

COL COMDT VISIT TO 16 FD REGT 8/9 FEB 2011

I visited the Regiment primarily for a medal presentation parade on 8 Feb. Unfortunately it was raining so the Regimental Parade was held in the camp cinema - a formal parade with the Regiment seated!

Medals

There were five medals:

Maj Matthew Ottoway, BC 39 Bty, LSGCM

WO1 Adrian Dempster - LSGCM

Sgt Alan Gilmour - LSGCM

Capt Tim Colliar - Operational Service Medal & GSM

Cpl Kelvin Arthur – Operational Service Medal & GSM

On Wednesday morning I had a quick look over the simulation rooms – highly digitized and sophisticated simulations of the battlefield with particular artillery applications for BC and FOs – a sort of 21st Century puff range.

I then sat in on the early operational and mobilization plannings and briefings for a shortly to be conducted brigade level insurgency/keeping the peace exercise.

In summary, a very interesting two days. A busy Regt hard at work, getting ready for a series of exercises, deployments and SofA courses.

RNZA Funds

This was followed by a meeting of the RNZA Funds Committee. I can report that the funds are healthy, and have just had a successful Sect 59 audit. I should add that all previous and present members of the RNZA are members of the fund – if you want a copy of the accounts just let me know.

Over the last few years the funds have been used mainly to purchase presentations – silver grenades and 20 year certificates. Income is from member donations and a small flow from the 16 Fd Regt UPF. At current levels of expenditure the funds are in good shape for a few years to come.

We approved \$1500.00 for the refurbishment of some late 18th Century and early 20th Century RNZA trophies for ongoing use within the current Regt, involving mostly panel beating and re-silvering.

The meeting also approved payment of the costs to move the Weir portrait from Arch Hill (where it has been professionally restored by Auckland Museum conservators) by professional removers, to the space RSM 16 Fd Regt has been holding for it in RHQ. This is the culmination of some year's effort by my predecessor, Brig Graham Birch, and as a Corps we are grateful for his efforts at getting this nationally important painting back to the RNZA.

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