

Reflections on Anzac Day at Gallipoli

R.J. Worswick

[A photograph in *Newsletter 2/2002* showed a group of 11 Australian Army officers at Anzac Cove on 25 April 2001. They had all just been presented with the Australian Services Medal for service with the UN Truce Supervision Organisation in Syria, Lebanon and Israel. It has become the practice for Australian Army officers posted there to so organise their duty and leave that they are able to gather for Anzac Day at Anzac and for the medals to be presented in that place. What follows is an account of the visit on that occasion. Ed.]

If you have not been to Gallipoli for Anzac Day, you must do it. While serving as a UN observer in the Middle East during 2001, I had the very good fortune to visit Turkey, and participate in the Anzac Day ceremonies at Gallipoli. I hope to share a few of my recollections, and perhaps provide a few tips for those contemplating a visit to Gallipoli in the future.

The pilgrimage to Anzac Cove is an annual ritual for many young Australians. In some ways, it is a little like salmon swimming upstream, or birds migrating north in the winter. In the week or two prior to Anzac Day, Australian and New Zealand backpackers travelling throughout Europe begin converging on Turkey, joining those who have come directly from Australia, or elsewhere, for the Anzac Day ceremonies. The hostels and hotels of Istanbul are full of Aussies and Kiwis and nearly every hostel or travel agent has posters advertising tours to Gallipoli for Anzac Day.

About three or four days before Anzac Day, most of the pilgrims begin arriving in Canakkale, directly across the Dardanelles from Gallipoli, and the nearest major town offering accommodation. It is also the point of departure for the ferry that crosses the Dardanelles, providing access to the Gallipoli peninsula. We made our travel arrangements about six months prior to Anzac Day, but even that was not enough to secure us accommodation in Canakkale, which proved to be slightly inconvenient on Anzac Day. (Tip No. 1 – book your accommodation early.)

Most tourist groups usually spend the day or two prior to Anzac Day looking around the Gallipoli peninsula, touring the battlefields. Before Anzac Day is the time for this, not on the day. It is possible to follow the advance of our forebears who scrambled ashore at Anzac Cove and fought their way inland. Doing so gives a true appreciation of what confronted the Anzacs and brings meaning to place names such as The Nek, Shell Green and Lone Pine. In a few places I wandered off the path into the scrub and literally found myself in the old trenches. There are many tour guides leading groups over the peninsula. If I had my time again, I would do more research of the

campaign before arriving, and spend more time exploring the peninsula and its battlefields. We found the amount of detail provided by our guide may have satisfied the average tourist, but not those who wanted to gain a thorough appreciation of the tactical and operational aspects of the campaign. (Tip No. 2 – research the campaign and major battles before you get there.)

For those attending the dawn service, Anzac Day actually starts at about 10pm the day before. It is at this time you have to board your coach, make your way to the ferry at Canakkale and, after crossing the Dardanelles, drive to Anzac Cove. There are literally hundreds of coaches full of tourists, each jostling for one of the limited positions on each of the ferry trips across the Dardanelles. Once on the Gallipoli peninsula the sheer number of coaches overwhelms the road system. The net result is that you spend quite a lot of time in your coach trying to get to Anzac Cove. The journey from Anzac Cove to Lone Pine for the Australian memorial service is also slow – be prepared for this. (Tip No. 3 – leave early as this pays dividends when it comes to getting to each of the Anzac Day activities.)

The dawn service itself is amazing – well worth any inconvenience you have experienced getting there. It is a very moving experience, as is the Australian memorial service at Lone Pine later in the morning. I do not think there was a dry eye among the 15,000 attendees. I found the large proportion of young Australians in attendance both pleasantly surprising, and reassuring. I was also surprised to see a few familiar faces among the crowd, including the Commandant of the RMC during my time at the College (Brigadier Curtis). [See also the photograph on page 13 *Newsletter 1/2002*] For those who wish to attend the New Zealand memorial service at Chunuk Bair (usually about an hour after the Lone Pine service), getting there can be difficult unless your guide and driver are seasoned veterans of the gridlock on the roads. If you're up to it, it is about four km along the road, although it is an uphill walk. (Tip No. 4 – you may need to walk a little way during the day so wear walking shoes.)

Being at Gallipoli for Anzac Day is one of the most memorable experiences of my travels through the Middle East. Judging by the sentiments of the many young Australians (and New Zealanders) who were also there, it was also the highlight of their travels. It is an experience not to be missed.

Major R.J. Worswick entered the RMC from the ADFA on 22 January 1991 and graduated on 10 December 1991 into the Royal Australian Infantry Corps. His first posting was to 1 Bn The Royal Australian Regiment in Townsville in time for its deployment to Somalia. He is presently a student at the Australian Command and Staff College, Weston Creek. This is his second contribution to the Newsletter.

The RMC 1st XV of 1962

An Epilogue

Ralph Porter

“Forty years on when afar and asunder, parted are those who are singing today when we look back and forgetfully wonder what we were like in our work and our play....”

I can certainly look back over 40 years with some remarkably clear images of the RMC 1st XV of 1962, and I am sure all the members of that splendid team will be able to do the same. David Wilkins very kindly included me in a request to contribute to an article which he had under-taken to write on **The Dent Cup – 40 Years On** and which has now been covered admirably in *Newsletter 2/2002*. Instead I would now like to follow up David's article with an epilogue giving my reflections on that year as the coach.

It was with considerable pride, tempered with some anxiety in 1962, that I took over the responsibility for rugby as a code and as coach of the First XV. I had however the good fortune to have coached RMC II the year before, and this team had done extremely well in the First Division of the ACT Rugby Union. Thus although we had a new and young team, I did have the benefit of not only the nucleus of the 1961 First XV, but also the best of RMC II from that year. Nevertheless, I was only too well aware of the improving talent, not to mention the size and weight, of the other teams in the First Division. It should be noted that by the 1960s the standard of rugby in the ACT had improved considerably with the influx of talent among the workforce for the 'Snowy Mountains Scheme' and the general population increase in Canberra. This became manifest in the strength and membership of the local clubs. It would be fair to say that the rugby writers in the ACT did not give the RMC much of a chance of retaining the Dent Cup. So the future for me represented a great challenge. We had however several pluses in our fitness, speed, and an understanding and confidence amongst our team squad of each other's abilities, together with – to use this modern term – a tremendous bonding. It was upon these qualities that I strove to build the essentials of our game and tactical play.

From the start I stressed the importance of the basic essentials of the game – ball handling skills, sound tackling and cover defence, maintaining possession, and speed to a breakdown in play. I also stressed that tries were scored by wingers and that it should be the aim of backline play to get the ball quickly to the wings. Generally speaking I think we achieved all these basics and very soon the commentators were describing, *the excellence of the RMC backline and the exhilarating fast and effective forwards who hunted as a pack*.

We commenced our season with the challenge of playing Royals at Ainslie Oval on Saturday 7 April, which we won, and this gave all of us the added confidence that we could stamp our mark on the ACT Competition. We trained hard, had long sessions to discuss all aspects of our game, and on Sunday, following the Saturday game, my family

entertained all the squad for coffee and other delights at our married quarter in Vowles Rd.. These social occasions greatly helped in the bonding of the team. Of course during the season we had our moments when, well in the lead at the end of the first 40 minutes, for completely unexplainable reasons, our concentration lapsed, we went off the boil, and very nearly lost the game. On these occasions I found it best not to take morning coffee in Duntroon House on the following Monday as without fail the CGS would turn up and, with the Commandant, hold a post mortem on the First XV performance the previous Saturday. I had great support from my Captain, K.P. (Pat) Murphy (1962) and all the team and could not have wished for a more determined and cohesive team to coach. Pat was an exceptional Captain who led the team with quiet determination and example. He was an outstanding front rower. Sadly he passed away in July 2002.

