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The Month That Was

We Will Remember Them

ANZAC in Bali



For any Veterans holidaying in Bali during the ANZAC period please be aware that Graham Swan and Wayne Crisp ex-161 Battery SVN attend the ANZAC Dawn Service in Bali every year. Wayne writes that the service is held at the Australian Consulate and attracts around 200 attendees including Veterans, residents and people on holiday. They serve a gunfire breakfast with rum for the coffee of course. The

service is done and dusted within two hours and we disperse to find other watering holes. So if you in Bali at the time remember to pop along and meet fellow NZ Veterans at the dawn service. Thanks Wayne for the information and for the picture of what can only be described as an incredibly visual and therefore moving reminder of our Veterans no longer with us from past Wars and other conflicts.

ANZAC in Vanuatu

For any Veterans holidaying in Vanuatu during the ANZAC period please be aware that they also have an ANZAC dawn service and this year it was attended by a group of ex-Writers who joined the RNZN in the 1960s. The following was provided by Lionel Loza on behalf of the RNZN ex-Writers:

Dear Veterans, a number of ex-Writers who joined the RNZN in the 1960's and who now live around the Brisbane - northern New South Wales area of Australia get together every few months for lunch and a "catch-up".

This year most of the group travelled to Vanuatu to have lunch with another ex-member and attend the Anzac Dawn Service.

We were also joined by an ex-Writer and his wife from New Zealand and another ex-Writer from Western Australia.

Lionel writes further that he hopes this will be of sufficient interest to your readers/website visitors and that their actions may inspire other past servicemen to join our group or form their own, whether in New Zealand or overseas. Therefore, it is of interest to other Veterans and if there are any ex-Writers I hope they contact you and enjoy the many stories told over lunch and trips that you attend.

Eight former members of the Writers Branch of the RNZN witnessed the Dawn Service held at the War Memorial cenotaph in Port Vila at 0500hrs .



From left - Terry SHORT, Graeme WATTAM, David CORONNO, Lionel LOZA, Brent BRAMLEY, Trevor SMITH, Stewart SCARLETT and (inset) Hanz CHRISTIAN.



The group also had the privilege of being introduced to dignitaries who attended including the President of the Republic of Vanuatu, His Excellency Iolu Johnson Abbil KANIAPNIN and

His Excellency Mr Jeff LANGLEY, the New Zealand High Commissioner.

On conclusion the large crowd was treated to breakfast at the Anchor Inn and had a chance to mingle with local and visiting guests.



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The ex-Writers contingent (including some of their wives) stayed on a few extra days to enjoy some R and R



Reminder: Remembrance Day Church Service – Sunday 14 November 2010

In 2009, it was a very nice service at the Church for the Veterans and the Church to remember our fallen. Nowadays, we not only remember our fallen but also those of us that remain (Taawhi reading the Scriptures).



And again we will have a Veterans Remembrance service at the Church the Sunday after Remembrance Day where the symbols of our service will be displayed and the laying of Poppies will also be included.

Lest We Forget

NZ Veterans in Australia (New South Wales) Notices

Reminder: Reserve Forces Parade 4 July 2010

Dear Veterans, the Reserve Forces Day Parade is no longer a march down Macquarie Street but now a parade in the Domain. It seems at least from a NZ Veteran involvement that whereas we attended the march albeit in small numbers, the Domain has not had the same level of attraction. However, we did purchase a Banner specifically for the parade. So if there is anyone wanting to attend this year please let the Executive of the NZVIA NSW know nsw@nzvia.com.au And if you want to carry the Banner also please let them know so they can coordinate and manage this event.



Note: not only the Korowai and Lemon Squeezer but also the Poppies (l-r: Frank, Ron, Greg, Archdeacon Kaio Karipa, Norman, Taawhi, Neville, Brian).

Other Notices

RNZN Tie and Pocket

Dear Veterans, I am a bit late with this request from a fellow RNZN Veteran, but does anyone know where one can obtain a RNZN Tie and Pocket?

The John Masters Story - Update

Dear Veterans, there are a lot of Veterans in AU that have either served with, for, or knew John Masters and for those Veterans they will already be aware of the background of events involving John. But for those that may not have received the information, I have included the latest update for your information from fellow Veteran Ross Miller:

Spent much of yesterday at Maori TV, first as a member of the audience for Lt Gen Matapaere's ANZAC Lecture and later the presentation by the Prime Minister of the inaugural 'ANZAC of The Year' award to John Masters represented by his son Alan.

