

## **No. 9 (CITY OF WANGANUI) SQUADRON ATC REPORT ON WEEKEND EXERCISE**

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### OPERATION "MCDONNELL DOUGLAS"

An exercise for the senior cadets of the Squadron was held on Saturday 13 June 2010.

### LOCATION

The exercise was conducted using the Wanganui Splash Centre and Landguards Bluff.

### PERSONNEL

A nominal role is attached.

### TRANSPORT

A mini van was provided by WWCT Regiment which was driven by SQNLDR Cleveland. The staff provided the remaining transport.

### EQUIPMENT

Axes, shovels, ropes, compasses and other equipment were supplied from No.9's store. Large cooking pots and utensils were loaned from WWCT Regiment

### MESSING

All rations were supplied locally.

### MEDICAL

There were no medical problems.

### TRAINING

A copy of the original training programme is attached. There were a few alterations to the original forwarded to Central Area, due to weather conditions and timings.

Majority of the cadets at the Splash Centre by 0830, with the remaining ones soon after. FGOFF Smith finalised the remaining signatures on the diving permission forms with a couple of parents having to return to the Splash Centre before their son or daughter could complete the training.

I introduced Mrs Sharon Grant as the dive instructor and following her briefing the cadets went off and changed ready for the diving. The instruction was completed in 2 groups, with each group taking just over an hour to complete the snorkelling before moving onto using the tank.

While the first group was in the water, FGOFF Smith went and finalised the last shopping requirements. SQNLDR Quirk, PLTOFF Bourne, PLTOFF Hackett and myself kept the second group busy while keeping a watchful eye on the cadets in the water.

SQNLDR Cleveland picked up the van and Landguards Bluff keys from WWCT regiment and met us at the splash centre around 11:30am.



*LAC Clark and CDT Archer receiving diving instruction*

Scuba diving activity finished around 12pm and we headed off to Landguards Bluff. Once arrived, the weather deteriorated and it began to hail. The cadets headed inside to have their cut lunch. Weather started to clear about an hour later and SQNLDR Cleveland took the cadets outdoors and down to the river to conduct a fire lighting activity. With wet wood and a cold south wind the cadets learnt some excellent fire lighting skills. I believe this is a skill that is starting to be lost with our cadets and yet it is one of the most important skills for survival.



After this activity the cadets headed back to camp where a lesson on clothing and equipment was carried out by SQNLDR Quirk and SQNLDR Cleveland.

The group then split into two and headed back outside to complete a leadership exercise and a compass course. FGOFF Smith and UO Sheild ran the compass course while UO Sandlant and I ran leadership exercises. The exercises were; “untangle the circle”, “recover the nuclear waste” and “lifting the stick.” These exercises were entered into with a large amount of enthusiasm and the staff had a good opportunity to observe the cadet’s teamwork and leadership.

*Lifting the Stick*

While the last group were out on the compass course the remaining staff assisted Miss Smith in the kitchen preparing the evening meal. All cadets tucked into the evening meal of devil sausages. It was good to see all cadets eating hearty meals, with some going back for more.

After the meal I conducted a debrief of the days activities and feedback from staff.

Final clean up, check over of the area and we departed for ATC, arriving at around 1830, gear put back into the store. Last Cadet was uplifted around 1900.

## GENERAL

A different style of exercise for No.9 Squadron and a departure from being in the bush. We have conducted the diving training on three previous occasions and this is always well received and enjoyed by the cadets.

The leadership exercises proved very interesting, and along with the benefit to the cadets they help us identify future NCO's.

Again the benefit of having a strong staff presence on the exercise was noticeable as we managed to keep training running smoothly while others prepared for the next part of the training programme. All the staff spent some time in the kitchen either helping with preparation or cooking. We managed to ensure all cadets also spent some time in the kitchen. Though the lack of large pots made things interesting during the cooking phase, the kitchen staff powered on and delivered a fantastic meal.

