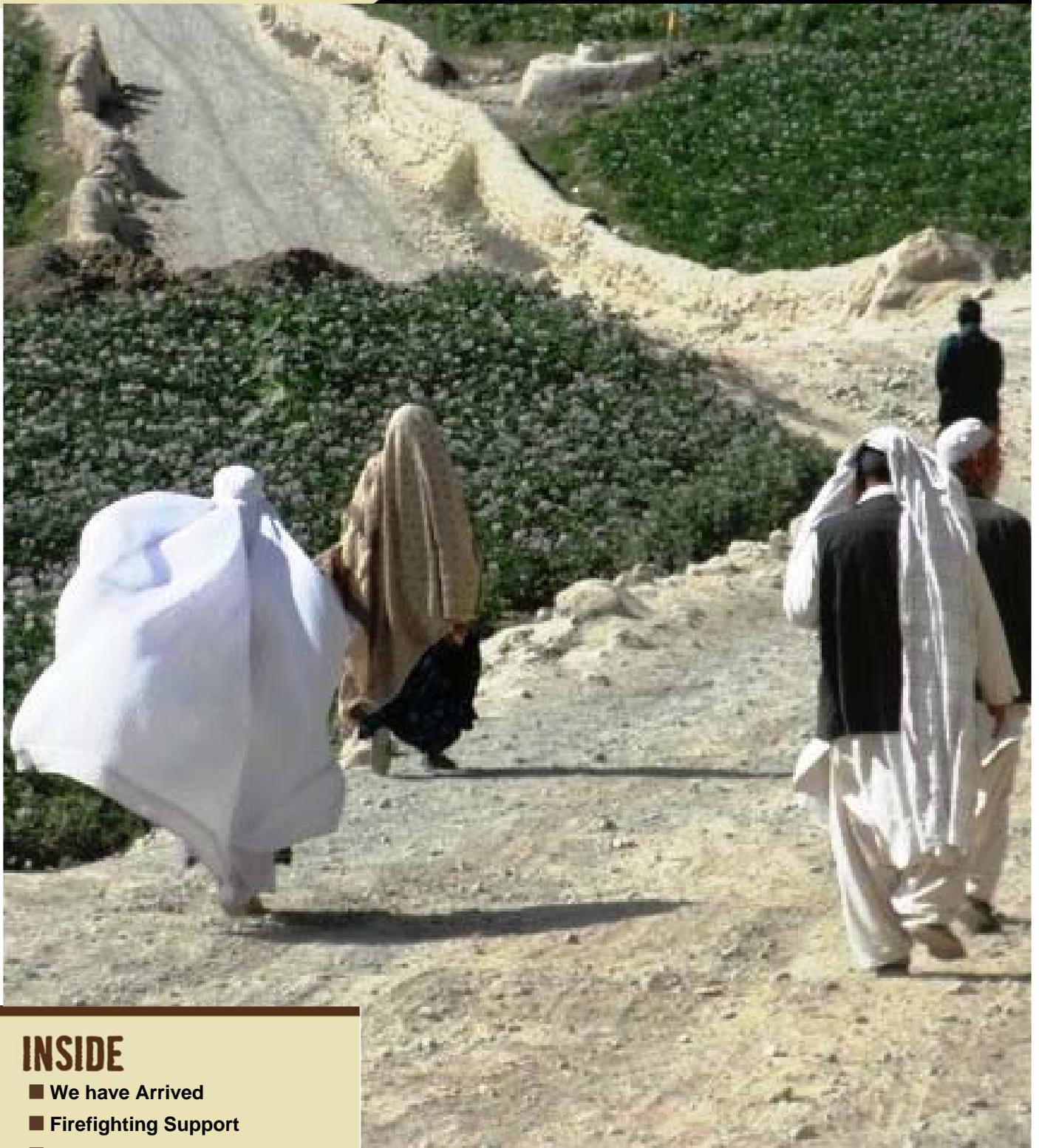


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A typical scene unfolding throughout Afghanistan.

GUEST EDITORIAL

LTCOL GLENN KING, COMMANDING OFFICER 1 ROYAL NEW ZEALAND INFANTRY REGIMENT

It is nearing October and I am wondering where the year has gone. For many of you deployed, together with your families, you will be counting down the days to when your job is done in whatever operational theatre you are in, and you return to Aotearoa to your loved ones and friends. As I look back on the year to date, one of the most obvious things for me is the amount of change our Defence Force is going through. Change is therefore the theme for this article, as deployed personnel and their families will be affected by the many changes that will occur during your absence.



LTCOL G. King

Our work places have seen and will continue to see some major changes. A case in point is the unit I serve in, 1 RNZIR. In June 2012, our battalion will re-role from a Cavalry unit into a Light Infantry Battalion, and QAMR will grow from its current squadron strength into a Cavalry Regiment and re-locate to Linton. Obvious changes within our unit as a result of this re-role will include a smaller battalion footprint in camp when we hand over LAV hangers and other facilities to QAMR; adapting to the conduct of tactical tasks without organic protected mobility, firepower and enhanced optics; and seeing our many mates don another units rugby strip when we take them on in the inaugural rugby match next year. While these changes occur, many things will remain constant. We will again re-invent ourselves as we did in 2004, and tackle the challenges head on. Soldiers and officers will continue to demand excellent training and want to have input into the direction of the unit. Standards will not change, in that we will expect everyone to give their best and live by the strong values and ethos of our organisation.

While you are away, it is inevitable that you and your families will experience change as well. Routines at home may have changed, as well as the furniture (not forgetting the additional furniture). Your perspectives about things and priorities may also change. What will not change is the unwavering pride we all have in our fellow servicemen and women, families and friends who give their all, either at home or overseas. We who serve will also be a little envious that you got to go, and we will hope that we get our chance to go soon. We will all constantly want to hear how it went, and what it is you got up to, because we actually do want to know.

Change can be both good and bad. In my view it relates to how much influence you have on the change process, and ultimately the impact it has on you personally or as an organisation. A key to dealing with change is open and honest communications. If you have the time, I believe that seeding an idea and getting buy in early will deliver the results you want in the long term. Appreciating the audience's perspective is critical, and is relevant when either working through something with your friends and family or developing a two year training plan with the staff.

So in June 2012, 1 RNZIR will have changed. For those away and at home, there will be changes that affect you personally as well as your families. The All Blacks will have won the RWC and the Warriors will be NRL Champions for 2011. Now wouldn't that be great change, and something we would hope to be a bit more constant.

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF ARMY

Major General T.J. Keating, MNZM
Chief of Army

Within a short space of time the New Zealand Army has lost another soldier on operations. Lance Corporal Leon Smith died in the service of his country, bravely facing up to one of the abhorrent evils that permeate the world today. This evil exists in the groups who use terror as a means to coerce civilian populations whose only desire is to live in the peace and freedom, to prosper, grow and be that we enjoy in New Zealand.

My sympathy goes out to LCPL Smith's family in their time of very personal grief. I hope they can gain some comfort in the knowledge of the justness of the cause that their son and brother gave his life to. I also know that the New Zealand Army Family will rally in support of Leon's Family, as it has done for others in the past when the two families are united in grief.

The mission to bring peace to Afghanistan has not changed and our Army remains strong in its resolve to continue the task given to it by the Defence Force and Government of New Zealand. As a sign of the healthy democracy we live in, we can expect debate, in the media and in our Parliament. This is a necessary and welcome part of the process that ensures the national interest is served when we deploy our soldiers in harms way. Our role in this debate is not to argue for the ongoing commitment of any of the operations we are involved in, rather it is to tell the stories of how the New Zealand Army efforts and professionalism in nations such as Afghanistan are improving the lives of countless ordinary citizens who live in these places, and of the courage and sacrifice our soldiers make in the fulfilment of our mission.

The other task our profession demands of us at this time is to reflect on operational lessons learned, and from this continue our development of operational excellence, thereby continuously lessening the risk and improving the probability of mission success.

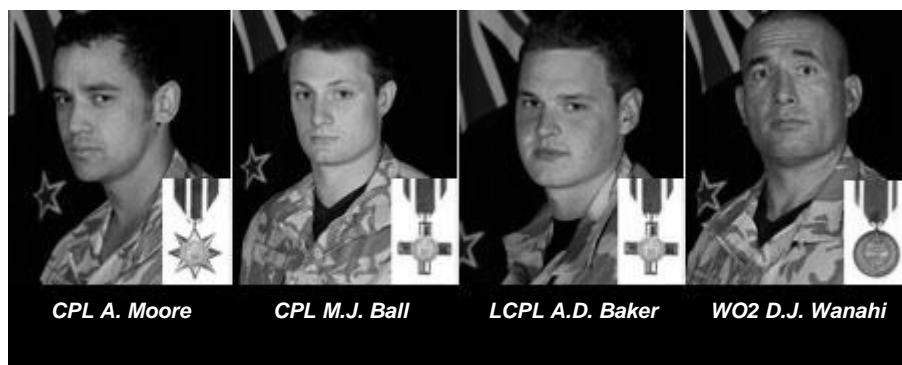
Lance Corporal Leon Kristopher Smith

- * Born 24 July 1978. Grew up in the Wellington area but moved to Auckland for his work.
- * Enlisted in RNZN 14 Jan 1997.
- * Released in the rank of Ensign on 12 Jan 1999.
- * Enlisted into the Territorial Force 19 Aug 2005 as a Rifleman
- * LCPL Smith qualified on the NZSAS Selection course in 2006.
- * Following the successful completion of the NZSAS cycle of training courses, LCPL Smith was accepted and *Badged* into the NZSAS on 08 Sep 2008.
- * LCPL Smith was promoted to the substantive rank of Lance Corporal on 28 Jan 2011.
- * LCPL Smith, although junior, was an operationally experienced NZSAS Trooper having first served in Afghanistan in 2010. He had spent almost 11 out of the last 24 months on operations.
- * LCPL Smith was employed as an Advanced Medic and he had also recently returned from conducting training in the United Kingdom with other international Special Forces.
- * LCPL Smith was also the Advanced Medic who first treated CPL Doug Grant when he was injured in August during an attack on the British Council Compound in Kabul.



