

HISTORY OF THE NEW ZEALAND LOGISTIC REGIMENT

Formation

1. In 1992, as part of Army Rebalance, the logistic function in the NZ Army began to combine. The Regional Support Units were replaced with Logistic Regiments, and the individual CSS Schools were replaced with Trade Training School (TTS) and Log Ops School. To complete the evolution towards integrated logistics for the NZ Army, a study team was commissioned to examine and report on how the integration of RNZCT, RNZAOC, and RNZEME functions could best be achieved.

2. As a result of the study, Chief of General Staff, Major General P M Reid (CGS) outlined how the move towards integrated logistic function in the NZ Army was to be achieved. CGS signed the directive 07/96 dated 4 Apr 96 to form the New Zealand Logistic Regiment. This directive also established two committees. A Logistics Organisation Committee (LOC) and a Regimental Matters Committee (RMC). Both committees were issued Terms of Reference to examine in detail the organisational and regimental requirements for the NZLR. The formation of the NZLR was identified as 4 Dec 96.

Mission

*TO ESTABLISH A FULLY INTEGRATED LOGISTIC FUNCTION
IN THE NEW ZEALAND ARMY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE EFFICIENT
AND EFFECTIVE LOGISTIC SUPPORT IN BOTH OPERATIONAL AND
NON-OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT*

Structure

3. The NZLR structure consisted of **Four Logistic Battalions**, a **Base Logistics Group**, a **Force Support Group** and a **Movements Company**. The following units were then identified:

- a. 2nd Logistic Regiment (Linton Region),
- b. 3rd Logistic Regiment (Burnham Region),
- c. 4th Logistic Regiment (Waiouru Region),
- d. 5th Logistic Regiment (Wellington Region),
- e. 5th Base Logistic Group (Wellington Region),
- f. 1st Logistic Company (Mt Wellington Barracks),
- g. 5th Force Support Company (Auckland Region), and
- h. 5th Movement Squadron (Hobsonville).

Personnel

4. 2111 military personnel were affected by the forming of NZLR. These are as follows:
- a. All Regular and Territorial Force personnel whose parent Corps is RNZCT, RNZAOC and RNZEME are to change to NZLR irrespective of their present employment, which may or may not be in a Logistic unit.
 - b. Storeman All Arms. The trades of Storeman All Arms and Supplier are to be combined to form Supplier/Quartermaster.

PERSONNEL AFFECTED

	NTH	CENT	STH	ATG	WGTM	TOTALS	GRAND TOTAL
Pte M	115	114	97	87	135	548	
Pte F	47	33	26	28	19	153	701
Lcpl M	64	74	52	49	42	281	
Lcpl F	18	17	12	10	5	62	343
Cpl M	61	60	57	57	39	274	
Cpl F	15	12	7	6	5	45	319
Sgt M	39	48	36	38	46	207	
Sgt F	6	10	4	10	2	32	239
SSgt M	34	26	29	30	36	155	
SSgt F	3	1	1	1	2	8	163
WO2 M	19	18	19	11	33	100	
WO2 F		2	2			4	104
WO1 M	10	9	8	12	21	60	
WO1 F		1			4	5	65
2Lt M	3	2	1	1	2	9	
2Lt F		2	1	2	1	6	15
Lt M	1	11	6	5	14	37	
Lt F	5	2	2	2	4	15	52
Capt M	6	4	5	5	19	39	
Capt F	4	1	1	1		7	46
Maj M	8	5	4	4	26	47	
Maj F	1				2	3	50
Lt Col M	1	1	2	1	8	13	
Lt Col F	1					1	14
TOTALS	461	453	372	360	465		2111

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5. It became apparent that personnel affected by the formation were concerned with the title of New Zealand Logistic Regiment. This concern was raised at a RMC meeting and it was decided that two further names be considered for the title of the new Regiment. These being:

- a. New Zealand Army Logistic Regiment (NZALR); and
- b. Royal New Zealand Army Logistic Regiment (RNZALR).

6. The title NZALR was only considered as a second option if the preferred option of RNZALR was not approved before the formation date of 4 Dec 96. Her Majesty the Queen signed her approval for the grant of the title **ROYAL NEW ZEALAND ARMY LOGISTIC REGIMENT (RNZALR)** for 9 Dec 96. This date signified the official disbandment of RNZCT, RNZAOC and RNZEME and the formation of RNZALR.