Reminder: Remembrance Day Poppy Selling Tuesday 9th – Wednesday 10th November 2010



As with ANZAC Day badge selling, we also sell Poppies on Poppy Day which helps again from a revenue perspective but also in the profiling and promoting of NZ Veterans to the Australian and New Zealand workforce in Sydney.

Again this is conducted at the Martin Place station from 0630-0930 over two days followed by a breakfast. And again we will be assisted by The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu.



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Later still I had the opportunity to preview the John Masters story to screen on MTV on ANZAC Day. I am pleased to report that it has been decided to reschedule the programme to 8.30 pm immediately following the ANZAC Lecture. That avoids a potential conflict with the 6.00 pm News on the 'other channels'.

It lasts 30 minutes and while its main focus is on the events leading up to the award of the MC and the reunion last month with Hari Prasad it does extend to John's time in Vietnam and the aftermath. I confirm my earlier advice that later, at a date to be advised, there will screen a full hour documentary on John's life which expand on the coverage in the initial programme.

I can also advise, and in response to numerous requests, a DVD of the 30 minute ANZAC Day John Masters special will be made available for purchase (after 25 April) for NZD15 inclusive of p&p. Send your orders to Ross Jennings at 'Just the Ticket Productions' (the production company) at ross@jtt.co.nz

Thank You Message from a Malaysian Student to NZ Veterans

Message: Dear Sirs,

I am a Malaysian student studying at Waikato University. Last night, I watched the Malayan Veterans documentary on Maori Television and at the end of the program, I had tears in my eyes. I am proud that the NZ veterans were very positive about my country when they visited it in 2007. Although it is sad that the New Zealand Government and public does not give the recognition that you deserve, rest assured that we Malaysians are very grateful and are forever in your debt. Hutang emas boleh dibayar, hutang budi dibawa mati (a debt of gold can be repaid, but a debt of deeds is taken to the grave). For this, I say terima kasih and a happy peaceful life to all of your members.

Best wishes
Ariff Khalid

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US Memorial for NZ Veterans

The first New Zealand soldiers killed during the Vietnam War will have their names etched on a United States memorial to be unveiled next month.

Bombardier Robert "Jock" White and Sergeant Alastair Don will be listed alongside 29 Australians who also died while attached to the US army's 173rd Airborne Brigade during the early stages of the conflict.



The memorial for the brigade's 1800 casualties sustained in Vietnam will be dedicated at the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Georgia, on June 1.

The New Zealand duo were members of the Royal New Zealand Army's 161 battery and were part of the only Anzus combat unit to serve in Vietnam when their vehicle was destroyed by a controlled land mine on September 14, 1965.

They were the first of 37 New Zealand armed forces personnel to die in Vietnam between 1965 and 1971.

Scottish-born Mr White enlisted from Dunedin and was 28 when he was killed; Mr Don, from Kurow in North Otago, was 27. They are both buried at the Terendak Camp cemetery in Malacca, Malaysia.

The 173rd was the first major American ground force deployed in south Vietnam. The brigade's troops were known as "Sky Soldiers".

The national president of the New Zealand Returned and Services Association, Robin Klitscher, and Veterans' Affairs New Zealand General Manager Rick Ottaway welcomed the New Zealanders' inclusion.

Australian liaison officer for the 173rd Association and former 1RAR machine gunner Ray Payne added no higher honour could be granted to those who died while serving with the elite US unit.

"This will be the only memorial on American soil to list Australians and New Zealanders," Mr Payne said.

However, there is already a New Zealand presence on the Vietnam Veterans' War Memorial in Washington DC.



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Corporal James Edward Lott was born in Auckland to an New Zealand mother and American father and enlisted with the US Marine Corps in 1967. He was killed in action at Chu Lai on May 8, 1968, and the 21-year-old is buried at the Waikumete cemetery in Auckland.

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RNZRSA Facebook Page

Dear Veterans, the RNZRSA have a Facebook page in honour of those that have served past and present. I have contributed to the Facebook page and posted a number of pictures of NZ Veterans in Australia the first of which date back to the 1950s showing our NZ Veterans marching in Sydney.