We all mourn his loss.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Four New Zealand Defence Force Personnel Awarded Gallantry Awards

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE FORCE AND THE CHIEF OF ARMY

Lieutenant General Rhys Jones (CDF) Major General Tim Keating (CA)

Kia ora tatou

It is a proud day for the New Zealand Defence Force as we congratulate four of our personnel who have been awarded Gallantry awards by Government today, which rank among the highest honours that can be made to our service men and women.

These soldiers join a select group of New Zealanders who have been recognised for acts of gallantry in the course of their duties.

Three of the recipients were members of the patrol involved in the ambush resulting in the unfortunate death of LT Tim O'Donnell in August of last year.

CPL Albert (Al-bee) Moore has been awarded the NZ Gallantry Star, the second highest gallantry award – the highest being the Victoria Cross, "for acts of outstanding gallantry in situations of danger". He was a Section Commander with the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team at the time and has since been posted to 2nd/1st Battalion.

CPL Matt Ball and LCPL Allister Baker have been awarded the NZ Gallantry Decoration "for acts of exceptional gallantry in situations of danger".

CPL Ball was previously deployed with the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team, in Afghanistan as the 2nd Platoon Signaller/Driver and is currently a Communications Systems Instructor at Waiouru.

LCPL Allister Baker deployed with the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan as a Vehicle IC. He returned to 2nd/1st Battalion later last year and assumed his current appointment as a Heavy Machine Gun Gunner.

We, along with the rest of the NZDF, appreciate that it has been a difficult 14 months for these men since the loss of their Patrol Commander, but they can be proud of their achievement, and also the manner in which they have handled the intense scrutiny since their return. Their efforts in responding to what was a complex attack by a determined enemy, and their ability to extract themselves and their equipment under fire, is testament to their bravery and sense of comradeship and commitment.

We also congratulate WO2 Denis Wanihi, who has been awarded the NZ Gallantry Medal "for acts of gallantry", and in particular for his work as an EOD Specialist whilst

deployed to Afghanistan in 2010. WO2 Wanihi was required to respond to incidents involving IED's and other Explosive Ordnance Devices in the Khowst and Patika provinces, and in carrying out this role he demonstrated the resolve and perseverance necessary for such an appointment. Furthermore, he continually placed himself in dangerous situations in order to neutralise imminent threats to Coalition Forces, including the dismantling of IED's. WO2 Wanihi's commitment is reinforced by the fact that he is currently deployed to Afghanistan on another rotation.

The circumstances which led to the awarding of these Gallantry medals highlight the dangerous and often volatile situations that our soldiers, sailors and air personnel are expected to face. This reality has been reinforced by the loss of one of our fellow soldiers this week.

Today's recipients have been called upon to perform acts of gallantry in such situations, and we personally congratulate them on their achievements.

The medals will be presented by the Governor General at a later date.

(Message released 1 Oct 2011)

NEWS UPDATE

CHRISTMAS CHEER SENT TO NZ DEFENCE AND POLICE PERSONNEL



NZ Army and Defence personnel; Corporal Jason Segal, WO1 Peter Parker and Karen Van Promeren pack RSA Christmas parcels for deployed troops

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Christmas cards produced by school children from Papakura, Waiouru, Burnham and Wellington's Mt Cook school are among the goodies in this year's RSA Christmas parcels sent to NZ Defence Force and NZ Police Force personnel who will be serving overseas on Christmas Day.

The parcels, which include items such as Whittakers peanut slabs, Watties tomato sauce, Anzac biscuits, Christmas mince pies, Marmite, chippies and onion dip ingredients, Jaffas and chewing gum, will be sent to 11 countries including Afghanistan, Antarctica, Korea, Solomon Islands, and Timor Leste.

Over 434 parcels were packed today by personnel from the NZ Defence Force, NZ Police, Royal New Zealand Returned Service Association (RNZRSA) and students from Mt Cook School.

"The RSA parcels bring a small reminder of New Zealand to personnel who are not able to be with their families at Christmas," said Commander Joint Forces New Zealand, Major General Dave Gawn.

"Our people do a great job overseas and I hope that the parcels show them that we really appreciate what they are doing, not



just on Christmas Day, but every day."

The RSA tradition of sending parcels to troops overseas began during World War I. The annual project is funded by generous financial donations from local RSAs, New Zealand Police, and contributions from the Navy, Army and Air Force Central Welfare Funds.

Corporal Jason Segal, who was helping pack parcels today said, "I received one of these Christmas parcels when I was in Afghanistan. It was fantastic seeing all the New Zealand items; I especially remember the Anzac biscuits."

SPORTING GENEROSITY BRINGS KIWIS AND LOCALS IN TIMOR-LESTE TOGETHER



Following a routine Kiwi community patrol in Dili, Timor-Leste, where Senior National Officer Lieutenant Colonel Chris Powell met an avid young basketball fan, 14-year-old Estevan Azu, LTCOL Powell decided to ask the New Zealand Breakers for a helping hand.

The NZ Breakers kindly donated a number of official Breakers basketballs and LTCOL Powell was only too happy to make a surprise presentation to Estevan and his siblings.

"Estevan's family is very poor by New Zealand standards and they simply can't afford sports equipment like new basketballs.

"The extremely kind gesture by the NZ Breakers is consistent with their own mantra of engaging with communities that are less fortunate than others.

"The Kiwi contingent in Timor-Leste regularly engages with the locals and sport is used as a means of communication and relationship building," says LTCOL Powell.

The improved security situation in Timor-Leste has allowed the Australian-led International Stabilisation Force (ISF) in Timor-Leste to evolve from a security and stabilisation role to supporting the capacity building of the Falintil-Forças de Defesa de Timor-Leste (F-FDTL, the Timor-Leste Defence Force).

Last Friday a bilateral Defence Co-operation Arrangement was signed in Auckland with Timor-Leste.

New Zealand will support Timor-Leste through a programme of co-operative bilateral defence activities, such as helping with capacity building for the Timorese Defence Force, training courses and attachments in both Timor-Leste and New Zealand, and Defence diplomacy.

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NEWS FROM CRIB 19 AFGHANISTAN

WE HAVE ARRIVED

Brett Wellington

Lieutenant Colonel

Senior Military Advisor

NZ Provincial Reconstruction Team

We have arrived, completed handovers and commenced operations. Time has elapsed with such haste that even farewells, much less pre-deployment training, seem but a distant memory for some. Our folks that departed on the initial flight have rather staggeringly already been deployed for over a month. The eclipse of time gives confidence. It speaks volumes to the intensity of our workloads, especially as we apply ourselves to successfully meeting our responsibilities. It also gives reassurance that our time apart from our loved ones will be fleeting.

Leaving home and NZ was a poignant occasion and day for all. Unfortunately today we experience a tragic day for the New Zealand Defence Force with the loss of Lance Corporal Smith. Our SAS are an extremely professional and close knit team. We feel keenly for their loss, even more poignant that we serve concurrently in the same country. Such loss on operations

cannot be unexpected despite being unwanted. We acknowledge the risks of serving in operational theatres and do everything possible to mitigate them. Let me reassure you again that the safety, security and welfare of your loved ones are our highest priority. CRIB 19's thoughts and prayers are with Lance Corporal Smith's family and unit.

The contingent has experienced an early challenge. On the same day as we took over responsibility for the operation, one of our patrols was attacked by RPG fire. There were some real positives to come out of this incident. The reaction by the patrol was good, the management of the incident worked well, and again our training and equipment stood us in good stead; and give confidence. We conduct deliberate and informed patrolling. Every effort is made to understand and acknowledge risks; then defeat them. The team is settling in well. It has developed a positive culture that will be key to working successfully together over the long winter months. The All Blacks are to date playing their part. Our morale doesn't significantly rely upon a successful rugby world cup

campaign – yeah right.

"The Bugle" provides a good medium to provide updates of our experiences during the tour. I know you'll also utilise the opportunity it provides to send messages to your loved ones. Thanks for your support for members of our deployed team. The time you take sending emails, messages and parcels are so much appreciated. In addition your efforts in keeping our families and homes going are huge. Stay strong and rest assured our thoughts are with you.

All the best, kia kaha.

GEEKS IN CAMP, AFGHANISTAN

Corporal A. Oxenham, RNZAF

When the CRIB 18 S6 cell deployed to the Afghan summer, they brought with them a team of highly capable individuals, employing expertise from the Royal New Zealand Signal Corps, the Royal New Zealand Air Force, and even the British Army.



**SSGT Brewin provides Helicopter
Landing Zone and Airfield Security
Communication for PRT**

A small team of four, we are charged with operating and maintaining the communication systems used by the PRT; from tactical systems – talking to people in Afghanistan, to strategic systems, talking to folk back in NZ. This is achieved through various data networks, satellite systems, servers, computers, phones, and radios.

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“For the most part, if systems are working, we have done our job. Keeping Communication Systems running for Command and Control is the reason we’re here, but keeping deployed personnel happy is always the end goal”

The work of an Information Systems Operator (ISOP) is never done. A newly-installed network and server system in an aging camp infrastructure meant that we had a significant amount of work to do on arrival. The harsh environment we operate in is tough on the equipment and cabling. Over the course of several months, the cell has removed, replaced, and upgraded several kilometres of data and phone cable, long over due after baking and freezing in this country’s extreme weather conditions for several rotations. Computers designed for a clean office environment often look like someone has thrown a shovel-load of sand into them.

Ensuring that welfare systems are always operating is an important part of the job. This involves providing camp personnel with the ability to call home via telephone, keep in touch with the rest of the world via internet, and making sure that the camp can watch a crucial All Blacks test match on satellite TV. With the Rugby World Cup upon us, the latter was highest priority on our ‘to do list’.

The job is anything but routine. Providing airfield security for inbound aircraft, arranging sound systems for ceremonies and acting as camp photographer are just some of the tasks that keep this cell occupied.

Working alongside New Zealand’s and other nation’s services and

government organisations brings an interesting mix to our door, each asking us to provide technical assistance. You never know who you are going to meet. Tasks can come out of the blue, and we are always prepared to jump to it when required, since demands usually have a due date of “yesterday”.

