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Association Inc.
(1955–2005)

Records

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Background

The 21 New Zealand Infantry Battalion was raised from recruits predominantly in Auckland City and North Auckland, with some from the Waikato and Hauraki districts. During the war the battalion served in Greece and Crete before being evacuated back to Egypt. In the Western Desert the battalion suffered heavy losses in the Western Desert, specifically Sidi Rezegh. They fought at El Alamein and followed the advance of Rommel to Tunisia where they fought alongside the 28 Maori Battalion at Takrouna. Joining with the 8th Army in Italy, they took part in engagements at Sangro, Orsogna and Cassino. Part of the occupying force at Trieste, the Battalion remained in Italy until October 1945, at which point most were repatriated to New Zealand leaving the more recent recruits to be sent to joined J Force. During the war the Battalion lost 444 men in action, 1172 were wounded and 574 taken as prisoners of war.

The 21 New Zealand Infantry Battalion Assn was formed in 1955. It grew from an informal meeting at the Maple Doorway in Symonds Street, Auckland. Ten days later on 18 May 1955, the first business meeting was held and the association was officially launched with its objectives being 'to bring together for mutual enjoyments and assistance all ex-members of the 21 New Zealand Infantry Battalion and their next of kin'.

The Association provided support and welfare for veterans with social functions, reunions, overseas trips and annual ANZAC Day parades. The Ladies' Section was formed in 1958 to assist in hospitality and catering, and for many years the Association's clubroom in Mt Roskill provided a home base for the growing membership.

The Association held numerous national reunions, organised overseas trips and supported members and their families. Eventually, as the membership aged, so too the numbers declined and the responsibility for running the Association fell to a small number of stalwarts.

In 2005, after celebrating its 50th anniversary, the Association was wound up and its collections offered to the Auckland War Memorial Museum. Working through Museum Curator Rose Young, items from the Clubrooms including memorabilia, photographs and archives were transferred to the Auckland War Memorial Museum.

The following year the clubroom was reconstructed within the Museum as a temporary exhibition and veterans guided visitors through the exhibition and talked about the Association and the memorabilia.

Scope and Contents:

The collection consists of official records of the 21 New Zealand Infantry Battalion Association Inc. (1955 – 2005) including minutes, annual financial accounts, correspondence and sundry papers such as newsletters, reunions and membership. It includes records of the Association's Charitable Trust, the records of the Ladies' Section, memorabilia and reminiscences gifted to the association by members.

Processing Notes:

Prior to transfer Library Manager Bruce Ralston and Manuscript Librarian Martin Collett visited the Club Rooms to appraise the archives. History Curator Rose Young arranged fumigation and the transfer to the Auckland Museum of selected items of the Association's photographs, artefacts and memorabilia. The collection has been divided into three sections, Social History (artefacts and memorabilia), Pictorial (photographs) and Library (archives and paper-based memorabilia).

At the time of transfer the records were boxed according to type. For example, all minute books together. Some papers had been removed from their original ring binders by the Association and others were still in their original folders.

In April 2008, work began on arranging and describing the archives. Rusted and damaged ring binders compromising longevity were discarded. All papers removed from ring binders during arrangement and description have been threaded with white cotton tape. Papers arriving in the Museum minus their original folders remain loose. Folders or metal fastenings considered to be integral parts of the item have been left intact.

Within files all papers have been left in their original order. Some files appear to have been created by office bearers and at times it was difficult to identify core records; for example, correspondence files possibly associated with specific office bearers contained unique letters – see 5.5 and 5.6. Consequently, the arrangement is designed to clump like papers and give an overview of the Association’s business rather than illustrate the roles of office bearers and their individual contribution. The only papers that illustrate the role of individual officer bearers are Folders 2.19, 2.20 and 5.26 – all of which appear to be associated with Treasurer and Wally von Schramm’s personal copies of minutes are to be found in his collection at 10.2.

Series Description

Series 1: Administration

This series contains the 21 Infantry Battalion Association's administrative records such as minutes and meeting papers for general meetings, annual general meetings, executive committee meetings, social committee meetings, R.S.A. meetings. It also provides a record of office bearers and sundry papers regarding administration.

Series 2: 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust

The 21 New Zealand Infantry Battalion Association Welfare Trust was formed in 1978 to manage the Association's property and funds (including mortgages) and use its resources for assistance and welfare for returned servicemen and their next of kin. This series includes minutes, meeting papers, financial records and sundry papers.

Series 3: Property

This series contains papers relating to property and mortgages. Initially all funds and property were administered by the Association's Executive Committee. However, in 1978 management was passed to the newly formed 21 New Zealand Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust. Given that some property was purchased prior to the formation of the Trust all papers relating to property have been arranged into a single series.

Series 4: Finance

This series contains financial reports associated with the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Association's annual general meetings and other general financial matters. It may include some papers relating to the Association's Charitable Trust.

Series 5: Correspondence

A series of correspondence predominately relating to the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Association. Papers within folders are in original order. Files are arranged chronologically.

Series 6: Membership and Rolls

Membership rolls, rolls of honours and address registers. Most membership rolls record the names and addresses of members and their status – life, annual gone no address, deceased. There are also a sub-series of scrapbooks containing death notices clipped from newspapers – these relate to Association members and their families.

Series 7: Newsletters

All newsletters have been grouped into one series. The series starts with newsletters produced by the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Association Inc and continues with newsletters sent to the Association by other organisations.

Series 8: Reunions

A series of files reflecting reunions the associations have been involved with. These include reunions strictly for the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assoc and combined reunions.

Series 9: Auckland Ladies' Section

The Auckland Ladies' Section was formed in September 1958. Members were wives of the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. and their objective was to provide social support by organising functions, catering and refreshments.

Series 10: Research Collections

This series consists of reminiscences and papers presented to the Association by members. It consists of four sub-series.

Archie Mernbery and W.E. von Schramm were particularly active in gathering information on the Battalion. It is likely other material associated with these two members will be found in other parts of the greater collection that includes archives, pictorial and artefacts.

10.1 Arch Mernbery collection

Researcher and Battalion Historian. An early member of the Association.

10.2 von Schramm collection

Researcher and Association Historian.

10.3 Personal papers

Smaller collections of memorabilia presented to the Association. Examples of the types of collections presented.

10.4 Sundry items

Memorabilia and sundry items.

Series Lists

Series 1: Administration

This series contains administrative records such as minutes and meeting papers for general meetings, annual general meetings, executive committee meetings, social committee meetings, R.S.A. meetings. It also provides a record of office bearers and sundry papers.