However, there are many comments and tributes to NZ Veterans so please click on the following link

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=362829754702&of=wall&ref=mf>

Please note, reading the comments will be very emotional.

Tribute to Brigadier Bob Gurr (Deceased)

Dear Veterans, you may remember in the February NewZletter about the passing of Brig Bob Gurr OBE who passed away in Melbourne with many Veterans from AU and NZ attending his funeral. Bob was the CO of the 1963-1965 1RNZIR "Originals". It will be of interest to many that served with Bob that he was inducted in to the Fidelity Fellowship, Whangarei Old Boys Association, Hall of Fame.

Here is a copy of the article as it appeared in the Whangarei Leader on the 11 of May 2010.



The article was provided by D-Arcy Bailey who was a Gurr Battalion Veteran and had travelled to Melbourne for Bob's funeral and also gave the reply on behalf of Bob's family at the induction.

ANZAC Day in Waggawagga 2011

Dear Veterans, Brian (Joe) Mannix has posted the following for your information:

Dear Veterans

I am proposing to put together a group of Vets to take a trip to Waggawagga in NSW Country for ANZAC Day 2011. As I have been lucky enough to have sampled the hospitality there on ANZAC Day, I would recomend it to others. At this stage Blue Caldwell, his wife as well as myself and Joy have decided to go.

When I was last there, Ralph Todd, an Aussie vet who is on the Riverina Vets committee extended a welcome back for me and any other vet who would be interested in sharing ANZAC day with them. There is a large number of Vietnam vets who could arrange some social events, (Bowls/Golf/Drinking) if we attended in sufficient numbers.

The Waggawagga RSL has a website: www.waggarasl.com.au
The RSL has also purchased the local Commercial club and has its own motels.

It would be envisaged that we would fly to Sydney, then either by Bus or XPT train to Waggawagga.

If sufficient interest is forthcoming by September 30th 2010 an itenary will be drawn up to find the cheapest option, or if some vets wanted to travel further while they had the chance, information can be obtained.

RNZAF Notice re RNZAF Veteran Cap

Dear Veterans, Chris Brownie has kindly forwarded the following information from the National Secretary of the RNZAF Association:



The baseball caps came as a result of an enquiry to Air Staff by a former ex-RNZAF member who wished to wear a distinctive



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cap at commemorative events such as ANZAC Day. I was contacted by Air Staff, as both National Chairman and National Secretary of the RNZAF Association. We agreed on the cap wording, the cap features the recently adopted Kiwi roundel logo with the words RNZAF VETERAN on two lines below the roundel. The caps are a navy blue color. I was asked if I would assist in the sale and distribution of these caps to members of the RNZAF Association, I also sold some ex members who do not belong to the Association. I sold 400 caps in a little over a month. The caps were sold at cost, plus postage and packing. Postage is a huge cost, a single cap within NZ costs \$5.50. The caps were \$12.50 each. The RNZAF is currently out of stock, manufacturing another tranche of caps will take a little while. There is a cost of wrapping paper, string, tape etc to keep in mind when doing the mail out, and boxes – I scrounged shoe boxes which are ideal for the task, NZ Post's boxes are overpriced. I would be willing to manage the distribution again, but not until around August as I have overseas travel plans looming. If there are a number in Australia wishing to obtain a cap it might be best if one person co-ordinated the orders, and accepted payment which could be forward directly to the RNZAF.

For those RNZAF Veterans in AU wanting the RNZAF Veteran Caps please contact:

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Reunion Notices

1NZ Regiment 1961-1963 Pearce Battalion Reunion 23-24 October 2010

Although this is primarily a message for those who served in the Pearce Battalion, 1NZ Regiment 1961-63 Malaya, we would appreciate your assistance.

There is a plan afoot to hold a "Pearce Bn" reunion in Christchurch over Labour Weekend this year, 2010. We have

been asked to promulgate the following information and attached Registration Form, to all on our email network. which includes not only members of the Pearce Battalion 1NZ Regiment 1961-63 Malaya, but also those who served in Malaya/Malaysia during 1957-1971, plus other NZ Army personnel, in the hope that those not 1961-63 but who know members of that Battalion, will pass on this information and the Registration Form.