Another, and arguably most important, role we also play is the helpdesk function - assisting those less gifted in technological ways. Usually this is as simple as resetting passwords or helping where the operation of an application is unknown. But more often than not, it’s the repair of personal laptops people bring in to us, where the problem can range from a virus infection to a foot through the screen.

While many people may comment on the large amount of work they see us doing outside and around the camp; the majority of our work goes unseen. Deep within the virtualised world that our job encompasses, you’ll find us working late nights and early mornings to take down and repair

services while everyone else is in bed, or to sync up with New Zealand’s working hours.

A ‘number 8’ wire approach to repairing IT systems doesn’t quite cut it; so thinking outside the box, putting into practice years of training, employing a bit of brain matter, and sometimes even “Googling” results in some innovative solutions.

This tour has kept us busy with a number of projects and upgrades to the camp and further out to other Forward Patrol Bases. While many may only see a few or small changes, a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make everyone’s life that little bit better while being so far from home.

For the most part, if systems are working, we have done our job. Keeping Communication Systems running for Command and Control is the reason we’re here, but keeping deployed personnel happy is always the end goal.

(CPL Oxenham & CRIB 18 have now returned to NZ)

NEWS FROM GYRO 11 TIMOR-LESTE

TRAINING, CHANGE AND MUCH MORE

WO1 K.D. Macrae
Task Unit Sergeant Major
GYRO 11

Kia Ora Koutou to all the readers of “The Bugle” for this edition, and a huge greeting to all the whanau of the deployed soldiers, airmen and naval personnel here in Timor-Leste serving as part of OP GYRO 11.

As the Task Unit Sergeant Major

(TUSM) ‘Too Sum’ for short as the lads have nicknamed it since we arrived here, my job has proven to be very eventful, diverse and interesting in all areas. Before deploying to Timor-Leste, and knowing that the environment was at a low level of threat, I asked myself what template I should apply when we arrive into theatre? I had two choices as I knew it. My first choice was to be prepared to conduct duties as I would within a higher threat environment, meaning we would be certainly approaching

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WO1 Macrae

life here in a more tactical fashion. My other choice, the one that was more than likely going to be what I implemented, was to approach my task in a more training and developmental way. It was the latter that I as the TUSM implemented and have gone with ever since arriving. This has proven to be ideal and certainly helped in providing a sound structure and balance of training and operational tasks.

For me, this is my second tour to Timor-Leste having served with NZBATT II in 2000. This said, it is my first time to the Dili region for longer than just a few hours so for me this is certainly an experience to see how the country has developed over the past decade. So how has it developed in my opinion? Leaps and bounds I am happy to say. Back in 2000, I was involved in assisting with the repatriation of thousands of displaced persons along the border region near the Covalima district. From villages and towns that were in ruins and near deserted, we now see towns that have businesses and schools up and running and a normal lifestyle well in place as it



Skill at Arms: L to R: LCPL S. Nicholls-Hepi, LAC N. Baxter, CPL V. Pollard, SIG L. Hood

has been for some years now. So yes, a big and positive change across the country which certainly reflects all the good work that NZ Forces over the years have helped contribute to.

After our HOTO (Handover Takeover) with GYRO 10, we quickly cracked into the job at hand and started our daily routines and operational tasks. It is quite clear cut what is required of us and as for all tasks in our Defence Force, we all have our part to play in order for the mission to be a success. I quickly started to plan out a shooting regime for the NCE and CSST personnel of our contingent which saw us on the rifle ranges in a week or so after arriving.

My intent was simple – practice, practice, practice and more practice. I concentrated solely on our primary weapon system for the best part of three months. Well, time here is one thing on our side and I allocated a day each week which was normally a Saturday to get the team on the range to sharpen up the skills. All in all, all personnel have improved hugely,

and for some they could not believe how well they can actually operate the weapons given a bit of coaching and time on target.

Of course I concentrated on other weapons systems as well, as all personnel must be proficient in handling and firing.

Well, enough about the training side of the deployment, and I must now talk about the great people I have met as part of my function here. One of my responsibilities is to oversee our community liaison around the HPOD area of our base where we live and operate from. It is quite critical in ensuring that we maintain a 'good neighbour' approach as we do have a few thousand Timorese people that live right beside us. It makes good sense for many reasons to ensure that we represent the overall Mission well and working alongside the community is definitely a huge part of achieving the overall mission in Timor-Leste. There are *Chefe Aldeia* who are local chiefs of small villages that surround our home (HPOD). All of these *Chefe Aldeia* are very supportive of our

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mission and they enjoy having us as part of their community. As has been mentioned in many other articles, sport is a great way of interacting and helping with good community relations.

It is also humbling to have the opportunity to visit special people within the wider Dili area who play small but important roles within the rebuilding process of the nation and also the homeless and less privileged people who need assistance. Padre Katene Eruera is very active in this area and I have accompanied him on occasion to visit some of these people. Words can not explain some of the wonderful work these people do. It goes beyond what we in NZ would envisage.

The mission is now nearly over for GYRO 11 and it all seems to have come around too quick. The Rugby World Cup is upon us which is a huge highlight. Although we are not home to see matches, we are able to view games via the local Indonesian TV channel which is absolutely fantastic. The contingent is in good spirits and we are representing New Zealand well. It is an absolute honour to have had this opportunity to be part of such an important mission.

All the best from OP GYRO 11.

FIREFIGHTING SUPPORT IN TIMOR-LESTE

CPL Eddie Bellas
OP KORU, TG GYRO 11

Well it's now been just over four months in this tropical place. It has been pretty full on for us two (CPL Bellas & LAC Gutsell). We are based at the APOD with the Timor Leste Aviation Group (ADF).

We work alongside our Australian Defence Force Fire fighting colleagues. We work on a 24hr on/

off shift system and conduct hot refuels and Air Medical coverage on a day to day shift. The ADF have two rural fire fighting trucks equipped with gear needed for medical, motor vehicle incidents and structure fires.

We have a Toyota Hilux that has been kitted up with Hydraulic Rescue equipment, lifting capabilities and most equipment needed at a Motor Vehicle Crash.

In the first week we conducted handover with the Gyro 10 fire fighters and then got straight into it. We conducted winch training with the Black Hawks and also completed a full familiarisation on the Black Hawk as well. Also within the first month we conducted lines rescue training and then completed some scenarios. We have also been involved with training scenarios involving helicopter crashes and different medical incidents.

Over the last few months we have been involved with participating in an orphanage day which involved playing sports with kids and also cooked a hangi for TLAG 15 who departed Timor-Leste in August.

We have also been involved in a regimental dinner with TLAG 16 which was conducted in one of the black hawk hangers. We have continuous sports competitions happening within our base which we enjoy and love giving the Aussies a good game and beating them.

I attended a fire near a local village in July and lead a crew into attempting to extinguish the vegetation fire. Due to the terrain we had to let it burn itself out.

I have been able to get out having a look at the wider Dili area via Black Hawk and the sights from the air are spectacular. It is such a nice country and in time it will be a busy place with lots of tourists.

Finally, I am looking forward to watching the Rugby World Cup over here and watching the All Blacks win the final. Also I am looking forward to getting home to see the family and see the new fire station in Waiouru.

**GO THE
ALL BLACKS!!!!**



Two Kiwis amongst the Aussies! LAC R. Gutsell (L) and CPL E. Bellas (R) with their Australian Firefighter Colleagues

CHAPLAIN'S PEN — FROM ABROAD

Padre Katene Eruera
GYRO 11

Recently, I had an opportunity to accompany the Rifle Platoon on a Regional Engagement Patrol to the South East of Timor, two days travel from Dili to a region and town called Viqueque. The Rifle Platoon form part of what is called ANZAC Company, comprising three Australian and one New Zealand platoon, under the overall command of 'OC ANZAC', an Australian. ANZAC Coy's main task is to secure our Forward Operating Bases and the UN Police headquarters in Dili. Most REP's on our deployment have fallen to the Australian Platoons, so it was a welcome change for the Rifle Platoon when their turn came around. In the past, REP tasks included things like holding clinics to give basic first aid to people in need, participating in impromptu football games with local children, building relationships with local community leaders, and spending time getting to know the people and the places they visited. REP's are designed to promote peace and stability in what was once an unstable environment.

About 30 New Zealanders took part. The Patrol Commander, LT Ross Bidlake, led it and was ably supported by his NCO's, CPL's Mathew Jensen (Acting Platoon Sergeant), Jake Parkes, Phillip Keelan and Reuben Lima (Section Commanders), together with the soldiers of the Rifle Platoon. They enjoyed themselves, as they should do, because it is work that gets them out of Dili into another part of the country for a few days, but more importantly it is work that matters. For a professional soldier, an REP employs a set of skills designed to support the work of the local Timorese Police and security forces through a 'friendly presence'. It is work which requires not only infantry skills, to live in the field for



Encountering local children on patrol



CPL Jake Parkes with local children

a few days, but people skills too. It's not everyday that a soldier has the chance to entertain children by doing a cartwheel or have a keen audience willing to learn a few

words of English. Although these are simple things, they are things that few will have an opportunity to employ in such a unique environment and with such an

CHAPLAIN'S PEN — FROM ABROAD

important goal in mind. In other words, there is a lot of careful thought and preparation that goes into an REP before the actual work begins.

"It is right that when someone falls over, we help them up, when they are hungry we provide a meal, when they live in difficult circumstances we offer hope."

Timor is, compared to New Zealand, a country less well off than our own, although things have improved in the past decade.

People face different issues of



A sign of progress

poverty than we do, like malnutrition, lack of education, very low incomes. Establishing and maintaining peace and stability is a crucial building block to allow people the chance to consider solutions to these issues. When a professional soldier engages his or her people skills, the thought

behind it may well be: How should we respect those whose circumstances are more humble than ours? It is right that when someone falls over, we help them up, when they are hungry we provide a meal, when they live in difficult circumstances we offer hope.

