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Woodfield Recruit Cup for Best RecruitCDT Lange				
Adventure Training Trophy for Cadet Adventure TrainingCDT Stack				
Halldane Trophy for ShootingFLTSGT L. Senio				
Paul Garrett Trophy for NCO Adventure TrainingSGT Swain				
Sommerville Cup for Endeavour				
McKenzie Trophy for NCO LeadershipFLTSGT Vallance				
RNZAFA Award for General Excellence				
Squadron Commander's TrophyCDT Than				
Ian Petit Trophy for AttendanceCDT Parkinson				
R L Austin Trophy for Cadet Leadership				
Brevet Club Efficiency (Interflight Competition)No. 4 (Hurricane) Fligh				
RSA Trophy for Community ServiceSGT Swain				
Hoult Trophy for Dress and BearingFLTSGT Catto				
Dan the Man Trophy for Motivation and EnthusiasmCDT J. Buchanar				
Cadet's Choice AwardFGOFF Pendly				
Brevet Club Aviation Award Best Progress in Aviation Studies FLTSGT L.Trenberth				
Doug Lord Memorial Trophy for Natural Flying AptitudeFLTSGT L.Trenberth				

17 SQUADRON AWARDS 2015

No. 3 Squadron Cup for Southern Area Drill

Southern Area Efficiency – First Place

Air League Trophy (National Efficiency) –2nd Place

2015 PROMOTIONS

To Corporal

A.Abbari B.Andrew C.Blair M.Saville B.Williams

G.Wilson A.Woods

To Sergeant

E.Catto A.Debenham S.Langan L.Poulsen L.Senior

To Flight Sergeant

E.Catto K.O'Regan L.Senior A.Vallance

To Warrant Officer

R.Siddall A.Vallance

To Under Officer

G.Saville L.Sutton R.Siddall

To Acting Pilot Officer To Pilot Officer

M.O'Connor H.Farrow

To Flying Officer

M.Pendly

UNIT COMMANDERS ADDRESS

Well another year had drawn to a close and there have been some good outcomes for the year, we have won the 3 Sqn Cup for Drill and the Southern Area Efficiency and after a close fought race managed to retain the Sparrowhawk trophy.

Also of note is the completion and installation of the new simulator for the Squadron, this has been an exciting project with help from many people but specifically the unit owes a



huge thanks to the main builder / designer / supplier of the project Shaun who has been pivotal in the success of this project committing many hours to the project

In closing a big thank you to the Officer and Support committee for your tireless often unrewarded work that make the unit what it is.

To all a Merry Christmas

WARRANT OFFICER WRAP-UP 2015

U/O Grace Saville (Dec 2014-Jun 2015)

My name is Grace Saville and I had the honour and responsibility of being 17 Squadron Warrant Officer from December 2014 to June 2015. It was brief, but I came to very much enjoy my time in the role. At first I was not entirely sure what to expect and how much was on my shoulders, but after a month or two I came much further out of my shell. It filled me with pride to command my squadron onto Parade. I became more familiar with my cadets as I did the roll and interacted with them directly on a more regular basis. As W/O I acted as a communication link between the Officers and NCOs, so it was great getting to know both groups better. I enjoyed camps such as Recruit Camp and Exercise Frostybird



because as W/O I needed to know what was happening at all times and had to ensure everything ran smoothly, but I still had freedom to play games and join in on activities. I also had fun teaching the cadets a Canadian line dancing movement that I learnt from a Dunedin cadet. Watching my NCO's grow and form close friendships was amazing, and I hope they further develop as a team. Thank you to everyone who helped make my time as W/O a good one.

W/O Ruby Siddall (June 2015-Present)



The past two terms have been an absolute blast. Being W/O has provided me with the opportunity to encourage others to excel in activities that they love. Highlights of my time as W/O have included attending Exercise Sparrowhawk for the first time and observing first-hand the competitive spirit of all the teams and their dedication. Taiaha was also a lot of fun with great weather, successful tramps and a lot of laughter. The NCO team has worked really hard and their encouraging attitude and enthusiasm has been passed onto the cadets. 17 Squadron should be very proud of its achievements in 2015 and I look forward to another inspiring year in 2016.

