceremonies has done much to enhance the good spirit that exists within the School..

MAJOR EVENTS FOR 1979

13 January	New Basic commences - 172 new cadets march in
12 February	New OC, Major T.G. Roche, RNZA posted in
2 March	Cadet Burlesque/Talent Quest at Community Centre.
4 March	Living-in-the-field Exercise for all Basic Class.
7 March	McKinnon Class End of Basic Training Parade.
24 March	Cadets participated in Wanganui Pageant.
20-22 April	Murupara visit by Sports Teams.
25 April	ANZAC Day Parade and Sports fixtures in Taupo.
5-20 May	May Leave break.
19 July -	Exercise Tropic Dawn 45 in Fiji, attended by
3 August	45 staff and cadets.
20 July -	Exercise Karakariki for remainder of cadets
2 August	at Ngaruawahia.
7 - 12 August	Sports trip to Papakura by Rugby, Hockey and Basketball teams.
18 August -	
2 September	August Leave break.
22 September	School Cross Country.
3 November	Round-the-Mountain relay.
7 November	School swimming sports.
17 November	School Athletics Meeting.
1 December	Charter Parade at Taupo
7 December	Graduation Disco.
9 December	Graduation Church Parade
10 December	Graduation Formal Dinner
13 December	Graduation Day

GRADUATION 1979

"The Graduation Parade was of a very high standard - perhaps the best I have seen in Waiouru" said Major General B.M. Poananga, CBE, The Chief of General Staff, on the occasion of the 1979 Graduation Parade.

The weather started off being very uncertain, but cleared up in time for the static displays to be concluded successfully before lunch. These displays were well received and showed a valuable insight into the various operational units in today's Army. The PT display was especially memorable.

By 1pm the weather was excellent, and did true justice to the parade which followed. Cadet RSM K.J. Hawley led cadets to the accompaniment of the NZ Army Band. The salute was taken by the Class Patron, Major General W.S. McKinnon, CB, CBE, BSc.

This year was an exception to the normal graduation parade format in that Corps berets and badges were not presented on the parade. The graduating class marched off as cadets and re-appeared at the cinema as Regular Force soldiers.

The marching was exceptionally well executed, a credit to the SSM WO1 C.A. Cooper, and to the cadets themselves. As usual, cries of 'Freedom' and hat throwing followed this parade. The NZ Army Band performed well, as usual, and their ten minute display was a true spectacle. A quick walk to the cinema followed by a short delay in getting the seating arranged for a capacity audience ready for the patron to speak and to present the prizes and badges of rank to the senior ranks for 1980.

The OC, Major Roche, gave an outline of School activities highlighting important events. He then invited Mrs McKinnon, wife of the Class Patron, to present the prizes, then the Class Patron presented the badges of rank to the seniors, followed by a short address.

The final event was a very good afternoon tea where parents and friends had a chance to meet school staff and VIPs.

POSTINGS OF 1979 GRADUATES

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Corps</u>	<u>Posting</u>
Pte	R.J.	ALLEN	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham
Spr	S.R.	ALLPRESS	RNZE	1 Fd Sqn Papakura
Pte	S.W.	ANDERSON	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham
Pte	M.A.	ASPLAND	RNZAOC	1 Base Sup Bn Trentham
Cfn	G.M.	AUKER	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Cfn	D.W.	BAILEY	RNZEME	1 Base Wksp Trentham
Pte	G.T.	BEHRENT	RNZAOC	1 STR Sect Papakura
Dvr	C.W.	BELL	RNZCT	42 Cat Tp Waiouru
Gnr	D.A.	BELL	RNZA	WTD Waiouru
Dvr	T.C.	BENNETT	RNZCT	105 Log Tp Linton
Pte	M.E.	BENTLEY	RNZAMC	ATG Hospital Waiouru
Pte	H.	BIDDLE	RNZAOC	2 STR Sect Linton
Tpr	M.H.	BIDOIS	RNZAC	QA Sqn Waiouru
Tpr	O.J.	BLACK	RNZAC	1 Scots Burnham
Cfn	M.J.	BRADFORD	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Sig	F.L.	BRETT	RNZ Sigs	41 Radio Tp Papakura
Spr	B.L.	BROCK	RNZE	RF Cadet School Waiouru
Pte	C.L.	BROOKING	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham
Spr	R.L.	BRUNTON	RNZE	RF Cadet School Waiouru
Spr	M.A.	BURROWS	RNZE	2 Fd Sqn Linton
Dvr	S.G.	CANNELL	RNZCT	53 Log Tp Port Cautley
Cfn	D.	CARR	RNZEME	3 Fd Wksp Burnham
Spr	M.J.	CAVANAGH	RNZE	5 Spt Sqn Linton
Dvr	M.D.	CHANDLER	RNZCT	42 Cat Tp Waiouru
Cfn	M.J.	CHRISTIANSEN	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Tpr	P.	CHUBBIN-MOORE	RNZAC	QA Sqn Waiouru
Pte	R.M.	CLARK	RNZAOC	3 Str Sect Burnham
Spr	L.S.	CLARKE	RNZE	RF Cadet School Waiouru

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Corps</u>	<u>Posting</u>
Spr	J.J.	COCHRANE	RNZE	5 Spt Sqn Linton
Cfn	A.E.	COE	RNZEME	1 Base Wksp Trentham
Spr	A.M.	COLE	RNZE	RF Cadet School Waiouru
Cfn	B.J.R.	COLE	RNZEME	1 Base Wksp Trentham
Tpr	B.H.	CROOK	RNZAC	1 Scots Burnham
Pte	F.W.	DAKEN	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham
Spr	R.M.	DARROCH	RNZE	1 Fd Sqn Papakura
Cfn	D.	DE VRIES	RNZEME	1 Base Wksp Trentham
Tpr	A.W.	DUDDING	RNZAC	QA Sqn Waiouru
Dvr	C.T.	DUTCH	RNZCT	105 Log Tp Linton
Sig	J.M.	DUTKIEWICZ	RNZ Sigs	4 Sig Sqn Papakura
Dvr	S.J.	EADES	RNZCT	42 Cat Tp Waiouru
Spr	S.M.	EDWARDS	RNZE	RF Cadet School Waiouru
Pte	A.N.	ELLIS	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham
Cfn	C.G.	ESIAIAH	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Cfn	G.N.	FAY	RNZEME	1 Base Wksp Trentham
Spr	K.T.	FEE	RNZE	RF Cadet School Waiouru
Cfn	M.E.	FIELD	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
O/Cdt	A.N.	FIRTH		OCS Portsea Australia
Pte	M.G.	FLAVELL	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham
Cfn	K.I.	GARDNER	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Dvr	R.J.	GILLESPIE	RNZCT	62 Cat Tp Papakura
Cfn	K.L.	GODFREY	RNZEME	1 Base Wksp Trentham
Dvr	M.F.	GREY	RNZCT	11 Tpt Tp Papakura
Pte	D.S.	HAETHAE	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Corps</u>	<u>Posting</u>
Cfn	D.S.	HANDS	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Pte	D.I.	HANSON	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham
Pte	T.J.	HARDING	RNZAOC	1 STR Sect Ngaruawahia
Dvr	M.R.	HARE	RNZCT	105 Log Tp Linton
Dvr	K.R.	HARRIS	RNZCT	62 Cat Tp Papakura
Cfn	S.G.	HARTNELL	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Cfn	K.J.	HAWLEY	RNZEME	1 Base Wksp Trentham
Sig	C.R.	HELM	RNZ Sigs	31 Radio Tp Addington
Cfn	D.M.	HENDRY	RNZEME	1 Base Wksp Trentham
Pte	P.C.	HERBERT	RNZAMC	ATG Hospital Waiouru
Dvr	P.V.	HERMAN	RNZCT	31 Tpt Tp Waiouru
Cfn	K.A.	HINTON	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Dvr	P.G.	HOARE	RNZCT	42 Cat Tp Waiouru
Cfn	D.R.	HOLAH	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Spr	D.A.	HOMER	RNZE	RF Cadet School Waiouru
Dvr	J.B.T.	HUGHES	RNZCT	42 Cat Tp Waiouru
Pte	A.E.	HUNTER	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham
Dvr	G.R.	HUNTER	RNZCT	1 Tpt Sqn Papakura
Spr	P.D.	ILLSTON	RNZE	5 Spt Sqn Linton
Dvr	K.	ISAACS	RNZCT	62 Cat Tp Papakura
Cfn	B.G.	JAGGARD	RNZEME	1 Base Wksp Trentham
Spr	R.J.	JANSSE	RNZE	RF Cadet School Waiouru
Dvr	D.S.	JOHNSTON	RNZCT	62 Cat Tp Papakura
Cfn	G.C.	JOSEPHS	RNZEME	1 Base Wksp Trentham
Cfn	D.M.	KARENA	RNZEME	1 Base Wksp Trentham
Spr	P.D.	KENNEDY	RNZE	RF Cadet School Waiouru

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Dvr	G.L.	KEYS	RNZCT	92 Cat Tp Burnham
Cfn	G.S.	KNIGHT	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Tpr	W.L.	KOIA	RNZAC	Discharged
Sig	I.N.	LANGMAN	RNZ Sigs	22 Comcen Tp Linton
Dvr	S.F.	LAWSON	RNZCT	11 Tpt Tp Papakura
Pte	A.C.	LEATHERBY	RNZAOOC	2 Sup Coy Linton
Pte	M.R.	LEE	RNZAOOC	1 Base Wksp Trentham
Cfn	R.	LENIHAN	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Sig	C.M.	LOWE	RNZ Sigs	32 Comcen Tp Addington
Spr	A.M.	MacINNES	RNZE	5 Spt Sqn Linton
Cfn	D.E.	MacKAY	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Pte	D.J.	MacKENZIE	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham
Tpr	F.	MARKOWSKI	RNZAC	QA Sqn Waiouru
Cfn	K.J.	MASSON	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Cfn	S.T.	McDONALD	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Sig	K.J.	McGREGOR	RNZ Sigs	2 Sig Sqn Linton
Dvr	A.J.	MENCE	RNZCT	105 Log Tp Linton
Pte	L.W.	MOODY	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham
Pte	G.H.	MORGAN	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham
Cfn	M.A.	MORGAN	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Gnr	C.	MORRIS	RNZA	Discharged
Spr	G.B.	MOULDEY	RNZE	RF Cadet School Waiouru
Cfn	C.J.	MURPHY	RNZEME	1 Base Wksp Trentham
Dvr	C.P.	MURPHY	RNZCT	11 MCC Papakura
Spr	B.M.	NEALE	RNZE	RF Cadet School Waiouru
Pte	G.P.	NGATAI	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham
Dvr	J.J.	NOBLE	RNZCT	11 Tpt Tp Papakura
Dvr	M.E.	NYBERG	RNZCT	105 Log Tp Linton
Cfn	D.L.	O'DONOGHUE	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Cfn	K.C.	PALMER	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru

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Pte	R.M.S.	PERCIVAL	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham
Dvr	A.D.	PIERCE	RNZCT	92 Cat Tp Burnham
Dvr	G.J.	PORTEOUS	RNZCT	92 Cat Tp Burnham
Pte	M.A.	POTTS	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham
Cfn	P.O.	PRIEST	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Cfn	I.G.	PURVIS	RNZEME	1 Base Wksp Trentham
Spr	R.J.	RADCLIFFE	RNZE	1 Fd Sqn Papakura
Cfn	R.B.	RAINES	RNZEME	1 Base Wksp Trentham
Cfn	T.M.	RAURETI	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Sig	D.P.	RENNISON	RNZ Sigs	53 Admin Tp Linton
Gnr	B.L.	RIGDEN	RNZA	16 Fd Regt Papakura
Sig	C.P.P.	RIKIHANA	RNZ Sigs	22 Comcen Tp Linton
Spr	M.E.	ROBERTS	RNZE	RF Cadet School Waiouru
Pte	P.M.	ROBERTS	RNZAMC	1 Fd Amb Ngaruawahia
Cfn	K.M.	ROBERTSON	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Pte	R.A.	ROBERS	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham
Pte	I.D.J.	ROMERIL	RNZAMC	ATG Hospital Waiouru
Sig	R.B.H.	RYAN	RNZ Sigs	42 Comcen Tp Papakura
Gnr	M.A.	SAMUELS	RNZA	16 Fd Regt Papakura
Gnr	T.A.	SANDILANDS	RNZA	16 Fd Regt Papakura
Dvr	B.M.	SCHOU	RNZCT	42 Cat Tp Waiouru
Dvr	P.J.	SCOLES	RNZCT	9 Comp Sqn Burnham
Cfn	C.J.	SCHICKER	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Dvr	T.J.	SEVERINSEN	RNZCT	105 Log Tp Linton
Cfn	W.J.	SHAW	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Spr	G.P.	SHIRLEY	RNZE	RF Cadet School Waiouru

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Cfn	L.P.	SKELTON	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Cfn	J.	SPARGO	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Gnr	J.J.C.M.	SPRANGERS	RNZA	16 Fd Regt Papakura
Pte	D.M.	SPURDLE	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham
Pte	N.J.	STRACHAN	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham
Cfn	N.R.	SYMON	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Dvr	R.K.	TAINGAHUE	RNZCT	53 Log Tp Fort Cautley
Dvr	B.J.	TANE	RNZCT	22 Cat Tp Ft Dorset
Spr	R.R.	TATHAM	RNZE	1 Fd Sqn Papakura
Dvr	M.D.	TAYLOR	RNZCT	53 Log Tp Fort Cautley
Dvr	B.J.	THOMPSON	RNZCT	53 Log Tp Fort Cautley
Cfn	D.B.	THYNNE	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Cfn	T.W.	TUPE	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Pte	A.G.	VAN DIJK	RNZIR	2/1 RNZIR Burnham
Cfn	C.N.	VEITCH	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Dvr	T.G.	VEZA	RNZCT	53 Log Tp Fort Cautley
Dvr	L.W.L.	WALLBUTTON	RNZCT	Discharged
Cfn	W.P.	WALLIS	RNZEME	1 Base Wksp Trentham
Dvr	C.D.	WATSON	RNZCT	92 Cat Tp Burnham
Cfn	S.J.	WATTON	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Pte	P.F.	WELSH	RNZAOC	1 Base Wksp Trentham
Cfn	R.B.W.	WHALLEY	RNZEME	4 ATG Wksp Waiouru
Cfn	P.J.	WHANGA	RNZEME	1 Base Wksp Trentham
Cfn	W.E.	WHITE	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru
Spr	C.M.	WILLIAMS	RNZE	RF Cadet School Waiouru
Cfn	M.G.	YARDLEY	RNZEME	SEME Waiouru

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PRIZE LIST 1979

RNZA

Leslie Bourke Memorial and Trophy
and Book for the best Cadet
graduating into RNZA

Gnr T.A. SANDILANDS

RNZAC

Owen Webster Memorial Trophy
and Book for the best Cadet
graduating into RNZAC

Tpr P. CHUBBIN-MOORE

RNZE

Hannah Cup for the best Cadet
graduating into RNZE

Spr B.M. NEALE

Tools Prize for the most
promising First Year Apprentice

Spr B.M. NEALE

Tools Prize for the most improved
Carpenter Apprentice

Spr K.T. FEE

RNZ SIGS

Noel Tinsley Memorial Trophy
and Book for the best Cadet
graduating into RNZ SIGS

Sig C.R. HELM

RNZIR

Houkamou Memorial Trophy and Book
for the best Cadet graduating
into RNZIR

Pte G.P. NGATAI

RNZCT

Flt Lt Turnham Cup and Book for
the most efficient first year
Appentice Chef

Dvr G.J. PORTEOUS

Book Prize for the most efficient
First Year Apprentice Supervisory
Steward

Dvr P.G. HOARE

RNZEME

Munro Cup and Tools for the best
Cadet graduating into RNZEME

Cfn R.B. RAINES

RNZAOC

Book Prize for the best Cadet
graduating into RNZAOC

Pte H. BIDDLE

Book Prize for the most improved
Automotive Parts Storeman

Pte M.R. LEE

Education Prizes

Book for the best all round Cadet
on Soldier Training

Pte A.G. VAN DIJK

Ball Memorial Trophy and Book for
the best military trainee on the
Military Education Course

Pte A.F. HUNTER

Westwater Trophy and Book for the
most improved Cadet in Education

Cfn R. LENIHAN

Gill Trophy and Book for the top
University Entrance Class Cadet

Spr K.T. HINTON

Gill Trophy and Book for the top
School Certificate Class Cadet

Cdt L cpl R.D. PAUL

Book for the best education
trainee on Soldier Training

Cfn R. LENIHAN

General Prizes

Officer Commanding's Trophy and
Book for the Cadet RSM

Cfn K.J. HAWLEY

Milne and Choyce Cup for the
Best All Round Cadet

Cdt L cpl J.F. CAMERON

Engraved Corp Plaque for Best
Overall graduate into RNZCT

Dvr M.F. GREY

STAFF NOTES

"READINESS, OBEDIENCE AND A SENSE OF HUMOUR
ARE THE VIRTUES OF A MEMBER OF THE RF CADET
SCHOOL STAFF"

With apologies to Brasidas
of Sparta 422 BC

Brasidas was of course referring to the virtues of the Lacadaemonian soldier, however with a S T R E T C H of the imagination - and accepting the generation(s) gap - his words apply equally to members of the Cadet School staff, particularly those who departed for points NORTH, SOUTH, EAST and WEST during 1979.

