

RNZAC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER #211 July 2022

Meetings Happy Hour: Thursday 4 August 2022 at 1700 hrs at the Papanui RSA.

Whose is it?



QAMR



New beginnings Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles (QAMR) celebrated a new milestone today [1 July], officially opening their new Regimental Headquarters. The opening of the building marks the completion of the infrastructure journey that commenced in 2012 after the Squadron relocated from Burnham to Linton and was re-established as a Regiment.

These new facilities are the first purpose built Regimental Headquarters QAMR has

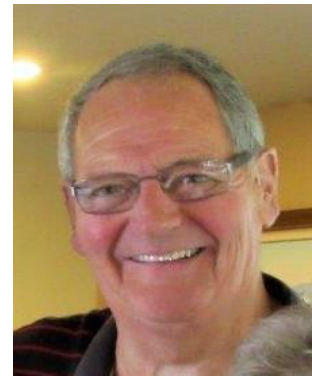
had in its history, which is long and distinguished. The new building will allow QAMR to meet its operational objectives, through modern, efficient, resilient and functional infrastructure. In addition to the Regimental Headquarters, the opening also included Squadron Headquarters and Troop lines for NZ Scots and Wellington East Coast Squadrons. The Chief of Army Major General John Boswell and Land Component Commander Brigadier Hugh McAslan were in attendance at the opening. The project was delivered by Defence Estate and Infrastructure and tendered to Isles Construction.
#NZArmy #Force4NZ 1/7/22



Last Post.

Members of the Association and of the RNZAC will be saddened to hear of the death of X214266 John (Big) James LANE Maj (ret'd) ED, RNZAC, on 21 July 2022.

On 1 April 1961 John joined the NZ Army (TF) and was discharged on 15 November 1988. On enlistment he was posted to 2 NZ Scots in Dunedin. During his long service with the NZ Army John held many appointments with 2 NZ Scots and saw the Squadron transition from scout cars to the M113 APC and then to an anti-armour role. In May 1984 he was appointed OC 2 NZ Scots. He also served with distinction during the period January 1977 to February 1978 on the Special Service List of the Territorial Force as a Military Observer with the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organisation (Palestine).



John was a big man in many ways: physically and in how he performed, and when he walked into a room you knew he had arrived. John was a gregarious person who very much enjoyed the company of others. He had a wonderful sense of humour and people enjoyed his company. Being the life of the party was a task John was able to perform with distinction. His smile, good conversation and good company will be missed

A service to celebrate John's life will be held at the Gardens of Remembrance Crematorium Chapel, 95 Clover Road, Hope, on Wednesday, 27 July 2022 at 2.00pm.

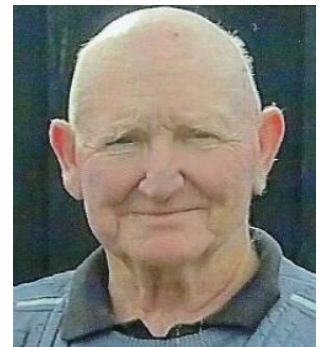
Rest in Peace

Our condolences go to Helen, family, friends, and comrades.

Last Post.

It is with regret we report the death of 41399 Bill Newton (Muldoon), RNZAC, on 17 July 2022.

On 12 January 1965, Bill joined the NZ Army as an Army Cadet. He then joined QA Sqn and first trained as a Centurion driver, and it was while driving a centurion with the Sqn on the Rangipo Desert that he had an unfortunate accident when his head was crushed between the barrel and the driver's periscope.





Bill recovered and then volunteered for service with 161 Battery, RNZA in Vietnam from 19 June 1969 to 6 July 1970, as a radio operator. On return from Vietnam Bill left the Army. He then became very involved in motor bikes and even took up sidecar racing. Bill could be quiet, but he also could display his enthusiasm with fervour. His smile was infectious, and he enjoyed good company.

He will be missed.