The purpose of the training was to;

1. Provide something different through the diving. The cadets have now also completed the first part of a PADI dive course and can go on and complete more if they want to.
2. Develop bush knowledge and skills
3. Develop team work and leadership

We wanted to guarantee we could complete the training and therefore the need to have accommodation, and also being mindful of cost, work, sport and family commitments decided to do as much in one day. This ended up being a very successful exercise in we did meet all of our objectives.

Overall an enjoyable and successful days training.

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UNIT COMMANDER

14 June 2010

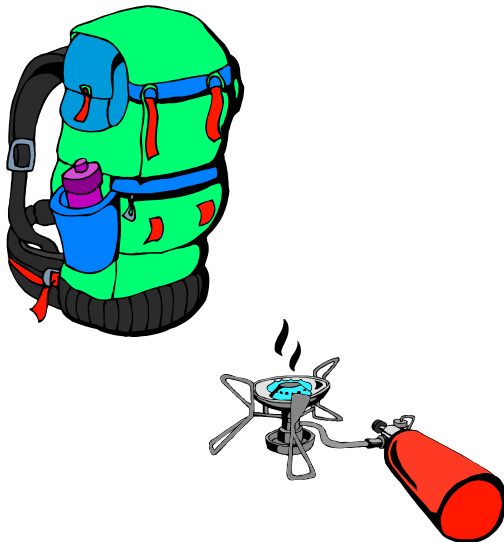


*Dishing up the evening meal; Miss Smith, SQNLDR Cleveland and UO Sheild.*

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Sunday 13.06.2010

- 0830 Arrive Splash Centre  
Briefing and introduction to diving staff (FLTLT Frericks)  
Diving instruction
- 1130 Depart Splash Centre
- 1200 Arrive Landguard Bluff  
Orientation of area, Toilets, cook house, lecture room, showers and out of bounds.  
Lunch
- 1300 Leadership exercise, (All Staff).  
Minimum of 3 leadership exercise – one per section  
While leadership exercise and clothing and equipment lesson are being conducted, Map and compass exercise will be set up.
- 1400 Clothing and Equipment (SQNLDR Cleveland)
- 1500 Map & compass exercise (FGOFF Smith / PLTOFF Hackett)
- 1630 Clean up of area (All Staff)
- 1700 Evening meal
- 1900 Cadets picked up from ATC HQ



### ADDITIONAL INDOOR LESSONS IF REQUIRED

- DVD / Video – Bushcraft
- Food and menus
- Map – cross sections
- Leadership scenarios

## *Operation 'McDonnell Douglas' - 13 June 2010*

### **Nominal Role**

Rank      Name

#### Staff

|        |           |          |
|--------|-----------|----------|
| SQNLDR | Cleveland | Murray   |
| SQNLDR | Quirk     | Charles  |
| FLTLT  | Frericks  | Beaudine |
| FGOFF  | Smith     | Jason    |
| PLTOFF | Bourne    | Ruth     |
| PLTOFF | Hackett   | Bryce    |
| Miss   | Smith     | Tracy    |
| UO     | Sandlant  | Ben      |
| ]UO    | Sheild    | Aaron    |

#### NCO's

|      |          |         |
|------|----------|---------|
| WO   | Shepherd | Tim     |
| FSgt | Anderson | Evan    |
| FSgt | Anderson | Jason   |
| FSgt | Clark    | Timothy |
| Sgt  | Grant    | Troian  |
| Cpl  | Dixon    | Harley  |
| Cpl  | Sheild   | Liam    |
| Cpl  | Shepherd | Nick    |

#### Proficiency

|     |            |          |
|-----|------------|----------|
| Lac | Clark      | Samuel   |
| Lac | Richardson | Patrick  |
| Cdt | Archer     | Mark     |
| Cdt | Carroll    | Emma     |
| Cdt | Graham     | Taylor   |
| Cdt | Illston    | Jarrold  |
| Cdt | Nyenhuis   | Brock    |
| Cdt | Stewart    | Vladimir |