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NEWS LETTER OF THE NEW ZEALAND MALAYAN VETERANS' ASSN (INC)

## The Blackburn Beverley, aka the "flying barn!"

*Inset, the world's last intact Blackburn Beverley. Fully restored but non-flying the Beverley has pride of place in the Fort Paull Military Museum near Hull, Yorkshire England.*



*A Blackburn Beverley in 1964*

**W**e, that's 1NZRegt 1961-64, had some experience of the Blackburn Beverley "heavy lift" aircraft.

It was during the first half of 1962. The Bn returned from Easter leave only to be roused in the wee small hours and informed we were having a so-called "Mobilisation Exercise".

Every man had his "jabs" updated; packed his base kit and drew his operational requirements of equipment, rations and ammunition etc. After hours of chaos, including the troops being weighed wearing only OGs, Jboots and Jhat - then donning all their gears and being weighed again. Allegedly necessary to work out how many of us could fit in various aircraft!

The Bn plus vehicles then assembled on the Wellington Lines parade ground, where, after the required "hurry up and wait" couple of hours the troops boarded a fleet of Brit RASC RLs and the whole kit and caboodle headed off for Singapore at 30mph.

I think we spent the night in Nee Soon Camp before trucking to RAF Seletar to board Beverley aircraft of 34 Squadron RAF for the shortish "hop" to KL.

To board a Beverley troops entered via the cargo hold ramp or through port and starboard doors just forward of there. Some were seated in the hold but a

maximum 36 others moved forward to climb ladders to the tailboom, which held rows of rearward facing canvas and tubular aluminium seating.

The Ex was designed to prepare the Bn for a move to an airfield in Laos, which we would take and hold until the arrival of relieving SEATO forces. We had no idea of this at the baggy level, which is probably just as well. SEATO planners had identified Laos as the next hot spot for a communist take over, completely ignoring South Vietnam!

1NZRegt had been earmarked to take this airfield, flying in, uninvited of course, in Beverleys carrying our complete equipment scale. Casualties were calculated to be in the order of 10 percent so I for one am glad it didn't happen!

From KL airport we trucked to a rubber plantation where we hooched up for the night. Next morning we commenced a two to three day hike through steep jungle to a place called Batu Arang, where we conducted an exercise with a scenario similar to what was waiting for us in Laos. A Bn defended position in relatively "open country".

The Beverley first flew in 1950. It was designed for carrying large bulk loads and landing them on rough dirt strips. Its design went back to the Hamilcar glider

of WWII. It was the largest aircraft in the RAF when it entered service in 1957 and served for the next 10 years in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Far East. It could carry 94 troops or 10 Land Rovers in its cargo hold and 36 more troops in the tailboom.

A full crew consisted of: two pilots, flight engineer, navigator, signaller and air quartermaster. Full load take off was 62 tonnes. It cruised at 320kmh and could airdrop troops, vehicles and guns.

All that stuff about 1NZRegt and the Beverley is straight from my memory banks. If I've got it wrong and it's worth saying so, please write in and give SELAMAT your version of events. **BAZ**

*A tongue in cheek tale of the birth of the Beverley goes like this. "A famous aircraft designer saw a barn blow past in a gale. The basic concept of the Beverley was born at that moment.*

*"The original design of the machine was intended to fulfill single-seater specifications, but, as full power was required to taxi the aircraft forward at a slow walking pace, another engine was added. The resulting increase in all up weight necessitated the addition of two further engines to enable it to move at all!*

*"By this time the general dimensions had increased somewhat, and the work was often delayed for several days at a time while the Beverley was utilised as a spare hangar. This state of affairs continued for such a long time, that, by the time the prototype was ready for flight, all other types of A/C were jet-powered!*

*"The rather embarrassed designer, fearing to appear behind the times, had the propellers placed much higher than he originally intended in the hope that they would not be noticed. This entailed the raising of the mainplane and the fuselage sides (the production manager raised the roof) and accounts for the immense height of the machine."*



*Left, a Beverley sits on an airstrip "somewhere in Africa", its clamshell rear doors open wide and ramp in place for loading vehicles. The Beverley stood almost 12m high, was approximately 30m long with a wingspan of 49.4m. It could carry a 20 tonne payload 300km. Just one Beverley, a museum aircraft at Fort Paull in East Yorkshire, England survives from the 49 built. Nine were lost in RAF service incurring 36 fatal casualties.*

From the President

Greetings to all members, in NZ and around the globe.



Several members of our Association have passed away since my last column. It is with particular sadness I mention Jim Perry, who served on our National Executive, Co-Patron MAJ Bill Pike and WO1 Doc Schwass, who needs no introduction to Pearce Bn veterans.

It was my honour to recite The Ode at MAJ Bill's funeral and that of PTE Kirifi Mila, who died on active service in Afghanistan.

**We will remember them Branch Delegates Meeting**

This annual meeting for 2011 will be held in the Hamilton Combined and Returned services Club on 16 July. All branches are invited to send delegates to present matters of concern to the National Committee.

**Christchurch Earthquake Appeal**

The total of NZMVA contributions to this most worthwhile cause stands at \$2900.00. My thanks go to Tauranga & Hamilton branches, the National Executive, comrade organisations in the UK and to all members for their contributions. Think about this: if we contribute a further \$10 per member (make contributions direct to our ASB bank account 123063 0201225 00 and tag them with your name and ChchEquake) our total contributions would be close to \$10,000. Let us stand together, be counted and show our Christchurch mates we do care!

**ANZAC Day 2011**

I attended two services at the Hamilton Cenotaph. A wet, miserable morning did not prevent thousands being there to salute those who died for our country. I had the privilege of reciting The Ode at the Dawn and Civic services and laid a wreath on behalf of the NZMVA Waikato Branch. Association members Peter Downey, Don Hallett, Brian Sherbourne and Henry Knapp either laid wreaths or officiated as parade marshal at Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Hamilton and Ngaruawahia.

**NZMVA National Reunion 2011**

Two milestones will be celebrated at this reunion: 2NZRegt returning home after two years in Malaya and 1NZRegt returning for a second tour 1961-63.

Make an effort. Be at Reunion2011 and join with the guys from these battalions in celebrating. Act now, send in your registrations. As an encouragement, the date by which you qualify for a refund of your full registration has been extended to 31 August. All venues and entertainment are booked. The reunion dinner will be at the Verandah on the Lake; maximum seating 230. Secure your spot. Register now! Receipts will be included in your registration packs.

**National subscriptions**

A wee reminder. Subs for 2011-12 fell due on 1 July.

**Len Knapp, National President.**

From the Secretary

I thank all those NZMVA Branch delegates and observers who attended our 11 June National Executive (NE) Meeting at the Manurewa RSA.

The meeting was very good and an excellent way of engaging with the membership. I have always taken the view that open discussion and interaction with all stakeholders produces positive results, so thank you all on behalf of our National Executive.

I also thank Ray Dunbar from Taupo for his initiative starting an NZMVA branch there. This can only be good for our Association members and Malaya vets in the Taupo area. Welcome aboard. Should others, where ever you are based, want to follow suit I encourage you to make it happen.

Events such as the Delegates' and NE meetings and our annual snooker tournaments, are all about interaction with one another.

We have about 15 Branches throughout NZ to whom I send NE minutes and other news items such as what is happening with NZMVA members in Australia. Email me or contact me and I will give you a basic criteria process that will help you.

At our last NE Meeting Ray King Turner, Terry Bennett and myself indicated we will not seek re-election at the 2011 BGM in Hamilton. The resulting vacancies will be a good opportunity for new blood to get onto the National Executive. I urge members to think seriously about this and in how you can help us move forward and grow.

Issues of welfare for our veterans are not going to disappear but will grow and there are many other hurdles before us. However, there are also some very good options, and we need good governance to see that these good options happen.

Lastly over these past three months, we have lost a number of veteran comrades, amongst them stand out Malaya veteran characters Bill Pike, Tom Tuhiwai, Doc Schwass and Jim Perry. We will remember them.

**Delegates' Meeting 2011** will be held 11 am 16 July 2011 at the Hamilton Combined Services Club (RSA) Rostrevor Street Hamilton.

This notice has been sent to all NZMVA branch secretaries to ensure that branches are aware regarding the process should there be a need to submit remits regarding

any changes to the NZMVA Constitution as at August 2010.

Should there be a remit or a number of remits please refer to the NZMVA Constitution Paragraph 8(c) and follow this process.

I am also mindful that there will be NZMVA financial members who may not belong to a branch, but wish to have some input into this process. Please contact me at National Secretary, PO Box 90 Wairoa 4108 or telephone (06) 838 7770 / 027 222 9012 or email: hirohamilton@xtra.co.nz and I will send you a copy of our Constitution.

You can also contact NZMVA Vice President Terry Bennett, 6C Werahika Place Whakatane 3120 Telephone (07) 308 0940, kiwikruzer@xtra.co.nz who can also assist in this matter.

Please also note that the NZMVA Constitution can be accessed on the NZMVA Website.

Branch delegates are those persons appointed by their branch to attend the delegates meeting. They have full voting rights in accordance with proper committee procedure.

NZMVA members that do not belong to a particular branch, or live outside the boundaries of a particular branch, here are some guidelines.

If you do not belong to a branch but live within the branch boundaries, the most prudent option is to join as a member of that branch.

