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LEADING CHANGE IN THE OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Commander Joint Forces New Zealand MAJOR GENERAL Dave Gawn

Headquarters Joint Forces New Zealand (HQ JFNZ) is all about continuous improvement, constantly striving for excellence, and there are a number of ways we're doing this with several key projects underway, says Commander Joint Forces Major General Dave Gawn.

"HQ JFNZ has promulgated a directive outlining intent and planning guidance for activities contributing to 2015 amphibious capability, working closely with Capability Branch. We are exploring the potential futures of the Headquarters Deployable Joint Task Force (Land) and the construct for all source intelligence and looking at ways to increase co-ordination and synchronisation between environment components in the South Pacific region."

The headquarters is also leading on training for Joint Inter-Agency Multinational activities for the NZDF, where every exercise is now examined for opportunities for building capability. HQ JFNZ is also playing a key role in progressing NZDF's relationship with the US at the operational level after the recently successful bilateral discussions in New Zealand.

Internally at HQ JFNZ work is underway to refocus the J8 branch to be a more proactive agent for change, enabling the NZDF to be adaptive and responsive to developments in the current and future operational environment.

"This will drive continuous improvement in operational performance and risk reduction. We want to see a clean connection between the observations we make on operations, the good and the bad, and implementing the changes to techniques, tactics, procedures,



syllabi and equipment," says MAJGEN Gawn.

HQ JFNZ will also this month be amongst the first to roll out the InfoRM project. The IT solution which will see NZDF change the way it collects, moves and stores information, increasing the ease and efficiency of information retrieval, risk management, storage cost control and protection of NZDF intellectual property.

"The key to ensuring HQ JFNZ delivers on all these major projects are the dedicated personnel in the headquarters who work hard to deliver excellence," says MAJGEN Gawn.

"At HQ JFNZ we are striving to achieve excellence in operational planning, focusing on continual improvement in the preparation, deployment, support and sustainment of our deployed forces.

"It is a 24/7 environment where our people are always ready to respond to the next challenge. Our success at HQ JFNZ lies in our people, and leadership can be seen at all levels here."

MAJGEN Gawn adds that he sees his leadership role as "one of inspiring leadership throughout the ranks; giving people the opportunity to take responsibility in their area, to deliver quality results and to develop the skills needed to become leaders of the future."

NEWS UPDATE

Kiwi Piper Boosts Troops' Morale at Base



HIGHLAND SETTING: Corporal Robert Skerten, from Waikuku Beach in North Canterbury, now deployed to Bamiyan, Afghanistan, can be found most days playing his pipes over the rooftops of Forward Operating Base Bamiyan.

A North Canterbury electrician has been featured in a United States Army video playing bagpipes over the rooftops of a Kiwi army base in Afghanistan.

Corporal Robert Skerten, known by his nickname of Skirts, was deployed to Bamiyan in Afghanistan last September and plays the bagpipes to help boost morale.

The Waikuku man was a reservist attached to the 2 Canterbury, Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast Battalion Group, and was based at Burnham Military Camp.

He is an electrician and works with other engineers at the Kiwi base in Bamiyan.

Skerten said he learnt to play the bagpipes at high school in Rangiora "a long time ago now".

He began playing the pipes at the base after his army friends found out he could play and "squealed" on him to management.

"And I took it from there," he said.

Sapper Chance Peipi said Skerten's bagpipe playing was "good for morale". "[It's] good to see someone doing something different," he said.

Skerten's hobby has seen him feature in a video taken by Specialist Tanangachi Mfuni, a videographer in Afghanistan for the United States Army.

Mfuni said Skerten played his pipes most days over the rooftops of Forward Operating Base Bamiyan "in one of the most stunning areas" of Afghanistan. .

Source: NICOLE MATHEWSON
The Press, 13 March 2012

NEWS UPDATE CONTD

Navy Commander Takes Charge of NZ Contingent in Timor-Leste

BY LT CDR DAVID PRITCHETT

Navy Commander Andrew Nuttall assumed command of the New Zealand military contingent in Timor-Leste in a change of command ceremony held at the Helicopter Point of Departure base in Dili on 14 January 2012.



LTCOL Chris Powell greets CDR Andrew Nuttall

Cdr Nuttall assumed command of Operation KORU from Lieutenant Colonel Chris Powell of the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, who served as deputy commander of the International Stabilisation Force and Senior National Officer of the New Zealand military contingent in Timor-Leste in the past six months. Operation KORU is New Zealand's contribution to the International Stabilisation Force.

"I look forward to the days ahead and working closely with our ANZAC cousins to support the East Timorese security forces," Cdr Nuttall said.

In his valedictory address, Lt Col Powell noted that Cdr Nuttall came at a time of rapid change, which is expected to continue over the next six months.

"The New Zealanders you command will provide you with the inspiration to complete this mission and to continue making a positive difference in the lives of the Timorese people," he said.

Lt Col Powell also paid tribute to the estimated 10,000 New Zealanders who have served in Timor-Leste since 1999.

"We and those who will come in the future are going to continue the good work of those men and women," Lt Col Powell said. "Some have paid the ultimate price during their service here so we owe it to them and the people of Timor-Leste to continue striving for those high standards that set us apart."

The day of the handover ceremony was a scorcher. Organised by Major Stephen Challies, Officer Commanding of Operation GYRO 12, the ceremony was attended by New Zealand Embassy Deputy Head of Mission Brendan Hopkinson, members of the New Zealand Police contingent, and civilian and Defence Force personnel attached to the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste.

A powhiri to welcome Cdr Nuttall preceded the formal handover. This was followed by a brief parade of eight Light Operating Vehicles, with Lt Col Powell in the lead vehicle. After a short prayer from Padre Chris Purdie, Lt Col Powell handed over the "mere" – a symbol of authority – to Cdr Nuttall, who then said "I have the ship" to signify that he had assumed command of the 70-strong contingent. Lt Col Powell later marched off the field. He had completed his tour of duty and he can be justifiably proud of his achievements as he returns home to a well-deserved reunion with family and friends.



Padre Chris Purdie blesses the mere, a symbol of authority which LTCOL Powell later handed over to CDR Nuttall

Source: Navy Today, Feb-Mar 2012

NEWS UPDATE CONTD

Postcard from Dili, Timor-Leste

BY CONTINGENT MEDIC OLIVIA SHEERAN

Before I left for Timor-Leste last November, I heard people referring to it as the GTL deployment – for gym, tan and laundry. On my first month in Dili, that was very much how it was for me.

As I learnt the ropes of being deployed ashore as the senior medic for the contingent, going to the gym and getting a tan provided a welcome break from sitting in front of the computer. Initially, I found the heat stifling and thought it was impossible to endure it for six to seven months.

November was all about settling in. I made awesome friends with the Australians who are living with us at Helicopter Point of Departure (HPOD) base. They are great to hang out with as well as the small group of Kiwis.



A stitch in time: Everybody was all smiles after Contingent Medic Olivia Sheeran stitched up the gash on a Timorese boy's (centre) knee.

