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1. JUBILEE YEAR ::

1984 is our Jubilee Year, which should give rise to a great deal of extra thought, enthusiasm, and reminiscence among Members.

Consequently we publish in this Newsletter our thinking and deliberations/discussions to date; and invite all Members to come up with suggestions on things we have perhaps so far overlooked, and anything whatsoever you feel you can contribute to its success.

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING ::

"The following Members and Ex-members of the Royal N.Z. Artillery Permanent Artillery and Torpedo Corps :-

Capt W.I.Kewish, Capt H.F.W.Meikle, Lieut V.G.Jones, Sergt Major T.S.Power, Sergt Major S.Thomson, Staff Sergt J.S.Callagher, Lieut T.Wigley, S.M.Coxswain, S.J.McCallum, RSM.F.Fields, S.M.Art. H. Barnhill, S/Sgt P.J.Gerard, Sgt P.McIlveney, L/Sgt A.Williamson, S.M.Art.G.Bash, Mr.A.V.Ensor, R.Olphant, J.Bradley, J.D.Beattie, J.Lipscombe, A.C.Rowell, H.E.Dumper, G.A.Carter, J.H.Boswell, S.R.B.Rutledge, V.Neels, R.J.Hughes, L.Kingston.

met at the Maslinic Hall, Devonport, on Tuesday July 10th 1934 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the matter of forming a Past and Present Members Association of the old Armed Constabulary, Permanent Artillery, Torpedo Corps, and Royal N.Z. Artillery,

Lieut V.G.Jones briefly outlined the scheme, and proposed, seconded by Sergt Major Power, that Capt Kewish be elected to the Chair,

Carried.

Several apologies were received from those unable to attend.

The Chairman stated the objects of the Meeting, and called on Sergt Major Power for an address which was ably given, and pointed out many reasons as to why an Association of ex-Members could be formed.

Several others spoke in similar strain.

It was proposed by Capt Meikle, seconded by Mr.A.E.Rowell that an Association be formed consisting of Past and Present Members of the Armed Constabulary, Permanent Artillery, Torpedo Corps, and Royal N.Z. Artillery.

Carried Unanimously.

Formation of First Committee.

Proposed by Lieut V.G.Jones, seconded by Sergt Major T.S.Power, that Capt W.Q.Kewish be Chairman

Carried.

Proposed by Lieut Jones, seconded by Mr.Rutledge, that Sergt Major Power be Secretary,

Carried.

Proposed and Seconded that Sergt Major Thomson be assistant Secretary and Treasurer,

Carried.

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Minutes of Meeting, 10 Jul '34 : cont'd :

The following were nominated and Elected as Committee :-
Lieut Jones, S/Sergts Callagher & Weatherall, Messrs Fieldsend,
Rowell, Beattie, Kingston, Rutledge, A. Ferguson, J. Bradley, & S.T.
McCallum, (Steward), H.F. Griffen, (Auditor) & A. Williamson.

Lieut Jones proposed, Lieut Wigley seconded that the following
be elected as President & Vice Presidents :-

President :- Major-General Sir Geo. S. Richardson, KBE. CB. CMG.

Vice Presidents :- Col. J. E. Hume, CBE., Col. M. M. Gard'ner DSO.,
" H. E. Pilkington, CBE. Col. F. Symon, CMG. DSO.
" R. B. Smyth, DSO., Col. J. E. Duigan, DSO.,
Lt-Col I. T. Standish, CMG. DSO, Lt-Col. G. Sandle,
Mr. Wohlmann ISO, (Commissioner of Police),
Capt. H. F. Meikle, (Mayor of Devonport)

Proposed by S/Sgt Callagher, seconded by Mr. Boswell that the
name of the Association be : "Past and Present RNZA"
(Armed Constabulary, Permanent Artillery, Torpedo Corps, N.Z. Sub-
marine Miners, Royal N.Z. Engineers & Royal N.Z. Artillery, be
incorporated in the Rules,

Proposed in the recommendation that Sir Geo Richardson use his
best efforts that the Governor General become a Patron of this
Association.

Proposed by Capt Meikle, seconded by Mr. Rowell that the
Committee be asked to draw up a few simple Rules.

Proposed by Mr. Rutledge, seconded by S.M. Thomson that the
sum of 2/6d be the Annual Subscription.
Proposed as an Amendment Lieut Jones, seconded Capt Meikle
that 1/- be the Annual Sub.