If you are a NZMVA member and live outside of the branch boundary, send your remit to the National Secretary and this will be tabled before the next National Executive Meeting prior to the National Delegates Meeting 2011.

**Hiro Hamilton National Secretary**

Letters to the Editor

**A Rannerdale resident writes**

Congratulations on an excellent Feb/March magazine.

Everything about it is A1. Keep up the good work and may it carry on.

Now briefly what has happened since the first earthquake. I haven't had word from our President - Vice President Welfare. Have had two visits from NZMVA personnel.

There are three who are in the home here. One ex Navy gets a visit a least once a week. So you can see what is going on in Canterbury region. The buildings we have are over 80 years old and they are only doing patching up. They should, in my opinion and others as well, be bulldozed down and restarted from scratch. But I think they won't do it.

We are still getting the shakes at least one a day every day. They even have the people who are displaced and they have their own doctors and staff and are kept away from us.

I would like to go to the 2011 reunion but on my card I hold a P23LA travel concession but I am only allowed out to the gate and back. So all I do now is get up approx. 10-10.30am, muck around and sleep.

Sleep is a commodity I enjoy 12 hours per day. They have activities each day but only what the person looking after you wants. For example 500 or a trip or two such as the Llama farm, depending on transport availability.

Well, that's all for now. Keep up the good work. Regards,

**Denis Cartledge, Rannerdale Veterans' Home and Hospital Christchurch**

**An ANZAC message from our Northern Hemisphere comrades**

Dear Comrades, ANZAC Day means much to many people.

So it is that, as ANZAC Day comes around for another year, we remember our comrades in Australia and New Zealand, and in all the countries where freedom is a cherished ideal and where we remember the fallen.

We must always remember that there is a price, that freedom is not free

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We are always with you on ANZAC Day.

*They call it ANZAC Day  
In the month that we call  
April, there is a special day,  
When the Nation prays in  
homage, they call it ANZAC Day.*

*They march in celebration, those  
veterans of yore,*

*They honour those brave men that  
died, the men who went to war.*

*They fought so we could all be free  
to live in liberty,*

*We honour their great sacrifice each  
year we all agree.*

*To kneel in prayer say thank you  
Lord for all who went away,*

*Especially those who can't return,  
those buried far away.*

*So when you see them marching,  
those Veterans of old,*

*Remember when they all were young  
and daring and truly bold.*

*To fight the foe of evil, so we would  
all then say,*

*Today's the day we honour them,  
they call it ANZAC Day*

To all who have died for our Freedom we say thank you.

Yours in comradeship,  
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From the Branches

**The Far North checks in!**

Greetings, kia ora, dobro dosli - from the Far North Branch (Kaitaia) of the NZ Malayan Veterans Association Inc.

Just a short update as to what is happening in the Far North.

Our Annual General Meeting of 25 February 2011, elected the following to office for 2011/2012: **President Ross Sleeman (09) 406-0452; Vice President Dennis Doak (09) 409-8776; Secretary Lillian Wells (09) 408-1384; and Treasurer Vivienne Panther (09) 408-7277**

All committee members are fully paid up members.

The past year delivered an assortment of emotions for us.

Our local RSA puts on a children's Christmas Party each year, solely for the 10 years and under children and grandchildren of RSA members.

Our branch is a major sponsor with some members very much involved in making this day "special". I assure you the littlies were well catered for in all forms of entertainment.

We also support our local hospice by helping our RSA to run "basket" raffles. RSAS adjuncts, of which we are one, have so far donated 39 of these basket prizes. The Hospice is very happy with the donations.

That "One man's junk is another man's treasure" is very true and makes our garage sales a fund-raising success. Mmbers and non members alike are very giving towards our sales and we thank our guys and gals for the sweat and energy they have put into them. Not to mention the liquid refreshments and non fat baking, received on sale day.

It was a very sad day indeed for our Branch when we lost our much loved Treasurer Pat Doak.

Pat's input and knowledge within our club will be very hard to equal, we miss her dearly. Best wishes to all  
**Lillian Wells, Secretary**

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## DBP update

### NZ-Malaysia Veterans Dibutylphthalate Exposure Project Progress Report – June 2011

As outlined in our last report our studies show a statistically significant increase in cases of hypospadias and breast cancer and a not statistically significant increase in hypospadias incidence in dibutylphthalate

(DBP)-exposed veterans compared to the general population.

This work was submitted to the scientific journal Human Reproduction for publication in December 2010. Unfortunately the journal turned the paper down on several grounds, including:

They did not accept that DBP binds to the estrogen receptor because its action has been attributed to inhibition of the synthesis of testosterone.

They did not accept that general population data should

be used for the studies. They wanted specific data for the incidence of disorders in NZ.

We have now re-written the paper for Human and Experimental Toxicology removing reference to DBP binding to the estrogen receptor – this was not important to our argument because the inhibition of testosterone synthesis results in feminisation too and so the end effect is the same. In addition we have included a statement that there are no NZ data for some diseases (e.g. cryptorchidism) and so we had

to use world data as the next best comparator.

We all would prefer our papers to be accepted for publication immediately, but this is often not the case. Refusal by a journal does not mean that the conclusions are wrong, but rather that there might be flaws in the argument. We hope we have rectified those flaws now and that the paper will be accepted by Human and Experimental Toxicology. We would expect a decision from the journal within six months.

In the meantime I gave an

invited public lecture in the Auckland University Seasons of Life series in November 2010. I included a segment on our NZ Malaysian Veterans study. It was received very well and led to many searching and interesting questions.

**Professor Ian Shaw**  
FRSC, FRCPATH

**Professor of Toxicology**  
University of Canterbury

[Members should be aware that Prof Shaw will address the 2011 Reunion BGM in person on this issue. Ed.]

FROM THE BRANCHES CONTINUED

#### Tena kohe from Turanganui Eastland

Turanganui Eastland Branch is finally formed, so adhering to the wishes of the late Jim Perry.

We began as a committee to organise and run the NZMVA National reunion 2013. But, fired by the enthusiasm of local Malayan veterans, decided to form a branch.

Doing this and hosting the Reunion 2013 is seen as an opportunity to show-case our region. To spread the word about its wonderful climate, world famous wines, surfing beaches and kaimoana etc.

No doubt all other branches hosting a reunion held similar one-eyed views of their area. Nevertheless, Jim was a local boy and without a doubt influenced the holding of a national reunion in his beloved Gisborne.

We are beholden to him for this honour and will gladly uphold his mana in hosting Reunion 2013. May he rest in peace.

We must look beyond a Reunion Committee to address day to day issues relating to our veterans. Forming a branch fitted the bill!

Thanks must go to the Gisborne Branch of the Korea South East Asia Association, to Vietnam veterans and Gisborne RSA. All embraced our veterans and we co-exist in terms of welfare matters.

Our area stretches from Wairoa and surrounding districts in the south, north and west of East Cape in the North and 70km inland of Gisborne to Matawai.

We travelled to Ruatoria for our May 2011 meeting and were treated to the usual country hospitality that the Coast and Coasties are renowned for.

The idea, of course, was to get us out there and to hopefully enlist veterans of the remote East Coast districts of Ruatoria, Waiapu and Te Araroa.

We are pleased to announce the formation of our branch committee whom will also form the kernel of our 2013 Reunion Committee as follows:-

**President** Ratu Reedy Ph 06 8633904; **Secretary** Colin Moana Ph 06 8686353; **Treasurer** Colin Tester Ph 06 8683241; **Media** Barry Allison Ph 06 8677248; and **Adviser** Hiro Hamilton Ph 06 868 7770

We are fortunate to have Barry and Hiro provide us with their expertise.

The wheels are in motion and we've enjoyed our first fundraisers. A hangi and a mutton bird raffle. We have some money in the bank and have generally avoided hiccups that go with the job in hand.

Fundraising will continue with frequent raffles of East Coast produce such as parengo, wild game, crayfish and imported delicacies such as titi and rotten corn.

In addition, and addressing our members, we are not averse to accepting those kind donations you all promised at the outset to help boost our coffers.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Hamilton at Labour Weekend. Watch this space.

**Colin Moana, Secretary**

#### Brief oral reports were given by branch representatives to the 11 June NEC meeting

**Bill Mayor** from Whangarei said there are members of the alternative Whangarei Malaya Veterans Assn, who are life members of our Association. Given the history he felt a reconciliation was unlikely. [where we know of people such as Bill referred to we ensure they remain on our lists as life

members and so retain access to SELAMAT and NZMVA activities, QStore etc, Ed.]

**Joe Bregman**, VP North Shore Branch said the branch meets every couple of months. It has 10 members including widows and wives and "the ladies are very active". The Branch is not very financial but is trying to recruit.

**Paul "Andy" Anderson**, Secretary Tauranga Branch said the branch meets monthly and is planning a dinner for 5 August. The branch sponsors secondary school prizes, made a substantial donation to the RNZRSA Christchurch Earthquake Fund, and sponsors members attendance at "bona fide" NZMVA gatherings.

**Colin Moana**, Secretary Turanganui Eastland added to his written report. He said the branch has 31 paid up members from the 51 known to reside in the district. Recent welfare successes included getting a former WRAC members, a Singapore veteran, onto a veteran's pension and putting a JForce veteran in touch with his VANZ case manager, Colin said the branch believed in welfare at a local level.

**Terry Bennett** reported on Eastern Bay of Plenty Branch.

He said recent BBQ at Thornton Beach was a success despite crook weather. "The food, the Tiger beer and the company were good and we will be making the BBQ an annual event."

