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14/7 Appointment of NZHQ Staff member:

Central North Island Liaison Officer:

Captain Kathy Butler:

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Dispensation to wear Lanyards:

To all members of N. Squadron.

Last Post:

L73 Fm Sandra Parrish Pnr H Troop

Eulogy:

Eulogy for Pioneer Sandra

PARRISH 1944 -2018 presented on 3rd August 2018 at New Plymouth, in the presence of 14 Frontiersmen, along with her family and friends.

I am Major Barry Coker from Tauranga, a member of J Troop Katikati, with just a few facts about Sandra on behalf of the Legion of Frontiersmen (NZ Command). Our Commandant and Deputy Commandant send their apologies that they and many others are not able to join us here today to express their heartfelt condolences to you all.

L73 Pioneer Sandra PARRISH was brought up in a Legion family, her father, Jim Sampson was a Commandant following his father who joined the Legion 100 years ago, so it was not surprising that Sandra joined the women's LASS division Paritutu Troop, when it was formed in 1987.

Within 5 years Sandra was a Lieutenant and soon the North Island Liaison Officer. Using her experience, she was grabbed as a Secretary to a number of units as she transferred, initially with her late husband Neil, between Z, L&M Units until finally ending up in H Troop.

Sandra was also landed with roles of Adjutant and Editor and was attached to NZHQ for many years.

In 2006 Pnr Sandra Parrish was elected as Commandant of the NZ Command and with the rank of Colonel then held the position unopposed until she stood down just this year. ACol Parrish was our second longest serving Commandant and of course, our first Lady Commandant.

Interesting how history repeats itself with

Val

Baker taking over this year after Sandra Parrish, just as Val's dad,



Doug Baker took over after Sandra's dad, Jim Sampson.

Sandra received a number of awards including, the Legion Star Merit for community service [1994], the 90th Commemorative Medal [1995], the Long Service & Efficiency Medal [1998], the Countess Mountbatten's Own Centennial Medal [2004], the Pioneer Axe [2004], the Legion Meritorious Service Medal for services to NZHQ [2006], the Silver Fern [2008], the Australian Medal of Merit (Silver) [2009], the 90th Commemorative Medal [2011] and in 2011 was Frontiersman of the Year

Sandra always presented herself very smartly and was fondly respected by all and she was extremely proud of her Command.

Sandra always took the time to connect with her members,

We remember her giving Frontiersmen
money for the collection plate at
Conference Church Parades to save them
embarrassment. That was our Sandra.
We mourn her passing while we are
honoured to have shared her fellowship.
You deserve a well earned break Sandra.
God Guard Thee
Barry:

Blow that trumpet, bugler,
Play your very best,
As you play your notes of memories,
We lay our brother to rest,
We stand here not alone today,
We all stand with pride,
No more will our comrade stand by our
side.

Blow your trumpet bugler,
The sound we know so well,
Today we see our brother,
Like many others who fell,
Sandra will be in heaven to enjoy a well
earned rest,
As a Frontiersman she gave nothing but
her best.

Blow your trumpet bugler,
As your sound dies softly away,
This time Sandra has gone over the top,
This time she has gone to stay,
Play Bugler, Play

By Doug Baker

(Written in the 1973 Journal)

Read out at funeral by RSM DR Vaile.

Dear Barry,
On behalf of the family, I would like to
extend our deep thanks to you and all those
LOF members that attended Sandra's
funeral. Your attendance and eulogy
helped make the day indeed very special
and we believe she would have highly
appreciated the LOF comrades that came
to pay their final respects.

As mentioned on Friday, I extend my
personal and high praise to you for the
standard of dress and uniform. Being an
ex-serviceperson, I was delighted to see
the pride and attention you took not only
in your uniform but the way you presented
yourself on Friday. Truly professional, and
a clear inspiration to others in the LOF.
Best regards, Rob Parrish.

Hi Val,

On behalf of the family, I would
like to extend our deep thanks to all those
LOF members that attended her funeral.
The day was special and we believe she
would have highly appreciated the LOF
comrades that came to pay their final
respects.

We have started to pack be LOF
equipment. I will arrange to have the first
2 boxes moved to Wanganui and then
Rochelle will contact Kathy Butler for
collection.

Due to time constraints I'm not going to be
able to get through Mums files and sort
them out, separating the LOF files this
trip.

The family will secure all files and I will
go through them at Christmas and we will
get them on their way to you.

I have also taken a full back up of Mum
computer and will sort out the LOF files
and get them to you as well.

Best Regards,
Rob.

