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FOREWORD

by
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Commandant, The Army Schools



1982 is a very significant year for RF Cadet School. This year is the last year in which the School will form part of the Army Schools. On 10th December command of RF Cadet School was transferred to the Waiouru Training Depot. This change was necessitated because of changes in the structure of the School and the scope of training offered to cadets. 1982 is the last year in which cadets will be offered the opportunity to serve two years at the School. Syllabus changes will see the end to trade training and formal education training for School Certificate and University Entrance. The extent of training in leadership skills will also be reduced in future. From 1983 greater emphasis will be given to the development of soldier skills to better prepare individual cadets for their employment in the Regular Army. Leadership and trade skills will, in future, be developed after graduation.

There is no doubt that 1982 has been a challenging and rewarding year for all cadets. I am particularly pleased with the progress that has been made both in the development of individual cadets and in the performance of the School itself. I am sure that those parents who were able to attend the parade at the completion of the basic training period and the graduation parade would share my pride in the achievements this year.

My congratulations and best wishes to those cadets who graduated in December. I am confident that they will maintain the high standards developed during the year and prove themselves to be most effective members of their corps in the Regular Army.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. W. Talbot'.

(G. T. TALBOT)
Lieutenant Colonel
Commandant

Major E. R. Firth MBE, BEM NZ Regiment Class Patron 1982



Maj Firth joined the Army as a recruit in February 1935 and after serving as an Instructor at GHQ Training Depot, Trentham, was employed at several Army areas 1927 — 1939. In 1939 he was first posted to Northern District School of Instruction and then as RQMS 18 Bn, of which he became RSM in 1940. After distinguished overseas service in the Middle East, being mentioned in dispatches 1941, he was returned unfit to New Zealand in 1942 to serve at Army Schools until 1948. He was commissioned in 1945.

After a period of duty at Linton, he renewed his connection with Army Schools in 1952 as OC RF Depot and in the following year also became OC RF Cadet Unit, later organised as the RF Cadet School.

Maj Firth continued to hold these two appointments until he handed over the RF Depot in April 1955. In recognition of his outstanding services to the New Zealand Army he was awarded the BEM in the New Year's Honours in 1944 and became a Member of the British Empire in 1955.

Whilst at Cadet School Maj Firth was instrumental in setting up recreation facilities for cadets as well as instituting some of the cadet dress distinctions.

In November 1957 Maj Firth was posted to the Tauranga area and having served there, retired from the Army in February 1960.

From 1960 to 1976 Maj Firth worked for the Tauranga County Council. He was involved with soil cement stabilisation work through to bridging and eventually town planning.

Maj Firth still lives in the Bay of Plenty and pursues many interests. He is a keen sailor, bowler and fisherman.

EDITORIAL

Firth Class will be the last of a long line of cadets to come under the command of The Army Schools. 1982 has been a significant year in several respects and there will be many changes instituted in the coming year. No doubt successive magazines will chronicle these alterations to the School.

It is with regret that we farewell Major E. W. Anker from the School. As OC, Major Anker held the reins of the RF Cadet School for two years. During his stewardship the School built up a most successful sporting record and the OC's support, especially to waterpolo, certainly contributed to this. Those cadets who passed through the School while he was OC can thank Major Anker for the effort he put into organising their training and courses. Those who left the School to enter RF with extremely high qualifications will, in later years, appreciate the effort he put into maximising the training opportunities for cadets. Major Anker and his wife Yoshiko were keen supporters of the Staff Social Club and staff and cadets wish them well in their new home in Auckland.

However, despite the outward changes that will no doubt occur next year, the question must be asked — will the School really change? When looking back on past years the answer would have to be no. Enclosed here is an excerpt from a letter written by a cadet of the class of 1960. This letter arrived in the editor's hands via an ex-cadet who found the 22 year old letter amongst others at his parents home.

"—— Well the end of the first week of basic, but for blistered feet, sore biceps and a rapidly decreasing waistline, I am still enjoying it. Washing and ironing take up a lot of time but I am getting by. I have only been to the pictures once so far as I have been too busy spit polishing two pairs of boots and my shoes. Thanks for the books and coathangers, could you send another half dozen coathangers please. The underwear was badly needed. You will never catch me wearing the issue stuff. As for coming to see me, I don't think its worth it, I would rather come home for a few days instead, you won't know me."

The Cadets themselves are not likely to change. For future classes the same frustrations with living in Waiohuru, the experience of living away from home for the first time and the sometimes brutal side of group living are likely to endure.

This is the 1982 magazine. Thanks go to all the many people who helped make it a worthwhile record of School life.

Education Wing

GRADUATION ADDRESS 1982 by The Officer Commanding Maj E. W. Anker, RNZA



Class Patron, Major Eric and Mrs Firth, Commander Army Training Group, Colonel and Mrs Monks, Commandant and The Army Schools, Colonel and Mrs Talbot. Ladies and gentlemen (especially parents and relatives), graduates and cadets.

Firstly, it is my pleasure to welcome you all to the 1982 Graduation Ceremonies of the

RF Cadet School. May I trust that you enjoy your time with us here in Waiouru.

The highlights and escapades of the year will no doubt be covered more than adequately by your sons over the next few days (if not already) — and suitably embellished. I will confine my comments to matters of fact!

To begin with I will relate the role of the RF Cadet School, namely:

To prepare RF Cadets for a career in the Army.

This was achieved by firstly giving all cadets a solid grounding in the basics of soldiering — the Basic Recruit Course which concluded at Easter. Following this the cadets embarked on different training streams according to their ultimate trade and corps. A little more than half the cadets did this trade training at other Schools and units from May until November. The remaining cadets (about 70) were trained by Cadet School staff. All completed Infantry Corps Training. About 55 of these then progressed through a variety of All Arms soldier training courses:

- Signals Handlers,
- First Aid,
- Communication English.

In the final term these cadets then branched out to their own Corps familiarisation subjects, conducted essentially by their own Corps. The remaining element, about 15, on a part time basis with soldier training studied two academic subjects at either School Certificate or University Entrance level at our own Education Wing.

During the year, we had cadets spread throughout the land from Burnham in the South Island to Trentham and Linton in the North

Island. In addition, we had a contingent of 88 cadets undertake two weeks training at mid-year in Fiji.

Sport has continued to play a major role in life at the School — for the very good reasons that it develops in young men those very important attributes of physical and mental toughness, tolerance, hardness and team spirit. On the sporting scene, 1982 has been one of the most successful in recent years — both in local competition and our annual fixtures against rival secondary schools.

This year saw us play host to the NZ Police Cadets, St Stephens College and Kelston Boys High, as well as our visit to Wairoa College. I am also pleased to report that individual codes were able to compete in tournaments in Wellington, New Plymouth, Dannevirke, Taumarunui, Hamilton, Wanganui, Palmerston North and Marton. The School has continued to contribute top level sportsmen to the Waiouru Regional teams in all the major codes, with some gaining recognition at Army level.

Character development is an important ingredient in the Cadet School curriculum. One aspect of this is Adventure Training which we conduct in association with the Outdoors Pursuits Centre in Tongariro National Park. I am pleased to report that more than 95 percent of the Cadets have taken part in this introduction to Adventure Training. These activities are all aimed at developing the qualities of leadership, team work and self-confidence. A further course of an adventurous nature has been conducted at the MacArther Park Diving School in Titahi Bay (Wellington) where some nine cadets have qualified to NZ Underwater Assn Basic Scuba Diving level. We also capitalised on the proximity of Mt Ruapehu and our very good rapport with Turoa Ski Fields to conduct a five day learn to ski course for some 15 cadets. A small group of cadets recently participated in the Tri Service Sailex Exercise in North Auckland. Although the expense for these adventurous activities have been met largely by the individual cadet, we remain ever hopeful that in time they will proceed with financial support from Defence.

In addition there were a number of other one or two day activities which had cadets and staff assisting valuably in the conduct of various events for local ski organisations.

One of the major problems associated with life in Waiouru is the scarcity of a wholesome social life for our young cadets. It's not a new problem and it's one that we were pretty unsuccessful in solving this year. It stems from the acute shortage of the fairer sex. For those girlfriends who are present here today — I say please be tolerant of this. For those many unsuspecting young damsels in the other parts of the country — I can only say, please beware!

One factor however that did play a very

important part in the social life was the Cadet Sponsorship Scheme. It was encouraging to see the good proportion of cadets who were sponsored by the Waiouru Community during 1982. I would like to thank you personally, and I know that the sponsored cadets will join me in this, for the true family warmth and hospitality that you have extended this year. Our sincere thanks.

In last year's Graduation Report I made special mention of our Drum and Bugle Corps — rejuvenated during 1981 after a long period of hibernation! It is most heartening to report on the further development of this band of enthusiasts during 1982. Making its debut at the End of Basic Parade in April, the Corps of Pipes and Drums has contributed positively to School and Camp parades throughout the year. The features I am sure being the Taupo Charter Parade last Saturday, and the combination today with the NZ Army Band. All participants have put in many long hours of practice but I would especially thank WO1 Hill for his efforts, and Mr Peter Barnes MWD, for his personal contribution in coaching the buglers and Ssgt MacKenzie of the Museum for his efforts in coaching the pipers.

One of the more encouraging features of life in Cadet School this year was the overall improvement in living standards. At the start of the year new wardrobes and lowboys throughout the barracks; followed by landscaping between the buildings; new floor coverings earlier this term (complete with bubbles, I am bound to say!) and most recently new roofing. Interior refurbishment in the lecture rooms and the move last week of our HQ element to its rightful location on the edge of the parade ground complete the improvements. We are most grateful to the various HQ and MWD for their respective parts which unfortunately have been long overdue.

One project I must mention is the Cadet School Video unit. Funded by contributions by the cadets themselves (the original source the result of a rather costly prank leading up to Grad 81, matched by donations of Firth Class 82) the equipment was purchased in July this year. Although still in its early days, it has already been put to good use — many of the graduation rehearsals for example were recorded then played back to demonstrate faults. Its full potential will be realised in the coming months and I am confident that with the proper use, it will enhance our ability to train effectively. Parents and guests will have the opportunity following afternoon tea to attend the premier screening of "Highlights of Firth Class 1982".

I refer back to my opening remark — that relating to the role of the School — to prepare RF Cadets for a career in the Army. We commenced the year with 180 Cadets: 151 from Firth Class and 29 remaining from Morris Class.

