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TE AROHA RSA

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"In the Army, Hoskins, no man is completely worthless. He can always serve as a horrible example."

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At our last AGM I tabled the proposal, for discussion, on the merits or otherwise of adapting a life long membership subscription of say \$250, which could be earmarked for welfare or other purposes.

The proposal has been forwarded to the next AGM. The concept is in place with other kindred associations, and appears to be working OK. The outline plan would be to have trustees appointed who would oversee the fund, and ensure the monies are used only for the purpose designated. The concept is only in it's infancy at this stage and requires more information.

Your input is required to assist in drafting a proposal. Any response you can give will be most welcome. If you disagree with the concept, please advise, then I may throttle the proposal in it's youth.

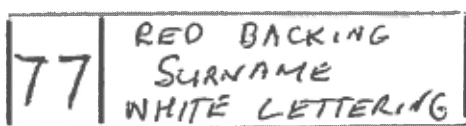
At present your Committee is placing before the Battalion to operate the former Garrison Club. It is expected to be up and running within a months time. More information will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

Kia Kaha
Des Anderson
President.

RED EYES CORNER

Efforts have been made in locating another Hauraki old timer. He was finally discovered in Acacia Park Rest Home Omokoroa.
More later from Redeye.

With typical Redeye enthusiasm I have jumped the gun, getting our 77 TAK sign, infantry red, in a lapel pin & name tag to identify your Regiment. There has been an encouraging response. Meanwhile every badge helps us to help others. These can be purchased off me for \$20 the Set. Shown as actual size.



Don't forget to keep in touch.

Red Eyes address.
Outspan, 86-b 6th Ave.
Tauranga

SICK LIST

Kerry Moloney is now permanently residing at the Matua Home and Hospital and unable to receive visitors.

Don Walls is in a Rest Home on North Shore Auckland. Anybody finding time to visit should first talk to our Auckland Area Rep Bob Mack.

LAST POST

A Large number of ex-Haurakis attended the recent funeral of fellow Hauraki **Rex Bowman**. Rex died on the 29th August and his funeral was conducted with Military Honours on September 2nd.

More than 400 people gathered at the Tauranga RSA for a moving service to farewell Rex and then proceeded to the Pyes Pa Cemetery for the burial.

The gathering afterwards, at the Tauranga RSA, was like a mini reunion with people catching up on old friends and comrades, well into the night in some cases.

Rex served in the Haurakis from 1972-74 as CSM (Support Coy) at a time when there were only 5 Regular Force soldiers running the Battalion down at Dive Crescent.

It was always interesting to talk to Rex about those times, he knew all about the establishment of the Garrison Club at Dive Crescent, and had lots of tales about Hauraki identities and the escapades they got up to.

Our Executives floral tribute was deeply appreciated by Rata and family. We were involved over this sad time, along with many other pals paying respects privately.

Another well known former Hauraki and founder of the Tauranga Historic Village, **Noel Nicholls** passed away in Australia 16 September 1997 aged 75 years.

FROM THE HAURAKI SCRAPBOOK

Photo below is of our Te.Aroha rep
Gordon Eagleson taken in Papakura
Camp 1954.

THIS IS TRUE I KNEW THE MAN.

A Hauraki was on Guard duty at HQ Papakura Military Camp, (New recruit) cig in hand. An Officer, resplendent in red appeared and shouted "soldier" stand to attention you are a disgrace, don't you know who I am? The soldier looked him up and down, I 'spose you are one of those Salvation Army jokers sir.

Sent in by B.Deihl

This rings a bell

Looking down my rifle barrel on inspection, he looked at me and said "good lord" man Otira Tunnel.

Thank you B.Deihl for these two incident reports.

(Sounds a bit like one of our ex Sgt's, at Waiouru before he was commisioned.) Editor.



Photo below is Sgt. Bruce Deihl C Coy Territorial Training Cadre and detachment of Maori Battalion recruits coming into Papakura Military Camp after route march 1942



CENTENNIAL UPDATE

This exert was taken from the Army News

The commemoration plans to celebrate 100 years of service by 6th Battalion (Hauraki), R.N.Z.I.R to the community and nation are progressing well.

The birth of the Hauraki Regiment is recognised as 9 July, 1898 as this date refers to the formation of the 2nd Battalion (Hauraki) of the Auckland Rifle Volunteers.

However the Hauraki Regiment can trace its roots back to four interconnecting groups, the British Regulars, the Maori, the colonial forces and local volunteers; all of whom fought at Gate Pa and TeRanga in 1864.

Centenary celebrations will commence with a charter parade and a mini tattoo and pipe band contest at Paeroa in February.

A military tattoo will be part of the National Highland Games in Tauranga in March with the Tauranga District Council providing two Armstrong guns for restoration which will be fired during the tattoo.

The unit's actual birthday in July will be recognised by a centenary ball which will be proceeded by a beat the retreat ceremony.

A centenary painting, a written history on the Regiment and the refurbishing of the Bradford Memorial in Paeroa have also been organised to complement the celebration.