Rest in Peace

Our condolences go to his wife Brenda, family, friends, and comrades.

Last Post.



920963 TPR Neil T. McGregor unfortunately passed away Monday 11 July at the age of 89yrs old, peacefully in Dunedin Hospital.

Admin & Log

RNZAC Association Canterbury Branch Mid-winter lunch – Sunday 3 July

Eighteen Members and partners sat down for the Mid-winter lunch at the Papanui RSA on Sunday 3 July. Covid and other commitments kept a few away, but those that attended had a great meal and lots of tall stories were told. The raffle netted \$85.00 which will be donated as usual to the RNZAC History Project Trust

Warning Order – Cambrai

The end of the year is closer than you think. Cambrai Day on a Sunday this year so our Cambrai Commemoration, Lunch and RNZAC Association AGM will all be held on Sunday 20th November 2022.



RNZAC History Project

The RNZAC History Project Charitable Trust is committed to publishing the history of the RNZAC by April 2014 and we are appealing to past and present RNZAC and attached EME members in purchasing these iconic Tactical signs. The tactical signs are, ie Armoured Fist School of Armour, 64 armoured assets of 1 Bde, tac sign 2 and LAD 2 tank units after 1964, tac sign 3 and LAD 3 allocated to Cavalry units, 5 and LAD 5 tac sign allocated to APC units. I was requested to produce a tactical sign 75 for 2 NZ Scots. The signs are a modest \$10 each and are commercial grade adhesive vinyl, measuring 90mm x 90mm and can be displayed a numbers of ways. Should you wish to make a purchase, deposit your funds into account **11-5220-0325854-55** reference your name, email cooppen@xtra.co.nz with your name and postal address and which signs you wish to purchase.

Cheers Chris



Answer: Sweden Stridsvagn 122

The Stridsvagn 122 (*Battle Tank 122*) is a modified version of the German-built Leopard 2A5, utilizing newer technology such as, command, control and fire control systems, as well as reinforced armor and long-term combat capacity. Externally, the vehicle can be distinguished from the Leopard 2A5 by the French GALIX smoke dispensers, different storage bins, and the thicker crew hatches. The *Strv 122B*, a variant equipped with modular AMAP composite armour from IBD Deisenroth, provides "360° protection" against threats such as EFPs, RPGs and IEDs. The width of exactly 4 metres (13 ft) has been kept, while the weight increases by only 350 kilograms (770 lb).

The Stridsvagn 122 was designed to fight in Swedish conditions including heavily forested areas as well as urban terrain. It also had to overcome the perceived flaws of the original German tank, and features the following abilities:

- Heavily reinforced armor to protect against man-portable anti-tank weapons.

- An advanced CBRN defense system for protection against chemical, biological and radioactive weapons.
- Amphibious ability to pass through water up to 1.4 m deep.
- Quick ability to discover, identify and lock on a target with the assistance of a laser rangefinder, infrared sights, and a speed/distance/accuracy calculator for maximum accuracy.
- Ability to fight an opponent effectively at a distance of 4,000 meters whilst maintaining a maximum combat range of 8,000 meters.
- Ability to lock onto numerous targets at once, enabling the tank to fight numerous enemy vehicles without having to manually re-aim the gun after every shot.
- Active communication for improved cooperation between units.

As of 2013, only 120 of these tanks remain in active service while 160 earlier versions are kept in storage as a part of the Swedish army reserves. The active tanks are divided upon three regiments, namely Skaraborgs regemente, södra skånska regementet, and Norrbottens regemente.

Humour



**Whoever told me to
leave my car at the bar
and take the bus home,
turns out I was in no fit
state to drive that either.**



A PESSIMIST sees a dark tunnel.

**An OPTIMIST sees light at the
end of the tunnel.**

A REALIST sees a freight train.

**The TRAIN DRIVER sees 3 idiots
standing on the tracks.**

Reminders;

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