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Dear A. Mosley

I refer to your email of 7 April 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

1. *What do Regimental Police do?*
2. *How long have they existed?*
3. *What powers do they hold?*
4. *Do they have any special uniform other than the patches? If so could an example such as a photo be provided?*

Regimental Police are unit members assigned to act on behalf of the Commanding Officer (CO) and Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM). Their powers are localised to the unit. They do not have the powers of Military Police. Regimental Police wear a white belt rather than a corp belt, along with their Regimental Police patch on the right shoulder. Key tasks and responsibilities include:

- managing service discipline;
- keeping order and maintaining standards in unit lines;
- access and security control of unit lines;
- traffic and movement control during parades and ceremonial activities;
- ceremonial duties and protocol duties such as assisting with VIP visits, parades, and formal inspections;
- providing the CO and RSM with an escort/security; and,
- sentry duties for the Command Post.

Regimental Police have existed within the Commonwealth since World War One. However, their origins in the New Zealand Army date back to 1957, when Regimental Police were attached to Commonwealth countries' (such as the United Kingdom and Australia) Military Police cells during the Malaya and Vietnam period. After those conflicts (1975), Regimental Police became a cell within the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, and the status quo has persisted since then.

In accordance with section 28(3) of the OIA, you may ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information regarding the process is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website.

Yours sincerely

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