- 1.1 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. Minute Book: May 1955 – June 1978**
[outsized]
Official minutes of the association including inaugural minutes. The bound volume contains the signed minutes of General Meetings, Annual General Meetings, Executive Committee and Social Committee meetings. The minutes are pasted or stapled into the book with some loose inserts.
- 1.2 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. Minute Book: July 1978 – May 1992**
Official minutes of the Association. The bound volume contains the signed minutes of General Meetings, Annual General Meetings, Executive Committee and Social Committee meetings. The minutes are pasted or stapled into the book. Some financial records stapled in.
- 1.3 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. Minute Book: June 1992 – June 2004**
Official minutes of the Association. The ring binder contains the signed minutes of Committee meetings. The minutes are recorded in two formats. The records 1992 – June 1998 are typed onto foolscap paper. The later minutes are on A4 paper and are presumed to have been produced on a word processor [computer].
- 1.4 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. Executive Committee Minutes: 1961 - 1972**
Misc. minutes and meeting papers relating to executive committee meetings.
- 1.5 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. Annual General Meeting Minutes: 1964 – 1980**
Bound volume containing hand written draft minutes for annual general meetings.
- 1.6 1st NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. Annual General Meeting Minutes: 1972 – 1992**
Annotated copies of AGM minutes presumed to be associated with the Editor of the Newsletter.
- 1.7 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. Annual General Meeting Papers: 1993**
Papers relating to the financial report for 1992 – 1993 presented at the 1993 AGM.

- 1.8 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. Annual General Meeting Papers: 1993 - 2003**
Papers relating to Annual General Meetings 1977 – 2003. Predominantly minutes but also include notes such as stock-takes, etc.
- 1.9 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. Meeting papers: 1997 – 2003**
Sundry meeting papers. Includes Agenda for 1997 AGM, draft letters re Memorial Window in Auckland War Memorial Museum, financial statements for the year ending June 2003, minutes of the 41st AGM 1996, minutes of meeting between the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn and the Roskill Districts Rugby Club re-lease [n.d.] Rules of the Association.
- 1.10 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. Annual general meeting papers: 1997 - 2004**
Papers relating to annual general meetings 1977 – 2003. Predominantly minutes [signed] but also include notes hand written financial report for 1996.
- 1.11 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. Minutes and meeting papers 1963[?] – 1966**
Includes amendments to the Association's Rules 1965, 1966, 1961 and 1951, various newsletters and information on the 1963 Anzac Parade.
- 1.12 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. Notes for the guidance of the Treasurer and summary of present operating procedures [sic] [n.d.]**
- 1.13 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. Executive Committee minutes: 1980 - 1989**
Bound volume containing hand written draft minutes for Executive meetings.
- 1.14 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. Executive Committee minutes: 1991 - 1995**
Bound volume containing hand written draft minutes for Executive meetings.
- 1.15 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. Executive Committee members: 1981 – 1989**
Bound volume - attendance register for Executive meetings – lists Executive committee members and their signatures.
- 1.16 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. Social Committee minutes: 1958 - 1971**
Bound volume containing hand written minutes of the Social Committee September 1958 – April 1971.
- 1.17 Auckland Returned Services Association Inc. (R.S.A.)**
Minutes & meeting papers 1965 – 1969
R.S.A. Rules and regulations as amended 1965, minutes and meeting papers for R.S.A. Executive Committee meetings. (These meeting were attended by two representatives form the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Association)

- 1.18 Service Badge Holders: Headquarter key holders, 1974 - 1997**
 Note book containing lists of names – Executive Committee members and their phone numbers, the names of members awarded Service Badges, names and signatures of people given keys to the club rooms, orders for Battalion ties.
- 1.19 Sundry Papers - Firearm registration**
 Papers relating to the registration of firearms for 1968 and 1984. (does not include a list of arms)
- 1.20 Sundry Papers – Stamping machine**
 Papers relating to the Association's franking machine 1978 – 1988.
- 1.21 Sundry papers – Insurance**
 NZI 1983
- 1.22 Association's Library loans register, 1977 – 1997**
- 1.23 Association Library Register**
- 1.24 21 Battalion Association Inc. Visitors' Book**
 1977 – 2000
- 1.25 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Association (Inc) Visitors' Book**
 2000 – 2005 (50th Anniversary)
- 1.26 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Association Membership cards**
 Blank membership card (17).
- 1.27 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Association sympathy cards**
 Blank sympathy cards bearing the Association's insignia (7).
- 1.28 R.S.A. Seminar, 12 September 1976 - Welfare**
 Papers relating to a seminar for the Auckland District that looked at welfare available for RSA members including War Pension claims, Patriotic Funds, Canteen Funds, Social Welfare benefits.
- 1.29 Insurance Policies (1)**
 Collection of papers in envelop titled '*OLD policies*' Includes: NZ Insurance Co Employer's statement of wages October 1969; NZI notification of treasurer and secretary's addresses; NZI Money Insurance policy 1968; NZI Fire policy 1967 – 68; NZI Burglary and housebreaking policy 1968; NZI Public liability 1969; NZI Public liability 1968.
- 1.30 Insurance Policies (2)**
 Collection of papers in envelop titled *Insurance Policies Old*: NZI Burglary and housebreaking 1970; NZI Fire 1970; House owner's Policy 1970; Money Insurance policy 1970; NZI Public liability 1970; NZI Fire 1970.

1.31 Minutes, annotated

Copy of 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn Committee and Executive minutes November 1992 – June 1995. Name of owner not identified – possibly part of the Treasurer's papers.

1.32 Minutes, annotated

Copy of 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn Committee minutes July 1995 – May 1997. Name of owner not identified – possibly part of the Treasurer's papers.

Series 2: The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust

The 21 New Zealand Infantry Battalion Association Welfare Trust was formed in 1978 to manage the Associations property and funds (including mortgages) and use its resources for assistance and welfare for returned servicemen and their next of kin.

2.1 The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust Rules and Welfare Policy, 1975

21 New Zealand Infantry Battalion Association Inc rules – several copies with annotations. Letter from Russell McVeagh McKenzie Bartlet & Co re the formation of the charitable trust and a draft copy of the Charitable Trust Deed.

2.2 The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust Rules and Welfare Policy

Various. Undated. Includes a presidential report 1984.

2.3 The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust Rules and Welfare policy

Includes copy of resolution, draft policy annotated, copy of the Charitable Trust Act 1957.

2.4 The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust Rules and amendments, 1978

Correspondence from Russell McVeagh McKenzie Bartlet & Co re formation of the Trust, tax position, annotated draft of the Trust Deed.

2.5 The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust Minutes and meeting papers, February 1979 – May 1985

Includes minutes of the inaugural meeting.

2.6 The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust Minutes and meeting papers, July 1985 – 1992

2.7 The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust Minutes and meeting papers, August 1992 – June 2004

2.8 The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust Minutes and meeting papers, 1998 – 2002

Copy of minutes and meeting papers of for the Charitable Trust interspersed with minutes from the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Association.

2.9 The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust Minutes and meeting papers, July 2002 to January 2006

2nd Copy of minutes and meeting papers of for the Charitable Trust interspersed with minutes from the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Association.