It must be noted that the 16 members of the staff who moved on during the year possessed these virtues to a greater or lesser degree and in many cases displayed other virtues - temperance, fortitude, faith and last but not least HOPE!

	<u>OUTS</u>	<u>INS</u>
Feb 79	Maj Kidd - release W02 Tataurangi - HQ ATG	Maj Roche Maj Brown Lt Noke Cpl Fels
Mar 79	Tpr Lawson - QA Sqn ATG Sgt Shirkey - release Cpl Maber - 1 Fd Sqn Papakura Sgt Wikaire - 4 O South	Cpl Corlett
Apr 79	S sgt Riri - release	Lt McLeod (employed at QE II Museum)
	Maj Davey - Papakura	
May 79	Maj Brown - Singapore Sgt Matthews - 7 WN HB	Sgt Atkinson Cpl Thurlow
Jun 79	Sgt Brown - 161 Bty Papakura	Bdr Bull Cpl Clark
Jul 79	Sgt Niwa - 161 Bty Papakura	Bdr Mita S sgt Tumai

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Aug 79	Sgt Morgan - 2 Recce Sqn Tekapo	Sgt Murray
Sep 79	Cpl Filmer - release	
Oct 79	Sgt Gower - Dunedin	Sgt Rukapo S sgt Nissen (attached from TMS) Cpl Geary (attached from TMS)
Dec 79	Lt (W) Young - Release	WO2 Mitten WO2 Hammond

It must be left to you, the reader, to determine which virtue each of the 'outs' possessed above all others. I regret the Editor is not giving away prizes for correct answers.

The change of OC twice in two months - Maj Keay to Maj Kidd to Maj Roche - had an early traumatic affect on the Headquarters and the School. Thankfully all members of the staff were sufficiently flexible to move with the rapid changes in policy emanating from the OC's office.

The arrival of Cpl Fels in February did much to relieve the pressure on an overworked S sgt Mitchell who, perhaps more than any other member of the staff, bore the brunt of the changes in the Schools leadership. Stability restored the Headquarters functioned effectively throughout the year with only minor hiccups occurring on the departure to the deep South of Sgt Gower the 'Fire Fighting - DJ and Transport King', and following Graduation the departure of the gracious Admin Officer Lt (W) Adrienne Young - on release to civvy street.

Sgt Rukapo who arrived to assume the Tpt NCO and Capt Guy Bransby's internal transfer to Admin Officer has resolved the Tpt and Admin difficulties, however both declined the honour of being the School's Disco DJ or spokes-person on matters feminine.

In November the Headquarters was further strengthened with the arrival of S sgt Nissen and Cpl Geary on permanent attachment from TMS. A major step in resolving the saga of the Q Account.

Changes in the School training policy, resulting from amendments to individual corps training policies and the trade band restructuring of 1978, have placed a heavier day to day workload on the NCOs posted to the School as Pl Sgts/AA Instrs. It was this group that during the early part of 1979, wore the results of short-sighted Corps OR posting policies. The departure in Mar/Apr of Sgt Shirkey, Cpl Maber, Sgt Wikaire and S sgt Riri without immediate replacement created difficulties that were only overcome by the loyalty and steadfastness of the remaining members of the staff.

We farewelled S sgt Tom Riri on his release with a formal parade and presentation to mark the tremendous contribution he had made to the School in his tours as Pl Sgt and subsequently as Training NCO. Until S sgt Tumai arrived in July to replace Tom Riri, Sgt 'K.R.' Kahuroa carried out the responsibilities admirably, despite his protestations that he was no administrator.

The arrival of Cpl Corlett (ex Tac School), Sgt Atkinson and Cpl Thurlow (both ex 1 RNZIR) did much to restore the sagging confidence of the training staff. Their expertise and knowledge was immediately put to good use as we tackled the problem of instructing 152 cadets in the art of infantry minor tactics.

Mid year saw the departure of the Schools 'haka-boogie and musical trio' - Sgts Brown, Niwa and Morgan. Words cannot express the impact they each had on the School and particularly on the cadets with whom they came in contact. Their loss was allayed by the arrival of the equally talented quartet (not musically 'unfortunately') of Bdrs Bull and Mita, Sgt Murray and Cpl Clark (vice Cpl Maber)

There were comings and goings too amongst the RNZAEC Officers - a group who normally provide stability and continuity within the School.

Firstly Maj David Brown returned from the Staff of OCTC for a brief sojourn of five months before heading for Singapore. His arrival was opportune - for with immediate experience gained in planning training for Officer Cadets he was well qualified to put the new OC's training concepts into fact - a job well done.

Lt Noke arrived in February to be the authority on English literature and prose. Much to everyone's surprise he had 'short hair' and had been a serving TF Engineer.

Of particular significance was the appointment of Maj Keith Westwater as CI Education Wing to replace Maj J. Davey (off to warmer climes of Papakura). Keith brought to the School a wealth of knowledge on the RF Cadet System, having been a cadet in 1964-66 and having served previously on the staff and being involved on two major reviews of the system.

In December we welcomed the return of two ex cadets, newly promoted to Warrant Officer - (WO2's Hammond and Mitten) as the CSMs of A and B Coys. Their arrival was greeted with cheers by both Sgt Jacobs and the SSM, WO1 Cooper. Sgt Jacobs as he could at last lay down the mantle of CSM A Coy, the appointment he had held since May - and WO1 Cooper because it signified the count down for his pending departure to Australia. (3 years at RMC)

In summary, 1979 was from a staff point of view - hectic, exacting, amazing and at times frustrating. There were no accolades for effort and time spent in training or involvement in sport/recreational activities - but for each member of the staff, there was reward and tremendous satisfaction in the words of thanks from individual cadets following an impressive Graduation Day.

To those who departed during the year, our thanks for jobs well done!

For those who remain for 1980, the training programme looks a daunting challenge, but will no doubt be equally as rewarding, if we keep in mind Brassidas' virtues and a little 'Hope'.

1979 STAFF

The Regular Force Cadet School Staff, as at 1 Dec 79, was as follows:

HEADQUARTERS

OC	Maj	T.G.	Roche	RNZA
AO	Lt (W)	A.E.	Young	RNZ Sigs
SSM	WO1	C.A.	Cooper	RNZAC
Chief Clerk	S sgt	J.F.	Mitchell	BEM, RNZIR
SQMS	S sgt	R.J.	O'Neill	RNZIR
Clerk	Cpl	R.J.	Fels	RNZIR
Stmn	Cpl	D.P.	Ambler	RNZIR
Typist	Mrs	S.	Paul	

A COMPANY

Coy Comd	Capt	P.J.	Nichols	RNZIR
CSM	Sgt	H.S.	Jacobs	RNZIR

B COMPANY

Coy Comd	Capt	G.H.	Bransby	RNZA
CSM	WO2	C.J.	Hill	RNZE

EDUCATION WING

CI	Maj	W.K.	Westwater	RNZAEC
Instructors	Maj	W.H.	McGunnigle	RNZAEC
	Capt	P.W.	Nelson	RNZAEC
	Capt	W.J.	Wilde	RNZAEC
	Lt	D.	Noke	RNZAEC

APPRENTICE WING

STI	S sgt	D.M.	Lacey	RNZE
CTI	Sgt	K.J.	Hanson	RNZE
	Sgt	W.A.	Scobie	RNZAOC
	Cpl	B.J.	Clark	RNZE
	Cpl	C.J.	Collingwood	RNZE

TRAINING WING

Training NCO	S sgt	C.R.	Tumai	RNZIR
Instructors	Sgt	R.R.	Kahuroa	RNZIR

Sgt	M.J.	Richardson	RNZ Sigs
Sgt	H.W.	Murray	RNZAC
Sgt	H.H.	Rukapo	RNZCT
Sgt	P.G.	Atkinson	RNZIR
Sgt	D.R.	De Bazin	RNZIR
Bdr	D.J.	Bull	RNZA
Bdr	P.W.	Mita	RNZA
Cpl	L.G.	Corlett	RNZIR
Cpl	W.K.	Thurlow	RNZIR

A COMPANY/TRAINING WING NOTES

Capt P.J. Nichols

A Company began the Training Year on 11 January with March-In of McKinnon Class. The Basic commenced on Wed 17 January and finished Wed 7 March.

The second year Cadets underwent advanced soldier training during this period, which included a fruitful exercise with 7 WN HB in Gisborne from 8-26 February. This dispatch mentions Cdt Biggs who, heroically and single handed, ambushed the CO and his protection party!

The Basic would not have been the success it was without the hard work and long hours put in by staff, particularly Sgt Richardson and Cpl de Bazin - both had to be sent home through exhaustion and lack of sleep at one stage! Such dedication to duty is admirable.

A well-earned leave followed the basic from 8-11 March. and then A Company Cadets were split into two main streams:

- a. Soldier Training 1 and 2 Platoons;
- b. Education 3 Platoon.

Training Wing was still responsible for the Infantry Corps training of 4 Platoon until August.

A three week navigation course from 12-31 March followed and then Infantry Corps training began. Infantry Corps training ended on 3 August and this period included Easter 13-16 April, May leave 5-20 May, Queens Birthday 2-4 June and a three week TCA English course. Infantry Corps training culminated in a two week exercise either at Ngaruawahia or in Fiji. These exercises both proved to be very successful, with rain adding the final touch to give flavour to the life of the infantry-man. The hot weather of Fiji certainly compensated for the July winters

renowned in Waiouru.

The two weeks before August leave saw cadets undertake a week's drill and duties course, and experience adventure training at Raukawa Falls. August leave from 18 Aug- 2 Sep was a refreshing break in the training cycle.

A two week First Aid and Signals courses ended on 30 September. Of the 54 who attended both courses, 49 passed. An HT Driving licence course was planned for this period but had to be cancelled because of petrol restrictions.

During October, a review of Regular Force Cadet School took place and is likely to result in great changes to Cadet School in 1981, if its recommendations are adopted.

From 1-19 October, a Drill Instructors module was run to give cadets confidence in the art of instruction and the knowledge to instruct recruits in foot and weapon drills. This was followed by Methods of Instruction course, conducted by Training Methods School. This ended on 30 November.

Graduation fortnight followed, with Graduation on 13 December.

A large number of cadets also attended courses and training at various schools and units. This included work at ATG Hospital, HQ Army Schools, School of Armour, School of Artillery, RNZCT School, School of Signals, School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, assistance to the School of Infantry, and assistance to the Fijian Officer Cadets.

Extra Curricular Activities

Extra Curricular activities were many and varied. These included a Quarter Guard, 3 Platoon's run to Wanganui to raise money for the Year of the Child, and the Wanganui Military Pageant. In the Pageant of 22-25 March, selected cadets put on a precision PT display of strength, skill and teamwork which

brought credit to the School.

Cadet School hosted 17 Queensland Naval Reserve Cadets on 20 June. A most successful formal dinner was held on 5 July to which WO1 Sandford, Army Schools RSM, was invited as Guest Speaker. Cadets erected tents for the Official Opening of the Taupo Hydro scheme, canoed on the Wanganui River, visited the Turangawaewae Marae, enjoyed numerous discos, not only in Waiouru but also in Suva (Fiji), and Ngaruawahia. Several Church parades were held throughout the year, as well as Pl Bar-B-Qs and an inter platoon hangi competition/Coy Games Evening/Happy Hour.

Sport

A Company Cadets participated in many various forms of sport. These ranged from Gliding at Taihape to Kung Fu, Tramping on Mount Ruapehu, Deer Stalking and Snow Ski-ing. Congratulations go to Cadet Coombe for winning the New Zealand Under 17 Ski-ing Competition and coming third in the World Under 17 Competition; To Sgt Richardson, playing Rugby for Wanganui; To Cadets Earsman and Morgan representing the Army in Basketball; Cadet Strachan representing the Army in Soccer and Cadet Allen winning the 800m and 1500m Inter Secondary Schools Athletics races.

A Company Cadets also ran in the Round-The-Mountain race, running in third in the A Grade and third and sixth in the B Grade.

In the inter-company competition A Company did exceptionally well, achieving the following results:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>A Company</u>	<u>B Company</u>	<u>Result</u>
Rugby	47	Nil	Win
Soccer	2	1	Win
Hockey	7	2	Win
Tug-O-War . Light weight	2	Nil	Win
Middle "	2	1	Win

<u>Sport</u>	<u>A Company</u>	<u>B Company</u>	<u>Result</u>
Tug-O-War Heavy weight	2	1	Win
Basketball	34	34	Draw
Swimming	37	55	Loss
Softball			Win
Athletics	231	74	Win
Cricket	79	35	Win
Volleyball	2	-	Win

Soccer

Sat 13 Oct 79

The Soccer match was played in a spirit second to none with A Company scoring the necessary goals to uplift the trophy winning by two goals to one. Players for A Company who showed great talent were: Rogers, Strachan and Hanson, with Godfrey, Lawson, Lenihan and Ellis giving great support for their team. Another player who should be mentioned playing a solid game at midfield was Hinton who took a lot of pressure from B Company strikers.

Overall, it was pressure from both sides which made for a very exciting match. A Company 2 : B Company 1.

Hockey

The Hockey game, after a shaky start finally got under-way. The A Company line-up were far too strong for their counter parts. A Company took control of the game from the start till the finish, reflecting in the final score of 7 goals to 2.

Basketball

The Basketball match ended in a draw which was indicative of the very talented players we have in the Unit. This was one game where the Unit representatives are divided evenly between the two companies resulting in a 34 all draw.

Volleyball

Wed 17 Oct 79

The Volleyball match was won by 2 Platoon after a series of elimination games played by the Unit as a whole. Each platoon entered a team, not only to find the best platoon but also to win for their Companies. Two Platoon, led by Earsman (Army Representative) took the honours with ease after trouncing 5 Platoon in the finals, winning, in two straightsets.

Rugby

Sat 20 Oct 79

The Annual Inter Company Rugby was a game that was looked forward to with a lot of enthusiasm. This was reflected in the game itself.

The game kicked off with a very fast and furious pace with both teams throwing the ball around. Weight and experience finally took over the game for A Company. At half time A Company led 18 - 0 (3 converted tries).

The second half saw the A Company backs of Grey, Haehae Raureti, Holden, Ngatai, Earsman and Noble take control, scoring tries at will. Final score A Company 47 B Company Nil.

Tug-O-War

Sat 27 Oct 79

The Annual Inter- Company Tug-O-War competition was pulled off on Sat 27 Oct 79. After three weeks of practice, with teams from A and B Company secretly going through their drills and strategies, the day finally arrived to put their expertise into practise. The teams had to go through a weigh-in procedure to decide who would represent their companies in the following categories:

1. Heavy weight;
2. Middle weight;
3. Flyweight.

The enthusiasm and atmosphere was, as one would say,

'electric' leading up to and including the events, which was until then, rare in the way of Company and team spirit. There was a great turnout for the occasion, both in presence and encouragement, which made the events as far as A Company was concerned, worthwhile winning. The results were as follows:

1. Heavy weight	2 pulls	1 pull
2. Middle weight	2 pulls	1 pull
3. Flyweight	2 pulls	0

Swimming

Wed 8 Nov 79

The Swimming carnival was a very one-sided competition with B Company leading from the start. A Company had little show of matching the determination and talent exhibited by B Company. Whalley, Schou and L.S. Clark gained credit to B Company. Considering B Company had less than one third of their Company available, they achieved a rout, and squashed the invincibility of A Company, having been up until 8 Nov unbeaten. Congratulations to B Company, who won, 55 points to 37.

Athletics

Sat 17 Nov 79

The Inter Company Athletics resulted in another resounding win for A Company. Of note were Holden who came 2nd in 200m, O'Donoghue who came 2nd in 500m, and Milligan, 2nd in the Discus. Smart won the 800m in a new record time of 2mins 14.9 secs, and Hands broke the Shotput record, with a throw of 38ft 3ins. Paul came 2nd in the 100m and won the 400m in a time of 57 secs. Dan Dijk put on an outstanding display of stamina and determination coming 2nd in the 1500m, winning the 3000m in a time of 11 mins 34.4 secs and powering away from O'Donoghue to win the 5000m in a time of 18 mins 4 secs. Earsman performed creditably for A Company coming 2nd in the 200m, 2nd in triple jump, winning long jump with a jump of 19ft 5in, and winning the 100m in a new record time of 12 secs. Strachan similarly did exceptionally well, coming 2nd in the high jump, 2nd in the long jump, winning the Javelin with a throw of 14.8 ft, and winning the triple jump with a new record

of 39ft 6in. A Company also won the 4x100m relay in a new record time of 49 mins 45 secs. This team comprised of Schicker, Mee, Earsman and Strachan. A Company won the Athletics: 231 to 74 points.