Disbandment Parades

7. The final parade for RNZCT, RNZAOC and RNZEME was conducted on 9 Dec 96. The **format** consisted of each Corps marching on as individual Corps, marching past as their individual Corps flags were being lowered for the last time and marching off the parade ground for the final time.

8. The soldiers removed all Corps identity, reformed in the new dress and under its new command marched onto the parade ground as the **Royal New Zealand Army Logistic Regiment**. CGS directive 07/96 to form the RNZALR was implemented. Regions who conducted formation parades were as follows:

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|----|------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| a. | Linton Military Camp | 2 Log Regt | 2nd Logistics Battalion |
| b. | Burnham Military Camp | 3 Log Regt | 3rd Logistics Battalion |
| c. | Waiouru Military Camp | 4 Log Regt | 4th Logistics Battalion |
| d. | Trentham Military Camp | 5 Log Regt
5BLG | 1st Base Logistics Battalion
No name change |
| e. | Mt Wellington Barracks | 5FSC
Log Coy
5 Mov Sqn | No name change
No name change
5 Mov Coy |

Colonel in Chief

9. The appointment of His Royal Highness Prince Andrew, Duke of York as Colonel in Chief of the Regiment was approved by Her Majesty the Queen on 9 Dec 96.

10. Enclosed is a letter from Buckingham Palace from Capt N Blair, LVO, Royal Navy to Col J R Bright, MBE who held the appointment of Regimental Colonel, RNZALR. in 1997.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

7th February, 1997.

Dear Jeff

Thank you so much for your letter of 13th January. It is excellent to be in touch and within the near future I shall write again in an attempt to provide you with all the information you require for the Colonel-in-Chief's Banner for the Royal New Zealand Army Logistic Regiment.

My prime purpose in writing to you now is not only to acknowledge your letter but to say that at present we have no knowledge here of an invitation for His Royal Highness to visit New Zealand in April 1997. His Royal Highness of course is immensely keen to meet his new regiment in New Zealand and wondered if perhaps November might be a suitable time. I shall take this up with Brigadier Leighs, to whom I have also written and at the same time and mentioned that His Royal Highness hopes very much to see him when he visits London between 22nd and 24th May.

His Royal Highness is as I feel sure you know delighted with his new appointment as Colonel-in-Chief. He has asked me to convey his best wishes to you all.

On a personal note may I say that I much look forward to being in touch again and to taking part in the arrangements for a forthcoming visit.

Yours ever,

Neil

Captain Neil Blair, LVO, Royal Navy
Private Secretary

Colonel J R Bright, MBE

Regiment Flag

11. The RNZALR flag is 180cm x 90cm. The Regimental badge is positioned centrally on a blue field (PMS 274B) with an edge of silver (PMS 877). The logistic battalion flags are identified in design and colour except that each battalion is distinguished by a coloured identifier with the battalion number situated in the dexter canton part of the flag.

**OFFICIAL - ROYAL NEW ZEALAND ARMY LOGISTIC REGIMENT
- REGIMENT FLAG -**



APPROVED : Signature *P. M. Reid*

Rank / Name *Majors General P. M. Reid*

Date *21 October 1996*

RNZALR Badge

12. Over 110 designs were considered during the selection process. Many failed to meet the very stringent design criteria by the Herald of Arms or were too similar to badges which already existed.



Michael Hardiman
Governor-General

THE BADGE OF THE
ROYAL NEW ZEALAND
ARMY LOGISTIC REGIMENT

Wellington

Stuart G. Keen
New Zealand Herald of Arms
Extraordinary

13. The badge that was finally selected for RNZALR features a Southern Cross on an oval device. The Southern Cross was selected as it is a recognised New Zealand identifier and was used by 2NZEF to identify non divisional unit vehicles, primarily logistics, in 1942 at Maadi. It was again adopted as the Logistic Support Group identifier and it reappears in the Headquarters Support Command identifier. The Green fern is also unique to New Zealand and the crossed swords represents Army. The Crown located at the peak of the badge represents our ties with the Monarch and the bottom inscription scroll is the title of the Regiment. The badge/crest will feature as the centre piece on the Regiment Flag, hat badge, collar badges and Regimental belt buckle.