The rugby season also gave RMC I the chance to travel to Sydney on two occasions. The first was to play the annual game against Hawkesbury Agricultural College (HAC). I was, with the help of some friends at court, able to schedule this as the main curtain-raiser to the second test – Australia v NZ – at the Sydney Cricket Ground, on 4 June. The RMC/HAC game was a great spectacle of running rugby which RMC won 19-12; and, I might add, in complete contrast to the Test which was won by NZ, but in a very boring way. In those days international rules allowed the ball to be kicked into touch on the full outside the 25 yard line, and this allowed the All Blacks to kick their way up the field and well inside the Wallabies 25. From there the ball would rarely go past the five-eighths before it was returned to the forwards, who would then score from a rolling maul, or from a forward charge. Although NZ had a significant lead after 40 minutes, the pattern of play was not changed throughout the game. Effective, but hardly exciting rugby. I subsequently raised this with Wilson Whineray, the NZ captain. He agreed that the RMC game was sparkling rugby, but excused the boring style of rugby from the All Blacks on the grounds that no NZ Captain could afford to lose a game!

I was also able to arrange for the All Blacks to stay at RMC for three days prior to playing their game against Southern NSW on 11 June. The highlight of this visit was the training run we enjoyed against the All Black side on our No 1 Oval, and which included a few tactical tips, including the line-out move termed 'Willie Away'.

Our second trip to Sydney was to play the Army's 1st Division rugby side at Victoria Barracks, which was also won by our speed and fitness, not to mention excellent attacking moves by our backs. These two wins gave the team a great fillip to excel for the remaining matches of the ACT competition.

David Wilkins has described at length the course of the Grand Final, and I will not attempt to traverse this again, except to say that our well-rehearsed tactical moves fortuitously suited the wet day.

All our hard work and determination paid off with this great win, and the team can rightly, in the words of the old *Harrow School Song* look back with pride over **forty years**, talk about their great feats and, in particular, winning the ACT Premiership for 1962. I am both honoured and proud to have been associated with the team and to be able to write this epilogue as my tribute to a really great XV who upheld all the fine traditions of this splendid game.

Colonel R.K.G. (Ralph) Porter entered the RMC on 24 February 1943 and graduated on 12 December 1944 into the Royal Regiment of New Zealand Artillery. He returned to the RMC in January 1960 as the New Zealand Officer and Instructor in Artillery and Nuclear Support until 13 December 1962 during which time he coached both cricket and rugby. In May 1980 he retired from the New Zealand Army as the NZ Army Liaison Officer and Deputy Head NZ Defence Staff, NZ High Commission, Canberra. Just before his retirement, on Major General Morrison's request, he agreed to become a member of the Development Council that guided the establishment of the fledgling Duntroon Society and has been the Convener of the NZ Branch ever since. His first contribution was in Newsletter 1/2001.



At the Canberra Airport. From the left: Two ACT Rugby Union officials, Mr Ron King the All Black Manager, the author & the NZ High Commissioner, Mr Johnson.

Fifty Years On

From late January to early February 1949, 53 youngsters marched into the RMC; 43 Australians and 10 New Zealanders. On 9 December 1952, 39 graduated, 32 as lieutenants in the Australian Regular Army and seven as lieutenants in the New Zealand Army. By the time they retired one was a general, three were major generals, including the NZ Chief of the General Staff, four were brigadiers, ten were colonels and one was a RAAF group captain.

Fifty years after that defining time in their lives, 17 of the Class, together with one widow and 14 family members, gathered at the RMC to commemorate it. The main events in the programme were the Ecumenical Church Service in the Anzac Memorial Chapel of St Paul, tree planting adjacent to the original Badge Gates, the Reunion Dinner and, on Tuesday 10 December, the RMC Graduation Parade followed by morning tea in the gardens of Duntroon House. Those still in Canberra on Tuesday

night attended a Christmas dinner at the Woden Valley Sub-branch RSL. A highlight was the production by A.W. (Alex) Reynolds of *Reunion 2002 Biographics* from the contributions provided by those present and a number of Classmates who were unable to attend.

For a Class that is not in the habit of holding frequent meetings, it was a very nostalgic experience. This was brought to a head during the Graduation Eve Dinner in the perfect setting of the Conservatory of Duntroon House, when A.T. (Tony) Hall as the MC, invited all Class Members to say a few words. Next day, at the Parade, every one of us would have given his right arm to have been on the Square, even with the toy rifles that the staff cadets now carry. The dinner at Woden Valley RSL provided a fitting informal finale to a memorable few days.

There are now moves for a final get together in New Zealand before advancing years require us to ground arms.

Fire

Saturday, 18 January 2003 is a date that those then in the ACT and the surrounding country will never forget. There would be few, if any, of the readers of the Newsletter who are not aware of the awesome firestorm that developed near to, and then in to, parts of Canberra that day. Nothing like that fire colossus has been seen here before, or in very few other places for that matter. Its devastating effects may, however, have obscured the fact that the fight against the original fires which led to that conflagration had been burning for about two weeks before that fateful day and then had continued for about two weeks after it.

As in the past, Duntroon assisted in the sometimes desperate fight against these fires. These days though, requests for such assistance do not go to the Commandant of the RMC. During recent years a series of Defence reorganisations have led, inter alia, to the creation within the Defence Department of a Corporate Services and Infrastructure Group. In effect all of the buildings in Duntroon, the grounds, transport, accommodation, the ranges and all the other housekeeping is now the responsibility of that Group. The Manager of the Duntroon site is the authority that deals with such requests. Fortuitously, the current Manager, Mr Ian Boyd, had previously served at the RMC in four Army postings and retains a long-felt empathy with Duntroon.

During the emergency his organisation provided accommodation and some meals in the soldiers' barracks for about 100 firefighters as well as transport for shuttling personnel and materiel for the fire fighting operations including, for example, the complete evacuation of a nursing home that was threatened. Many Public Service members of the Group volunteered for longer duty hours to help where they were badly needed. Additionally, 17 Construction Squadron, RAE was deployed to the ACT and, although its sappers were accommodated at HMAS Harman, their heavy equipment was parked within the RMC grounds.

Fortunately, nothing of the RMC infrastructure, including the ranges, was damaged.

Establishment of OCS Portsea Web Site

Three members of the OCS Class of December 1967, R.A. (Rob) de Haas, M.J. (John) Edwards and P.D. (Paul) Asbury (the Class Orderly in Duntroon parlance), are developing a web site for OCS Portsea ex-students and staff. Originally the concept was to design the site for their own Class but such a design lent itself to being easily expanded to incorporate other Classes. Of all the many Classes from the OCS, relatively few maintain contact within the Class let alone with other Classes. Further, as they have a registered domain of ocsportsea.com it seemed fitting to design for the whole School. It is not an association or a society but more an alumni site. Once developed it will rely mainly on its members to populate or use it. All Members of the Duntroon Society are welcome to use it should they wish to do so.

The site is at <http://www.ocsportsea.com>

Kim Morrison

M.P.R. (Babe) Lemercier

As Class Orderly, Staff Cadet J. (John) Brooke (1948) rode the orderly bicycle* towards the C Company lines and, when just past the RMC Hospital, called out to me, *Wanna lift? OK. How's it going and where are you going? I have to take some bumff** to C Coy.* He stopped – I placed my bottom on the carrier behind the saddle and we rode off towards C Coy. In effect I was riding side saddle.