Cricket

Sat 24 Nov 79

A very fast game which saw B Company into bat first. The strength of A Company lay in Hanson and Coombe. Hanson bowled Williams and Helm for nil runs, and caught Behrent for nine runs, and caught Markowski. B Company were all out for 35 runs in about as many minutes.

A Company were 36 for four before Hanson was bowled and caught by Helm for 18 and Ngatai was 25 not out when the game was declared. A Company won with 79 for six and B Company all out for 35.

Postings

A Company/Training Wing experienced considerable disruption with staff postings, especially with staff being posted and not being replaced in time for handover. The following were posted in:

	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>From</u>
Lt Adrienne Young	Pl Comd	BTD
Lt Dennis Hayden	Pl Comd	OCTC
2Lt Kevin Burnett	Pl Comd	Portsea
2Lt Mike Roberts	Pl Comd	OCTC
S sgt "Bunny" Tumai	Trg NCO Instr	161 Bty
Sgt "Juju" Rukapo	Tpt NCO Instr	BTD
Sgt "Bear" Murray	Instr	QA Sqn
Cpl "Ako" Atkinson	Pl Sgt/Instr	1 RNZIR
Cpl Leith Corlett	Pl Sgt/Instr	Tac School
Cpl "Kootu" Thurlow	Pl Sgt/Instr	1 RNZIR
Bdr "Buck" Bull	Instr	161 Bty
Bdr Pete Mita	Instr	WTD

The following were posted out:

	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>To</u>
Lt Dennis Hayden	Pl Comd	Australia
2Lt Kevin Burnett	Pl Comd	WTD
2Lt Mike Roberts	Pl Comd	Australia
S sgt Eddie Tataurangi	CSM A Coy	HQ ATG
S sgt Tom Riri	Trg NCO	'Under the Pohutukawa Tree' East Coast (Retired)
Sgt "Hooks" Matthews	Instr	7 Wn HB
Sgt "Lala" Wikaire	Instr	4 O South
Sgt Jim Morgan	Instr	1 Scots
Sgt John Niwa	Pl Sgt Instr	1 TFR Trg Wing
Sgt Max Gower	Tpt NCO/Instr	Tpt NCO Otago and Southland Army Area
Sgt Bill Shirkey	Tpt NCO	Upper Hutt (Resigned)

The success of A Company during the year in training, social and recreational activities is a direct reflection of the work put in by the staff, in particular the Platoon Commanders and Platoon Sergeants. The dominating performances of A Company Cadets in sports reflected the morale and attitude of the Cadets, inspired by their staff.

I thank: S sgt Tumai, Sgt Jacobs, Sgt Richardson, Sgt Kahuroa, Cpl de Bazin, Cpl Atkinson, Cpl Corlett, Cpl Thurlow, for their support, hard work and long hours of devotion to the cadets in evenings and weekends. Without their hard work, sense of humour and preparedness to give up their free time, A Company could not have been the champion company, nor the successful and happy company it is.

I also thank: Maj N.S. Kidd, MBE and Maj T.G. Roche for their support and guidance throughout the year.

QUOTABLE QUOTES FROM TRAINING WING

The Boy	Perloin is a side of beef
Bunny	What race Jake?
Juju	No trucks
KR	I'm on course today
Ako	Nothing to report Capt Nelson Sir
DB	COME HERE CADET
Jake	Thunder Park
Burnett	Hey.....
Mike	But why Sir?
Kootu	What I reckon is....
Lieth	No
Pete	Oh but.....
Bear	Where's Mita and Corlett
Buck	The Ghost is walking
Harry	Horse

B COMPANY NOTES

Capt J.P. Masson

B. Company is perhaps better named the Company of many Commanders. I am the fourth this year, standing in for Capt G.H. Bransby, RNZA, the regular commander, who is currently on a three month course.

With changing commanders the adage, "a change is as good as a holiday" does not apply. Each change has increased the workload for the staff as each of the commanders have settled in. For this a special thanks to these staff members, in particular the CSM, WO2 C.J. Hill, who have provided the continuity within the Company.

Unit Training

During the 10 weeks basic, B Company became the administration cell for the whole of Cadet School. This enabled A Company staff to concentrate on the training of the new cadets.

At the end of the basic B Company Cadets were placed into either:

- a. Soldier Training/Corps Trade Training Group B
First year cadets who did soldier training up until August and then trade training for the rest of the year;
- b. Full time Corps Trade Training. Second year cadets who went directly to trade training at the completion of the basic.

The result of this type of training was that throughout the year large numbers of B Company Cadets were divorced from the unit and under command of other units and schools throughout New Zealand.

This caused some control problems and unfortunately resulted in the Company losing most of the Inter Company Sport Fixtures, due to the lack of numbers from which teams could be selected.

However, the cadets were exposed to some very good trade courses and on-the-job training to which most responded very well and should benefit from in the future.

Exercises

Once again the composition of the Company did not lend itself to unit exercises. Never-the-less some B Company personnel were able to participate in the following exercises, mainly to assist in A Company Training:

- a. Exercise Tropic Dawn 45 to Fiji;
- b. Exercise Karakariki to Ngaruawahia.

Functions

Throughout the year the B Company Cadets were able to participate in a number of discos and bar-b-ques. The highlight of the year was the Regimental Dinner held in November and even in absence of a guest speaker, proved to be a great success enjoyed by all.

Sport

As already indicated the lack of numbers to select from had an adverse effect on the Company's Sports successes. The only areas that we had any success at all was in the basketball, where the Company fought back well to secure a draw, and in the swimming carnival where a handful of B Company Cadets managed to stop the run of successes by A Company.

Conclusion

Despite the staff changes within the company and the problems associated with a company divided because of work commitments 1979 can still be classed as another successful year for B Company RF Cadet School.

EDUCATION WING NOTES

1979 was a year of change in many ways for the Education Wing. During January through March lieutenants Bill Wilde, Dave Noke, Captain Peter Nelson and Major Bill McGunnigle began assisting four of the platoons, firstly with their basic training, while the CI coped with changing OCships at School HQ.

The start of formal education in late March saw 40 cadets in a "new look" programme - each cadet taking two subjects at either School Certificate or University Entrance level, while Cadet Cole attempted two Massey University papers. General Education for many of the remainder of cadets also started at this time, mainly in current affairs, military history and other subjects.

In May the wing saw a change of CI when Major Keith Westwater returned to Waiouru for a second tour with the staff and Maj John Davey shifting to warmer climates in taking up the Education Officer's post in Papakura. May also saw the first of two back-to-back TCA English courses which One, Two and Four platoons attempted, for the most part, successfully. Meanwhile the formal education programme proceeded side by side with soldier training for those cadets taking part, ie 3 platoon. It has been commented that the programme was similarly arranged for the first intake of cadets in 1948. One is forgiven for thinking that change and progress are the same thing.

In July three platoon took part in a field training exercise in Ngaruawahia which gave the Wing staff a break from academic teaching, or in some cases, a chance to get the chalk dust out of their DPMs. After August leave, and an assortment of ATO's and Pet Ops courses and some internal examinations, the year gathered paced and the School Certificate and University Entrance examinations loomed closer on the calendar. Meanwhile Bill Wilde was promoted to Captain and Peter Nelson and Bill McGunnigle began sitting some of many Massey Univer-

bity papers. With exams prominent many of Three Platoon took up the offer of a break away from "swot" and relaxed enjoyably for a few days in Turangi, canoeing and swimming under Peter Nelson's and Dave Noke's watchful eyes.

In conclusion, I would like to wish all the Cadets who sat examinations in November the success they deserve.

CLASS REUNION

On the weekend of the 21/22 July, nineteen members of Russell Class (1960) met at RF Cadet School for an informal reunion.

Amongst the activities were visits to accommodation and classrooms used when they were cadets (still unchanged in 1979); a tour of the Army Memorial Museum; and organised indoor sport at the Waiouru RSA.

A function was also held at the Sportsmen's Bar, which was also attended by the OC, the SSM and an Education instructor.

An organising committee from Shuttleworth Class (1955) plans to hold a reunion at RF Cadet School early in 1980, and it is hoped that other classes will also hold reunions in the years to come.

CHARTER PARADE 1979

On Sunday 1 December 1979, Regular Force Cadet School exercised its right to march through the streets of Taupo with "Swords drawn, Bayonets fixed, Drums beating and Bands playing".

In a fitting commencement to the 1979 Graduation ceremonies, the Cadet RSM WO1 K.J. Hawley, handed over to Captain P.J. Nichols, a 100 man Guard of Honour for the Mayoral Inspection.

A large crowd gathered to watch the Inspection and subsequent march through the streets of Taupo, with the Taupo Municipal Band leading.

Present were the Class Patron, Major General W.S. McKinnon, CB, OBE, BSc, and numerous Taupo dignitaries.

The weather was a typical splendid Taupo day and the Charter Parade was held in conjunction with the Annual Taupo Carnival, which meant plenty of attractions for the Cadets after the Parade.

Over-all, the whole day was thoroughly enjoyed by those Cadets who took part in the Parade, and I am sure the many people who watched also enjoyed themselves.

OBITUARY

Brigadier George Dittmer 1972 Class Patron

Brigadier George Dittmer, one of New Zealand's most distinguished soldiers and the first commanding officer of the 28th Maori Battalion, has died in Auckland.

Brigadier Dittmer saw service in both World Wars.

At the outbreak of the First World War, he was a sergeant in the 6th Hauraki Company, Auckland Battalion, and went overseas with the Main Body.

He served at Gallipoli and was commissioned in May 1915. He also served in Egypt, France and Belgium before returning to New Zealand.

When a decision was made early in the Second World War to establish a Maori Battalion, Brigadier Dittmer was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel and appointed to command it.

He had that command from January 1940, until February 1942. During that time his troops fought in Greece, Crete and Libya.

CADET RSM'S REPORT 1979

Cadet WO1 K.J. Hawley

The thought of being one of the many to return to Cadet School as a senior was not altogether appealing, but it did have its good aspects. One of which was seeing the McKinnon class cadets arrive to start their careers as soldiers. They adopted quickly to the new environment, and all seemed to do well in their initial eight weeks of basic training. As always though the pace proved to be too hot for some, and we lost a few back to the more casual civilian way of life.

The progression of the year saw many promotions amongst the junior class, and this showed their ability to carry on the standards and traditions of Regular Force Cadet School that have been around for so long now. Team work was gained with the arrival of winter and everyone off representing the School in their various codes of sport. The school was well represented in most sports, namely Rugby, Soccer, Hockey, Harriers and Basketball. Many of our sportsmen made a good start by making it into various Regional teams and of course the Army teams.

Trade training does not seem to have changed much from last year. As usual B Company was decimated when everybody moved away to the various Army Schools, but they still held together and put up a good show against A Company in the inter-company competitions.

In conclusion, I would like to offer my best wishes to those who graduated in 1979, I'm sure you won't forget it in a hurry and to those who are back for another year, give it a good go and remember that being a Cadet is being on top and that's where all ex cadets aim to stay.

ONE PLATOON PEOPLE IN SONG

It (W) Young	"Lay your love on me"
Sgt Jacobs	"Rise and shine Sleepy Joe"
Sarge	"The Stud"
Cpl Thurlow	"Roly Poly"
Allen	"Run Rabbit Run"
Anderson	"Baby Elephant Walk"
Auker	"Beg, Steal or Borrow"
Bidois	"Kung Fu Fighting"
Bradford	"You talk too much"
Butler	"Why's everybody always picking on me?"
Christiansen	"Girls, Girls, Girls"
Collins	"If I ruled the world"
Cook	"C is for Cookie"
Daken	"Skybird"
Ellis	"Laughing Gnome"
Fay	"Stand Tall"
Firth	"Have no bananas"
Flavell	"How much is that doggy in the window?"
Haddon	"Speedy Gonzales"
Haehae	"Big Bad, Leroy Brown"
Hands	"What a day for a daydream"
Hartnell	"I'd rather be a hammer than a nail"
RSM Hawley	"Short People"
Henderson	"If I were a rich man"
Holden	"Blow Away"
Houkamau	"Leader of the Pack"
Hunter	"Macho Man"
Josephs	"Money, Money, Money"
Kidd	"Babyface"
Petersen	"Hard Days Night"
Tuchy	"Nothing but a Dreamer"
White	"Hair"
Yardley	"Dem Bones"

3 PLATOON : SOLDIER TRAINING

R.D. Paul

This year brought a new dimension to educationists (for whippos). - the introduction to soldier training. In past years the whippos had not been too popular with the local hangman A.K.A. the SSM. However this year we managed to come out on top of any other platoon as far as performance went.

Apart from spending eight days a week at Education Wing, the whippos managed to find time to play with the soldier boys.

To enable us to play soldiers, the platoon was split into three sections, number one section being led by the famous Cdt L cpl Whiru Ngapuhi, OBE, ABE, and VC. The other two sections had little or no effect on performance.

Although two section were our nearest rivals, three section were unfortunate enough to be led by Cdt Hone Heke, CGS (caused general S--- ups). Looking through the diary, Cdt L cpl Heke had many misfortunes ranging from shooting his own platoon commander to sighting an enemy that wasn't there.

From the bad to the ugly "Sgt G. Kahuroa". Sgt K.R. was our first platoon sergeant after the basic training, unfortunately (more unfortunate for us than him). A slight mixup of Pl-Sgts and Cpl Corlett appeared. After him we got Sgt Niwa. Sgt Niwa was very fast off the mark. If he had a message to give, you'd receive it within a fortnight. If not then you'd know it was important. Things had to change however when Cpl Atkinson (dad) came. He made many changes to the usual whippos hard working life. Our high standards set by Sgt K.R. were lifted even higher.

Our platoons overall high standards could not have been achieved without Sgt K.R. at the start and Cpl Atkinson at the finish, along with Capt P Nelson our great and fearless Platoon Commander.

EDUCATION WING

K.L. Godfrey

Well, I've been landed with the task of sketching a brief detail of life as an Education cadet. This, you may think is a waste of time and that is how many of 3 Platoon felt during the year.

Anyway during the course of 3 Platoon's year, the nominal roll slowly diminished. The non-hackets (intelligent pupils) discharged, leaving the "Green Machine". A couple of cadets even managed to get permanently suspended and kicked out, to 1 Platoon. The rest of us men just sat fast, dumbfounded, and were literally eradicated mentally by the Army Education system.

It was obvious that our platoon was never the most popular platoon during 1979. The rest of the School always joked about us, little did they know we are all their future NCOs (or so the Education Officers lead us to believe). The SSM (Chris) often took a turn to bail us out on occasions and we managed to use numerous different platoon sergeants. We're still trying to work out where they all went to..... But contradictory to this, 3 Platoon always held a high morale and this was due partly to our faithful platoon commander and platoon sergeant ("Pete" and Cpl Dad).

Ngaruawahia being so successful boosted a lot of confidence and finishing 1st and 2nd to the staff and soldier training cadets in A Coy in a gun shoot was proof of the skill of the whippos.

Just summing up, a good year over all, although I wouldn't place too many bets on the final passes obtained in School Cert and UE.

FOUR PLATOON - NEWSLETTER

Sgt H.W. Murray

I took over as RF Platoon Sergeant during the month of August. When I arrived I found that the Morale of the platoon was very high, owing to the fact that all Basic and Corps Training was behind them. Also on my arrival I tried to get to know the platoon a bit better by interviewing all of them - Quite a laugh!

However, I was not allowed to laugh for very long. During September saw the platoon split up and go their various ways, on courses all over the country. For those that remained behind there were course being run at Cadet Schools. For example, Basic Communications Course, First Aid, a Drill Instructors and Fieldcraft and weapons phases of the Instructors course.

As a platoon sergeant I was required to instruct on the Basic Communications Course. My personal view was that the people from Four Platoon (those that were lucky enough to get on the course), learnt a lot and enjoyed the course.

During the same period the strength of the platoon went from a nominal 44 down to 18 due to personnel on courses out of ATG.

We then progressed onto the Instructors course which I am sad to say not many people from the platoon attended. However, those that did, I think, enjoyed it.