With the permission of the Meeting the proposer and seconder
of the Motion withdrew their original Motion.

On the Amendment being put to the Meeting, it was duly carried.

The Meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chair-
man ; also to Lieut Jones & Sergt Major Power, who together
with S.M. Coxswain McCallum had done exceptional work towards
the foundation of the Association.

Confirmed :-

Sgd :/ Geo. S. Richardson,

18/7/34.

A Meeting of the Committee, Past & Present R.N.Z.A. Association
met at the residence of Capt. W. Q. Kewish on Wednesday 18th
July 1934 at 7.30 p.m.

The undermentioned were present :-

Sir Geo. S. Richardson	President,
Capt. W. Q. Kewish	
Sergt Major Power	
S/Sgt Callagher	

Messrs. :-

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Messrs. Fieldsend, Griffin, Bradley, Rowell, Williamson, Rutledge, Kingston & Beattie.

Apologies were received from Lieut Jones, Mr. McCallum Ferguson, & S/Sgt Wetherall.

The President Sir Geo. S. Richardson occupied the Chair.

The Minutes of the first General Meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters were received from the following Vice Presidents accepting the position :-

Mr. W. G. Wohlmann, Lt/Col S. G. Sandle, Lt/Col I. T. Standish.

Draft Rules and Constitution for the Association were discussed and left to a Sub Committee to draw up & finalise same & submit before a General Meeting.

Proposed by Sir Geo. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Fieldsend that a Sub Committee be formed

Carried.

The following were proposed and seconded :-

Capt Kewish, proposed Sir Geo. Richardson s. Mr. Fieldsend,

S. M. Power, " " " " " "

Mr. Fieldsend " Capt Kewish " Mr. Kingston,

Lieut. Jones, " S/Sgt Callaghan " Capt Kewish,

Mr. Rowell " Mr. Rutledge " Mr. Fieldsend

and duly elected.

A recommendation by Sir Geo. Richardson that the name of the Association be named the :- "New Zealand Permanent Force Old Comrades Association".

The majority of the Members present were in favour of this resolution.

Sir Geo. Richardson proposed, Mr. Rutledge seconded, That a circular be sent out to all ex-Members notifying them of the organisation & that a re-union will be held.

Members expected to reply as soon as possible so that arrangements could be finalised.

Carried.

Proposed by Mr. Rutledge seconded Mr. Beattie that the first re-union be in the form of a Smoke Concert,

Carried.

Proposed that a Sub Committee be formed to discuss & report on the matter of :- When, Where, Approx Cost & possible numbers etc.

Carried.

Proposed Mr. Fieldsend seconded S/Sgt Callaghan, that Messrs. McCallum, Beattie, & Rutledge, form re-union Sub Committee,

Carried

Proposed S/Sgt Callaghan, seconded Mr. Fieldsend, that the Secretary be instructed to put a notice in the daily papers,

Carried

The Meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Capt & Mrs Kewish for their action in permitting the Meeting to be held at their Residence & for their entertainment

Confirmed :- W. Q. K.

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COMMITTEE NEWS :: Excerpt from Minutes of 21 Jan '84. ::

General Business :

"This being our Jubilee Year, Minutes of the original Meeting to set up the proposed Association, held in the Masonic Hall Devonport on 10 Jul '34 were tabled.

Proposals are :-

1. To publish a Booklet similar to "The End of an Era" - giving the History of Buckle St., which was also tabled. In this case it was proposed to enlist the expertise of Colin Andrews, who was closely connected with it. From this a Sub-committee was formed :- W. Ruffell, T. Transom A. Taylor, C. Andrews.

2. To publicise in the first Newsletter of 1984, encouraging Members to write or submit material for it, quoting a Target Date giving plenty of time for publication.

NOTE : this should be not later than 30 Jun. '84.

Much research will also be necessary into material held on Association files :- Minutes of Meetings

Newsletters

Correspondence

Old Photographs

Newspaper Clippings, (where held)

Such material may also be in the hands of Members.

3. To establish max. liaison with Metropolitan Press for later publicity - including photographs wherever possible.

4. The format of the Jubilee Re-Union :/ much discussion followed from which it was thought that greater numbers may well attend certainly plus 100 - or more. Previous venues in Taupo cannot seat that many - Wairakei seems to be the only place which can.

Sec. here directed to write to Wairakei asking for their quote.