As we reached the married quarter occupied by Major Kim Morrison, he appeared, stepped out on to the road and ordered, *Stand Fast!* John Brooke had quick reflexes and did so. I hopped off, stood stiffly to attention, saluted and said, *Sir!*

Major Morrison asked, *And what are you doing Brooke with an Army bicycle?*

I'm the Class Orderly Sir, was the reply.

But what are you doing with the Army bicycle Brooke?

The Class Orderly gets to ride it to deliver messages and things, Sir!

What are you delivering?

Papers, Sir, said Brooke.

Then what is the passenger doing on the duty bicycle Brooke?

I was giving him a lift, Sir!

What?? A lift on an Army bicycle? You can each have an extra drill!!

Sir, I said. *Would you please tell us the offence?*

Of course. A pause, then with a twinkle in his eye, *Overloading an Army vehicle.*

What a sense of humour. John Brooke and I were not happy at the time, but we later saw the funny side of this little vignette.

* A khaki-painted and Army-registered bicycle with a carrier frame which could carry small parcels etc and used by the orderly to run messages for the Duty Officer.

** Papers, documents, etc.

Lieutenant Colonel M.P.R. Lemercier entered the RMC in 1946 and graduated in 1948. His first article appeared in Newsletter 1/2002. The subject was RMC Rugby and he has more contributions in the pipeline.

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60 Years On

The RMC Class that graduated on 14 December 1942 celebrated the 60th anniversary of that day with a reunion in Canberra during 8-10 December 2002. Included in their programme was a visit to the Australian War Memorial (AWM) where the guide was the Director of the AWM, Major General S.N. (Steve) Gower (1961). One of the 1942 Class, Dr A.J. deB. (Jim) Forbes, when Minister for the Army in 1961 and whose father A.M. Forbes was the first BSM, had the pleasure of handing over his father's Sword of Honour to BSM Gower on the 1961 Graduation Parade.



At the War Memorial on 9 December 2002. Members and supporters of the Class of 1942 as part of their 60th Anniversary Reunion activities.

From the left: B.A. (Bruce) Andrews, J.W. (Jim) Norrie, Pat Andrews, Helen Norrie, W.J.S. (Stu) Gordon (Class Orderly), Leslie Simkin, M.B. (Max) Simkin, Margaret Forbes, A.J.deB (Jim) Forbes, Francis Keatinge & R.H. (Dick) Keatinge.



The Class of 1942 presented a painting of Duntroon House to the RMC as part of their reunion activities. It is a view that has not been seen except by the very early graduates and staff and those of the very recent years since the hedge was demolished for replanting. The painting is as shown in this photograph.

Letters to the Editor

From Lieutenant Colonel R.E.P. Cowley (1955)

A couple of articles in *Newsletter 2/2002* have prompted me to write. The first is that on Brigadier Paley, and the second is about the visit to Duntroon by Michelle Graham, the great-grand daughter of Major General Sir William Bridges.

I recall an incident in 1955 involving Brigadier (then Major) Paley at Duntroon on which I look back with affection. One day I was on my way to tennis and was fully kitted out in the usual tennis gear including tennis racquet. I passed Major Paley and the conversation went something like this.

Good afternoon, sir.

Hullo, Cowley, where are you going?

To play tennis, sir

Oh, very good, carry on.

He walked on a few paces and then turned round and said,

I say, Cowley

Yes sir

What you should have said is, I am going down a bloody coal mine, you fool.

With regard to Michelle Graham's family history visit to Duntroon, I would like to give the RMC Archives a copy of the June 2000 issue of the *Journal of the Moruya and District Historical Society* which contains an article on General Bridges' mother-in-law, who was also my great grandmother. Although I have not been able to find any evidence that she ever met General Bridges, her story is part of the Bridges' family history and, indeed, she was a remarkable woman in her own right.

It was only recently that I managed to locate her unmarked grave at Rookwood and, with another great-grandchild (from a different marriage), we were proud to place a plaque on her grave showing the basic details of her life and the fact that she was a pioneer school teacher at Queanbeyan.

Profile of the Corps of Staff Cadets

Current strength (20 May 2003)	309
First Class	62
Second Class	145
Third Class	99
Brunei	1
Fiji	6
New Zealand	2
Phillipines	2
Papua New Guinea	10
RAAF	12
Singapore	1
Thailand	1
ADFA Graduates	65
ADFA Transfers	11
Married	42
Females	35
Cadets with previous military experience	62

In addition to those at Duntroon the number in training in University Regiments is approximately 540.

Jock Irvine's Painting of Tighnabruaich

P.M. Arnison

During 1991 when Barbara and I were living at *Tighnabruaich* I was very much taken by that wonderful old house and also by the history of it that had been written by Julie Clunies-Ross. I noted that the house was built in 1892 and decided that *Tighnabruaich's* centenary year, 1992, should not go unmarked. It was also interesting to see that the Army's occupation of the house began in 1942, thus 1992 also marked a half-century of use of *Tighnabruaich* by the Australian Army.

In thinking about how to properly celebrate these two significant anniversaries, I approached Jock Irvine and asked him if he would consider painting *Tighnabruaich*, with the original to hang above the staircase in the main entry to the house. Jock readily agreed. A significant characteristic of the site is the proximity of the Brisbane River which flows directly behind the house, and I took Jock's advice that the painting should feature the river and the neighbouring suburb of Chelmer on the far bank. Jock said that he would be comfortable painting the house from a series of photographs as well as observation and to this end I arranged for an Army Iroquois helicopter (UH-1H) to take Jock airborne accompanied by a photographer.

Jock produced, in my view, a magnificent work, which was hung over the main staircase. To properly celebrate *Tighnabruaich's* two anniversaries and to acknowledge Jock's work, I invited Jock and his wife Jenny to join us for a dinner I had arranged for the Generals and their ladies who had lived in *Tighnabruaich* since it became the General's Residence in Queensland in 1951. The Divisional Topographic Survey Squadron,* [Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera] produced a number of prints from Jock's original and these were presented to the Generals who attended the dinner.

Sadly, the Department of Defence decided to sell *Tighnabruaich* in 1998. Jock was able to rescue his painting and has generously donated it to the John Oxley Library, which forms part of the State Library of Queensland, for public display.

* The Squadron Officer Commanding was Major W.N. (Bill) Thomson (1987), the son of the late Lieutenant Colonel N.J. (Norm) Thomson (1956) and the brother of Captain A.J. Thomson (1994).

His Excellency Major General P.M. Arnison entered the Royal Military College on 7 February 1959 and graduated on 12 December 1962 into the Royal Australian Infantry Corps. As Land Commander Australia he retired on 8 May 1996. On 29 July 1997 he was sworn in as Governor of Queensland.

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Tighnabruaich from an angle not seen by many including its occupants, but which does justice to the setting as well as the residence.