That is the ultimate expression of the REP, where we encounter a stranger and seek to embrace them as a fellow human being, a friend. There is a deep wisdom within the overall mission in Timor-Leste – knowing what is true and right, and doing something about it. It is not the ordinary set of skills employed by a professional soldier, but it is part of the tools in the toolbox available to them, and they do it very well.

God bless and take care from Dili.

TIMOR-LESTE — PHRASES IN TETUM

Practice these around the dinner table! You might like to use these in your letters!

Hello	Elo
Good morning	Bon dia
Good afternoon	Botarde
Good evening/good night	Bonoite
Goodbye	Hau ba lai or Adeus
See you later	Atelogu
See you tomorrow	Ate amanyá
Please	Favór ida
How are you?	Diak ka lai?
	Diak, obrigadu (m)
	Diak, obrigada (f)
Where are you going?	Ita ba nebee?
What is your name?	Ita nia naran saida?
My name is	Hau nia naran
What is this?	Nee saida?
Where do you live?	Ita hela iha nebee?
How far is it?	Dook ka lae?
Is it on the left/right?	Iha liman karuk/loos ka
Days of the Week:	
Monday	Sergunda

Tuesday	Tersa
Wednesday	Kuarta
Thursday	Kinta
Friday	Sesta
Saturday	Sabadu
Sunday	Dumingu
Months of the Year:	
January	Janeiru
February	Fevreiru
March	Marsu
April	Abril
May	Maiu
June	Junhu
July	Julhu
August	Agostu
September	Septembru
October	Otubru
November	Novembru
December	Dezrembru

DIFFERENCES

- A civilian child usually dances around or talks during the National Anthem. A military child stands quietly with his hand over his heart.
- A civilian child sees race. A military child sees diversity.
- A civilian child has a best friend in his hometown. A military child has a best friend on almost every continent.
- A civilian child sees only the plane flying over. A military child not only can identify the type of plane flying but knows someone who works on them.
- A civilian child sees a person in uniform. A military child can tell you what branch he's in and what his rank is.
- A civilian child thinks home is where the heart is. A military child knows home is where the military sends you.
- A civilian child lives for tomorrow and what it might bring. A military child lives for today because tomorrow, Daddy might get called away again.
- A civilian child gets to kiss mummy and daddy goodnight each night. A military child sometimes has to kiss a picture of daddy or mummy goodnight.
- A civilian child talks on the phone for fun. A military child lives for the 15 minute phone calls once a week.
- A civilian child can read and write in English. A military child can read and write in acronym.
- A civilian child says "good-bye". A military child says, "see you later" (don't we know it, there's never GOOD BYE).
- A civilian child gets to see things other kids would love to see. A military child gets to see things world leaders would love to see.
- A civilian child will probably go to the same school his/her entire life. A military child will probably change schools every two years.
- A civilian child might rarely leave his hometown for anything other than vacation. A military child will rarely see his "hometown" for anything other than vacation.
- And finally.... A civilian child supports our soldiers. A military child IS a soldier. The next time you say a prayer for our troops, please say a prayer for their families, especially their children back home that are trying to be strong.

Source: *snopes.com*



Sesame Street, in partnership with WAL-MART, has produced a booklet and DVD on "Helping Families During Military Deployments". This kit is designed to help military families cope with feelings, challenges and concerns experienced during various phases of pre-deployment, deployment, and homecoming. The kit also includes a child's activity poster.

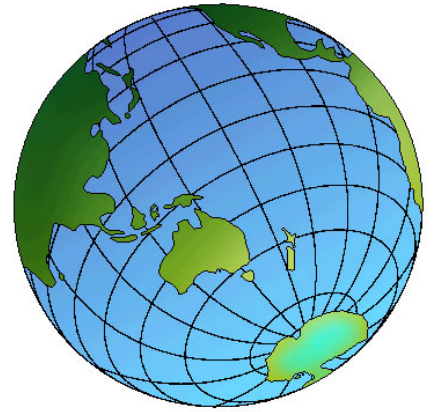
While this package has been created with American families in mind, there is much similarity in our approaches to Deployment Support Services. We all experience the same questions, and the same feelings throughout the deployment cycle.

The kit is aimed at children 3-5 years of age. The DVD shows Elmo and his parents preparing for Elmo's Dad to be deployed. The characters discuss feelings, exchange keepsakes and reviews the reasons why Elmo can't go too.

The DVD presentation moves through the cycle of deployment right up to anticipating reunions. Elmo describes being 'excited in a funny way' going on to say his tummy is doing flip-flops!

Loan copies are available from the DSO in Burnham or Linton, or you can download the package from www.sesameworkshop.org. Well worth a look!



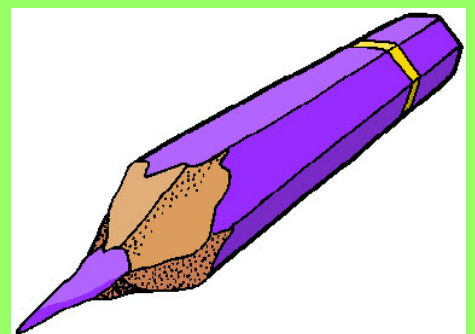


Military people are deployed all around the world.

Go to the library or look on the internet and find out answers to some of these questions. Read stories about the location where your Mum/Dad is deployed, or where other military people are deployed.

If you were living in this part of the world find out:

- What clothes would you wear?**
- What food would you eat?**
- What types of animals would play with you?**
- Would you go to school?**
- What is the climate like?**
- Do they live in a house like yours?**
- Why do you think it is different?**



Military Alphabet Code

Learn the military alphabet code while searching for each word



Try to find all 26 words on this board

ALPHA
BRAVO
CHARLIE
DELTA
ECHO
FOXTROT
GOLF
HOTEL
INDIA
JULIET
KILO
LIMA
MIKE
NOVEMBER
OSCAR
PAPA
QUEBEC
ROMEO
SIERRA
TANGO
UNIFORM
VICTOR
WHISKEY
X-RAY
YANKEE
ZULU

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C	R	E	H	O	T	S	A	L	M	R	S	D	G	M



SEND A LETTER

Send a letter to your Mum or Dad. Write your letter, then have them help you mail it. Your parent will love to read a letter from you while they are gone.



Dear _____

Today we _____

We miss you when _____

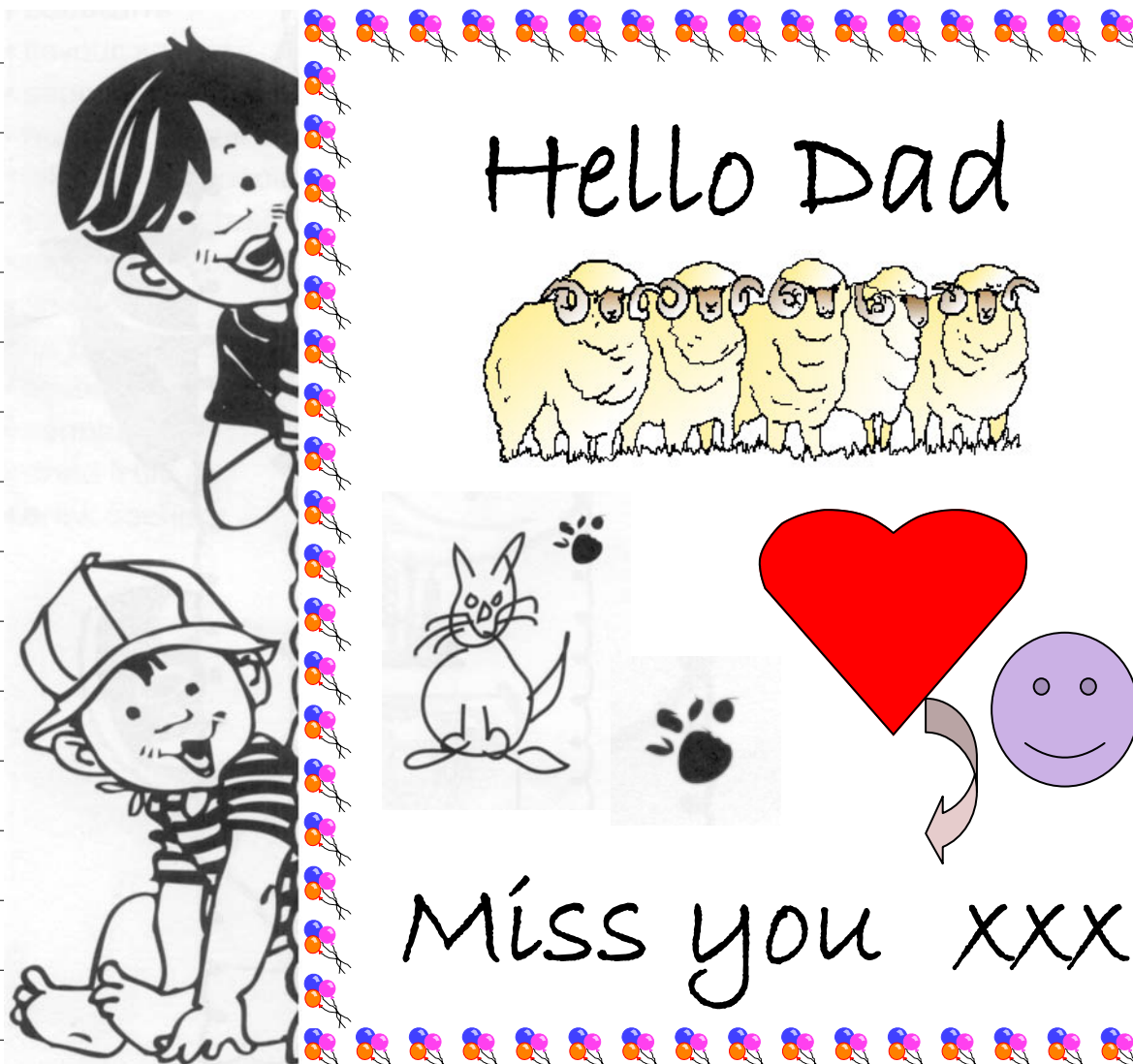
When you come home we will _____

I love you very, very, much _____

Sometimes we make big pictures for our parents. When Dad is away, Mum covers the table with big paper bags. We get to draw all over the paper. It's a lot of fun. We use crayons, big markers, stickers and stamps. Sometimes we put Sam's paw print in the picture. Mum writes a letter to Dad on the back of our pictures. Mum sends the picture letter to Dad. We tell Mum to say

Big Pictures

that we love him and miss him. He likes to get these letter pictures. We do the same for Mum when she's away.