A TYPICAL NIGHT AT ATC: FROM MY PERSPECTIVE

Getting home from school on a Thursday afternoon and realizing that I have to spend the afternoon ironing my uniform, then go to ATC. So this is how the afternoon goes:

4:00: get shirt and iron it till it's amazing with creases down my sleeves and my collar is as I can get it.

4:15: get my shoes and apply polish to them and let them sit in the sun. Then get my pants and make sure that there are creases that go all the way up and down the legs

4:30: buff up the shoes and grab my jersey and iron it till the sleeves are as flat as a pancake and till there is no fluff sticking up from the top.

5:00: eat dinner and do some homework.

5:30: get changed into uniform and get all bits necessary then double check uniform and everything. Then get into car and drive to the block.

6:00: arrive at the block and talk with some of the other early birds.

6:15: get uniform inspected by the corporals and talk with more cadets arriving and NCOs.

6:30: warrant officer tells us to go out onto the parade ground and form up in our flights then we raise the flag and do parade and drill.

7:00: go to allocated classroom and have the first lesson of the night.

7:50: go to break after a fun filled lesson and hear what the w/o has to say, and what any other officers have to say, find out about upcoming events.

8:00: go to the next and final lesson of the night and learn some valuable and helpful stuff.

8:55: go to the final night break and hear more of what officers and NCOs have to say, and talk with other cadets.

9:10: go home and go to bed.

CDTN. Haverland



WARFEDALE TRAMP

Sometime in March, a bunch of us cadets + 2 officers went tramping.

Who were they? Me (CDT Saville), CDT Andrew, CDTCPL Maikuku, LAC Donaldson, CDTSGT's Vallance, Catto, and Swain, and FLGOFF's Gardiner and Wech.

Where did we go? We tramped up to the Wharfdale hut, near Mt Oxford.

Why did we go? Because tramping is fun.

So did anything interesting happen? Well, we drove up in the van to view hill carpark. Shout out to Vallance for teaching me to put on my pack when I was struggling. Thank You Vallance!

We tramped for about 5 hours-ish, about 17km. We endured Donaldson and his bushman's blow's (he obviously forgot to bring tissues). For some reason he also brought couscous, dried onions, and 6 cans of tuna for lunch.

We got there, set up tents, had tea, and took some photos. Unfortunately, there was no campfire because of the fire ban, so we compromised and used glow sticks.

The next day, we ate breakfast, packed up tents, tramped back, and still made it back before 2 pm.

Was it fun? Yes, 100%. 10/10 would recommend. I would definitely do it again if I had the chance.

CDT M.Saville



RECRUIT CAMP

THE BASICS FIRST CAMP WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN ALTHOUGH IT DROVE SOME OF US ABSOLUTELY MAD GETTING UP AT **6:00** IN THE MORNING TO DO P.T AND RUNNING AROUND IN THECOLD WEATHER. BUT LET'S NOT FORGET THE **AMAZING** FOOD THAT WAS PUT IN FRONT OF US FOR EXAMPLE, AN AMAZING COOKED BREAKFAST WITH HASH-BROWNS COOKED TO PERFECTION, AND DINNER WITH CHIPS BETTER THAN MCDONALDS. THIS CAMP MADE A HUGE CONTRIBUTION TO THE BASICS DRILL AND IT WAS ALSO A GOOD CHANCE FOR THEM TO SOCIALIZE AND MEET THE REST OF THE SQUADRON. I PERSONALLY THINK THE BEST PART OF THE CAMP WAS THE ATTITUDE THAT EVERYONE PUT INTO ALL OF THEIR ACTIVITIES AND HOW EVERYONE WAS SO WELCOMING INTO THE 17TH SQUADRON!!

Cass HOT SEAT BEGGERGE

ANZAC DAY CITIZENS SERVICE

This year for ANZAC day parade, a few of us attended the citizen's service in the Christchurch Cardboard cathedral. This is a formal event held in the city centre each year. After escorting the flags down the centre, we all sat down and the service began. Our mayor, the Honourable Lianne Delziel spoke to the general public attending the service and we watched the parade unfold. After an hour of hymns and sitting down, we lined up the flags, and escorted them out of the cathedral, the public watching our every move.