Unfortunately, although we have the names of those personnel of the "Pearce Bn" recorded in our database, we do not have contact details for all, and putting out a 'help please' may be the only way we will be able to let them know about this coming reunion.

"The suggested format is:

Saturday 23 October 2010, Registration and Get-together at Christchurch RSA, with a dance in the evening (dinner can be purchased in the RSA).

Sunday 24 October 2010, Visit to Burnham Camp including a Church Parade at the Chapel, lunch and a Parade "March Out" through the Camp Gates.

Arrival back at the RSA will signal the formal ending of the Reunion, however, the RSA Bar will be open and the Restaurant serving meals into the evening.

Please note that details could be changed but the broad outline will remain.

Please also note that Registration Forms must be returned no later than six weeks before Labour Weekend, that is, no later than 10 September 2010."

A Registration Form is attached to this NewZletter and your co-operation will be greatly appreciated. However, please note Cheques should be made out to Pearce Battalion.

W3 Reunion – Proposed Date 19-22 November 2010



Veterans, please be advised that W3 will be holding a Reunion during the period 19-22 November 2010 in Christchurch. W3 served in Vietnam from 1969-1970. It will be their 40th year reunion and as with the many other reunions, as the ranks diminish, the memorable value of such reunions gets stronger for those that remain. The proposed programme was listed in the December NewZletter.

For ex-Members of W3 please log on to <http://www.w3vietnam.org.nz/>



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RF Cadet 24th Anniversary Reunion 2010 (Thorpe Class)

Well there seems to be a number of RF Cadet Reunions coming up which is great as the RF Cadets produced some very high calibre and high profile soldiers so it makes sense that ex-RF Cadets are so proud of their involvement. And the Thorpe Class are also intending to hold a reunion in 2010. So for you Thorpe Class members please email Andrew (Simmo) Simpson with your support and camaraderie and I do hope your reunion goes ahead and is not only enjoyable, but full of memories of your younger Cadet years. Contact Andrew by email below:



sgtsimo@hotmail.com
asimpson@tanknology.com.au

I do hope Thorpe Class and Bennett Class (below) members can support their respective reunions and I wish you all the best for your celebrations.

1 Battalion RNZIR Reunion Singapore 22-29 April 2011



Dear Veterans, attached to this NewZletter is a Reunion Newsletter for those Veterans that served in 1RNZIR in Singapore. There are also very

nice Polo Shirts available for purchase in memory of the Reunion.

V3 1 Battalion RNZIR Reunion 3-6 June 2011

Following the very successful V3 Company reunion held in Te Araroa last year it has been decided to hold a further reunion in Greymouth over Queen's Birthday Weekend 2011. All members of the V3 family are most welcome to attend. Full details can be found on the reunion website <http://www.premierstrategics.com/victor3/victor3.html>

RNZN Reunion in Gold Coast 2011

RNZN Veterans please be advised that the next reunion will be held in the Gold Coast in 2011. The reunions are blessed with a large attendance of Navy veterans and I am sure the 2011 reunion will also be the same.

For more information please go to www.nzvia.com.au

RF Cadet 50th Anniversary Reunion 2013 (Bennett Class)

Reminder for any RF Cadet Bennett Class veterans to please contact Roy Jones or Ben Hadfield as follows:



Ben Hadfield benzza@iprimus.com.au.

Roy Jones royvojones@dreamtilt.com.au.

Ex-Malaya Veterans



Please be advised that the NZ Malaya Veterans Association Inc has a new website <http://www.malayavets.co.nz/>

Ex-Vietnam Services Association Inc

Reminder for all NZ Vietnam Veterans to keep in touch with your fellow comrades and keep up to date with the latest information through your association.



The website address as follows:

www.evsa.org.nz

NZVIA NSW Veteran Membership 2010



NSW Veterans are reminded that the 2010 RSL and NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) membership renewal is due. As stated in my email, the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) would welcome your contribution to the operations of the association regardless of whether you retain your voting and speaking rights with your parent Sub-Branch and remain as an associate member of the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) (picture above new Members Peter and Jan Dicken receiving their membership badge from Lindsay Taylor 2009). So for \$5 please send in your application form for Associate Membership. For current full service members please send \$29 (of which \$24 goes to the NSW RSL). For new members wanting associate or full service membership let me know and I will send you an application form. Applications form are also on the NZVIA NSW page of the www.nzvia.com.au website. Just scroll down to the end of the Membership column.