In December, I went on my first patrol to Suai, a city about 138km to the southwest of Dili, the national capital. We had to locate and work on the memorial sites for the groups that are visiting the following week. The most memorable part of the patrol was walking up to the memorial for Private Leonard Manning, a soldier from Waikato who was killed while on peacekeeping duties in East Timor in July 2000. As I stood there thinking that Private Manning was trying to achieve the same objective that brought me here, I felt so overwhelmed I did not realise a leech had crawled into my boots.

January was the Regional Engagement Patrol. We travelled through Baucau en route to Lospalos in East Timor-Leste, where we spent a week engaging with the local communities. This was my first opportunity to interact with the Timorese people. Everybody recognised the Red Cross patch on my uniform and called out "Doctor" every time they saw me. I spent an afternoon trying to communicate with the local kids, an exercise which left all parties in fits. As you may have guessed, my knowledge of Tetum (one of two official languages of Timor-Leste) is still limited.

A large group of children hung around our Forward Operating Base and enjoyed playing soccer with the Kiwi soldiers. One night, in the middle of a soccer match, one of the cheekiest kids suddenly went down in a heap. The boy looked at me with imploring eyes and when I came over to him, I found he had a gash on his knee. No wonder he was in tears! It was dark so I carried him close to one of the parked vehicles' headlights so I could examine his gaping wound. With permission from Platoon Commander Lt Matthew Singleton, I stitched up the boy's wound as dozens of onlookers watched with bated breath. I had to focus hard to steady my shaking hand as it is not everyday I find myself working on children, let alone ones who cannot speak English but trust that you will be able to help them because you wear a Red Cross patch.

It took seven stitches to close the wound. We then had our interpreter talk to the boy's parents on the phone to explain that the stitches would need to be removed in a week's time. It is hard to imagine that the wound will not become infected given the living conditions here but because I had stitched it up, that was less likely to happen. The next day, the kids I met on the street pointed to their knees and said "Diak" to let me know that their friend was fine. You cannot imagine the huge relief I felt.

I was exhausted by the time I returned to the HPOD base in Dili. But as I sit here reading over this postcard, I cannot help thinking how lucky I am to be posted here. I have met some amazing people in my journey so far and this experience makes the time away from my family and friends and my service worth it.

Source: Navy Today, Feb-Mar 2012

NEWS UPDATE CONTD

Kiwi Helps Lead Middle East Maritime Counter-terrorist Force

Royal New Zealand Navy Officer Captain Lance Cook is currently Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of Combined Task Force 150 (CTF 150), a maritime counter-terrorism task force operating in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean and Gulf of Oman.

CTF 150 is one of three task forces operated by the US-led Combined Maritime Forces (CMF). Its mission is to deter, disrupt and defeat attempts by international terrorist organisations to use the sea as a venue for an attack or as a means to transport personnel, weapons and other illicit material.



Captain Lance Cook, RNZN, Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of Combined Task Force 150, a maritime counter-terrorism task force.

“The aim of CTF 150 is to ensure commercial shipping can operate freely while transiting this vast region which per year sees over 23,000 shipping movements and the passage of over one third of the world’s oil,” says CAPT Cook.

CAPT Cook and a second Royal New Zealand Navy officer support the Australian command team led by Commodore Jonathan Mead. Based in Bahrain, they direct the operations of the task force’s ships and aircraft. “We work closely with the Royal Australian Navy and this is a key opportunity for the Royal New Zealand Navy to enhance our working relationship and inter-operability,” says CAPT Cook.

It has been a busy deployment. One of the most notable successes has been the interdiction of a dhow in the North Arabian Sea carrying 240kgs of illegal narcotics with an estimated street value of \$US 5 million. “The result was the first successful narcotics interdiction by a CMF ship in two and half years and was due to the cooperation and planning efforts of many stakeholders,” adds CAPT Cook.

This deployment is CAPT Cook’s second deployed leadership role – he was Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of the ADF led International Stabilisation Force (ISF) in Timor-Leste in 2008.

CAPT Cook has a solid grounding in naval leadership having commanded HMNZS CANTERBURY, HMNZS TE MANA and HMNZS MANAWANU. “Signature leadership traits that I value are leading by example, treating people with respect and dignity, applying fairness, encouraging group cohesiveness, inviting counsel and advice of others, and above all having the fortitude to run with the decisions you have made,” adds CAPT Cook.

Source: Korero, 12 Mar 12

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Boys ready to go

NEWS FROM RATA II(14A) SOLOMON ISLANDS

End of Time – Solomon Islands

LWTR Jacqui Merriman
S1, Op RATA II(14A)

The time has come for OP Rata II Rotation 14A to leave Solomon Islands. After six months and two weeks of being in this beautiful, warm, friendly country we are leaving and returning home to our family, friends and home units.

The journey here for me has been a great experience. Since I last wrote in the Bugle we have celebrated and achieved a lot.

I would like to just touch on a few of those things.

Firstly, New Years Day our contingent along with the New Zealand Police went to Lunga Gorge for a BBQ and swim. This was an amazing setting and reminded me of home with the cold river and high banks that shaded it. We took the Pinzgauers down the long muddy slope to the river side. For many of the Police it was their first time being in an Army vehicle and really enjoyed the experience.

The Australian Defence Force have a crew called "Forces Entertainment"; this rotation we had the pleasure of Rob Farnham (son of John Farnham) and his band. Also Danielle Blakey, an up and

coming Australian singer. The Comedian and MC for the night was Brett Nichols. All and all the two nights of entertainment was a success and I am sure the soldiers had a great time. I know I did.

Next GBR Social Club held a 24-hour Relay for Life fundraiser for cancer. This started on a Friday afternoon at 1600hrs and went through to 1600hrs Saturday. The sun was hot during the day and the stars were shining bright at night. They also had movies playing, music and food you could buy. I think the pies and sausages on the

BBQ were a big hit.

Three of our boys decided to do the full 24 hours by themselves with the help of a support crew. PTE Tuohy managed to do 36 laps of GBR a 1.4km track to complete 50km before he headed off to bed at 0145.

SGT Marshall and CPL Toohey completed the full 24 hours. In this time they completed 85 laps (119km). The lack of sleep was not the issue, it was the sand that got into their shoes and caused sore feet and blistered early on in the piece. With amazing determination they both soldiered through and achieved their goal. CPL Locke was there every step of the way, whether the boys needed water, to if they needed a toilet break she would have to carry their mascot around the track. Toohey had a kiwi and Marshall a poppy – two very



Boys resting their feet

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Kiwi icons. Locke was awake the whole time and did a great job cheering the men on. I myself was up until 0430 cheering them on and helping out where I could. The whole camp fundraised over \$SBD 23,000 (\$NZ 9,800). Well done to our team. You made the NZDF very proud.

As I write this we have just completed our medals parade. The Australians received their medals for service in the Solomon Islands and the Tongans, Kiwis and Senior National Officer for PNG received a certificate of service signed by the Commander of CTF 635, LTCOL Campbell Smith. The CO also awarded commendations for recognition of personnel's commitment to the mission. PTE Tuohy was awarded one from the New Zealand Contingent.

Now we have to get ready for the



Relay for Life—Solomon Islands

next contingent to arrive and conduct a handover. A very busy period ahead, but an exciting one to say the least.

I think I can speak for everyone when I say that we have had a

great time, made new friends and are looking forward to getting home to family and friends. Thank you for your support since we have been away and all the best for the future.