We have on parade today 162, some 27 of whom will return as next year's Senior Class, and 135 graduating cadets. We saw today the standards they have reached in various aspects of their training. I am confident that these graduates are well prepared for their future careers, and that they will be a credit not only to themselves, but to their families and the Regular Force Cadet School.

It would be wrong of me not to mention the period of grief and anxiety we suffered in the middle of the year — the accident that claimed the life of Cadet Bryce Gawler, and the serious injuries suffered by Cadet Sgt Koziol and Cadet Clarkin. We are certainly thankful that both cadets have since recovered and took full part in the parade today. I ask that we observe a few moments of silence in memory of Cadet Gawler.

Many of you are probably aware that 1982 marks the end of an era for RF Cadet School and that from next year onwards a new concept will be introduced. Essentially it rationalises the training to a common one year syllabus for all cadets regardless of trade or corps; eliminates specialist trade training; and reduces the duration to a maximum of one year. There are a number of other features which I won't mention today. There are many advantages — perhaps the single most important one being the continuation of Regular Force Cadet School (it came dangerously close to being disbanded altogether). There are also disadvantages — the most serious one to my mind being the disappearance of the Senior Class system. It will be most difficult to continue the heritage and traditions without the continuity that the Senior Class provides — let alone the administration, barrack supervision and guidance. For this year's Senior Class, my thanks. For next year's Senior Class, you have an added responsibility — you'll be the last in a long line — make it a record we'll all be proud of. Who knows, in years to come, it may change back.

A few moments ago I mentioned the word ERA, which was quite deliberate. Some 34 years ago, in July 1948, the pioneers of the RF Cadet Scheme marched into Trentham Camp as Miles Company. Of the original 92 cadets, there are six still serving in the forces and we are honoured to have as guests at our Graduation activities today three of the original graduates. It's my pleasure to introduce:

Capt Trevor Forrester

Capt Lyell Kermeen

Sqn Ldr Dan McLeod

and I have apologies from Capt Jack Begg, Capt Gavin Cassie and Maj Peter Wischnowsky who were unable to make it to the parade today. Although some may still be serving by Dec 83 I felt it appropriate that we acknowledge the end of such a significant military era by having them with us to view our activities today.

In conclusion, I would take this opportunity of thanking the members of my staff for their loyalty, long hours and the tolerance they've displayed during this very hectic year. This appreciation extends also to the wives, families and lady friends, for the understanding they have shown of the demands such a busy unit makes upon their lives. My earnest thanks to you all.

To all the other Schools and units who have assisted us during the year, and for the support and guidance from HQ The Army Schools and HQ The Army Training Group. I am most grateful.

Finally, on behalf of the Cadets of Firth Class, I would like to thank Major Eric and Mrs Firth for their interest and participation in the School activities during 1982.

SCHOOL STAFF

Headquarters

Officer Commanding	Maj Wayne Anker
School Sergeant Major	WO1 Greg Hill
Administration	Capt Bill Cooper/ Lt Dudley Young
Officer	Ssgt Dave Gundersen
Chief Clerk	Lt George Pearson/ Ssgt Amokura Rakuraku
Training Officer	

A Company

Commander	Lt Graham Carmichael
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 Graham Bidois
1 Platoon	2Lt Trevor Cameron Sgt Paul Mokomoko
2 Platoon	Capt Cliff Simons (also a School Education Officer) Sgt Pita Kay

B Company

Commander	Lt George Skudder
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 Bill Leach
3 Platoon	2Lt Peter Fisher Sgt Roy Whatarangi
4 Platoon	Capt Andy Morris (also a School Education Officer) Sgt Steve Richards/ Cpl Peter Kingi

Education Wing

Chief Instructor	Maj Martyn Preece
Apprentice Wing	
Senior Trade Instructor	Ssgt Colin Oliver

LIST OF GRADUATING CADETS 1982

RNZA — The Royal Regiment of NZ Artillery

D. S. Anderson	B. H. Mohi
M. C. Chivers	R. J. Parrish
S. A. G. Earney	G. Ridley
D. N. Garnett	G. W. Rolls
M. T. Hanson	C. A. Taylor
B. E. Lupton	L. P. Townsend
D. B. Mills	G. J. Whyte

RNZAC — Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps

R. J. Colquhoun	G. W. Murtagh
T. D. Dwane	P. J. Z. Prendergast
G. C. S. Keenan	M. W. Tahapeehi
S. P. MacDonald	A. J. Watt
P. P. Mitchell	S. A. Webb

RNZE — Corps of Royal New Zealand Engineers

C. C. Blackler	D. J. McIvor
R. T. Christie	G. S. MacRae
D. W. Edwards	C. W. Manion
T. L. Favel	J. Matthews
S. B. Green	R. H. Mohi
G. S. Hawkins	B. G. Murdoch
D. A. Hotop	B. R. Richardson
K. J. Joyce	T. P. Whitehouse
R. A. Langman	D. A. D. Wills
M. J. Leach	

RNZSigs — Royal New Zealand Corps of Signals

A. G. Anderson	P. L. Koziol
M. Ayers	K. T. O'Shaughnessy
P. R. Clarkin	I. A. Paterson
M. W. Everett	R. J. Rood
J. A. Hay	P. F. Vanderberg
G. H. Hunt	

RNZIR — Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment

A. G. Atkins	J. T. Purcell
N. A. Barbara	C. D. Rayner
T. T. L. Bernard	S. J. Reid
S. C. Challies	G. E. Roberts
B. R. Earsman	TR. O. Te Rangi
M. G. Ellery	G. J. Thomson
S. R. Gosney	T. P. Tihore
D. W. Hodgson	M. Tume
A. J. Maddern	C. P. White
V. P. Martinovich	M. A. Wickens
G. J. Paul	

RNZCT — Royal New Zealand Corps of Transport

G. P. Atkinson	T. R. N. Maika
M. C. Aupouri	E. D. Mayes
G. C. Bailey	H. S. Morgan
I. D. Bigwood	K. B. Moriarity
N. J. Bullock	M. B. Neale
B. B. Davis	S. G. Northover
M. J. Flanagan	M. D. O'Connell
P. O. Fletcher	W. C. Richardson
K. E. Henderson	G. W. Rutherford
M. D. Hepburn	T. E. Schofield
D. W. Hurikino	G. F. Stent
D. T. Jenkins	J. D. Subritzky
G. S. Lumsden	D. J. Turnbull
B. P. McManus	R. J. Veale
W. F. Maguire	

RNZAMC — Royal New Zealand Army Medical Corps

P. R. L. Lawrence
J. G. Ross
B. L. Vartan

RNZAOC — Royal New Zealand Army Ordnance Corps

L. R. Bray
R. B. Burnett
M. D. J. Clements
J. W. Coleman
J. A. Cooper
A. G. Curtis
D. R. Henry
S. W. Moses
S. C. Rose
S. D. Tait

RNZEME — Corps of Royal New Zealand Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

P. M. Atkinson	S. L. Pihama
G. A. Bennett	S. I. Rivers
N. J. C. Boulton	G. A. Robinson
G. R. J. Clifford	G. R. Smith
G. R. Cullimore	K. B. Stuart
W. L. Evans	R. J. Tawhiri
G. J. Klein	L. S. Taylor
A. D. McLean	A. E. Thomson
W. A. Meenehan	

NZAPC — New Zealand Army Pay Corps

M. R. Allen

DIARY OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 11 Cadet School staff return from leave
- 13 1982 Senior Class returns from leave
- 19 Firth Class march in — 150 brand spanking new cadets
- 25 Annual Camp at Helwan — basic training commences
- 27 Inaugural visit of 1982 Class Patron Major Firth, MBE, BEM

FEBRUARY

- 5 Cadets return from Helwan
- 10 Swimming Sports — B Coy winners
- 17 Cadets attend Corps Indoctrination
- 21 A Coy visit Mission Bay for Board of Studies/Mid-Basic break
- 22 B Coy at Mission Bay

MARCH

- 6 School Athletic Sports — Inter-platoon - 4 Pl, Inter-Coy - B Coy winners. Rugby Open Day - first rugby trials
- 10 Inter-platoon Cross Country won by 1 Pl
- 12 Winter sports trials commence
- 16-18 Field Training
- 20 Desert Fair A Coy runners-up in Tug-o-war
- 22 Skill at Arms Competition won by 1 Pl and A Coy
- 26 Police College visit Results Waterpolo won by RFCS 12-4 Cricket won by RFCS Basketball won by RFCS 36-34 Rugby won by NZPC 24-14
- 30 Drill Competition won by 4 Pl Careers/Vocational Guidance Counsellors visit Cadet School

APRIL

- 4 End of Basic Church Parade
- 5 End of Basic Parade, salute taken by Major Firth, MBE, BEM Cadets on leave
- 18 Return from leave
- 19 Formal Education commences for 3 Pl Cadets
- 25 ANZAC Day Parade and Sports visit to Taupo. In games against Taupouui-a-Tia College: 2nd XV lost 16-4 Crusaders won 20-6 Hockey won 3-0 Soccer lost 5-0
- 28-30 Confirmatory Field Exercise for 2 Pl and 4 Pl

MAY
 3 100 man Guard of Honour for Mr George Bush Vice President of the United States at Wellington Airport
 8-11 School Waterpolo team participates in National Secondary School Championships — placed fourth
 31 Exercise "Dig In III" for cadets of 1 and 3 Pls

JUNE
 5-7 Basketball team participating in Queen's Birthday Weekend Tournament in New Plymouth — won 3 lost 1
 5-13 Mid Year leave for staff and cadets
 14-18 Basketball team compete in Central North Island Championships won 3 lost 1
 18-20 St Stephens School visit games played:
 Basketball lost 48-22
 Rugby 1st XV won 18-12
 25 Deployment on Exercise Tropic Sunset — Fiji
 26 Cadet Gawler killed in grenade accident in training area
 30 Funeral of Cadet Gawler

JULY
 19 Cadets begin Winter Pursuits Exercises a week long stay at Outdoor Pursuits Centre Visit to the School by CGS Maj Gen R.G. Williams, MBE
 31 Visit by Waikato Harlequins U19 Rugby team - 1st XV won 17-14