Hi Val

Just back from leave

Although I never met or conversed with
Sandra, I could see the good she did you
all

Geoff has already replied – but please
present my condolences to the family
Too many of us are ‘passing on to the
great frontier in the sky’

Tempus fugit and this is a sad fact of life
ATVB and GGT

David Watson

Hi Val,

We were very shocked to hear of Sandra's passing. I had corresponded with her over the years and she was awarded with LFICC honour badge for outstanding services to the frontiersmen movement. I always found her to be a person of high integrity New Zealand has lost a faithful servant. I personally will miss corresponding with her. We here in Canada send our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends
Gone but not forgotten.
Barry Metcalfe, Chief
Commissioner, LFICC

We send our heartfelt sympathy to the family. .and retains all the memories of a grand legion lady.
We instruct our piper to pipe 'Flowers of the Forest' .and mention in minutes.
Sleep sound lassie, you have served the Legion well...
All Scots Units. To pay
respects. Ken Argyll GGT.

Sincere sympathy to the family, Val. It is normally David's task to advise our Adjutant but David is abroad until 6th August. As often happens with his work, he is out of contact, so I am sure Sticks will do the necessary and ask for this to be posted in August Orders.
For those not aware, Sandra Parrish was not only NZ Commandant but also the daughter of Jim Sampson who was NZ Commandant 1977-80, immediately prior to Val's father, Doug Baker. Jim Sampson's father had also been a Frontiersman, joining in 1918 so the family has a long record of service to the Legion of Frontiersmen.
In the files there is a hand-written personal letter from Sandra Parrish to the then HQ Adjutant Arthur Thurston regarding the death of her father. Among letters from Jim Sampson is one from just before his election as Commandant giving his autobiographical details and the story of his distinguished military career? I will

email digital copies just to you, Val, as it has to be up to you to whom you show these personal letters, whether to Sandra Parrish's family and/or to others in New Zealand. I did not think it would be correct to circulate this elsewhere without your approval.

Geoff

For History and Archives.

Commandant's Report:

Greetings everyone, I have decided that I should talk to you on how I see our way forward for Headquarters staff and the Command.

How I would bring the team together, this will really depend on the personalities, needs and current situations of each team member. I truly believe the effort at the early part of forming the team is most important, setting out the rules and having input from all parties remembering that they each have feelings and beliefs, so it is setting the platform with all feeling welcome and part of the team.

As for Headquarters staff, well if I was asked a question I would expect to have replied to it in a timely fashion, that means no longer than 48 hours and if I didn't have all the info I needed to reply, I would let them know and keep them informed of where I was up to. This I also would expect of them if I had a question to ask of them and also to any member of the command.

Generally conflict comes about due to misunderstanding then upset. The first focus is to remove the upset and then deal with the misunderstanding. There is ALWAYS 3 things present when dealing with upset they are:-

- Thwart intentions (Not being able to do what you had intended)

- Unfilled expectation (when one thinks something is going to happen but it does not)
- Lack of Communication

Removing any one of these three items will dissolve Upset; my role is to help the people remove one of these. Personally I see the Commandant's roll in a volunteer organisation like ours is to ensure the Team has the tools they need, to feel and trust each other to work to a common goal. They don't need to love each other but to respect each other. This is usually achieved if they feel they have been heard and understood. It is the Commandant's job to facilitate this, so the weakest is heard just as much as the strongest in reaching their common goal. Our common goal, I believe is the Legion of Frontiersmen as an organisation, I have set certain plans in action the main one would be transparency. I have invited all members of the command to attend the Headquarters meetings; these will be held at a time that best suits the Deputy Commandant to attend, there are several reasons for this, to name a few Joe has to travel the greatest distance, and if something happens to me health wise he would have to step up to continue in my role until an election is held and therefore must be well advised of the position of the command at all times. However I still will seek confirmation before setting a date and time in place that a majority of HQ will be in attendance. They are to be held in Katikati which is currently the registered office of the Command, plus two of HQ members live in Katikati and a third is half an hour away and it is closer for a fourth to travel than to Te Awamutu. We can also accommodate for the night two of HQ staff

if they need.

The first Headquarters meeting will always be the biggest as there are so many things to do when there has been a change in staff and positions. I have requested that all members of staff and Command units add items which they believe need to be discussed, so far I have added an amount of items which some may find overwhelming, they are not meant to be this way.

Over the years much information has not been readily available, some of this now has become historical, and it needed to be documented and filed appropriately. It is a lot easier to ensure that matters are recorded in a set of minutes which will give reference to a matter than research years of files to find out information, a starting point is always a help.

As a past secretary of organisations for a long period of time I appreciate how important this is to be done and as an archivist I completely understand the worth of making the historical information required easier to find. So much of the items on the agenda will be noted to inform personnel of the current position on some points, (transparency). They will need to be recorded so any person in future can understand what the item was about regardless if they attend or not.

By law we need a set of minutes in a minute book, I have requested for a number of years that the command has a minute book which needed to be signed by the chairman when confirmed at the next meeting, unfortunately this has not been done, None of our past Commandants are with us, and it is not now achievable to have their signatures, however the command will have a minute book so we can meet our legal obligations as an incorporated body, I personally have the

minutes back to 2005, as well as the odd set of other years.