Also in next Newsletter to encourage Members to give an early indication of attendance, thus producing an early interim figure.

NOTE :: Would Members please write in with intention to attend fuller details will be available later, with pro-forma for firm bookings etc..

Dist. Reps are encouraged on receipt of these Minutes - and in advance of N/Letter to give the Jubilee Year widest publicity!

Historical Pamphlet :-

Sub Committee met on 11 Feb, main considerations were :-

Cost - we must negotiate quotes - often smaller firms in smaller places can produce a better job, for instance Mil.

Historical Socty. has its quarterly publication done in Carterton. Each member undertook to get a quote.

The format : Stories written around an accompanying photograph?

The opening chapter on Sir George Richardson our Founder ?

A Chapter with Roll of Patrons, Pres. and/or other Exec. Members ?

The Title ? front cover page - photographic page of all

Badges which have been worn ?

Sponsorship - advertising - as it is a 'one off' pubn.

they would not be interested.

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The immense amount of material on Association Files, as well as that submitted by Members will present Editorial Staff with quite a task sorting the wheat from the chaff, (pun not intended). The Sub Committee will meet regularly - gather information keeping the subject in view.

2. CHANGES OF ADDRESS ::

Brig.H.B.Honnor	now : P.O.Box 244, Pahia
Col.R.J. Pearce	47 Simla Cresc, Khandallah.WGTON.
Major K.F.Lee	P.O.Box 1169 WGTON.
Col.F.Rennie	15 Puawai Pl.Northcote,AUCK.9.
Lt-Col A.N.King	1 Contessa Dve.Glenfield,AUCK.10.
WO1 H.J.Macown	OCS 4. Portsea.VIC. AUST. 3944.
A.R.(Alec) Johnson	1/124 Forrest Hill Rd.,Henderson
I.M.(Johnny) Meikle	2/627 Fergusson Dve. Upper Hutt
Major D.K.Bowler	HQ. A.T.G. Waiouru
Lt-Col H.S.Cocks	1/13 Merivale Ave,Epsom. AUCK.3.
Major G.M.Connor	77 Loop Rd.,Lake Okareka,
	R.D.5. Rotorua
Major D.P.Dumbleton	68 Garden Rd., Lwr.Hutt.
H.Gibson	2 Hosking Pl. Clarks Beach,
	RD. 4, Pukekohe.
WO2 K.C.Burnell	HQ.Fort Dorset,Seatoun,WGTON.3.
Ssgt D.A.Collins	" " " " "
Lt.N.D.E.Rhynd	" " " " "
Lt.M.J. Proctor	22 (D) Bty, Fort Dorset,
Major M.W.Thornton	" " " " "
WO2 J.W.Niwa	16 Fd Regt RNZA, Papakura,
WO2 B.W.Culhane	Army Element,3 Sqn.RNZAF,Hobsonvi
Sgt H.Tobin	" " " " "
Capt D.S.J.Dwane	N.Z.Force S.E.A. Singapore.

3. NEW MEMBERS ::

Lt-Col M.A. Harvey	Director RNZA. Army GS.,HQ NZDEF,
	Private Bag. WGTON. 1.
WO2 P.R.Anderson	3 Fd Regt RNZA, Burnham Camp.
Ssgt P.M.Siddell	" " " " "
Gnr J.Smith	c/- Waiouru Gunners Club,Waiouru.
" R.W.Jarvis	" " " " "
" G.Hays	" " " " "
Mr.B.T.Newell	c/- 98 Warren Cresc. CHCH.2.
WO2 D. Wallace	2 Fd Regt RNZA, Fort Dorset, Seatou
Lt.P.E.Schweder	14A Tuivale Rd, Cockle Bay, Howick
Mr.J.Millar	77 Sunset Rd, Glenfield, AUCK.10
Mr.C. Wotherspoon	20 Helvetia Rd., Pukekohe.

4. NEWS FROM AND ABOUT MEMBERS ::

We have news that John Hancox is now Sec/Mgr of Auckland RSA. A letter from Jim Gilbert enclosed an excerpt from Gudgeon's "History of the Maori Wars" about Major Richardson, one time Commander of No. 1 Division, Armed Constabulary, who retired to his farm at Potane, Hawkes Bay in 1879 after 10 yrs of Active Service, some of it at Taupo. Ron.E. (Tommy) Atkins had sent the same article some time ago don't know how I'd missed publishing it, as interestingly Major Richardson was his grandfather.