NEWS FROM CRIB 19 AFGHANISTAN



Homeward Bound ... Soon

LT COL Brett Wellington
CO CRIB 19

Today the advance party from CRIB 20 arrived in theatre. It was

almost surreal watching our replacements arrive on the aircraft. Where has that time gone since we arrived in BAMYAN? Indeed the surreal feeling was that we were watching the arrival of our last CRIB 19 flight into theatre and that our tour is commencing. Obviously it isn't. It's coming to closure and deservedly so for our CRIB 19 team and you, their families at home. Nearly eight months on tour will have elapsed by the time we arrive home. That's a long time in anyone's language to sustain high tempo operations, separation from families, and a deployment working seven days a week without breaks or leave.

So how did they perform? You

rightly suppose that these publications are feel good forums and we wouldn't publish bad results! Maybe, but then again bad results in this high risk environment makes the news; as such if there had been any adverse circumstances you'd have already heard about them. Simply achieving a deployment of 8 months without any notable adverse incident is significant unto itself. Most tours are six months long; indeed the duration of this deployment was a first for CRIB. That the team sustained a positive culture, with minimal welfare issues, for the duration is a huge credit to them.

But very tangible results were achieved. The provincial leadership has spoken ad nauseum about security gains that have been made in BAMYAN. The majority of the province is benign and peaceful. However one district has a persistent insurgent threat and

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events in BAMYAN always manifest in that area. This is the area that provincial leaders have steadfastly maintained has improved in security due to the efforts of your loved ones in CRIB 19. What have the security gains been? This is where the intelligence people get all excited about keeping information classified. I can tell you that CRIB 19 has conducted operations with the Afghan security forces that have led to a number of notable Insurgent leaders being captured, destroyed, driven out of the province, and being prevented from launching operations in BAMYAN. To some the thought of those actions may sound politically incorrect. I can reassure you it has all been within our mandate and responsibility, and moreover our personnel have completed those operations with exceeding professionalism. Often the PRT mandate and role is associated with building projects and development. It is the enhanced security our troops have provided that allows other PRT, NGO and international organisations to accomplish the development projects.

The team have accomplished much more. They have enabled the remainder of the PRT to function. In doing so it supports the completion of development projects, efforts to improve governance and rule of law in BAMYAN, and enables a number of other capacity building efforts. But the focus of this brief article has been on the security efforts of the contingent. Often, for reasons unbeknownst to me, we tend to shy away from promoting visibility and pride in our security operations. Conversely I am very proud of them and it's an event two weeks ago, rather late in the tour, which put it all in context for me.

Two weeks ago we participated in an Afghan New Year celebration and ceremony at the BAMIAN Orphanage. The orphans, approx 60 children from babies to teenagers, are superbly looked after by amazingly caring Afghan Local Nationals. The children have great morale, are being well educated, and look after each other like a large extended family. The children are also talented and motivated towards achievement. Some of them described the carers as 'angels' and indeed these angels are achieving more than any internationally sponsored development project could. One of the orphans, a lovely and spirited young girl, addressed the ceremony that included the Provincial Governor (Dr Sarabi) and all manner of leaders.

Her speech started by describing how the Taliban brutally killed her whole family; in front of her. How she was then moved to an adopting family who abused her significantly, before finally her path brought her to the Orphanage. She addressed the audience with tears streaming down her face, pausing occasionally to compose herself and continue. And she did continue. The speech she delivered was the most powerful I have ever heard – from anybody. There was not a dry eye in the room and the silence was deathly. This amazing girl then spoke of the hope, love and gratitude for everything the orphanage and carers have done for her. How she has significant ambition to go on and achieve. An incredible young lady being raised by an amazing team of local nationals.

The orphanage and young lady's story was for me the defining context of the tour. It's why providing security, inclusive of

combat operations, will never be politically incorrect to me. The weak and cowardly will find excuses why we can't assist; it's too expensive, too difficult, too far away. Conversely CRIB 19 has taken great pride in improving the security situation. A number of pledges have been made by donor states and organisations to increase investment in the troublesome part of BAMYAN that we have improved security in. Our commitment has therefore directly enabled further development and improvement to take place. But much more importantly that improved security enables those orphans, young lady and 'angels' to flourish.

Shortly we are homeward bound. We have a job to finish but its natural our folks are eagerly anticipating their reunions with you all. It's a fantastic moment getting home to see everyone. Peculiarly it can also occasionally be difficult. We must remain cognizant of the changes that have occurred at home, the routines you've established, and think of you during our re-integration. We take a few days in route to de-tune. That's important to assist with the transition from high tempo operations back to the peacetime world. We so much look forward to seeing you all shortly. On behalf of the contingent I sincerely thank you for all your efforts and support back home. Also on behalf of you and the contingent a huge thanks to Janine Burton.

Finally to CRIB 19. It has been a sincere honour serving with you. You can be genuinely proud of a superb result and achievement of the mission. It has been a huge privilege to command such a fine team. Thank you and all the best for your return to New Zealand.

NEWS FROM NSE TROY BAGRAM AIRBASE

The Final Countdown

Wayne Burtton
Lieutenant Commander, RNZN
Officer Commanding
NZ National Support Element

Kaua e rangiruatia te hā o te hoe; e
kore tō tātou waka e ū ki uta.
'Do not lift the paddle out of unison
or our canoe will never reach the
shore.'

*Proverb emphasising the
importance of all working together
to succeed.*

Tēnā koutou,

This is the final NSE 19 Bugle
article.

It has been a long seven months in
theatre which is now drawing to an
end. For some at the NSE it was
their first mission and with that
came a significant amount of
learning; from operating in a foreign
country with other nationalities to
putting into practice all they have
learnt in their trade. For the more
experienced it was an opportunity to
extend themselves in yet another
mission and reaffirm their skill sets
in a testing environment. For us all
it was a shared experience and as
the proverb above implies it
required us all to paddle in unison
to achieve the goal of successfully
supporting the NZ elements in
theatre.

Everyone has learnt from the
experience and as a result will
return to their units with, hopefully,
an enlightened perspective on
operating in a demanding theatre.
It is now an opportunity for each of
them to take the time to reflect on
their experiences in Afghanistan in
this last article.

Before I sign off for the last time, it
has been my privilege to lead this
team and I thank them all for their
support, loyalty and hard work. I
would also like to take the
opportunity to thank the families for
their support as the families form
part of the greater team effort.

Nā mātou noa

Captain Mike Mist
2IC NSE

With the tour drawing to an end and
RTNZ rushing up on us fast, it
seems as if the past 7-8 months
have gone past in a flash. The
winter has hit hard and as the
weather warms up we all look
forward to getting home and
enjoying a few luxuries that
everyone has been craving. The
team has made some good friends
and in spite of the dust and living
conditions, everyone will be sad to
leave something behind and return
to normal life. Time to pack my
bags now and we will see you all
soon.

Cpl Tawhiti (Layla) Davies
NZ NSE, ARIKI 19

Kia Ora koutou,

Nearing the end of a deployment of
seven months for most of us here in
BAF, eight months for a couple of
the crew. We are all looking forward
to going home.
Myself, I have learnt so much more
about our coalition forces and how
they operate which has helped in

the way I was able to achieve the
tasks required of me here in
Bagram.