Duntroon Society Administration

- To improve the communication within the Duntroon Society and help to reduce our costs, the Convener of the ACT Branch, Brigadier P.J. (Peter) Evans is preparing a listing of Society Members who have e-mail addresses. As he develops this list he will make available to all other Branch Conveners however much of it they require. To this end he asks that those able to do so send their addresses to him with the subject heading, Duntroon Society/Branch (of the sender). Brigadier Evans' address is: peter.evans@netspeed.com.au This initiative has the potential to significantly assist the Society in its work so the co-operation of all Members involved will be much appreciated.
- Brigadier M.F. Paramor (1976) returned from overseas to Duntroon in time for Graduation in December 2002 to resume his appointment as Commandant of the RMC and as President of the Duntroon Society. Colonel C.I. Evans (1981), who had been the Director of Military Art, and then the Commandant RMC during Brigadier Paramour's absence, departed the RMC in January to attend the National Defence College, India at New Delhi.
- Captain L.M. (Lachlan) Elsworth (1995) has taken over as Staff Officer to the Commandant and as National Secretary/Treasurer of the Duntroon Society. His predecessor, Captain D.C. (David) Hafner (1994) moved

to another posting on the staff of the RMC and is also quickly gathering experience in the joys and vicissitudes of being the father of a new baby girl.

From the Editor

By today's standards, the Editor's computer on which most of the word processing for the Newsletter is done, is at best antediluvian. Built in 1991, obtained 'pre-loved' in about 1996 and using a 1993 programme, it has been a relatively faithful tool – until it crashed during the last preparations for this issue of the Newsletter. Its repair was done in reasonable time but I had not fully complied with the golden rule of always 'backing-up' during and after all entering. Most of the oddments, about 25% of the total content, were lost and had to be done again. This, and a couple of minor interruptions, are the cause of the month-late distribution of this Newsletter. Mea culpa!!

Two or three of the Branch Conveners have recently sought and received opinions from their Members on a range of matters, including the Newsletter. These suggestions and criticisms have been passed on and are most welcome. Both Bill Slocombe and I are grateful for the thought and trouble taken to help us to produce a better Newsletter. Planning for future editions will certainly take account of this feedback bearing in mind the ever-present constraints of cost and space. There are no more articles about Rugby in the pipeline!!

A Bridges Visits Duntroon

Under this heading in *Newsletter 2/2002* a brief account was given of a visit to Duntroon last year by a great-grand-daughter of Major General Sir William Throsby Bridges. On 3 March 2003 a great-grandson of that ancestor spent the day in Canberra as the guest of the RMC. Dr Peter Noel Bridges is a dentist living in Benmore in South Africa and, after being greeted by the Commandant, was briefed and shown through Duntroon House by the PMC. During the day, Duntroon Guide, Lieutenant Colonel J.E. Bullen (1958), gave Dr Bridges a conducted tour of the area including the gardens, General Bridges' grave, St Johns Church, where he visited the grave of Lady Bridges, and the Australian War Memorial. Here, in its Research Room our Duntroon Guide was able to show Dr Bridges some of the training records of the School of Gunnery at Middle Head. One was a course report on Lieutenant W.T. Bridges in 1896 and another

was a report written by Major W.T. Bridges as the Chief Instructor of that School in 1893-94.

The highlight of the visit took place in the Commandant's original office in Duntroon House. Here, in the presence of Major General I.C. Gordon (1973), the Commander Training Command – Army and Mr Roger Lee, the Army Historian, Dr Bridges presented the orders, insignia and medals of General Bridges to the Commandant. They are on loan for a period of ten years and are to be displayed in Duntroon House in a small cabinet beneath the portrait of General Bridges in the Officers' Mess.

Dr Bridges, unlike his second cousin Ms Graham, was able to fit in time for lunch in the Officers' Mess. He departed Canberra tremendously satisfied with the way he had been able to build on his previous knowledge and understanding of his famous forebear and also with the warm reception that the RMC had afforded him.



Dr Peter Bridges seated in the office chair once occupied by his great grandfather, then Brigadier-General W.T. Bridges when Commandant of the RMC. The items presented to the RMC by Dr Bridges are displayed at his right elbow.

Branch and other Reports

Australian Capital Territory

Following a very pleasant and socially noisy dinner in the new dining room of Duntroon House, the 63 who attended the annual dinner/lecture function on Thursday 21 November 2002, repaired to the Conservatory for coffee and an address by Professor Harry Heseltine. As former Professor of English at the RMC, Professor of English at the ADFA and Rector, University College, University of NSW, at ADFA, he was well equipped to give a most interesting talk on his, *Recollections of an Accidental Rector*. Among those listening to him were six members of the Campbell family – a link that is valued by all involved.

The Duntroon Society Executive Dinner was held in the old dining room of Duntroon House on the evening before the Executive Council meeting of 20 March 2003 with 16 attending.

Despite being three weeks later than last year and with no real relief from the continuing drought, enough of the seasonal colour remained to accompany the Autumn Luncheon held in Duntroon House on Thursday, 8 May 2003. Brigadier M.F. Paramour (1976) as President of the Society, used the opportunity to outline the wide span of training now being conducted under the auspices of the RMC, encompassing as it does the responsibility for all non-Corps officer training up to and including the rank of lieutenant colonel. Among the 41 who attended was Major Arthur Newton who, in his 93rd year, would have few, if any, competitors for being the oldest present.

New South Wales

The annual Graduation Day Luncheon was held in the Officers' Mess, Victoria Barracks, Paddington on Tuesday, 10 December 2002. About 50 Members and guests were present. This function is, of course, in competition with Class reunions taking place at Duntroon on the day.

New Zealand

Following the death of Brigadier J. Burns, DSO, MBE, Major General R.D.P. Hassett, CB, CBE has graciously agreed to become the NZ Branch Patron. He graduated from the RMC in 1942 in to the Royal Regiment of NZ Artillery. As Chief of the General Staff of the NZ Army he retired in 1976.

Members of the Wellington Sub-branch of the Society enjoyed lunch together at the Officers' Mess at Trentham on Sunday 1 December 2002. Among the 42 Members and wives/partners who attended was L.A. (Leo) Kermode (626) who, as a graduate of 11 December 1939, was the senior Member present.

Over the weekend of 8-9 February 2003, 24 golfers assembled at Taupo for two days of golf with a dinner on the Saturday night. This year the Acacia Bay Trophy (best net) was won by June Dixon (net 77 and 33 stableford points) for ladies and M.J. (Michael) Dudman (net 67 and 41 stableford points) for men.

Membership of the New Zealand Branch is now 133, an increase of five over the last year, despite the deaths of two Members as notified in **Obituary** on p. 10.

Queensland

The Queensland Golf Day was held on Friday, 5 December 2002 at the Royal Queensland Golf Club. An early tee-off allowed us to enjoy a delightful barbecue lunch in the clubhouse after the round with a few extra non-golfers joining in.

With the aim of conserving the Branch administrative expenses, the notices for coming events will only be forwarded to those SE Queensland Members who registered last year as being interested in receiving Branch notices. SE Queensland Members who did not register their interest last year, but who would like to be involved, are requested to contact the Branch Convener, Lieutenant Colonel I.R. Willoughby (Retd) on (07) 3285 1293 or e-mail: willoughby@squirrel.com.au

South Australia

The annual Graduation Day Luncheon was held on Tuesday, 3 December 2002 in the Officers' Mess, Keswick Barracks with a good attendance of 22 Members and friends.

The Postal Golf Match was held earlier this year on 27 March 2003 and at a new venue, namely the Flagstaff Hill Golf Club.

Western Australia

Attempts to generate interest and membership amongst the younger graduates has not achieved significant results although the informal drinks gatherings of that group continue with a strong participation. Some Members of the WA Branch also participate in the enjoyable meetings.