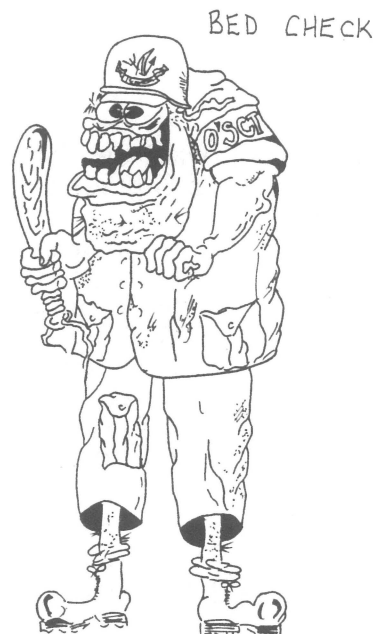
AUGUST
 7-8 RFCS teams visit Wairoa College Results:
 1st XV won 17-15
 Basketball won 78-23
 Soccer drew 3-3
 Hockey lost 0-9
 10 Kelston Boys High School visit Results:
 Soccer 1st XI lost 2-3
 Rugby 1st XV drew 19-19
 Basketball lost 44-45
 13-15 Hockey and Crusaders XV visit Hamilton —
 Hockey lost 3-1
 Crusaders for Basketball lost 24-0
 16 Ex Scuba III - cadets attend diving course
 Ex Alpine Pursuits - cadets attend ski-coaching course on Mt Ruapehu
 21 August leave

SEPTEMBER
 5 Wellington U18 team visit 1st XV lost 9-27
 15 Staff versus Cadets Hockey drawn 3-3
 22 Staff versus Cadets Rugby — cadets won 16-8
 25-30 1st XV visit to Waikato — Results:
 v Hamilton Boys High won 9-3
 v Ngaruawahia High lost 16-26
 v Waikato Harlequins won 12-9
 29 Staff versus Cadets Soccer won by Staff 3-2

OCTOBER
 11-14 Apprentice Wing Tour of Civilian Industry, Wellington
 13 18 Mile Relay - 1st 1 Pl
 20 Iron Man — winner Cdt Green
 22 Labour Weekend leave
 23-25 Waterpolo team attend Inter College Invitational Tournament — five games for three wins, two losses
 28 B Coy formal dinner

NOVEMBER
 11 A Coy formal dinner
 15 School Certificate and University Entrance exams begin for education cadets
 17-24 Cadets take part in Exercise Takrouna
 20 Inter Company Cricket - B Coy winners
 23-30 End of year Board of Studies
 27 Cross Country A Coy winners

DECEMBER
 1 Graduation Dinner
 4 Taupo Charter Parade
 9 Graduation Ceremony



THE SSM

Warrant Officer Class One Gregory James Hill was born in 1941, raised as a country boy (he still believes Wanganui is the largest city in New Zealand) and received his education at the Okato District High School. (where?).

In 1960 Warrant Officer Hill enlisted into the Regular Force of the New Zealand Army. His initial choice of Corps was the Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps and in 1968 he transferred to his present Corps the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment.

Warrant Officer Hill has had three overseas tours including two periods of Active Service in Borneo and Vietnam.

In this his second tour as a staff member of Regular Force Cadet School he certainly left his mark with the 1982 cadets for instance he turned the word 'CLUBBIES' into a complete nothing.

The endearing little nicknames given by the Cadets will consequently be forgotten; but his attempts to correct the drill faults for both staff and cadets will not. It must have worked, for with the assistance of Cdt RSM R.J. Tawhiri an excellent Graduation Parade was seen. It was also noted with satisfaction that the creases were in the trousers and not in the berets.

Always a fine sportsman he encouraged all cadets in all sports with a particular bias towards rugby and was active in coaching the first XV and the lower grades. He did not however fare too well in the Cadets v Staff match.

He also managed to show a clean pair of heels to at least a dozen or so cadets in the Unit Cross Country held in November.

Warrant Officer Hill will remain as SSM for at least the initial part of 1983 and his imprint will be left on yet another class of cadets.



*A critical audience
Graduation 1982
Left to Right: WO1 Whitworth, Command RSM
ATG; WO1 McCallion,
RSM WTD; WO1 Harris,
MBE; Sergeant Major of
the Army; WO1 Hill, SSM
Cadet School and WO1
Jones, RSM The Army
Schools.*

*The Cadet RSM Cdt WO1
R.J. Tawhiri accompanies
the Class Patron Maj Firth
and the OC Maj Anker on
the inspection during the
1982 graduation parade.*



ALPHA COMPANY NOTES

The first memories for most Firth Class cadets of Alpha Company must have been finding themselves being paid to go camping in a place called Helwan. The canvas camp proved to be an ideal way of introducing the new class to RF Cadet School and to the Army. It will continue in 1983 and will probably remain as a standard beginning to Basic Training for RF Cadets.

The second lasting memory must have been their introduction to the Company Sergeant Major WO2 Graeme Bidois, RNZEME (Ardagh Class). CSM Bidois began the year displaying enthusiasm and despite all trials and tribulations associated with his job remained dedicated throughout.

Third and perhaps most lasting of the early year memories will have been their introduction to the second year cadets (Morris Class) better known as 'The Seniors'. Their efforts in assisting the RF Staff to develop barrack room routine and to show Firth Class the 'basics' of soldiering, ranging from preparing uniforms for inspection to cleaning toilets will not be forgotten.

Basic Training continued up to early April with input from the School Training Wing staff, the Coy HQ staff and 'The Seniors'. Tribute must be paid to the two RF platoon sergeants, Sgt Paul Mokomoko, RNZIR and Sgt Pita Kay, RNZCT. Without their professional approach to all tasks, standard setting (and demanding) and unflagging enthusiasm for their job the Company would not have reached the high standard that it did. No doubt two of their highlights of the year would have been Sgt Mokomoko's R & R trip to Burnham with his platoon for the First Aid course and Sgt Kay's attempt to change his service to the RNZN during 'Sailex 82', obviously he could not tell the 'Sharp end from the Blunt end' and he was sent back to Waiouru.



1 Platoon Weapon Training — August

At the Platoon Commander level the Company had a somewhat mixed year with Lts Daldorf RNZCT, Masters RNZA, Woodard RNZAC, Cameron RNZMP, and Capt Simons RNZAEC, holding the title of 'Sword Waver' over 1 and 2 Platoons at various times throughout the year. Once again in 1982 the Commanders trophy for officers drill was not presented, nobody met the standards.

A large number of the Company successfully completed trade courses throughout the year gaining generally favourable course comments, most will graduate at the Band Two level, certainly a head start of those who join as adult soldiers.

The Cadet School based courses, Signals Handlers, AAVA English and Adventure Training with the Outdoor Pursuits Centre provided considerable variation throughout the year. Many of the cadets thoroughly enjoying the 'laid back' manner of the OPC instructors and who could forget Cdt Te Rangi calling upon his ancestors just prior to leaping into space.

Members of the Training Wing staff who worked with A Coy cadets this year; Sgts Chambers RNZEME, Anderson RNZSigs, Foster RNZA, Hereora RNZIR, Cpl King RNZIR and towards the later part of the year Sgt G. Maniapoto RNZIR worked hard at producing the results under trying conditions on occasion. Mention must be made of Sgt H. Rule, RNZIR (PTI) who in between extended R & R trips in Fiji suitably terrorised us in the physical and sports world, he will be remembered for his ready smile, pleasant manner and professional expertise.

The Company cadet NCOs saw a few changes as the year progressed and several Firth Class were elevated to cadet rank, Cdt Cpl Tihore doing well to gain and maintain two stripes. Cdt Sgts Mohi and Edwards proved to be good choices for their demanding appointments. Cdt Ssgt Vanderburg became enmeshed in sorting broken light globes, of toilet seats and the saga of the missing barrack room door for much of the year, any COMS gets little thanks and yards of complaints in the course of his job, Ssgt Vanderburg remained uncomplaining throughout. His efforts towards the School disco outfit were also appreciated.

Our 'top cadet' of course is our Cadet Company Sergeant Major W. Maguire who is graduating to the RNZCT. Following his promotion to CSM he has proven to be a reliable and hard working Cdt SNCO. His dress, bearing and adherence to regulations was an example to all cadets of the School. To top his year off he was posted to Takapuna, not too sure if that's good or bad!

On the sporting side of the year, we provided most of the first XV and enthusiastic participants in all codes. A few even joined the OC's inner circle which met frequently in the

ATG swimming pool, we thrashed the opposition at the annual cross country and tug-of-war. Sgt Mokomoko was close to a heart attack on occasion during the latter event.

Ceremonial duties saw Company members in the Guard for the Vice President of the USA, ANZAC Day in Taupo, Guard for US Secretary of Defence (on the Waiouru Airfield) and the Taupo Charter Parade, all were conducted in a professional manner.

As OC of the Company I wish you all well for the future, many of you will go on to do extremely well in your various chosen careers.

Lt Carmichael (Russell Class 1960)

BRAVO COMPANY NOTES

Despite all sorts of trials and tribulations not the least of which, the constant criticism of the SSM and other School staff, Bravo Company emerged from a very turbulent year as top dogs. By winning the coveted Commandants Trophy they proved that spirit and loyalty does prevail. The quiet determination of the company, evident to those who worked within it, was never in doubt.

One of the trials that the company suffered was the change of OC. Captain John Lock's "Engineer-expertise" was required in Linton, this took precedence over his considerable "Cadet-expertise" and John was lost to us. When he left near the end of the basic training phase a good part of Bravo went with him. Left behind, in shock and disarray, was the stand-in OC a Captain of the RNZ Odd Job Corps. It wasn't long however before the new OC arrived and took the reins. For the rest of the year Bravo Company was commanded by Lt George Skudder of All Black, teaching and Te Puke fame.

However, even while these changes were going on the steady pulse of the company remained beating. Providing the beat was WO2 Bill Leach our CSM. His was the steady get on with the job, cut out the rubbish philosophy that sustained the company. Always on hand to advise staff and cadets, WO2 Leach was our most valued member.

Vital to the smooth running of the company were the platoon sergeants. These people took varying forms from Sgt Whatarangi who "babysat" 3 Platoon through to Sgt Richards, Sgt Cook and Cpl Kingi who "sat on" 4 Platoon. As well as their arduous duties these individuals gave unstinting support to various sports teams, throughout the year their management and coaching of teams was particularly praiseworthy.

2Lt Peter Fisher served as Platoon Commander 3 Platoon. 2Lt Mark Woodard was followed by our trusty Odd Job Corps Captain at the helm of 4 Platoon.