2.10 The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust Minutes and meeting papers, May 1980 to April 1993

- 2.11 The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust
Social Security Act – supplementary benefits and Lottery Grants Board,
c.1985**
- 2.12 The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust
Sundry Accounts, 1976 – 1996**
Invoices and papers on a wooden clipboard.
- 2.13 The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust
Ledger, 1978 -1993**
- 2.14 The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust
Ledger, 1978 -1980**
- 2.15 The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust
Ledger, 1978 -1980**
- 2.16 The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust
Welfare grants [n.d.]**
- 2.17 The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust
Applications to the W J Brien Charitable Trust, 1991 – 1993**
- 2.18 The 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust
Sundry Papers**
Correspondence regarding War Memorial Auditorium (Auckland Provincial War Memorial Museum) 1967; GW and ME Henry mortgage (1982); View Road property (1971); letter from Russell McVeagh re 21 Battalion funds (1956); New Zealand Government Savings stocks prospectus (1978); letter and newspaper clipping relating to a sword gifted to the Association (1982).
- 2.19 Minutes, annotated**
Copy of 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn Charitable Trust minutes. May 1993 – June 1995. Name of owner not identified – possibly part of the Treasurer's papers.
- 2.20 Minutes, annotated**
Copy of 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn Charitable Trust minutes July 1995 – June 1997. Name of owner not identified – possibly part of the Treasurer's papers.

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3.1 Property

McKelvie Street, Scanlan Street, 1962 – 1965

Papers relating to the purchase of McKelvie and Scanlan Streets. Papers relating to rents received.

3.2 Property

McKelvie Street, Scanlan Street, Akarana Ave., 1966 - 1967

A file titled Welfare year ending 30 June 1967 containing a settlement statement for property 38 McKelvie Street and 35 Scanlan Street (1966). Invoices for rents for Akarana Ave (1967). Papers relating to repairs on houses and the purchase of 23 Akarana Ave in June 1966. Also several short lists of grants given to members.

3.3 Property [outsized]

Property File, 1970-1973

Correspondence and papers relating to mortgages, Volcanic Street, Balmoral, Mozley Ave.

3.4 Property

Akarana Ave., 1976 – 1982

Papers relating to mortgage to Henry re Akarana Ave.

3.5 Property

Mortgages, 1984 – 1989

Papers relating to mortgages. Mentions the following people: An Tran Chan and Yee Wan Chan; H.W. Pollock; W.F. and H. Milnes; K.J. and K.A. Heron; Allan; also investments and the NZ Government Savings stock.

3.6 Property

Mt. Roskill Football Club

Records relating to the Clubrooms, 1967 – 1997.

3.7 Property

Lease agreement. Akarana Ave., 1976

Copy of lease agreement 20 September 1976. S.B. James, H.R. Koefoed and T.F.G. Dillon agrees to lease premises at Akarana Ave, Mt Roskill (photocopy).

Series 4: Finance

This series contains financial reports associated with Annual General Meetings and other general financial matters.

- 4.1 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. annual accounts, 1957 – 1990**
Incomplete – 1971 missing. Some annotated.
- 4.2 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. annual accounts, 1969 - 2000**
Incomplete – includes balance sheets for 1969, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000.
- 4.3 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. annual accounts, 1976 – 1993**
Incomplete – missing 1978.
- 4.4 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. annual accounts, 1992 – 1996**
Complete reports and balance sheets for 1992 – 1996.
- 4.5 21 New Zealand Infantry Battalion Assistance Trust Fund, 1955 - 1963**
Correspondence from the 21 Battalion Assistance Fund Trustees regarding the transfer of funds. Includes the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Association's official *Certificate of Incorporation*
- 4.6 Company and club tax returns, 1965 – 1983**
- 4.7 Tax deduction Pay-in slips**
1969 – 1970
- 4.8 Petty Cash register, 1977 – 1993**
- 4.9 Bar Takings, 1990 – 1992**
- 4.10 21 Infantry Battalion Assn. Ledger, 1957 – 1971**
- 4.11 21 Infantry Battalion Assn. Ledger, 1974 – 1980**
- 4.12 Receipts, 1969 – 1972**
- 4.13 Receipts, 1972 – 1974**
- 4.14 Receipt books, 1968 – 1969**
- 4.15 Receipt books and bank deposits Anzac Tour, 1981**
- 4.16 Receipt books (social account), 1993 – 1999**
- 4.17 Receipt books, Memorial Window Fund, Auckland Museum, 2001 (4)**
- 4.18 Receipts, Memorial Window, Auckland Museum, 2001 – 2002**

- 4.19 Receipt books – Charitable Trust, 1993 – 1999**
- 4.20 Accounts payable, 1985 – 1986**
- 4.21 Accounts payable, 1987 – 1988**
- 4.22 ASB Society cheque account 12 3033 0375152 00**
Statements 1990 – 1993. Includes letters from the bank re investments.
- 4.23 ASB cheques account 123008 0234219 00**
21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable. Cheques processed by the bank.
1986 – 1986.
- 4.24 Invoices and vouchers (1)**
July. Social. 1968.
- 4.25 Invoices and vouchers (2)**
Hospitality. 1985.
- 4.26 Invoices, dockets, deposit slips and receipts**
1987 – 1988.
- 4.27 Invoices and dockets**
1988 – 1989.
- 4.28 Invoices and dockets**
1991 – 1992.
- 4.29 Invoices and dockets**
Includes an agreement with the Auckland War Memorial Museum for loan of items for the exhibition Scars on the Heart 1997 – 1999.
- 4.30 Sundry papers**
Statements and notes. Includes an agreement with the Auckland War Memorial Museum loan of items for the exhibition Scars on the Heart 1996.
- 4.31 Receipts – Petty Cash and bar statements**
To May 1993.
- 4.32 Welfare report, 1996 – 1997**
- 4.33 Receipts, Charitable Trust, 1998 - 1999**

Series 5: Correspondence

Correspondence predominately relating to the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Association.

- 5.1 'Correspondence relating to efforts to obtain tax exemption; Rules' File 1, 1970 – 1978**
Inward and outward correspondence regarding the Association's investigations into tax relief and moves towards creating a charitable trust.
- 5.2 'Correspondence relating to efforts to obtain tax exemption; Rules' File 2, 1970 – 1978**
Inward and outward correspondence regarding the Association's investigations into tax relief and moves towards creating a charitable trust.
- 5.3 General correspondence, 1972 – 1974. File 1**
Arranged alphabetically. A – G.
- 5.4 General correspondence, 1972 – 1974. File 2**
Arranged alphabetically. H – W.
- 5.5 General correspondence, 1976 – 1977**
- 5.6 General correspondence, 1976 – 1977**
- 5.7 O'Brien Charitable Trust and Mt Roskill Football Club, 1984 – 1990**
- 5.8 General correspondence – 1984**
- 5.9 General correspondence – 1985**
- 5.10 General correspondence – 1986**
- 5.11 General correspondence – 1987**
- 5.12 General correspondence, 1988 – 1999**
- 5.13 General correspondence 1990 – 1991**
- 5.14 Correspondence 'waiting action' 1991 – 1992**
- 5.15 Sundry correspondence, Charitable Trust, taxation and Lottery Grants, 1991 – 1994**
- 5.16 General correspondence, 1991 – 1995**
- 5.17 Mt Roskill Football Club, 1991 – 2002**
- 5.18 General correspondence, 1994 – 1997**
- 5.19 Inwards correspondence, 1994 – 1995**
- 5.20 General correspondence, 1997 – 2000**

5.21 Memorial window, Auckland War Memorial Museum, 1999 – 2002

5.22 General correspondence, 2001 – 2003

5.23 General correspondence, 2003 – 2005

5.24 Social functions

File titled *Social Functions* containing working papers, lists of people attending functions such as Christmas luncheon, mid year luncheons. Also correspondence relating to restaurant bookings, etc., 2001 – 2004.