**Trevor Dean** said Manurewa has some 70 to 80 members and meets monthly. The branch has an annual dinner, organises "family" activities and sponsors a netball team. It will also sponsor members going to the Hamilton Reunion

**Mike Cooney** said it's full steam ahead for the Labour Weekend reunion. Everything is on track and the branch is looking forward to the event.

**Ray King-Turner** said Canterbury Branch morale and enthusiasm remain high despite ongoing shakes and damage still being uncovered. Christchurch Central RSA, Sumner and New Brighton are all damaged and out of action. Papanui is functioning as RSA "HQ". With the Square in the "red zone" Hagley Park North was the venue for the city's ANZAC Day commemorations attended by the Governor General, many veterans and crowds of citizens.

"Christchurch remains shaken but not stirred", he said.

#### National Committee Meetings For Remainder of 2011

10 SEPTEMBER MANUREWA  
22 OCTOBER HAMILTON  
(REUNION BGM)  
3 DECEMBER MANUREWA

#### From the Treasurer

Thank you everyone for your promptness in paying your NZMVA national subs for the 2010-11 financial year.

Your diligence meant we kept one step ahead of our creditors and remained in the black! Our financial year ended on 30 June so as you read this it's again time to pay your 2011-12 national subs if you have not already done so. Please keep up the good work and pay promptly.

Remember there is no requirement to pay the \$10 SELAMAT sub if you are financial and access SELAMAT via our website. However, you do need to pay the \$10 if you require a hard copy delivered. Merit life members and complimentary addressees are the exceptions to this rule

Thank you all for your support. I look forward to working with you in the coming year. **Barbara Allison, National Treasurer.**

#### From the Editor

I thought members may be interested in some of the statistics relating to SELAMAT.

But first remember I cannot do a decent job on SELAMAT if I don't get members' contributions. For the current issue I have received just four ANZAC photos from two branches. Also, despite "From the Branches" being a regular column throughout the life of SELAMAT, for this issue I have received just two contributions from our 15 or so branches and a short article and three pics from Rotorua.

Not good enough guys! I cannot do it all by myself. Few contributions means you get mostly what I can gather and whatever I can glean from the Internet.

What can you do about it? Well, for starters all members are encouraged to keep a small digital camera handy. Whenever you are with other veterans take a shot! Just remember photos must be accompanied by the WHO, WHY, WHAT, WHERE & WHEN of what the photo is about!

So come on! Give me a hand! Distribution details for SELAMAT are as follows: as

of 10 June 2011 569 individuals and/or organisations in NZ and overseas had access to SELAMAT by mail or the Internet

Overseas distribution totals 50 addressees comprising 21 mailings of 11 annual members (having paid from one to 12 years), nine life members and five complimentary recipients (one receives four copies).

NZ Distribution figures comprise 329 mailings including 138 paid life; 20 widow complimentary; 18 12-year; six complimentary & legal requirement; five merit life; three co-patrons and one WWII veteran complimentary. The remainder are mainly annual members with several paying from two to 10 years SELAMAT fees in advance.

Because all mailing recipients other than some complimentary and legal requirement addressees, are paying the \$10 annual postage fee (some voluntarily pay much more) we are operating in the black.

Consequently the Committee decision taken last meeting to include colour pages in SELAMAT has been implemented. The first such issue in February this year was widely appreciated.

This issue also has colour front, back and centre pages. Cheers BAZ

## Bonus cartoon space-filler!



Yes Mr Pihao, that was very loud but what I said I was I wanted to hear your heart!

# LOWDOWN



## NO SEX Since 1955!

A crusty old Sergeant Major found himself at a gala event hosted by an art school.

There was no shortage of extremely young idealistic ladies in attendance, one of whom approached him for conversation.

"Excuse me, Sergeant Major, but you seem to be a very serious man. Is something bothering you?" "No miss, I'm just serious by nature."

The young lady looked at the medal ribbons on his tunic and said, "It looks like you have seen a lot of action."

"Yes, miss, I have, the Sergeant Major said."

The young lady, tiring of trying to start up a conversation, said, "You know, you should relax and enjoy yourself." The Sergeant Major just stared at her in his serious manner.

Finally the young lady said, "You know, I hope you don't take this the wrong way, but when is the last time you had sex?" "1955, Miss."

"Well, there you are. No wonder you're so serious.. You really need to chill out! I mean, no sex since 1955! She took his hand and led him to a private room where she proceeded to "relax" him several times.

Afterwards, panting for breath, she leaned against his bare chest and said, "Wow, you sure didn't forget much since 1955."

The Sergeant Major said, after glancing at his watch, "I hope not; it's only 2130 now."

## Southern man!

The General Managers of Tui, DB, Macs, Monteiths & Speights were at a national beer conference and they all decide to go to lunch together.

The waitress asks what they want to drink.

The Tui's man says, without hesitation, "I'll have a Mangatainoka Dark."

The DB bloke smiles and says, "I'll have a DB Export, brewed from pure mountain water."

The GM of Macs proudly says, "I'll have a Macs Gold, the King of Beers."

The Monteiths chap says, "I'll have a Monteiths Pilsner, the cleanest beer on the planet."

The head honcho from Speights glances around at his lunch companions and says, "I'll have a Diet Coke."

The others look at him like he has sprouted a new head.

He just shrugs and says, "Well if you poofers aren't drinking beer, then neither will I!"

## Southern woman!

The lady was a Baptist who attended services and taught Sunday School every week.

One Sunday, an out of town acquaintance, a gentleman, was in the pew right behind her. He noted what a fine looking woman she was.

While they were taking up the collection he leaned forward and said, "Hey, how about you and I having dinner on Tuesday?"

"Why yes, that would be nice," the lady responded. Well, the gentleman couldn't believe his luck. On Tuesday he picked the lady up and took her to the finest restaurant in town. When they sat down, the gentleman looked over at her and suggested, "Would you like a cocktail before dinner?"

"Oh, no thank you," said the lady. "What ever would I tell my Sunday School children?"

The gentleman was set back a bit, so he didn't say much until after dinner, when he pulled out a pack of cigarettes and asked, "Would you like a smoke?"

"Oh my goodness no," said the woman. "I couldn't face my Sunday School children if I smoked!"

The gentleman felt pretty low after that, so they left, got in his car and as he was driving the lady home, they passed the local Holiday Inn. He'd been morally rebuffed twice already, so he figured he had nothing to lose so he ventured forth with, "Ahhh .. Mmmm how would you like to stop at this motel?"

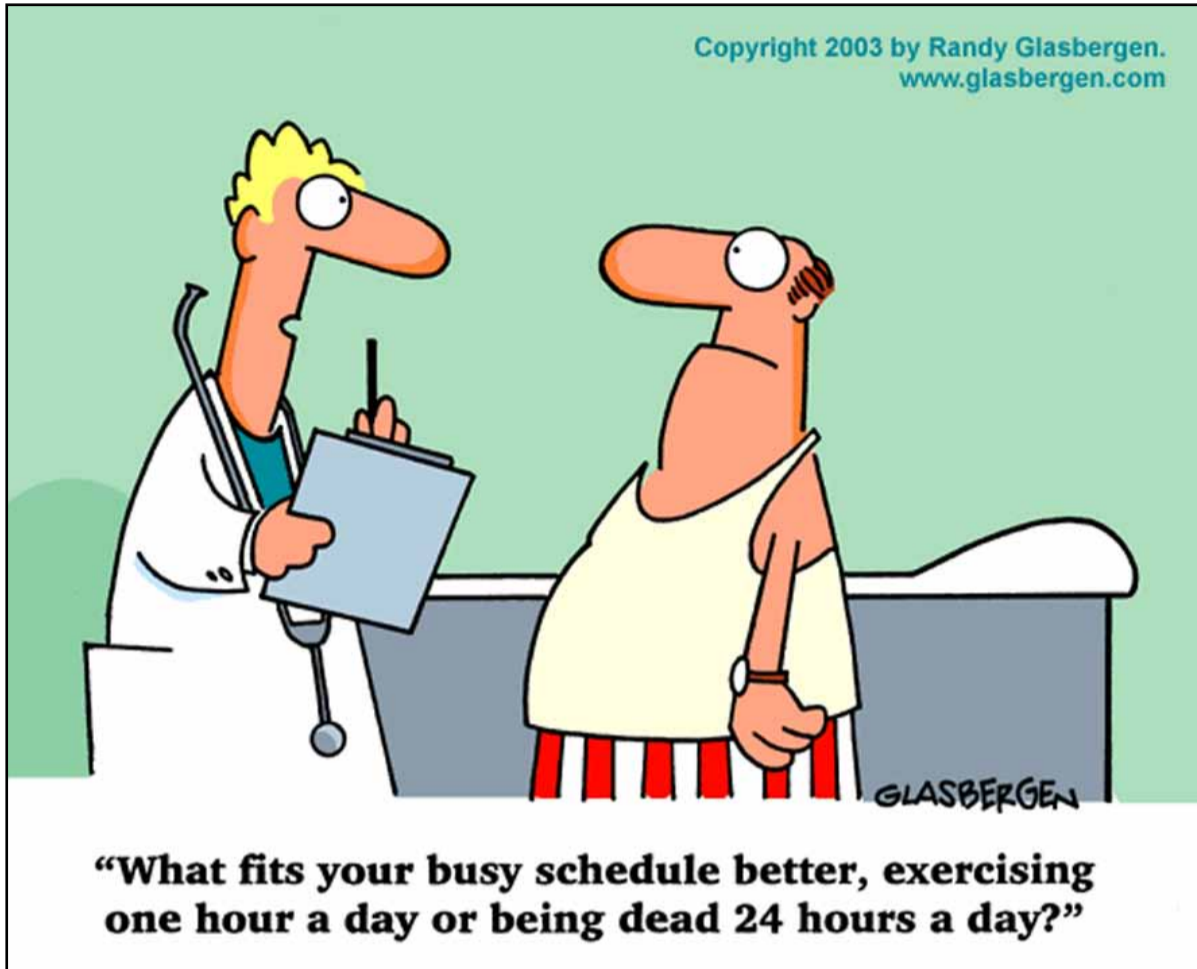
"Sure, that would be nice," she said in anticipation.