Make a large colourful picture to send overseas.
Write a letter on the back.

DSO'S CORNER



Carol Voyce

Deployment Services Officer
3rd Land Force Group
Editor "The Bugle"

Let me introduce you to my special young friend Billy. Billy and I first met in 2009, when his Dad was deployed to Afghanistan. It was one of those "meetings" that I will never forget!

Billy's Mum had called into my office for some deployment related information and while we were sharing a cup of tea, Billy and I got chatting. This very bright four year old went to great lengths to explain to me that his Dad was working in a country on the other side of the world and if he wanted to visit him it would take two whole days and nights to get there, in the fastest jet plane ever made! This was followed by a very animated account of what his Dad was doing - "helping people who don't have nice houses to live in, children who don't have any toys, families that don't get much food to eat and families who are frightened by other people who aren't very friendly". As Billy munched and slurped on the lollipop I had given him, he commented that kids in Afghanistan probably don't even know what lollipops are. He went on to tell me that lots of the children don't get to go Kindy or school, and won't be

able to get a job when they are big! Little Billy knew so much. I quietly admired his Dad for telling him all of this before he deployed. It was certainly helping Billy understand why his Dad had had to go away.

I asked Billy to tell me what his Dad looked like - I was having trouble remembering him myself. I am sure you will appreciate that we see so many Mums, Dads and children over many deployments, that it is often hard to recall faces, let alone names! With that enquiry, Billy, gumboots and all, leapt up onto the chair saying "My Daddy is this tall and some more." His eyes sparkled and a huge beaming smile was forthcoming. "He is covered with lots of orange freckles - oh I love him this much" he keenly demonstrated, arms widely outstretched. This description of Billy's Dad clearly warmed my heart. Billy idolised his Dad and this vision he had so clearly portrayed, illustrated to me that little Billy was so much like many other New Zealand Defence Force "children".

Billy, like so many others separated from the one they love, that special missing figure in their lives, and amongst their daily struggles, bravely fought, are very much

aware that Mums and Dads deployed, are working hard and making a difference. Many other children, New Zealand wide, are just like little Billy and are clearly heroes! Like their Mums and Dads, they are shining examples of courage and bravery too, and often carry a huge load on those little shoulders.

Little Billy is now almost seven years old and his Mum tells me that Dad is away again. While the location maybe different, the tasks are similar and this young boy, like many of his counterparts, is continuing to feel very proud of his Dad and all that he has done for so many others. Billy has made his Dad promise to visit the school on his return and to tell his classmates about where he has been and to make sure that he brings his shiney new medals to show them! I think it would be undisputed, that all those left at home deserve the medals too!

I look forward to seeing all heroes, big and small at our next deployment updates and mid tour briefs - and then, before you know it, all heroes will be reunited at homecomings and reunions.

Kind regards to you all.

Heroes come in all sizes



because being left behind takes bravery, too.

DSO'S CORNER CONT'D...



Janine Burton

Deployment Services Officer
2nd Land Force Group

Since the last Bugle, CRIB changeover has been completed. Over the past couple of weeks and with a slight hiccup delaying the departure of the final group of CRIB 19 by a few hours, they were away. A week later, we welcomed home the final group of the CRIB 18 contingent in Ohakea – 20mins ahead of schedule. Homecomings are really wonderful as you will see when your turn comes. Very exciting. At the most recent homecoming, I heard many times about how fast the deployment had actually gone for families. Of course, this may not be case for everyone, and may not seem the situation when you are at the beginning of your deployment when the end date is actually in 2012, or when you are working your way through those last, lingering weeks before we can head out to meet loved ones at their airport. But one thing we can be sure of is that time does pass, one day at a time. The 1st of September was only last week, wasn't it? And we won't even think about Christmas yet!

From LT COL Wellington's article at the beginning of this edition you will have read that CRIB 19 have all settled in well. There was, of course, that first scary moment when it was reported in the media

that one of the patrols had been involved in an incident. I received a number of calls from family members for reassurance that everyone was okay – and they were. Remember everyone, if at any time you are worrying or anxious about anything connected with the deployment, to please give me or Carol a call – that is what we are here for.

Communications are an on-going issue for the CRIB team out and about in Bamyan Province. We are aware that being able to hear from loved ones by phone and email is really important and everything possible is being done to improve the communication situation outside of Kiwi Base to allow regular contact with home. As frustrating as it is for those away and those at home, can I please ask you to be patient.

In the meantime the good old pen and paper still works really well and becomes a keepsake that can be read repeatedly over the coming weeks and months, and even at some point in the future.



If you are wanting to send an urgent message, please call and we can facilitate that for you.

We are all feeling the loss of our second SAS soldier in Afghanistan in just a matter of weeks. Our sincerest thoughts and condolences are with LCPL Leon Smith's family as they grieve the loss of their precious son and

brother. Because of the very nature of the Defence Force, we all feel the loss. It is a difficult time especially for those who have a family member currently deployed on service for the NZDF and as we have just farewelled the CRIB 19 families, I have no doubt that anxieties will be a little raised as well. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the Grant family also as they move forward without Doug, and who I'm sure will be feeling this latest tragedy as well.

Our tour update briefs for GYRO have been completed with small attendance at both the Linton and Burnham locations – thanks to Carol and Paul for their support in Burnham. The DVD is amazing; different to those we have seen in the past, but really good. I can provide a copy to anyone who would like to view it, please give me a call.

***“Grateful thanks to
the Australian
PR Unit who put it
together for the
contingent, and to
those who took
part, particularly
LTCOL Chris Powell
and Padre GYRO,
Kartene Eruera.
We are looking
forward to seeing
the contingent
home soon.”***

Take care everyone, enjoy the sunshine (it's shining today, as I type).

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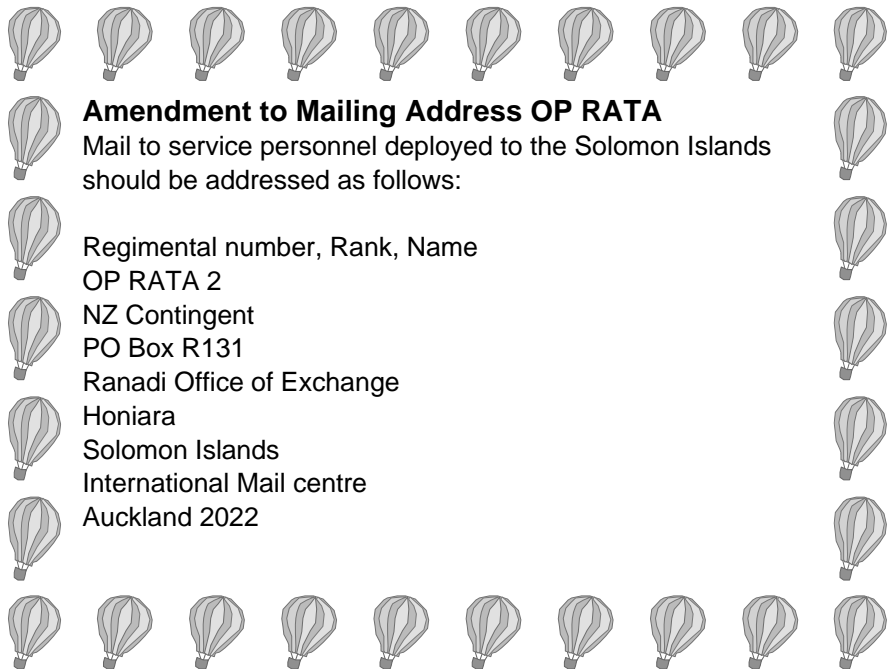
Personal Messages

This section of "The Bugle" is a popular and great way to keep in touch with your loved ones. With each new rotation, this section takes a little time to get up and running, but is another great way to communicate. "The Bugle" is emailed to deployment locations and distributed for all to see. Messages can be serious or light hearted and can be written in code and/or with non de plumes. We don't want to spoil your fun but "The Bugle" is read by both adults and younger folk, so on occasions we reserve the right to censor, or change slightly, messages that have been submitted. So put some thought into your Bugle messages, gather them from the whole family and send them to us, using the contact details inside the front cover of "The Bugle". Your message maybe a simple "hi, thinking of you", "missing you" or greetings for birthdays, anniversaries or special events. Children love to see their names in print so here's hoping that they receive some messages from deployment locations too.

Going on Holiday? / Moving House?

Please remember to keep us in the loop! If you are going away on holiday, either within New Zealand or overseas, be sure to let us know. In the rare event of an emergency, precious time can be lost trying to contact Primary Next of Kin (PNOK) away from the usual work or home base.

We need to make sure that our database details are always current and would very much appreciate notification of any changes that may occur. Please contact the DSO.



Amendment to Mailing Address OP RATA

Mail to service personnel deployed to the Solomon Islands should be addressed as follows:

Regimental number, Rank, Name
OP RATA 2
NZ Contingent
PO Box R131
Ranadi Office of Exchange
Honiara
Solomon Islands
International Mail centre
Auckland 2022

Skype

SKYPE is a great piece of software that allows users to make video calls over the internet and is especially valuable for those in deployment locations.



Unfortunately all missions do not have this resource available, but for those who do, it provides an extra and valuable connection with home. Obviously you need to set up your SKYPE account before deployment, as it can be difficult to establish once abroad. The SKYPE call needs to come to you from the service person abroad and not the other way around.

Telecommunications and even good uninterrupted power supplies are not always reliable in some of the countries where are service personnel are based. Regular SKYPE users, who talk with other family and friend abroad, will know that the quality of the call varies from time to time and often calls "drop". Patience is truly needed here!

