



HMNZS NGAPONA

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LONGCAST

- 10 November 17 – Navy Club Lunch, Remuera
- 10-12 November 17 - Armistice weekend at Cambridge
- 17 November 17 - Old Salts Lunch at Titirangi RSA
- 19 November 17 – Northland Xmas Function.
- 8 December 17 – Maritime Societies' Annual Dinner, Northern Club, Auckland
- 15 December 17 - Old Salts Lunch at Orakei RSA

Hi Folks

TRAFALGAR DAY LUNCH

The lunch at Te Atatu was once again well organised and a pleasure to attend. The guest speaker was DCN, Cdre Mat Williams, whose address covered both the RN of 112 years ago and the modern day RNZN.

I spoke to Joe Bregman who has just finished a course of chemotherapy. While it has knocked him about a fair bit, he is in good spirits. He will not know the results until his next check early in November. All the best Joe.

'DIT' FROM COLIN ROSS

Lt Cdr Stewart was the CO INVERELL 67/68, I think from memory he was promoted to Cdr while still the CO so it was a very senior minesweeper or should I say training ship. Whilst there we were in Sydney and the ship was supposed to go to Grafton and Ships Company would bus up to Inverell town. However there was a bad storm that flooded the river so the ship could not get to Grafton. Instead the town flew twenty Ships Company up there for the weekend. We were all billeted out, some in the local pub. One rating having had a few beevies went to his room and crashed only to be rudely awoken in the middle of the night by an irate gentleman. Good old Jack had the right room wrong hotel.

On the Saturday night we all had to be in best bib and tucker as we were invited to Black & White Ball which was the local Debs Ball. All went well the Debs were presented to Town Mayor etc and then he made an announcement that the Debs had requested their first dance with a sailor. Hells Teeth that was an embarrassing stumble round the floor. The CO had to judge the best Deb I think.

On the Sunday we marched down the main street along with all the local clubs.

My memory of the CO was he was a very upright and fair one could say a Gentleman, quite popular with the crew and believe me there were some hard shots in that crew.

Thank you Colin - ED

COMMODORES USE RED INK

I found the following quote from Gordon Cattermole (Mole) "Got a real bollicking from Lin TEMPERO (COMAUCK) when I had to request him to sign his expense claim using Blue/Black ink as he was not entitled to sign a Treasury Form in Red, and if he was to become an Admiral later on he couldn't use green either, as these colours were solely reserved for Treasury Auditors and Inspectors. I was supported by Cdr Bell the Base SO who backed me up. Glad he did as I had only been a POWTR for two days and it was hard not to see my hooks going out the window."

DEATH OF A SOLDIER

The Special Operations soldier who passed away on 13 Oct 17 was Sgt Wayne Taylor, RNZIR, or Tayls as he was more commonly known. A 'Give a Little' page has been set up to assist the family of Sgt Taylor. He is survived by his wife and four children. Please go to '<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/waynetaylor>' to make a donation.

CNS #18

Rear Admiral Lincoln John Tempero RNZN CB.
Chief of Naval Staff: February 1986 - May 1987

Lincoln John Tempero joined the Royal New Zealand Navy on 16th September 1953. He trained in the Royal Navy and progressed rapidly through the ranks. He commanded the minesweeper HMNZS **Stanton**, based in Singapore, before commanding the frigates HMNZS' **Taranaki** and **Canterbury**. He was then Commodore Auckland before assuming the position of Chief of Naval Staff in 1986. He died suddenly in 1987 and, after a full military funeral at St Christopher's Chapel, HMNZS **Philomel**, he was buried at sea from the frigate HMNZS **Wellington**. He was posthumously created a Commander of the Order of the Bath.

Rear Admiral Linn Tempero was a gunnery officer; he died in office (as CNS) and so was entitled to a full naval funeral, including burial at sea. Some say that was his last joke as a Gunnery Officer, knowing the amount of marching and drill practice it would cause!

Regards

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