- F/SGT L.Trenberth





HAREWOOD ANZAC DAY PARADE

So on ANZAC day, aside from the main event at Cramner Square (ANZAC Day Dawn Parade) there is a small one in Harewood. It was fun to participate in as you got to make a large difference to a small community. ANZAC day is of course about commemorating and honouring those who passed away in war. Since Harewood is a small community suburb the ceremony has great impact on every individual there and it truly is a solemn experience filled with respect. During the ceremony a few speakers were present to remind us of all of the great sacrifices made by those men in the name of peace. That for some children 'Dad' never came home. ANZAC day always will be a sad day but it is one we must remember and respect, in honour of those soldiers.

The ceremony lasted for approximately 30 minutes and I personally got to lay a wreath. Unfortunately near the end a certain flight sergeant Trenberth managed to faint and almost fall off the cenotaph (memorial monument). Which was quite surprising at the time, but was laughed about afterwards. All in all it was a good small event which was a joy to participate in and commemorate.

We will remember them.

SGTL Poulsen

ANZAC DAWN PARADE

The ANZAC Day Parade to me is about remembering those that have fallen in any conflict around the world. It is a very important time of the year for everyone. We all take a day off work or school to remember those that have died in battle anywhere in the world. The very first Anzac Day was commemorated in 1916, one year after the Gallipoli Campaign.

To me the Anzac parade was very important for me this year. As well as it being one hundred years since the Gallipoli Campaign in 1915, this was my



very first Anzac Day Parade I have contributed too. Like most people around the world they have lost ancestors in past conflicts. I lost a great uncle in WW2 so Anzac Day is to remember him and to imagine what he would have been like.

Today, people say we celebrate Anzac Day on the 25th of April. When really it is not a celebration at all, it is a time to

commemorate our Army, Air Force and Naval personal that have died to protect our country. It does not matter when they died, it could be in WW2 or the First World War, and they still sacrificed their life to protect ours.

Anzac Day was created to commemorate those that had died in the Gallipoli Campaign. It was first commemorated in 1916 and we have honoured it for the last 99 years. Our opponents on the Gallipoli Campaign was Turkey. They also celebrate Anzac Day as they also lost many troops to the Gallipoli Campaign.

ATC and all the other Cadet Corps attend the local Anzac Day Parade as it is compulsory. It may be compulsory but when I was standing there in my

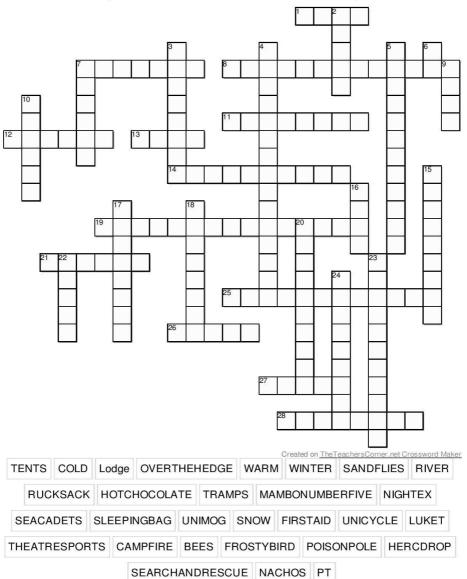
uniform, standing proud I did not feel as I was forced to be there, I felt as if I wanted to be there to show my respects to all the soldiers and other defence personnel that have died protecting our country. Anzac Day has always been something important to New Zealand and Australia. We commemorate those that have fallen while protecting our countries. ATC as far as I know have always put in a squadron to parade on Anzac day. I truly hope that the AnzacDay Parades continue for as long as we live because we will not forget thosethat died to protect our freedom.