Our biggest concern on our way forward is recruitment, all members need to actively think of ways to increase our numbers, do you have friends who could join, can you form a group with a common goal, ask yourself what attracted you to the organisation to start with, is that reason still valid for you today, can it be applied to others, what can you do and they do in your current state of health. It may mean you can only do research on a computer go to your local libraries in your area and find information out on the LOF in your area. Can I drive for or walk around the street in my town be in uniform to show that towns people there is a presence still in the area. Comradeship is only a matter of saying hello to people. Ask people to help in the name of the LOF some may join many won't but everyone that does join is a gain for all. Be open and modernize think outside of the square it is important that we don't just sit by and do nothing. In the meantime bear with me as I am one of those who is not sitting by and waiting for something to happen I intend to make things happen, come on board and fight for our survival, is it not worth fighting for.

God Guard Thee,

L247 Lt Col Val Baker

Deputy Commandant's Report:

Hi to all from the North.

Well that's another year gone and another Great Conference complete even if some of us had to spend a week or so fighting off the flu upon our return home. It was a surprise and a pleasure to be asked to stand second chair to Val Baker as our New Commandant.

Everything is much the same in the north with weekly duties every Saturday. The appointment of a new patron is looming closer as Clive has secured an appointment with Shane Reti in the next week or so.

It was great to see our oldest member Doreen Alexander featured on TV 1 "Good Sorts" the other night.

Well that's probably enough dribble from me, so to those have lost loved ones my condolences and to those unwell I wish you a speedy recovery.

God Guard Thee,

Major Joe Yearbury.

Staff Adjutant & Records Officer's Report:

We have been sorting out boxes of paperwork from then 'til now, including Annual Returns, Applications for Awards, Membership applications etc and I am amazed at what is not there - for example if the Date is not missing on a form, then the Unit Letter is missing!!

There seems to be a lot of duplication in the paperwork but, obviously, I don't understand it yet.

The Nominal roll forms appear to be full of errors too, I guess that's because Unit Secretaries rush to fill them out, so that they can get them in on time to be financial, and, to win the prize (you're dreaming!).

It was a privilege to be able to be present at Pioneer Sandra Parrish's funeral and it was great to have such a good turnout of Frontiersmen, in the most perfect of weather. Thank you all.

Robin Cawte's knees have been complaining to him and he has had to move into a care home, - enjoy them fussing over you Robin, as you take a rest. (Robin's now back home again).

I'm looking forward? to our first HQ meeting in Sept, sounds like a lot of work but Lt Col Val does put on a scrummy lunch.

Our thoughts are with you all and your families

God Guard Thee
Major Barry Coker

R.S.M's Report:

Well very little has happened in my department in the last two months apart from a trip over to New Plymouth on the sad occasion of the passing of our immediate past Commandant L73 Sandra Parrish, she will be sadly missed by all.

It was so pleasing to see so many travel so far to farewell her in a way she deserved.

Conference 2018, it was pleasing to see such a wide range of our command make the trip south, the first one in the South Island in a long time and O Troop come north every year.

We were spoiled with food, travel, entertainment and good company. It was trouble free, no rain; sun was shining, but bloody cold. So well done O Troop you can hold your heads High.

On a personal note I came away proud, privileged and honoured to wear the Blue Ribbon as an honorary Life member of the Scottish Command, thank you my friend Ken and to all of your men who supported you in this decision to award it to me, I wear it with pride.

Now closer to home, we (i.e. the Commandant and I) have been having long talks on how we can grow our numbers and keep the ones we have. We both believe transparency will be a good place to start with everyone on the same page and all working together. Here's hoping at our first HQ meeting to be held in Katikati, all are invited to put your ideas forward or if you can't make it put it on paper all ideas are welcome.

Conference 2019, if you are planning on coming to Katikati next year please book your motel I have block booked the Kaimai View Motel until the 31st March, don't leave it too late.

We hope to see some of you at National Park 11 o'clock on the 11th of the 11th

month 2018, marking the 100 years since the end of WWI.

Mind you be there before then please at least by 10.30

God Guard Thee all.
2127 WO1 Vaile DR

South Island Liaison Officers Report:

Greetings from the Deep South. I'll start off with the sad passing of Sandra; she will be missed by all legion members. R.I.P.

Sandra. O Troop sent me to her funeral and what a good turnout by Legion members. Six of us had the honour of being Pall Bearers.

We have finished doing the netball's and basketball's and what a busy year we have had down here. We also had a Polyfest Festival at the stadium to do car parking for. November this year see's us helping out for the NZ Breakers Basketball game, then it is into the horse racing season doing car parking in Invercargill, Gore and Riverton.