Elsewhere in this magazine you will find other references to the training that went on during the year. Our company consisted of cadets who did soldier training (3 Pl), a mixture of soldier training and education (3/1 Pl) and those who did trade training notably carpenters, drivers and cooks (4Pl). The education cadets distinguished themselves, being the "Last of the Whippos" and a considerably smaller group than previous years, they developed a strong spirit and we look forward to having a very fine senior class in 1983 made up mainly of these cadets. Everyone in the company worked hard at their training, even the cooks and stewards. While visiting the 4 Platoon barracks one night your trusty writer was offered some chocolate eclairs "Thank you", your author replied as he gulped down the last of six delicious eclairs, "and who was the kind Mum who sent these?". "Oh no Sir, we stole those from the Officers Mess", was the stern reply.

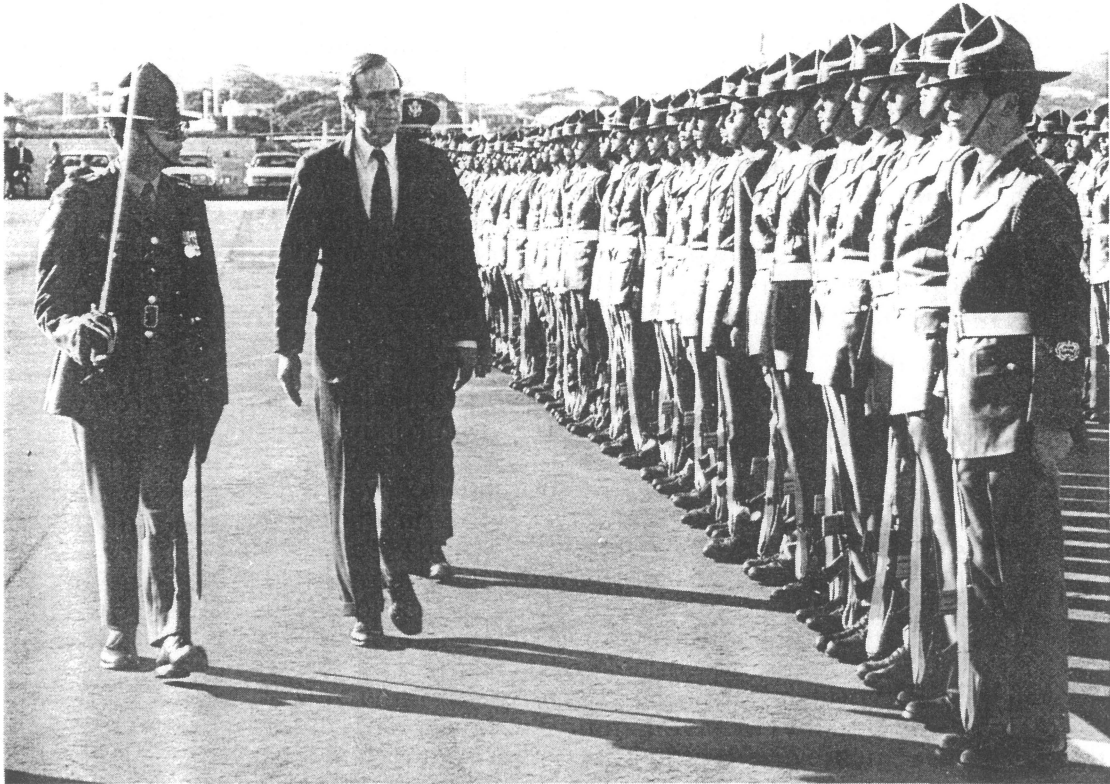
On the sports field all B Coy Cadets distinguished themselves. In basketball, Cdt Lcpl H.S. Morgan and Cdt Kneepkens exemplified the company spirit. Cdt Green showed the rest of the School how to run. Cdt Coleman was the most improved soccer player. Cdt Sgt MacRae and the Cadet RSM Tawhiri (originally from B Coy) were very successful rugby players. Cdt Lawrence once again played hockey for Army and in tennis the company was ably represented by Cadets Christie and Veale. Cdt Davis had an extremely successful volleyball season. The Thomas Trophy for the best overall athlete was won by a B Coy Cadet, Cdt Cpl Murtagh.

Mention must be made of the Company workers. In fairness your writer could really mention all our cadets but those to distinguish themselves were: Cdt CSM Mayes who quietly worked to keep the company ticking over, Cdt Ssgt Bigwood who took an interest in the company's cadets and never failed to carry out a task, Cdt Sgt MacRae who exemplified hard work, Cdt Cpl Neale who demonstrated understanding and sincerity beyond his years, Cdt Lcpl White or "Gordon" whose happy smiling face brightened things up, Cdt Cpl Leach and Cdt Lcpl Schofield who showed what a high level a first year cadet could reach, Cdt Jenkins who kept us all in a happy frame of mind and many, many others.

We were particularly saddened by the death of Cdt Gawler. Cdt Sgt Koziol earned our admiration by showing determination and maturity to recover from this very sorrowful accident.

Well Bravo, it was good despite all. Keep it up, keep smiling and in a few years you'll look back nostalgically on what proved to be a good year. The last Bravo Company.

Capt Morris



CEREMONIAL

Cadets took part in two important Guards of Honour.

Above: the 100 man Guard for the Vice President of the USA, Mr George Bush.

Below: 50 man Guard for US Secretary of Defence, Mr Casper Weinberger.



EDUCATION WING NOTES

The Education Wing has been an integral part of the Regular Force Cadet School for most of the School's existence. However Firth Class 1982 will be the last to have the advantage of an academic education. This is an appropriate time and place to state the achievements of the Education Wing and to note how future cadets will still benefit from the expertise of the attached RNZAEC Corps members.

The concept of Cadets service has been to recruit young people who have the potential to become good long serving soldiers. When the employment situation in New Zealand was easier than today, the Army recruited young men with high potential but often with no academic qualifications. Such qualifications are needed for increasingly specialised and technical trades of the Army. The Education Wing provided the opportunity for Cadets to gain such qualifications. Now, with the employment situation changing, the Army is in a position to recruit the same type of young man, with the potential for long and effective service, and also with the right qualifications gained at school. The original purpose of the Education Wing has therefore become unnecessary, at least until the New Zealand economy changes.

This has been recognised for some time and the Army has planned that from 1983 the concept of Cadet training will change, and the Education Wing with it. From 1983, the Education officers will be part of the wider scope of cadet training and provide, along with the other instructors, the necessary skills and knowledge that a young soldier needs for his service with the New Zealand Army. It is too early to state exactly the nature of training, but the RNZAEC officers will be involved in many areas, from basic Mathematics and Communication English skills to character development and welfare.

END OF TERM -



On the staff side of Education Wing, we were sorry to see Major Keith Westwater posted to HQ NZ Land Forces in late 1981, and take this opportunity to thank him for his immense contribution to the RF Cadet School. His replacement Major Martyn Preece is now looking forward to the new training system and an interesting tour at the School. Captain Andy Morris remains at the School for a further year but Captain Cliff Simons is posted to Training Methods School, we look forward to his replacement soon.

Maj Preece

EXERCISE TROPIC SUNSET 82

Exercise Tropic Sunset 82 was the exercise held at the end of Infantry Corps training to test and practice the skills learnt during the ten weeks of corps training.

Planning and preparation for the exercise had begun four weeks in advance. We sat through lectures on Fiji, its history, people, customs, military forces and even custom laws. This was on top of the actual exercise brief. So thanks to Lt Carmicheal and staff we were well informed on Exercise Tropic Sunset 82.

Friday 25 June 82 was the day we had all been waiting for. At 0230 hours bodies wearily dragged themselves out of bed and started to prepare for the big two weeks that lay ahead. Travel to Ohakea airbase was by bus where we had breakfast. We then boarded the C130 that would touch down in Fiji after approximately five and a half hours in the air. It was extremely hot and noisy on board the aircraft and it seemed forever before we hit the tarmac at Nausori Airport in Fiji.

As soon as the ramps were lowered we were quickly made aware of the tropical climate. It was stuffy, hot and smelly. We were hustled into trucks and driven to our first training area. The move by truck gave us our first glimpse of Fiji and we were all impressed by the friendliness of the Fijian people.

Phase 1 of the exercise was non-tactical and was situated up the Wainandoi River. This phase of the exercise concentrated on jungle warfare and living in the tropics. We learnt about patrolling, camouflage, living off the land, navigation and how to fight in the jungle. Morale was very high during this phase despite the mud and rain and the tragic news about the death of Cdt Gawler. We all learnt a lot from this phase thanks to the experience and skill of the platoon sergeants.

Travel to the next training area involved a lengthy truck trip to a place called Korovou. Morale was boosted by a stop at a supermarket. The weather in Korovou was the opposite of

Wainandoi. It was extremely hot and we had only gone about 100 metres when a constant stream of sweat was flowing down our faces. Our new location was on a dairy farm and here emphasis was placed on open country warfare. Again the staff gave from their wealth of knowledge and we all benefited greatly because of it. The highlight of this phase was the watermanship exercise in which a river had to be crossed with pack and webbing.

The next final phase involved two days tactical in an unknown area. It started with a 14 km withdrawal at 0430 hours. It was a long hard walk but we all made it. We were now fully tactical and had to remain on our toes all the time. We dug in and prepared for the final stage of the exercise.

The last morning involved an attack on the enemy. It was done successfully and we could now look forward to the best part of the exercise — Rest and Recreation.

We went straight to Queen Victoria School where we cleaned our gear and played the School in sport. I won't mention any results, just that we were narrowly beaten in rugby, soccer, basketball and volleyball. We spent the night at the School and departed for Queen Elizabeth barracks the next morning. That afternoon we went shopping in Suva and bought our electrical goods. This was a great experience and taught us a lot.

That night we went to the Tradewinds Hotel for a social function with Fijian nurses. We beered, dined and danced the evening away at the expense of alot of heads. The next morning we were punished by the SSM who sent us for a run. After the run it was back to Suva for last minute shopping and then off to the cultural centre of Fiji where we had a buffet lunch, went for a boat trip and saw a traditional Fijian village. We were also treated to a performance by the National Dance Theatre of Fiji. It proved to be a very worthwhile and rewarding trip. That night it was dinner at the Beachcomber Hotel along with a few more beers and back to the barracks. This was our last night in Fiji.

The next morning we packed up our gear, gathered boxes and boxes of electrical goods and made our way by truck back to Nausori Airport. The flight home was just as boring as the first except for a minor incident on landing at Ohakea in which the landing gear wouldn't work!

But now for the moment of truth — customs! They were waiting like vultures as soon as we stepped off the plane. Some paid dearly for their super cassette decks, others got away with no tax at all.