The gentleman couldn't believe his ears, and did a fast u-turn right then and there, and drove back to the motel and checked in.

The next morning, after a wild and passionate night of the most incredible sex and perversions imaginable, the gentleman awoke first. He looked at the lovely Dixie darling lying there in the bed and with remorse thought, "What the hell have I done?" He shook her awake and pleaded, "I've got to ask you one thing, whatever are you going to tell your Sunday School class?"

The lady said, "The same thing I always tell them. You don't have to smoke and drink to have a good time!"

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**"What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?"**

## No where to hide!

A drunk woman, stark naked, jumped into a taxi at a Durban Cab Rank. The Indian driver opened his eyes wide and stared at the woman. He made no attempt to start the Cab.

"What's wrong with you Luv, haven't you ever seen a naked woman before .... ?"

"I'll not be staring at you lady, I am telling you, that would not be proper, where I am coming from .....

"Well if you're not bloody staring at me Luvie, what are you doing then .... ?"

"Well, I am looking and looking, and I am thinking to myself, where is this lady keeping the money to be paying me with .....

## This one will kill you

The FBI had an opening for an assassin.

After all the background checks, interviews and testing were done, there were three finalists, two men and a woman.

For the final test, the FBI agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun. "We must know that you will follow instructions no matter what the circumstances. Inside the room you will find your wife sitting in a chair ... Kill her!"

The man said, "You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife." The agent said, "Then you're not the right man for this job. Take your wife and go home."

The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about five minutes. The man came out with tears in his eyes, "I tried, but I can't kill my wife."

The agent said, "You don't have what it takes. Take your wife and go home."

Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given instructions to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room.

Shots were heard, one after another. They heard screaming, crashing, banging on the walls. After a few minutes, all was quiet. The door opened slowly and there stood the woman, wiping the sweat from her brow.

"This gun was loaded with blanks", she said. "I had to beat him to death with the chair."

## Read before you leap!

A woman takes a cabin in a holiday park. Finding herself feeling a little lonely she thought, "I'll call one of those men you see advertised in phone books for escorts and sensual massages."

She looked through the phone book, found a full page ad for a guy calling himself Tender Tony - a very handsome man with assorted physical skills flexing in the photo. He had all the right muscles in all the right places, thick wavy hair, long powerful legs, dazzling smile, six pack abs and she felt quite certain she could bounce a sixpence off his well oiled bum.... You get the picture?

She thought, "What the heck, I'll give him a call."

"Good evening, ma'am, how may I help you?" ... Oh my, he sounded sooo good!

Afraid she would lose her nerve if she hesitated she rushed right in, "Hi, I hear you give a great massage, I'd like you to come to my room and give me one. No, wait, I should be straight with you. I'm in town all alone and what I really want is sex. I want it hard, I want it hot, and I want it now."

"Bring implements, toys, rubber, leather, whips, everything you've got in your bag of tricks. We'll go hot and heavy all night - tie me up, cover me in chocolate syrup and whipped cream, anything and everything, baby. Now how does that sound?"

The man said, "That sounds bloody fantastic, but you need to dial 09 for an outside line."

# What's going on here then?

Hi guys, something a little more recent for you figure out this time. There's one outstanding figure in this photo. Someone you should all know and be able to name. No need to name the others, there's far too many anyway! However we do want the occasion and the date, the year will do! Warwick Michie has commented on the last issue WGOHT, see below right, "April 18/19 1962, southern Malaya, the site of RNZAF Canberra crash from 41 Sqn. B Coy went in to retrieve remains of the navigator, who died in the crash. The soldiers are [from left], Winston Halbert, ,,,??Ranganui, then could be Choc Wineera and Eddie Matchitt. cheers." Colin Ferguson also exercised his memory, "I think the photo published in the December issue, see below, was taken in 1962 during our first ops on the Thailand border. Not too sure but I think from left to right is Rangī (chief) Hapi or Tini Tioke, then Fred Daniel Peter Jones, Ian Lockett and Sam Hohepa all of 8 Pl B Coy 1NZ Regt. I wouldn't be 100 per cent certain, but they mostly resemble faces that I knew well while we were over there. Regards, Colin."



## Soldier's tiger tale from 1959 revised, reprinted

SONS OF THE BRAVE (revised edition), by FRANK BURDETT, illustrated, 260 pages. Available from July 2011 from PETER R. JONES at engraving@lasergraph.co.nz, price, NZ\$24-00 plus p&p.

This excellent book tells the author's tale of his being attacked, mauled and carried off by a man-eating tiger while on deep jungle patrol during the Malayan Emergency. These words from professional tiger hunter Frank Nicholls from Assam, India, who has met Frank Burdett, tell us just how lucky Frank is to survive; "You know Frank those who are attacked by man-eating tigers seldom escape with their lives, let alone get the chance to relate details of the event afterwards."

SONS OF THE BRAVE (revised edition) is reviewed here by BRIG (RTD) MIKE DUDMAN, a former pl comd in Malaya.

"SONS OF THE BRAVE is, first and foremost, a soldier's account of life during the Malayan Emergency whilst serving in the 1st Battalion, NZ Regiment 1957-1959.

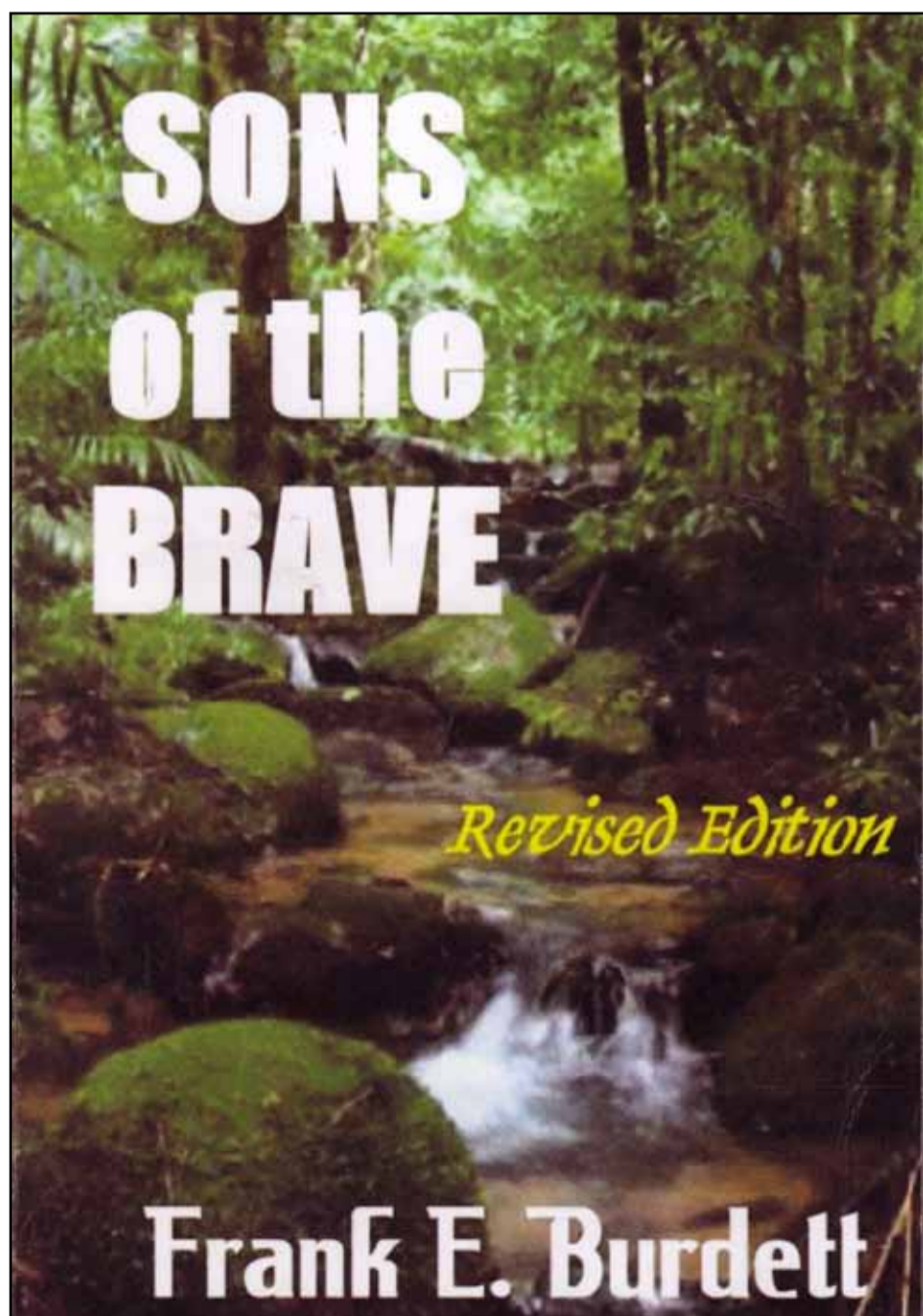
"Frank Burdett is at his best in describing the painstaking efforts required in getting to grips with an elusive enemy in the rugged jungle terrain of northern Malaya. He has a keen eye for detail and you are there with him sharing the sights, sounds and smells of insect, animal and plant life in primary and secondary jungle together with the daily physical toil and grind of an infantryman on patrol in a very enervating environment.