5.25 In Memoriam cards and thank you cards/letters

Thank you cards and letters, sympathy cards predominantly relating to members (and family) of the 21 Infantry Battalion Association. Also a letter to Association president Mr J.R. Nixon from the Foreign Service of the United State of America re the death of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy 1963.

5.26 Correspondence, 1979 – 1989

Sundry correspondence and notes including water damage to building, funds, auditing of annual accounts etc– possibly part of Treasurer's papers.

Series 6: Membership and Rolls

This series includes the original membership cards in wooden cases, membership rolls and rolls of honour.

- 6.1 Membership cards [extra-outsized]**
Rectangular wooden box with hinged lid containing file cards (approx 150 x 100mm) on which is recorded the names and addresses of members of the Association. Some also record the date of joining and their service number. Cards are arranged alphabetically for those with known addresses with a section for 'Gone – no address'. The last section contains membership cards for deceased members T – Z. The box measures 60cm length x 15cm height x 19 cm widths.
- 6.2 Membership cards (deceased) [outsized]**
Rectangular wooden box (no lid) containing the membership cards relating to deceased members. Arranged alphabetically A – S. For membership cards of deceased members T – Z see 6.1. Includes names and address, date joined, service number. Date of death is also recorded following a † sign. The box measures 46cm length x 17.5 width x 9.5 height.
- 6.3 Book 1: Original Membership Register start, 1955**
Register of membership arranged alphabetically by surname. Names and addresses – also notes, receipt numbers for subscriptions paid. Also contains notes on accountancy and office procedure, hand drawn maps, notes of meetings.
- 6.4 Newsletter Roll Pre-1969**
Nominal roll arranged alphabetically listing surname, initials, street address and city/town.
- 6.5 Newsletter Roll, 1969**
Nominal roll arranged alphabetically listing membership as at 30/06/1969. W E Schramm on cover. Annotated.
- 6.6 Membership lists, 1971, 1974 and undated**
A list of reminder notices for annual subscriptions 1971, list of change of addresses 1974 and undated lists. Arranged alphabetically.
- 6.7 Roll 21 Bn. Assn. W E F 7/9/1974 and amendments**
Nominal roll arranged alphabetically listing membership as at 7/09/1974. Attributed to W.E.F. Schramm. Annotated.
- 6.8 Official Mailing list 08/01/1978 [outsized]**
The secretary's mailing list including life, annual and un-financial memberships.
- 6.9 Membership Roll, c.1978**
Arranged by region, lists names and addresses of members, c.1978.

- 6.10 Membership register, 1979 – 1985**
- 6.11 Nominal Roll with effect 1 January 1987**
Secretary's copy
- 6.12 Office Roll 21 NZ Infantry Bn. Assn as at 1 August 1998**
Annotated to show dates of death, changes of address and membership status.
- 6.13 Area Roll as at 1 August 1998**
As for 6.11 but arranged geographically.
- 6.14 Office Roll 21 NZ Infantry Bn. Assn. as at 10 April 2002**
Annotated to show dates of death, changes of address and membership status.
- 6.15 Roll [n.d.]**
Lists name, some addresses and some service numbers.
- 6.16 Roll by region [n.d.]**
- 6.17 Roll – South Island [n.d.]**
- 6.18 Membership Book 2**
Contains names and addresses of members (?) a number or which have been endorsed with the Association's common seal 1955.
- 6.19 Address Book, 1958**
Notes names, addresses and phone numbers.
- 6.20 Address Book [n.d.]**
- 6.21 Roll of Honour, 1961 – 1977**
Scrapbook of death notices clipped from newspapers.
- 6.22 Roll of Honour, 1966 – 1968**
Scrapbook of death notices clipped from newspapers.
- 6.23 Roll of Honour, 1977 – 1980**
Scrapbook of death notices clipped from newspapers.
- 6.24 Roll of Honour, 1980 – 1989**
Scrapbook of death notices clipped from newspapers.
- 6.25 Membership Register, 1968 – 1978 [outsized]**
Check lists showing status of membership (in the form of a check list).
- 6.26 Membership Register as at 31 March 1994**
Newsletter Editor's copy – annotated with changes of address and dates of death.

6.27 21 NZ Battalion Association Officers' Roll, 1955 – 1973 [extra-outsized]

Series 7: Newsletters

All newsletters have been grouped into one series. The series starts with newsletters produced by the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Association Inc and continuing with newsletters sent to the Association by other organisations.

- 7.1 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters File 1 part 1**
Newsletters 1 (1956) to 46 (1965) (complete).
- 7.2 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters File 1 part 2**
Newsletters 47 (1966) to 70 (1971) (complete).
- 7.3 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters File 1 part 3**
Newsletters 71 (1971) to 94 (1975) (complete).
- 7.4 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters File 1 part 4**
Newsletters 95 (1976) to 112 (1978) (complete).
- 7.5 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters File 1 part 5**
Newsletters 113 (1978) to 139 (1984) (complete).
- 7.6 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters File 1 part 6**
Newsletters 140 (1985) to 161 (1990) (complete).
- 7.7 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters File 1 part 7**
Newsletters 161 (1990) to 183 (1995) (complete).
- 7.8 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters File 1 part 8**
Newsletters 184 (1995) to 221 (2005) (complete).
- 7.9 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters File 2 part 1**
Newsletters 1 (1956) to 46 (1971) (incomplete – missing 5,9,23,13,14,15.
Issue No. 1 has Selotape repairs).
- 7.10 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters File 2 part 2**
Newsletters 47 (1966) to 70 (1971) (complete).
- 7.11 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters File 2 part 3**
Newsletters 71 (1971) to 94 (1975) (missing 73,75, 76).
- 7.12 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters File 2 part 4**
Newsletters 95 (1976) to 112 (1978) (missing 98, 101, 103).
- 7.13 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters File 2 part 5**
Newsletters 113 (1978) to 139 (1984) (No 129 is incomplete).
- 7.14 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters File 2 part 6**
Newsletters 140 (1985) to 161 (1990) (complete).