Note: The official painting of the badge is held at Trade Training School (TTS) Trentham.

Regimental Birthday

14. As stated at para 2, CGS signed the directive on 4 Apr 96. This day marks the occasion when RNZALR celebrates its Regimental Birthday. The first Regimental Birthday was celebrated on 4 Apr 97. It is important that all soldiers of the Regiment understand why RNZALR celebrate selected customs and traditions. The former selected and the reasons why the Regiment celebrates these customs is as follows:

- a. 0616 hrs Fire a Cannon
- b. Chaplain or appropriate person
- c. Reading of Regiment Collect
(read by the youngest RNZALR soldier on parade)
- d. Script read about our Patron Saint, St Stephen
(read by the Camp Chaplain or appropriate)
- e. Breakfast (cutting of the Regiment cake)
- f. Regional activities

15. The reasons why RNZALR members celebrate the Regimental Birthday in this format are as follows:

- a. **Firing the Cannon**
Compiled by WO1 S Patterson, RSM, 5 FSC RNZALR
 - (1) Since 1960 RNZEME have fired a Cannon to mark the start of its Corps Birthday. The Cannon is situated at Trentham Military Camp and protects the gateway to 1st Base Logistic Battalion. RNZAOC Coat of Arms and Cap badge show three Cannons and three Cannon balls with the Coat of Arms showing two Cyclops supporting the shield. These were one-eyed artisans. The artisans were indeed artificers who were the repairers of such equipment. The Cannons of the day were horse drawn and required ammunition wagons called limbers to accompany them into battle. The Cannon was considered the key to dominating the battlefield, the requirement to use large amounts of ammunition became a logistic nightmare. To resolve this problem, special units were formed to administer, control, procure, deliver and repair the logistic requirement of a battlefield and an Army at war. Part of this was the Wagon Train. Therefore RNZALR will continue this tradition as a mark of respect for the close ties that RNZCT, RNZAOC and RNZEME once shared. Timings have been altered as traditionally it was fired at 0600hrs.
- b. **Procedure**
 - (1) This tradition will be conducted in each region by a Cannon/Gun being fired at 0616 hrs to mark the start of RNZALR Birthday.

- (2) At the completion of firing the Cannon the youngest RNZALR soldier on parade will read the Regiment Collect.

c. **Regiment Collect/Prayer**

Compiled by Padre Kevey, Trentham Camp Chaplain and WO1 P H Hokianga, RSM, 1 Base Log Bn, RNZALR.

- (1) Extracts from RNZCT, RNZAOC and RNZEME Corps collect were amalgamated to form what is the RNZALR Regiment Collect.

REGIMENT COLLECT

Almighty God

You are the source of all power and might, and your greatness spreads throughout the Universe.

Grant to we who are in the Royal New Zealand Army Logistic Regiment strength, courage and wisdom to serve both you and others in the monotony of routine and in the excitement of danger. With courage and skill, may we continue to seek only the good of all in either peace or war. Uphold us in our efforts to offer provisions and supplies, maintenance and repairs, transport and movements, and sustenance to those whom we serve. May we always be faithful in our duty, and ready for whatever comes.

And in all that we do, may we come to know something of the love and comfort of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who was and is the Servant of others.

AMEN

d. **Procedure**

- (1) At the completion of the reading of our Regiment Collect the Padre or appropriate person will read the script about our Patron Saint, St Stephen.

e. **Patron Saint (St Stephen)**

Compiled by Padre L Kevey, Trentham Camp Chaplain

PATRON SAINT ST STEPHEN

Stephen was the first Deacon or servant of The Church. He was also one of the seven appointed by Apostles to serve tables in Jerusalem (see Acts 6). He took part in preaching and "performed" many miracles. It was these miracles which set Stephen off-side with orthodox Jews. He was arrested and taken before the Sanhedrin (which was the Supreme Council and the highest Court of Justice). Whilst before this Court, Stephen defended himself vigorously and managed to so infuriate his listeners that they had him stoned without a formal trial. He died confessing to Christ and so became the Church's first Martyr; the date of his death is around the year AD35.