While I was in Taranaki, I went to Stratford to visit Ray and Dave West. It was good to catch up and have a cuppa and talk about old times we had in the Legion. Well I had better get this away as I am a bit late with it, sorry Val.

To those who have lost loved ones, our condolences and to those on the sick list, a speedy recovery.

God Guard Thee
Capt Murray Hamblin PNR

Overseas Liaison Officers Report:

Greetings to all, I continue to liaise with members of other commands and sometimes I am a bit slow in replying, but I try very hard to reply promptly as work has at times been real busy.

It is great seeing the dialog going backwards and forwards between the commands and catching up with the news. I love seeing the photos and wish at times

that our country was not quite as young as what it is, seeing the old traditions and buildings is very impressive.

Please continue to forward the news and photos; there are members other than myself who look forward to reading about what everyone is doing.

Val

See photos and news later in the journal.

Editors Report:

Val, once again a good read of the "FRONTIERSMAN". It is good to know what is happening across the world within our Legion. I follow our NZ command with great interest and have done for many years, your reports still inspire us and your dedication is an inspiration to all.

GGT, Jack.

It is wonderful to hear that people enjoy reading the journal, as overseas enjoy seeing what is happening in New Zealand I have had members in the command tell me that they like reading about what is happening overseas, it brings all together and shows us all the diversity of each other as well as the common ground we share.

Val

Archivist Report:

Recently we (Ross and I) have taken some old minutes to be bound; these are being done for me personally. I have found that there is a lot of information missing:

Please can anyone help,

NZHQ minutes I have been told and it seems to be correct that when NZHQ Staff are changed with an incoming

Commandant that their minutes from their meetings start a fresh at one although not always the case.

I have managed to secure in Sandra's term the sets of minutes for HQ from the 10th meeting in 2009 to the 27th meeting in April 2018.

However missing are the 1st to the 9th meeting or 2006 to 2009 as they once had

three meetings a year other than conference.

To summarize what else we need.

Errol Board 2004 to 2005 no HQ Minutes available

Ken Boesley 1998 – 2003 only have the 7th meeting which was September 2002.

Arthur Lennon 1994 – 1997 we have the 8th and 9th meeting minutes of NZHQ and we have nothing for 1993 Dave Funnell, 1992 Neil Sommerville and 1989 to 1991 Neil Dalton nor anything for Doug Baker 1980 to 1988. Prior to this date differently nothing is available.

I have also asked for the minutes from 2018 back to 2007 to be bound, again this is for my own benefit but will be kept with the other items which the command have had bound.

Thankfully I have some old minutes which have been handed in from G Squadron, 1969 to 1976. Plus Lt Mike Smith has informed me that many of the years of minutes in the early days have been printed in the journals themselves so they could be retrieved from those journals after conference each year.

It is very important that when tidying up unit files that unless you know what should be kept, but don't then keep everything, if you are unsure then send it me and I can sort it out for you, or if you want to do it yourself then ask. Please don't throw it away it is far too valuable to put a match to it or take it to the dump.

Major Barry Coker has also advised me that NZHQ records hold only some of the minutes from conferences in fact on conferences he only holds 2018 issue, and conferences held in 2001, 1999, 1993, 1988, 1971 and 1945. Mostly these are from the boxes that the late Ray Hammond past over to NZHQ.

I will be able to assist the NZHQ with copies since 2006 to date, but your assistance is now required as well to recover as many minutes as possible. It is a requirement by law for us to have a minute

book.

Barry has also informed me that HQ have copies of HQ meetings from 5 through to 27 in Sandra's period plus no. 4 by the date is when Des Yorke was acting Commandant, so I will be obtaining copies of them that I don't have, but we need from 1 to 3 in the years between 2006 and 2002.

It appears that HQ has a full set for Ken Boesley's term in office all copies from 1 to 7 and Arthur Lennan 6 & 7 the years 1997 –Sept 2002, again from Ray's years, as Staff Adjutant and Records officer. The 2nd & 3rd set for Arthur but we need set 1, 4, & 5, although there is a set of minutes recorded as 150 on the 4th of Feb 1995 and the 90th Jubilee minutes on the 12/11/1994.

Dave Funnell's term we have set 149 and 1 this covers July 1993 his first and February 1994.

Neil Dalton we have sets 143, 138, 137, 135, 132, which could be headed NZ Command, or Executive also the Executive minutes for Doug Baker number 127 1st August 1987.

Regional minutes are another source of information of your history, at the time regional meetings were known as Northern and Central, so NZHQ have 3 sets of minutes for 3 meetings each in 2002, in 2001 Northern at Paeroa and Central 2 meetings. In 2000 2 minutes for Central nothing for Northern, 1999 1 set of minutes for Central, 1997 2 sets of minutes for Central, and 1989 2 sets of minutes for Northern. Special meetings held a National Park 12/11/2000 and Shooting meeting at Taupo 13/2/1972 all of these have been handed in by the late Ray Hammond.