- 7.15 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters File 2 part 7**
Newsletters 161 (1990) to 183 (1995) (complete).
- 7.16 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters File 2 part 8**
Newsletters 184 (1995) to 221 (2005) (complete).
- 7.17 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters Sundry File 1**
Newsletters 212 (2003) to 22o (2005) (missing 216) (no holes punched).
- 7.16 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters Sundry File 2**
Sundry copies: No. 1 (1956); No. 2 (1956); No. 3 (1956); Feb. 1961 (6 copies); April 1961 (1 copy); No. 83 (Nov. 1973); No. 84 (Jan. 1974); No. 86 (Aug. 1974); No. 89 (Nov. 1974); No. 160 (Jan. 1990).
- 7.16 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters Sundry File 3**
Sundry copies: Aug. 1962 (annotated); Sep. 1962; Nov. 1962; Jan. 1963; Apr. 1963; Aug. 1963; Nov. 1963.
- 7.17 21 NZ Battalion Association newsletters Sundry File 4**
Sundry copies: 1960 – 1972 (incomplete).
- 7.18 22nd Battalion Association, Auckland Branch**
Branch newsletters Oct. 1984; Mar. 1986; Mar. 1987; Dec. 1987; Oct. 1988; Mar. 1989; Mar. 1996; Mar. 1999; Nov. 2000; Mar. 2001; Nov. 2001.
- 7.19 24th New Zealand Infantry Battalion Association**
Association newsletters Dec. 1988; Mar. 1997; Oct. 1997; Mar. 1999; June 1999; Mar. 2000; June 2000; Dec. 2000; March 2001; June 2001; Sept. 2001; Aug. 2001; Mar. 2003.
- 7.20 2nd New Zealand Division Cavalry Regiment**
Newsletter and souvenir programme for the 52nd Anniversary celebrations 1931 – 1991.
- 7.21 5th Field Regiment Association**
Newsletters and sundry papers; Reunion luncheon 1 May 1988; Newsletter No. 22 (1988) includes reminiscences; cartoons (photocopied from unidentified publication); Extracts from *The Other Side of the Hill* by I McL.Wards; newsletter May 1986 (annual reunion); Newsletter No. 6 (1980).
- 7.22 New Zealand Ex-Prisoner of War Assn.**
Membership list, 1967; POW WOW, 1975 – 2001 (incomplete run).
- 7.23 New Zealand re-Enactment Society**
Newsletters Sep. 1997; Aug. 1998; correspondence 1997 – 2001.

Series 8: Reunions

Arranged chronologically this series of files relates to reunions the 21 Infantry Battalion Association have either co-ordinated or been involved in; reunions strictly for the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Association and combined R.S.A. reunions. Contents of files range from ephemera to reunion records.

- 8.1 1960 National Reunion Auckland**
Newspaper clipping reporting on the combined Queens Birthday reunion – 21 NZ Infantry Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 22nd NZ Infantry Battalion.
- 8.2 1963 National Reunion Auckland**
Flyer for the Auckland's Regimental Colours parade in conjunction with the National Reunion of the 2nd N.Z.E.F. units 18 Bn., and armed Regiment, the 21 Bn., 29 Bn.
- 8.3 1967 21 Auckland Infantry Battalion Reunion**
Tim Fitzpatrick's order of service for Memorial Service, The Cenotaph, Auckland War Memorial Museum June 4th (with signatures). Russ Jackson's (?) Reunion dinner menu (with signatures).
- 8.4 1973 21 Infantry Battalion 5th reunion, Auckland**
Reunion notice. Reunion dinner menu (with signatures).
- 8.5 1973 National Reunions, Auckland**
Order of service for the combined memorial service for 2nd N.Z.E.F. Units on the occasion of national reunions. 18 Battalion and Armoured Regiment, and the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion. June. Regimental colours and colour party.
- 8.6 1973, 1976 and 1978 reunions, 21 NZ Infantry Battalion**
Cash book recording the names of members registered for the 1973 reunion. Also provides details those attending the 1976 and 1978 reunions and the events they were booked to attend.
- 8.7 1976 Reunion, Rotorua**
Four souvenir menus for the 6th national conference dinner (each with signatures). Also one envelop in which the menus were stored.
- 8.8 1976 National Reunion**
Letter to the Treasurer 21 Battalion Assn Inc re assistance with liquor account for the 1976 reunion. Reunion balance sheet.
- 8.9 1982 National Reunion**
Reunion programme.
- 8.10 1982 National Reunion, Tauranga**
Invitations to the 21 Infantry Battalion Ninth National Reunion, 19 – 21 March 1982, in Tauranga.

- 8.11 1986 Eleventh National Reunion, 21 NZ Infantry Battalion, Alexandra Park, Auckland**
Balance sheet for the 21 NZ Infantry Bn. Assn. Charitable Trust, June 1986. Reunion balance sheet, Membership roll. Reunion newsletter. Copies of information sent out for the 1972 Reunion and one other [n.d.]
- 8.12 1986 [?] Reunion ay Alexandra Park, Auckland**
Locality map and directions for finding Alexandra Park.
- 8.13 1988 National Reunion Whangarei**
Notes of 1988 National Reunion Committee meetings.
- 8.14 1990 Thirteenth Reunion, Auckland File 1**
Tickets, petty cash receipts, receipt book, Official ribbons, swing tags, cash book receipts.
- 8.15 1990 Thirteenth Reunion, Auckland File 2**
Cash book, minutes of meetings.
- 8.16 1990 Thirteenth Reunion, Auckland File 3**
Booking returns and registration sheets.
- 8.17 1990 Thirteenth Reunion, Auckland File 4**
Correspondence.
- 8.18 1990 Thirteenth Reunion, Auckland [outsized]**
Receipt book (also used for the March 1993 reunion).
- 8.19 1993 Mini Reunion**
Attendance register, 1993.
- 8.20 1993 Mini Reunion**
Address Book.
- 8.21 Comments Book**
Comments book for the several conferences including the 5th and the 6th (1976).
- 8.22 Correspondence: W.E. von Schramm**
Correspondence and sundry papers relating to reunions – specifically the 6th and 7th National reunions (1976 in Rotorua and 1978 in Auckland).
- 8.23 Registration analysis register [n.d.]**
Notes names of members registering for the reunion, events they will be attending and payments made. [n.d.]

8.24 Sundry papers associated with reunions: G.W. Henry

Papers referring to a 1987 R.S.A. Reunion at Panmure possibly by the 5th Field Regiment NZA Assn.; Group movement advice for the 21 NZ Infantry Bn. Assn. trip to Australia 1975; sundry bank statements (one for the Assn. and the others personal); 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. and Charitable Trust Financial statement for the year ending 2004.

Series 9: Auckland Ladies' Section

The Auckland Ladies' Section was formed in September 1958. Members were wives of the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. and their objective was to provide social support by organising functions, catering and refreshments.