This deployment, based out of
Bagram has been a learning
experience I will never forget. I have
gained so much experience across
the board both in my professional
and my personal growth. What I
have learnt here in Afghanistan is
invaluable.

Since I arrived in Bagram
Afghanistan, I have met many
people through both work and the
activities I decided to learn while I
have been here.

I started to learn 'Salsa Dancing ' a
few months after my arrival. I have
met some kind and helpful people
at the classes, I needed all the help
I could get hahahaha

I also joined a kickboxing class
which was the best stress relief I
had here in Bagram, it helped me to
vent as well as improve my
technical abilities, as this was not a
natural force of habit for me.

With all this in mind, I am happy to
be finally going home. I will be
keeping in contact with the friends I
have made here and look forward to
visiting or having them visit me in
NZ.

Ma te wa e hoa

Sgt Paul Cannon
KAF MOV OP

Greetings from the South of
Afghanistan. Sgt Paul Cannon here
again calling in from Kandahar. For
those who aren't aware I am the
only Kiwi in KAF surrounded by a
few hundred Ozzies, a few
thousand Brits, Americans and a
number of other nations which
include the Danish, French,
Slovakians, Dutch, UAE and
probably a few others I haven't met
yet.

Well it's almost time for hand over.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CONT'D...

SSgt Oonagh Taru
Snr Sup Tech

*"Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives,
You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country, therefore REST IN PEACE.
There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us,
Where they lie side by side here in this Country of ours.
You, the mothers who sent their sons from far away countries, wipe away your tears.
Your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in Peace. Having lost their lives on this land,
They have become our sons as well" ATATURK 1934*

Recently I have been fortunate to spend time with Turks who pride themselves in hosting their guests. So in true kiwi style, I was more than happy to oblige by eating all the food they continuously and generously provided to me! With ANZAC Day approaching, the kindness reminded me of a poem that I'm sure all whom have visited Anzac Cove, Gallipoli will recall. Having myself visited the well maintained battlefields across the Peninsula of Gallipoli, and sited the amazing monuments dedicated to the foreigners whom gave their lives, I am honoured to have had the opportunity to spend time with such a generous people.

So now as my deployment draws to a close, I recall the korero I gave to part of our PDT group as we gathered in preparation for our Poroporoaki from Linton. "take a moment to remember those who have lost their lives whilst on operations....." So as ANZAC Day approaches and our tour nears its end, emotions well for our fallen in this land of Afghanistan as well as all our other Fallen Warriors.



Ka mau mahara tonu matou ia ratou.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

As I write this piece, my replacement will be on her way from NZ and will arrive in the next 48hrs; a five-day handover and then I'm off to the PRT to assist with the RIP. During the handover I will introduce my replacement to all the people that allow us to complete our task. If it wasn't for their help and assistance, we would never move all our people and equipment with the ease that we currently do. The Australian Defence Force personnel in KAF in particular do so much for us. They are always willing to help out their neighbour from across the ditch. Even after the fantastic Rugby World Cup result.

The advantage of being the sole

Kiwi in KAF is that I need to do the entire liaison and the meet and greets with other nations. This gives me a unique opportunity to learn how other nations operate and the systems that they use. Not all of them are easy to work with, but it is interesting. I have had the chance to see coalition equipment and resources that we don't have in NZ and observe aircraft and air-lift assets that I would not normally see.

Its starting to get warm here, we have an average temperature of about 25 degrees with it getting up to the mid- to late-40s by the height of summer. Fortunately I won't be here for that. I will be all rugged up

at home in Feilding with my partner enjoying yet another winter. At least I will have the MIGHTY CHIEFS to keep me occupied over those cold winter months. As a side note, I must say hello to my wonderful wife to be. She made a comment over Christmas that I should have said hello in the last Bugle article I wrote. So, Hello, I miss you and I will be home soon.

Well it's been a long seven months and one month still to go. A lot of changes have happened back home in the NZDF since we left and there are still a few challenges ahead. From the South of Afghan, enjoy the Easter break and this rotation will be home soon.

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SGT Smith
S1/S9 NZ NSE, OP TROY 19

And the Countdown begins!!

According to my unorthodox calendar, as @ today we have approximately –

13 more sleeps till NSE 20 arrive...
32 more sleeps till we say "Ka Kite"
to Bagram, Afghanistan and
28 more sleeps till we get home J
.....(but who's counting right!?)

Time has managed to fly by, largely contributed to the "non-stop roller coaster" which comes with being the National Support Element – in saying that, being kept busy leaves little room for homesickness to set in which has been a blessing in disguise. I have met some great people here and after spending seven – almost eight months – with

us, the majority are planning their trips and booking tickets to come to NZ!! They're keen to see the rest of the G.C's we have back home...lol

I cannot wait to get home and see my beautiful babies, my family and my sistahs J It's a packed filled couple of weeks when I land that's for sure.....Sooo excited!

Goodbye to the snow, the ice, the dust, people who can't reverse, people who can't drive, people who can't park, 15km per hr speed limits, left hand driving, the poo trucks, single beds, walking 100m to the shower, port-a-loo's, plastic cutlery, paper plates, deep fried everything, MAIL MAIL MAIL and the not so subtle people who have eyes for Xmas....

L/Cpl Wilson
CIS OP, NSE 19

As we eagerly await the arrival of our replacements and prepare for the handover, the final rush to have everything in place and set up for success takes place. It is also time for reflection over the last seven months.

We are saying goodbye to friends we have made and final BBQ's and farewells are being held. At times these get emotional as we realise how strong some of these connections we have made are. It's also quite surprising how hard leaving a small 7' x 7' room can be when you have spent the better part of a year in it.

I wish NSE 20 all the best for their deployment and especially wish my replacement the best of luck during his time here.



BUCKET LIST WISH GRANTED FOR NZ ARMY BANDSMAN

New Zealand Army Bandsman Lance Corporal (LCPL) Mark McKenzie will have one of his bucket list wishes granted later this month when sings the New Zealand National Anthem at the Anzac Day commemorations at Gallipoli in Turkey.

LCPL McKenzie, who grew up in Hornby in Christchurch and attended Riccarton High School, joined the Army in 1991 as a supplier for Royal New Zealand Army Ordnance Corps. He later joined the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment as a guitarist/singer/ percussionist in the NZ Army Band which is based at Burnham Military Camp.

He said, "I'm so honoured to be able to sing at Gallipoli, it's been on my bucket list since 1991."

LCPL McKenzie's career highlights include trips overseas with the NZ Army Band to places including Australia, Hawaii, the United States, Dubai and Scotland.

"Every overseas trip has been a highlight. Washington DC in 1996 was amazing and playing during the Rugby World Cup last year was huge.

"I began singing when I was first in the NZAB in 1992. That developed more when I became a civilian musician in the bars and clubs around Christchurch. I had formal vocal tuition for a few years around 2000. My vocal tutor was so excited to hear I'd be singing the national anthem at such an incredible occasion."

The official New Zealand contingent travelling to Gallipoli includes the Vice Chief of Defence Force, Rear Admiral Jack Steer, and a small group of New Zealand Defence Force personnel including an Army chaplain, catafalque guard, and members of the NZ Army Band.