CDT J.Prencipe

Frostybird 2015

Complete the crossword below with words from Exercise Frostybird



(Answers on final page)

Across

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- 27. Payton...
- 28. RICE, Dr's abc

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- 4. The activity on monday morning
- 5. what we drink before we go to bed
- 6. Every morning at 0600
- 7. where did they go, Kathy???
- 9. you know nothing Jon...
- 10. ...is coming
- 15. Itchy
- 16. NO, NOOO, NOT THE
- 17. _____ song
- 18. SQNLDR was trying to ride this
- 20. Name of the exercise
- 22. you don't always need a bridge to get over this
- 23. you sleep in these and it keeps you warm
- 24. feat.

2015 NCOs and Officers on Costume Night



FLYING AT KAIAPOI AIRFIELD

On the 26th of April this year, I was given the opportunity to go flying at Kaiapoi Airfield with pilots from the local aero club. I arrived at the airstrip at around 11 am and met with a number of waiting cadets and officers, along with the pilots we would be flying with. One by one, the waiting group got smaller and smaller as we watched each person walk out to their aircraft and taxi off to the end of the runway.

Eventually my plane - a white and red two-seater Piper Tomahawk - taxied up to the side of the clubrooms as the engine died and propeller stopped. Climbing in, the pilot ran me through the pre-flight checks and after a few minutes we had started the engine and were off down the runway. The engine roared as we gradually climbed to our cruising altitude and we began flying towards the hills to the west.

The pilot handed me the controls and told me to pull some negative G's. I pulled the controls back and we pitched up high, both pilots sinking into our seats. The pilot gave me the thumbs up and I pushed the controls forward again, the aircraft's nose plummeting down as the horizon went above our heads. We rocketed down for a few seconds as my stomach twisted and phones and pieces of paper floated up past our faces. My face was full of delight as I watched a chocolate bar slowly scratch past my cheek towards the pilot. Levelling off again, we turned back towards the airfield and completed a few circuits.

After another 10 minutes of tight turns and wrestling the controls against turbulence, we came in to land. The ground rushed up at us as we descended



upon the runway, people waving in the distance to us. The plane skidded to a halt outside the clubrooms again and I shook hands and thanked the pilot for the awesome flight. The other cadets were almost climbing over the fence with questions and high fives as I thanked the officers there for the opportunity and left with a big smile on my face.

CPI A Abbari

SHOOTING AT PAPARUA SMALLBORE RIFLE CLUB

Earlier this year our squadron started shooting regularly at the Paparua Rifle Club in Hornby on Tuesday nights. I was one of the first cadets to take part in the events and attended the first two shoots along with other officers, NCOs and cadets. The range is indoors and quite small, so we would split into groups of 5 so that one group could go into the range and the others wait their turns outside.

The first night we went shooting was the first time I had been shooting in a few months, so I felt as if I'd be pretty rusty. Our group was called in after about 20 minutes and we lined up behind our rifles, all excited to pick them up and have a shot at the small paper targets at the end of the range. I put my ear protection on and laid down behind my rifle, a .22 Marlin XT, of which the unit has many. We ran through our drills and were issued our magazines. After a few minutes, we were all aiming down range at our targets, although a few of us were aiming at the target of the person next to us.

An officer gave us the command to fire and the room was filled with a loud 'BANG' as all of us fired at once. For the next 20 minutes we lay there firing lead at our paper targets until we all ran out of targets and more importantly, bullets. We gathered our targets and signed them before giving them to the officer in charge of marking them. To my surprise, I'd done pretty well. The officers told me that I would be eligible for one of the shooting badges if I went back the following week and performed similarly.

We all walked out of the range with big smiles on our faces as the next group was called in for their shoot. I returned the next week for my follow-up shoot with a bunch of different faces from the week prior. I didn't shoot nearly as

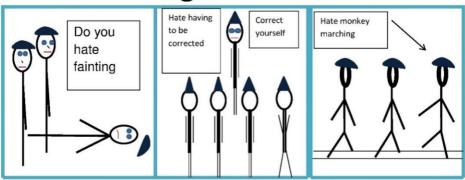
well as I had before, but I still managed to get enough points for my badge.

The unit now has many cadets and NCOs with shooting badges thanks to the regular Tuesday night shoots that we held and we hope to have many more opportunities such as these to refine our shooting skill.

CPL A.Abbari



Want to get better at drill!



