



NATIONAL COMMEMORATION
POST SECOND WORLD WAR
MALAYA/MALAYSIA OPERATIONS

MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2019

HALL OF MEMORIES
PUKEAHU NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL PARK
WELLINGTON



NEW ZEALAND MILITARY OPERATIONS IN MALAYA/MALAYSIA

Between 1949 and 1966 New Zealand soldiers, sailors and airmen played a small but significant role in two South-East Asian conflicts: the Malayan Emergency (1948–60) and Indonesia's Confrontation Campaign against Malaysia (1964–66).

The Emergency arose out of an attempt by the Malayan Communist Party to overthrow the British colonial administration of Malaya. New Zealand forces ultimately made an important contribution to the Commonwealth effort to defeat the communist insurgency.

New Zealand's involvement began in 1949 – 70 years ago this year – when a flight of RNZAF Dakotas began dropping supplies to anti-guerilla forces. Several New Zealand Army officers served in Malaya while on secondment with British units from 1949, and in January 1951, 10 Kiwi officers and 14 Non-Commissioned Officers arrived with the 1st Battalion, Fiji Infantry Regiment. In 1954, a RNZN frigate, HMNZS Pukaki, bombarded a suspected guerrilla camp, the first of many such operations by RNZN ships serving with the British Royal Navy's Far East Fleet.

New Zealand became more directly involved in 1955, following its decision to contribute forces to the British Commonwealth Far East Strategic Reserve. The Army's initial contribution, a Special Air Service (SAS) squadron commanded by Major Frank Rennie, was particularly suited for operations seeking out the guerrillas in their jungle sanctuary. RNZAF squadrons also operated against the guerrillas from 1955, carrying out strike missions using Vampire, Venom and later Canberra jets, and conducting supply drops with Bristol Freighters.

From March 1958, the 1st Battalion, New Zealand Regiment took part in operations designed to clear Perak of insurgents. By the time it was replaced by the 2nd Battalion, NZR in late 1959, most of the guerrillas had retreated across the border into southern Thailand. The greatly improved security situation was reflected in the official termination of the Emergency on 31 July 1960.

In 1964, New Zealand began helping the new federated state of Malaysia resist Indonesian President Sukarno's Confrontation Campaign – an undeclared war designed to destabilise Malaysia's North Borneo territories of Sarawak and Sabah. As well as encouraging subversive elements in North Borneo, Indonesia deployed army regulars, posing as guerillas, on covert cross-border raids. In response, British SAS forces began operating across the border.

The New Zealand Government, led by Prime Minister Keith Holyoake, initially resisted requests to commit New Zealand forces. However, when Indonesia extended military operations to the Malay Peninsula later in 1964, the 1st Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (1RNZIR) was used to help capture the infiltrators. RNZAF Canberras based in Singapore and RNZN warships also helped deter Indonesian aggression.

In February 1965, a small New Zealand SAS detachment was sent to North Borneo, where it operated successfully alongside British equivalents. 1RNZIR was deployed to Sarawak between May and October that year, before returning in 1966, by which time the Confrontation was all but over.

In October 1965, Indonesian army forces loyal to Major-General Suharto effectively overthrew the Sukarno regime, triggering bloody anti-communist purges. The new leadership quietly abandoned Sukarno's Confrontation policy. On 11 August 1966, representatives of Indonesia and Malaysia signed a peace treaty in Bangkok. Hostilities were officially at an end. The New Zealanders completed their withdrawal from Borneo in October that year.

The New Zealand roll of honour records 20 service personnel as having died on operational service during the Malaya and Malaysian campaigns.

Cover Image: New Zealand Special Air Service troops with Royal Air Force helicopter, Malaya. New Zealand. Department of Internal Affairs. War History Branch.
Ref: M-3097-F. Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand. /records/22338272



New Zealand soldiers marching through Lambton Quay, Wellington. New Zealand. Department of Internal Affairs. War History Branch. Ref: PA1-f-119-01-3. Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand. /records/23104456

THE ARRIVAL

Official Party

The Honourable Ron Mark

Minister of Defence and Minister for Veterans
representing the Government

His Excellency Leasi Papali'i Tommy Scanlan

Dean of the Diplomatic Corps

Melissa Lee MP

representing the Leader of the Opposition

Her Excellency Nur Izzah Wong Mee Choo

High Commissioner
High Commission of Malaysia

Air Vice-Marshal Andrew Clark

Chief of Air Force
representing the Chief of Defence Force

Bob Hill

National Vice President
representing Royal New Zealand Returned and Services' Association

