

RNZAC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER #188 June 2020

Meetings

Happy Hour: Thursday 2 July 2020 at 1700 hrs at the Papanui RSA
With committee meeting at 1815 hrs.

Next Happy Hour: Thursday 6 August 2020 at 1700 hrs, Papanui RSA.

Whose is it?



Social Events

Happy Hour Thursday 4 June. Well we may not have had a committee meeting (postponed) but we had a great happy hour. Plenty of catching up, personalized table service at our tables and a good turnout of those who decided to stay and have a meal. This meal thing could well become a regular event.

Events Past and Future



**SITREP from WO1 Mark Thompson, QAMR,
QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MOUNTED RIFLES, RNZAC
for CLEM.WILLIAMS@nzdf.mil.nz**



Good morning,

Training Cell, including Clem, is currently in Waiouru conducting a Gunnery Camp and will not return to Linton until the end of next week.

In short, the Regt was closed down with the rest of the Army and New Zealand during AL3 and 4.

The Regt had a HQ operating and troops on standby for part of the Lockdown standing ready to assist the government if required.

On shifting to AL2 the unit returned to work in half days to ensure it was able to protect the force from any breakout.

During the initial few weeks, the troops completed vehicle maintenance, fitness testing and turret drills in prep for the Gunnery Camp. On the 5 Jun, complete with Covid-19 restrictions, the unit completed a CO Change of Command Parade between the outgoing CO, LT COL Scot Cordwell and the new CO LT COL Ed Crow.

Currently the unit is in Waiouru completing Gunnery Camp that sees the Troops in the field completing a small troop training period, finishing with each troop having a two day period of NZLAV live field firing which sees them completing static shooting, pairs and troop Fire and Movement Exercises (FMX) finishing with a night troop attack FMX.

I will ensure photos are sent of the HOTO parade and Gunnery Camp for the next edition.

From Waiouru, kindest regards,
Mark

WO1 Mark Thompson

Regimental Sergeant Major, o
Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles
1 (NZ) Brigade, Linton Military Camp

[I am sure that everyone congratulates COL Ed Crow on his appointment as QAMR's new CO and their best wishes for his future to LT COL Scot Cordwell. Editor.]

Great Memories of the Past. Exercise Powderhorn 1964.



training and crossing the alps.

The NZ contingent in addition to training with their corps counterparts were also tasked with ceremonial duties at Buckingham Palace, St James's Palace, Tower of London and The Bank of England.

This photo was taken at Tidworth UK as part of an exchange with the The Loyals of the British Army who came to New Zealand to enjoy our not-so-warm delights of



The link below to a news item (film) gives a fairly good idea what happened. For those who participated on Ex Powderhorn enjoy the memories. Some of you have changed little.

<https://www.nzonscreen.com/title/pictorial-parade-161-exercise-powderhorn-1965/quotes>



Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps History Project Charitable Trust Incorporated

Hello Everyone,

Attached is a letter from me to all Serving Members and Members who have Served in the RNZAC and its Predecessor Organisations regarding a special update on the Trust's progress towards producing our History.

A brochure (referred to within the letter) is also attached.

I would be grateful if each of you please (as individuals responsible for or with linkages to Serving Members and/or those Members who have Served in the past) could forward my letter and the brochure on to all those that you have contact details for so that we can achieve as wide a distribution of the letter and the brochure that we can in the shortest possible time. Please also ask your contacts to distribute the information widely so that everyone is kept informed.

In addition, I would be grateful if those of you who have a Website or Face book Page that has been established for the information of Serving Members and/or those Members who have Served in the past, would please consider loading the letter and the brochure onto that to help spread the word.

Please do not hesitate to get back to me, if you have a query.

On behalf of the Trust, I thank you for your ongoing help. It is greatly appreciated.

Kindest regards,

Graeme Ready
Chair
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Last Post



It is with sadness that we report that 39486 R G Rodney 'Nine Lives' Edwards. Died at Taupo on 2 Jun 20 aged 76.