"As a signaller he had the added challenges of making the cumbersome and unreliable radios of the pre-digital era work back to higher HQs. Communications in those days were dependent on the resourcefulness of the signallers.

"He describes the teamwork and coordination that was essential to success at section, platoon and company level alongside the Army and Police Intelligence agencies to bring about the elimination and surrender of communist terrorists. He also makes some interesting observations of the personalities in the Battalion.

"Frank's encounter with a tiger is vividly portrayed alongside his desperate personal efforts, despite being very badly injured, to call up HQs in order to be evacuated by helicopter to hospital. It is a remarkable story of survival in its own right.

"SONS OF THE BRAVE is a very good chronicle of life on operations with 1NZ Regt during the Malayan Emergency."



# Vets in the viewfinder

Right, some of the gang at the Eastern Bay Of Plenty Branch BBQ held in the Thornton Beach Holiday Camp in April. Baz is behind the camera. Others are there somewhere! It was persistently precipitating down outside but most only get wet inside, several dozen Tiger beers going the traditional way. Branch President Baz Porter, far left, did a great job driving the BBQ in producing a great feed for all.



Here's a picture from ANZAC Day 2003 in Tokomaru Bay. On the porch of the Pakiriri Marae whareniui are: (rear) Bob Tikao, Ron Lee, Mike Carmody, Keith Heavey (deceased), Rangi Rickard, John Murray (deceased and Baz. Front from left are MAJ Bill Pike (deceased), Bob Kingsley, Jerry "Poppa" Hautapu (deceased) and Bill Russell.



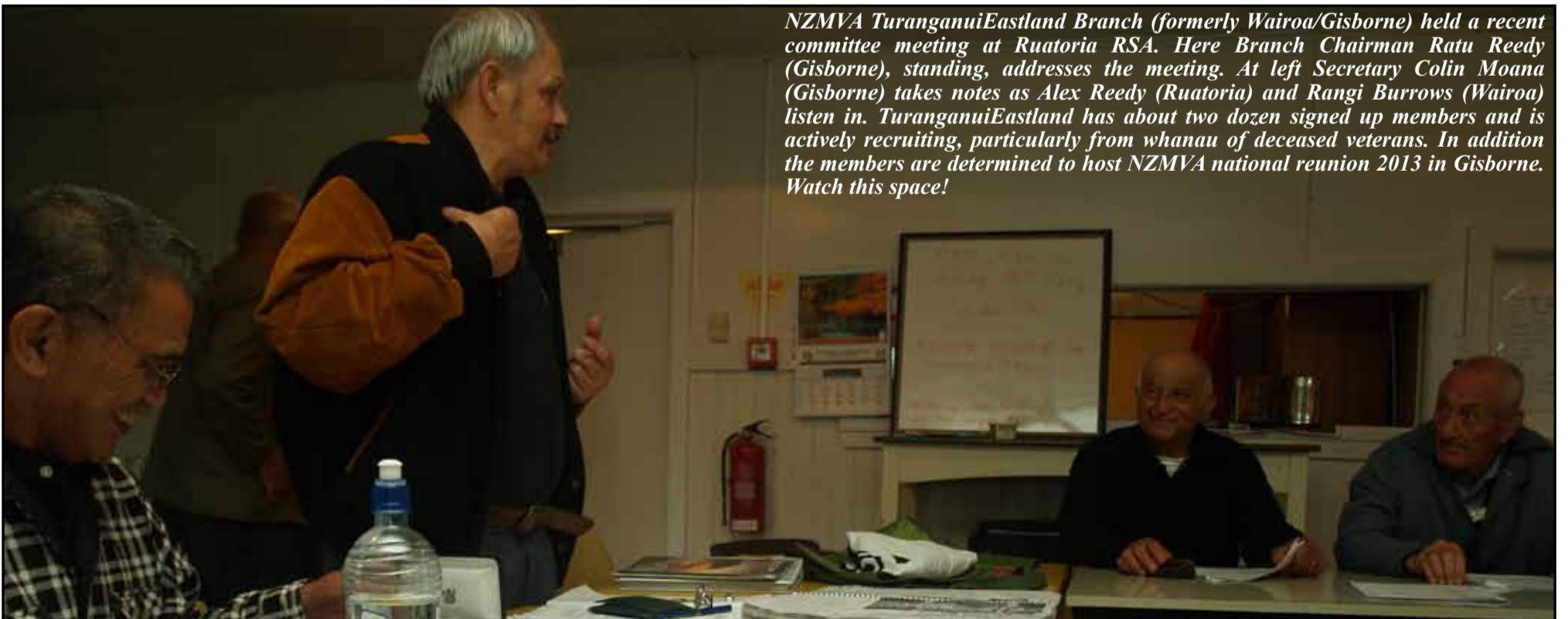
Ces Hawkins, 1NZRegt 1957-59 & 61-63, preparing to lay the NZMVA wreath at the Wanganui Civic service. Unfortunately bad weather forced the observances indoors.



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Veterans line the roadsides as the hearse carrying Doc Swchass's casket arrives for Doc's funeral service!

Above, Tasmania-based NZMVA member, Roger Carter, left, with friends Jimmi Doherty and Annie McCoomb aboard FIDELIS, a 20-metre NZ built classic yacht, which they were about to sail from southern Tasmania, across the notorious Bass Strait and up to Sydney. A devoted "yachtie" Roger recently sold his own 34-footer due to health reasons but keeps his hand crewing in evening and weekend races during the summer. (See a Roger's yarn about the passage on our website [www.malayavets.co.nz](http://www.malayavets.co.nz).)



NZMVA TuranganuiEastland Branch (formerly Wairoa/Gisborne) held a recent committee meeting at Ruatoria RSA. Here Branch Chairman Ratu Reedy (Gisborne), standing, addresses the meeting. At left Secretary Colin Moana (Gisborne) takes notes as Alex Reedy (Ruatoria) and Rangi Burrows (Wairoa) listen in. TuranganuiEastland has about two dozen signed up members and is actively recruiting, particularly from whanau of deceased veterans. In addition the members are determined to host NZMVA national reunion 2013 in Gisborne. Watch this space!

# NZMVA represented at National War Memorial on ANZAC Day



Bill Russell, above, of 1NZ Regt 1961-64 and Petera Wahanui, right, of

IRNZIR 1965-67 show the NZMVA wreath they jointly laid in the National War Memorial Hall of Memories on ANZAC Day. For several years now Bill and Petera have represented the NZMVA at the National ANZAC Day commemorations in Wellington, putting our association and all Kiwi Malaya/Borneo/Singapore veterans on the national stage. Bill said, "It was not possible to get a photo of both of us as it was pouring down and we were huddled in under a tent out of the rain. Then it was greatcoats off and greatcoats on as the rules kept changing! I think we really got a good wreath, created by Toni Farrell proprietor of Bella Bloom Johnsonville Mall."



Snapped during the National Executive meeting on 11 June are, clockwise from front, Bill Mayor (Whangarei), Paul "Andy" Anderson (Tauranga) Ross Cooney (National Vice President); Joe Bregman (North Shore); Joe Panoho (North Shore); Ray King-Turner (National Vice President); Barb Allison (National Treasurer); Terry Bennett (Acting Chair); Hiro Hamilton (National Secretary); Colin Moana (Turanganui Eastland); Sam Carroll (Papakura); Russ Byrne (Tauranga); Trevor Dean (Manurewa); and Nada Byrne (Tauranga). Behind the camera is Baz!



Wanganui veterans, including Malaya Vets, parade indoors with cadets on a rainy ANZAC Day.

## Pearce Battalion veteran honoured



Rocky Devlin in his Hon Colonel uniform.

Pearce Battalion veteran Professor Hon Colonel Martin "Rocky" Devlin's years of endeavour on the Massey University Faculty have resulted in his being made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the 2011 Queen's Birthday Honours announced on 1 June.

Rocky said he was "chuffed" with the honour and hoped it "reflected well on the army, the people I have worked with at Massey University and my family". He felt it particularly recognised his work as the Director of Massey's Master of Business Administration programme. Rocky also thanked all the well-wishers who had telephoned, e-mailed, written or otherwise communicated their congratulations on his award.

Rocky has enjoyed a long army career from 1958 when he was accepted for the Regular Force Cadets. From there he was chosen to attend the two year cadet course at the Royal Military College Sandhurst, in England, which he said "had a huge influence on me".

He graduated into the New Zealand Regiment as a 2LT and soon found himself in Malaya as the PI Comd 7PL, BCoy. The job, he said, was "an interesting and formative experience in how to earn the collaboration and cooperation of your NCOs and soldiers entirely out of your own resources while still retaining their respect".