As for me, I was glad to be home, glad to have completed my first tropical exercise and especially glad to have learnt so much, militarily, culturally and socially during the past two weeks.

Exercise Tropic Sunset 82 was a highly successful and enjoyable exercise, benefiting everybody who took part in it.

Cdt S. Gosney

EXERCISE ALPINE PURSUITS

Exercise Alpine Pursuits was an adventure training exercise for the Senior Cadets. Its aim was to teach the participants to ski to a competent beginners level.

The exercise was held at the end of August. This year because the Senior Class Scuba course was held at the same time, 13 cadets and three staff took part.

With the kind assistance of the Waiouru Alpine and Ski Club everyone was outfitted with the skiing equipment on Sunday night and early Monday morning it was off to the Turoa Ski Fields by RL Bedford truck. The first major obstacle was getting to the top of the first chair lift, where the ski school was. Those that had some experience assisted those with none to get their skis on. With the assistance of the lift operators all managed to get onto the lift. It was getting off that was harder since it is necessary to SKI off. At 1030 hours the first ski lesson started and the group was split into two groups. Those who had skied before and those who had not. Cdt WO2 Mayes was later transferred to yet another group as he could already ski.

So began what was to become a familiar routine:

0730 hours	Leave Waiouru
0900 hours	Arrive at Turoa Ski Fields
1030 hours	Ski Lesson
1200 hours	Lunch
1600 hours	Leave Turoa Ski Fields
1730 hours	Arrive in Waiouru

As can be seen there was considerable time for free skiing and putting into practice what had been learned in the earlier lessons.

On Wednesday the ski fields were closed by a snow storm but this did give us the rare opportunity to ski down the road almost to the Ranger Station.

It was noted by all that the OC Maj E.W. Anker came to see the course on several occasions and the excuse of video taping the course was wearing thin. (Maj Anker is a very keen skier).

On Friday the weather was not the best but most of the course were confident enough to ski from the highest tow. One of the ski instructors commented "These blokes are trying to run before they can walk". A real compliment to people who had not known a pole from a ski four days before.

2 Lt P. G. Fisher

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1 PLATOON AT THE OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE 1-6 AUGUST 1982

We arrived at Gibbs Lodge at about 1630 hours and after setting up our bunks or camp stretchers we sat around playing cards and things for a few hours as once again the cooks were preparing that first meal. Most of us then had an early night.

Next morning we were up at 0700 hours and had breakfast at about 0800 hours. We started out into the rain to walk (cross-country) to the OPC at about 1000 hours and arrived there at about 1230 hours. We then had a bread roll and fresh fruit lunch as we did every day. After lunch we did the ropes con-course. It was great fun especially the big swing they had which dropped you about 20 feet vertically before you started swinging — your life fair flashed before your eyes. Over all, the con-course was quite difficult, but well made and safe. After the ropes course we went to the climbing wall and did some climbing and then abseiling. There were quite a few various types of climbs on the wall, some were quite testing which a few people enjoyed, the abseiling was enjoyed by most people even though it was raining most of the time. Our last activity of the afternoon was to be a flying fox which was about 100 yards long and about 100 feet off the ground at the far end. We were just about finished this when our group leader and four of us were called away to carry out another student from another party who had fallen down a bank and was pretty sick. It took us about three quarters of an hour to carry her down this small stream and then up to the centre. We were later to find out that she was concussed and had a touch of hypothermia.

We travelled back to Gibbs Lodge by RL and then had tea and then had some slides and a lecture on rock and mountain climbing from one of the instructors before going to bed.

The next day was a beautiful, clear, sunny day, and suited us just fine as we were to climb Mt Tongariro. We left Gibbs Lodge on the RLs for the bottom of the mountain at about 1000 hours and eventually started walking up the track up the valley about 1050 hours. Our group stopped for lunch at 1200 hours and then started up the ridge that we were going to follow to the summit, at 1215 hours. The going was quite easy until near the top where it got steep and the snow had turned to ice. We then had to start cutting steps with our ice axes but we didn't have to do it for long. We reached the peak at about 1400 hours and were the first group up. We left on our way down at about 1500 hours

and got back to RLs at about 1630 hours after taking a slightly different route down. We walked some, ran some and slid the rest using our ice axes for brakes, this was really fun and everyone enjoyed it immensely.

We got back on the RLs again and went back to the Lodge for tea. After tea we went to the OPC ski hire shop and all got our gear for the next day. We also got some basic instruction on how to ski.

The next morning the weather wasn't too good but by the time we got up to the ski field it was beautiful and sunny again. It was warm enough to ski in just a t-shirt and trousers. We got up to the field at about 1030 hours and first had a lesson from our instructors and then got into it properly. The snow was good and powdery and great for beginners and most people liked this day the best out of all of them.

After tea we all went by RL to the Tokaanu Hot Pools which are just outside Turangi and had a good swim there for about an hour. They were really soothing after a fairly exhausting day up on Ruapehu.

Thursday was to be a tramping and caving day. We set out by RL first, along this track and then tramped to our camp site, practising compass and map work along the way. We then had lunch and set up our tent flies — we were to stay overnight. After lunch we went a couple of hundred yards up the dry creek bed to the caves. There were fairly new limestone caves formed by a river which still runs through them. They were quite interesting and we spent quite a while in them, some people going further than others through the more tight squeezes. Our instructors then made us find our way out without our candles which wasn't too hard as we could just follow the creek.

We then went back and spent a rather wet night at our camp sites.

Then the next morning our instructors gave us maps and compasses and either told us to lead them out or showed us on the map where to go and asked us questions about features we would see if we went the right way. The groups arrived at OPC between 1030 and about 1300 hours but all made it safely although some had more troubles than others.

After everyone got back we went back to Gibbs Lodge and had lunch and cleaned up. We then came back to camp by RL to end the week.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the whole week and were glad they went. Most agreed that the ski day was best and it turned quite a few beginners into real enthusiasts. Also the swing was the subject of much discussion and everyone that got on it thought it was great. It was a great week.

Cdt Lcpl W.L. Evans

SAILEX 1982 — NORTHERN LEG AUCKLAND — PAIHIA

Six cadets and one of the RF staff left Waiouru at 1300 hours for the ten day Sailex. Arriving at Ohakea we thought we were going to board a Boeing 727 leaving at 1500 hours, but we finally left by Andover (World War II??) at 1800 hours. The crew allowed us into the cockpit for a look around.

When we got to Whenuapai they arranged some transport and in due time a transit van arrived looking for seven padres. The transit took us to HMNZS Tamaki where we were to stay whilst in Auckland. Bedding and accommodation was arranged and all in all, very good hospitality.

On 20 Nov 82 after an early breakfast a briefing was given to the crews partaking in the exercise on such interesting topics as boredom, hypothermia, and not eating the emergency rations when hungry. Six whalers would be sailing, and in a 32ft cutter, the army crew, consisting of Sgt Kay our Pl Sgt, and Cds Hunt, Ayers, Hay, Anderson, Everett and Clarkin. After a crash course in sailing we left the harbour on Sun 21 Nov 82 at 0730 hours. The seas were very choppy, but a good sailing wind. Due to the light drizzle that had fallen overnight, we were kept awake by bailing out the boat.

Our first stop was at Kawau Island, passing Mansion House and stopping at Camp Benson where we stayed for the night. The hospitality here was really great with canoeing, swimming, soccer and volleyball. The cadets excelled themselves in volleyball beating all the other services, Navy, Airforce, and Police. A beaut' meal was laid on and singing and dancing took us well into the night.

At 0800 hours the next morning we skillfully tacked out of the bay under the guidance of our experienced and highly strung skipper "Stretch".

This 54 mile leg to Tutukaka went extremely well except for a few mild cases of sea-sicknesses. On arriving into the bay guided by the escorts boats — "Vagus", "Koura", and "Meola", the Navy support party was once again well into the preparation of a hot feed. After pitching our tents it was again a rather late night.

The next day was a rest day for us all, so the 'Clubbies' ventured into Whangarei looking for some talent. Our necks and eyes were sore by the end of the day due to the abundance of good looking ladies around. The escort yacht "Vagus" put on a trip to Whangamumu, an old whaling station for the more 'sea-going' people. This trip was not attended by the cadets, but was thoroughly enjoyed by our Platoon Sergeant.

At 0730 hours on Wednesday we set off for Paihia. We got off to a good start and we were in

front of the fleet for the first time during the exercise. At about 300 metres from the start point we realised that we had started on the wrong side of the escort boat. We thought that we would be disqualified for this, but the escort boat sailed up and passed us on the right side to make the start legal! After seven hours sailing we were heading for Fiji, or so we thought! So we turned inland to get back on course but we ended up going back towards Tutukaka. Our skipper explained that the wind wasn't right, following the weather report and at about 1630 hours we were on the verge of mutiny, when the escort boat 'Koura' proceeded to take us in tow. The 'Vagus' also had a turn at towing us part of the way. At 2300 hours we finally reach Paihia after being towed for seven hours. The trip however was enlightened by the sight of dolphins under and around the bow of our boat.

On arrival at Paihia the shore party had already erected our tents and again a nice hot meal awaited.

It should be noted that without the shore party's support and help, the trip would not have been possible.

The 'Vagus' took more people out the next day for a tour around the Bay of Islands which was enjoyed by all, apart from the cadets who visited Russell and sunbathed on the beach and did some more sight-seeing.

Sailex 82 was concluded at Paihia. All in all it was a most enjoyable exercise, and we highly recommend it for cadets in the future.

P.S. "Dip the Lug!!"

Cdt Lcpl Hunt and
Cdt Clarkin

THE SCUBA DIVING COURSE

The Exercise Scuba III was held at McArthur Park Diving School at Titahi Bay. At Trentham Military Camp, we were accommodated in two man cubes which were the best thing since sliced bread.

Cadets who participated were Cds Smith, Meenehan, Watt, Prendergast, Rutherford, Stent, Cdt Ssgt Bigwood and the now civilian Mr Bryant (ex Lcpl). Other RF pers also attended.

We used an RF for daily travel to Titahi Bay in which blankets, gloves etc was the normal travelling attire. The first day started well with the RL arriving dead on time — one and a half hours late! When we finally arrived after a tiki tour (not the last one either) of Titahi Bay we were introduced to the instructors, Mr Bill McArthur (the Scottish Boss Man) and Mr Stan Pegg (2IC).

Then we were given a lecture on every known disease, rash, sickness and illness even if they didn't apply to diving. It must be noted

that we had already paid for the course, many thinking they had signed their death warrant.