David Fenton

National President
New Zealand Malayan Veterans' Association

Official Party are welcomed at Anzac Square by Rear Admiral David Ledson ONZM (Rtd), Chair, National War Memorial Advisory Council, and Colin Holden, Deputy Chief Executive, Ministry for Culture and Heritage

ORDER OF SERVICE

RESPECTS PAID AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR

Whakamaharatanga, the Remembrance Bell, tolls four times, as the Official Party pays respects at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior

KARANGA

The karanga is called by Hannah Buchanan, supported by Alex Watson, Taranaki Whānui, as the Official Party moves up into the Foyer of the Hall of Memories.

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL

Rangimārie, the Peace Bell, tolls as the Official Party moves to the front of the Hall of Memories

CATAFALQUE GUARD MOUNTS

The Catafalque Guard mounts in the Hall of Memories

THE FLAG OF THE NEW ZEALAND MALAYAN VETERANS' ASSOCIATION IS MARCHED IN

Eddie Chuah

New Zealand Malayan Veterans' Association
Flag Bearer

NATIONAL ANTHEMS

Malaysia

Soloist: Zamir Mohd Arizan

Negara ku
Tanah tumpahnya darahku,
Rakyat hidup
bersatu dan maju,
Rahmat bahagia
tuhan kurniakan,
Raja kita
selamat bertahta,
Rahmat bahagia
tuhan kurniakan.
Raja kita
selamat bertakhta.

My country, my native land.
The people living united and
progressive,
May God bestow blessing and
happiness.
May our Ruler have a successful reign.
May God bestow blessing and
happiness.
May our Ruler have a successful reign.

Please be seated

New Zealand

Soloist: Laura Munan

E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa

God of nations, at thy feet
in the bonds of love we meet;
hear our voices we entreat,
God defend our free land!
Guard Pacific's triple star
from the shafts of strife and war,
make her praises heard afar;
God Defend New Zealand!

(Uniformed personnel salute)

Te Auraki (The Return)

The remains of 27 soldiers and one child were repatriated from Malaysia and Singapore and returned to their families in August 2018.

The departure ceremony was conducted by the Malaysian Armed Forces to honour the contribution of New Zealand Defence Force personnel to the formation of the Federation of Malaysia.



WELCOME

Brodie Stubbs

Manager Te Pae Mahara
Ministry for Culture and Heritage

OPENING PRAYER

Chaplain Class 3 Chris Haines

Royal New Zealand Navy

PROLOGUE

Rear Admiral David Ledson ONZM (Rtd)

Chair, National War Memorial Advisory Council

COMMEMORATIVE ADDRESS

The Honourable Ron Mark

Minister of Defence and Minister for Veterans

VOCAL ITEM

Thou knowest, Lord - Henry Purcell

Anon Vocal Ensemble

HISTORICAL READING

Ray Marshall

New Zealand Malayan Veterans' Association

**In 1958 Bruce Jamieson was a platoon sergeant with D Company.
Rigorous preparation for operations combined with excellent bushcraft
skills helped the success of 12 Platoon**

Quoted in Chris Pugsley, *From Emergency to Confrontation*
(Oxford University Press, Melbourne, 2003), P.142.

VOCAL ITEM

How Great Thou Art (Whakaaria Mai)

Soloist: Laura Munan

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Chaplain Class 3 Chris Haines

Royal New Zealand Navy

LAYING OF WREATHS

Wreaths are laid by the following

The Honourable Ron Mark

on behalf of the Government and people of New Zealand

Melissa Lee MP

on behalf of the Leader of the Opposition

David Fenton

on behalf of the New Zealand Malayan Veterans' Association

Her Excellency Nur Izzah Wong Mee Choo

on behalf of the Government and people of Malaysia

His Excellency Filimone Waqabaca

on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Fiji

Her Excellency the Honourable Patricia Forsythe

on behalf of the Government and people of the Commonwealth of Australia

His Excellency Sudesh Maniar

on behalf of the Government and people of Singapore

Thomas Lord

on behalf of the Government and people of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern Ireland