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Now that the NewZletter goes to Veterans in other States, I have been asked how they can become involved in the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW).

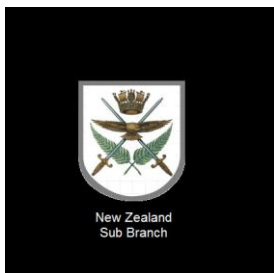
Please note the following:

1. Interstate veterans can join the NSW Branch of the RSL via the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) as Service members, if you are not currently Service Members interstate;
2. If you are currently Service Members interstate you can:-
 - a. transfer to the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW); or
 - b. become "Associate" members of the NZ Sub-Branch for \$5 BUT you can only speak, vote & hold office at one RSL sub-Branch in Australia.

Whilst we would gladly accept your membership I would request you contact me so we can discuss your expectations against what is achievable.

Just a reminder, the NZ Sub-Branch is the legal entity for the NZ Veterans in Australia NSW so membership must remain with the NZ Sub-Branch in regards to its association with the NSW RSL.

NZVIA VIC Veteran Membership 2010



VIC Veterans are reminded that the **2010** RSL and NZ Sub-Branch (Vic) membership renewal is due. As stated in my email, the NZ Sub-Branch (Vic) would welcome your contribution to the operations of the association



regardless of whether you retain your voting and speaking rights with your parent Sub-Branch and remain as a member of the NZ Sub-Branch (Vic). So for \$35 please send in your application form. Forms are available from the NZVIA Victoria page of the www.nzvia.com.au website. Just scroll down to the end of the Membership column.

Just a reminder, the NZ Sub-Branch is the legal entity for the NZ Veterans in Australia VIC so membership must remain with the NZ Sub-Branch in regards to its association with the VIC RSL.

Acknowledgements / Personal Notices

Happy Birthday to **Kevin Bulman, Steve Berry, Peter Dicken, Murray Miller, Clarence Ormsby, Ian Kingston Conway-Powles, Maj (Retd) Sherman Vicent Smith and Brian Edmonds.**

The Last Post

Last Post Reminder

Veterans, I can honestly say (albeit with great sadness) that after attending many funerals in NSW, the families have been overwhelmingly grateful, appreciative and welcomed our ability to coordinate the military aspects of the funeral for our fallen comrade. It is incredibly moving to see the pride in the families not only when they hear and sometimes first learn of our fallen comrade's military service, but also when they see the Casket covered with the NZ Flag, respective service hat (Army, Airforce or Navy) and Korowai. Furthermore, all the families I have coordinated funeral details with have also been very comfortable with photos being taken knowing the reason for such photos e.g. veteran only distribution. You would have seen such photos in previous NewZletters.

Therefore, please let us know as veterans pass away in Australia so I can advise all the veterans in Australia. For NSW veterans, we try to attend wherever possible funerals of our comrades so please keep us informed.

Lest we forget

Other News



New ship HMNZS WELLINGTON boosts Navy capability

Lt Cdr Simon Griffiths with Chief of Navy Rear Admiral Tony Parr holding the Acceptance warrant at HMNZS Wellington's acceptance ceremony in Williamstown, Melbourne.





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The Navy's capability to patrol New Zealand's coast was boosted today with the formal acceptance of HMNZS WELLINGTON into the Royal New Zealand Navy.

Chief of Navy, Rear-Admiral Tony Parr and Ministry of Defence Project Director Gary Collier formally accepted the Offshore Patrol Vessel, the seventh and last ship in the \$500 million Project Protector, at a ceremony in Melbourne.

"WELLINGTON and her sister ship OTAGO are modern ships designed and built to undertake Exclusive Economic Zone

patrols, surveillance and military operations around New Zealand, the southern ocean and the Pacific," said Admiral Parr.

"WELLINGTON and OTAGO have the capability to operate further offshore than our existing patrol vessels, stay at sea longer, and conduct more challenging operations – using their helicopter capability, sea-boats and embarked forces."

HMNZS WELLINGTON is the seventh and last ship in the Project Protector fleet, and with her delivery the Navy will be operating a fleet of 12 modern and highly capable ships.