During the next couple of days we learnt about all types of laws relating to diving (including Murphy's Law) with one group in the pool while the other was in the lecture room.

The pool episodes were good as you were in a world of your own except for when a 2400 psi tank of air hit you on the head, and then you knew ten others were also in the pool. We learnt techniques, skills, signals and other confidence boosters to make us at home in the water. A fine example to the troops was the Contingent Commander, 2Lt Cameron who was the first madman to jump off the highboard and hit the bottom of the pool! (And he still wanted to do it again!).

Minor problems were encountered like the snack bar machine running out of soup or biscuits, the queue at the air refill point, walking with flippers, wet wetsuits and Cdt Speed Watt losing 80 percent of his weight belt in the sea dive. The weights are nailed to the belt, and how he successfully lost them is still a mystery.

After the theory and sea dive test, we were all qualified divers and by the end of the course we had learnt a lot, done a lot, and drank heaps of salt water. The DB at the function where certificates were presented was a welcome change.

Whether the boss Mr Cameron went to gain knowledge, have a bludge and good yippee, or to clean the cadets up at cards with his henchman 2Lt Wheeler, is debatable, but an excellent time was had by all cadets.

Great thanks must go to Mr McArthur and Mr Pegg whose instruction was invaluable and well received. The course is an excellent start to diving and well worth \$125.00.

Cdt Prendergast

OPERATION RUNAWAY

The following is an account of the activities of 1 Section D & E Platoon RFCS (infantry cadets attached to HQ until Ex Takrouna 82).

Our main task, amongst other things, was to guard the rover while the rest of us were providing fire support on the exercise. These raids were designed to keep the battery alert and make them stand to.

It was not until the last night when five of us attempted to sabotage the battery, was any real action taken against us.

We left our base at 2300 hours and moved to our RV point by rover. After debussing, there was a final check before departing. Cdt Te Rangi was left guarding the rover while the rest of us moved out.

The walk was about 1.5 kms down through the training area and we spotted the camp about 2400 hours. The most difficult part was crossing the bridge at Imjin but we got across unnoticed.

We proceeded into the camp, but before we made contact our 'switched-on' head scout Cdt Hodgson observed a clearing patrol.

We went to ground and adopted firing positions. The Section Commander Cpl Williams (2/1 Battalion RNZIR) waited until they were in our sights. He then gave the word to open up.

We fired on them, and as arranged before hand, bugged out. We ran back to the bridge. The clearing patrol was giving chase but we proved too fast for them. We continued up the road to the rover and set off to the base camp.

This was to be our last operation for the exercise and we returned to Waouru the next day.

Members of 1 Section D & E Platoon RFCS:
Cpl Williams Cdt Challies
Cdt Reid Cdt Te Rangi
Cdt Hodgson

Cdt Challies



Class Patron 1982, Major Eric Firth visits "his" class — basic training Helwan Camp in January

RUGBY

This year RF Cadet School was able to field four rugby teams. In terms of results the 1982 season was a highly productive one.

First XV

The First Fifteen was successful in securing the sub-union under nineteen championship. Highlight of the interschool fixtures this year was the win against St Stephens School in Waiouru. A worthwhile trip away to the Waikato resulted in wins against Hamilton Boys High School and the Harlequins.

Results in detail:

a. NWRSU U19 Competition —

Played	10
Wins	9
Losses	1
Points for	320
Against	75

b. Inter School:

v Police College	lost 14-24
v St Stephens	won 18-12
v Waikato Harlequins	won 17-14
v Wairoa College	won 17-15
v Kelston Boys High School	drew 19-19
v Wellington U18	lost 9-27
v Hamilton Boys High School	won 9-3
v Ngaruawahia High School	lost 16-26
v Waikato Harlequins	won 12-9

The team was coached by WO1 Hutchinson with assistance from Lt Skudder, Sgt Whatarangi and Sgt Mokomoko. The skipper was Cadet J. Matthews.

Second XV

This team had a difficult season, the First Fifteen drew on players and the team became

depleted. In terms of their record the Second Fifteen improved as the season progressed. Although never in contention for the U19 Championship the team performed creditably. The team was coached by WO1 Reedy who was assisted by Sgt Anderson.

Crusaders

The Crusaders played in the local Fifth Grade competition. They finished by taking third place in the grade. The team was coached by Capt Simons and Sgt Cook.

The results in detail:

NSRSU Fifth Grade —

Played	13
Won	6
Lost	7
Points for	118
Against	121

Top Try Scorers — Cadets Fyfe and Cooper

Top Point Scorer — Cadet Davis

Captain — Cadet Te Rangi

Saracens

The Saracens, the other fifth grade team, won the local sub-union competition with enthusiastic support from Sgt Auton, this team produced some exciting football and all players thoroughly enjoyed their season.

The results in detail:

NWRSU Fifth Grade —

Played	12
Won	12
Lost	0
Points for	218
Against	20

Top Try Scorers — Cadets O'Keeffe and Everett

Captain — Cadet Everett

Rugby Co-ordinator

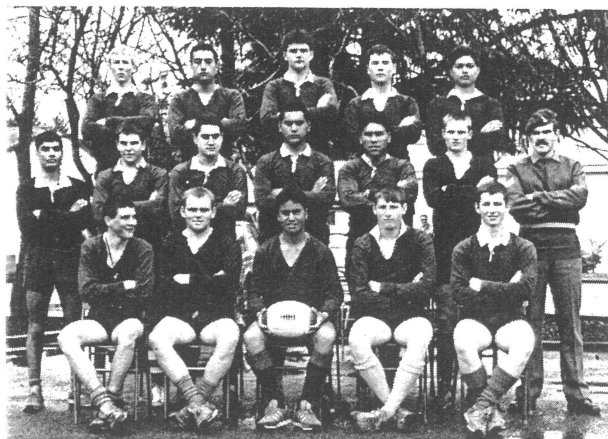


1st XV

Back Row: (L to R) MacRae, Koziol, Yorwarth, Paul, Schofield, McLean

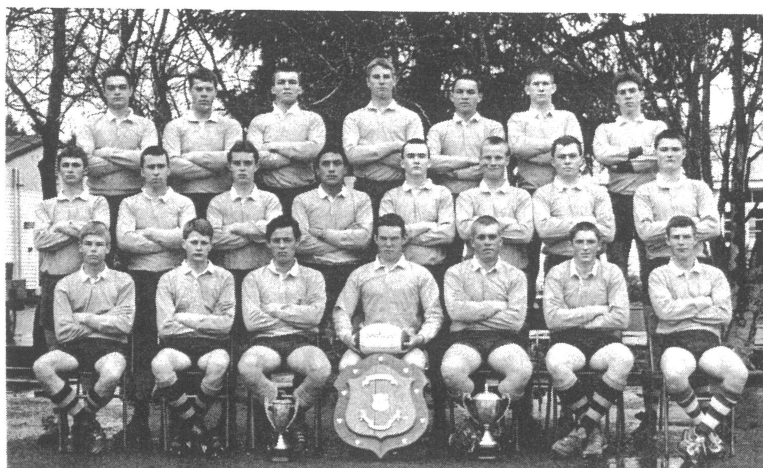
Middle Row: (L to R) Edwards, Turnbull, Thompson, Mayes, Tume, Murtagh, Rivers, Allan

Front Row: (L to R) WO2 Hutchinson, Sgt Mokomoko, Aupouri, Tahapechi, Towhiri, Stent, Purcell, Sgt Whatarangi, Lt Skudder.



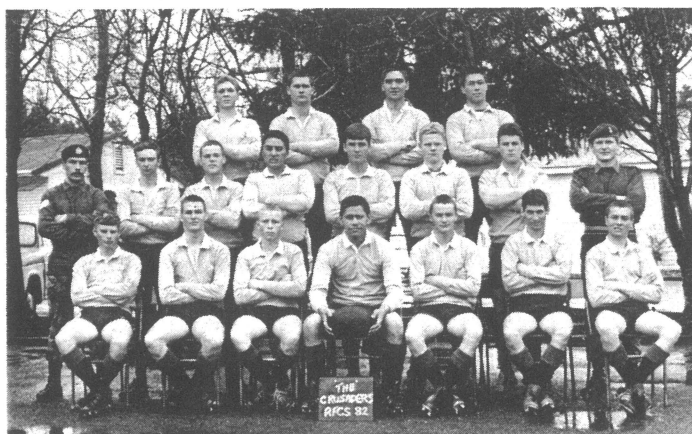
2nd XV

Back Row: (L to R) McLean, Atkinson, Yorworth, O'Connell, Tume
 Middle Row: (L to R) Sewpersad, Thompson, Karaka, Abraham, Pihama, Clifford, Sgt Anderson
 Front Row: (L to R) Townsend, Rivers, Tihore, Atkins, White



Saracens XV

Back Row: (L to R) Mills, Atkinson, Robinson, Evans, Curtis, Kneepkens, Clarkin
 Middle Row: (L to R) Ellery, Brown, O'Shaughnessy, Mitchell, Holman, Moriarity, Paterson, Ayres
 Front Row: (L to R) O'Keeffe, Colquhoun, Bushell, Everett, Cottle, Hannan, Webb



Crusaders XV

Back Row: (L to R) Henderson, Klein, Cooper, Meenehan
 Middle Row: (L to R) Sgt Cook, Pascoe, MacDonald, Henry, Whyte, Jenkins, Fyfe, Capt Simons
 Front Row: (L to R) White, Anderson, Smith, Te Rangi, Watt, Boulton, Hay
 Absent: Sweet, Davis, Mohi

REPORT ON FIRST XV TRIP TO WAIKATO 24-30 SEPTEMBER

The tour started off with a good dob session with judge Koziol presiding. What an unrelenting magistrate this one is, maximum punishments for any misdemeanour.

A light run followed to get rid of the travel and to put everyone back on net.

The game against Hamilton Boys High School was played in conditions that favoured the Cadets. Rain fell continuously throughout the game making it difficult to see the running game that is traditional with first fifteen rugby. Good forward pressure in loose play enabled the Cadets to get the upper hand. Forwards to impress were Lcpl White, Sgt Mohi and Lcpl Yorwarth. They were well supported by the rest of the pack. In the backs all played a good defensive game. Mention should be made of a Cadet Aupouri's handling skills in the conditions and Cadet Purcell's ability to get his backline going.

Overall a concerted team display by the Cadets to overcome the fleet footed quick passing Hamilton First Fifteen. Result 9-3 win.