The Anzac Day ceremonies in Gallipoli begin on Saturday 24 April with the Turkish International Service and conclude with the New Zealand Service at Chunuk Bair on 25 April. The services will be attended by dignitaries from New Zealand, Australia and Turkey.

CHAPLAIN'S PEN — FROM ABROAD

Padre Darren Chaplain, CRIB 19

Nga Mihi from Crib 19.
Salaam Aleekum.

Tena koutou katoa. Anei nga panui whakamutunga mai i a matou Grib 19. Tua tahi, nga mihi atu ki nga mate kua hinga atu. Nga whakakaaro aroha ki a ratou, moe mai i roto i te aroha o te Ariki. Ratou ki a ratou, tatou ki a tatou.

Greetings to you All. These are our final Bugle articles from CRIB19. We hope they have given you, our families and friends, an insight into some of what we have experienced here in Bamyán, Afghanistan over these past seven months. I acknowledged in Te reo Maori (above) those of our loved ones who have passed away during this time, our love and thoughts, prayers and condolences to those families. May they rest in peace.

Easter is upon us after which we will soon complete our deployment.

As we turn our eyes to home to Aotearoa, and the excitement of seeing whanau and friends, we will leave with memories and pictures of this place – Afghanistan. As the weather warms spring is coming and there are signs of new growth in the fields. We have come through



the winter months with its environmental and operational challenges but to all our credit we have made significant progress and had successes in our mission.

For my own experiences, I have been fortunate, to be involved with some of the youth of Bamyán through the English classes and the Orphanage visits. It has reminded me of some of the reasons why we are here. Some children shared their hopes and dreams of what their future could be. Priority for many of them was having secure communities to live in, to have the opportunity to develop and learn in safety. One of my highlights was attending the New Year

celebrations at the Samar Orphanage. The children entertained with songs, skits, jokes, and reflections. One girl about 17 years old told her story of how she came to be at the orphanage. She had lost her parents

through the conflicts and then faced abuse by the extended family she was fostered with. She spoke in her local language bringing people to tears, both men and women. The Orphanage has done great things with these children through education and life skills. Hopefully our visits have helped build relationships and given them insights into a bigger world. It will be something I personally will remember.

We will all have our stories to tell of this deployment and the friends and relationships we have formed. I conclude however with an acknowledgment of you, our loved ones, families and friends who have supported us from afar and who also have a story to tell. A story of the sacrifice you have made looking after affairs and business at home. Our Commanding Officer Lt Col Wellington suggested it is our loved ones back home who should receive the medals and recognition for what they have done. Thank you all for your aroha, prayers and support God Bless you all. See you all soon. Ma te wa.

He honore he Kororia ki te Atua ake ake.



Padre Darren passing out stationary

CHAPLAIN'S PEN — FROM ABROAD CONTD

Running to Jesus at Easter

Padre Chris Purdie
Gyro 12

Jesus said "let the little children come unto me". Yes but what about the old men? I thought as the good CSM and I plodded down the road in the early morning light. We could have used a crowd of small children that morning to carry us for bit, we could have used some of their youthful enthusiasm. Yes, this week has been that week in the tour when we run to the Jesus statue for PT. Running to Jesus is about a 9km run across town - Dili - and out and around the bays and the beaches to the end of the road below the statue of Jesus. Might not sound like too much and if we were in Linton it probably wouldn't be.

Here though, 9kms is a bit of a mission; firstly its 25-28 degrees with a good chunk of built-in humidity. Then there are the normal road hazards – cars, trucks, micro buses, taxis and the flocks of

scooters, and the added not-so-common road hazards of goats, buffalo, potholes, and of course the tethered baby deer stag. The tethered baby stag wanted to have a go – everyone was game as far as he was concerned, bucking at people as they went past. All good though and mission accomplished, we all got there and not too broken.

Since Christmas the New Zealand Ambassador to East Timor, Mr Tony Fautua, has been joining us for PT, we surprised him with this run and very quickly he said to me "But Padre, I thought that it was Jesus who was supposed to come to us".

And he is right - and that is the point of Easter actually. For Christians the belief is that Jesus did come to us. The time before Easter (which we call Lent) is to remember that and reflect on what that means. If you are running to Jesus in Dili, for about two-thirds of the run around the bays you can see him, just over there, a 30 metre high statute of

Jesus on the headland in the distance. He's so big you feel that you are almost there for a lot of the run, which can be somewhat soul-destroying actually. We are often like those of us on that run, trashing our way out along the road of life with our goal far in the distance, fighting past the obstacles and the road hazards to get there. Sadly what we find is either the goal is too big and too far away and we never get there, or we do get there only to find that what we were looking for was with us all along.

As I observe the raw simplicity of life here in Timor, and by contrast watch the West and UN ISF etc racing around seeking goals, which may already be here. What are goals that you are focused on for the moment?

I pray that you have a Happy Easter.

Blessings to you all.



DEPLOYMENT MAILING ADDRESSES

Letters and parcels (up to 1kg in weight) may be sent to deployed personnel at the following addresses, at internal NZ Post rates. When mailing your parcels, please retain the receipts given to you by your Post Shop so the item can be traced, if required. A green Customs sticker must be attached to any parcels, clearly stating the contents.

Remember to write **FORCES CONCESSION RATE** at the top of your envelope or parcel.



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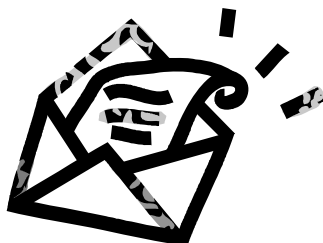
Regimental Number, Rank, Initials and Surname
Mission Name (e.g. NZPRT)
NZ NSE
Bagram Airbase
Afghanistan
C/- International Mail Centre
Auckland 2022

Timor-Leste:

Regimental Number, Rank, Initials and Surname
Op KORU / Mission Name (e.g. TG GYRO 13)
NZ NSE
Timor-Leste
C/- International Mail Centre
Auckland 2022

Solomon Islands:

Regimental Number, Rank, Initials and Surname
Op RATA 2
P O Box R131
Ranadi Office of Exchange
Honiara
Solomon Islands
C/- International Mail Centre
Auckland 2022



Sinai (Op FARAD):

Regimental Number, Rank, Initials and Surname
NZ Contingent
Multinational Force and Observers
El Gorah, Sinai
PO Box 99000, Tel Aviv
Israel
C/- International Mail Centre
Auckland 2022

Israel (Op SCORIA):

Regimental Number, Rank, Initials and Surname
Observer Group Golan - Tiberias
C/- UNTSO HQ
Government House
PO Box 490 Jerusalem 91949
Israel
C/- International Mail Centre
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Antarctica (Op ANTARCTICA)

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Regimental Number, Rank, Initials and Surname
Op Antarctica
Antarctica New Zealand
Private Bag 4745
Christchurch Mail Centre
Christchurch 8140

Other Deployment Locations:

(No requirement for "Forces Concession Rate")

Regimental Number, Rank, Initials and Surname
Mission Name (e.g. Op SUDDEN, TG KEA, TG IRON)
C/- DPSC
HQ JFNZ
Private Bag 900 or 2 Seddul Bahr Road
Upper Hutt 5140 Trentham
Upper Hutt 5018

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Strong packaging is **essential** as these items pass through many hands, may get thrown around and have other items put on top of them. Attempts to send prohibited items may result in entire shipment being delayed as customs remove suspect items.