FOUR PLATOON NOMINAL ROLL

Pl Comd	Maj	'Lofty'	McGunnigle
Pl Sgt	Sgt	'Bear'	Murray
Cdt Pl Sgt	Sgt	'Joe'	Sprangers
Cpl	Cpl	'Benny'	Bentley

Cdt Pl Cpl	'Stud'	Brock
Cpl	'Chub'	Chubbin Moore
L cpl	'Bruno'	Brunton
L cpl	'Mole'	Burrows
L cpl	'Herm'	Herman
L cpl	'Cas'	Leatherby
L cpl	'Cam'	Cameron
L cpl	'Ra'	Taingahue
Cdts	'Steve'	Allpress
	'Complan'	Aspland
	'Fatman'	Behrent
	'Cubby'	Black
	'Bubs'	Bublitz
	'Couch'	Cochrane
	'Ginger'	Crook
	'Cyll'	Culley
	'Tanky'	Dudding
	'Ed'	Edwards
	'Kev'	Fee
	'Herb'	Herbert
	'Gomer'	Homer
	'Hooky Boy'	Hook
	'Parker'	Horgan
	'Dillion'	Hunter
	'Baby Pud'	Kennedy
	'Walt'	Koia
	'Russian'	Markowski
	'Hoss'	Morris
	'Big 'B''	Neale
	'Rads'	Radcliffe
	'Rigs'	Rigden
	'Dave'	Rennison
	'Rick'	Rikihana
	'Rob'	Roberts
	'Ray'	Ryan
	'Sam'	Samuels
	'Sandy'	Sandilands
	'Stew'	Stewart
	'Vercs'	Vercoe

Cdts

'Buttons'

Wallbutton

'Willy'

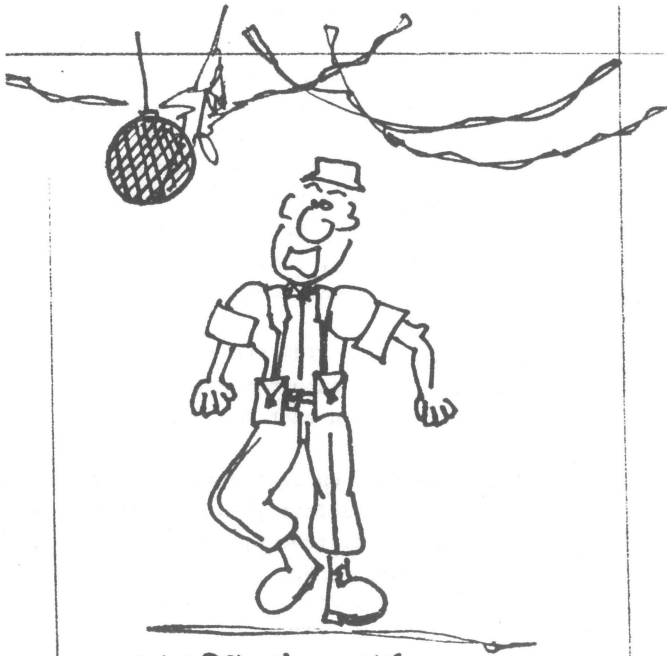
Williams

Cdt Colour Sgt

S sgt

'Uncle Bob'

Raines



HADDOON IN HIS
DISCO DENIMS!

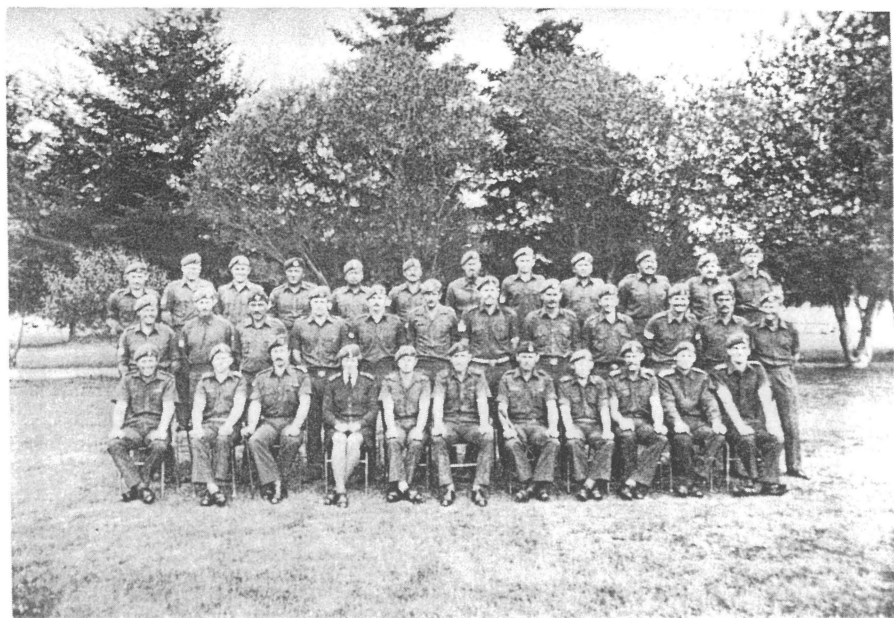
FIVE PLATOON NOTES

Cpl D.M. Hendry

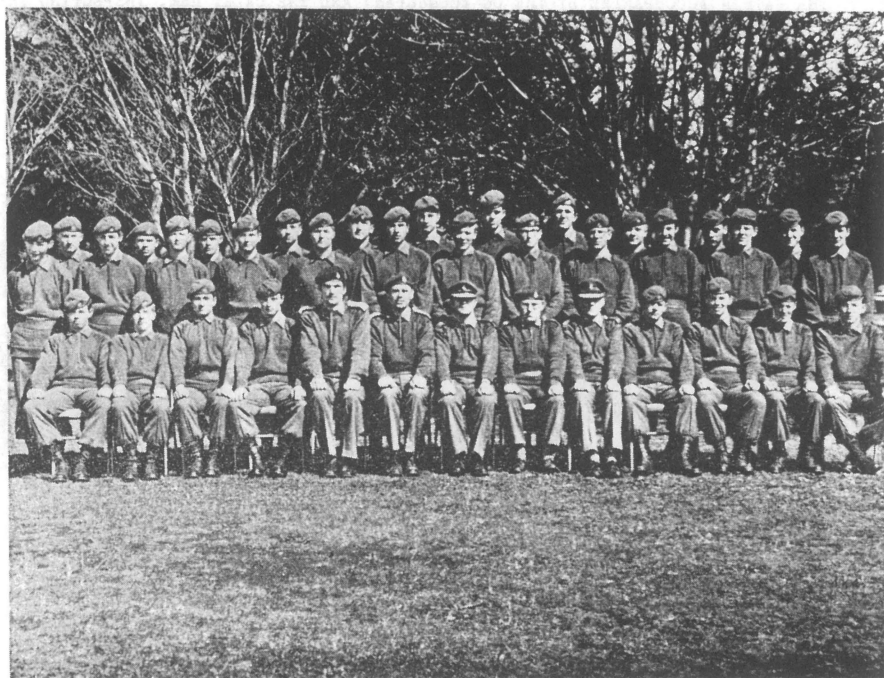
During 1979 Five Platoon never really stood out in particular, the reason for this is due mainly to the composition of the platoon. The main strength of the platoon is Chefs (12 out of a possible 23, including Cdt CSM Harris), while the other 11 cadets are a mixture of other trades/corps such as RNZEME, RNZAOC, RNZE and one RNZ Sigs Cadet, with most of the RNZCT Cadets on Shift work or courses. Five Platoon was unable to enter strong teams in inter platoon competitions such as Rugby, Softball, Running etc. The platoon has some outstanding sportsmen, such as CSM Harris who got into the NZ Army Colts Rugby; Cdt Eades in the ATG Rugby team; Cdt Bennet was in the ATG Soccer and travelled to Linton for Army Regionals, while Cdt L cpl Gillespie and Cdt Sgt Bailey entered in the Fletcher Marathon around Lake Rotorua. Well, on the sports side, Five platoon was outstanding, considering it has the smallest strength in Regular Force Cadet School.

Now, on the drill side there is not much to say because Five platoon was not large enough to go on parade alone so amalgamated with Six platoon each morning.

I think the platoon must have posed a problem for Cadet School staff as we have had five platoon sergeant changes. The first being Sgt Niwa, RNZA, then Cpl Corlett, RNZIR, followed by Bdr Mita, RNZA, succeeded by Sgt Scobie, RNZAOC, and back to Bdr Mita again. On the whole, Five Platoon has had quite a good year.



THE 1979 STAFF

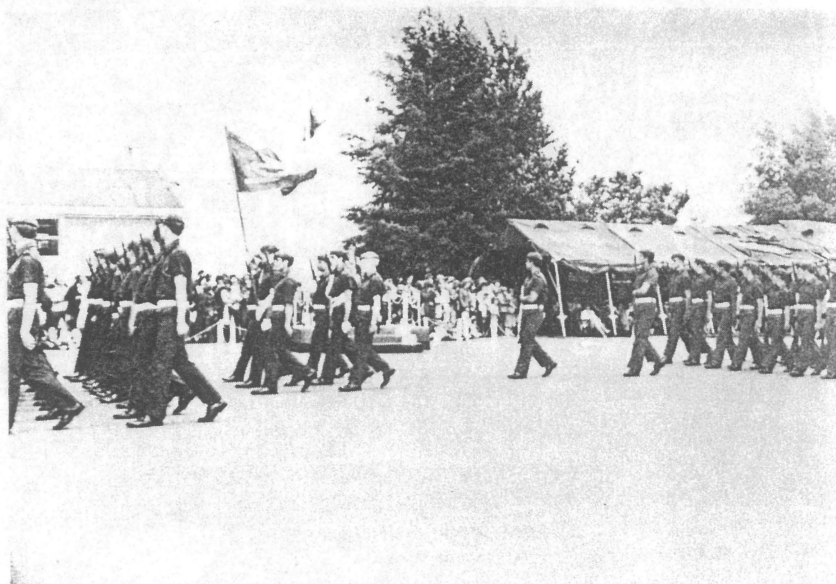


STAFF AND CADETS OF EDUCATION WING

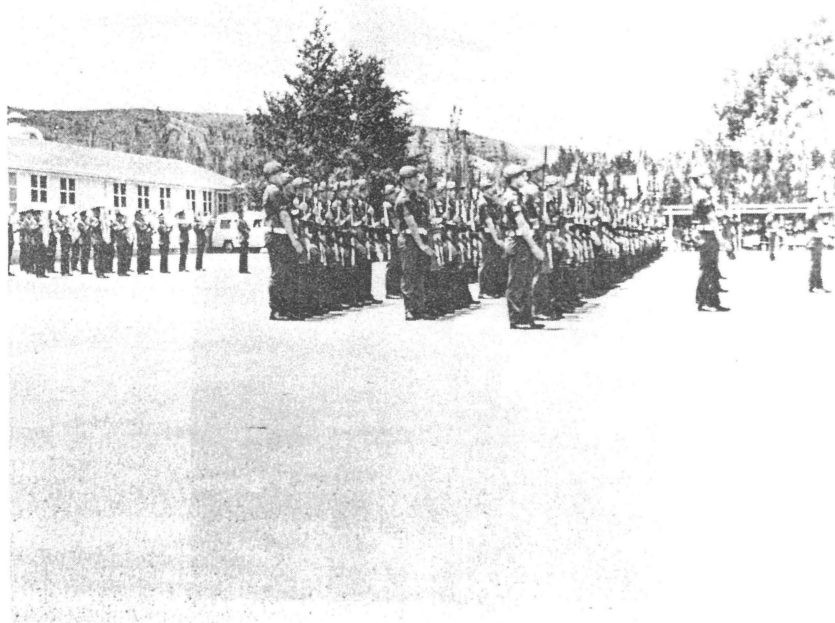
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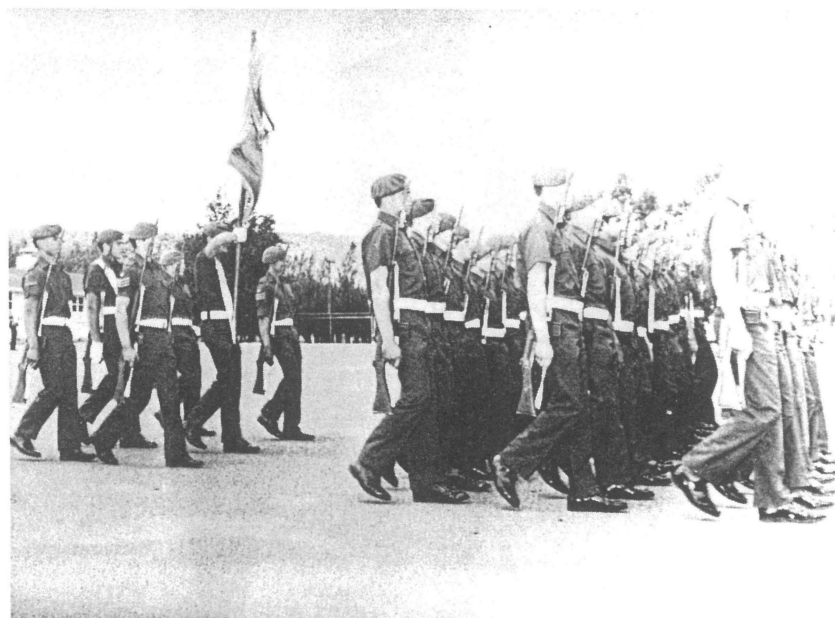
THE PATRON ACCOMPANIED BY THE OC (Obscured) AND THE CADET RSM, INSPECTING THE SCHOOL DURING THE GRADUATION PARADE



THE COLOUR PARTY MARCH PAST THE SALUTING DIAS DURING THE GRADUATION PARADE



THE SCHOOL PRESENTS ARMS DURING THE GRADUATION PARADE. IN THE BACKGROUND IS
THE NZ ARMY BAND



ANOTHER SHOT OF THE SCHOOL DURING THE GRADUATION PARADE



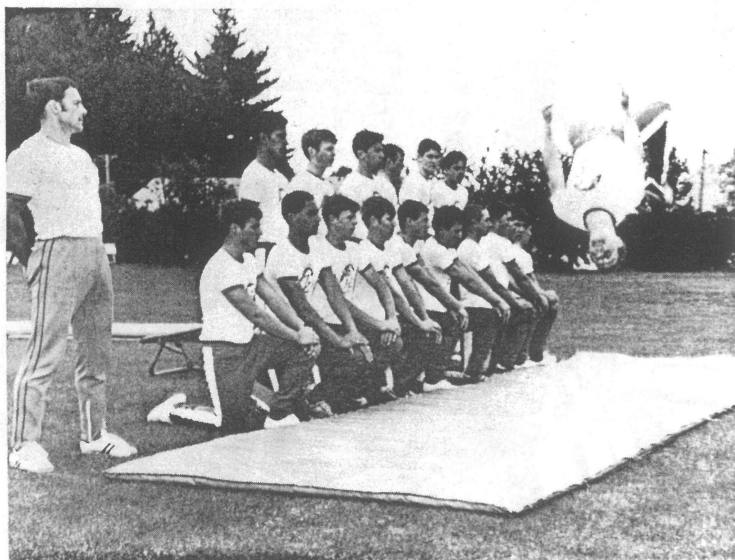
THE PATRON, WITH BDR B.J. BULL, RNZA, LOOKS AT CADET MODELS
DURING THE GRADUATION DAY ACTIVITIES



THE COMMANDER, ATG, COLONEL K.M. GORDON, OBE, DURING THE
GRADUATION PARADE



AN ACTION SHOT OF THE PT DISPLAY ON GRADUATION DAY



ANOTHER ACTION SHOT OF THE PT DISPLAY ON GRADUATION DAY. ON THE LEFT IS
CPL SPAIN, THE PTI



CRAFTSMAN K.J. HAWLEY RECEIVING THE OFFICER COMMANDING'S TROPHY FOR THE
CADET RSM FROM MRS MCKINNON, THE WIFE OF THE CLASS PATRON



CADET LANCE CORPORAL J.F. CAMERON RECEIVING THE MILNE AND CHOICE CUP FOR THE
BEST ALL ROUND CADET



CRAFTSMAN R. LENIHAN RECEIVING THE WESTWATER TROPHY AT THE GRADUATION PRIZEGIVING



PRIVATE A.F. HUNTER WITH THE BALL MEMORIAL TROPHY



GUNNER T.A. SANDILANDS ABOUT TO RECEIVE THE LESLIE BOURKE MEMORIAL TROPHY



DRIVER G.J. PORTEOUS WITH THE FLT LT TURNHAM CUP AND BOOK FOR THE MOST EFFICIENT FIRST YEAR APPRENTICE CHEF



1979 HOCKEY XI

Top (from Left)

Cadets: Morgan, Palmer, Allen, Moody, Firth, Collins and Lee.

