



## 40 Years Later ...

**THREE WORLD WAR II COMRADES**, Bob Marsden (Kaitala), Bill Barras (Paraparaumu) and Lyndsay Prouse (Auckland) were reunited for the first time in 40 years last month. The three had served together in the Middle East and Italy in the 6th Field Artillery, 30th Battery and the last time the three were together was on April 4,

1944. Bob had over the intervening years run into Lyndsay in Auckland and at reunions on occasions but the third member of the trio had been out of the picture. It was therefore time for reminiscing when Bill and Lyndsay decided to come north to visit Bob.

Bob, known to his mates in those days, as 'Red', took

the men rock fishing off Karikari one day and Bill was amazed at their success, seven snapper, three kahawai and a kingfish. "If we caught that many fish off the rocks down Wellington way, they'd be talking about it for weeks", was his comment.

The visitors, with their wives spent the remainder of their time in the Far

North sightseeing and enjoying the hospitality at the local R.S.A.

Pictured above in the mud at Monte Casino, Italy, from left to right are: Bob 'Red' Marsden, Bill Barras and Lyndsay Prouse. The trio are pictured below, in the same order, prior to setting out on their fishing expedition, 40 years later.

