

2 2 N D B A T T A L I O N A S S O C I A T I O N

AUCKLAND BRANCH

EDITOR:

APRIL, 1971

To be appointed

SECRETARY:

C.W.Randerson,
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ONEHUNGA.

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In case you have not noticed, April 25th falls on a Sunday this year, so we don't get a day off work, but the Anzac Day Services will be held as usual. Because it's a Sunday, the Service in the Auckland Domain will be held in the afternoon, instead of in the morning. And, because some old digs. have found the march to the Cenotaph too long, our assembly point has been changed from the old spot in Grafton Road to just inside the main gates to the Domain - the entrance next to the Auckland Public Hospital. The 22 Banner will be there, and we hope you will be there too.

FALL-IN TIME : 1.20 p.m.

MARCH OFF AT : 1.40 p.m.

GONGS WILL BE WORN

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ANZAC DAY - 1971

Please see Page 1 for fall-in time and the new assembly point for the march to the Auckland Cenotaph on April 25th. We want to see an especially good muster this year, if only to show the carping critics that returned men don't turn out on Anzac Day just because it's an extra holiday.

Your Committee has decided, with great regret, that the afternoon Parade and the difficulty of arranging catering on a Sunday make it impossible to hold either a pre-parade or an after-parade function this year. So please note - - NO luncheon or get-together this time.

For the benefit of our out-of-town members who like to march with the Auckland types on Anzac Day, we expect that there will be plenty of eating-places open. Also, and this may well appeal to those who would appreciate some sustenance beforehand, we understand that the Auckland R.S.A. Chartered Club has applied for a special licence to open its hospitable doors between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Anzac Day.

The Dawn Service will be held as usual, under the auspices of the A.I.F. Ex-Servicemens' Association. For details of times, etc., see the daily papers on Friday, 23rd April.

SORRY * * NO EDITOR

Our Circular Editor, BARK COX, has fled the country. He claims that his firm has given him three months' long-service leave. We have not yet found either a volunteer or a conscript to fill the gap and the temporary Editors seek your indulgence for the shortcomings of this issue. You will note, too, that it is cyclostyled instead of being printed by photographic process. The time factor was against us.

The Circular will be back to normal format and standard by next time, we hope.

POPPY DAY - - 23.4.71

This Branch has once again undertaken to man the stall in Karangahape Road for the sale of poppies on Friday, 23rd April. The staff will consist of most of the Committee PLUS the following, who kindly volunteered to help when an appeal was made at the Branch Reunion in February:-

KEITH McBREARTY, TERRY McLEAN, KEN McLEOD, JOE NORRISH,
JACK PENDER and CES SMITH.

The Secretary will be sending to all those concerned a note of the times when they will be on duty at the stall.

TOUR OF WORLD WAR II BATTLEFIELDS

NAC WORLD TRAVEL are promoting a grand tour (lasting about two months) of places that are very familiar to ex-members of 2 N.Z.E.F. The tour is expected to take place in mid-1972 and will cover all the well-remembered spots in Greece, Crete and Italy, with stop-overs of reasonable length in cities such as Athens, Rome, Naples, Florence, Venice and Trieste. NAC have asked us to comment on the tentative itinerary, which may also take in visits to places like Vienna, Munich, Paris & London. We will do this but would like to have the views of any of our members who are interested or could be interested in such a tour. If you would like further details (without any commitment), please send back the reply slip - pronto.

Mr. C.W. Randerson,
Box 13-058, Onehunga.

Please send me a copy of the tentative itinerary for the NAC tour of Europe in 1972.

Name:- _____

Address:- _____

BRANCH REUNION

It was a very pleasant evening at the Rocky Nook Bowling Club's Pavilion on Saturday, 27th February. Just on 50 of us were there and everyone seemed to enjoy the natter sessions and the programme in general, which included a short but most interesting talk by TERRY McLEAN on the 1970 All Black Tour of South Africa.

In between times, we elected JACK PENDER a Life member of the Branch, held our Annual Meeting and elected a new Committee which included most of the previous Committee and two new names - JIM ALLEN and GORDON COUCHMAN.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 1971/72

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	:	Hal Greig	
<u>VICE-PRESIDENTS</u>	:	A.Murray; B.A.Cox	
<u>SECRETARY/TREASURER</u>	:	C.W. Randerson	
<u>WELFARE OFFICER</u>	:	D.A. Kinvig	
<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>	:	J.Allen	H.B.McRae
		A.F. Anderson	E.B.Paterson
		G.Couchman	E.T.Pleasants
		T.Hodg	D.Shirley-Thimson
		R.G.Jones	J.B.Wishnowsky
		H.H.Linklater	E.B.Wood

22nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION

AUCKLAND BRANCH

OFFICERS - 1970/71

<u>Patron</u>	: Brig. T.C. Campbell.
<u>Padre</u>	: Canon P.C.S. Sergel.
<u>President</u>	: B.A. Cox.
<u>Vice-Presidents</u>	: J.A. Riddell.
	: R.G. Jones.
<u>Secretary/Treasurer</u>	: C.W. Randerson.
<u>Welfare Officer</u>	: J.S. Pender.
<u>Committee</u>	: A.F. Anderson; H.E. Greig; T. Hood; D.A. Kinvig; M.H. Linklater; H.B. McRae; A. Murray; E.B. Paterson; E.T. Pleasants; W.D. Shirley-Thomson; J.B. Wishnowsky; E.B. Wood.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY, 1971

It has been customary for floor-members (at Annual Meetings, but, alas, not always at other times) to tell the outgoing Officers, "You are doing a great job; carry on the good work." The said Officers wonder just how long a stint on the Committee should last -- a life-sentence perhaps, with no remission for good behaviour? We usually acquire at least one new recruit each year, but the hard core remains. It's much harder to get off the list than it is to get on. Continuity is a good thing, but so is NEW BLOOD. Of course you do not have the time -- neither does anyone else; but the show must go on.