St Stephen is well suited to being the Logistic Regiment Patron because:

- (1) *he began his Christian work as a Deacon or Servant; the Logistic Regiment is also a servant, to other elements of the New Zealand Army;*
- (2) *he became involved in the work of the Church, preaching and carrying out miracles. The Logistic Regiment also becomes involved with the wider work of the New Zealand Army; and*
- (3) *St Stephen is thus an on-going example for we who are Members of the Royal New Zealand Army Logistic Regiment.*

f. **Regiment Breakfast**

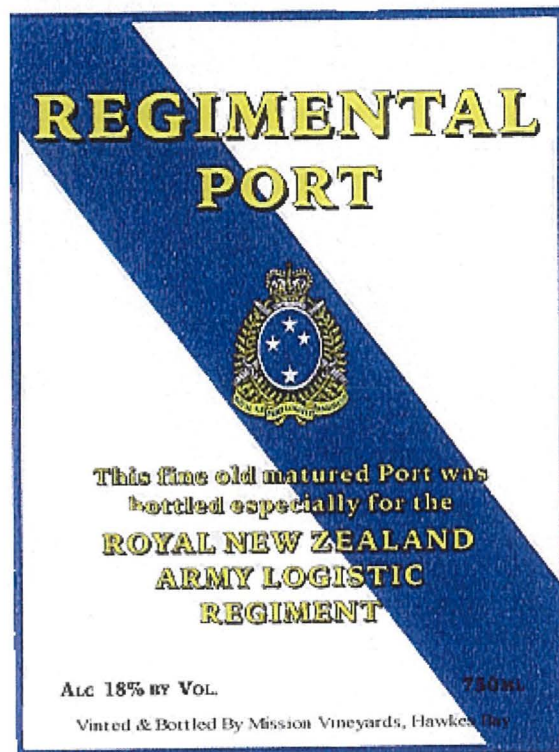
Compiled by WO1 S Thomas, RSM, 4 Log Bn RNZALR

(1) RNZALR will host a Regional Regimental breakfast. This will include a toast to the Regiment and the cutting of the Regimental Birthday cake. The following customs are detailed:

(a) **Regimental Toast.** The serving of Port and coffee is a RNZALR custom, which is to be observed at the Regimental breakfast. Port has been chosen as the Regimental Drink as it has more significance to military personnel, being that it is the traditional drink used to toast at formal functions and in remembrance of fallen comrades. The Port may be consumed on its own, or with the coffee in the same way as rum is on ANZAC Day.

g. **Procedure**

(1) The Senior Officer selected is to stand and raise his/her glass and propose a toast.



Ladies and Gentlemen
THE ROYAL NEW ZEALAND ARMY LOGISTIC REGIMENT
Reply
THE REGIMENT or
MA NGA HUA TU-TANGATA

h. **Regimental Cake**

- (1) The Regimental Birthday cake is produced by the RNZALR catering service and will be presented at breakfast for cutting. The cake will be a design similar to the Regiment Flag; however, the catering staff may alter the design to suit the occasion.

i. **Procedure**

- (1) A Regiment birthday cake will be presented to the Commanding Officer and Regimental Sergeant Major of the Battalion/Unit at breakfast. They will receive an Infantry Sword from the Regiment Duty Officer and the CO and RSM of the hosting Bn/Unit will cut the cake. At the conclusion of the cutting of the cake final speeches may be made and this will end the formal part of the Regimental Birthday.

j. **Formal Parade**

- (1) A formal parade will be conducted in each region once every five years. The formal parade format will conform to NZP6A. The Reviewing Officer for the formal parade is the Colonel of the Regiment or in his absence the Regimental Colonel. This will give each region an opportunity to host the RO in their region. The following Battalions/Units are to host the RO in their region. These are as follows:

- (a) 4 Apr 97 Trentham
- (b) 4 Apr 98 Linton
- (c) 4 Apr 99 Burnham
- (d) 4 Apr 00 Waiouru
- (e) 4 Apr 01 Auckland
- (f) 4 Apr 02 Trentham

- (2) Battalions/Units not hosting the Colonel of the Regiment or Regimental Colonel are to observe the formal procedures as detailed in para 14. The chance to parade all RNZALR personnel in each region en mass to celebrate the Regimental Birthday will further enhance the spirit, customs and traditions of the Regiment.