Report of the OTU Member

The funeral of Brigadier J.H. Studdert, AO, OBE who was Commandant of the OTU during 1969-72 was held at Goulburn on 24 February 2003. Previous Commandants, Brigadiers I.A. Geddes (June 1942) and C.J. Miles (Aug 1940) and a representation of OTU graduates were among those who attended.

The OTU Charity Golf Day at the Royal Canberra Golf Club to support attendance of disadvantaged people at youth leadership development programmes was held on 6 December 2002.

The OTU Association Annual Dinner was held in the RMC Officers' Mess on 26 April 2003. The *Book of Graduates* and the *Staff Book* were presented on behalf of the Association by Colonel W.H. (Wal) Hall (OTU 2/68) to the DMA, Colonel J.J. Sengelman (OCS June 1981), representing the Commandant RMC Duntroon. Both books are leather bound, gold embossed and with all entries inscribed in hand written copper plate.

Family and the Fiji Defence Force

E.S. Swinbourne

The article by Paul Kitney on Kim Morrison in *Newsletter 1/2002* brought back several happy memories of Kim's days at Duntroon. He certainly featured in our lives as cadets and I imagine that most of us have special memories of him. In the article Paul mentioned that Kim was at one time Commander Fiji Military Force and that Colonel Frank Rennie took over from him in that posting. It may be of interest to relate that my father, Major C.A. Swinbourne, OBE was appointed as the first Commandant of the Fiji Defence Force on 12 December 1916.

There is a history behind this. My father was born in Sydney in 1884, was commissioned in the Australian Rifle Regiment (30th Battalion) in about 1906 and also received training at the Small Arms School at Randwick. His father, Edward Augustus had been a Warrant Officer in the NSW Artillery in 1870s and 1880s and had lived at Victoria Barracks, Paddington and later at Dawes Point Battery. After his military service he became a bootmaker for a while and my father, as a youth, frequently went by bicycle to deliver boots to and from Victoria Barracks. Hence he absorbed some military background.

In 1909 my father took himself off to Fiji to be Sub-Inspector of the Fiji Constabulary. He also had several other duties, for example with the Fiji Rifle Association, as Commanding Officer of the Fiji Cadet Corps and, later, as ADC to the Governor. On 1 January 1910 he was promoted to Captain in the Australian Rifle Regiment. In March 1914, with the War of 1914-18 looming, he was sent from Fiji to England and attached to the First Loyal North Lancashire Regiment for training at Aldershot and Hythe, particularly in musketry and on the machine gun.

With this training behind him, and on return to Fiji, he was appointed a Captain in the Fiji Defence Force on 10 September 1914 with seniority from 1 January 1910. Presumably at this time he relinquished his commission in the Australian Rifle Regiment, but I have no record of that. He then raised and trained the First Fiji Contingent and was appointed Officer-in-Charge when it left Fiji for Europe on 1 January 1915. The majority of the 57 men in the contingent were attached to the King's Royal Rifle Corps and fought on the Western Front, most memorably at Ypres where 14 were killed or died of wounds.

My father returned to Fiji and was promoted to Major in the Fiji Defence Force on 30 September 1916 and then appointed Commandant on 12 December 1916. In 1917 he returned to Europe as Officer-in-Charge of Fiji Second Reinforcements and once more joined the Loyals, becoming Regimental Musketry Officer in the 3rd Battalion. He was made Temporary Captain on their Regular List and served with the Regiment in operations in 1918 and 1919 in an area north of Salonika. He was awarded his OBE on 1 January 1918 and in the grant is referred to as 'Major in the Defence Force of Our Colony of Fiji'.

Late in 1919 he returned to Fiji and, on leaving the Fiji Defence Force, was granted the military title of major. In February 1920 he joined the British Colonial Service for

service in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony where he served in various capacities until 1941 when he retired to Fiji due to ill health. All of us, and the rest of our family, had spent some time in the Gilbert and Ellice Colony in our younger days.

The relationship of this to Duntroon? Well three of his sons are graduates – Alan (606 & 1938), Gilbert (705 & 1941) and myself (1003 & 1947)

Brigadier E.S. Swinbourne entered the RMC on 24 February 1945 and graduated on 9 December 1947 into the Royal Australian Engineers. As Chief of Staff, Training Command he retired on 1 March 1979.



Obituary

Since the publication of the last Newsletter we have learned of the deaths of the following:

- 5 Jun 1999 Lieutenant Colonel M.T. Jenkins (1973)¹
- 18 Jul 2002 Mrs Y.B. Rogers²
- 6 Oct 2002 Lieutenant Colonel K.E. Stipcewich (OCS June 1964)
- Nov 2002 Major A.R. Fraser (1958)
- 9 Nov 2002 Lieutenant Colonel G.W. Tippetts (OCS Dec 1975)³
- 17 Nov 2002 Brigadier M.H. Walters (1928)⁴
- 1 Jan 2003 Lieutenant Colonel G. Hollings (1948)
- 11 Jan 2003 Brigadier J. Burns (1938)
- 21 Jan 2003 Major A.J. Whittington⁵
- 27 Jan 2003 Brigadier M.J. Ross (1956)
- 31 Jan 2003 Colonel A.L. Nyman (1928)⁴
- 2 Feb 2003 Major General R.L. Hughes (1939)
- 7 Feb 2003 Major General R.S. Buchan (1957)
- 11 Feb 2003 Mrs B.M. Hellstrom⁶
- 18 Feb 2003 Brigadier J.H. Studdert (1943)
- 19 Mar 2003 Lieutenant Colonel R.E. Thornley (1965)
- 8 Apr 2003 Captain A.M. Orr (1954)

¹ Notified in *Newsletter 2/1999* but with an incorrect date of death.

² Widow of Lieutenant Colonel R.B. (Bruce) Rogers (1946) (*Newsletter 1/1991*) and Member of the Society (No 839).

³ Died in Duntroon Military Hospital.

⁴ Refer to Shorts.

⁵ Drill and Minor Tactics Instructor at the RMC 1958-62. His son J.C. (Justin) Whittington, was born at Duntroon and graduated from the RMC in 1981.

⁶ Widow of Major General A.H. Hellstrom (1921) and former Life Member, in her 101st year.

RMC Graduates Who Have Studied Law

J.P. Gatley

In *Duntroon 1911-2001*, Darren Moore (1991) notes at pp 416-417, *Several graduates have studied law and the College numbers at least 4 KCs or QCs among its alumni.* The author then details R.W. Fox (1940), as probably the most successful as, *Chief Judge of the ACT Supreme Court in 1977, a Judge on the Federal Court of Australia from 1977 to 1989 and the Chief Judge of Norfolk Island from 1982 to 1989.* That led me to make enquiries regarding other graduates with law degrees. With assistance from David Wilkins (1963), whose e-mail address was in *Newsletter 2/2002*, I list:

A.B. Stretton (1943). Barrister and Solicitor.
R.J.P.J. (Rene) Lemercier (1946). Barrister and Solicitor
L. (Laurie) McCredie (1948).
N.R. (Neil) McPhee (1950). Fulbright Scholarship.
Queen's Counsel 1971. d. 16 Oct 1998.
D.C. (David) Lee (1955). Secretary NZ Police Assn and subsequently a Magistrate in Hong Kong. d. ?
K.J. (John) McGhee (1955).
J.P. (John) Gatley (1956). District Court Judge & Chairman Licensing Control Commission/Liquor Licensing Authority 1985-2001. Colonel Commandant NZ Army Legal Service since 1999.
A.J. (Tony) Wales (1963). Member of the AALC until he retired from the Australian Army to practice in Queensland. Presently a member of the Repatriation Review Tribunal.
D.S. (David) Wilkins (1963). Admitted to the Supreme Courts of NSW and ACT in 1979. As Chief Legal Officer of 2 Military District transferred to the Active CMF in March 1986, to serve part-time as Judge-Advocate on Courts Martial and as a Defence Force Magistrate until his retirement in 2003.
M.R. (Mick) Battle (1965).
W.D. (Bill) Rolfe (1968). Retired as DGLS and currently heads the Repatriation Review Tribunal.
P.E. (Paul) Green (1968).
C.J. (Chris) Hudson (1968).
J.H. (Jock) McDonagh (1976). Transferred to the Army Reserve in 1999 and commenced private practice as a Barrister in Canberra. Part time legal officer for the RMC. Hearing Officer, Trade Marks Office, IOP Canberra.
T.P. (Paul) Muggleton (1976).
D.W. (David) Phillis (1981). Practising in the UK.
M.P. (Mark) Herbert (1984). Solicitor in Cooma.