The best about this time was making many life-long friends, who still gather together today. He felt this was because the "Pearce Battalion" was the last of the "family battalions" where 700 men plus families came together and stayed together for two and half to three years.

Rocky left the RF in 1966 but immediately joined the Territorial Force. He was married raising a family, working full-time, fulfilling his TF obligations and taking four hours of lectures at Canterbury University in the evenings. He graduated with the degree that he felt best suited the management techniques he had learned in the army, namely a BA in Social Sciences.

Rocky's education achieving didn't stop there and neither did his TF career. By 1979 he had attained the rank of LTCOL and was the Commanding Officer, 5th (Wellington, West Coast & Taranaki) Battalion RNZIR, (5WWCT). Having done his time as 5WWCT CO he continued to serve in an advisory group of TF officers, who provided a pool of talent from which to draw exercise and officer selection course directing staff. He finally retired in 1987.

These days he is the Honorary Colonel of 5WWCT, a role he relishes as "a fruitful situation and good position from which to put something back".

So where does the "Rocky" come from? Well, Rocky is the brother of Kiwi rock 'n' roll legend Johnny Devlin, who was himself appointed a Member of the NZ Order of Merit, in 2010. "Not bad for a couple of baggy-arsed railway kids" says Rocky.

Johnny was a smash hit around NZ in the 1950s with Elvis Presley covers, particularly "Lawdy Miss Clawdy", with Rocky in the vocal backing group!

NZMVA members, particularly Pearce Bn veterans, should remember Rocky's unstinting hard work for medal recognition on our behalf resulting in the award of the NZGSM (Warlike) for the Battalion's active service on the Malaya/Thai border.

By BARRY ALLISON

## Rotorua happenings



From left Henare Morehu, Teach and Rahu MacCown, John Trainor, Fran Tomkins and Aidan Donner fly the Malaya Veterans' flag at a Rotorua RSA Market Day. Fran said it was a great day and the first time the Malaya vets had taken part.



Mrs Bev Anaru, the CEO First Sovereign Trust (who prefers not to have his name printed) and Peter Anaru, a foundation member of the NZMVA Rotorua Branch, who was the fore in negotiations with First Sovereign. Peter served in DCoy 1NZ Regt 1955-59 and was awarded a Mention In Despatches for his conduct during a contact with CTs on the main water pipeline into Ipoh in Perak State.

Rotorua Malaya vets participated in two community events recently, firstly a Rotorua RSA Market Day. Branch members involved and helpers had a great time selling wild pork, Malayan curry, cakes and veges. Secondly was the 19 April unveiling of plaques honouring Rotorua's Maori soldiers from the Pioneer Battalion of world War I to the Vietnam War.

Aided by a grant from the First Sovereign Trust and helped by the Muriika Urupa [cemetery] Committee The Te Arawa Returned Services League has upgraded and redeveloped the cemetery site including mounting the plaques.



The Malaya Campaign plaque.

# NZMVA 2011 National Snooker a fun weekend

This year's NZMVA National Snooker tournament, played at Hastings RSA, was a fun event for the veterans who turned up, said Tournament convener Stringy Tuarau.

The 16 competitors, the same number as last year, enjoyed friendly snooker matches played in an atmosphere of camaraderie with a sprinkling of serious competition, Stringy said.

Graeme Sherlock from Manurewa, triumphed after five years of trying to win the trophy. "It's a fabulous competition and it was particularly nice for me to win it here at Hastings as I belonged to this club for many years," Graeme said.

Stringy also said while the tournament was "very, very good" there was plenty of room for improvement in the numbers turning out. He thanked those that fronted up especially the ladies.

Rotorua NZMVA President Peter Gallacher echoed Stringy's sentiments.

"I feel the lack of support for this national event from the membership and the national executive is a poor showing.

Hastings has done an excellent job here but if 13 people had not travelled from Rotorua to participate it would have been a non-event. That would have been a sad state of affairs."



The field assembeled for the pre-play photograph at this year's NZMVA Snooker Tournament. From left are: Tony Deibert (Hobsonville), Bill Stanley (Rotorua), Laurie Oakes (Rotorua), Howard Wilson (Rotorua); John Treanor (Rotorua), Peter Anarua (Rotorua) and Barry Allison (Gisborne). Absent Russ Byrne.

Other finalists were Howard Wilson (Championship runner-up); Championship Plate Baz Allison (winner) and Willie Harvey Williams; the Consolation Prize went to Henare Morehu and Tony Deibert runner-up while Bill Stanley and John Treanor (winner) battled out the

Consolation Plate.

A brief meeting was held to decide next year's venue following the prize-giving.

Options on the tables were Manurewa, Hastings and Gisborne. It was quickly decided that Gisborne will host the 2012 tournament. Let's see you there!



A delighted Graeme Sherlock, left, accepts the NZMVA Snooker Trophy from Tournament Convener Stringy Tuarau.



Bill Stanely and John Treanor wish each other good luck before contesting the Consolation Plate final.



Above, the weekend is meant to be about snooker but good mates Tony debeirt and Willy Harvey-Williams always find time for a beer or two!

Left the scene during early rounds of the competition. A kind of "sounding out the opposition" stage.

## When we were young!

Oranje Muir, widow of 2NZRegt veteran Bruce Muir, contributed these pictures. Bruce is at left below and second from right in both pictures at right. His whanau is putting a history book together and Ranje asks for your help to name everyone else in these pics, who are probably all 2NZRegt guys. Replies can be sent direct to Ranje if you know here address, otherwise please send to SELAMAT editor.



# Reunion 2011 update

Reunion Committee Chair Henry Knapp appeals to everyone, "If you intend coming then please register now! We'd much sooner have your money now than later!" National President Len Knapp said, "Two milestones will be celebrated at this reunion: 2NZRegt returning

home after two years in Malaya and 1NZRegt returning for a second tour 1961-63.

"Make an effort. Be at Reunion2011 and join with the guys from these battalions in celebrating.

"Act now, send in

your registrations. As an encouragement, the date by which you qualify for a refund of your full registration has been extended to 31 August.

"All venues and entertainment are booked. The reunion dinner will be

at the Verandah on the Lake; maximum seating 230. Secure your place and register now! Receipts will be included in your registration packs."

REGISTRATION FORM	
New Zealand Malayan Veterans' Association (Inc) National Reunion, Hamilton RSA 21-23 October (Labour Weekend) 2011	
Veteran or Widow full name, nickname & service no. _____ _____	
Partner full name _____ _____	
DoB _____	
Service: Navy    Army    Air Force (circle one)	
Ship/Unit/Sqn _____	
Branch/Pl/Coy _____	
Where/when/served _____	
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Please find enclosed \$100 per head FULL registration: total _____	
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(Important: Don't send cash or money orders! Pay by cheque or deposit payment into Account 031564 006 1049 00, Malayan Veterans' Assn Waikato, in person or by telephone banking using your name and initials and Reunion2011 as key words.	
Register in full before 01/07/11 and go into a draw to win back your fee. Please note all registration fees including any balance owing on deposits must be paid not later than 31 August 2011)	
Signed _____	
If you require transport from/to the airport, bus or train please advise your arrival/departure times and details here including flight numbers:-	
Please complete as required and send to: <b>NZMVA Reunion2011 Waikato PO Box 10487 Te Rapa Hamilton</b>	
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For all reunion motel bookings please call <b>Tony &amp; Trish Wood Gardena Court 07 838 1769</b> or e-mail <a href="mailto:stay@gardena.court.co.nz">stay@gardena.court.co.nz</a> , who have volunteered to coordinate all reunion accommodation needs.	
Please contact me if you have any questions	
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Please find enclosed my remittance for \$ _____ : _____ being payment for:    NZMVA 12 year sub NZMVA Annual sub SELAMAT sub (Please cross out what you're NOT paying)
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I herewith apply for memberships of the NZ Malayan Veterans' Association and I agree to abide by the rules of the said association.
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# OBITUARIES

## 30267 MAJ (retd) William George (Bill) PIKE, M.I.D (MAJ Bill) - 25 Bn 2NZEF Italy, 1NZ Regiment 1961-63 Malaya

**M**AJ Bill Pike, a much-loved and loyal member of the NZMVA and the last surviving company commander from 1NZRegt 1961-64, the Pearce Bn, passed away at Eventhorpe Home & Hospital Hamilton, on 26 March, aged 88.



*SGT Bill Pike during WWII*

His funeral service was at the Hamilton Park Crematorium Chapel on 1 April.

About 200 attended, including some 60 Malaya veterans many of whom had served with MAJ Bill in the Pearce Bn when he was OC B Coy.

MAJ Bill was accorded the honour of a military funeral supported by 2nd Logistics Battalion from Linton, with a gun carriage, Land Rover, driver and attendant and the 6th (Hauraki) Battalion Group which sent its RSM, a firing party and a bearer party.

Hamilton RSA provided a bugler while Defence Chaplain Mike Subritzky led the service.

A white hearse delivered MAJ Bill to Hamilton Park Cemetery where the army bearers placed his coffin on the gun carriage for a slow march to the chapel.

Veterans marched in the cortege as did members of MAJ Bill's family including



*MAJ Bill Pike's funeral cortege makes its way through Hamilton Park Cemetery.*

his sons John and Ross and his sisters Euna and Geraldine.