Join drill team



Join drill team for extra practice on your drill and become an expert. You get to learn drill movements you haven't learnt before and have fun with the team in the weekends. Get competitive for the drill completion and do your best. At the end of the year, you're able to show off what you've learnt at the final parade drill team presentation.

Created and written by Logan Parkinson

EXERCISE ARDUA

On the 7th of August 2015. I participated on Exercise Ardua, this was held in West Melton Army Range. Exercise Ardua is a training and team selection camp for Exercise Sparrowhawk. There many activities ranging from first aid, leadership, shooting, touch rugby, stretcher carry and basic NZCF knowledge. In all of these activities you are assessed on how well you do, by your team leader or the officer who was taking the activity.

The activities that I enjoyed were first aid, top team, drill and shooting.

First aid involved with a lesson, learning about the DR ABCS, then applying it to a 'real life' situation. We were assessed on how well we put what we learnt on how well we treated our injured patient.

A nation!

Furthermore, I enjoyed Top team. It involved a lot of mini activities, these activities really required a lot of teamwork and communication.

Shooting, I probably didn't do my best. I will blame the weather for my dreadful shooting, but then again it was my second time shooting. The weather was forever changing one minute it was sunny, next the next minute it was dark clouds that concealed the sun.



PT was cancelled for those two days, but was sadly replaced with a 2.4k run in which I actually didn't mind. It was rather fun the crisp, frosty morning breeze woke you up.

Overall, I enjoyed myself in those couple of days. It was great fun and I would certainly do it again next year.

EXERCISE SPARROWHAWK

Sparrowhawk

Passive-Aggressive Competition

Activities

Running Around Burnham

Rogaine

Obstacle Course

Waking up at 6am

Helping others

A lot of Fun!

Working together

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F/S L.Trenberth



Warning- This article contains personal jokes which may not be perceived as funny for those who weren't in 17 SQN Titans



Exercise Sparrowhawk was; an amusing, tiring, exciting, and banterous time. 17 SQN Titans competed in a range of activities including; First Aid, drill, top team, stretcher carry, GSK, team building, shooting, touch, and many more. Overall Titans competed throughout giving each activity their all. With the 'dream team' made of 'Vallance, Debenham, Woods, and me' – CDT Tham,

we were confident in our GSK, CPL Woods carried the team to victory by getting a perfect GSK score of 40/40. In our three games of touch the behemoth SGT Langan surprised all as he was 'pretty fast for a fat boy'- SGT Langan, which helped the Titans victoriously win every game of touch. In between our activities we had downtime which consisted of; sleeping, eating our packed lunches ft. the sought-after chocolate muffins, touch practice, G times with the Arch Bishop of Banterbury SGT Langan, laughing at anything LAC Trenberth did because he is honestly the funniest person alive – 'Vallance there's a piece of rubbish'- and more sleeping. The pressure of not wanting to

be the first team to lose the competition after a 17 SQN 9 year winning streak was daunting and constantly throughout we were reminded how good the competition was. With the Titans only being a couple points ahead after each day's activities we knew it would all come down to our performance in drill on the final day. With a few uniform mishaps such as LAC Parkinson somehow obtaining an XL jersey, we navigated our way through the creases and scuffed shoes into perfectly ironed uniforms ready for the drill competition. After drill it was a two hour wait until lunch to see if our efforts made throughout the weekend had paid off and if we had won the trophy. The competition had been fierce and 23 Nelson SQN put up a worthy battle but thanks to coming joint second in drill with them we maintained our two point lead and won the coveted trophy.

Thanks to everyone who competed this year it was a great time, and to everyone in 17 SQN Titans thanks for giving it your all and 'AAAAAAAALLLLPHA!' *hand gesture* (Ask LAC Trenberth to do it for you if you haven't seen it).

F/S A.Vallance



TAIAHA

Taiaha was my first proper ATC camp that I attended, my early nerves turned into excitement as we were off to Mt White. When we got there we sorted some of our stuff in our tents and then had milo and went to bed.