Please look through your old files and assist both your current NZHQ and myself with copies of those that are missing.

Val on behalf J Troop

Quartermasters Report: J Troop:

As our QM stores are well set up now, it's only a matter of slipping out from the

house and grabbing what is needed to send away or deliver. Take note of what is being removed or replaced.

We have supplied new officers Sam Browne to Barry sending Ross to Tauranga with a few different ones to try for size. I always find it interesting to read on the inside of the belts that have held them in the past as you can read their names there.

O Troop finally have been supplied with ribbon and a couple of miniatures for their members, sorry it has taken a while to find the email attachment, Laura had to send me another copy, but when filing some company papers I came across it, a bit late as I had already sent everything away by the time I found it though. I must admit that the office is looking more like an office lately now that we (Ross and I) have sorted old journals, files, photos, records and minute books that had all been brought down from home to allow time during the day to work our way through. Once this has been done then like today a couple of boxes have been returned to stores for placement.

One new set of shelving from floor to ceiling has been bolted against the wall in my office and that has made a huge difference with Legion, chopping and local town archive folders filling its shelves.

Val

North Island Liaison Officers Report:

Greetings one and all, I would like to thank those who were at Conference for helping me run Conference in the absent of our Commandant who was unwell at the time.

Congratulations to Captain Baker on becoming our new Commandant.

A Big thank you to "O" Troop for the great weekend. Couldn't complain about the weather (even though we had -4 couple mornings. A big thanks to Peter (cab driver) getting us to and fro when needed.

Congratulations to those who received awards.

It was upsetting that not long after returning home from Conference that we learnt of the passing of our past Commandant Sandra Parrish. I was able to attend her funeral and it was great to see the turnout of 10 members. To the Parrish family I send my deepest sympathy Great to catch up with Dave West ex "M" Squadron Stratford now attached to "N" Squadron.

I'm looking to serve you as your North Island Liaison Officer for the next 3 years. To those unwell I wish you a speedy recovery and sympathy to those who have lost love ones.

God Guard Thee
Arthur

Central North Island Liaison Officers Report:

Greetings from the Central Region, C Troop Hastings, N' Squadron Palmerston North & W' Troop Pahiatua.

This is my first report for the above units; I hope I'll be able to assist you when required. OC's should know the procedure, if a units member has passed away or unwell, these tasks are well within our role to work together, and stay focussed taking the Legion forward.

Sorry I couldn't make Conference this time, and to Pnr Sandra Parrish Funeral, some things are meant to try us.

I would like to thank Major Barry Coker J' Troop, for the Eulogy given at the service of Pnr Sandra Parrish, also to the Members that were able to attend, from near and far, and specially to Captain Murray Hamblin O' Troop Invercargill.

That's about all for now, and maybe we will probably see some of you, at National Park in November.

Regards to all
GGT

Kathy Captain

C. Troop Report:

D Troop Report:

E. Troop Report:

F. Troop Report:

Hi from the north

At present we are in reasonable health and hope everyone is the same. A wonderful conference was held and attended by quite a few of us after returning home I spent four days in hospital suffering from severe chest and lung infection.

The Legion received news that Sandra Parrish had passed over the great divide on the 25th of July her funeral was attended by a few members held on a nice day in New Plymouth.

Our duties have remained the same, Dawn Don and Dale went to Waipu to a public meeting called by the Caledonian society to try and get volunteers to help with the running of the games both with the lead up and on the day like all organisations they are having trouble getting help.

God Guard Thee

Clive

H Troop Report:

Hello All and greetings from Taupo, what a rotten time we have had with my mate and good friend Lt. Col Webb. passing away then twelve months later our past commandant Col. Sandra Parrish passed away. Who I wonder will be next? We only have one duty this year which costs us more than we get out of it.

This report is going to be short again as I have not much news so to those who are unwell we hope that you make a speedy recovery.

God Guard Thee

Lt. Ian Bowater P.S.F. LSEM LSM

J Troop Report:

Hi all, another report is due, I can assure that details for conference 2019 are well on the way, everyone doing different little things to bring to you another great conference.

The Conference that many of us have just attended in Invercargill, yet it's been over three months was a fantastically run event. Well done to all for the efforts that you put in to the weekend. You all worked hard to bring it about, many of you working doing duties to raise funds to ensure that it cost those attending very little and that you all could also reap those benefits. From the bar tabs on the different nights to the taxi fares for members to travel to and from events and accommodation. It would have cost a pretty penny I am sure.

Although you may say it was a way of your members enjoying a conference together with the rest of us, I for one cannot thank you enough.

It was lovely meeting you all; I hope that you all felt the same.