Rod enlisted into RF Cadets 1961 and was posted to QAR/QAS in 1962. Rod served in 2 Troop (Centurions) in 1963 as a Centurion driver. In 1965 he was posted to Vietnam with the original 161 Battery RNZA as an observation post radio operator and served there during 1965-66. He received the nickname 'nine lives' due to being WIA 3 times in Sep/Oct 65 while with 161 Bty. On return to NZ, Rod changed corps to the RNZASC and was posted to Waiouru Camp.

The Service for Rod was held at the RSA Section of the Turangi Cemetery on Fri 12 Jun 20. This was conducted by his brother Danny who served with V6 Coy.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Rod's family, friends and comrades.

REST IN PEACE

From Dean Mark

It is with respect that I wish to inform that my Father In Law, 814020 Sgt Noel Graeme HENRY, RNZAC, passed away with family present in Christchurch on 14 Jun 2020.



Noel completed the 1st CMT in 1950 and was subsequently posted to 3rd Armoured Regt, 2 NZ Div where he fulfilled his service obligations on 1 Apr 1954.

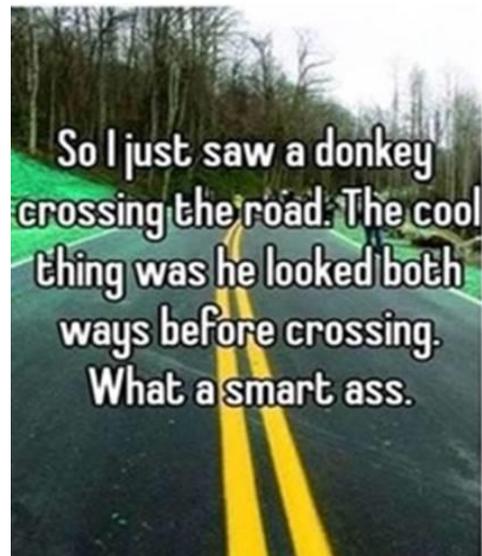
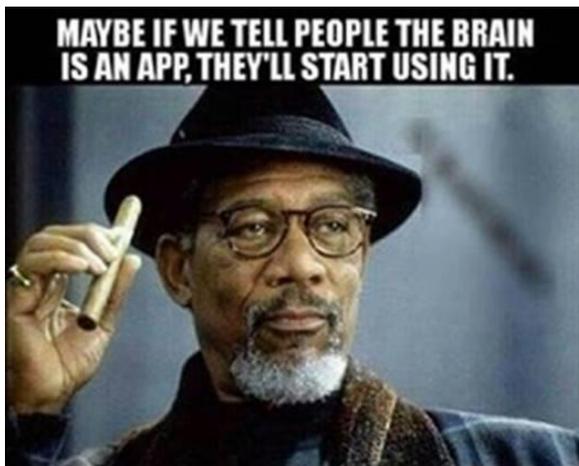
We Will Remember Them

Our deepest sympathy goes to Noel's family, friends, and comrades.



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Humour



Answer: Germany and possibly Australia. Rheinmetall has signed a contract with the Commonwealth of Australia including the delivery (in October 2019) of three Lynx KF41 Infantry Fighting Vehicles to compete in trials for the LAND 400 Phase 3 program.

The KF41 Lynx family of armoured vehicles can be configured for a variety of roles that include infantry fighting vehicle, command, reconnaissance, surveillance, repair, recovery, or ambulance. Standard equipment includes air-conditioning, fire suppression and NBC protection. The vehicle is also fitted with APS (Active Protection System) designed to prevent line-of-sight guided anti-tank missiles/projectiles from destroying a target.

Armament is either 30 or 35mm cannon with coax 7.62 mg. Its armour concept provides protection against antitank weapons, medium-calibre ammunition. Weight of the AFV ranges between 34-50 t It has a crew of 3 and carries 8 troops

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3L2iYopbLc>

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