- 9.1 Auckland Ladies' Section minute book No. 1**
1958 – 1997. Includes minutes of the inaugural meeting.
- 9.2 Auckland Ladies' Section minute book No. 2**
1999 – 2005.
- 9.3 Auckland Ladies' Section Accounts Book**
1991 – 1999.
- 9.4 Auckland Ladies' Section receipts and vouchers**
Five envelopes containing receipts, 1992 – 1994.
- 9.5 Auckland Ladies' Section annual accounts and receipts**
Annual financial statements, 1999 – 2005. Four envelopes containing receipts, 2000 – 2004.
- 9.6 Auckland Ladies' Section correspondence**
1990 – 1998.
- 9.7 Auckland Ladies' Section correspondence**
1999 – 2005.
- 9.8 Auckland Ladies' Section sundry papers**
1993 – 1994 Sundry papers associated with Betty Adams re. finances and correspondence with the Association's executive committee.

Series 10: Research collections

This series consists of reminiscences and papers presented to the Association by members. It consists of four sub-series.

Note: Arch Membery and W.E. von Schramm were particularly active in gathering information on the Battalion. It is likely other material associated with these two members will be found in other parts of the greater collection that includes archives, pictorial and artefacts.

10.1 Arch Membery collection

A collection of memorabilia attributed to Arch Membery. A journalist by profession, Arch Membery, was the Unit Historian and wrote the history of the 21 Infantry Battalion.

10.2 von Schramm collection

A collection attributed to W.E. von Schramm who actively sought material for the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn.

10.3 Personal papers

Arranged alphabetically under the name of the person who created the work or gathered it.

10.4 Sundry items

Single items and sundry memorabilia not attributed to a specific person.

10.1 Arch Membery collection

A collection of memorabilia attributed to Archibald McGeachie Membery. Originally stored in small leather suitcase with initials 'AM' carved in top.

10.1.1 List of items in Arch Membery Collection

10.1.2 Unit History

Researched and compiled by Arch Membery. Part 1. The Out-break of War; Part 2 Greece and Crete; Part 3 The Western Desert; Part 4 Citations. Includes correspondence; Part 5 Supplementary Material; Part 6 Eye Witness stories by 22133 Sgt. Membery.

10.1.3 Chronology 21 NZ Bn., 2 May 1940 – 31 July 1944

Compiled by 22133 Sgt. A.McG. Membery (original).

10.1.4 Chronology 21 NZ Bn., 2 May 1940 – 31 July 1944

Compiled by 22133 Sgt. A.McG. Membery (photocopy).

10.1.5 21 Battalion – 5 Infantry BDE – Nominal Roll

(from UK to Middle East)

- 10.1.6 A. Membrey papers**
Archibald Membrey - 4 Soldiers Pay-books. Jan. 1940 – July 1941; July 1941 – June 1942; July 1942 – November 1943; November 1943 – February 1944; 2 sorts of official 'Active Service' envelopes (3 of each); blank mail form (German); postcard.
- 10.1.7 Military Posters**
Posters issued by the Eighth Army and signed by B.L. Montgomery: *Personal Message from the Army Commander* 23 Jan. 1943. re. Western Desert campaign – update and thanks; *Personal Message from the Army Commander* 6 May 1943 re. North Africa Campaign – NO WITHDRAWAL and NO SURRENDER; *Personal Message from the Army Commander* March 1943 (2 copies) re North Africa Campaign – NO WITHDRAWAL and NO SURRENDER; *Personal Message from the Army Commander* 28 April 1943 re the Battle of Mareth, Northern Tunisia; *Personal Message from the Army Commander* 12 Jan. 1943, re Eighth Army going to Tripoli; *Personal Message from the Army Commander* 14 May 1943 re. congratulation on the 'complete and final removal of the enemy from Africa.'(2 copies)
- 10.1.8 The Crete News**
Volume 1, Number 1, Friday, 16 May 1941.
- 10.1.9 Admiralty News Summary**
No. 24, May 1948. Contains British wartime naval despatches regarding the withdrawal from Greece and Crete. Flyer – Free Map of Cairo (map and information) [n.d.]
- 10.1.10 Lessons from Operations Oct. and Nov. 1942**
M.E.T.M. No 7.; Matson Line Wireless – Sunday Bulletin for Troops and Passengers [n.d.]
- 10.1.11 Sundry publications** (some very fragile – insect damage)
Featherston Military Training Camp 1917; Madame Tussaud's exhibition – official souvenir and guide, March 1940; The Grapevine (published on board *Empress Japan* June 1940; 2NZEF Chronology, 2nd ed. Jan. 1940 – June 1942, 1943; Campaign in Greece, New Zealand Division in Action 1943 (2 copies); Korero Vol. 2, No? 1944; The Diamond Track, the 2nd NZ Div. in Action. 1945; War Record, 1946; The Blitztourist.
- 10.1.12 Sundry newspapers**
Obituary for Brigadier Hargest [n.d.]; Auckland Star, 21 June 1940; New Zealand News, No. 361, 24 Dec. 1940; New Zealand News, No 362, 7 Jan. 1941; NZEF Times, Vol 1, No. 26, 22 Dec. 1941; NZEF Times, Christmas 1942; NZEF Times, Vol. 2 No. 83, 25 Jan. 1943; Eighth Army News, No. 202, 4 Feb. 1943; NZEF Times, Vol. 3, No. 139, Italy, 21 Feb. 1944.

- 10.1.13 Clippings**
2 cartoons and farewell for troops [n.d.]
- 10.1.14 Tripoli – Secret (map)**
Enlarged from D.R.412 by 46 Survey Coy. S.A.E.C. January 1943.
Shows 21 (NZ) Bn. HQ and Coy dispositions 23 – 26 January 1943.
- 10.1.15 Tripoli – Secret (map)**
Enlarged from D.R.412 by 46 Survey Coy. S.A.E.C., January 1943.
Shows facilities such as underground petrol tanks and pipelines,
railway structures, telephone exchange, etc.
- 10.1.16 Compilation maps of Tripoli and French North West Africa**
Annotated. Several maps glued together.
- 10.1.17 Small leather suitcase – initials ‘AM’ carved in top**
Used to store Arch Membery’s papers.

10.2 Von Schramm collection

A collection attributed to W.E. von Schramm who actively sought material for the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn. includes some of von Schramm's personal papers including his personal copies of Association minutes.

- 10.2.1 Von Schramm personal character references**
Two character references provided by past employers Joseph Nathan and Co., 1959 and Charles L. Stevenson Ltd., 1972.
- 10.2.2 Von Schramm Pensions - War Disability and War Service**
Correspondence, notes and sundry papers relating to a war pension, Inland Revenue and the Dept of Social Welfare, 1959 – 1979.
- 10.2.3 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn Minutes Vol. 1, 1968 – 1976**
Von Schramm's personal minutes. Includes minutes of the Charitable Trust. (with some annotations).
- 10.2.4 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Assn Minutes Vol. 2, 1977 – 1980**
Von Schramm's personal minutes. Includes minutes of the Charitable Trust.
- 10.2.5 21 Infantry Battalion Embarkation Rolls**
1940 and the 2nd reinforcements. Von Schramm's copies.
- 10.2.6 21 Infantry Battalion Nominal Roll, 1940**
- 10.2.7 21 Association History**
Notes compiled by Wally von Schramm.
- 10.2.8 J Force. Orders, 1946**
- 10.2.9 J Force and other. Rolls, orders, etc., 1946**
- 10.2.10 Army**
File containing telegrams, notes and letters to and from Wally von Schramm plaques, medals and sundry J Force business, 1940 – 1973.
- 10.2.11 War graves**
Documentation relating to the war grave of Sgmn Alexander Davidson McGregor (died June 1942) including Graves Registration Label, Personal Effects Certificate, burial card and Burial return form.
- 10.2.12 652**
Official orders and reports, 1941 – 1942. The War Diary of the War Graves Registration Unit.