Regimental Duty Officer and Duty Sergeant

16. RNZALR on a regional basis will appoint a Junior Officer and Junior Senior Non Commissioned Officer as the Regimental Duty Officer/Sergeant for the day. They are responsible to the hosting unit CO and RSM for the maintenance of RNZALR customs, traditions and conduct of the days activities. They are to carry out the following procedures:

- a. Dress:
 - (1) Dress 1A, Service Dress, Full Ceremonial with Sword.
- b. Responsibilities:
 - (1) break the Regimental Flag at 0616 hrs;
 - (2) assist with all presentations;
 - (3) present a Sword to the CO/RSM for cutting of the Regiment birthday cake at breakfast;
 - (4) ensure conduct and safety of soldiers throughout the day's activities is monitored; and
 - (5) lower the Regimental Flag at 1645 hrs.

Motto

17. Four different Mottos were discussed to support RNZALR. The Motto selected is:

**MA NGA HUA TU-TANGATA
(By Our Actions we are Known)**

Key Appointments

18. The Key appointment holders at the formation of RNZALR are as follows:
Subsequent appointment holders in the positions of both Colonel Commandant and Regimental Colonel are documented in Appendix One to this booklet.




ROYAL NEW ZEALAND ARMY LOGISTICS REGIMENT

Colonel in Chief	:	His Royal Highness Prince Andrew Duke of York, CVO, ADE
Patron Saint	:	St Stephen
Colonel Commandant	:	Brigadier T.G. Leighs, CBE, ED
Honorary Colonels	:	Col A.J. Campbell Col D.J. Mowat MBE, JP
Regimental Colonel	:	Col J.R. Bright, MBE, Msc, JP
Assistant Regimental Colonels	:	Lt Col C.A.S. Lott (CO 2 Log Bn) Lt Col D.H. Watmuff (CO 1 Base Log Bn) Lt Col H.C. Weddell (CO 5 BLG)
Motto	:	MA NGA HUA TU - TANGATA By Our Actions we are Known
Regimental Birthday	:	4 April (date CGS signed directive to establish NZLR)
Colour	:	Plain Purple Navy
Regiment Collect	:	RNZALR prayer
Regimental March	:	Entry of Gladiators

RNZALR SERVICE SCROLL

19. RNZALR (RMC) has approved the issue of a twenty year service scroll for both regular and territorial force soldiers who have completed 20 years service and are currently employed or retiring from RNZALR.
20. The scroll is printed on 120gsm gold shaded paper and bears the Regiment Crest. The scroll is authorised by the Colonel of the Regiment and Regimental Colonel and is numbered from 0001. The first scroll produced is held at Trade Training School (TTS) in Trentham.
21. MCM branch (AGS) Trentham is responsible for the administration and issue of the RNZALR 20 year scrolls.



**ROYAL NEW ZEALAND ARMY
LOGISTIC REGIMENT**

**THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT
REGIMENTAL COLONEL
AND ALL RANKS OF THE REGIMENT
CONVEY THEIR APPRECIATION TO**

***RANK*
*NAME***
IN RECOGNITION OF

SERVICE

LOYAL SERVICE TO THE NZ ARMY

COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT	REGIMENTAL COLONEL
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MA NGA HUA TU - TANGATA

Certificate No. ***CERT***

Disbandment of 1st Base Logistic Battalion

22. In 1995 CGS directed a Defence Rationalisation Review with emphasis being placed on the operational focus of the NZ Army. Depot engineering and warehousing support was deemed non corps business and not critical for soldier development. It was also projected that a commercial operator could provide a more cost-effective output for the Army.

23. Therefore, on 30 Jan 98 1st Base Logistic Battalion lowered it's flag for the last time and the unit disbanded. The keys to the gates were then passed to Serco Project Engineering Limited, who commenced depot engineering and warehousing support to the NZ Army on 2 Feb 98.

Disbandment of 5th Movements Company

24. On 31 Dec 98 yet another logistics unit came under the Defence Rationalisation Review. 5th Movements Company at Hobsonville was disbanded and relocated to Linton Camp. 11 Jan 99 marked the day that 5 Mov Coy was integrated into 10 Transport Company, with the amalgamation of the two companies which now form 10 Transport and Movements Company.