OPERATION ANZAC SPIRIT POSTER COMPETITION LAUNCHED

Encouraging students to learn about Anzac Day is the aim of Operation ANZAC Spirit – a competition for Year 7 and 8 students – which was launched today by the New Zealand Defence Force.

The competition asks students to design a poster based around this year's Anzac Day theme – "Honouring the ANZAC spirit – in your local community".

Prizes up for grabs include a fun-filled day out with the New Zealand Navy, Army, or Air Force.

Vice Chief of Defence Force Rear Admiral Jack Steer says an increasing number of young people are attending Anzac Day ceremonies.

"I encourage students in Year 7 and 8 to enter Operation ANZAC Spirit and to learn more what happens on Anzac Day in their community.

"It is sometimes difficult for younger generations to understand why we have a special day to remember those who fought for our country.

"Operation ANZAC Spirit is a great opportunity for young people to learn about why many individuals and families mark Anzac Day by attending their local service to commemorate and remember those who served, and those who continue to serve in New Zealand's Navy, Army and Air Force."

The competition will be judged by NZ Army Artist Captain Matt Gauldie.

Operation ANZAC Spirit closes on Anzac Day (25 April). Winners will be announced at a prizegiving ceremony at Defence House on 9 May 2012.

For further information about Operation ANZAC Spirit please visit www.nzdf.mil.nz.

Significance of the Poppy

Red poppies made of light cloth or paper are popularly worn on and around ANZAC Day as a mark of respect to those who died in the course of service to their country. The poppy has its origins in the early twentieth century, when red Flanders poppies bloomed over the graves of soldiers in France and Belgium. The poppy is now the undisputed symbol of remembrance, although its design has undergone several changes over the decades.



OPERATION **ANZAC SPIRIT** 2012



The New Zealand Defence Force invites students in Years 7 and 8 to enter Operation ANZAC Spirit 2012, a competition run as part of this year's Anzac Day commemorations.

HOW TO ENTER

Design a poster showing Anzac Day in your local community. Posters must be no bigger than A3 size and can be in the medium of your choice (drawing, painting, collage etc).

There are three prizes up for grabs. The winner has first choice of the prizes. The second place getter then can choose between the two remaining prizes.

1. A day at Devonport Naval Base for the student, parent/caregiver and a friend.
2. A visit to Waikouru, Linton or Burnham Army camp for the student, parent/caregiver and a friend.
3. A visit to RNZAF Base Auckland or Ohakea for the student, parent/caregiver and a friend.

Four runners up will be awarded a prize pack of NZDF products.

Winners will be announced on 9 May 2012.

WHERE TO SEND YOUR ENTRY:

OP ANZAC SPIRIT 2012
Defence Communications Group
Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force
Private Bag 39997
Wellington 6011

Please remember to put your name, age, address, phone number, email address, and the name of your school on the back of your entry.
ENTRY CRITERIA AND FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT OPERATION ANZAC SPIRIT 2012 AND ANZAC DAY IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.NZDF.MIL.NZ



DSO'S CORNER



Carol Voyce

Deployment Services Officer
Southern Regional Support Centre
Editor "The Bugle"

Greetings to you all.

These last few weeks have been extra busy, with many homecomings and departures, and the acknowledgement of the many sacrifices you all make along the deployment journey. These sacrifices and the sacrifices of so many, who have gone before us, will be remembered and honoured worldwide on ANZAC Day. We all have a personal connection with this day – be it family members who served in previous wars or those, who today, are involved in peacekeeping operations or other New Zealand Defence Force missions worldwide.

There is much formal and informal documentation available recording the lives of our Kiwi's abroad in service for their country. Many diaries of ex servicemen and women have enabled priceless information to be recorded for history, valuable lessons learned and sacrifices truly acknowledged. I have in my safe keeping, the personal diaries of my late father, written during his four years in the Middle East during World War II. I often decipher the spidery pencil writing, gaining a little

insight into the times and conditions he faced, the value of true comrades and of the courage displayed by so many. His writings tell of some lighter moments and of some of the colourful characters who became his most treasured and valued mates and then of the heartache when some were lost.

In 2007, I had the chance to visit the Battle Fields of the Somme in France and then to travel to Cassino in Italy where my father had been during the Battle of Monte Cassino in February 1944. Both places filled me with great emotion. To gain an insight into the terrain and conditions our soldiers faced was truly a humbling experience. I also felt the overwhelming loss of so many of our fine young Kiwi soldiers, when I visited various Commonwealth War Memorial Cemeteries and as I looked at their final resting place, I couldn't help but feel that my Dad's safe return was a blessing so many other families did not get.

I recall from a very young age, our family commitment to attend the local ANZAC day service in our



Commonwealth War Memorial Cemetery

small home town and it is one which I have kept over the many years since. As a youngster, I obviously had little understanding of the meaning of this important day, but like you all, have learned so much in the years since and of the importance to always take my place at a service nearby. This year, I will be in Western Australia and will very proudly watch my younger brother join a parade which my father once attended during a visit there. To observe his pride at being able to wear Dad's medals, will be extra special. We have learned so much from our Kiwi soldiers, their experiences and their pain – all in the pursuit of peace.

To my Dad, 61647 Gunner Henry Robert Pierson, I say, rest peacefully with your beloved comrades. Your legacies, like those of so many others, are priceless.

We will remember.



My Dad (centreback) and his valued mates. Maadi 1941

DSO'S CORNER CONT'D ...



Janine Burton

Deployment Services Officer
1 (NZ) Brigade

This Bugle is not just another edition of our wonderful publication. For me it marks the start of my deployment journey as the mum of a soldier who has departed for Afghanistan. The journey started some months ago of course, just before Christmas, when he was approached to be part of the mission. But now he has departed NZ, so it is very real.

I have been asked by colleagues, friends and family how I feel about it all. I must admit that for the first couple of days after he told me he was going to be part of the contingent that I did feel a little anxious, but once I got my head around it all, I felt okay. I don't feel

overly concerned for his safety because they are well trained and well equipped for the work they are about to undertake, but we are going to miss him! This is not his first deployment so we have been through it before, but do we ever get used to it? Probably not. The biggest difference, apart from his deployment location, is that this time he has a partner and for her it is a first deployment. She is a part of our family and so we will journey together.

To make the whole saying goodbye process harder though was the situation around transport out of NZ which affected not only the Advance Party for his mission but also the contingent to the Solomon Islands. We thought we had it all set and ready to go, then everything changed so instead of leaving from Ohakea on a Sunday he flew out of Auckland on a Tuesday. I had planned a set of briefings for the current Timor-Leste mission for the same weekend as his departure but scheduled them so I would be home to see him off. But it wasn't to be. As luck would have it, I was briefing in Auckland on the Monday night so was able to see him off at the International Airport before catching my flight back to Palmerston North.

I notice when writing this column that my thought processes aren't too coherent so hope it all makes sense!

Contingent departures of course signifies the start of the end of deployment for the current CRIB and RATA missions. At time of publication the scheduled dates for the returns we have been sharing with families are unchanged but we continue to encourage you all to keep in contact for any updates. On the day loved ones are due to arrive home, please keep in touch for the arrival time—you can ring as often as you need to. My cellphone will be on and I will be recording the times as well, just in case I am on another call, or on the road. Such an exciting time for you all and I am really looking forward to catching up with many of you when the flights come in.