Councillor Chris Calvi-Freeman

on behalf of the City of Wellington

Air Vice-Marshal Andrew Clark

Chief of Air Force

on behalf of members of the New Zealand Defence Force and their families

Trevor Appleton

on behalf of the Royal New Zealand Naval Association

Air Commodore Terence Gardiner MNZM (Rtd)

on behalf of the Royal New Zealand Air Force Association

Bob Hill

on behalf of the Royal New Zealand Returned and Services' Association

Olivia Black and Callum Greenhough

on behalf of the youth of Malaysia and New Zealand

During the wreath laying Anon sings from the Foyer

(*If ye love me* - Thomas Tallis and *Abide with me* - Henry Monk)

ODE FOR A WANDERING WARRIOR

Bill Russell

New Zealand Malayan Veterans' Association

May your spirit roam where the eagles soar.
May it finally rest on that immortal shore,
where the wandering warriors long to be replete for all eternity.
May your shadow remain in our infinite care.
May your stories be legend wherever we share.
May your memory stay engraved in our heart.
May your friendship and love never from us depart.
May the running waves, the quiet earth
and the shining stars recall your worth.
And when we are not – with no-one beside,
with our own true spirit wandering wide,
may you meet us, greet us, the good things renew.
And may we become wandering warriors too.

*These words of comfort and inspiration are provided to us by C.A. Jennison
1940-2007, former member of the Australian Special Air Service*

Please stand

THE COMMEMORATION

THE LAST POST

The Bugler sounds *Last Post*

Uniformed personnel salute

The flags of Malaysia and New Zealand are lowered to half-mast on the Forecourt

THE ODE

Lieutenant Colonel Mohamad Rizan Mat Hasan

Defence Adviser

Malaysian High Commission

Mereka meningkat usia namun tidak tua
Berbeza dengan kita yang semakin menua
Umur bukan lagi penentu bagi mereka
Walaupun tahun silih berganti
Pada ketika terbenamnya matahari
Dan ketika menyinarinya mentari pagi
Kita akan sentiasa mengingati mereka

Response: Kita akan sentiasa mengingati mereka

Warrant Officer Jack Rudolph

Māori Cultural Advisor

New Zealand Defence Force

E kore rātou e kaumātuaia
Pēnei i a tātou kua mahue nei
E kore hoki rātou e ngoikore
Ahakoa pēhea i ngā āhuatanga o te wā

I te hekenga atu o te rā
Tae noa ki te aranga mai i te ata
Kia maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou

Response: Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou

Bob Hill

National Vice President

Royal New Zealand Returned and Services' Association

They shall grow not old
As we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them

Response: We will remember them

One Minute's Silence

THE ROUSE

The Bugler sounds *Rouse*

The flags of Malaysia and New Zealand on the forecourt are returned to full mast head

BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

Chaplain Class 3 Chris Haines

Royal New Zealand Navy

THE FLAG OF THE NEW ZEALAND MALAYAN VETERANS' ASSOCIATION IS MARCHED OUT

CATAFALQUE GUARD DISMOUNTS

The Catafalque Guard dismounts and marches out of the Hall of Memories

RECESSIONAL

Led by the Chaplain, the Official Party process to the foyer

In the foyer, the Honourable Ron Mark, Her Excellency Nur Izzah Wong Mee Choo, and David Fenton are invited to sign the Visitors Book

Members of Anon Vocal Ensemble, Laura Munan, Zamir Mohd Arizan, Taranaki Whānui and the youth representatives are introduced to the Official Party

FERN TRIBUTES LAID ON THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR

The Honourable Ron Mark, Her Excellency Nur Izzah Wong Mee Choo, and David Fenton place their fern tributes on the mantle of the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior

Veterans and guests may place poppies on the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior



The Pingat Jasa Malaysia (PJM) medal was instituted by the King of Malaysia for award to British Commonwealth personnel who served during the Malayan Emergency and the Confrontation. In 2005, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II approved its acceptance and wear by eligible New Zealand personnel.

The Pingat Jasa Malaysia (PJM) medal is awarded to those who served in Malaya/Malaysia for at least 90 days, between 31 August 1957 and 31 December 1966. Service in Singapore between 31 August 1957 and 9 August 1965 is also recognised by the PJM medal.

Since 2005, the PJM has been issued to more than 3,800 New Zealanders. NZDF estimates that at least another 1,000 eligible former New Zealand military personnel have not yet applied for the award of the PJM.

This National Commemorative Service was arranged by the Visits and Ceremonial Office, Department of Internal Affairs, in partnership with the Ministry for Culture and Heritage, the New Zealand Defence Force, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Protocol Division), Royal New Zealand Returned and Services' Association and New Zealand Malayan Veterans' Association