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News from and About : Sick List :

M.C. (Mac) Nabbsnow retired from his last posting at HQ.NZLF. on Medical grounds. Mac underwent major surgery last May, and since then had gone back to his usual task. He was his usual bright self when I saw him last week, but very much thinner. He is at home, resting a lot and reasonably comfortable. We pray and hope that he remains with us for some time.

George Salt, has been undergoing ray treatment in Hamilton yet since mid-Jan during each week, but comes home at week-ends ; they seem to be satisfied as he was discharged from it last week, although a phone call this morning reports that he is still a little muzzy.

Whilst in Hamilton, in the true spirit of Old Comrades - Wally Sherson and Gordon Weaver, and their wives, have seen to it that he was visited every day with little goodies, George says this 'really made his stay'. Hamilton Officers Club also kept an eye on him.

5. MASTER ADDRESS ROLL ::

The Master Roll, completely up-to-date, is now held by all District Reps. for perusal, or copying if you need a personal copy. Would holders care to scan our 'Changes of Address' and 'New Members' paras as they occur.

6. RNZA COUNCIL MEETING. ::

Wally attended the last Meeting of Council at Fort Dorset in mid-Feb. He was able to table two submissions which we have had in view for some time - the production of a RNZA Honours Board since 1939, (similar to that for 1914-18), and the suggested Coast Artillery Exhibit for QEII Army Museum. The Minutes of which we are on distribution, not yet to hand.

7. MEMBERS SUFFERING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP ::

I regret that contrary to previous advice received, assistance for Retired Soldiers is not available from Army Central Welfare Fund, which is reserved for Serving Soldiers and their dependants only. See my 1982-83 Annual Report. However, Members who have served in 2 NZEF may receive assistance from the National Patriotic Fund Board in cases of financial hardship. Such Members should make application through their RSA's.

W.L.R.

8. ARMY MUSEUM APPEAL ::

The new extension opened on 23 Jul '83, cost \$1.4 million, of which \$470,000 still has to be paid. Although the Museum can service this debt, it is highly desirable it be cleared so funds can be devoted to displays, improvement of storage areas etc., While acknowledging previous support from our Members, we now join with RSA and Army Association in soliciting further contributions. Donations, which are tax deductible, should be made direct to the Secretary, Army Museum Trust Board, Ministry of Defence Private Bag Wellington.

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Army Museum Appeal ::

Why not pay \$15 and become an Associate Member of the Museum Society ? This entitles you to life Membership, free admission for you and your family, plus a quarterly Newsletter containing interesting items of Military History, descriptions of new acquisitions, etc.

Send your cheque to The Director, Queen Elizabeth II Army Memorial Museum, Army Training Group, Waiouru.

W.L.R.

9. "GONE NO ADDRESS"

A rubber stamped hand with pointing finger to "Gone No Address" always leaves a little void thought that someone has strayed from the fold.

The small Post Office card - P.O.127 doesn't take long to fill in and postage is NOTHING ! the only thing I can think of which is free these days. :-

Anderson W.G. Ssgt
Blackett G.S.
Catchpole S.(Sel)
Crawford H.K.C.
Dennis C.W. Bdr
Doak I.J.
Gallagher J.T.
Mitchell N.B.
Pegler A.W.
Ryan J.J.
Scott A.
Williams H.I.

Barkle D.T.
Brown W.J.
Cole C.L.
Crookes C.J.C.
Dixon P.J.
Down R.J.
Hunter D.D.
McClintoch E.L.
Portman A.L. Bdr
Sadler A.B.
Strahan A.
Fantham H.G.

Basham J.R.
Carrington E.
Costello A.W.T.
Cox W.F.
Dixon W.G.
Fitzgerald J.E. Major
Levins J.L.
Petrie A.M.
Reid C.W.
Simpson W.
Tulloch J.S.M.

If you bump into any one of them let us know - better still twist his arm and get him to let us know.

Cheers for now, all the very best to you and your families

*Yours Ubique
Every 1/2*

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION ::

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A review of your Card shows that your Sub.Acct.is as follows :
Our Financial Year closes at 30 Jun. Sub is still only \$2.00

Your Sub. for 1984 is \$2.00

\$.....

Arrears prior to 1984 :-

\$.....

Total :-

\$.....

Either remit it directly to us - or better still hand it to your Dist. Rep. and get your Receipt right away.