Since the last edition we have also completed the GYRO 12 update briefs. Numbers were reasonably small in Linton and Auckland, and we didn't see anyone in Burnham. Hopefully this means that we are all working our way through the deployment journey and receiving all the information and communication we need. We were able to share the contingent DVD at the briefings and copies are available for those families who would like to view it. Please give me a call or an email and I can pop one in the post to you with the next mailout (contact information on the inside front cover).

Enjoy your Easter weekend break.

Great Ideas ...

I have just received a great book called "I'm Already Home ... Again" by Elaine Gray Dumler which has some awesome ideas in it. Perhaps some might work for you. *Janine*

Handprints—deploying parent and children trace their handprint on a piece of paper and colour it in as creatively as you like. Swap the prints so the parent print stays at home and they can take their children/s prints with them. While apart, you can place your hand over the exchanged print to 'connect'.

Cellphones—record "good morning" or "goodnight" messages on your cellphones. A great way to start or end your day both at home or away.

Teddy Bears—wearing a t-shirt with a pocket to hold a note from a serviceperson written before he/she leaves. This way family members can hug the bear and read the note.

ACCESS TO OHAKEA AIR FORCE BASE

For family members wishing to enter Ohakea Air Force Base to farewell or welcome home service personnel from deployment, please be aware that the entry process is as follows:

- * If you are accompanied by a member of the NZ Defence Force or have a dependant's ID card, please proceed to the lane closest to the Duty Reception Centre and show your ID card to the duty person. They will raise the barrier and you may enter the Base.



If you are NOT accompanied by a member of the NZ Defence Force with military identification, you are requested to follow the below process:



- * Please park in the allocated spaces leading up to the Duty Reception Centre—DO NOT proceed directly to the barriers, you will be redirected to the parking spaces.
- * Inside the Duty Reception Centre you will be asked to produce your drivers licence as identification and explain your reason for wanting access. If you are meeting a flight, you will be asked who is the departing/arriving person and their name will be checked against the flight manifest.
- * Visitor's passes will be issued and directions to the departure/arrival location of the aircraft provided to you.

ACCESS TO RNZAF BASE AUCKLAND

RNZAF Base Auckland welcomes the opportunity to host families who are welcoming home or saying farewell to loved ones who are involved in overseas deployments. However, security of the Base is important and therefore advise the following:

- * If your family member has indicated to you that they are on a flight which will be landing at Whenuapai, please contact your DSO (Janine or Carol) at least two days before the flight is due, so they can advise Whenuapai that you will be wanting access to the Base.
- * Please note that you will be required to give us the names of all people wanting access and that you will also be required to show your driver's licence or similar identification on entry.
- * If you are accompanying your deploying service person, their military ID will be sufficient to allow you access to the base.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

RTNZ CRIB 19

At the time of publication, scheduled return dates and times are unchanged from those we have been sharing with families for some weeks.

However delays do occur at times for reasons beyond our control. You are therefore encouraged to keep in contact with Janine (DSO Linton) on 0800 683 77 327 for any updated information. Suggest you call perhaps a couple of days prior to the return date and also on the day for arrival timings.

Goodbye Books / DVD

A series of "goodbye booklets", age specific, have been designed to help children during a deployment. We also have a wonderful new DVD and booklet aimed to assist children when they are required to say goodbye to a parent. These resources are of great value to children when Mums and Dads are deployed. Children are encouraged to share their completed workbooks with other key family members and

school teachers. If you were unable to obtain copies during pre-deployment briefings or have misplaced your copies, these are available from your DSOs.

Reunions

Experience has shown that virtually all service personnel and their partners/family members experience at least a little uneasiness as they re-adjust to their normal environment after a deployment. Changes, some more subtle than others, have taken place during the deployment for everyone concerned. To successfully cope with change requires that we make corresponding adjustments in attitude, thought and behaviour.

As you make the transition back to your pre-deployment environment, whenever you begin to feel angry or frustrated, ask yourself "How realistic are my expectations in this situation?", "Am I giving myself, and

others, enough time and space to adjust?", "Am I trying to force re-adjustment to happen rather than being patient and allowing it to happen at a comfortable pace?"

Remember that re-adjusting to home life and work life is a process, not an event. As you reintegrate into your family, work and social environments, it makes sense to allow yourself and others the appropriate time and space. In so doing, you will probably find that in a few weeks everything is back to a comfortable pattern again.

Source: *Open Arms: A Guide for Partners of Personnel Returning from Operational Deployment (Debrief Booklet)*

The RTNZ booklets for partners of GYRO 12 are included with this Bugle. If you did not receive your copy (partners), want an additional copy or if parents would like a copy, please give Janine a call and one will put in the mail to you.

There's Value in Letters and Parcels

Never underestimate the value of a letter! It might seem a little 'old fashioned' in these days of high technology, but the pleasure it brings to the lucky recipient is un-measurable! Think back to letters you have received recently—how much joy does it bring? You can read it, re-read it, tuck in your pocket and read it again. It brings with it, a very personal connection between the writer and the recipient. A lot of loving thought has been given to its content.

Ask anyone who has previously or currently deployed about the value they place on a letter. Ask them how exciting it is on mail day. Ask them how they've felt when there is nothing for them and everyone else has squirreled themselves away to 'read quietly in a corner'. While emails are quick and convenient, they lack that personal touch. How can you possibly seal them with a loving lipstick kiss or spray them with your favourite perfume?

Mail to deployment locations is sent under "Forces Concession Rate" which means that you pay to get the mail from your home location to the International Mail Centre in Auckland, or to the HQ JFNZ (whichever address you have been given). From there the New Zealand Defence Force covers the cost into the deployment locations.

All parcels to deployment locations are strictly restricted to 1kg only please and ensure they carry a green customs sticker. Anything liquid being sent through the post must be wrapped, wrapped and wrapped again to avoid leakage throughout the entire mail bag.

Give keeping in touch by mail a priority today!



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 & Timor-Leste appoint a lead Deployment 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:

Waiouru—Carolyn Hyland

Ph 06 387 5531

Burnham—Cherie Mansell

Ph 03 363 0322

Community Services Facilitator:

Linton—Lesley Clutterbuck

Ph 06 351 9970

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:

Deana Lye

Ph: 09 417 7035

Base Woodbourne:

Claudia Baker

Ph: 03 577 1177

Base Ohakea:

Kim Palmer

Ph: 06 351 5640

Naval Community Organization:

Ph: 09 445 5534,

0800 NAVYHELP

nib@nzdf.mil.nz

Local Chaplaincy Services

Unit Point of Contact

WE CAN HELP



Kia Ora from Trevor Stone
Air Force Welfare Facilitator for
Wellington Air Staff.

Hi once again from the Welfare office at Air Staff and best wishes to you all as I write this contemplating an early morning start for the Air Force's 75th Anniversary Air Show.

Have you ever stepped back to think about what sort of help would be useful for you during your family's separation from the military person in your life? For each and every one of us that is a different idea, much like the way that we all choose to dress in a way that suits us and eat or behave in a way that fits with who we are.