Since conference we have had the sad news of the passing of Sandra our second longest serving Commandant. (I always thought she was our longest serving Commandant until recently, when I was informed that another had been longer). However regardless she was the first female Commandant of the Command and that is a milestone in itself.

Like many other funerals I haven't been able to attend because of my work commitments, it is even difficult for me to go to funerals in my own town. For those who were able to attend I thank you on behalf of those of us who could not make it.

I must also apologise to those of you who had to wait for me to send out information of details that Sandra had passed over the great divide, it is sometimes difficult to know exactly when to inform everyone.

Whether it is immediately or when funeral arrangements had been set by family.

The months over winter are always slow for the troop, but we have a duty coming

forward on the 15th of September which is to assist with crowd control and road crossings for the women's suffrage march to commemorate 125 years since the start of this movement.

The event will be a march along the footpath from the Uretara Domain to the town memorial hall then to listen to a talk by Helen Clark, so we are not only keeping an eye on traffic and protestors but VIP vehicles and other items outside the hall.

God Guard Thee,
Val Baker L247

N Squadron Report:

Greetings from the wet & Sunny Manawatu at present.

Great to hear that Conference was a success by all, I have spoken to.

Congratulations O' Troop, and to members who received awards.

Nothing to report on at present, our one duty remains the same, although we could not manage more, as age and health reasons prevent this.

Well I think this will do for now, to those who are unwell, a speedy recovery, and sympathy to those who have lost loved ones.

GGT Kathy

O Troop Report:

Hello from the very bottom of the bottom island. It's very cold down here at the moment, but we have had some good weather. The duties have been good to us this year, Basketball (Champions), Netball (Champions), and to add to those our cricket team also won their championship.

Yes we are good in our sports down here.

We are having a rest down here at the moment, it is well earned.

Hope it's been good to other units in NZ.

The OC of our unit has been busy renovating his house. New kitchen and carpet throughout the house. Looks good.

We were very sad down here to hear about Sandra's passing, but we must carry on in her honour.

To all those that have lost loved ones, please accept our condolences, and to those that have been unwell, things will get better now.

God Guard Thee

Sgt Sec A Webb PNR

W Troop Report:

Hi from W Troop,

Our sympathy goes out to those who have lost loved ones.

Lt Pnr Graham Stokes and I Sec/Sgt Carol Stokes had a good conference which was held in Invercargill held by O Troop. Our thanks go out to them and all that attended. Good time, Good food, and good fellowship and it was good to catch up on old and new friends, which we have not seen for some time.

Not much is happening in W Troop.

God Guard Thee

Sgt/Sec Carol Stokes.

Y Squadron Report:

Everyone in "Y" Squadron were very sad to hear our ex Commandant Sandra Parrish passing away after all these years. We would like to send our Condolences to everyone involved again. RIP Sandra xx. We were very pleased that Arthur was able to attend on our behalf. Thank you Arthur. Congratulations again to Val, our new Commandant. Wishing you well in the future.

We are not busy at the moment but have one duty on the horizon.

With love to all,

God Guard Thee.

Julia and all at "Y" Squadron.

Members News:

Firstly I would like to thank "O" Troop for a great week end for conference, on arrival we found that Clive and Joe had been delayed in Whangarei which upset all of their connections finally getting in about 2.5 hours late, this wasn't helped by Air NZ not letting anyone know what flight they would be on. To Peter Hamilton our Shuttle bus driver for the weekend Thanks Peter nothing seemed to be too much trouble.

Don and I had a great time away 20 days in total by driving we were able to catch up with our daughter both ways and spend time with our Great Grandson.

We struck all sorts of weather from rain in the North Island to frosts and snow starting with the car being frozen in Blenheim. We then seemed to have a frost nearly every day until we got back to Wellington, then to rain again. Our trip on the Trans Alpine crossing was great, as it had snowed the night before, this was a long day but well worth it.

On arriving home we received the news that Sandra was still in hospital unfortunately she was not to recover and passed over the Great Divide on 25th July, this saw 4 of us from here heading for New Plymouth for her funeral. It was pleasing to see about 10 members attending.

We are hoping to go to Haruru Falls for dinner and spend the weekend with Des in September just have to find one that suits everyone.

To those who are on the sick list, I hope you have a speedy recovery and to those who have lost a loved one our sincere condolences. Till next time

God Guard Thee

Dawn

Hi everyone.

Our condolences to those who have lost loved ones. Our thoughts are with you

all. All the best to those who have had a birthday or an Anniversary.

I may be a little late getting my report in but my Father was rushed to Hospital on Thursday morning (16 August 2018). This is the Hawera hospital in Taranaki. I went to Hawera from Sanson to be with my mother. He is now home and coming along slowly. I had to come back home as we both had appointments that we had to keep.

Stephen's mother has not been as happy as she would have liked to be and he was not able to go through to Hawera with me. She is slowly on the mend.