This list is far from complete. If any reader of the Newsletter can add to it my e-mail address is gatleyj@xtra.co.nz Other information such as rank and date of leaving the Army, or other Service, and some high points in the legal career would be welcomed by the RMC Archivist.

Judge J.P. Gatley entered the Royal Military College on 14 February 1953 and graduated on 11 December 1956 into the Royal Regiment of New Zealand Artillery. As Assistant Secretary, Chiefs of Staff Committee at Defence Headquarters, Wellington he resigned from the New Zealand Army in 1964 to study law.

Coming Events

A.C.T. Branch

November 2003, date to be advised. Annual Dinner and Speech. The guest speaker is Major Z. (Zac) Zaharias (1977) who will not be speaking about his climb of Mt Everest.

N.S.W. Branch

Thursday, 26 June 2003. Midwinter Lunch at the Officers' Mess, Victoria Barracks, Paddington. Members of other Branches and their guests will be very welcome but they will need to give the Branch Secretary, Major W.E. (Wal) Stinson at least two weeks' notice. Telephone (02) 4284 2578 (H) or mobile 0418 209 720.

New Zealand Branch

Monday, 9 June 2003. Northern Sub-branch Dinner.
Mid-year, date to be advised. Wellington Sub-branch Dinner.
Friday, 21 November 2003. Auckland teams are to play their Postal Golf match at Helensville Golf Club.
December 2003, dates to be advised. Wellington teams to play their Postal Golf Match.
14-15 February 2004. Taupo Golf Weekend.

Queensland Branch

Saturday, 24 May 2003. Seafood smorgasbord in the Kedron Service Club, Chermanside, 1830 for 1930.
Friday, 5 September 2003. Attendance at the ADF Dinner at the United Service Club. Guest Speaker to be advised.

South Australia Branch

Tuesday, 9 December 2003. Graduation Luncheon at the Officers' Mess, Keswick Barracks.

OTU Association

Saturday-Sunday, 4-5 October 2003. National Reunion of Scheyville graduates and staff to mark the 30th anniversary of the closing of the OTU. Events include the Anniversary Dinner on Saturday and the March and Church Parade at Windsor on Sunday.

RMC Ceremonial Parades

Saturday, 21 June 2003. The Graduation Parade.
Thursday & Friday 24 & 25 September 2003. Beating Retreat and the 1812 Overture.
Tuesday, 9 December 2003. The Graduation Parade.

Open Day Duntroon House

Sunday, 28 September 2003. The public will be invited to view the House and its surrounds. The Duntroon Guides will be available, the Band of the RMC will be in attendance and refreshments will be provided.

Bridges Memorial Dinner

Saturday, 6 December 2003. Further details are shown in the Commandant's Letter accompanying this Newsletter



In Newsletter 2/2002 the Class of 1947 described their reunion in New Zealand. The photograph of those involved could not then be included but has found its way here. From the left. Front row: D.D. (Don) Weir, Sanyu Kibukamusoke, Pat Brown, J.C. (Mike) Gormon & G.N.M. (Graham) Boswell. Rear rows: C.St. J. (Cliff) Griffiths, J.Mc.L. (Jim) Ross, J. (Jim) Brown, I.R.W. (Lou) Brumfield, D.R. (Don) Chappell, Beryl Boswell, Margaret Morrison, A.L. (Alby) Morrison & Anne Weir. Photograph by J.M. (John) Hutcheson, also a Class Member.

Shorts

- Under this heading in *Newsletter 2/2002* was a comment about Colonel A.L. Nyman (1928) being the Elder of our Society and the possibility that he could become the first graduate of the RMC to reach the age of 100 years. Sadly this will not be as he died on 31 January 2003 in his 97th year. The next oldest graduate was Brigadier M.H. Walters (1928) who was born on 6 April 1908. He was one of three graduates of 1928 who transferred to either the British or the Indian Army. On his retirement he was still with the British Army and on his death on 17 November 2002 lived in Devizes, Wiltshire. That then makes Colonel T.G. Brennan (1930), who was born on 14 January 1909, the Elder of the Society. Colonel Brennan was one of four from his Class who transferred to the British Army on the day after their graduation and saw service on the North West Frontier of India. Readers of the Newsletter who were in Korea at the time may remember him as the CO of 20 Field Regiment RA which provided a part of the intense defensive fire on the Hook feature during the heavy fighting in July 1953. He remained with the British Army until his retirement and now lives in Newick, Lewes, East Sussex. Long-time readers of the Newsletter may remember his photograph in *Newsletters 1/1987 & 1/1998* in his role as half of the membership of what the Editor at the time cheekily dubbed the 'Somerset & East Sussex Branch' of the Society.
- In the same column it was noted that the oldest living graduate of the United States Military Academy (USMA), Brigadier General Sherman V. Hasbrouck, had died on 13 March 2002, three months before his

104th birthday. Since then we have learned that his successor is Colonel William Frank Steer who was born on 12 January 1901 and graduated from the USMA in 1925. At his recent 102nd birthday he gave two of the secrets of his longevity, *Chew your food* and, *Wake up each day*.

- The graduating class of 1960 has recently published an account of its four years at Duntroon titled, *Never Let The Bastards Get You Down* written by (A.G.) Alan Thompson. As yet no review of it has been published but this Newsletter will do so if one becomes available. The book is of 205 pages with black and white photographs. A copy has been deposited with the Bridges Library. It is available from T.J. (Trevor) Wilkinson at PO Box 12, HAWKER ACT 2614. Cheques should be made out to **T.J. Wilkinson**.
- At the December 2002 Graduation, the Duntroon Society Award went to Under Officer A.N. Christie. He was allotted to the Royal Australian Armoured Corps and has been posted to 2 Cavalry Regiment at Robertson Barracks in Palmerston, Northern Territory.
- The Major General Sir James Harrison Memorial Lecture for 2002 was given on 28 November by Mr David Parkin who is an Australian Football League (AFL) senior coach and previously a member of a Melbourne AFL team. His subject was *Leadership in an Elite Sporting Environment*. In his role as the President of the Trustees of the Memorial Lecture Trust, Major General P.F. Haddad (OCS Dec 1967) and the senior serving OCS graduate, participated in this significant event in the training of the senior staff cadets. Major General Haddad is the Commander Joint Logistics at Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.