Further information is available by contacting Headquarters 6th Battalion (Hauraki) R.N.Z.I.R. P.O.Box 2146, Tauranga or phone 07-5788139 or fax 07-5786439

WHERE ARE THEY NOW ?

The RSM's

Peter Tamepo---current RSM

Warren Rowe---posted from Tauranga to MCM Branch in Army General Staff, Wellington

Bill Thurlow-----retired in Tauranga. Has own business selling garden supplies located in Tauranga.

Ben Morunga---retired in Tauranga. Real Estate agent for Harcourts based in Tauranga.

Ian Paipa---Retired in Tauranga, now Secretary/Manager of the Tauranga RSA.

Mike Cocker---retired from 6 Hau now a Deer Farmer at Port Ohope

Kei Merito--retired from 6 Hau in Tauranga. Currently a Committee Member and Area Rep for 6 Hauraki Assoc. Kaumatua with D.O.C. based in Rotorua.

Ray Delves---retired and living in Tauranga..

Peter Brennan----An ex Coldstream Guardsman. He had two tours with the Hauraki's, first as a Cadre NCO in the 1950s then as RSM in the 60s. Peter passed away in the early 1980s in Papakura.

Ian Nabbs--RSM through the CMT era of the 1950s and again for a shorter period in the 1960s. Ian was the guiding light for most of the NCOs who progressed through the unit, and was a great help to the newly commissioned officers. He is remembered with respect and gratitude by all who knew him. Sadly he passed away in the late 1970s, and is buried in the Borrell family urupa at TePuna.

Don McDonald---retired and living in Rotorua

Terry O'Neill----still serving and now commissioned with rank of Captain.

Congratulations to Geo Looney of Opotiki who was the first Member to correctly answer the question "from the archives." Who was the Officer concerned. It was of course **Major Jim Taia**. It was taken from his initial contribution to the 6th Battalion Support News Letter printed in 1975



"Now you're in the Army, it's my job to make a woman of you."

FROM THE ARCHIVES

SUPPORT COY COMMAND STRUCTURE

1975

OC	Maj	J. Taia
CSM	WO11	J.P. Couch
Cadre	S/Sgt	M.N.W. Webb
Cadre	Sgt.	R.Keno
Coms	S/Sgt	E.Baillie
Coy Clerk	L/Cpl	S.Conroy
Com.Driver	L/Cpl	K.McKeagg

Mortar Platoon

Pl Comd	2Lt	G.Gilbertson
Pl 2ic	2Lt	M.Helyar
Pl Sgt	Sgt	D.Milliken

Assault Pioneers

Pl Comd	Sgt	P.Agnew
Pl Sgt	Cpl	R.Jonson

Rec Platoon

Pl Comd	Sgt	E.P.Dean
Pl Sgt	Sgt	B.Waitai

Sigs Platoon

Pl Comd	2Lt	P.Bullick
Pl Sgt	Cpl	E.Matehaere
Radio Sgt	Cpl	R.Paihana

Anti Tank Platoon

Pl Comd	2Lt	R.C.Goldring
Pl Sgt	Sgt	T.J.Archer

A long haired young man sitting in a barber shop was rather alarmed to see the barber wave a huge magnet over his head. "It's not a new procedure," said the barber, "I'm just looking for my scissors."

A GOOD DAY OUT

On Sunday the 7th of Sept 97 (Fathers Day) thanks to Rotorua Area Rep Kei Merito, a few Association members were guests of the Rotorua RSA for an excellent BBQ luncheon.

Rotorua put on a cracker meal of steak, sausages, hot potatoes and a good selection of salads. The Association Members (8 in total) that attended really enjoyed the meal and good company. We were entertained by two first class singers, and many of the people enjoyed a good dance to their music.

After the meal President Des and Secretary Trev were challenged by Rotorua Rep Kei Merito and Larry O'Brien to a game of snooker or two. Fortunately for the Tauranga duo we were only playing for fun. To look into the bright side we did make double figures - just, and once. I hate to admit it but I think Rotorua was warmer than Tauranga on that day. Well done and thank you Kei.

MEMBERSHIP

We now have 120 Financial Members.

The good news is 85% of our current Members have already paid, and as Secretary, I find this very heartening. Well done!

**Luncheon and get together at
Te Aroha RSA Rewi Street
Sunday November 2 1997**

The Te Aroha RSA Clubrooms and bar will be open from 1100hrs for a mix and mingle, followed by a Bistro style lunch. Choose from a great selection, place your order and wait till they call your number.

Come along and enjoy yourselves and take advantage of this opportunity organised by our two Area Reps Gordon Eagleson from Te Aroha and Fred Baker of Paeroa. Lets show them we appreciate their efforts by "being there!!"

Costs will be between \$7 and \$18 depending on your order.

Please advise
Gordon on 07-8846675 or
Fred on 07-8628383 as
numbers will be required by 26th
October at latest!!

Subscriptions are now due

Remember Subs are only \$10 for renewal now, and \$20 for New Members.

Post cheques or cash to Secretary
PO Box 2217
Tauranga.