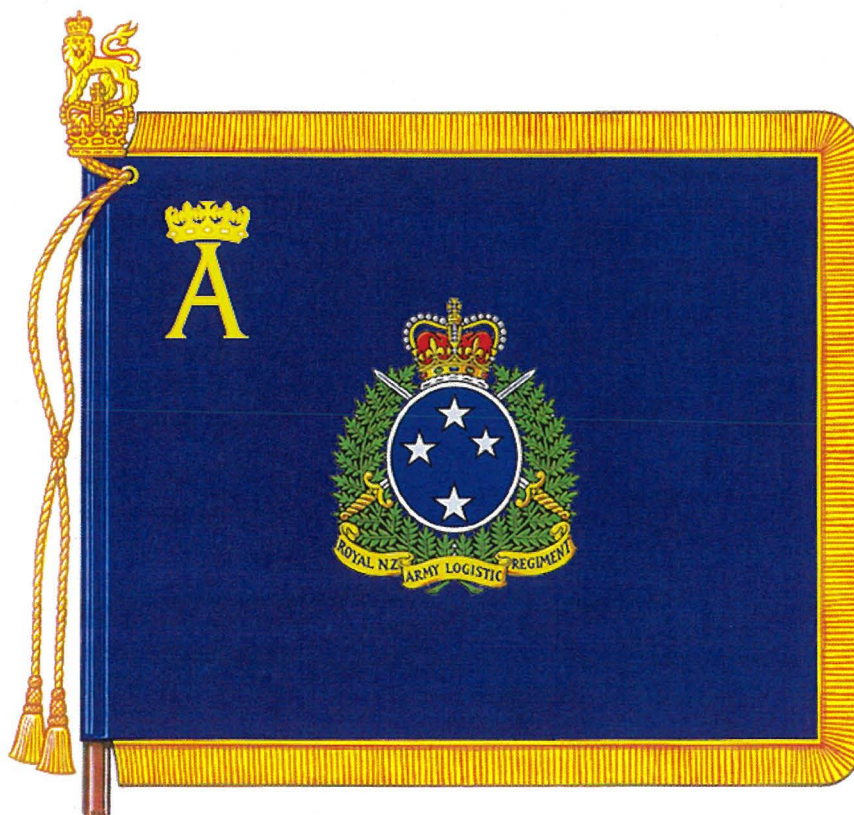
The Prince Andrew Banner

25. The Prince Andrew Banner was presented by the Colonel in Chief, Royal New Zealand Logistic Regiment, His Royal Highness Prince Andrew and is known as The Prince Andrew Banner. The Prince Andrew Banner was received into the Regiment and consecrated on 16 Nov 98 in Palmerston North. The Prince Andrew Banner is an outward sign of the Regiment's heritage, an acknowledgement of the important role it performs today, and the role it's predecessors performed with courage and resilience in the past. The Banner represents the focal point for the traditions, loyalty and spirit of the Royal New Zealand Army Logistic Regiment.

The Prince Andrew Banner

of

The Royal New Zealand Army Logistic Regiment



The Duke of York's Own

26. On 22 June 1999 the Regimental Colonel LT Col D.H. Watmuff received notification that the Queen had approved the appellation "The Duke of York's Own" to the RNZALR.



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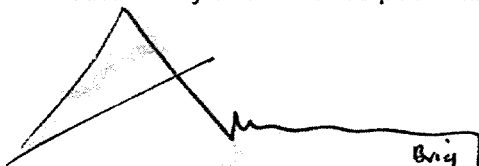
22 June 1999

Lieutenant Colonel D.H. Watmuff
Regimental Colonel RNZALR
Headquarters 5th Base Logistic Group
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TRENTHAM CAMP

I am pleased to inform you that The Queen has approved the appellation "The Duke of York's Own" being added to the "Royal New Zealand Army Logistic Regiment".

A media release is being planned for next week in conjunction with an announcement to the rest of the New Zealand Army and an article in the New Zealand Army News. This letter is a forewarning of that event.

Formal promulgation in New Zealand Army General Orders and amendments to other Army and Defence publications will follow in due course.



M.F. DODSON
Major General
Chief of General Staff

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