Please remember that SKYPE is not a secure means of communication and operational and security matters CANNOT be discussed when using it. This is what we call OPSEC (Operational Security). It means that even though some information may not be secret, it can be what we call "critical information". We need to protect our operations – planned, in progress, and those completed. Please refer to your Deployment Guide or/and OPSEC Brochure to make sure that you are familiar with the rules. It is best to always be alert and careful and not to ask questions about activities, comings and goings and dates. Just enjoy the chance to see each other and for children to talk with their Mum or Dad.

(Please remember that OPSEC guidelines pertain to all communication – phone, emails, Facebook, Twitter, etc).

FOR YOUR INFO...

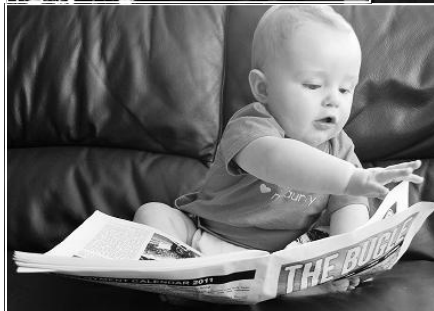
Send us your Tips and Tricks

Being a Defence Force Family can sometimes seem like a challenge, with loved ones often away or with regular postings and/or absences for courses.

"But Defence Families are a resilient lot – not to mention smart, educated, well resourced and trained to adapt and overcome challenges that would bedevil others."

So if you have a tip about encountering and meeting a challenge that is unique to Defence life, then let us know about it. Your ideas may ultimately make life easier for someone else. You too may have found a resource that helped you cope with this Defence lifestyle that you could share with us all. It could be a website, book, film, TV series, community event, outside organisation or even a person!

We welcome your feedback: Responses can be emailed to carol.voyce@nzdf.mil.nz or by phone to Carol – toll free 0800 337 569 or to Janine janine.burton@nzdf.mil.nz – toll free 0800 683 77 327. We look forward to hearing from you!



Communication Problems

We are experiencing problems with the phone lines in the outlying Patrol bases of the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team, Afghanistan. Every effort is being made to get these up and running as soon as possible, but I am sure that you will understand, that solving this issue does bring some challenges. We want to reassure you that phone, email and Skype facilities will be restored as soon as possible. Your loved ones, are just as anxious as you are, to hear that much loved familiar voice at the other end of the line - we are doing our best to make it happen! If you were expecting a call or update from Afghanistan, and it hasn't yet been forthcoming, try not to worry - you will hear soon.

Any problems meanwhile or for assistance with urgent messages please contact one of the Deployment Services Officers for assistance. (contact details inside front cover)

Costly Cigarettes

It would seem, from what we hear, that some service personnel are posting home cartons of cigarettes from their deployment location. We have been advised that any cigarettes that are sent, will have import taxes and duty imposed on them, before delivery. The feedback we have had from some recipients, tells us that this duty has cost them \$130 before the package is cleared. While we can't tell you what not to send - it is your choice, it would seem from the information we have gathered, that this is now an expensive exercise!

WHAT'S NORMAL?



**Mrs Toni Nicholson
Welfare Facilitator,
RNZAF Base Ohakea**



It seems to me that we all think we are a lot different from each other in our family situations and this is true as we are all individuals, but it also is very clear that we all have a lot in common. Some of the things that spring to mind around deployment are the way we manage our leavings and farewells, I don't know many people who really look forward to these, so we all have something in common there.

It also seems to me that everyone has a small amount of worry about how things will be when families come back together. While there is huge excitement and eagerness to be back together there are also thoughts about 'how will we get back to being a whole family again?'. For those at home who have managed running the family with all its' activities and responsibilities while 'home alone', how will they let go of some of the jobs when everything is running so well?

For those returning home, will things be like they were when you are back to normal routines as the 'new normal' may be different since you left.

I don't think it matters who you are, or what your situation is, there can be challenges in reuniting. One of the best ways to look at this time is not to expect too much of each other. It will take a period of settling back in to being a family again for partners and for children. It's normal to have some ups and downs with this process. Each family has a different way of dealing with challenge and while some may go on holiday together following reuniting, others may have clearly set ground rules to make sure the blending back together is 'managed' in a healthy way. The main point is to talk about challenges early before they become 'issues' and if need be, talk with friends, family or colleagues as they may well have some ideas that are useful.

There are great resources provided to families in the NZDF to help with these times of change from deployment. It might also be good to know that we are all going through similar times and that any challenges you have, are probably the same as all the other families. Just remember that if you need a hand someone is around to help out, all you need to do is ask.

Deployment Support Services

- ◆ Need information?
- ◆ Need support?
- ◆ Need a listening ear?
- ◆ Need to send an urgent message to a deployment location?

Deployment Support Services are here for you

The larger missions to Afghanistan, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste appoint a lead Deployment Support Services Officer (DSO). All other missions offer support from either the DSO, Unit Point of Contact and local Welfare Support Services. The nominated Primary Next of Kin (PNOK) of families of deployed NZDF personnel should, in the first instance, contact their DSO who has a responsibility for transparency into welfare issues. Added to this there are other very valuable support networks available in your local region. For additional support and services:

Army:

Deployment Services Officers:

Linton—Janine Burton

Ph: 0800 683 77 327

Burnham—Carol Voyce

Ph: 0800 337 569

Community Services Officers:

Waikouaiti—Carolyn Hyland

Ph 06 387 5531

Linton—Lesley Clutterbuck

Ph: 06 351 9970

Burnham—Cherie Mansell

Ph 03 363 0322

Family & Social Services Officer:

Trentham—Marie Lotz

Ph 04 527 5029

Air Force:

Welfare Facilitators

Air Staff Wellington:

Trevor Stone

Ph: 04 498 6773

Base Auckland,

Mrs Deana Lye,

Ph: 09 417 7035

Base Woodbourne:

Mrs Claudia Baker,

Ph: 03 577 1177

Base Ohakea:

Mrs Toni Nicholson,

Ph: 06 351 5640

Naval Community Organization

Ph: 09 445 5534,

0800 NAVYHELP

nib@nzdf.mil.nz

Local Chaplaincy Services

Unit Point of Contact

PERSONAL MESSAGES



The deadline for contributions and personal messages for the next edition of "The Bugle" is **Thursday 20 October at 4.00pm**. Please note: All "Bugle" messages are to be sent to Carol Voyce, DSO Burnham (email: dso.burnham@xtra.co.nz)

From In-Theatre

To my Beautiful Princess and my Darling Son

I love you my honeys.....millions and millions. Mummy sent some mail for you so it should be there in a couple more sleeps. I hope you had a good time at Aunty's house in the weekend – Daddy was lonely without you. I will be able to talk to you on the Computer really soon too – but I will ring you on the phone as well. Can't wait to watch your school production my princess! Thanks Daddy for video taping it for me. Keep being good for Daddy – and look after each other. Just remember Dad's gonna take us for a holiday when Mum gets home YAY!!! I miss you all so much but I will be strong to help all the babies over here. Lots of love – BIG kisses and hugs. Mumma XOXOXO.

Babe

You're doing an awesome job Hun – I knew you would. I'm glad that the bebez are being good for you too. Can't wait till we're on the final countdown! Thank-you for supporting me – for being there for me. Have fun searching for the new addition to the gun cage! I miss you millions, but I love you more. Your shining star XXX.

Hi family

Mum hope your foot is going well and you're getting around OK. Dad, hope your boot BBQ went well. I have been able to watch a couple games, but haven't seen you in the crowd. Grant and Amie, love to Petra and Bump. Graig and Nadia, love to Bert or maybe Blake. Charles and Michelle, hope you're enjoying being home. Love from Alistair.

To my Wife and Son

I miss you lots, hope you are well. Son, look after mummy Okay! Love you Da Man.

To Cash, Coco & Sarah

Love you guys & always thinking of you all, Love, Jnr Girb 19.

From C. Bass

Greetings from lovely Afghanistan! Alison, Mum, Dad, Lisa and Clyde hope you all are well. Send more red throaties and Sniks! Ha Ha miss you all. Happy Birthday Nana for Oct 12th. Hope you have a nice day. Clyde have a CC for 01 C Bass. Alison, miss you darling. Lisa, hope your trip to America was good. Lots of love from C. Bass.

To K

I hope life is treating you well in sunny N.Z. Life here is pretty sweet. I miss you heaps and look forward to when we next meet. Be strong, I love you. J.

Tena Koutou e te whanau

Taku hoa pumau aroha ki a koe me nga tamariki. Ki a korua aku mokopuna, Tai Te Manihera korua ko Paruhuterangi kei te pehea korua? E pehea ana to kura. Kia kaha korua. Kei te mokemoke ahau mo whanau engari kei te pai ahau. Ma te Atua Koutou hei manaaki whanau. Ma te wa. Dad.

To B1

Hey sweetie! I'm missing you so badly but hopefully this time here will go quickly. Working on a tan is pretty easy going here. Can't for the snow. Make me a snowman and name it B3. I love you with all my heart. B2.

Hey Mummabear

Miss you and love you forever. Hugs and Kisses to Babybear MWAH love you. Daddybear.

Kia Ora My Baby Moana

I hope you are all good and looking after Papa and Hamene and not fighting with Hemoata. I sent you and Hemo some prezzies – hope you like them. Can you ask Hamene where my mail is please? Love you heaps. Mum.

Hi Mum & Dad

I'm doing ok and don't be afraid to send care packages...lol. Love Matthew.

Kia Ora Jordan Road

All is well for us in these parts at mo. Hopefully you have received the stuff I've sent back for you by now. Don't be shy to send some care packages over – there's a good whanau! Pariha.

Hey Poaka

Love you heaps and hope you keep yourself entertained without me... lol. Love you heaps, C-Bear xoxo.

Hey Babe

Hows my girls? Miss you guys lots. Love ya. MMMWHAA.

To Pom Pom Jelly Bean Frickle Butt

I'm doing good just living the dream...lol. I hope everything is good at home, don't worry about me I'm a hard "Forever stuck on you". XO.