John delivered his father's eulogy saying the service was the "celebration of the life of a soldier and a father through the eyes of his son". [John's entire speech and a complete set of funeral photographs are on our website [www.malayavets.co.nz](http://www.malayavets.co.nz) - Ed.]

John said MAJ Bill served with 25 Battalion in Italy during World War II and is twice mentioned in the Battalion's Official History, the second mention outlining his actions at the Senio River where his platoon commander was killed and SGT Pike took command of the platoon thus earning a Mention in Dispatches, duly reported in the London Gazette.

MAJ Bill stayed in the army after the war serving in Timaru, Papakura, Burnham, Malaya, Trentham and Napier

from where he retired.

He was a formidable sportsman playing representative cricket, soccer and golf. winning Army and Combined Services sports pockets.

John thanked 1NZRegt people he said had played

an important part in MAJ Bill's life including Sam Noon and Peter Jones and their families.

He closed with, "If there was a last word Dad would want me to say it would probably be, 'Fergusson, Wiki I am still watching you'."

Other speakers included Ross Pike, Sam Noon, Peter Jones and Trevor Slipper, who read a message from Rusty Taylor. Rocky Devlin also sent a message.

MAJ Bill was afterwards remembered

*Right, MAJ Bill steps it out at Whenuapai in January at the 50th anniversary celebrations of the establishment of 1NZRegt 1961-64. This event turned out to be MAJ Bill's last appearance at a Malaya veterans' gathering.*



in the Hamilton RSA where mourners enjoyed a drink or two, finger food and refreshments and viewing items and photographs from MAJ Bill's extensive army career.

*Lest we forget, BARRY ALLISON*

## 31138 WO1 Cecil Max (Doc) SCHWASS MBE – 23 March 1921 – 17 May 2011

**D**oc Schwass has "marched off" for the last time.

Doc died in Queen Elizabeth Hospital Christchurch on 17 May, aged 90.



*Doc in retirement.*

Always remembered as the much-respected RSM of 1NZRegt 1961-64, the Pearce Bn, Doc was accorded a military funeral in Christchurch on 20 May before a private cremation.

His son John Schwass said, "There was a great turn out of vets from the RSA and Dad's Malaysian Battalion. Probably about 80-90 veterans, all wearing their medals. I am glad it wasn't held on a ship otherwise the weight of the medals would have sunk it!"

"It looked spectacular when the vets and serving military formed an honour guard each side for the hearse to drive through. All of this happened while the military party formed a firing party, bugler and lowered and raised the flag whilst the Last Post and Reveille

were played. We thank the military for their input – it was exactly like Dad wanted."



*Doc when RSM 1NZRegt (3NZDiv) and then in Italy (2NZDiv).*

He held nine RSM posts during his long and distinguished career but was most proud of his role in the contingent NZ sent to London for the 1953 coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Doc is best known to soldiers of our generation as the respected RSM 1NZRegt 1961-64. A stickler for good drill he had the Bn performing as probably the best unit on the parade ground that NZ has ever produced.

But there was more soldier to Doc than that post. His army service began prior to WWII as a TF member of the Nelson Marlborough Regt followed by active service in the Pacific



*Senior soldiers of Doc's era at his funeral service.*

He retired in 1971 as Christchurch Army Area RSM. He gained the sobriquet "Doc" in his youth in Nelson when he turned up for rugby training and matches carrying his gear in a Gladstone Bag; a type of hold all in those days favoured by NZ doctors.

"Here comes the Doc" was said and the name stuck for over 60 years.

Doc is survived by his wife Nell, his son Bill, daughter-in-law Paula, grandchildren Max and Josie and great-grand daughter Natalia.

*Lest we forget, BARRY ALLISON*

## 554408 PTE JIM PERRY, 2 JUNE 1940 - 29 APRIL 2011

**J**im Perry's last battle ended on 29 April when he succumbed to cancer, months after doctors told him he had but days left!

Jim died as he had lived basically doing things his way! He was a stand out, larger than life character in the army veteran community, particularly Malaya veterans and he will be remembered.

His tangi and funeral service, led by Anglican Archdeacon Dr Hone Kaa, were held at Te Pouherenga Waka Marae and Church in Mangere on 2 May. Many of Jim's teaching and broadcasting colleagues attended as did about 120 veteran comrades.

Jim was accorded an RSA funeral and laid to rest in the service section of the Manukau Memorial Gardens.

Archdeacon Kaa, a lifelong friend of Jim, also gave the eulogy describing Jim as "a man of his word".

NZMVA National Secretary Hiro Hamilton said, "Jim's funeral was well attended by over 120 veterans the Church was packed out and many standing outside. Radio Watea and



*Jim Perry during the Merdeka tour to Malaysia by NZ Malaya veterans in 2007. Jim said the tour was the highlight of his many years of involvement with Malaya Veterans' affairs.*

Maori TV [Jim broadcast for both] were in attendance. The weather, although raining, didn't dampen things. Six went from Gisborne, Ratu Reedy, Puke Peawini, Eddie Naden, Theo Marama, Colin Moana and myself."

Jim joined the army in 1963. His early service was in Burnham before going to Malaysia with 1NZRegt (soon to become 1RNZIR) and active service on the Malaysia-Thai border, Pontian in Peninsular Malaysia and Borneo

A man of many parts Jim was a husband, father, uncle, teacher, actor, broadcaster, union politician, soldier and veteran advocate. In particular he served Malaya veterans for many years, beginning in the 1960s with the Ex Malayan Servicemens' Association and serving through several name changes as national secretary, national president and newsletter editor. He said the Malaysia 07 Tour was the highlight of his long membership in our Association.

Jim was unafraid to speak out, regardless what persons of rank were in the audience. I remember him on his feet

at RNZRSA national council gatherings, always beginning with, "Jim Perry, New Zealand Malayan Veterans' Association". I may not have always agreed with Jim's opinions but I always admired the guts he showed in expressing them openly.

Jim spent his life fighting battles, mostly on behalf of other people and was in the forefront of an eight-year fight to get war pensions for Malaya veterans. He has fought his last fight and had the last word, "I've enjoyed every minute of it and wouldn't have missed it for quids," he said from his hospital bed.

Jim is survived by his wife Bev and their children James, Hinearangi, Joleen and Karl.

*Lest we forget, BARRY ALLISON*

**E hara kua tuohu koe ki to maunga ko Hikurangi, o hononga ki Mahaki hoki, no reira Tumatauenga moe mai. (At last you have rightly bowed to your mountain Hikurangi be that as it may, to your Mahaki connections; soldier on oh warrior of Tumatauenga.)**



# The Last Post



They shall grow not old as we who are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them



E kore ratou e koreheketa, penei i a tatou kua mahue nei,  
E kore hoki ratou ngoikore, ahakoa pehea i nga ahuatanga o te wa.  
I te hekenga atu o te ra, tae noa ki te aranga mai i te ata,  
ka maumahara tonu tatou ki a ratou.

V546913 ASFORD RG	1RNZIR Singapore	19/01/11	FEILDING
40890 BRUMELL FG (Gerry)	1RNZIR 1963-67 Malaysia, W1 SVN	07/05/11	BRISBANE
552080 BURNS RM (Bob)	1NZ Regt 1957-59 Malaya,	02/03/11	GISBORNE
CJX406411/37788 CLARKE W (Bill/Nobby)	RN WWII, 1NZRegt 1957-59 Malaya	22/04/11	AUCKLAND
39367 GEORGE MM (Joe)	2NZ Regt 1959-61 Malaya	07/06/11	PALMERSTON NORTH
GILBERD AJ V629092	1RNZIR Malaya	27/02/11	PALMERSTON NTH
38870 HADDON NTeW	2NZRegt 1959-61 Malaya,	31/03/11	WANGANUI
475244 GWYNNE R (Dick)	1RNZIR 1963-65 Malaysia, 161 Bty SVN	10/06/11	WESTERN AUSTRALIA
652935/C34065 HANNA EW (Wally)	27Bn 2NZEF (Japan), 2NZRegt 1959-61 Malaya	09/04/11	CHRISTCHURCH
D480864 HOPA AA	Malaya Vietnam NZA	29/01/11	MANUREWA
594772 JAMES D	RNZIR Malaya	04/03/11	WAITARA
40565 HUNTER T	1RNZIR 1965-67 Malaysia, V2 SVN,	07/04/11	CHRISTCHURCH
41085 JOHNSON IW (Bill)	1RNZIR 1963-65, 1965-67 Malaysia W1, V3 SVN	09/03/11	OPOTIKI
460580 KOPA SH (Sam)	1NZRegt 1957-59, RNZPro	11/03/11	MELBOURNE
NZ16023MCGRATH DH	RNZN Malaya	05/04/11	KATIKATI
530629 MANGHAM HF (Hank)	RNZEME 1952-1981, 1NZRegt 1957-59 Malaya,	03/05/11	OREWA
MORUNGA C	RNZIR Malaya Borneo	08/02/11	HOREKE
349590 NICOLL CT	2NZRegt 1959-61 Malaya	26/02/11	HOKITIKA
825828 O'BRIEN MW (Bill)	2NZRegt 1959-61 Malaya	12/04/11	DUNEDIN
554408 PERRY JI (Jim)	1RNZIR 1963-65 and 1965-67 Malaysia	29/04/11	MANUREWA
30267 PIKE WG (Bill)	25 Bn 2NZEF, 1NZRegt 1961-63 Malaya	26/03/11	HAMILTON
39050 RANGINUI K	1RNZIR 1963-65 Malaysia	17/03/11	SHEPPARTON VIC
647593 ROYAL KG (Kerry)	2NZRegt Malaya	20/06/11	PALMERSTON NORTH
31138 SCHWASS CM (Doc)	WW11 (2NZDiv & 3NZDiv) 1NZRegt 1961-63 Malaya	07/05/11	CHRISTCHURCH
459311 STOREY	1NZRegt 1957-59 Malaya, 1RNZIR 1965-67 Malaysia	04/03/11	CHRISTCHURCH
W43237 TAAFFE PR	Malaya Vietnam NZA	19/03/11	CHRISTCHURCH
A334788 TAUA DK	Malaya Army	21/01/11	PORT WAIKATO
NZ13435 TERRILL RF	RNZN Malaya Korea	01/03/11	WAITARA
E38805 TUHIWAI TH (Tom)	1NZRegt 1961-63 Malaya, 1RNZIR 1967-69 Malaysia, V4 1ATF SVN	9/03/11	HASTINGS
H935003 WARWOOD LR (Les)	RNZIR 1964-1976, RNZAOC 1976-1984, 1RNZIR 1969-71 Malaysia, 1971-73 Singapore, V6 SVN	11/05/11	TIMARU
X785379 D WATSON	1NZRegt/1RNZIR 1963- 66	03/11	BLenheim
889397 WESLEY NB (Bruce)	1RNZIR 1965-67 Malaysia	03/03/11	ASHBURTON