I have heard nothing in this area regarding any parades for 11/11/2018. All going to plan we will see you at National Park. I will let you know the numbers later on when we know them.

I myself am going through a course of tests. The main one is my Choking on my food. I do have a few other problems but they are being looked after.

Stephen is coming right for a while again from his Epilepsy seizures as he has had a change in his medication. Early days at the moment but we are getting there.

We have now got reliable wheels and will be able to do a few more things that we have not been able to do.

We do hope that everything is going well for the next Conference. If you need any help that we can do PLEASE do not be afraid to ask. We would like to be able to help even with us living a little distance from our Unit.

Well it is time to get this to the Editor so it can go into the Journal.

God Guard Thee

Ann Sheary Pnr. J. Troop

Rules that don't keep up with the changing times:

Section 11.11

“When in uniform saluting will be carried out as in Military Procedure. This includes

saluting all officers of Her Majesty's Forces. (Note: saluting is an outward sign that discipline and respect for authority exists).”

The out of date part, “This includes saluting all Officers of Her Majesty's Forces.” In the last year I was informed that New Zealand Defence Forces are no longer able to salute any person outside of their own Defence force. This would mean if you salute a person in the New Zealand Defence they can't salute back. Other matters which have come to my attention in recent times: Section 12.0: Correspondence:

In particular section 12.6: “All correspondence must be dated and signed with rank after the signature and designation; such as Adjutant, Secretary, or Officer Commanding, below the signature and rank.”

And section 12.7.0: “Correspondence must pass through the proper channels. The correct channel is from individual to Troop, from Troop to Squadron, and from Squadron to N.Z.H.Q and vice versa. The Troop and Squadron Leaders will add their remarks on a separate sheet and attach before forwarding to higher authority.”

So let's take each of these sections in turn: Especially as these particular rules have been in existence for well over 20 years. Society Organisations now has in most cases official letterheads, and I have taken notice of how Lawyers sign off their names etc. If you have a letter head that has the name of the organisation, contact personnel, the letter writer address and phone numbers and positions listed in part of the letterhead, then it is not necessary to add at the bottom of a letter, they do not add other details other than the date the letter is written. Therefore our command letter heads show all but the date and for

military our numbers for three senior members of the Command Head Quarters. However if you as a Troop or Squadron do not have an official letterhead then please ensure the above rule is carried out, although I must omit that many people these days don't use snail mail at all it is mostly done by email. On the matter of letterheads, some organisations including lawyer offices, if an associate rather than the person on the letterhead writes a letter then they do add their position after their name. Myself as Managing Director of a company only put my position second or after my signature when I have not included it in my letterhead.

The next section is correct channels, there is no Troop who is attached to a Squadron in New Zealand any longer, a letter unless to do with the accounts to a unit should be addressed to the senior member of the unit, ie: the Officer Commanding regardless whether their secretary opens the correspondence or not, unless marked confidential. In any organisation the correspondence should be dealt with by the officer in charge who then hands over correspondence to the secretary for a reply as he/she directs. Do you believe that a letter written by a person to a lawyer the mail is open by them or is it their staff? Like the legal executive and the reply is from your lawyer as he/she directs. These are points that the command has not kept up with, but in my opinion do we need to put remits forward or do we just have to stop nit picking.

The new sign I purchased for our farm says it all:

Caution: "This is a working farm, it has hazards all over it, and the operator cannot be F..... Identifying every one of these tens of thousands. As a result of this. We

have a very good H & S policy in place. It is call common sense; if you do not possess any common sense do not enter. If you enter. You must use your common sense whenever necessary."

I do hear you Frontiersmen, those who make comment on how many and the type of remits that come forward.

What should we do? Your comments would be worth hearing.

Val.

Overseas Reports:

Val -

The crest plaque is glorious. Cannot thank you enough, so very kind of you to go to the trouble of getting this made and posting to me.

Very much appreciated. It is heartening to see the growing bonds across the various LOF units. Much progress has been made in the past few years to bring together with positive intent what was before fractured and self interested.

Thank you for your leadership.

Scott

Dear Val,

Wonderful present!

I really appreciate that!

I can only agree with Scott: Much progress has been made in the past few years to bring together with positive intent what was before fractured and self interested. I think we are idealists, and that needs the LoF.

Thank you for your friendship and fellowship between our two Commands!

God Guard Thee,

Klaus

The new Topic page for August and September "**Commemorating the 9000**" is online from August 1st at www.frontiersmenhistorian.wordpress.co

[m](http://www.frontiersmenhistorian.info) or via a direct link on our main website www.frontiersmenhistorian.info

This explains why for around a hundred years at any Frontiersmen dinner or meal the Frontiersmen have always raised a glass to toast "The 9000". In addition an abridged version of Dr. Anne Samson's highly-acclaimed talk to the Victorian Military Society "**The Origin of the Legion of Frontiersmen and the Formation of M.I.5/6**" has also been posted.