Bottom

Cadets: Spargo, Tuohy and Godfrey. Lt W.J. Wilde (Coach/Manager)

Cadets: Bradford and McGregor



The 1979 ATG REGION SOCCER TEAM which included (4th, 5th and 6th from Left) (Top Row) Cadets: Auker, Strachan, Mence, and (2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th from left, Bottom Row) - Bennett, Hanson, Rogers and Williams



THE 1979 FIRST SOCCER XI

Top (from Left) Cadets: Hawley and
Strachan
Cpl Creedy (Coach/Manager)
Cadets: Herbert, Williams
and Rogers.

Centre: Cadets: Smart, Bennett,
Hanson, Ellis and
Hinton.

Bottom: Cadets: Mence, Hook, Helm,
Auker and Lenihan



THE 1979 THIRD RUGBY XV

From Left:

Sgt W.A. Scobie (Coach)

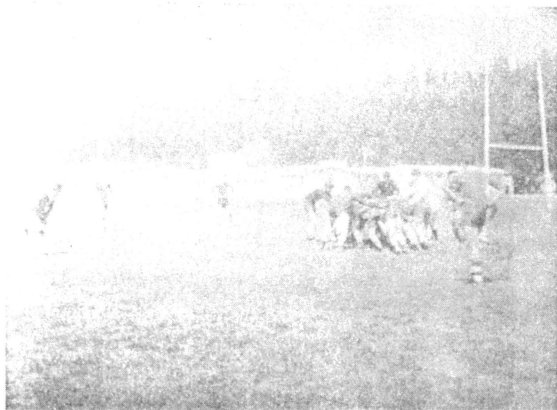
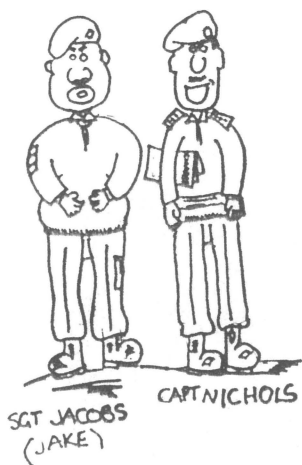
Cadets: Priest, Clarke, Ryan, Tupe, Behrent, Veza,
Nyberg, Rikihana, Cpl R.J. Fels (Manager)

Bottom:

Cadets: Holah, Vercos, Esiah, Hunter, Roberts, Lower
Langman, Todd, Dudding and Henderson

"SSM'S MORNING AFTER LEAVE PARADE"

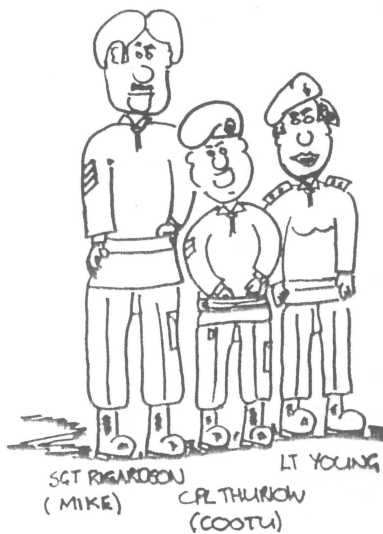




A scrum during the Inter-Company Rugby Match



Two Alpha Company supporters during the Annual Inter-Company Rugby Match



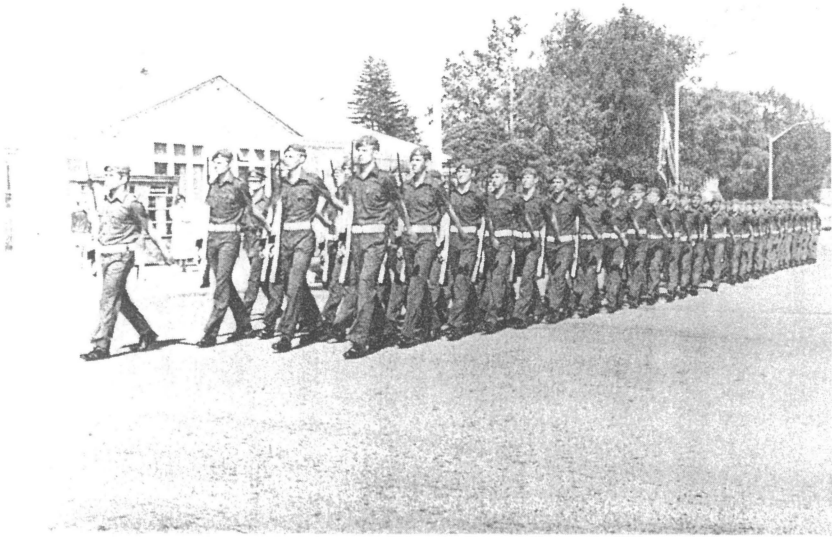
Two Bravo Company supporters beating the drums for their team during the Inter-Company Rugby Match



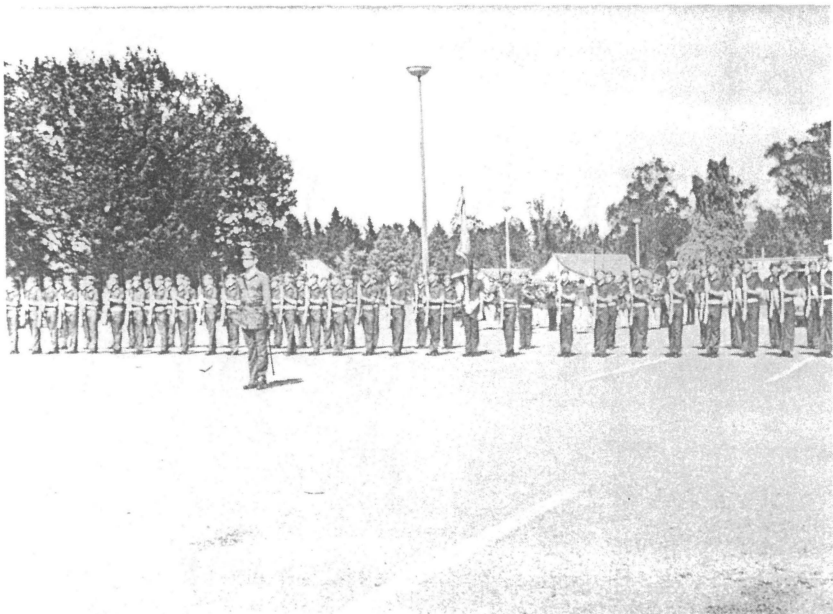
Marching through the Streets of Taupo during the 1979 Taupo Charter Parade.
The Guard Commander is Captain P.J. Nichols, RNZIR



The Mayor of Taupo, Mr Currie, talking to Cadet P.B. Lieshman during the Mayoral Inspection. He is accompanied by the Guard Commander, Capt P.J. Nichols, RNZIR and Capt P.W. Nelson, RNZAEC



With Cdt WO2 Karena leading, the Guard marches past the Taupo Post Office during the 1979 Taupo Charter Parade



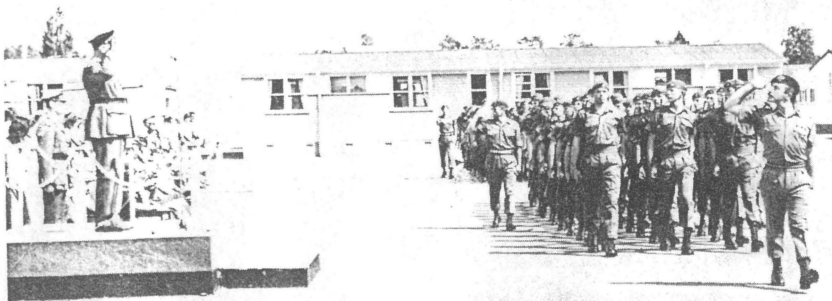
Another shot of the 100 Man Guard during the Taupo Charter Parade



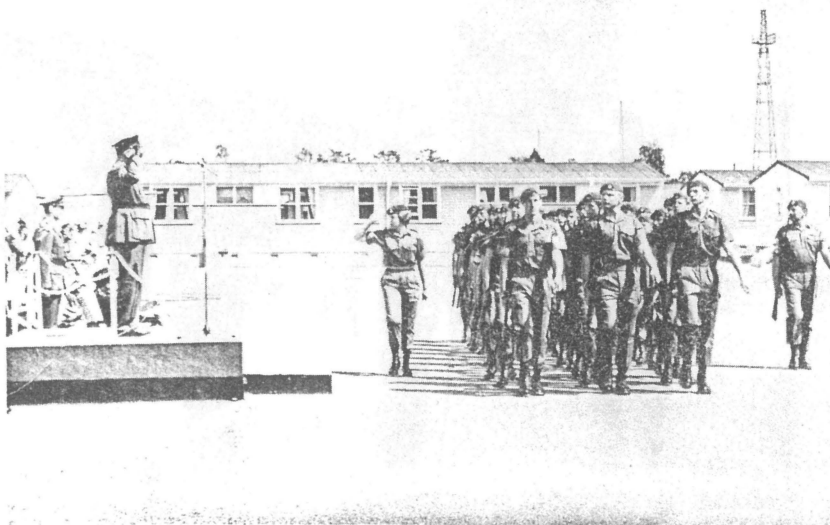
The Class Patron, MAJOR GENERAL W.S. McKINNON, CB, CBE, BSc, accompanied by Captain G.H. Bransby, and the OC, Major T.G. Roche (Obscured) inspecting members of 3 Platoon during the Basic Pass Out Parade on March 1979



The Class Patron, with the Officer Commanding, Major T.G. Roche (Right) and the B Company Commander, Capt G.H. Bransby, during the Basic Pass Out Parade



Captain G.H. Bransby leads his Company past the Saluting Dias at the Basic Pass Out Parade. The Reviewing Officer is the patron, MAJOR GENERAL W.S. McKINNON, CB, CBE, BSc



Lieutenant Adrienne Young with her Platoon during the March Past at the Basic Pass Out Parade

SIX PLATOON NOTES - 1979

G.J. Porteus

The year started off on 13 Jan and the platoon's strength was then 55. This was reduced to 30 when the School was split up after basic.

Sgt Brown was our platoon sergeant - awakening up to Hawaiian splashes was never everybody's idea of fun, but due to a posting in Papakura, he left us in August, and was replaced by Bombardier "Buck" Bull, who led us through to GRAD.

Lt Wilde proved to be a capable platoon commander, and was promoted to Capt in Oct. He showed his appreciation in many ways, but the best was the 1st of Dec - a bar-b-que at his place.

During the year the most we had on parade was usually around 10 due to courses and tours of duty elsewhere, but with this strength we carried on without hassel.

Our first big event of the year was when Rick Whalley got married in May, and our best wishes went out to him and his wife.

Winter was a time for hardship for all of us, but Mike Roberts found a novel way to keep warm, he spent two weeks in Auckland - soaking up the Northland weather.

The Cadet swimming sports was won by 6 platoon, a time for celebrating by all of us, especially having not won anything before. GRAD training brought us the Skill-at-Arms competition, which our 'A' team put a lot of time and effort and they won convincingly, four minutes in front of the second place-getter. However, the other 6 platoon team came last!

In all, a good year for 6 platoon, even though we had our ups and downs.

OVER VIEW OF RF CADET SPORT 1979

WO1 C.A. Cooper

RF Cadet Sports this year undoubtedly would be the most successful than any other year yet. The OC RF Cadet School as well as Staff members can be proud of the achievements of RF Cadet teams.

1979 got off to a good start for sport with the issues of new strips for the Rugby, Soccer and Hockey Teams. In previous years, the cadets have had to participate in second-hand equipment and often achieved second-hand results. It is hoped that the balance of sporting equipment and replacements will be ready for the 1980 sporting calendar.

All our Rugby teams achieved creditable results and special mention must be made of the 3rd and 4ths XVs. These two teams unselfishly put their hearts and souls into the game and at times came close to well deserved wins, but were beaten by bigger and more experienced teams.

Congratulations to those members of the 1st and 2nd XV who were selected to play for the ATG Colts side. Their efforts against the Regular Force sides were superb and displayed flair and discipline when faced by more experienced sides.

One RF staff member, Sgt Rocky Richardson, has been a guiding light for the Rugby players this year. He was selected for the Wanganui Provincial side and played more than fourteen games for the province, thereby gaining his representative pocket.

Last year, the Soccer team played in the Taupo competitions where they achieved mediocre results. This year, under the guidance of Cpl Paul Creedy, they played in the Palmerston North Junior League. Such was the keenness of the cadets they did not mind travelling great distances each week-end. The team was placed third in the competition and I am

sure that they would be pleased with their first year competition in the new area. Undoubtedly, the games in Palmerston North helped the ball skills of the team because each one was placed into the ATG side where they won the Regional Championships. Congratulations go to the two Cadets who gained their pockets representing Army: Cadets C.R. Helm and N.J. Strachan. Cdt Strachan also represented the Army in Basketball and no doubt can look forward to a promising sporting future in Army.

Capt Wilde again this year took over the hockey reins and moulded a very determined side. They too had to travel great distances to play at Wanganui. However, they remained cheerful, especially when being exempt from the Saturday morning drill sessions. The results gained by the hockey team were not as spectacular as the Rugby or Soccer but being able to play as a team together was a worthwhile experience.

As I mentioned before, Cdt Strachan represented the Army in Basketball and Soccer. Cpl Matt Te Pou coached and managed the team this year and he can be especially proud in having a double pocket playing in his team. Tournament matches were arranged all over New Zealand and the experience gained by these matches was of enormous value, especially in the Regional Basketball tournament. All the RF Cadets represented ATG and three gained Army pockets; they were Cdts Strachan, Earsman and M.A. Morgan.

Harriers, as a sport, is gaining popularity within the School under the enthusiastic coaching of Bdr Bull and Capt Bransby. I think their greatest victory, following their participation in many marathons, culminating this year with the "Around the Mountain Relay" Last year the Cadets won the B Grade and this year, being a little more ambitious, entered in the A Grade Section where they took third place.

RF Cadets also entered into other sports such as skiing and roadwalking. Cadet Coombe participated in the NZ Skiing Championships and achieved creditable results. Cadet Herbert, over Easter, entered into the Australasian Championships where he gained third place in his class.

The RF Staff this year must be congratulated on the efforts of their teams. It has been a hectic sporting year with an extraordinary amount of extramural activities taking up time. We, the staff, are conscious of the fact that to have successful sporting teams, we must devote 90% of our spare time to the RF Cadets.

In conclusion I hope the RF Cadets graduating this year will continue with their sporting programmes in the future and always remember that the Army operates as a team and demands 100% effort from each team member.

FIRST FIFTEEN RUGBY 1979

Sgt H.S.Jacobs

Coach/Manager

The 1979 Rugby season started with high and very promising prospects as far as Cadet Rugby went. With Mackie at the helm, the team tore off the crust of the Northern Wanganui 'Under Nineteen' competitors which included such teams as:

Pirates
Ohakune
Kariori
Utiku Old Boys
Taihape College
Raetihi - Ruapehu College Old Boys; and
Ruapehu College.

Intermingled with those teams that suffered defeat at the hands of the Cadets were:

Taumarunui College,
Tongariro College,
Taupo College,
Wairoa College,
Waiouru Training Depot; and
EME Workshops.

This stream of successes really put the team on 'CLOUD NINE' especially winning the 1979 Northern Wanganui 'Under Nineteen' competition.

After so much success, the team was more than ready to go further afield to display their talent and skills. Such a trip was undertaken on Tuesday August 7th. The five day tour included games against:

Pukekohe High School (Thurs 9 August; and)
Kelston Boys (Sat 11 Aug)

The game against Pukekohe was more a farce than a game with the Cadets going down by 11 points to nil. Though (I must say) through no fault of their own, but by some very amateuristic refereeing. The less said about that game the better, but then came the game we really wanted to win. Kelston Boys High.

The Cadets First XV very neatly decked out in their All Black jerseys, shorts and black and white socks was led out on to the heavy ground by their Captain Mark Grey. To see those lads out there, well fitted out, was a moment of triumph before the kickoff, as far as I, as manager was concerned. The Unit had cause to be proud of them. Despite heavy conditions, the game was played at a very robust and furious pace, with both teams giving nothing away for the first 20 minutes. Then came the points. The cadets drew first blood from a scrum. Grey took off down the field with both Skilton and Ngatai in close support. Skelton, acting as decoy, drew two defenders leaving Nuts in the clear to take a well judged pass from Mark. The rest was history. Nuts touched down in the corner after sprinting 75 metres. The conversion missed. Cadets 4 Kelston nil. 10 minutes later the Cadets went further into the lead, after the forwards won a maul on the Kelston 25 metre line. The ball was whipped along the backline to Jacko, who ran into space and scored an easy 4 points. Cadets 8 Kelston Nil.

Not to be outdone, Kelston then started their run of points. From an infringement in front of the cadets goal, the Kelston goal kicker raised the flags Cadets 8 Kelston 3. The scoring unfortunately for us did not stop there. The Kelston forwards after winning a lineout ball, tapped back to their half who distributed neatly to their pacy backs, and after gaining the overlap sent their winger away for a well executed and deserved try, Cadets 8 Kelston 7.