- 10.2.13 Newspaper clippings File 1**
Includes articles on: Jack Colvin (mayor Waitemata) 1976; mural in Melbourne's main railway station 1976; Henderson Park development 1976; Waitemata third grade rugby team 1936; Waitemata XV rugby team 1936. Also a copy of the Near East Post published in Nicosia Sunday, 18 May 1941.
- 10.2.14 Newspaper clippings File 2**
Includes articles on: P D Costello and other Auckland Grammar School 'Old Boys' 1969; several articles reminiscing on war service in Europe; Auckland RSA; Funeral of Major General Sir Stephen Weir 1969; Anniversary of Battle of Alamein 1972; 24th NZ Infantry Battalion Assn silver jubilee reunion 1972.
- 10.2.15 Booklets (2)**
For services rendered: British Victory medal 1914 – 1918 A selection of decorations, medals, badges, flags [n.d.]; *Virtuti Pro Patria* Der Militär. Geschichte und bedeutung der ordensstiftung von Günther Freiherr von Pechmann, Mühener Zeitungsverlag 1956.

10.3 Personal papers

Arranged alphabetically under the name of the person who created the work or gathered the papers.

10.3.1 **Bates, Peter File 1**

Letters and sundry papers belonging to Peter Bates, journalist with the Auckland Star who wrote the *Ex Services Page*. Letters include reminiscences and information for his articles, including memories of WWI. Also included are orders of service, NZ Military Historical Society's nominal roll, published papers such as *NZ Emergency Standards specifications of the raid shelter (domestic)* 1942; newsletters and several issues of *World Veteran* 1958.

Bates, Peter File 2

Lapel button removed from 28th Battalion B Company reunion order of service (in File 1).

Bates, Peter File 3

Copies of newspapers 1940 – 1961.

10.3.2 **Bullock-Douglas G.A.**

Minutes of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force (UK) Rugby Committee, 1940; General report of the Rugby Football of the NZEF (UK); reminiscences of England and of his war experiences in Greece recalling being separated from his battalion and his escape to Crete. He documents his military career from the time he entered Narrow Neck Camp, 1939 to April 1941. In the back the book are the results of inter group rugby games, 1940.

10.3.3 **Campbell, David**

Reminiscences. *Interesting Journey: an autobiography of an undistinguished person* by David Campbell. [n.d.] David Campbell traces his Scottish heritage to rural New Zealand where he father managed dairy factories. He recalls his medical training. He entered Trentham Camp in 1943 and was appointed Regimental Medical Officer to the 1st Battalion Hauraki Regiment and later the 1st Field Regiment. In 1943 he sailed for Egypt and joined the 23rd Field Ambulance. Crossing to Italy as part of the 5th Field Ambulance, Campbell proceeded to Cassino. He describes his war experience, his return to New Zealand, the continuation of his professional and personal life.

10.3.4 **Haines, Ted**

Poems written by P.O.W.s in Germany. Donated by Ted Haines, Whangamata.

10.3.5 **Horan, Jack**

Note from Jack Melrose and material donated by Jack Horan including a photograph of 'The Towers' Eastwell Park(?) South England and a copy of the Grapevine.

- 10.3.6 Macky, N.L.**
21 Auckland Battalion in Greece by N.L. Macky. Recalls leaving Egypt, the journey to Athens and manoeuvres in Greece and escape to Crete. (four copies)
- 10.3.7 Mitchell, Justin**
Lieutenant Colonel H.M. McElroy DSO and Ba Ed; Commanding officer of the 21 New Zealand Infantry Battalion. An essay written as a 7th form History Character Study by Justin Mitchell, student at New Plymouth Boys' High School. (Photocopy)
- 10.3.8 Patten C.A.**
 Narrow Neck souvenirs. First Annual Reunion, 1940. Farewell Smoke Concert, 1941, donated by C.A. Patten.
- 10.3.9 Stuart, John**
Undefeated. Foreword and first chapter. Annotated. Typescript. (poss. presented by Eric Finlayson 1983)
- 10.3.10 Sullivan, William E. (folder 1)**
 Sundry papers - Exercise book containing poems and lyrics in English and German and notes written by POW (Prisoner of war); Callout notice to Pte W.A. Sullivan, Nov. 1940; postcard featuring troop ship *Empress of Japan* with message from Bill to family in NZ ; Christmas card, 1940, with message from Bill; Telegram to Mrs Sullivan from Ministry of Defence – William Sullivan missing in action, May 1941; Letter to Mrs Sullivan from Ministry of Defence re. William's pay, June 1941; Postcard to Mrs Sullivan from E William Sullivan advising that he is a prisoner of war, Sept. 1941; Notice from Prisoners of War Enquiry Officer re personal parcels with original envelop, Jan. 1942; ; Application for membership to Folkestone Public Library [n.d.]; Plane ticket and identification from Ulm, South Germany, May 1945; H.M. and Allied Forces Information Chart, City of Liverpool, May 1945; *Empress of Britain* (ship) *This week's programme* [n.d.]; Photo of eight officers outside building -unidentified; Map – Information Bureau, Cables; *Deutsch für Britische Kriegsgefangene* a German language book written for P.O.W.s, YMCA [n.d.]; Reed, Douglas. *How Odd of God* (an anti-Semitic booklet distributed to POWs); *The Blitztourists*; original manila envelope.
- 10.3.11 Sullivan, William E. (folder 2)**
 Sundry newspapers including :- Evening Post, 27 April 1940, p.23; The Camp, No. 41, Berlin, 20 April 1941; The Camp, No. 137, Berlin, 7 March 1943; The Camp, No. 198, Berlin, 28 May 1944; Tunis Telegraph, No. 3, 14 May 1943 (2 copies); The Southern Cross, London, Vol. 1, No. 21, 9 June 1945; Unidentified German newspaper with information on the Luftwaffe.

- 10.3.12** **Watson, Ivo Hartley and Harry Watson**
Second World War Experiences of Ivo Hartley Watson and Harry Watson 1940 – 1945. Recollections of active service in Egypt 1941, being taken prisoner at Sidi Rezegh Nov 1941 and ship wrecked on the coast of Greece. Describes life as a P.O.W. in Italy, Germany and Poland and the long march before liberation in 1945. (typescript)
- 10.3.13** **Withers T.A.F.**
From Faenza to Trieste by 615935 T.A.F. Withers. A personal account. (typescript) (3 copies)

10.4 Sundry items

Single items with known donors and sundry memorabilia not attributed to a specific person.