## 889393 PTE BRUCE WESLEY, 26 AUGUST 1939 -

Bruce Wesley passed away on 3 March. His funeral service took place in Ashburton on 7 March and he was laid to rest in the Ashburton New Lawn Cemetery

Fellow members of the NZMVA Mid-South Canterbury Branch Jim Leak and Doug Smith acted as pallbearers while Eru Manuera and Robert Wood delivered eulogies.

Bruce's casket was adorned with his medals and a new



*Bruce the soldier.*

NZMVA Beret.

Bruce served in Peninsular Malaysia and in Borneo with the Poananga Bn 1965-67.

He was a proud and loyal NZMVA member and a foundation member of the Mid-South Canterbury Branch.

He was serving as Branch Vice President at the time of his death and had served as President.

Bruce also represented the Mid-South Canterbury Branch at the NZMVA annual delegates meetings from 2002.

For the past three years he participated in the NZMVA Snooker Tournament. The first to admit he was no great shakes as



*Bruce in later life.*

player he was there to enjoy the comradeship and competition in equal measure, a time he always shared with his wife Claire.

Claire said she and her daughter Sandra thanked all the Malaya vets who had visited or supported them via phone calls, e-mails or mailed cards during the months of Bruce's illness.

"It was all very much appreciated," she said. "And and to those who attended Bruce's funeral I also say a heartfelt thank you."

*Lest we forget,* BARRY ALLISON

## 416975/70140 Air Cdre (ret'd) NELSON HASTINGS BRIGHT OBE RNZAF 16/11/1923 – 25/3/2011



*S/LDR Nelson Bright when CO of 14Sqn RNZAF*

AIR CDRE Nelson Bright passed away in Taupo on 25 March.

A wartime bomber pilot he was de-mobilised from the RNZAF in 1946. He was granted a permanent commission in 1947 and went on to lead No14Sqn RNZAF from 1954-56 on in Cyprus and on operations against communist terrorists (CTs) in Peninsular Malaya.

NZMVA member Ian "Uff" Uffindell, who served in 14Sqn at that time, said, "S/LDR Nelson Bright was CO of 14 Sqn when the unit went to war against the commies (CTs) in the jungles of Malaya in 1955. He was a great CO, a nice bloke and sadly missed when his time was up."

Nelson Bright was born in Auckland and volunteered for the fledgling RNZAF almost immediately after leaving Auckland Grammar. He was accepted for pilot training in January 1942, receiving his initial training in NZ before sailing to Canada to complete his flying training and earn his wings and a commission as pilot officer. Following this training he was seconded to the RAF and posted to RAF Mepal in Cambridgeshire and, as Flying Officer Bright, joined No75 (NZ) Sqn RAF, 3 Group, Bomber Command, completing a tour of 30 operations

in Lancasters over Germany and occupied Europe. He was then posted to No571(Mosquito) Sqn where he began training for "Tiger Force" operations in the Pacific. However, the atomic bombs brought WWII to a close and his wartime service ended. He was "demobbed" on 26 March 1946.

After re-joining the RNZAF Nelson Bright was appointed Acting OC of 75Sqn flying Mosquitos in February 1950. He then took command of 14 Sqn in May 1954, operating Vampire jets from RAF Nicosia in Cyprus. He took 14Sqn to RAF Tengah on Singapore Island in 1955, where it was re-equipped with Venom fighter-bomber (FB1) aircraft and commenced operations against the CTs. He relinquished command of 14Sqn in September 1956.

His continued service in the RNZAF included a stint as CO RNZAF Base Auckland and posts in several planning and staff appointments in NZ and overseas. He attained the rank of Air Commodore and was made an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire before his retirement in November 1978.

AIR CDRE Bright is survived by his wife Joan and twin sons Mark and Paul.

*Lest we forget*

[Major contributor Air Cdre (ret'd) Stu McIntyre]

# Vietnam Army doctor veteran RNZRSA ANZAC of the Year 2011



Lady Susan Satyanand, Governor-General of New Zealand His Excellency Rt Hon Sir Anand Satyanand, Dr Brian McMahon and Don McIver with the RNZRSA ANZAC of the Year Award, a bronze statuette depicting Henderson and the donkey at Gallipoli.

**B**rigadier (Retd) Dr Brian McMahon is RNZRSA ANZAC of the Year 2011.

Speaking during the presentation ceremony RNZRSA National President Don McIver said, "Brian McMahon has exhibited the qualities of comradeship, compassion, courage and commitment throughout his 60 years of service to his fellow citizens, his comrades in arms and those he has served through his activities in overseas aid projects.

"He is a dedicated professional whose commitment and compassion for his fellow servicemen and women and their dependants, for those he has touched in his profession as a doctor, and for those he has touched in aid activities in Vietnam and the Pacific Islands are a matter of public record," Mr McIver said.

Veterans Affairs Minister Judith Collins said Brig McMahon had had a distinguished military career throughout which he displayed a tireless commitment to improving health care for the NZ military and the public. "I congratulate him on this award. He truly embodies the ANZAC qualities," Ms Collins said.

Brig McMahon received his award from Governor General Sir Anand Satyanand in a ceremony at Government House in April.

## NZDSM Update

*Her Majesty The Queen has formally approved the Royal Warrant and design for the New Zealand Defence Service Medal. Images have been publicly released, a grouping of which is seen here. Applications have opened for ex-service members aged 70 and over and medals are being delivered. Further applications will be called for as processing progresses. Regional medal presentations can be arranged by local RSA branches who will have staff available to assist people with applications. Further information can be found on the NZDSM frequently asked questions sheet at <http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz/nzdsmfqs.html> which is being updated regularly in line with questions received through the medals site. The NZDF Medals Office aims to deliver medals as quickly as possible and will be providing frequent updates about the NZDSM Project on the NZDF Medals website.*



## FROM THE QUARTERMASTER'S STORE

**P**ictured here are goods currently available from your Q Store.

The shirts are of a new pattern but not greatly different, the body colours being the same, black and forest green. The collar edging is different and in the black shirt the sleeve edging has gone.

Prices remain the same Polos can be provided to special order in respect

of the medal ribband and sleeve badges. Enquire to the QM.

I recently provided an Air Force veteran with a black shirt, no medal ribbons and only a 75Sq crest on right sleeve.

I offer this "tailor made" service for any combinations members may want.

I will be stocking with shirts for Reunion2011 but you are welcome to

order (and pay) early so securing your shirt which will be posted on request or hand delivered during registration.

The images are (from left): **JERSEY (80/20 PERCENT WOOL/NYLON)** Prices, excluding GST freight, embroidery and postage, range from \$53.48 (S) to \$65.58 (XXXL) This item is expensive to source and is not stocked. Enquire to

QM for the full price for your size. Payment must accompany order. Allow a month for delivery after ordering.

**BLAZER POCKET** \$25 plus \$5.00 packaging & post (P&P); **BERET** \$15.00 plus \$5.00 P&P; **TIE** \$20.00 plus \$5.00 P&P; **CAP** \$14.00 plus \$5.00 P&P;

**BLACK POLO** c/w NZMVA logo, NZDF logo, campaign ribbons, NZRegt badge (right sleeve) and RNZIR badge left sleeve \$70.00.

**GREEN POLO** (no sleeve badges) \$60.00.

Not cheap I know but these are quality shirts with first class embroidery

Not shown are **NZMVA LAPEL BADGES** at \$10 plus \$5.00 P&P; large and small **EMBROIDERED ASSOCIATION CRESTS** and two **SHIRT/WINDBREAKER POCKETS**.

Please use the Q Store order form on P9 when ordering.

Your national treasurer tells me that the Q Store has moved some

\$10000.00 worth of goods over the past two years.

This is only been achieved with great support from members. Support that was evident in Christchurch at Labour Weekend 2010 and again in Papakura in January this year.

Give yourselves a pat on the back men. You look really good in your association gear!

But I would say that wouldn't I? Cheers

**Baz**

