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HOWITZER GUN DEDICATION SERVICE

November 7, 2015

ANZAC POINT (opposite Cenotaph)

WELCOME: President G Lowe

DEDICATION - PADRE: Revd. A Martin QSM

ODE: G Lowe and Revd. A Martin

Following the service there will be morning tea at the Tasman Clubrooms, 35 Octavius Place.

VIETNAM 1966 - New Zealand gunners from 161 Battery load a L5 Howitzer gun into a M113 armoured personnel carrier (APC) at Nui Dat.







L5 Pack Howitzer used by 161 Battery, RNZA in Vietnam.

The New Plymouth RSA would like to sincerely thank Miss Jo Harris, Army Disposals Officer, Major A. P. McQuillan, Chief Instructor, Trade Training School, New Zealand Army, and the troops that worked on the gun to bring it to this pristine condition.

Also the Mayor, NPDC councilors and Mr. Steve McGill for their assistance in the placement of the gun.

Mecco Engineers and Mr. Graham Prouse and Mac McKenzie for the metal work and the concrete work required.

Special thanks to Tex Schwass for being the guardian of the gun and his dedication to having the gun on display again.

105MM PACK HOWITZER

SPECIFICATIONS:

<u>Property</u>	<u>Value</u>
Main Weapon caliber	105
Barrel length (calibers)	14
Weight (kg)	1290
Length (mm)	3650
Width (mm)	2900
Height (mm)	1930
Track (mm)	1140
Elevation (degree)	65
Depression (degree)	-5
Traverse arc (degree)	36
Firing range (m)	10575
Rate of fire (rds/min)	4
Crew	7

Thank you everyone for attending today.