The next Kelston try came after the whole team almost handled the ball. If the Cadets were to learn something, it would have been that try. It was great to watch. Cadets 8 Kelston 11. The Cadets didn't give in there, they came back

THE SECOND FIFTEEN RUGBY 1979

The season began with a series of trials and as a result, 22 of the Schools rugby players were selected to play for the 2nd XV. By the end of the season the team members had changed somewhat from the original selections. It was the aim of the team to play basic rugby, thereby producing a fast flowing game. Once the season got underway and we began to sort out the teams strengths and weaknesses, we started to practice and apply advanced skills to our games. This met varying degrees of success throughout the season. Sgt Niwa, our coach, was posted mid season, the team wish to thank him sincerely for the time and effort he put towards our teams' success during the season.

Cpl Thurlow replaced Sgt Niwa as Coach and it was apparent he was not happy with the standard of fitness within the team and he then undertook the task of raising our level of fitness. After a couple of hard practices the team agreed we weren't as fit as we thought. As the season drew to a close it became apparent the team was really getting it all together and the results proved this. It is a pity the team will not be playing together next season as I'm sure we would be a force to be reckoned with.

The Team

<u>Cdt Sgt Sprangers</u>	Team Captain, excellent loose forward, always hunting for the ball, had some problems with the SIN BIN.
<u>Cdt Coombes</u>	Vice Captain, the teams' golden boot, kicked over 100 points this season.
<u>Cdt Rigden</u>	Fast outside back, excellent tackler.
<u>Cdt Samuels</u>	Good inside back, strong runner.
<u>Cdt Cole</u>	Excellent back, fast moving, scored some good tries.
<u>Cdt Cpl Brock</u>	Fast back, good kicker, tackler and runner.
<u>Cdt L cpl Taingahue</u>	Good all purpose player, tricky runner

Cdt Veitch

Good loose forward, strong runner and tackler.

Cdt Kidd

Good steady forward always hunting the ball.

Cdt Symon and

McKay

The team jumpers, always winning good ball.

Cdt Sgt Bidois

Good loose forward always following the ball.

Cdt Haddon and

Watton

All purpose backs, good tacklers.

Cdt Sandilands

Good back, once moving hard to stop.

Cdt Roberts

Good tight forward, good man in a ruck.

Cdt Harding

Good hooker, spent most of season on course.

Cdt Houkomau

A discovery from the 4ths, good strong back, hard man to put down.

To sum up, all-in-all a good season, although the results weren't that impressive I feel the team would have enjoyed the season. Keep up the good play and we will see some of you next year; those moving on, best of luck in your future matches.

FIRST ELEVEN SOCCER TEAM

Paul Creedy

Pre-Season

Nominations for the 1st XI were called for before the end of Basic. Trials were held and the squad for pre-season training named. It should be pointed out that there were more soccer players in Cadets this year than ever before.

During the pre-season build-up, the 1st XI ran a soccerthon that raised money to buy soccer balls for Cadet Schools. I would like to thank all those that supported the players and for money donated to the cause.

This year the Cadet 1st XI played in the Flamerston North competition. The idea behind this was to give the players a higher level of play with the purpose being to lift the standard of soccer in the Army. As you will see from

Inter School results, this has been a success.

Palmerston North Competition (Tasman League Division 2)

Play started down there on Wed 2 May. During the first part of the season Cadets went fairly well. At the end of the first round proper, Cadets had played nine, having won five, lost two, drawn two. This placed the cadets in 3rd position on the table and looking to finish well up the table. In this part of the season the Cadets played some attractive soccer and impressed spectators with their skills and speed on the paddock.

The 2nd round started slowly with the team not at full strength being beaten by teams that we had annihilated in the first round. The main reason for the poor results were that many of the team were away on exercises or courses, and having some changes in the team upset the general pattern of their play.

These factors saw the 1st XI slip from 3rd down to about 5th or 6th in the league.

Generally, the Cadets enjoyed playing in the Palmerston Competition and did a fine public relation job. Their standard of bearing was of the highest order and they pulled together in some trying times with a high team spirit.

As their coach, it has been a pleasure to take the 1st XI this year and I'd like to compliment them on the standard they maintained. I know travelling takes a lot out of the body and to do that and perform well shows the character that you all have.

Inter Schools

As I said earlier, playing in a competition that is higher than what is normal for this year has already shown the advantages as far as Inter Schools go. The record of the

1st XI this year is probably the best in the record of Cadet Schools.

Although I never got to all the games, reports that came back indicate that the 1st XI put on some good displays of skill.

The highlight of the Inter Schools played, was the trip to Auckland to play Pukekohe and Kelston. Both games were played in atrocious conditions but the 1st XI played with good spirit to win both games. The game against Pukekohe was won convincingly 9-0 and revenge was taken on Kelston 5-2. Results of other Inter Schools were:

Taupo - lost 2-5

The team consisted of many players, but the nucleus stayed the same. Here are the pen pictures of those who made up the 1st XI.

Alan Coe

Captain. Played in midfield and played some good games. Good ball player who only needs to control emotions to lift game higher.

Don Hanson

No 1 Goalkeeper. Benefited from this year as far as experience goes. Not called on to do all that much in majority of games, but did all that was asked of him. Matured as season went on.

'Hooks' Hook

No 2 Goalkeeper and Centre back. Not called on very much as keeper but performed very well when called upon. Good header of the ball. Just needs to work on speed to become a better player. Right Back who was very steady all season. Good ball control was a feature of his game. Moved up into midfield and played with authority.

'Willy' Williams

'Cam' Cameron

Left Back whose ball control although not as high as some of the other members was coupled with great anticipation which pulled us out of some difficult situations.

'Ripper' Rogers

Right Link. Fittest player in the team who had a high work rate. Steady player all season who only needs to control his enthusiasm and pace himself to improve. Good team man.

Mence

Centre Link. Promised a lot at the start of the season but didn't really come up to expectations. His job made him lose out of some games thus affecting his match fitness.

'Suspect' Auker

Left Lnk who played some good games and some bad. The comedian in the team who enlivened the spirits of the team on many occasions.

'Benny' Bennet

Right Striker. Steady player who had good ball control, but tended to lose concentration at vital times.

'Kel' Hawley

Centre Striker. Highest goal scorer in the team. Needs to lift work rate a bit to get even better results.

Temper tended to get out of hand at times which resulted in two bookings.

Ellis

Left Striker. Small player who had good ball control. Lost confidence because of punishment received from bigger players in opposing teams.

Chris Helm

Sweeper. Missed most of the season because of courses. When he started playing, aided control to defence. Took a while to become match fit. Matured a lot this season.

Strachan

Centre Midfield. Came into the team for the last few games of competition and Inter Schools. Very good ball

player who found other players with ease.

Leatherby and Black

also played some games but missed most of the season because of injuries. Others played the odd game also and the team would like to thank them for the effort they put in.

Conclusion

Of the players I have mentioned, several made the ATG Inter-Regional team for the Army tournament. These players were:

Hanson	Helm	Strachan
Rogers	Cameron	Hook
Williams	Auker	Mence

As you can see, it has been a successful season. As a coach in my first season, it has been a privilege to be associated with the 1st XI. To you, I say, after you graduate and go your different ways, look for soccer clubs that will give you good training and a high level of competition. Train hard and enjoy your soccer. You are all young and still maturing. So there is still a lot to learn. Set your goals and go for them. To all of you 'Good Luck'

HOCKEY 1979

A year of mixed fortunes - mostly bad - was had by the RF Cadet School Hockey XI in 1979. The statistics make amusing reading : the team played 17 games during the year; winning four, drawing one and losing 12; scored a total of 39 goals and had 69 goals scored against it. The 12 competition games played in and around Wanganui resulted in ten losses, the two wins being against the same team.

However, the team did play some good games, showing qualities of fitness, tenacity and enthusiasm often lacking in a far more experienced opposition. The team suffered most from its relative inexperience and lack of basic skills, due no doubt to the fact that a good number of players had not played before, but it was pleasing to see an improvement in stick skills and basic game tactics by most players during the season. Especially worth mentioning was Cadet Morgan, in goal, who showed the makings of a quality goalie, making many fine saves during the season.

Highlights of the season must include the weekend trip to Wanganui (even though it was by RL....) and the six days in Papakura as part of a Cadet School contingent during which two games (neither won) were played. Another notable event was the Annual Staff versus Cadets Hockey Match played under ideal conditions. In a closely-fought, even game, the cadets were fortunate to come out the winners by four goals to one.

1979 NZ SKIING CHAMPS

Cadet Coombe

On 8 September I represented Regular Force Cadet Schools in the NZ Under 17 Skiing Championships. This consisted of three events: The Slalom, Giant Slalom, and National Downhill. The person with the fastest time, after combining the events, wins the competition.

The slalom is when the contestant skis down the slope and has to ski in between the poles which are placed approximately 15 to 20m apart. The object of this race is to go your fastest and try not to miss going in between the poles or you are automatically disqualified from that race. The race is usually about 150m long and takes approximately 14-20 seconds to finish it.

The Giant Slalom is exactly like the Slalom except that the poles are now 30m apart and the race is 300m long. The average time for a contestant in this type of race is about 25-30 seconds. The National Downhill is the glamour event of the skiing championships and usually provides all the thrills and spills of the races. The objective is to get from the start to the finish in the fastest time possible. People going in this race have to wear protective gear as they average speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour (world record is 140 mph

I went into the championships as a representative of Cadet Schools and I was out to win the competition as I had finished third the year before. The championships were held on Mt Ruapehu, which was good for me as this is where I had done about 90% of my skiing.

The competition started at 0700 hrs on Saturday 8 September. My first race was at 0800 hrs so I had a bit of time to do some practice. In my first race, Slalom, I had a complete botch-up, crashing at the third pole. I had another four runs in the Slalom, all of them I finished leaving me in 3rd place in the competition at the start. My average time on my five runs was 14.6 seconds which was a good effort considering I crashed in the first race.

That afternoon we moved on to the Giant Slalom. I performed much better in this event, and moved up to 2nd place overall.

On Sunday we moved on to the glamour event. I knew I had to do well in this, if I had any chance of winning. In my first try, my speed was 92 miles/hour. When I heard my speed, I was fairly disappointed as I knew I had to average about 100 mph to move up into 1st place. This must have helped me along as at the end of the day my average speed was 102 miles an hour, a new NZ Record. With my result, I knew I had won, but it still had to be confirmed. Then the results were read out. When they said my name in 1st place, I was jumping around with joy. I knew I had done what I had come up to do,

I returned back to Cadet Schools on Sunday afternoon feeling very proud of myself. I was selected for the NZ Under 17 Ski Team to ski in the World Championships on Mt Cook over Labour Weekend.

I would like to thank everyone who helped me by giving me a lot of encouragement especially S sgt Mitchell, Capt Nelson and Capt Nichols who put in a lot of their own time in getting me time to go up and practice. It was greatly appreciated and I'll do my best to repay them by trying to win the World Champs.

REPORT ON TAUPONUI-A-TIA COLLEGE : ANZAC DAY

After being rudely awakened by the Ord Sgt at 0430 hrs on Wed 25 Apr, members of the RF Cadet Schools 1st XI soccer, 1st and 2nd XV Rugby teams made their way to breakfast at the 800 Man Mess. Feeling much better with breakfast under their belts the Cadets settled down and planned for the events of the day. First up would be the Anzac Day parade at Taupo. This parade has been attended by RF Cadets since their affiliation with the Borough of Taupo. Arriving precisely at 0905 hrs members of the RF Cadet School changed into parade uniforms and awaited the parade marshal to assemble the remainder of the contingent together.

Arriving at the Memorial Hall, the parade listened to various speakers and participated in the wreath laying ceremony.

The Mayor, Mr Clem Curray, thanked all who attended and made special thanks to the RF Cadet School for their attendance. The parade dispersed from the Memorial Hall and the Cadet contingent boarded their transport and made their way to the AC Baths to have lunch and change.

After lunch, all the teams changed and prepared for the sporting fixtures against Taupounui-A-Tia College. Those

senior class cadets who came to Taupo College last year remembered only too well the very close marking and the physical size of their opponents.

The first games to be played were the 2nd XV Rugby and the 1st XI Soccer. These got away promptly at 1320 hrs and in the very first minutes, the Cadet soccer team goaled in the back of the net. The cadets watching the match let out a tumultuous cry of joy and encouragement. However, the Taupo College boys were quick to retaliate and they levelled the score one all up to half time. After the break, the game was played very vigorously and the defence of both teams must be complimented. However, the Taupo College team persisted and eventually the Cadet team weakened and the College Team came out the winners 6 goals to two.

The 2nd XV Rugby was played in No 2 field and the Cadets elected to face a very strong southerly wind. This game was rated as the best of the day. Both teams ran very hard and it was pleasing to note that all the games were played in a good sportsman-like manner.

The 2nd XV must have eaten some super fuel to give them the energy they burnt up, tackling of the team was superb, every man of the opposition who was tackled must surely have felt sore as his ankles were whipped from under him. There were no stars or heroes to pick up from the 2nd XV however, if one player could be picked for his vigour and determination, it would be Cadet C.N. Veitch - what he lacked in size, he certainly made up in courage. This game was fast and very open with each team trying to outspurt the other. It was only during the latter half of the game that the superior scrummages and rucking of the Cadet team told the tale of superior fitness. This was reflected by the score 14 nil to Cadets at half time and eventually 24 - 3 at the end of the game. Credit must be given to Sgt J. Niwa, the coach and selector, 2Lt K. Burnett.

The 1st XV ran on the field at 1330 hrs each having made a pledge to their coach Sgt Paaka that they would tackle, outscrum and beat the opposition. Watching the team from the side was their patron Maj Gen McKinnon.....and this must have given encouragement to the side because they played like possessed devils. The game was very even right up to the last minute and if any team was going to win it would be by a very small margin.

Like the 2nd XV match the game was very hard and fast, but the Cadet team seemed to have the extra, when it counted. They outscrumped the opposition, sometimes 10 metres or more much to the surprise of the coach and crowd of Taupo College. The tackling of both teams was scrappy and lessons could be learnt watching the 2nd XV match.

Much of the attack by RF Cadet team relied upon the shoulders of Sgt Gray, their half-back who ducked, side-stepped and swerved past the opposition. He alone set up most of play and points gained by the Cadet 1st XV. As mentioned before the game was very close, the score being 11-10 to the Cadets right up to injury time. Then, like the 2nd XV game, the opposition was stretched to the limit and, with superior fitness, the 1st's game came out on top 19-10.

During the after match function, speeches were made by the Taupo College Captain and replied by the Captain of the 1st XV WO2 Harris and WO1 Hawley, the RF Cadet RSM.

The whole day was enjoyed by all, a good ANZAC Parade and good sporting games against a fine college.

THIRD XV RUGBY

The RF Cadet School Thirds Rugby Team began the season well with convincing wins in the first round of the under 16½ year olds Northern Wanganui Competition. Morale throughout the season was very high and the standard of play likewise. Unfortunately, by the end of the season, this standard dropped slightly due to military commitments. Also training and promotion of star full back Cadet Coombe to the 2nd XV contributed to this decline in play. All in all, the game of Rugby was played in true spirit and as coach I want to thank all those cadets who played for the Thirds. On behalf of the team I want to thank the 4th XV and Cpl Taylor for giving us a good final competition match of the 1979 season in which we were narrowly beaten.

Coach Sgt W.A. Scobie

Manager Cpl R.J. Fels

Team Capt Behrent
 Vice Capt Priest

Esaiiah	Hunter
Vercoe	Henderson
Veza	Rikihana
Kennedy	Gardner
Nyberg	Coombe
Clark	Watton
Radcliffe	Holah
Tupe	Roberts
Ryan	Langman
Dudding	Fay
Lowe	Isaacs

SOCCER

WO2 A.C.D. Mayes

The Regular Force Cadet Schools has always produced soccer players of a very high standard and 1979 was no exception.

Eight cadets were selected to represent ATG in this year's Inter-Regional Soccer Tournament and, thanks to their valuable contribution, the tournament was won by ATG for the first time in many years.

Two cadets, namely Chris Helm and Nigel Strachan were consequently selected to represent Army in the Inter-Services Tournament.

I would like to emphasize that without the Regular Force Cadets input into soccer and particularly their enthusiasm for the game, there would be no ATG team.

Cadets involved with the ATG side were:

Auker	Strachan	Mence
Bennett,	Hanson	Rogers
Williams.		

with our PTI Cpl Harry Rule.