In the light of the morning we got to see how awesome our camp area was. For most of the day we did lesson rotations learning heaps of interesting things. After dinner we listened to the weather on the mountain radio and then waited for it to get dark to start night ex. While trying to steal the glow sticks and



other things from the buckets at the top of the hill Corporal Maikuku tripped over and killed her knee. We persevered as a team to try and win without her but we came second.



The next morning we got up and ready to go tramping. We had to cross a few rivers along the way and the water was freezing. When we got to the destination we stopped for a while and ate lunch. When we started to walk back we had a fort building competition using only things off the ground which was really fun. After dinner that night we had to prepare skits

and show everyone what we had come up with. At first I was really nervous but it was actually really fun.

The last day we packed up our stuff and then did some team building exercises then we proceeded to have lunch and then leave. Overall camp was a really fun exciting experience.

CDT A.Boyce



Description	Cadet	NCO	Officer
Favourite	D.Trenberth	Maikuku &S.Langan	Watson
Loudest	J.Buchanan	Vallance	Pendly
Most charming	D.Trenberth	S.Langan	Jones
Funniest	D.Trenberth	S.Langan	Jones
Smoothest	J.Buchanan	Debenham	Van Der Zwet
Best couple	C.Senior& Parkinson	Catto & Senior	Pugh & Jones
Best dressed	Vargo	L.Trenberth	R. Pugh
Best smile	Parkinson	Wilson	N. Langan
Bravest	Tham	Debenham	Van Der Zwet
Most photogenic	Pringle	M.Saville	R. Pugh
Brainiest	Lapera	Vallance	Van Der Zwet
Grooviest	Lange	Stevenson	Beckett
Dodgiest male	Gillingham	Dickson	Van Der Zwet
Dodgiest female	Lange	Siddal	Watson
Most accident-prone	Macklan	Maikuku	O'Connor
Most approachable	Haverland	S.Langan	K.Cole
Most likely to get married	Stack &Prencipe	S.Langan&Cullimore	O'Connor & Pendly
Best dance moves	Tham	Debenham	Beckett
Best hair style	Stack	S.Langan	O'Connor
Best singing voice	C.Senior	Cullimore	O'Connor
Action man award	Lange	S.Langan	Wech & O'Connor
Best leader	C.Senior& Lange	Vallance	S. Cole
Best drill instructor		L.Trenberth	Pendly & Farrow
Best classroom instructor		Dickson, L.Senior& Catto	Beckett
Best PT instructor		L.Trenberth	
Most likely to be next NCO	C.Senior		
Most likely to be next WO		Vallance	
Most likely to be a SQNLDR	D.Trenberth	Vallance	Van Der Zwet

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- Christchurch RSA
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- RNZAF Museum
- **Canterbury Touch**
- A to Z Engraving

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Across

- 1. What is the camp usually (cold)
- 7. Capture the glowstick (nightex)
- 8. What the cadets did sunday night (theatresports)
- 11. another word for a bag (rucksack)
- 12. the biggest car you'll ever see (unimog)
- 13. what was the camp this year (warm)
- 14. a very brutal game (poisonpole)
- 19. The song U/O Whitcomb performed
- (mambonumberfive)
- 21. What the profficentcy and advanced cadets went
- on (tramps)
- 25. AAAAAARR JJAAAYYYYYYY (overthehedge)
- 26. it was in-_ *pun (tents)
- 27. Payton... (lodge)
- 28. RICE, Drs abc (firstaid)

Down

- 2. Who went missing (luket)
- 3. the official name for the excercise on sunday
- 4. The activity on monday morning (searchandrescue)
- 5. what we drink before we go to bed (hotchocolate)
- 6. Every morning at 0600 (pt)
- 7. where did they go, Kathy??? (nachos)
- 9. you know nothing Jon... (snow)
- 10. ...is coming (winter)
- 15. Itchy (sandflies)
- 16. NO, NOOO, NOT THE (bees)
- 17. song (campfire)
- 18. SQNLDR was trying to ride this (unicycle)
- 20. Name of the exercise (frostybird)
- 22. you don't always need a bridge to get over this (river)
- 23. you sleep in these and it keeps you warm (sleepingbag)
- 24. feat. (seacadets)