Hamilton Boys High School expressed an interest to return the visit in May 1983. The Principal Mr Tony Steel made the suggestion.

The team for Boys High was:
Murtagh, Tahapeehi, Tawhiri, Mayes, Tume, Aupouri, Purcell, Schofield, Mohi, Leach, Yorwarth, Mathews, White, Rivers.

Sunday saw a team meeting to debrief the Saturday Game.

After lunch the team trained at Ngaruawahia Rugby Club near the venue for Monday's game. The afternoon was spent at the Waingaro Hot Pools.

The game against Ngaruawahia was an anti-climax to the previous game. The forwards worked extremely well as a unit. The two tries scored by Mohi and Purcell capped a fine forward display. Pack leader Cpl Matthews played extremely well and led by example. The backs did not have such a good game. The indecision and lack of pace that was evident early in the match was to play a major factor in their play. They lacked purpose in the running and general guidance that Aupouri provided. The kicking ability of Cpl Murtagh was a feature of our game. Result 26-16 loss.

The team against Ngaruawahia was:
Murtagh, Turnbull, Tawhiri, Tahapeehi, Tume, Christie, Tihore, Schofield, Thomson/McLean, Mohi, McRae, Yorwarth, Matthews, White, Stent.

Another debrief was held on Tuesday and with the absence of Aupouri, the usual team plan of play was changed to concentrate more on forward dominance. Cpl Paul was cleared for playing by Dr Taylor and he was moved into the lock position with Cpl McRae being moved into the front row.

The team for Wednesday was:
Murtagh, Tahapeehi, Tawhiri, Mayes, Tume, Tihore, Purcell, Schofield, Mohi, Paul, Yorwarth, Leach, Matthews, White, McRae.

Tuesday afternoon the team visited the Huntly Power Station and spent an hour shopping in Huntly. That evening was spent in preparation for the main game of the tour.

On Wednesday morning a light run was held, followed by a 10.00 am lunch and the team moved into Hamilton Rugby Park.

The game itself was played in ideal conditions. The Cadets started off very well and soon gained ascendancy in the forward department. The forwards worked cohesively and dominated both the set and loose play.

In the second half the play deteriorated and we did not enjoy the same amount of control as we did in the first half. Backs found it difficult to generate pace and motivate themselves to run onto the ball. A 12-9 result gave the Cadets a win.

The Cadets saw the main game and then returned to Camp. A function was held in the Sportsman's bar to culminate the First Fifteen season.

The team left Camp, for the return visit, at 0730 hours on Thursday and arrived in Waikato at 1300 hours.

The dress and behaviour of the team enhanced the reputation that Cadet School has. The conduct of each Cadet made my task as Contingent Commander extremely easy. I would certainly take such a group on any trip.

Finally I say thank you to WO1 Reedy, WO2 Hutchinson and Sgt Whatarangi for their co-operation and assistance during the tour.

Lt Skudder

SOCCER SQUAD

The 1982 Soccer Squad started the season in early April with 28 players and two coaches, Cpl D. L. Hornby and Spr G. J. Hucker. The manager, 2Lt P. G. Fisher admitted that he knew very little about soccer and the squad set about teaching him the finer points of the game.

Due to the small numbers the squad was split into two teams. The first team under coach Cpl D. L. Hornby, consisted of 18 players and was entered into the local competition which started on 25 Apr 82. The first game was against Rangipo and our team's 5-3 win was a great morale

booster for the squad. After this great win the first team played almost every weekend until the end of the competition in August. Since half the games were away games the first team had the unenviable task of travelling to towns as far away as Taumarunui on the back of an RL Bedford truck. These trips were not only cold and uncomfortable but also took a great deal of otherwise free time.

The second team was not as fortunate as the first and was not entered into the local competition. The team was coached by Spr G. J. Hucker and the team played mainly social games or inter school games when the first team was involved in their competition. Most of the second team managed to play for the firsts during the year as replacements for those unfortunate enough to be injured or on course.

The highlight of the year came on 14 Aug 82 when the first team played Taumarunui A in the Tongariro FA Cup Final. After a great game Taumarunui A ran out the winners 3-2. The first team walked away as Runners Up and the coach was well pleased with the season's results.

A most satisfactory season for the soccer squad who did extremely well to finish the season as runners up in the competition. The players put a lot of time and effort into both the teams and can be pleased with the results they obtained.

Score Board	
Played	16
Won	5
Lost	8
Drew	3
Points for	42
Points Against	44

2Lt Fisher

CADET WATERPOLO 1982

In the 82 Squad, we had players who had just started waterpolo. Watt, Keenan, McDonald, Rivers, Clifford and Henderson started the year with no knowledge of waterpolo at all and under the watchful eye of Maj Anker picked the ball up and started to play waterpolo at an intermediate standard.

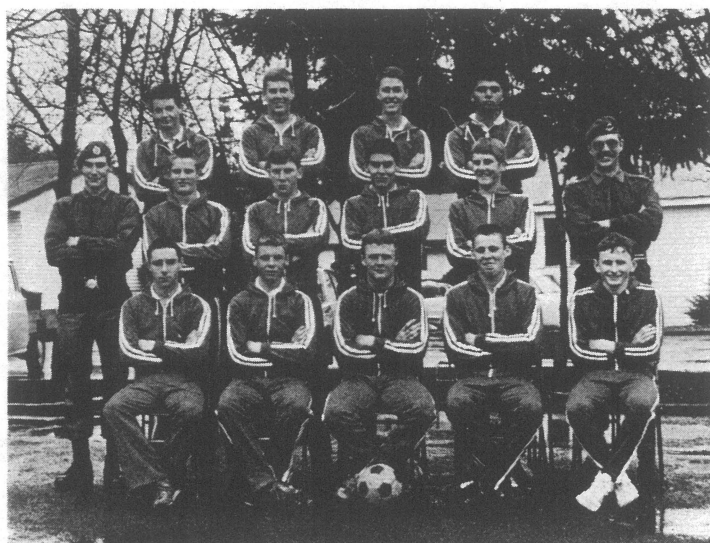
Some of the team had played waterpolo before and these players were Edwards, Murtagh, Forsyth, Thompson and Hamilton. They made a solid basis for a good team.

Whilst playing waterpolo during the year, two players were chosen for the ATG team — Edwards and Hamilton.

Next year we will be looking forward to more games and more cadets to play waterpolo. Cdt Hamilton and Forsyth will keep up the waterpolo spirit.

The Cadet Waterpolo team would like to thank Maj Anker, Capt Christie, Bdr Broom and the Waiouru Waterpolo Club for all their support and time.

Cdt Hamilton



Soccer XI

Back Row: (L to R) Lypton, Ridley, Wells, Bernard

Middle Row: (L to R) Spr Hucker, Clifford, Stewart, Coleman, Veeale, 2 Lt Fisher

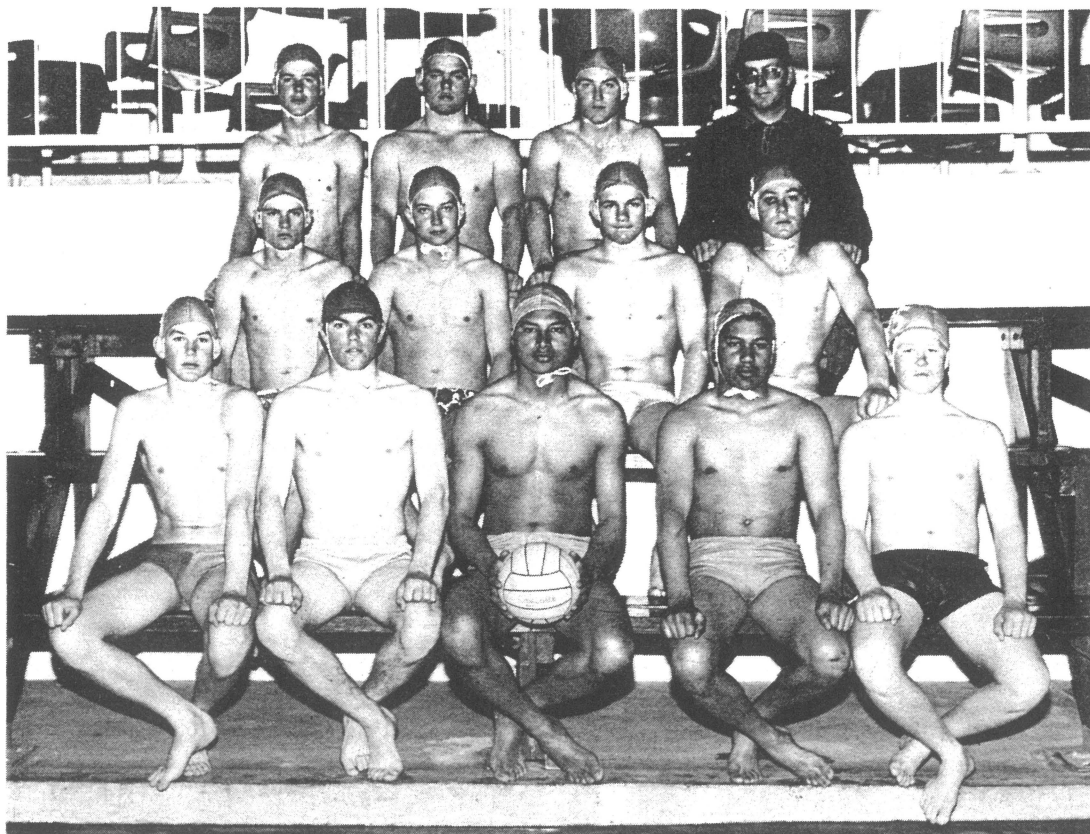
Front Row: (L to R) Hughes, Wickins, Prendergast, Rayner, McManus



Basketball "A"
Back Row: (L to R) Flanagan, Parsons, Hunt, Taurima
Front Row: (L to R) Cpl Le Pou, Maika, Morgan, Kneepkens, Sgt Foster
Absent: Sweet, Richardson



Basketball "B"
Back Row: (L to R) Rooney, Marshall, Maika
Front Row: (L to R) Cpl Le Pou, Hannan, McManus



Water Polo

*Back Row: (L to R) MacDonald, Rivers, Thompson, Major Anker
 Middle Row: (L to R) Clifford, Watt, Hancox, Henderson
 Front Row: (L to R) Hamilton, Murtagh, Edwards, Tahapeehi, Keenan
 Absent: Forsyth*



Major Firth with new recruits of 4 Platoon — January 1982

GRADUATION DAY

Graduation Day 1982 dawned fine and warm. In contrast to one year before the weather was perfect for this most important day of days for Firth Class Cadets.

