

# RNZAC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER #214 October 2022

**Meetings** Happy Hour: Thursday 3 November 2022 at 1700 hrs at the Papanui RSA.  
To be followed with a Committee Meeting.

**Whose is it?**



**QAMR**



Some good news for QAMR with a pre Xmas delivery inbound from Australia soon.  
(Australian & NZ Defender Magazine 21 October)

Well done to the students that successfully completed the A3340 NZLAV gunners course 22/02 [7 October]. Congratulations to CPL Parr from SPT Sqn for receiving the top student award. Thanks again to the staff of Mounted Ops Wing on providing our soldiers quality instruction and development.



### New Arrivals

Today [10 October QAMR] welcomed our ARMD recruits who recently graduated from RRF 407. They will now take on some well deserved leave for two weeks. Concurrently, we welcomed two members from the UK as part of the Long Long exchange programme. It is great to have this back up and running for our wider networking and, to maintain those linkages overseas.

### Nui Dat Company



Today [20 October] saw Nui Dat Company, the combined QAMR and 1 RNZIR Combat Corps Training, conduct its final activity. In front of friends, families and members of both Units 52 Armoured and Infantry soldiers marched out from the 17 week course. Each soldier was presented with a red diamond that will go onto their dress uniform to represent the qualifying on the course. The top performing soldiers and staff were presented with the following awards: Most Improved, Peers Award, Battle Craft, Top Soldier, Top Instructors.

The markers from each Platoon were carrying a weapon from the history of their corps. The Top Trooper was carrying a Sterling SMG and the Top Private was carrying a SLR.

Congratulations to all of the soldiers of Nui Dat Company on completing the course. CSM Nui Dat Company.



### Last Post.

Alan Hoffman (WO1 retired) was moved to the Nurse Maude Hospice in Merivale, Christchurch, on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Sadly he died there the next morning.

Hof is remembered as a very professional soldier, great instructor and highly competitive sportsman. He was an all-round great guy, who had served with 1 Scots, QAMR and D&M Wing.

Our condolences go to his family. His funeral won't before next Friday.



## Admin & Log

### **RNZAC Association - Cambrai Commemoration - Sunday 20 November 2022**

This is all about what Cambrai means to us and getting together and enjoying the company of comrades and friends.

- 12 noon. Cambrai Church Service, St Paul's Anglican Church, Harewood Road
- 12:45 pm Papanui RSA: Drinks followed by a buffet lunch then by the RNZAC Association and the Canterbury Branch AGMs.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Len Haynes.

Non RNZAC Assoc members are welcome to attend but do not have voting rights at the AGM's.

Cost for lunch: \$10 pp.

Please note: For catering purposes, please contact Mike Sheppard with numbers attending by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November.



## Answer: UK Challenger 2

### **MoD takes mothballed tanks out of storage to train in Europe**

The [UK] Ministry of Defence has taken mothballed tanks out of storage to train in Europe amid rising tensions with Russia. Around 60 Challenger 2 vehicles are being readied by British troops for exercises and operations in Europe at a Nato Forward Holding Base in Sennelager, Germany. A further 400 armoured vehicles move between exercises in Estonia and Poland.

The Telegraph was granted exclusive access to one of the regional land hubs where the military has moved ammunition and supplies in case Nato is called upon to intervene in eastern Europe. The troops are “holding equipment at high readiness” by exercising the vehicles to ensure they work effectively.

A Defence source told The Telegraph: “We are investing in our site in Germany which shows we are credible and serious about investing in European security because we aim to be a leader in Nato.” The number of troops and other nations using the base to train and deploy forward for operations has increased in the wake of Russian aggression.

There is also a discussion taking place about increasing the amount of ammunition and supplies at the base to ease logistics if the English Channel were to become contested.

### **Army ‘very serious’ about sustaining war stock in Europe**

It comes after Ben Wallace [UK Defence Minister] pledged in November last year to keep a brigade’s worth of armoured vehicles in Germany. At the time, the Defence Secretary said: “Our army will operate across the globe, equipped with the capabilities to face down a myriad of threats from cyber warfare through to battlefield conflict.”

Colonel Tim Hill, who runs the base, told The Telegraph: “We are all about training and holding equipment on the continent of Europe. “The aim is to project in very rapid order UK military capability from the UK home base into here either by air or by rail or by ferry. The British Army is very serious about storing and sustaining war stocks on the continent of Europe.”

Colonel Hill said the base was strategically located in Germany because “any further east that’s where we could be fighting, being based here in Germany is key to that central location”. “This also demonstrates the UK’s absolute commitment to the Nato alliance,” he added.

Danielle Sheridan, The Telegraph

### **Humour**

“According to research a glass of wine after work can help to reduce stress”





Asparagus grows like it's trying to prank some idiot into thinking this is how asparagus grows



**Reminders;**

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