*At the award ceremony for the December 2003 RMC graduates. Sergeant Fielding holding his award and flanked by his father, R.G. (Bob) Fielding (OTU 4/70) and his sister, Captain Amanda Fielding (1995), with the presenter, Colonel W.H. (Wal) Hall (OTU 2/68), on the left.
Photograph by kind permission of the Editor of The Scheyvillian.*

- When Course 4/70 of the Officer Training Unit (OTU) at Scheyville marched off its parade ground on 21 April 1971, among the graduates was R.G. (Bob) Fielding who was allocated to the Royal Australian Army Provost Corps [later Royal Australian Corps of Military Police]. After his Army service he returned to Tasmania where he is now the Commander, Southern Police District. When the graduates of the RMC marched off their parade ground on 10 December 2002 among them was Sergeant C.R. (Craig) Fielding, son of the OTU graduate of 1971. This was not the first time that a son or daughter of an OTU graduate has graduated from the RMC, but it was a first when Sergeant Fielding was awarded the OTU Scheyville Prize. Also watching these ceremonies was his sister, Captain A.R. (Amanda) Fielding (1995), who is an instructor (currently Tactics) on the staff of the RMC. Lieutenant Craig Fielding was allotted to the Royal Australian Infantry Corps and has been posted to 3 Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment at Holsworthy.
- Beginning with L.J. Wackett (1915), R.F. Oakes and G.F. Focken (both 1916), many staff cadets and graduates have been sent on their first solo during a flying course. A large proportion of them have been able to mark or celebrate reaching the 50th anniversary of that never-to-be-forgotten time in their lives. However, it is highly likely that only one of those many graduates has been able to recall the passage of 50 years since that defining brief episode, while still actively flying. That one is Lieutenant Colonel A. (Alf) Argent (1948) who, on 22 May 1953 at Cambridge airfield near Hobart, first took to the skies on his own. These days most of his flying is taken up as an instructor passing on his long experience to young hopefuls at a flying school at Moorabin airfield in Victoria. If anyone is aware of a graduate (including those of the OCS, OTU, and the WRAAC Officer

School), whose flying extends over a greater time span, the Editor would be pleased to hear of it.

- Last year on 22 December the Tongan Army student at the RMC, Staff Cadet I.S. Vailala, was on leave in Manly when he suffered injuries that led to his death. He was a member of the Class that will graduate on 21 June 2003.

Corrections to Newsletter 2/2002

- p.1 a. Left column, Footnote, 2nd line. Delete MacKay and insert Mackay.
b. Right column, 3rd para, 5th line. The correct initials of Ian Way are I.R.
- p.2 Right column, Footnote, 1st line. Delete MacKay and insert Mackay.
- p.3. Right column, 2nd para. last line. The telephone number should be (02) 6265 9263.
- p.10. a. Left column, Footnote, 2nd line. Delete 1961 and insert 1960.
b. Caption, 2nd line. After *Arnison (1962)* add *D.M. (Dave) Hannell (1963)*.
- p.11. Left column, 6th line. Replace Elizabeth with Beryl.
- p.14. Left column.
a. Caption. Delete *Cavalry and Guards Club, Picadilly* and insert *Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall*.
b. Colonel O'Neill's name has been printed incorrectly in three places. It is as shown here.
c. 1st para, last line. After MC add ,DL.
- p.15. a. Left column, **Obituary**, 1 Oct 2002. Brigadier Serong's initials are F.P.
b. Right column, heading. Delete **2/2001** and insert **1/2002**.
- p.16. Right column, *A.C.T. Branch*, the Convener's e-mail is peter.evans@netspeed.com.au

The Original Brumbies

J. Burns

The first Federal Capital [Territory] rugby union team was put together to play the NZ All Blacks in Canberra in 1938. Some seven players were found from the RMC. The team Captain was Lieutenant S.J. (Stan) Hill (1931), a member of the RMC staff. The FCT colours were green, gold and white (the latter colour could be in doubt). They were well beaten by the All Blacks, but enjoyed the subsequent entertainment offered by the Governor-General. Some names are missing in the team photograph below. Perhaps readers can supply the missing names or add to the story.

Brigadier J (Blackie) Burns, DSO, MBE, (1938) died on 11 January 2003. An interesting footnote – The NZ Team was managed by Alex McDonald, a 1904 All Black, who was Blackie's uncle!

[This event was reported as the first international Rugby Union match played in Canberra. At the time the

All Blacks were regarded as probably the best Rugby Union team in the world so the All Black victory of 57 to 5 is understandable. Indeed, the description of the game clearly shows that the All Blacks had to work for their points.

So great was the interest preceding this match at Manuka Oval that the Prime Minister (Mr Menzies) issued a request that Heads of Departments should allow their staff time off to attend where possible. The police disclosed that 550 cars were parked at the Oval during the match.

To jog the memories of any readers who just may be able to add to the photograph caption, the other members of the team were; L.J. Colquhoun (full back), W.J. McCue & C.G. Smith (three quarters), R.M. Moore, G.C. Watson, T.F. Tilley, E.M. Pinkney & R.F. Ward (forwards).

Although Brigadier Burns titled it the Federal Capital team, The Canberra Times reported it as the Canberra team. Ed.]



The Federal Capital [Territory] Team at Manuka Oval on 10 August 1938. The origins of this photograph are not known. At the time very few photographs were published in The Canberra Times. From the left: back row: A.J. (Lex) Young (1938 & NZ), ? , ? , ? , G.E.L. (Geoff) Dawson (1940 & NZ). Centre row: ? , ? , ? , J. (Blackie) Burns (1938 & NZ). Front Row: R.B. (Bob) Dawson(1938 & NZ), ? . Lieutenant S.J. (Stan) Hill (1931) (RMC Staff), G.B. (Gordon) Combes (1939) & F.G. (Frank) Hassett (1938).

Annual Postal Golf Competition 2002

New Zealand has dominated the results sheets for 2002. (Better than the Americas Cup result!!). It is pleasing to note that so many of the ladies in Auckland joined in for a day of golf. Should any Branch wish to include ladies in their teams they may invite them to become Members of the Society. One of the initial objectives of the Postal Golf Competition was to recruit more Members. In response to the Queensland Branch request to create a new form of membership for the ladies, please be assured that the Match Committee has no authority to create new forms of Duntroon Society membership which are specific to the golf event. Congratulations to New Zealand (again this year).

● Team event results were:

1st: New Zealand (Wellington)	T.A. Harker (1951)	42	6th: NSW (Avondale Golf Club)	A.T. Pembroke (1950)	38
Marlborough Golf Club	M.J. Ross (1956)	41	Saturday, 13 Nov 2002	M. Story	34
24 Nov 2002	D.J. Grant (OCS Dec 1961)	40	Very windy	G.W. Grimsdale (1959)	33
	I.J. Duthie (1962)	35		I.B. Mackay (1955)	31
	I.J. Juno (1976)	34		B.A. Andrews (1942)	31
	G.W. Talbot (1962)	<u>31</u>		D.A. Spencer (1962)	<u>30</u>
		223			197
	J.A. Brandon (1970)	27	7th: Queensland (Royal Queensland Golf Club)	B.G. Bond (1960)	37
	D.W.S. Moloney	16	6 Dec 2002	G. Mangla	35
			Fine weather	R.B. Bishop (1964)	34
				L.R. Greville (1946)	34
				D. Rankine (OCS June 1954)	29
				P.M. Arnison (1962)	<u>27</u>
					196
				D.W. Collins (OCS Dec 1966)	25
Equal 2nd: NZ Auckland 'A'	F.T. Burns	37	8th: ACT (Royal Canberra Golf Course)	D.K. Baker (1954)	35
Helensville Golf Club	J. Harman	34	Reds	N.L. Horn (1961)	34
15 Nov 2002	G.M. McKay (1953)	34	Monday, 25 Nov 2002	W. Kendall (OCS June 1957)	33
Fine weather with light winds	T.A. Aldridge (1961)	33		A.J. Fittock (1961)	31
	M.J. Dudman (1959)	33		J.S. Baker (1957)	30
	S.J.R. Hollander (OCS Jun 1971)	<u>32</u>		R.J. Copley (1962)	<u>28</u>
		203			191
	R.G. Williams (1952)	31	9th: Victoria (Sorrento Golf Club)	A.G. Hunter (1971)	37
	C.M. Dixon (1954)	30	18 Nov 2002	T.C. Bannister (1955)	31
			Overcast with blustery winds	B.W. Richards (1965)	30
				J.C. Burns	29
				D.J. Gilroy (1958)	28
				V. Vivian	<u>26</u>
					181
Equal 2nd: ACT (Royal Canberra Golf Club) Blacks	J.H. Townley (1960)	39		D.M. Butler (1948)	25
Monday, 25 Nov 2002	B.G. Dunn	36	10th: SA (The Grange Golf Club)	A.J.deB. Forbes (1942)	34
	N.L. Horn (1961)	34	Friday, 27 September 2002	P.O.G. Forbes	33
	B.J. Stark (OCS Jun 1954)	33	Showery and windy	J.E. Duff (1951)	30
	W.T. Kendal (OCS Jun 1957)	33		P.J. Bridge 1966)	30
	W.J. Henderson (1957)	<u>28</u>		G.A. Fry (1955)	27
		203		M.J. Lemon (1959)	<u>21</u>
					175
4th: NZ Auckland Helensville Golf Club	'B' R.K.G. Porter (1944)	41	● NZ Auckland Ladies Helensville Golf Club		
15 Nov 2002	G.H. Duncum (1956)	34	Judy Aldridge	37	
Fine weather with light winds	R.Taylor	33	Margaret Chippendale	33	
	I.H. Burrows (1953)	32	Virginia Duncum	32	
	B. Meldrum (1959)	31	Maureen Porter	30	
	M. Ritchie	<u>31</u>	Nan McKay	30	
		202	June Dixon	28	
	B.D. Chippindale (1958)	30	Gill Harman	28	
	J.P. Gatley	30	Jill Williams	28	
			Judy Burrows	26	
			Jan Meldrum	19	
5th: ACT (Federal Golf Course)	G.R. Wainwright (1965)	37	● Individual scores were:		
Friday, 13 Dec 2002	I.F. Ahearn (1966)	36	1st: T.A. Harker	NZ (Wellington)	42
	F.C. Lehman (1960)	35	Equal 2nd:		
	V.J. Thompson (1965)	32	R.K.G. Porter	NZ (Auckland) 'B'	41
	G.C. Hay (1972)	31	M.J. Ross	NZ (Wellington)	41
	Ms R. Gillette	<u>30</u>	4th: D.J. Grant	NZ (Wellington)	40
		201			

● Best Ladies Score Judy Aldridge (NZ) 37

● Four Ball Scores were:

1st: J.H. Townley	ACT	49
	B.G. Dunn	
2nd: T.A. Harker	NZ	48
	B.C. Dunn	
3rd: M.J. Ross	NZ	46
	I.J. Duthie	

Best wishes for the 2003 competition for which matches may be played up to 31 December 2003.

Could this New Zealand dominance spill over in to the Super 12 Rugby competition or, even more of a problem, in to the World Cup Rugby!?

If you are interested in joining the Annual Postal Golf Competition for 2003, please contact the member of the Match Committee for your Branch.



This photograph and the extract below from *The Rugby News* relate to the article **The Forsyth Shield** by Ian Mackay in Newsletter 1/2003. W.T. (Bill) Collins (1954) and the author on the right proudly holding the Shield on the lawn outside 'Beer Block' with Duntroon House in the background. Their grip was firm and the Shield now resides permanently at the RMC after its retention in the match of 1955. Apart from the Forsyth (sic) Shield Contests results in the extract below, some of the items and prices advertised may be of interest.



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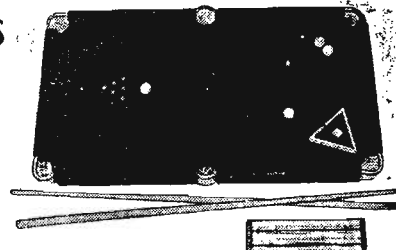
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Forsyth Shield Contests

Winners of the annual match between Combined G.P.S. and R.M.C. are entitled to hold—until defeated—the Forsyth Shield, a handsome trophy donated by Mr. J. C. M. Forsyth, of Vauclose.

Shield winners since the inauguration of the annual contest in 1917 are:—

1917—United Services d. The Kings School, who represented G.P.S. 17-9.
1919—A.A.G.P.S. 22-12.
1918—United Services 19-16.
1920—United Services 21-12.
1921—A.A.G.P.S. 38-3.
1922—A.A.G.P.S. 19-14
1923—United Services 21-18.
1924—A.A.G.P.S. 21-9.
1925—A.A.G.P.S. 31-6.
1926—A.A.G.P.S. 13-6.
1927—United Services 14-6.
1928—A.A.G.P.S. 22-10.
1929—A.A.G.P.S. 19-8.
1930—A.A.G.P.S. 11-8
1931—R.M.C. 11-5.
1932—A.A.G.P.S. 16-9.
1933—A.A.G.P.S. 15-3.

1934—A.A.G.P.S. 28-8.
1935—A.A.G.P.S. 28-27.
1936—R.M.C. 13-6.
1937—R.M.C. 14-6.
1938—A.A.G.P.S. 24-16.
1939—A.A.G.P.S. 13-11.
1940—A.A.G.P.S. (d. R.A.A.F.) 37-15.
1941—R.M.C. 19-15.
1942—R.M.C. 18-6.
1943—R.M.C. 18-9.
1944—A.A.G.P.S. 29-0.
1945—A.A.G.P.S. 15-14.
1946—R.M.C. 24-15.
1947—R.M.C. 14-11.
1948—R.M.C. 21-8.
1949—R.M.C. 21-3.
1950—A.A.G.P.S. 11-8.
1951—A.A.G.P.S. 22-9.
1952—A.A.G.P.S. 19-11.
1953—A.A.G.P.S. 10-5.
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4—P. GALLAGHER (S.I.C.)
5—J. GRIFFITHS (S.I.C.)
6—P. CAPELIN (S.J.C.)
7—K. BREUSCH (T.K.S.)
8—B. BRIGGS (S.J.C.)
9—I. R. S. BREDEN (T.K.S.)
10—J. NIHILL (S.I.C.)
11—N. CLINTON (v.c.) (N.C.)
12—R. HEATH (S.C.E.G.S.)
13—D. GOODE (S.J.C.)
14—G. SEVILL (S.I.C.)
15—I. B. SHAW (T.K.S.)

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J. G. HUGHES (Q.)—3
I. B. MACKAY (N.S.W.) (c.)—4
N. J. THOMPSON (W.A.)—5
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K. E. NEWMAN (N.S.W.)—7
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J. E. SIMON (Q.)—8
M. M. VAN GELDER (Q.)—10
F. J. CROSS (Q.)—11
G. P. CARLETON (N.S.W.)—12
M. J. HALL (N.Z.) (v.c.)—13
B. W. LAKE (N.S.W.)—14
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