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**To all Serving Members and Members who have Served in the Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps (RNZAC) and its Predecessor Organisations**

**Greetings,**

**UPDATE ON CONFIRMED ORDERS TOTAL AND BOOKS LEFT**

**Confirmed Orders for The History**

Further to my updates of 19 October and 8 December 2023.

I am very pleased to advise, on behalf of the Trust, that we have received firm orders for 91% (as at 31 Jan 24) of the Trust's allocated total copies of the History. The Trust extends its gratitude for the generosity of all those who have placed firm orders for the book.

**Limited Number of Books Remaining for Orders**

This means there is only 9% left now for any additional book orders. Those of you who have not yet placed a confirmed order but wish to do so need to act without delay please or you will miss out.

Our publisher's comments about the book, upon releasing it for print production after his final proofread in late December 2023, included- "*...Oratia is certainly proud to be its publisher. It was honestly a struggle not to be drawn in to reading it all, rather than keeping a 'proofreading distance' and checking it over. Compelling writing, superb illustrations and tables, appealing design ...*

Since then, I have received the complete "Dummy Book" of the History from the printing company; the size, weight, quality of the pages, jacket and case are all impressive. The publisher and I (on behalf of the Trust) subsequently signed it off in early January.

Yesterday, I had a call from the Publisher who advised that he had been across the production process with the Printer since early January and he had been impressed at the quality of the videos and images that he had seen. He further advised that production had been completed and would be closed off for shipping this day (8 February) with an ETA at Auckland of early March, on schedule.

**To Remind-The Ordering Process**

All orders will be on a first come, first served basis, and will be registered in the order that we receive them.



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We expect the book to be retailed commercially for just under \$100.00. We are offering an early bird discounted price of between \$85.00-\$90.00 (Including handling and posting charges of \$20.00-for all of New Zealand) per book. For those residing overseas actual international handling and postage rates will have to be applied.

We do not require payment at this time. This approach allows the Trust to carefully monitor the retail price after publication and offer a further discounted price, where appropriate, to ensure continued reasonable pricing of the book in relation to the price of commercial sales at time of publication.

What we ask for in return is that you remit payment promptly please when approached to do so in March when the books will be in country being readied for distribution in April 2024. Thus, "confirmed orders" from you please are essential to our ongoing management of the project process.

Please provide the following details in your emailed confirmed order to Ian Bolton: - [ian.bolton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ian.bolton@xtra.co.nz)

1. First name
2. Last name
3. Full shipping address including post code
4. Confirmation of your email address for contact regarding your order
5. Contact phone number
6. Number of books required

To avoid the disappointment of missing out on obtaining this consolidated History of the RNZAC and its predecessor forces period 1860-2023, I encourage you to place a confirmed order please before the very limited number of books remaining run out.

Thank you.

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Graeme Ready". The signature is stylized and includes a large flourish at the end.

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