The Cadets began the day with an early run and then were tasked with setting up the various areas that were to be used during the day. Parents began the day by viewing a mock section battle drill put on by the Infantry Cadets. This well conducted display was enjoyed by a sizeable number of visitors and its success augured well for the rest of the day.

Between the completion of the battle drill display and lunchtime parents and visitors viewed the static displays set up by Camp units in the hospital grounds.

By one o'clock everyone was waiting expectantly for the parade. The NZ Army Band led the Cadets on and then the School awaited the arrival of the Reviewing Officer Maj E.R. Firth, Class Patron 1982.

As Maj Firth inspected the parade, the Band accompanied two Cadet pipers Cdt Lcpl Leach and Cdt Ayers who played the airs "Sailing" and "Amazing Grace". The parade then marched past, showing considerable precision, a credit to the staff and cadets themselves.

At the conclusion of the parade the visitors, cadets and staff assembled in the cinema for the prize-giving.

This ceremony began with the OC Maj Anker giving his address. He then invited Mrs Firth to present the prizes.

Following the presentation the Patron addressed the cadets. Maj Firth praised their efforts on the Parade Ground and spoke of his pleasure at being associated with what he considers to be "the best class". He then presented Maj Anker with a WWII souvenir, a Luger pistol which will become his Class Memento.

The day concluded with a fine afternoon tea where parents and friends had a chance to meet School staff and VIPs.

Later that afternoon some parents watched a video presentation — the staff's first effort in recording the year's activities in a new way.

Cdt Juvat

GRADUATION DINNER PRIZE GIVING 1 DECEMBER 1982

Inter Platoon/Company Prizes Presented by Commandant The Army Schools Lt Col Talbot

Bransby Trophy for Skill at Arms	1 Platoon
Hutchings Trophy for Inter Platoon Drill	4 Platoon
Maurie Power Trophy for Inter-Company Cross Country	A Coy
Inter-Company Tug of War	A Coy
Commandants Trophy for Best Company	B Coy

Individual Prizes Presented by 1982 Class Patron Maj Firth

Firth Cup for Inter-Company Swimming	B Coy (went toward Commandants Trophy)
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The Coffin - for Staff versus Cadet Sport	Cadets
Cross-Country Winner	Cdt Green
Staff Cross Country winner	Cpl Kirton
Shooting Shield for the Champion Shot	Cdt McDonald

Rifle Cup - for the Best Aggregate on the Queen's Medal Shoot	Cdt Pascoe
Sgt Hornbrook Trophy for the Most Improved Basketball Player	Cdt Kneepkins
Adidas Sports Bag for the Best Basketball Player	Cdt Lcpl H.S. Morgan

Wrighton Trophy for the Most Improved Soccer Player	Cdt Coleman
Adidas Sports Bag for the Best Soccer Player	Cdt McManus
Tiny Hill Trophy for the Most Improved Rugby Player	Cdt Sgt MacRae
Adidas Sports Bag for the best Rugby Player	Cdt RSM Tawhiri

Riverhead Gold Cup for the Winners of the North Wanganui U19 Rugby Competition -	1st XV
The Trophy for the Winners of the North Wanganui Fifth Grade Rugby Competition -	Sacacens

Trophy for the School 100 Metres Champion	Cdt Cpl Murtagh
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Trophy for the School 200
Metres Champion Cdt Richardson
Trophy for the School 400
Metres Champion Cdt Turnbull
Ruapehu 100 Mile Relay Trophy
for Round the Mountain B
Grade Winners Cadet Team

A.C.S. Hockey Trophy for the
Best Hockey Player Cdt Lawrence
Jackways Cup for the Best
Tennis Player Cdt Christie
Trophy for Tennis Inter-
Regionals Cdt Veale

Thomas Trophy and Adidas Bag
for the Best Overall Athlete Cdt Cpl
Murtagh

Army Sports Prize
Presented by Commander Army Training Group
Col Monks
Army Volleyball Pocket Cdt Earsman

The names of the following staff and cadets
were read out in recognition of their
achievements at inter-regional and Army level:
a. Cdt Lawrence - 1981 Army Hockey Pocket
b. Cdt Lcpl H.S. Morgan - Basketball
c. Cpl Le Pou - Softball
d. Cdt Davis - Volleyball
e. Cdt RMS Tawhiri - Army Colts Rugby

GRADUATION CEREMONY PRIZE LIST

*THE LESLIE BOURKE MEMORIAL TROPHY
AND BOOK
For the Best Cadet Graduating into the
Royal Regt. of NZ Artillery.

CDT SGT R. H. MOHI

*THE OWEN WEBSTER MEMORIAL
TROPHY AND BOOK
For the Best Cadet Graduating into Royal
NZ Armoured Corps

CDT P.J.Z. PRENDERGAST

*THE HANNAHS CUP AND BOOK
For the Best Non Apprentice Cadet
Graduating into RNZ Engineers

CDT SGT G.S. MACRAE

*BOOK PRIZE
For the most improved Carpenter Cadet

CDT C.N. MANION

*TOOLS PRIZE
For the Best Apprentice Cadet Graduating
into RNZE

CDT T.P. WHITEHOUSE

*THE NOEL TINSLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY
AND BOOK
For the Best Cadet Graduating into
RNZSIGs

CDT CPL R.J. ROOD



Grad. 82. Major Firth inspects

*THE HOUKAMOU MEMORIAL TROPHY
AND BOOK
For the Best Cadet Graduating into RNZIR
CDT B.R. EARSMAN

*BOOK PRIZE
For the Best Driver/Movements Operator
Graduating into RNZCT
CDT WO2 W.F. MAGUIRE

*THE FLT LT TURNHAM TROPHY AND
BOOK
For the Best Apprentice Cook Graduating
into RNZCT
CDT LCPL T.E. SCHOFIELD

*BOOK PRIZE
For the Best Apprentice Steward
Graduating into RNZCT
CDT D.J. TURNBULL

*THE KOREA SHIELD AND DTMC PLAQUE
For the Best Cadet Graduating into RNZCT
CDT WO2 W.F. MAGUIRE

*THE MUNRO CUP
For the Best Cadet Graduating into
RNZEME
CDT LCPL W.L. EVANS

*BOOK PRIZE
For the Best Cadet Graduating into
RNZAOC
CDT B.L. CURTIS

The following are individual School Prizes

*THE BALL MEMORIAL TROPHY AND
BOOK
For the Best All Round Cadet on Soldier
Training
CDT LCPL T.P. TIHORE

*THE WESTWATER TROPHY AND BOOK
For the Most Improved Cadet in Education
CDT M.J. HANNAN

*THE GILL TROPHY AND BOOK
For the Best Cadet on AAVA English Courses
CDT LCPL W.L. EVANS

*GILL TROPHY AND BOOK
For the Best Cadet on Academic Education
CDT S.J. ROONEY

*BOOK PRIZE
For the Best Education Trainee on Soldier
Training
CDT LCPL B. SWEET

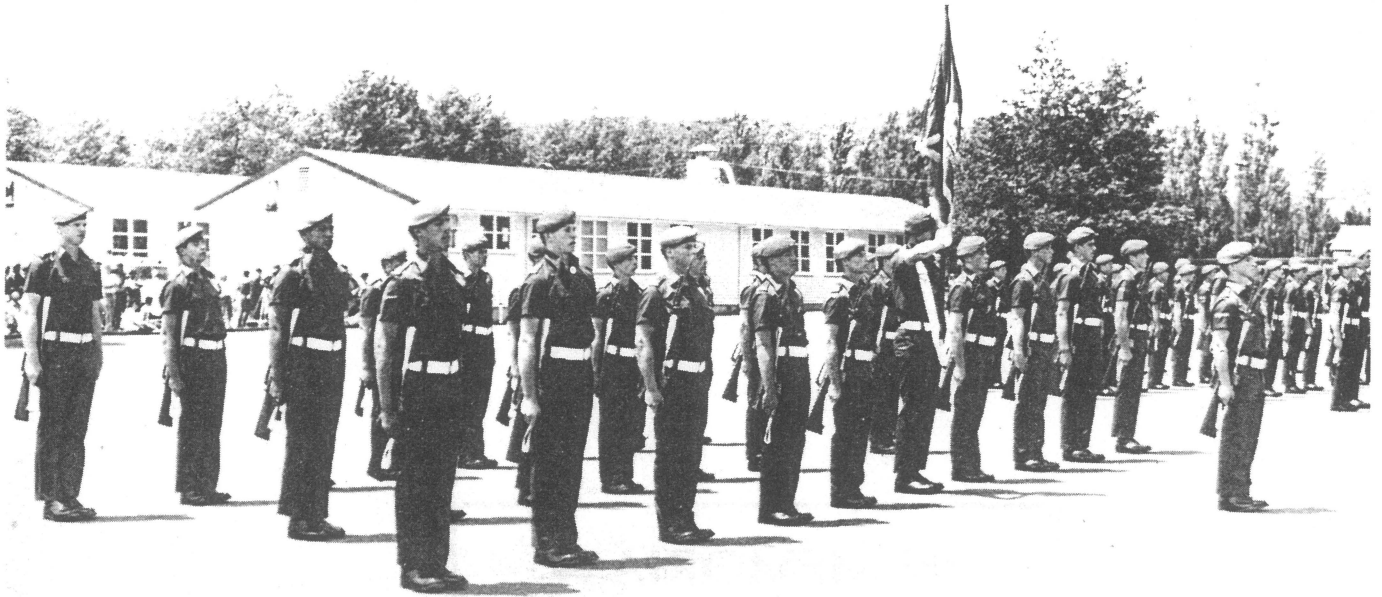
*OFFICER COMMANDING'S TROPHY
AND BOOK
For the Cadet RSM
CDT WO1 R.J. TAWHIRI

*OFFICER COMMANDING'S BOOK
For the Best All Round First Year Cadet
CDT LCPL J.T. PURCELL

*MILNE AND CHOYCE CUP
For the Best All Round Cadet
CDT WO1 R.J. TAWHIRI



*Grad 82. Platoon Battle Drill display
From left to right: Cdt LCpl Yorwarth, Cadets Thomson AE and Cooper*



Grad 82. 1983 Senior Class and School Banner



Grad 82. 1983 Senior Class Parade the Banner through the ranks of the graduating class

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sorrow
that we record the death of:

Cadet B. E. GAWLER

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