"With the completion of Project Protector the Navy can deliver the full range of operations from combat and security missions to peacekeeping, border patrol and humanitarian and disaster relief," said Admiral Parr.

The delivery crew of HMNZS WELLINGTON will now undertake safety and operational preparations for her delivery voyage to New Zealand.

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[UN Peacekeepers Day marked](#)

["You have the ship" - change of command for MANAWANUI](#)

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Army medics to receive royal banner

His Royal Highness (HRH) Prince Richard, the Duke of Gloucester, will present the Royal New Zealand Army Medical Corps (RNZAMC) with the Prince Richard Banner at Linton Military Camp on Thursday 20 May.

The Duke of Gloucester has an affiliation with the RNZAMC as its Colonel-in-Chief and the opportunity to visit Linton will also allow HRH to meet soldiers and officers from the RNZAMC.

"I am proud to represent our Corps on this day, a Corps which carries a rich history of exemplary commitment and care for our soldiers. A corps which is innovative, forward thinking and passionate about delivering the best care for our comrades," says parade commander Lieutenant Colonel Dunn (Regimental Colonel RNZAMC).

A Banner is a sign to which the Corps can acknowledge their loyalty and duty to honour the laws of the community in which they are placed, it represents duty towards Sovereign and Country. It is a symbol to which soldiers can honour the courage and commitment of predecessors and a beacon to which soldiers can aspire to achieve high standards of courage, comradeship, commitment and integrity.

The parade will begin at 1030 and is expected to take approximately two hours. It will be followed with a formal photo, meet and greet with medical personnel and viewing a display of current capability and equipment.

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Note: This is a formal occasion for the Corps and attending media are requested to dress in tidy attire.

For further information, or media wishing to attend, please contact Paul Stein, Communications Advisor (Central), on 06 351 9077 or 021 409 033.

Background:

RNZAMC Corps Day

Most Corps observe a Corps Day, usually a day having great significance to the Corps or to its allied predecessor in the British Army.

RNZAMC Corps day is 7 May, the anniversary of the formation of the New Zealand Medical Corps in 1908. Prior to 1983, the day was celebrated on 23 June, the date in 1898 that Queen



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Victoria placed her signature on the Royal Warrant which signified her will and pleasure that the Royal Army Medical Corps be formed.

The RNZAMC Colours

The RNZAMC Corps Flag is divided into three equal horizontal panels of Ruby upper, Purple Navy, central and Gold, lower. The history behind why the original colours were selected remains obscure, but the accepted explanation is that: Ruby or Dull Cherry represents blood, Purple Navy or Royal Blue depicts the colour of the facings of the uniform, and Gold indicates the Royal Assent on the formation of the Corps.

Formation of the NZMC

The New Zealand Medical Corps was formed by an amendment to the Defence Regulations dated 7 May 1908 Gazette No. 38/1908.

Royal Warrant

On 12 July 1947 (Gazette No. 39/1947) the NZMC was granted a Royal Warrant and became the Royal NZ Army Medical Corps (RNZAMC).

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[New Zealand troops return from Timor-Leste](#)

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Orion finds Cook Islands' castaways

Four men marooned on Manuae Island in the Cook Islands are spotted by a Royal New Zealand Air Force P-3K Orion (AK10-027-003)

The crew of an Air Force Orion aircraft found four men marooned on Manuae Island (near Aitutaki) in the Cook Islands after they had been reported missing for five days.



The 12m longline fishing vessel "Gypsy Trader" left Rarotonga on the 5th May and was due back 9th May. The well equipped vessel had

a communications system, emergency beacon, life jackets and dinghy and an outboard motor. The alarm was raised when a crew member's wife contacted Cook Island authorities when they did not return or make contact.

Cook Islands authorities diverted a scheduled Air Rarotonga flight to the Gypsy Trader's last known position but they found no trace of the vessel. The authorities then contacted the Rescue Coordination Centre in NZ and a P3 Orion aircraft from No 5 Squadron, RNZAF was dispatched during the early hours of Saturday 15 May 2010.

The Orion crew found the four men (two of whom hold NZ passports) on Manuae Island when they spotted a dinghy and a blue tarpaulin set up as shelter on the beach. An emergency pack was dropped to the men which included a radio and confirmed that they were from the Gypsy Trader.