- 10.4.1 The History of the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion**
A reading of the 21 New Zealand Infantry Battalion history recorded by Homai Blind Institute c.1991. 13 analogue C90 cassette tapes (copies). NOTE: 'Talking books' such as this were recorded by the Institute as a result of a request. It is assumed that a member of the Association requested a recording. The original recording is held by the Homai Blind Institute. (M. Donald)
- 10.4.2 Chronology**
Chronology; New Zealand in the War 1939 – 1946, compiled by Robin Kay, Historical Publications Branch, Department of Internal Affairs, Wellington, New Zealand 1968 and presented by J.R. Grigg, 19/0/1981.
- 10.4.3 15th Field Regiment Association**
North Auckland Regiment Journal 1935, and papers relating to Reunion 1936, extracts from British military histories and assorted military papers.
- 10.4.4 Cassino Evening Post**
Printed and published at 'The Gaol' Spandau Alley, Cassino. Bitza Dog editor. Vol. 1, No. 1, 3 April 1944; Vol. 1, No. II, 4 April 1944; Vol. 1, No. III, 5 April 1944 (mss).
- 10.4.5 News Items**
Copies of newspaper clipping relating to Cassino and other overseas engagements.
- 10.4.6 Merkur Operation**
Revised translation of German document capture during operations in Crete, 20 – 31 May 1941.
- 10.4.7 *Comune di Cotignola, Provincia di Ravenna, Italia. Barbiano, Lunedì, 20 Aprile 1992***
Commemorative booklet for the New Zealand veteran delegation visiting Cotignola, Italy. "Black Diamond Tour 1992. Presented to the Association by R. Balestra.
- 10.4.8 Military Orders 1939**
Copy of order Re 2nd N.Z.E.F enlistment, 30 December 1939.
- 10.4.9 Outward Bound. First Section 4th Reinforcements 2nd N.Z.E.F. A record of the voyage**
At sea December 1940 Outward Bound. Signatures and message to 'Dear Mother'.

- 10.4.10 Ration Books**
Ration Book 9953 Q (5 years up to 10 years) for Jim Palmer; Ration Book 90371 M (10 years and upward), October 1945 G.E. Snell, Devonport; Ration Book 14406 Q (10 years and upward), Oct 1945 (name indecipherable); Registration Fee Coupon-Book. May 1946 – Nov 1951.
- 10.4.11 War Graves**
Graves Registration Label (blank) and envelope.
- 10.4.12 Propaganda leaflet (2)**
Das Neue Deutschland published September 1944; *Soldati italiani* [n.d.]
- 10.4.13 Embarkation Rolls (2)**
21 Battalion embarkation roll.
- 10.4.14 Montgomery B.L. Ten Chapters, Germany July 1945**
Field Marshal B.L. Montgomery reminisces on his command during WWII, August 1942 to May 1945. This book belonged to John E. Stuart.
- 10.4.15 Universal Carrier Mark I (Canadian) operating manual and workshop instructions**
- 10.4.16 Songs [outsized]**
Lyrics and musical score for WWII songs bound in leather.
- 10.4.17 Stationary**
Official military stationary including *New Zealand Military Forces* Form N.Z.-398 (5 sheets); New Zealand Forces Club No. 33 Sharia Malika Farida, Cairo (4 sheets); Eden Hotel, Jerusalem (2 sheets); 1st Bn., The Northern Regiment, Officers' Mess. (1 sheet); Airgraph - Seasonal Greetings 1945 from Sup. Coy 21 Auck. Battalion (1 copy); New Zealand 21 Infantry Battalion Association Incorporated letterhead. (19 sheets)
- 10.4.18 3 RNZIR Presentation of Regimental Colours 1973**
Notice regarding the laying up of the 3rd RNZIR Colours – instructions sheet and hymn sheet.
- 10.4.19 Regimental Colours – newspaper clippings**
Sundry newspaper clippings on military parades including the laying up of the Taranaki Regimental Colours in St. Mary's Church, New Plymouth, 1972; The Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles colours in St. Mary's Church, Hawera [n.d.]; a parade showing the new colours of the 3rd Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, Whangarei [n.d.]; presentation of the 2nd RNZIR's new colours, 1974.
- 10.4.20 Wakatipu Furlover**
Somewhere at sea, February 1944, NZEF Souvenir issue.

- 10.4.21 Auckland R.S.A. membership booklet**
Information about activities of Auckland R.S.A. and social clubs [n.d.]
- 10.4.22 Auckland R.S.A. ANZAC Day, 1977**
Auckland Cenotaph order of serviced. (9 copies)
- 10.4.23 Poems, lyrics and order of service**
Includes Colonel John McCrae *In Flanders' Fields*; *Who Done it*. Anon. (2 copies); Song sheet with the lyrics of well know wartime songs such as *Old Bull and Bush*, *Side by Side*, *Daisy*, *Lily of Laguna*, etc. Also the order of service for *Commemoration of Remembrance Sunday*, 9 November 1986, at St. Matthew's in the City, which was held in conjunction with the King's Empire Veterans Association and the Auckland Returned Services Association.
- 10.4.24 P.O.W. Chocolate**
Notice to Prisoner of War next of kin regarding chocolate to be included in Next of Kin Parcels, June 1942.
- 10.4.25 News Items (2)**
A scrapbook containing newspaper clippings on Europe.
- 10.4.26 Scrapbook**
Newspaper articles advising on war developments. Also several loose papers inside including 30 Corps Order of Service of thanksgiving and Remembrance after the capture of Tripoli, 31 Jan. 1943; Eight Army Personal Message from the Army Commander 23.10.1942; Eight Army Personal Message from the Army Commander, 12 Jan. 1943; Eight Army Personal Message from the Army Commander 23 Jan. 1943; Eight Army Personal Message from the Army Commander, March 1943; Eight Army Personal Message from the Army Commander, 8 April 1943.

Disposal

The appraisal process was undertaken during arrangement. The papers not selected for the collection were reviewed by Manuscript Librarian Martin Collett and contract archivist Mary Donald on 13 June 2008, and destruction was approved by Bruce Ralston on 19 June 2008.

The following list of papers were discarded from the collection and destroyed:

Bank statements:

- 21 NZ Infantry Battalion Charitable Trust Account (ASB) 12 3008 0234219 00
1985 – 1989.
- 21 NZ Infantry Battalion General Account (BNZ) 0104217 00
1984 – 1999.
- Brien Trust (ASB) 3008 0068839 00
1984 – 1986.

Unused receipt Books

Sundry newspapers

Not related to the 21 NZ Infantry Battalion or the Association.

Receipt Books

1967 – 2001. (31 books)

Petty Cash vouchers

1984 – 1989.

Invoices, vouchers and receipts

1984 – 1999.