Jim Sampson:

To Colonel Arthur Thurston 1.8.1976

Dear Sir,

Please convey to the Commander in Chief and all members of Commonwealth H.Q, our deep appreciation of your message of sympathy on the death of our esteemed Commandant Allan Puklowski. It was a shock to all of NZ Command and to all ranks. I have passed your message on to the family. You will appreciate that it will take a little time to settle in to my temporary position. Time will only tell if I am elected in March for a 3 year term. After the Brigadiers death we arranged for an obituary to be written by our former Commandant Jack Congreve to be included in our next magazine due out now so will forward a copy to you. I will give some thought in the near future re your enquiries on medals etc. Will also arrange to present the medal of merit to Ron on your behalf in the near future. He has certainly earned it. I hope that we will be able to work together in the best interests of the Legion as has been in the past. Now for the hardest part of this correspondence:-

Born 1912 in New Plymouth of farming parents. My father joined the Legion in 1918 and remained a member continuously till his death in 1964. I served with 22nd Battalion (N.Z) in England (1940) Greece, Crete, North Africa, Syria and Italy. Was a Warrant Officer second class, and acting R.S.M for a time. Mentioned in

Dispatches, joined Legion in 1946 on my return. Troop Leader for 4 years, Squadron Leader of "L" Squadron for 19 years. Was advisor to NZHQ until appointed Deputy Commandant 1974. Yours fraternally, God Guard Thee
JH Sampson Colonel NZ Command
Courtesy of Geoff Pocock H & A U.K plus we received a letter from Sandra to Colonel Thurston after the death of her father, both of these letters in their original form have been passed onto the family.

Last Post:

David Foster Junior Cavalry Suffolk.

After a series of enquiries, that has included Suffolk Constabulary, Suffolk Hospitals, Suffolk Registry. I sadly have to report the death of a dear comrade, and a man of principle, who has served the LOF for many years... We have to retain our memories of him and the Cavalry, in our own way, and mourn his passing as Scots.
Ken Argyll GGT.

Photos taken from Archive, some two decades ago,, when an alliance between the Scots and the Suffolk Cavalry was firmly implemented and certified. This was the time when the Scots had sea patrols in backup to the Coast Guard. Later, Suffolk Cavalry came under the title, Earl Kitchener's Own, and wore the Scots badges.

It was an alliance that served purpose in every way to compliment both Units, and a close bond was ongoing to the present day. This was an era when the Scots paraded with the recruiting team of The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, at events and Highland Games taking their role a Agents for the area. Eventually, authorised to stand for them.

What was cannot be taken away, and the fond memories of Dave will last.

A fine horseman and instructor mounted and dis-mounted.in all aspects of horsemanship.
We mourn his passing,, and he will be greatly missed..

Ken Pnr. ARGYLL GGT



David Foster:

A lighter side:

Glasgow boys, Archie and Jock, are sitting in the pub discussing Jock's forthcoming wedding. 'Aye, it's all going like magic,' says Jock.

'I've got everything organized already: the flowers, the church, the cars, the reception, the rings, the minister, even ma stag night...'

Archie nods approvingly.

'Hell, I've even bought a kilt to be married in!' continues Jock.

'A kilt?' exclaims Archie, 'That's grand; you'll look pure smart in that!

And what's the tartan?'

'Ach,' says Jock, 'I imagine she'll be in white.'

Apologies...small boy asked his father...

'Dad, where do we come from?'

'Son. We are descended from Monkeys and Apes!'

Not totally convinced, to make sure,,,,,

,, 'Mother,, Where do we come from?'

' Well son it like this ,its evolution,!

but Dad says we come from monkeys and apes, !!!!!.'

' OH.. THAT'S HIS SIDE OF THE FAMILY!!'

A young Sydney woman was so depressed that she decided to end her life by throwing herself into the ocean,

But just before she could throw herself from the docks, a handsome young man stopped her.

"You have so much to live for," said the man. "I'm a sailor, and we are off to Italy tomorrow. I can stow you away on my ship. I'll take care of you, bring you food every day, and keep you happy." With nothing to lose, combined with the fact that she had always wanted to go to Italy, the woman accepted.

That night the sailor brought her aboard and hid her in a small but comfortable compartment in the hold.

From then on, every night he would bring her three sandwiches, a bottle of red wine, and make love to her until dawn.

Three weeks later she was discovered by the captain during a routine inspection.

"What are you doing here?" asked the captain.

"I have an arrangement with one of the sailors," she replied.

"He brings me food and I get a free trip to Italy."

"I see," the captain says.

Her conscience got the best of her and she added,

"Plus, he's screwing me."

"He certainly is," replied the captain.

"This is the Manly Ferry."

Thanks Kerry Green and Ken Walker