Commanding Officer No. 5 Squadron Wing Commander Nick Olney said, "It was a great result for our Orion crew who are trained to think of all possibilities when a vessel goes missing, including the possibility that the people on board may be at a remote land location, rather than being at sea."

It appears that the four men moored the vessel and then went ashore. The vessel then slipped its mooring approximately 10 days ago and drifted off in a southerly direction. They had been marooned on the uninhabited conservation reserve ever since. A patrol boat from Rarotonga uplifted the four men yesterday.

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NEWSLETTER – MAY 2010

WELCOME:

Hi everyone, hope this newsletter finds you all healthy and in good spirits. It is amazing how quickly each day passes us by. Only thought it was a couple of weeks ago I was in Scotland but that was February.

GET TOGETHER 22 MAY 2010

There will be a get together for those who served in South East Asia with 1 RNZIR or attached to the Unit at the Papakura RSA from 1300 hrs. I believe quite a few activities are being set up. Lorna and I are travelling up from New Plymouth and I believe a few may also be coming from outside the Auckland Area.

SINGAPORE 2011

We are moving ahead with plans for the reunion to be held from 22 April to 29 April 2011 in Singapore.

WORD needs to get out and about and everyone in receipt of this newsletter needs to pass it onto other contacts.

As stated in the January Newsletter I called into see the camp Commandant at Dieppe Barracks on my stopover before returning to New Zealand in February. Bruce Blackburn was with me as well and we had a very positive meeting with them and they have informed us of the protocols etc for our visit. It may also include a Bar B Que within Dieppe, but sorry the NAAFI is long closed.

I have recently been in contact with a Singapore Travel Agent who has also assisted with past Military Units in visits to Singapore.

Blackie and I also caught up with the Defence Attache at the New Zealand High Commission and again this went very well.

The main focus will be based on the ANZAC Day celebrations and the visit to Dieppe Barracks the morning of ANZAC Day.

We will also be including a visit over to the Palada Training Area and Kota Tingii for a pack run. All going well a visit to Tiger Breweries may also happen although I doubt you would want to spend too long there after the visit we made about three years ago to the Mangitotoka breweries.

Should anyone wish to submit some suggestions for the week please do so and let myself know soon as possible?

The financial side of this trip is being sorted out at the moment and more details will come out after the visit to Singapore Airlines. Currently the fares are \$1700.00, and accommodation at approximately \$700.00 per person.

There will no doubt be a requirement to pay a deposit per person and this will be near the end of this newsletter as I will discuss with Singapore Airlines.

The internal costs we hope will add up to approximately \$600.00 per person. This covers the Internal bus tours and also the ANZAC Day requirements.

I will also inform you of the meeting venue on day one for registrations for those making their own arrangements.

For those who live in Australia I believe it would be far easier for you to organise your own plans as we have suggested.

Accommodation details will come out very soon. We have our contact urgently looking into this to keep costs down.

Should you know of someone who is actively interested in this trip please get them to send an e mail through to myself: director@manawa.co.nz or manager@manawa.co.nz

All of our reunions are open to all family and friends and should anyone wish to bring along others please do so. Lorna and I are bringing along a group of 6.

FINANCE FOR SINGAPORE

FOR CONFIRMATION PLEASE SUBMIT A DEPOSIT OF \$250.00 PER PERSON NO LATER THAN 12 JUNE 2010.

Bank Account Name: 1RNZIR REUNION NAAFI ACCOUNT
Bank: KiwiBank
Account Number: 38-9006-0622821-00

REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR NAME AS REFERENCE WHEN BANKING YOUR DEPOSIT

LATE NEWS: ABAH TUKERANGI UNVEILING 5 JUNE 2011
AT MANAIA – COROMANDEL AT 1100HRS.

NEXT NEW ZEALAND REUNION



New Zealand Veterans in Australia

NewZletter



The next reunion to be held in New Zealand will be held in Mount Maunganui over Labour weekend (October) 2011.

A full weekend of activities will be planned for this weekend. Again it is up to everyone to get the word out and those who are unable to go to Singapore this is another great chance to catch up with Old friends rather than just through the Internet.

It is a great feeling when you see a mate again who you may have not seen for over 30 years.