This year we lost AUS. RIDDELL (on transfer to Palmerston North) and JACK PENDER, who has done a magnificent job as Welfare Officer for several years. Both will be missed. Your President claims that he is due to step down after two years in office, and will automatically become a Vice-President. Several members of the Committee say they are willing to step down, but they know the rule -- find your own successor. It's not as bad as all that: don't let that thought deter you from taking office -- you can always die; or become President.

The past year has been comparatively quiet in the Branch -- an indictment on the President's lack of initiative!! It started off with a most successful Annual Reunion -- successful inasmuch as quite a number of old members bobbed up again -- after a spell out on the grass. Poppy Day saw us man our usual stall in K Road. Manned by the usual hard core, I should add. Anzac Day produced a smaller muster than usual, but still an enjoyable function. The National Reunion at Napier produced a good representation. Some claim we received a "cold reception" but I got the impression that even the local lads were somewhat shattered by those frosts. Anyway in other respects it was a most successful reunion. Ladies Night had to be cancelled for lack of support. We chose a most inconvenient date and our Editor was unduly tardy in releasing the notice. For what it was worth, HE ATE DIRT! And for that the Secretary left his name out of the list of Officers at the top of this page! (I told you the Secretary prepares these reports and the Pres. just alters them sufficiently to project his own image -- or protect his own image!)

FINANCE: The Treasurer is a much happier man this year. We have finished up the year with a surplus. Last year's deficit was caused largely by losses on social functions. This year: Profit of \$6 -- last year: Loss of \$46 on functions. Other expenses were down, and subscriptions held their own. Next year everything goes up, but we are happy with our overall surplus of \$28 for this year.

BRANCH WELFARE FUND: We paid out just a few dollars more than was received from members' donations to this fund, which had a balance of \$323 at the end of the year. It is very comforting to see that we have a reasonable balance in the kitty -- calls for assistance are more likely to increase as age and the delayed effects of war service become more apparent. Having our own fund means that we can make immediate grants in appropriate cases without having to wait for grants from the R.S.A. and other Welfare Funds.

CRETE FUND: Since we decided last year to sponsor one more Crete kid, the response from our members has been excellent. We are particularly grateful to BARRY HOULAHAN, whose fine solo effort with the Tauranga Crete Box at the Napier Reunion swelled this fund by \$47. We have accepted a commitment which is likely to cost us at least \$300 over the next few years, so it is gratifying that we now hold \$183 in the fund and can be reasonably sure that we can continue to sponsor Crete Kid No. 5 for as long as he needs our help.

You will note that although at the last Annual Meeting you elected Aus Riddell to be your Auditor, the Accounts have been signed by one E.B. Paterson. The story is that Aus fled the city, and your Treasurer, fresh out of hospital, was sufficiently 'on the ball' to call on Scotch to do the job. Scotch being the type of bloke who can be talked into things. Your Committee confirmed the temporary appointment.

22nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION - AUCKLAND BRANCH
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY, 1971

<u>1970</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1971</u>
\$ 157	Printing, Stationery, Postages	\$125.03	\$168	Subscriptions - Current Year	\$169.00
7	Sundry Expenses	4.00	12	Donations	13.00
10	Wreaths, Presentations	12.50	1	Profit on Ties & Badges	3.90
46	Loss on Social Functions	-	-	Profit on Social Functions	6.01
-	Loss on Wall Plaques	12.20	18	Bank Interest	20.01
30	Crete Sponsorship	30.00			
250		183.73	199		211.92
-	Excess of Income over Expenditure	28.19	51	Excess of Expenditure over Income	-
250		211.92	150		211.92

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28th FEBRUARY, 1971

<u>1970</u>	<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>1971</u>
68	SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID IN ADVANCE	\$ 83.00	72	STOCK OF BADGES, TIES & PLAQUES	\$36.30
111	CRETE FUND - Donations in Hand	183.87		AUSTRALIA & N.Z. BANK LTD.:-	
	BRANCH WELFARE FUND:-			Branch Welfare Fund	323.06
330	Balance at 1/3/71	326.27	326	Crete Fund	183.87
51	Donations	58.07	111	General Funds	213.08
381		384.34	134		
55	Less:- Grants	61.28			
326	Balance at 28/2/71	323.06			
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS:-				
189	Balance at 1/3/70	138.19			
- 51	Excess of income	28.19			
138	Balance at 28/2/71	166.38			
643		\$ 756.31	643		\$ 756.31

Examined and found correct.

E.B. PATERSON, Hon. Auditor