CAPTAIN'S VIEW OF 1ST XI SOCCER

A.E. Coe

This year must stand out as one of the better years for the RFCS Soccer teams. A wide range of talent was produced this season to form two teams that had very experienced and well drilled skills. The 1st was by far the better of the two (First off, I must say that neither team, especially the 1st, would have made the grade if it had not been for our coach Cpl Paul Creedy. He had the time and the patience to put up with us and produce the standards required.)

After a lot of talking, plus pleading, the 1st XI was entered into the 2nd Division tournament in the Manawatu area. This was purely a trial run to see if it was worth while sending a team all the way to Palmerston North to compete. The team that travelled down every Saturday in the cramped conditions of a transit van lived up to the expectations of many senior NCOs in the School, although there was one person who thought that we were bludging off the Saturday drill!

The team was made up of a number of people whom later grew to fame within Cadet Schools. I started off with our loveable RSM Kelvin, a mere stump of a man, but, always somehow produced the goods when needed.

Then there was Rip Rogers, who was probably the best ballet dancer on the field. His foot movement was so swift and delicate that he always fooled the opposition (plus himself).

Of course there was Benny. This little muscle-bound midget played on the right wing and was very useful there, but when he started to wander into the centre, he often caused havoc with Kelvin and Paul. A few harsh words and everything was back to normal.

Well, our coach Paul really needs nothing said about him; he was good, no question about it and that was the incentive we needed.

"Gnome" Ellis - he had his on days and off days. Always played to his best ability but for some reason, just didn't have a knack for getting those balls that were high in the air.

Auker - well there isn't really much to be said about him, on the field and off, he was still the same Auker. Although his gammy leg was always good when it came to playing the game, but was bad news in the warm-up session.

Mence, we played in his territory when we went to Palmerston North. The problem was that he was like a wound-up spring - just kept on unwinding until at the end, all that could be recognised of him at sessions of soccer was his pot gut and pork chop face. We all know what he did in his spare time.

Hook and Cameron were two persistent players who always put everything into the game. Hook was the whiz kid in the air when it came to controlling the ball. Cameron was always quiet but showed his speed when it was needed. Shame he couldn't always think as fast....

Williams - as good as any, if not best when it came to playing in the backs but, like Kelvin, had a tendency to cause trouble with referees due to mouthing problems.

Helm - well Chris was always there for a laugh when needed. He played a beaut game when he was serious, but when not it was a totally different ball game. Shame that he was in Addington most of the time.

Black - I remember well one particular game when he was chasing a ball that was out of play and somehow managed to trip over a daisy and broke his ankle - poor boy.

Leatherby - good old Cass, he played very few games due to a leg injury which caused havoc when he did play.

Don Manson - a man we must not leave out. He was good - stopped as many balls as his ability allowed him to, and when one did manage to get past, he always had a very good excuse.

As for me, I played as well as I could, but like the best, had the days when my thoughts were in other places but the soccer pitch.

Well, from my point of view the 1979 1st XI soccer team was one of the best teams I have played in. We only hope that the future teams can compete in the same tournament as we all did and only improve Cadet School's magnificent reputation.

BRIEF OF MATCHES AT MURUPARA

General

1. The 4ths and Basketball A Team visited Rangitahi College at Murupara. The teams arrived at 1775 hrs on 20 Apr and were immediately taken in by the keen hospitality of the hosts, especially the Deputy Principal, Mr Bill Hill. The Cadets then prepared their sleeping quarters in two of the class rooms and prepared for the first series of basketball matches. The games were keenly fought but the skill and gamesmanship of the RF Cadets were too overwhelming for Rangitahi College. During the weekend two other series of matches were played and again the cadets were convincing.

The next day all breakfasted well and prepared for the Rugby match. Some misunderstanding must have occurred, because when the Cadet 4ths ran on the field they were facing the Rangitahi College 1st XV. The game was played in a good spirit with both teams enjoying the game. The College team was very big and mobile and therefore ran out the eventual winners 6-4. However, RF Cadet team did not disgrace themselves as they put up a very valiant effort in containing the bigger team.

Later in the evening the teams all participated in a disco held at the School hall. This, the RF Cadets enjoyed and for once it seemed there were more girls than boys to dance with. The disco finished at about 2345 hrs and the tired RF Cadets retired for the evening.

On Sunday the Cadet teams breakfasted and after fond farewells by the School departed for Waiouru, arriving at 1500 hrs.

On the whole, the RF Cadet teams enjoyed themselves at Rangitahi College and this was helped by the RF Cadet Chefs who managed to give good service to all during the trip.

MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS DIVING TRIP : 26-29 OCTOBER 1979

D. Spurdle

This trip was offered to us by Cpl Atkinson about three weeks beforehand and was enthusiastically taken up by three of our personnel. We left on the 26th (which was a Friday) on a cold, overcast morning. As we progressed further South, it started raining and we were hoping that the weather would hold for that weekend. We arrived at 10.30 and went straight to McAuthers Park Diving School. We sorted out our gear and spent the rest of the day visiting various relatives. After the crossing, we were met by Dave O'Connell who owned the Resort where we were staying. After a 1½ hour launch trip, we arrived at the "GEM" Resort in the "Bay of Many Coves" up Queen Charlotte Sound.

Next morning we woke to expect an overcast day but there wasn't a cloud in the sky. After breakfast, (which was a meal and a half), we set out and did our first dive to get our "sea legs" back at the tip of Resolution Bay. We went down to about 60-65 feet. After that, we travelled for another 1½ hours up to the tip of Cape Jackson where the wreck of the Rangitoto lay. After Cpl Atkinson and Co. dived there, we then left for Motuara Island which lies out mid-channel of Queen Charlotte Sound. We then dived on a rocky outcrop and got about 15 "crays" but unfortunately we threw three quarters of these back because they were under-sized. It was on this dive that I reached my first 100 footer. Total depth was 110 feet. It only seemed like 60 feet. So we went back up and got a coup of "crays". We then headed back after a spot of fishing in which I caught a rather large hapuka and some large trevalli and blue cod. We got back and cooked our crays and told a few stories over a few cups of coffee.

Second day dawned beautiful and clear with a slight breeze. After a scrumptious breakfast, we left for the "Kohe" which is just around from Torea Bay. The Kohe is a scuttled

coal steamer, which sunk approximately 40 years ago. We went over the side at approximately 10am and found a world of fish, shellfish (scallops) and steel all overgrown with weed and sea eggs. After breaking a few sea eggs open and watching all the fish come round and feed, we moved on.

Our last dive was just around the bay in Torea Bay where we went over the side and retrieved about two dozen scallops each. It was on this dive, because I had only 1200 psi in my tank, I ran out of air, but it was a quick and simple movement to switch to my snorkel and surface and move back to the boat with my buddy following. Unfortunately, the weather didn't hold out after lunch and it started to rain. We got back to the "Gem" and packed all our stuff aboard and travelled to Picton. After saying goodbye to the others, we proceeded to McAuther Park Diving School, unloaded, and slept there. In the morning, we left for Waiouru and arrived back about 3pm.

I am sure the weekend will be remembered because I know that everyone that went enjoyed it as much as we did.

CADET SCHOOL DIVING COURSE

10 - 14 AUGUST 1979

F. Daken

J. Haddon

D. Spurdle

This course was offered about half way through the year and was enthusiastically taken up by 16 Cadets. On 10 August the group, along with their leaders Sgt Hemopo and Cpl Atkinson, left for Wellington. We arrived around 1900 hrs and were transported to Fort Dorset where we were to spend our nights, and at the same time upset the camp. We started this by putting away a three course meal in roughly ten minutes, much to the disbelief of the Orderly Sergeant on that night. Around 2000 hrs we were introduced to our Instructors, Major Howell and Bill McAuther, and given an outline of the course. For the next two and a half days we were hard at work at McAuther Park Diving School in Titahi Bay.

We spent one lesson in the pool and the next in the classroom learning the theory side of diving.

On the afternoon of the third day we did all our tests both in the pool and in the sea. The fourth day was to be the one we were to remember.

We did our first sea dives and through these we were introduced to a new world. "The Undersea World". Everyone took these first dives to heart and I very much doubt they will ever forget them.

Those attending were:

Regular Force Staff

Sgt T. Hemopo (TMS)

Cpl P. Atkinson (RFCS)

Cadets

L cpl Brooking

Course unfinished due to illness
(passed Theory)

Cadets

L cpl Taingahue	Qualified Basic Scuba Certificate
Cdt Butler	Qualified Basic Scuba Certificate
Cdt Daken	Qualified Basic Scuba Certificate
Cdt Fay	Qualified Basic Scuba Certificate
Cdt Haddon	Qualified Basic Scuba Certificate
Cdt Henderson	Qualified Basic Scuba Certificate
Cdt Josephs	Qualified Basic Scuba Certificate
Cdt Kaa	Qualified Basic Scuba Certificate
Cdt McDonald	Qualified Basic Scuba Certificate
Cdt Mee	Qualified Basic Scuba Certificate
Cdt Robertson	Qualified Basic Scuba Certificate
Cdt Ryan	Course unfinished due to illness (Passed Theory)
Cdt Sandilands	Qualified Basic Scuba Certificate
Cdt Spurdle	Qualified Basic Scuba Certificate
Cdt Stanners	Qualified Basic Scuba Certificate

SEPTEMBER SKI TRIP

G.J. Porteus

Organising a ski trip for B Company is no mean task. but with the help of such notable platoon sergeants as Bdr "Buck" Bull, Sgt "Bear" Murray, the trip got off the ground on 7 Sep 79.

Leaving Waiouru at approximately 0930 hrs, we called at Capt Wilde's place only to be met at the door by the Hospital matron who was not pleased by the early call (smack on the hands to Bdr Bull). A quick right shuffle and we knocked on the right door.

Arriving Ohakune at approximately 1115 hrs everyone commenced away to hire ski equipment and other necessary gear to ski, (or not to ski).

Climbing the rugged mountain road to the ski fields was one of the biggest tasks an RL ever had to undertake but after finally arriving everyone was eager to hit the snow.

Being the first time many persons had visited the snow, a lot of us had a good laugh as such persons as Sgt Bailey and CSM Harris tried their hand at their new adventure. After some time on the learner's slopes perfecting their techniques, some moved up to the steeper slopes for the advanced skiers. Once those slopes were mastered, they moved to even greater heights for the sophisticated skiers (Sgt Scoles, Cdt Keys, CSM Morris, Sgt Bailey, Cpl Coe).

After having lunch, most people thought was it all worth it, but nevertheless eager they returned to the slopes to nevertheless ski, or give it up as one of their less desired performances. We left the ski field around 1530 hrs, everyone feeling either sore or elated, but well worth the day.

After arriving back at Waiouru at 1630 everyone dived into the showers to sooth their aching bodies and sunburn and to remember the day.

ADVENTURE TRAINING NOTES 1979

Quote "What the hell am I doing here" Cdt Sgt Bidois

WO1 C.A. COOPER

Adventure Training this year departed from previous years where it was built into the year's training programme.

Most platoons participated in one activity or another and the exercises ranged from canoeing, abseiling and tramping to scuba diving. There would be no disagreement amongst cadets that this year's Adventure Training was exciting and, for most, enjoyable.

Earlier this year the OC, Maj Roche tasked Lt Noke and Sgt Gower to make a detailed reconnaissance of a suitable training area and camp not too far from Waiouru where Adventure Training could be undertaken with relative ease.

Both staff members recommended a YMCA camp 20km south of Raetihi on State Highway 3. It contained the following amenities:

- a. sleeping quarters
- b. kitchen facilities
- c. training areas for canoeing, abseiling and being close to the National Park tramping around Mt Ruapehu.

Throughout the winter term platoons embarked on exercises at Raukawa over weekends and I might add not only were they exposed to new training skills, but it also allowed the platoon to relax away from the Service environment.

After the August leave break, 40 cadets who missed training weekends were taken to Raukawa under the guidance of the SSM (WO1 C.A. Cooper). The contingent travelled by truck with all the rations and equipment and settled very

comfortably into the camp. After dinner mandatory orders were issued on safety, fire drills and the weekly programme, then the cadets and instructors turned in for a good nights sleep.

The next morning, after parade, the cadets were detailed off into groups under their respective instructors. Group A with the SSM canoeing, Group B Abseiling with Cpl de Bazin, Group C tramping with Bdr Bull. Each group was thoroughly briefed on all safety drills and given lectures and practice on their group skills.

The training areas were excellent and all within walking distance from the sleeping quarters. After the lectures all groups then put into practice all the skills taught in the lecture rooms.

I taught basic canoeing and after a wobbly embarking practice all the cadets managed to sit in their canoes holding onto the bank. Demonstrations were given on basic strokes and turns and after a bit of encouragement " ? X ? ?? " each cadet paddled into the slack water and practiced. It was not too long before confidence grew and those who were not too sure about themselves began to handle the canoes with ease.

After two or three hours practice the cadets were given the chance to tackle more difficult obstacles and at this point I might add, two or three cadets capsized regularly, special instruction was given, and at the end of the day they too, were able to compete with the more skilled cadets. At the end of the week all the cadets were able to handle various types of canoes quite proficiently.

Cpl de Bazin gave basic instruction on abseiling and some cadets enjoyed this activity more than the others because of the challenging nature of this skill. Two methods of abseiling instruction was given and the "heights of faces ranged from forty to one hundred and twenty feet. I might add here, that one of the instructors was quite embarrassed when giving a demonstration ran out of rope nine feet from the

bottom. However with the landing skills obtained from a previous parachute course, the instructor was able to land rather gracefully.

Tramping was done from the Turoa Ski Field and each morning Bdr Bull assembled the trampers together and revised lessons on mountain safety, survival and map reading. The route used on the mountain was from Turoa mountain road to Blythes Hut, a tramp of about three hours or so. I am sure the cadets enjoyed this particular tramp as it is recommended for its scenic beauty and splendour.

The weather during the exercise did not hamper us in any way although some canoeists did complain that the water was a little chilly. Apart from this factor the exercise was completely successful in every way.

It is hoped that this type of training will continue into next year and I would like to express my appreciation for the co-operation of the following instructors:

- a. Bdr Bull, RNZA
- b. Cpl de Bazin, RNZIR; and
- c. Cpl Roe, RNZIR

A canoeing expedition organised by Capt Nelson was undertaken by members of Three Platoon and the results of their exercise appear elsewhere in this magazine.

A WEEKEND OF ADVENTURE TRAINING

Cadet Fay

On Saturday 26 May, Mr Cooper, his family, Mr Noke, Cpl Fels, myself and five other cadets went to spend a weekend at Raukawa Falls YMCA Camp. This trip was organised to see if the place would be good for an Adventure Training course for Cadets.

We left at about 0800hrs Saturday morning with the SSM driving the truck loaded with food, canoes, and ropes for abseiling, as well as having his wife and two children in the cab. The rest of us all piled into the landrover and set off. All went well until we got about three quarters of the way there, and the rover got a puncture in the back tyre. Of course we had never thought of taking a spare tyre and tools. Luckily the SSM wasn't far ahead, and was able to see that we had stopped. We left Cpl Fels to wait for someone to come out and fix the tyre. The rest of us jumped onto the truck, and we were off again.

Up and down steep hills we finally descended down into a small gully, where the camp was. At first, I did not like the look of the place, because the river was wide and rough, and Mr Cooper had told us we would be going canoeing in it, but as soon as I jumped off the truck and looked around the place, I thought to myself, "Yes, I think I'll like this place"

The camp itself seemed pretty well looked after, and there were even two brand new 'A' Frame huts, which we grabbed, to sleep in.

After a huge feed for lunch, we set out for a walk to see what the camp was like. Somehow I knew we would have to cross the river. The water nearly cut my legs in half, it was so cold. Once we were across the river, Mr Cooper pointed out how to climb up a rock face. We then began to climb up the cliff and I soon discovered that the way up I had chosen was not so easy, and I soon became stuck. Luckily for

me Mr Noke pulled me up and we were off on our walk again. Walking down through a farm we were soon back at Camp. It did not take us long to find the Adventure course, which turned out to be great fun. Straight away, Mouldy and Skippy started swinging across the river, and as soon as Mouldy was off the rope, he started swinging the rope so that Skippy fell off into the shallow part of the river. He was not amused.

Later on Mr Noke, Cpl Fels and Skippy went out in the rover to do some sightseeing. The rest of us went abseiling. Boy! what an experience.

We climbed up on to a cliff face, and threw our lines over the cliff. We secured the lines to a concrete fence post. Because I was wearing the harness at the time, I was first to abseil. I wasn't worried, until I looked over the cliff face, and then I was mighty scared to go down. In the end, both Mr Cooper and myself sailed down together. I soon lost my fear, and began to enjoy it. The cliff face was made up of a sort of clay-rock, which fell away very easily.

After a while, we decided to go back for tea, which was a huge meal. Mr Noke and his party were not back yet, so Mr Cooper went out to look for them. When he arrived back Mr Noke told us that the rover had got bogged down, and they had to dig it out. I suspect though that Skippy was the one that did the digging.

