

Jay McTaggart Exit Interview ... 04-09-08
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Destination? ...

*NZ ARMY Rifleman --- possibly **Field Engineer** in the future.*

Do you feel you achieved all you wanted to at HC?

Not to begin with. But when I found out I had what I needed for the Army I were happy. I was pretty keen for Officer at first but after the interview, due to having no choice where you were put, I changed my mind.

When did you first decide on the Army?

It was last year when we did that Futureselves work, when we were researching in those books – Jobs Galore- and on the internet, wasn't really sure what I wanted to do but when I looked at the Defence Forces I was thinking that's pretty mean and I looked at that. On the INZONE bus they were showing pretty much the Rifle man, the Bases around NZ and the projects they had around the world. I just wanted to go overseas then.

When did you first hear about the ACE week?

When you told us about it last year and Eru and the others went. I wanted to and applied and was told you could be in next year's lot.

Did the ACE week live up to your expectations?

Yes that's what pretty much hooked me and I said, "Yes this is the place for me!"

How do your family feel about you going into the Army?

The year pretty rapt and think it's the best decision I have made.

Have you got any unfinished work at school? Like are there any words you would like to give to students still here?

No not really. To students I would say, " Go for whatever you desire, want regarding a career and if you're not certain have a back up. That's reality! Shoot high!"

Would you be willing to come back after your initial training and talk about those and your job opportunities in the Army when you can get the time?

Yeah! Why not!

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