Hey Baby

Thinking of you every second of every day! Love you, Tyler and Riley so so much. Thank you for being such a great mum and wife. All my love, Walter xoxoxox.

Hi Waby

Things are going well over here I'm thinking of you all the time. Keep safe Waby. Your Pooh. Love you. Xoxox.

Tommy

It's really hot here at the moment, like Rotorua was but hotter! We

PERSONAL MESSAGES CONT'D...

have lots of work to keep us busy, I showed my workers your photo and they are amazed at how much you have grown since last time! I miss you tons already! I will be home before you know it, so we can go on holiday! Loads of Love, Dad!

My Princess Wifey

Hows my little prince doing? Behaving I hope, he must be getting huge! EXPRESS 'N' ON! Looking forward to photo's, I saw him on FB poking his tongue out, proud mum cooing in the background. By the way, your FB Posts seem to mention a lot of shopping or throwing my stuff out, does this mean I can "spring clean" some of your stuff when I get home? Miss you tons and heaps and much and mostest. Your hubby.

To AJ and AJ

Happy first Birthday to my little sausage, wish I could have been there but I'm sure you'll get spoilt enough without me there. Loving the photos you've been sending, hope neither of you have been getting into too much trouble. Things are good here, slowly getting used to the place and the routines. Miss and love you both xoxox.

Hey Spunky Monkey

Not long to go now... Hope the fishing trip is a successful one! Enough time for one more care package. Hugs to the boys... Loads of love and chocolate fish Genevieve xxx.

To my Dearest Little Sister Lulu

Hope you have a magic birthday on the 26th. Thinking of you as always. Make sure you have a drink or two for us-we hope you like your present. Promise it's in the post. Looking forward to catching up soon. Loads of love Chris and Jen.

Hi Hon

Miss you heaps and looking forward to seeing you very soon. Arohanui, K.

Hi Mum

It sounds like you're doing so much travelling now! I hope you're well and not too long before we catch up. Love, Karts.

Hi Guys

Be seeing you soon. Take care, Karts.

Hi Jakey

Be good. Uncle Karts.

Hi Riki

You too! Uncle Karts.

Hi Jess and Em

Everything here is fine. I hope you girls are doing well and working hard at school. I will talk to you soon and look forward to skyping with you too. Love and miss you both. Dad.

From Home

FORMIGUINHO LINDO!

63 days to go and counting! I cannot WAIT to see you again baby! I miss you so much. All my love xxxxxxxxx.

SNUGGLE PUFF!

Knew you'd love this! Sorry it's taken awhile but... I miss u JJBOOBOO. (Don't worry I'm not putting your name on it so u won't be embarrassed but think this will make u smile). Hope the book arrives! Send me some pics? Hope ur having a good time, sweating in the sun! Hot cud! Xxx. Love u and can't wait to hear from u next!

Hey Baby

Missing you heaps, Waikuku just isn't the same without! Life's very busy though & the days are starting to race by....bring on Summer. Lots of love, your Smootchey xxx.

Hi C Bass

Hope all is well with you and hope you are eating lots of Pizzas. All our love, Nana and Poppa, xxx, and the family.

Hi there C Bass

Thinking of you and hope you have enjoyed your first few weeks on the job, we look forward so much to talking with you and receiving your emails, thanks. Hope you have got your parcels ok. We are so proud of you son. Stay safe. Lots of love, Mum and Dad and Atom, xx.

Hi Joshua

Our prayers and thoughts are with you; word has it that there are exciting times, best wishes to you and the rest of the team. Love Nana, G.D., and Brent.

Hi Daddio Spagettio

We love you and miss you so much and can't wait till you get home. Everything here is all good and we hope that you are doing well. Love you to the moon and back!!! Love your girls.

Daddy G

I'm growing up fast, I've learnt to poke my tongue out, which I think is VERY funny and I'm also waving now - Mum is very proud! I'm getting better at holding my head up, but don't much like to practice which is frustrating Mum! Still practising my dancing (and stalking!) Lots of love and hugs to the best Dad in the world - your dancing baby xox.

Hey Shnukie Bear

Thanks for the messages - they're a great morale booster and it's nice to know you're ok. Keeping very busy, no time to get into trouble with Cam around! Stay safe and know how much I love and miss you and that you're always in my thoughts. Your loving Princess Wifey xx.

To Maori Boy

Miss you. All Blacks on track, rest need to step up. Get stuck into your mahi and before you know it, its home coming time. Stay safe, God Bless, Kia kaha and lots of aroha. Mum, Dad and Sis.

PERSONAL MESSAGES CONT'D...

Hey J

One month already! Pretty swiftly it will be three, then five, and then time to come home! You better get started on that marathon altitude training! Stay motivated.

Dear Gumby

Well hope you are all settled in by now and all is good with you. Have sent a couple of parcels and more ready to go, organised really well again, hope the mail keeps getting through. Lots going on with the RWC and weekends taken up by that! You know me with rugby, but we are quite enjoying it. Hope to get into Party Central again one day soon, but not too sure if we want to put up with the crowds. School hols starting soon, so maybe we could go during the week for Dad to have a look around. Sue, Martin and Abs off to the Gold Coast on Friday for their holiday. Lovely sunny warm day here, so hopefully summer is just around the corner for us. We all miss you and love you heaps. Take care and stay safe. Lots of love Mum and Dad xoxo.

Dear Gumby

Missing you heaps, hope you are well and settling in nicely. Glad to hear the weather is still okay for you. Ours is up and down at present. Roll on summer. Hope you liked the baking. Took me quite awhile to do, but I know how much you like it. Stay safe. Lots of love Nana xx.

Hi James

We hope you have settled in well. We think of you daily and wonder what you are up to. We thought of you last night when we were having a feed of whitebait. All well here. Take care and keep safe. Love from Mum, Dad, Maria and Lisa.

Dear Mr Wilkinson

Hello, Room 1 here. How are you? Our major production is on this week and we are doing 2 performances, 1 on Thursday and 1

on Friday night. We had our Tri-Nations sports competition last week and Roslyn School won the whole competition. We are studying Geometry at the moment and it is hard but we are enjoying it. We are trying our hardest to look after Mrs Wilkinson but some days we need a little help. Are you busy over there? What is your weather like? Hear from you soon, From Room 1.

Hello Daddy

I am being such a good boy while you are away (well most of the time). I miss our visits to our little park, but am looking forward to going there when you get home. Mummy has been very busy looking after me and she is doing a pretty good job. I am still awesome at making the biggest mess with my toys and still love to throw my stuff into the kitchen! Missing you so much Daddy, Lots of love always, Your little Tommy Gunn xxxooo.

Hey Gorgeous

Well by the time you get this you will have been gone for a month...yay! Things are busy busy here which is helping the time to fly by. Not the same watching the rugby without you, espesh when you rark me up about the All Blacks. Bet you were loving the Ireland vs Oz game. Look out for a couple of parcels that are winging their way to you. Thomas and I are missing you a super lot. Lots of love forever, Kirsty xxxooo.

Hey Babe

Thank you for my birthday present, it's lovely. Hope you're all well. Daylight saving has kicked in and it's slowly warming up as I imagine it's cooling down for you now. Everyone here is fine. Just missing you lots. Love ya xxx.

Hi Daddy

How are you? I've been a good boy...well most of the time. Just harassing the animals more than anything! Mum's been keeping me busy in the weekends with lots of

fun things like this weekend we are going to the pet expo. When daylight saving came I was a good boy and went to bed when I was suppose to altho I think mum was tired and took longer to adjust to it than me. Missing you lots and love you.....love you more xxxx.

KIA ORA 'DAD'

Kei te pehea koe? Kei te pai matou Dad. Inapo ra, i haere maua ko Kobe ki te kemu whutuporo RWC o Romania me Georgia. I toa a Georgia engari he koretake nga tima e rua. Heoi, ko te tumanako he pai to noho ki reira. Ka nui te aroha mou Dad. Na Tai, Kobe, Mama & Papa xox.

BAPAI!

Kia ora dad, how's things over there? All settled in? Not too cold for you we hope. Beautiful day here, blue sky's, Sun's out and the view of Ruapehu is picture perfect. We are all well. We spent a couple of days with Tk and Tam before coming to Waiouru, their good, still the same. Tai and Kobe went to the Georgia vs Romania game in Palmy last night, little b..... beat us to one of the games! Ha ha ha. Rugby's been good, All Blacks won against France, 37-17, their next games against Canada, we'll face book you the score, lol. Warriors won against Storm 20-12, so now their in the grand finals, playing against Mainly, LET'S GO WARRIORS!!!! Well that's the updates on this side of the world for now dad, you take care, be safe, keep fit like me, ha ha, update us with everything your doing when you get the chance and we'll update you with the rugby, ha ha. We're all thinking of you and miss you, Arohanui te whanau God Bless. GO IRELAND. P.S - THE DOG'S ARE GOOD TOO.

Happy Birthday Bee-jay – For Monday 24 October

Wish we could be there to celebrate your birthday with you – but we'll be there in spirit! We are

PERSONAL MESSAGES CONT'D...

so proud of you and all that you are doing and can't wait to see you again. We will celebrate in style when you come home. Have a great day. Miss you and love you heaps, Mum, Dad & Ash. Xxxx.

Happy Birthday my Poohbear!

I wish you were here so we could spend your special day together and have yummy Nachos for dinner. I'll be thinking of you and might even have Nachos. I can't wait for you to come back very soon! Love you heaps and heaps, your Pooky. Xxxxx.

Congratulations Ben on your 25th Birthday!

I am very proud of you in all that you have achieved in a short time. Wishing you many blessings on your special day and in deed for the rest of your life. Lots of love, Nana. Xx.

Hey My Eskimo

Hope you're taking care of yourself over there. I miss you a lot and think of you regularly on a daily basis, Wish I could be there with you but I know you will be home before we both know it. I am very proud of the things you are doing. I know you will be enjoying the supplies of fizzy, food and I hope your lolly stash is keeping you happy. Looking forward to when we next talk. Lots of love, cuddles and kisses from you blue eyed angel xoxoxoxo.