We hit the sack around 2100 hrs and woke up the next morning to bright sunshine. We cleaned up our huts and had breakfast.

Mr Noke and Cpl Holah were intending on canoeing up the falls, but unfortunately Holah could not fit in the canoe so Skippy volunteered and they were off. Skippy was well ahead of Mr Noke when Mr Noke turned around and floated back to camp. His canoe had a hole and was leaking water. Skippy must have gotten tired of waiting and back he came. After pulling his canoe out of the water, we set off walking to the

falls. It was a very muddy track, but when we saw the falls, we thought the walk had been worth it.

After having lunch, and a few games of cards, we loaded up the truck to set off back to Waiouru. Mouldy and myself decided to travel on the back of the truck. Before we could leave, we had to push the truck out of the mud, and finally we were off. I was sorry we could not have stayed longer.

We arrived back in camp about 1630 hrs and had to unload the truck and clean it to perfection.

I think the camp is an ideal place for Adventure Training courses.

3 PLATOON'S RUN TO WANGANUI

Cadet Coombe

On 12 June, 3 Platoon ran from Waiouru to Wanganui. The run, which was approximately 83 miles, was to raise funds for the local kindergartens and playcentre. This was a tough task for the runners, but we accepted it, with a lot of courage. Nine of the runners ran approximately 9 miles each whilst the other five did a great job in pacing us. It took each runner approximately one hour to do his nine mile stint which was an excellent effort considering the terrain we had to run over. The course was from Waiouru to Raetihi, and then on to Wanganui, via the hilly Parapara road.

The 14 people who took part were:

Cpl Holah	L cpl Esiah	Cdt Mitchell
Cpl Milligan	L cpl Paul	Cdt Watton
Cdt Coombe	Cdt MacDonald	Cdt Murphy
Cdt Streeton	Cdt Dutkeiwicz	Cdt Brown
Cdt Todd	Cdt Knight	

The run started from Cdt School HQ at 0600 hrs with L cpl Paul running the first leg. He started and kept up good pace and with the great help of the next two runners, we reached the Parapara's at 0730 hrs. All the way along the run we were greatly encouraged by passers by and by the Cadet School Hockey team who were on their way to play in Wanganui. This helped us along immensely as we finished the run breaking the record by 1 hr 59 minutes. We stayed in Wanganui overnight at Languard Bluff. That night most of us went into town. Some went to the pictures, some to a disco, and some (Cpl Milligan & Co) were party poopers and stayed back in camp.

We got up Sunday morning and cooked our own breakfast. Some of us must have thought that we were chefs as they played with the diesel to try and make the oven hotter, but all it did was blow up in our faces. It was a great joke when it happened, but when we had to clean up the mess, the joke wasn't there. We were supposed to leave there at 0900 hrs but after we had cleaned up the mess and Sgt Niwa had found Cdt Coombe, Knight, MacDonald and Dutkewicz at Wanganui Girls Hostel having lunch, it was 1300 hrs.

It was a very enjoyable and successful trip. We raised about \$200.00 for each kindergarten. The people who ran, deserve a lot of praise. They put all their effort into the run, and this showed out by us breaking the record.

Sgt Niwa and Capt Nelson also deserve a lot of praise as they both put a lot of their own time and effort to make the run a success. I would also like to thank Seigfried Bauer who ran the first 30 miles with us, it was greatly appreciated.

Once again I would like to congratulate everyone who participated and thank all those who put in their own time to make our run a success.

THE STRONG AT HEART - A REPORT OF THE ROUND

THE MOUNTAIN RELAY RACE NOV 79

R.K. Taingahue

Being the last runner in any race is an experience in itself. You can't explain the tension, excitement, and thrill that it brings to the body.

Butterflies is about the only way I can explain how I felt before the start of my leg; thinking of the time of how I couldn't let the team down; those who had ran so hard to get us into the position. The thoughts that I'd be unable to run were almost dashed as I'd pulled two ligaments in my foot causing me to limp a lot. I had damaged them in a training run. I saw the medic on the Friday before the race and he injected my foot with some pain killer.

I took to the road with a lot of encouragement from my team-mates who helped me the most and I was relieved that the aggravation which had hindered me prior to the race had not affected my running but I did record a bad time.

I had a little trouble holding off the OCTC contenders who ran a good race, but couldn't catch up to us, and so had to be content with 4th place.

Our team did well to be behind the A Team's time by a mere four minutes which showed that the standard of running in Cadets Schools is still high.

THE TRAMP

Neale

We were at Raukawa Falls doing Adventure Training for one week, and it was our turn to do tramping for the day.

After getting up at 7am and having a good breakfast of stew (which was now coming out of our ears), we set off at full steam for the Mountain.

With Bombardier Bull at the wheel, we chugged up the mountain in the RL until we reached the place where the Wanganui High Hut track started.

After parking the truck we put our packs on and headed off up the Blythe Track on our expedition into the snow covered bush, followed by strange looks from the skiers in their cars.

After we had reached the first hut and waited for Bombardier Bull to arrive (tail end charlie) we decided to press on to the next hut, which we could see in the distance.

When we arrived there, we sat down for a big meal of 'rat pack stew' (for a change). Then we all piled outside for our group photo.

We were going to press on up to the ski fields, but bad weather held us back. So after some very hard thoughts we headed off down the track back to Raukawa Falls for tea (more stew). But we were now the conquerors of the Blythe Track.

CADET RECREATIONAL SHOOTING

Sgt K.J. Hanson

Throughout the past year many of the cadets were taken on shooting trips in the Waiouru Training Area with varying amounts of success. Due to the training schedule at the School these trips could only be done on a Sunday which limited them to the close, easy access areas.

An eight day deerstalking trip was conducted in August with five cadets and myself living out in Shepherds' and Westlawn hits. The weather was very bad for the first two days with snow and wind driving in. The remaining days were fine and although a lot of deer were seen over the eight days, only one deer was shot. That was on the first night out and was shot only 450 metres from Shepherds' Hut.

As well as deerstalking, cadets took part in Rabbit shoots, run by the Waiouru Rod and Gun Club. These shoots were very enjoyable and sometimes very amusing. We have cadets who can't hit a rabbit at five metres with a .22 rifle.....

The highlight of the year was that Cdt R. Lenihan qualified and participated in the Queen's Medal Competition shoot. This shoot was held in Waiouru where the top 36 shots in the NZ Army contest for the medal. Cadet Lenihan finished in 26th place which is a very creditable performance considering the small amount of shooting he has been able to do.

A small number of cadets also took part in recreational shooting using both their own private weapons and Service weapons on the range, during the latter part of the year. One recalls the cadet who, foolishly, took 500 rounds of .22 out one Sunday afternoon "Hey, Where's all my ammo?!" He forgot his mates also had semi-automatic .22's as well.....

All-in-all, the cadets who took part in the limited recreational shooting in 1979 certainly got something out of it, and it is hoped will continue in 1980.

INTER PLATOON SKILL AT ARMS

An inter platoon skill at arms competition was conducted on Thursday 6 Dec 1979. This competition was intended to provide a break from the Graduation build up and enable the sections to work together for a final goal. The competition consisted of the following events:

1. Confidence course (13 obstacles, including the 12ft wall)
2. One mile run.
3. Falling Plate Shoot (8 plates per team with five rounds per firer from 200 metres).

After an afternoon of practice, it appeared that A Company had yet another event in the bag, but on the day an outstanding effort by Team 6A (from 6 Platoon B Company) was unbeatable and they won the honour of best team by 3 minutes from team 2C (16.04 mins) and 2A (16.31 mins), both from 2 platoon. This fine effort by 2 platoon won them the "Best Platoon Award" with a shocked A Company just managing "winning Company"

MORALE ON THE WAY HOME

Sgt H.S. Jacobs

Filling in as Company Sergeant Major for A Coy, I have found working with Cadets at that level is one of parenthood as well as instructor. To draw a line between the two would have, in my mind, created a split in priorities within the ranks, as well as creating undecisiveness within the minds of the young soldiers. Those points and many more adds up to a morale problem that had crept into the normal running of the Company, and this is the subject of this article for the 1979 Regular Force Cadet School Magazine.

With the sudden posting of the Coy Sgt Major in late June early July, a vacuum was created that was to affect the Unit as a whole, but I believe more so that of the Company. Replacing from within our own means merely filled the slot and left the vacuum untouched. It was, I believe, at that point of time that we saw a somewhat downward slide in the morale of the Company. The job was then to stem the slide and then to rebuild the morale back to that of the first six months of 1979. To add to the problems was the Energy Crisis which was not so evident up to the month of July. One may say "What has the Energy Crisis got to do with Morale?"

To answer that question would at least take about two or three pages of my writing, so I believe it would suffice to say that without wheels these days, progress can be rather slow. Let us then have a preview of the first half of the year, and see for ourselves exactly what it took to arouse the ego of these young soldiers.

January/February/March - The Basic Training phase, the converting of a new recruit into a professional soldier, the time consuming phase of a recruit's life, the never ending orders from their superiors, the constant threat of being caught out, and all those points that go to keeping these young fellows on their toes.

March/April - A well deserved break away from the School, a chance to see exactly what he missed since January 13 (the day of Attestation), the chance to see whether he has matured in the eyes of his parents, friends, girlfriends, but most of all the chance to look deeply into himself and say "those bastards never broke me, in that first flurry, so I'm going back to prove that the next nine or 21 months will be a piece of cake." Those are the thoughts I would like to think have passed through their minds, for it is determination and guts of that nature that builds a morale which can be impenetrable by any foreign matters that may arise or occur.

May/June/July - In this period we saw the beginning of the Winter Code sports, which took virtually all our weekend time, we also saw the first of the block leave, we saw the never ending social activities being implemented by the Coy CSMs in the way of discos, we saw organised trips for those cadets whose bona-fides are in the deep South or the far North. We saw many games in the Winter Code sports being played away to different centres such as Taupo, Turangi, Wanganui, Palmerston North, Taumarunui, all unaffected by the current Energy Crisis.

In summary, I would like to say that all those activities built up a great Company spirit and we saw morale that was at its peak.

July/August - As I previously mentioned, we saw a decline in the Company spirit and looking back, we saw the reason why and armed with that experience, we took the necessary steps to go right back to the top. We will then have a look from this period on as to what has occurred.

August - saw the next block leave which I thought did a lot for the rebuilding of the Company spirit. There were of course the Annual trips away to inter-school sports with Kelston and Pukekohe, the diving trip to Wellington, the trips to Raukawa Falls.

September saw a contingent embark to Fiji and in that same period the remaining cadets to an exercise in Ngaruawahia. Although I was not on the TROPIC DAWN exercise, I believe it was fantastic.

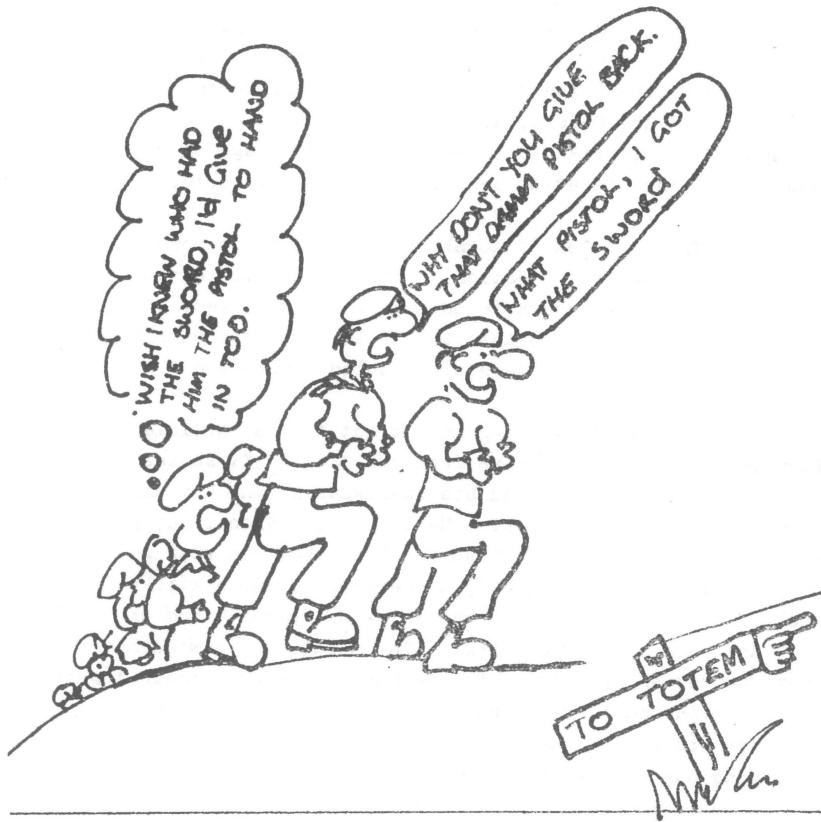
The Ngaruawahia episode I can comment on. It was a memorable morale boosting trip if ever there was one. The Cadets enjoyed the exercise very much, the disco gave them the opportunity to acquaint themselves with new faces, especially those of the opposite sex. The traditional Maori Meeting at the Turangawaewae Marae was also a highlight.

October/November. After the turmoil of the previous two months, there was a spate of charges being heard. Deriving from those charges, many demotions within the Company affecting the morale of the Cadets, and once again our moral-graph took a plunge. I would like to intervene at this stage to give my thoughts of the situation and how it can be overcome.

This problem of morale can be one of eternity, if it is built on a solid foundation. This foundation can only be implemented by the Cadets themselves for I believe that if the team spirit is evident within the sections of the barracks that is all that is required to start a solid foundation.

I remember reading an extract from an article on the Savalas family (Tele Savalas from the 'Kojak' TV series). Their Greek father summoned his four sons around him and gave them each a lollipop stick. He then said "When I say go! I want you to break those sticks." This they did with no problems at all. He then took one half of those sticks from each of them and put them together. He summoned them one at a time and said "Now break them" The moral of his wisdom is that "United We Are Strong." We must therefore remain together, help one another, we must create and build a sense of security within our own means, for we have the makings of a great and everlasting comradeship. That resource is there ready for tapping whenever we need it. With only five weeks away (from the time this article is written to Graduation Day, I

believe we have started rebuilding the foundations with the plotting of various activities such as the Inter Coy Softball, and cricket competitions, the inter platoon hangi competition, the welcomed permission to serve the lads with a can of beer, the Regimental dinner, and of course the long awaited GRAD 79. It's been a struggle, but I will maintain that with the back stretch behind us, and only the bend to negotiate, we look forward with confidence to a straight run home.



CADET SPONSORSHIP

P.B. Leishmann

During the early part of 1979 a Cadet Sponsorship scheme was devised by the OC, Major Tom Roche. This involved families in the housing area volunteering to take a cadet into their homes with the view to inviting them out to tea, taking them away for weekends etc. This was mainly for cadets who lived a fair distance away from camp and didn't get home much during the shorter leave periods.

I was one of those cadets who took advantage of this offer and applied for a sponsor. I've never regretted doing it to this day. I think that I must have had one of the best sponsors in Cadet School, well that's my opinion anyway. It took me quite a while to work up enough courage to go out and meet them as we had to arrange our own meeting, but once I had I've never looked back. They would invite me out to tea and every now and then spend the weekend there. If they were going away for the weekend, they would always try and take be along. They hardly did anything without me. I'm very grateful for what they did. If possible, I would try and do things in return like baby sitting and polishing the car etc. They have made my stay in Cadets much more enjoyable.

As I leave Cadets this year, I will always remember what my sponsors did for me. Thank you very much Mr & Mrs 'T' for making my stay in Cadets that much more bearable. I wish next year's cadets and their sponsors all the best and hope it is as successful as it was this year.

AUTOMOTIVE PARTS STOREMAN - A CADET VIEW

M.R. Lee

1979 was a strange year for the RNZAOC Cadets in the automotive parts trade as we were mostly one year Cadets, and as well as having to learn to cope with Army life, we had the trade to learn.

During the course of the year we worked at Waiouru Workshops stores section, as well as attending courses in Petone and Trentham.

The courses were spread out through the year. The first we attended was at the Petone Technical Institute, and was a civilian course as we have a civilian trade.

Our second course was an Army one which was our Storeman Clerk Band Two course, conducted in Trentham Military Camp.

Our third and final visit to Wellington was revision of the first course.

We went into our lecture room about three weeks prior to our first qualifying examination and our instructor, Sgt Scobie endeavoured to teach us about Automotive parts and accessories. At the beginning of the year there were eight automotive parts cadets, two were senior cadets, one got a trade change and the other was discharged. One first year cadet also got a discharge which cut our strength down to five, and half way through the year two more cadets joined us making our strength seven.

Overall, it was an interesting year and we thank Sgt Scobie and also Sergeant Major Cannell and his staff at Waiouru Workshops Stores Section.