Kia ora Matt

Hello Daddy, I have been a good girl for mummy-Kahliyah. Hello Daddee..(In a deep voice)-Kaelee. I notice the venison is low in the freezer-so...missing your hunter skills round about now. Keep safe and do your job well....Love you heaps from Mum and all da whanau from Hanana.

Dear Uncle Michael

Thank you for the CD's. I hope you come home soon. Me and Ali have been really good. It is going to be the school holidays soon, I can't

wait. Poor Ali doesn't get any holidays. We will be going to Rainbows End soon. We saved up our \$2.00 instead of spending it at the \$2.00 shop. I like all the rides. Dad had to go to hospital in the ambulance. Something was wrong with his kidney. Poppa Neville and Uncle Miko are going to the Warriors final. I am learning the national anthem in maori, I will sing it for you when you get home. Love you Maddison Ross. P.S: Big hello from Ali and dad and Nan.E and Poppa T. xxooxx.

Hey Big Bro

Hopefully you are all settled in by now, we have been thinking of you, especially while drinking cheap wine. We are all great & enjoying the Rugby World Cup which I hope you are able to watch "Go All Blacks". Love you lots & lots, Gael & Greg xx.

Hey Uncle X~~~~~O Steve O

Hope you are good & getting a great tan on those white chicken legs. Thank you for the awesome birthday present (Saskia). We are just about to start school holidays which will be awesome. We miss you lots & lots, Love Saskia & Sam xoxoxoxox.

Hey Gumby

Wow time is flying by, feels like only yesterday that I sent the first message in for "The Bugle". We are all good, playing squash once a week which really means that I run a lot and Ed aims the ball to enable that! Soon we will learn the rules!! Having a great time with the RWC at our place, wish we had bigger numbers but have decided to be ruthless if people all want to come to the final and regulars get the best seats in the house if this is the case! Love you heaps kiddo. Lotsa Love Toe, Ed, Tago and Duke (who say miaow, purr, purr).

Hey P-head

Just letting you know I'm thinking of you all the time, hope you are safe

and not missing me too much hee hee.. Days are getting hotter here and I'm guessing on your side of the world it will be getting colder. First month gone and hopefully the rest will fly by quickly. Love you always, waby xoxox.

Daddy Honey Pants

There is a gift that GOLD cannot buy, A blessing that's rare and true, That's the gift of a wonderful person coming into my life, Like I have in you! Happy Birthday for the 30th! Love you to the Moon & Back!

Dear Alex

Sending all our love and hugs across the miles to wish you a Happy 21st Birthday on the 15th of October. Two Birthdays in the snow, one in the Aussie heat and now in Afghanistan! Where will it be next year? Keep safe, miss you! From your Bro Liam, Oma Anna, Mum and all the family in NZ & Aussie xoxo.

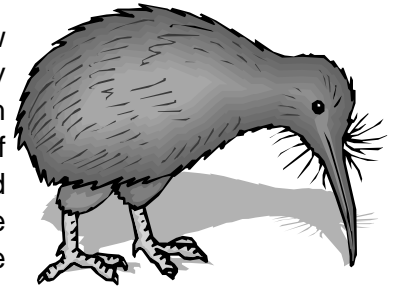
Bouquet

WOSS Dave Pilgrim

We are going to miss you. Simply saying thank you for all you have done for us and "our" families seems so inadequate! You have excelled. Always a listening ear, always "on to it", always time - no matter what the pressures, always thinking of others - that's you. We have been privileged to work with you over many years and will sincerely miss your amazing support, words of wisdom, sense of humour and just knowing that you are at the end of the line. Very best wishes for whatever the future may hold for you. Kindest regards always, *Carol and Janine.*

DID YOU KNOW?

The Kiwi as an emblem first appeared late last century in New Zealand regimental badges. Badges of the South Canterbury Battalion in 1886 and the Hastings Rifle Volunteers in 1887 both featured Kiwis. Later, Kiwis appeared in a great number of military badges. In 1887 the new Auckland University College (opened 1883) featured on their Coat of Arms three Kiwis, symbolising the confinement of the Kiwi to the islands of New Zealand. Students of the University in 1905, began publishing a magazine called "The Kiwi" which survived until the mid 1960s.



The Kiwi symbol began to be recognised internationally in 1906 when Kiwi Shoe Polish was launched in Melbourne by a man with a New Zealand born wife. The polish was widely marketed in Britain and the USA during World War 1 and later. By 1908, Kiwis were appearing in numerous sporting, political, and other newspaper cartoons.

During the First World War, New Zealanders carved a giant Kiwi on the chalk hill above Sling Camp in England. In Flanders during the war, the name "Kiwi" for New Zealand soldiers came into general use. By the Second World War, the Kiwi was synonymous with New Zealand Servicemen overseas. During the war, the Kiwi Concert Party toured many battle areas. The Kiwi (New Zealand Army) Football Team

which toured the British Isles, France and Germany in 1945-46 also enhanced the emblem's popularity.



Today, New Zealanders overseas (and at home) are still invariably called "Kiwis". The Kiwi is still closely associated with the Armed Forces. The New Zealand dollar is often referred to as the "The Kiwi" and the kiwi fruit is known as a "Kiwi" in some countries. Kiwis feature in the coat of arms, crests and badges of many New Zealand cities, clubs and organisations.

Source: kiwi web

Hippos kill more people than any other animal

The hippo's yawn is not a sign of sleepiness or boredom but is actually a threat gesture, displaying long thick, razor-sharp canine teeth, or tusks, with which it is capable of biting a small boat in half. Being fearlessly protective of their turf and young, hippos have killed more than 400 people in Africa — more than any other wild animal.



The Remarkable Bee

Bees can be used to detect landmines. Tiny radio plates the size of a rice grain can be attached to honey bees to detect antipersonnel landmines, of which there are about 100 million in 70-war torn countries. The tiny radio plates are engraved with serial numbers to keep track of the bees, which are being conditioned to develop a preference in addition to nectar, in this case TNT, or any other material that releases methamphetamines. Special spectrometers that can "smell" TNT are placed in movable beehives to indicate landmines in specific areas. Bees that "smell" of explosives can then be tracked to the landmine. The bees won't detonate the landmines.



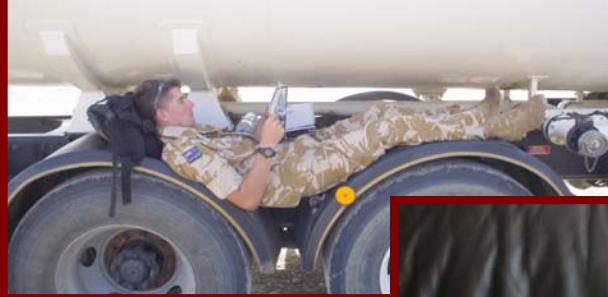
Send in your picture!

We want to know where you are when you read your "Bugle?" Send us a picture of yourself with your latest copy of "The Bugle". You maybe at home, on holiday, in the park, or on deployment. In fact you could be anywhere!!!!

Each issue we will publish the most interesting image we receive from home or abroad.

Just to get you started:

One of our soldiers who was deployed to Sinai, finds a cool place to catch up on "The Bugle"



Eight month old Mattias McGregor keeps up-to-date with deployment news in "The Bugle" while he and his sister Bella wait for their Dad to return from overseas

Images should be of high resolution. Include your name, address, email address and a caption describing the photo taken. Names will not be published. Photos maybe emailed to the following:

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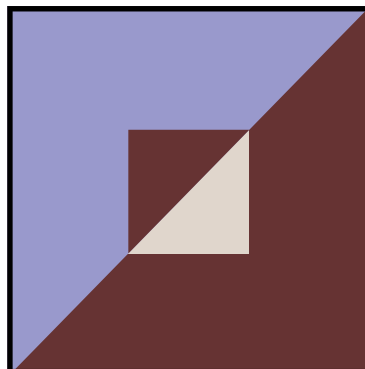
Start the ball rolling. Get your camera out now!!

BOOKMARKS

You may like to cut these bookmarks out, glue them to some card and even laminate them.

Remember to:

- * Take time to listen to each other
- * Understand feelings
- * Spend time with people
- * Join a group or take up a hobby
- * Keep up routines
- * Take time out for fun
- * Help others
- * Look after yourself
- * Use NZDF supports and services
- * Reassure and praise children
- * Continue family rituals
- * Talk about change
- * Discuss the deployment with teachers and childcare providers
- * Keep the deployed person part of every day events



DEPLOYMENT

Time
to
grow

*Preparing for
separation*

**REMEMBER
THAT SEPARATION
CAN BE AN
OPPORTUNITY FOR
EVERYONE IN THE
FAMILY TO GROW**



DEPLOYMENT

Time to
celebrate
family

*Creating
family rituals*

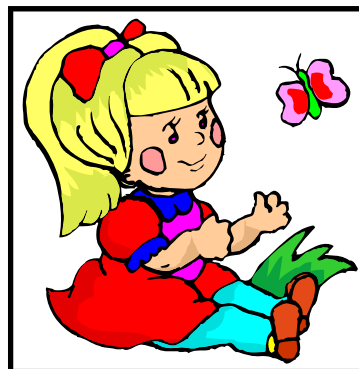
**FAMILY RITUALS CREATE
A SENSE OF FAMILY AND
BONDING. THESE
ROUTINES GIVE FAMILY
MEMBERS:**

**A SENSE OF CONNECTION
*WE BELONG TOGETHER***

**A SENSE OF THE
FAMILIAR
*WE SERVE MUM
BREAKFAST IN BED ON
MOTHER'S DAY***

**A SENSE OF IDENTITY
*WE'RE A FISHING FAMILY***

**A WAY TO INSTILL
VALUES
*WE SAY A NIGHTLY
PRAYER***



DEPLOYMENT

Time to talk
—and listen

*Talking about
deployment*
**YOUR CHILDREN NEED
TO BE TOLD WHAT IS
HAPPENING**

**ALLOW TALKING ABOUT
DEPLOYMENT TO BE A
REGULAR PART OF
CONVERSATION:**

DURING DINNER

AT BEDTIME

WHILE PLAYING