There are however some common threads that may be interesting to look at. As people we are generally a social lot needing to interact with others for a number of different reasons. Some of these are by necessity like work, school, shopping etc, but some are through choice and it is these I want to talk about.

If you think about people who manage well during times of stress or strain, have a look at what they do to cope. One of the best ways to cope with strain is to share some time with others, not only does this give you a means of "venting", but it

is also useful if you can join up with like minded others to share experiences and find out what might work for you. It gives you a chance to learn about new styles or strategies for your family to help with the deployment cycle.

If you are an independent soul and prefer to use the resources that you already have in place, for example family and friends, rather than those organised through a group or organisation, that works too. We realise you are the expert on your family and what works best for you.

The only plug we would make is that if you feel that you are not coping make sure that you let someone know. It is much easier for you if this happens earlier rather than later, before problems appear to be so huge they are insurmountable.

One of the pieces of psychological first aid that may help you, is to know that whatever experiences you have during the deployment cycle, these are OK. There is no "normal" way to manage this process. It is much like parenting, in that while there are many ideas and theories out there about ideal ways of behaving, the way that works best for you is OK, so long as you and your family manage in a healthy and safe way.

Just remember that you are really lucky because you have a bunch of people out there who are available for support, information, to listen to your story or to point you to someone that may be best suited to what you want. The only thing you need to do is pick up the phone or knock on that door. You have many experienced and well qualified people to make use of such as Army Deployment Services Officers, Army Community Services Officers, Naval Social Workers, RNZAF Welfare Facilitators, Psychologists and Padres to assist, let us know if you think we can help.

HI FROM NCO

Our 10 Pin Bowling night on 23rd March was a success with 21 children (and a few parents) taking part in this event. With the added bonus of the ramps and the gutter guards, our youngest participant was only 18 months old.



For all the budding sailors out there, our next event is a Teenage Sailing Weekend over 2nd-3rd June. This is for College-aged young persons only. If you are keen, please register your interest by 25 May. (See poster on the next page.)

Please contact Naval Community Organisation on:

For those calling from the Auckland area:	09 445 5915
Outside Auckland area:	0800 NAVY HELP
Email address:	nib@nzdf.mil.nz

Until next time, your friendly NCO team.

NAVAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATION
Phone: 0800 NavyHelp
Or Email: nib@nzdf.mil.nz

Keen Sailors!

Date: Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd June

Designed for: College Aged Young Persons Only



TEENAGE AGED PERSONS



SAILING WEEKEND

INTERESTED?

CONTACT YOUR NCO ON 09 445 5915 BY FRIDAY 25TH MAY 2012

POPPY DAY 2012

The RSA is preparing for the 2012 Anzac Day commemorations, which will mark the 97th commemoration since the Gallipoli landings and the 90th anniversary of the Poppy Day Appeal.

RSA Chief Executive Dr Stephen Clarke said the first Poppy Appeal was held in 1922 and since then the annual appeal had only grown.

The 2012 Poppy Appeal, which takes place during the week commencing 16 April with the Street Collection on Friday April 20, will help generate funds for RSA organisations across New Zealand to support their work with veterans as well as ex-servicemen and women and their dependants.

In 2011, \$1.7M was raised and Dr Clarke said it remained the most important source of support and funding for the RSA movement across the country.

"All the money raised locally is spent locally - so money raised in a community is spent on the welfare needs of ex-servicemen and women in that community.

"The history of poppies as a mark of respect and remembrance is a remarkable one which goes back to the First World War and the work of Madame Guerin on behalf of the victims of war in northern France," said Dr Clarke.

The first poppies distributed in New Zealand were manufactured by French war widows and the staging of the first Poppy Appeal in 1922 makes it one of the longest continuing appeals held annually in this country.

"Our National Executive which represents our associations around the country have committed to a new poppy supply agreement which commences in 2012 and will have exclusive rights for supplying poppies as requested by our membership."

However, Dr Clarke said that given the tragic events in Christchurch in 2011, the RNZRSA National Executive Committee had offered the Christchurch RSA an opportunity to distribute poppies from its previous stockpiles for use in the 2012 Poppy Day Appeal.

"We recognize the tough conditions that our Christchurch members and their RSAs have had to endure in 2011, including the loss of RSA facilities in the city as a result of the February 22 earthquake."

Dr Clarke said as a charity, the RSAs and our Poppy Trusts needed to maximise their fundraising through the Poppy Day Appeal and to achieve that, finding a cost-effective option for supplying poppies helped the RSA movement to do more in providing support to veterans as well as ex-servicemen and women and their families.

To celebrate 90 years the new 2012 Poppy Day Appeal will have a refreshed look in keeping with the new RSA brand for the future released late last year. The National RSA will be announcing several other initiatives to commemorate Anzac Day 2012 in the coming weeks.



PERSONAL MESSAGES



The deadline for contributions and personal messages for the next edition of "The Bugle" is **Thursday 19 April**. Bugle messages are to be sent to Carol Voyce, Bugle Editor.
Email: dso.burnham@xtra.co.nz

From In-Theatre

Hi K

Happy Birthday to the girl I love. I hope it was a special day to remember? Who'd have thought we'd be in April so soon? Things here are just pacing along. The more I stay the more I look forward to getting home and seeing you. I look forward to celebrating a belated birthday with you and catching up on everything I've missed. Take care. Love J

O'C's. Kia ora whanau

Tata near ki te mutunga whanau, kei te hari koa taku nagkau. A muri te wahanga o te Aranga o Ihu Karaiti, ka hoki mai matou. Ko te tumanako kei te pai koutou, ma te Atua tatou hei manaaki hei tiaki tenei wa o te Aranga o Ihu Karaiti. Ma te wa. Na Dad

To All our Community Services and Deployment Officers

Thank you for all your support you have given us over our deployment. Thank you for looking out for our families and loved ones and been that contact person. Your work is very much appreciated from us deployed. God Bless you All, from Crib 19.

From Home

Dear Con

Hope your flight over wasn't too awful and that you are settled in. We miss you and loved having you home - the bit you were at home. I'm glad you got some fishing in have a few nights in our new home, so you know what we mean when we talk about it now. Thanks for

setting up our phone and Internet. We talk about you all the time you are away and little Mason even knows where you are on the globe. We are so very proud of you, son. Love, Mum and Dad

Hi Baby

Well here we are, the last message for the Bugle!! Yay. I cant believe your stint is nearly over, where have those 7 months gone?! I guess its time to get busy at home & finish all those chores that need doing. Can't have you coming home to an over-grown garden. I'll make sure there's some Steiny's chilled too.

Can't wait to see you.

Love your Smootchey XX

J

The day approaches where dreams come true, when our lives will finally rejoin and we will tumble into the future together to experience the adventures that will come our way. See you shortly. K.

Happy Birthday Manu Austin for the 6 April 2012

It has almost been a year since your last deployment in the army and once again we miss one of your birthdays again. Would have sent you a bottle of alcohol but recall you can't while on deployment so I'll have one for you on your day Brother. Our thoughts and love will be with you on this journey. If you get a chance to go for a fish and dive over there do it. I'm sure 4 months will fly by and by the time you know it you will be back home. Take care over there and make everyday count. Love you always bro, Hemi Austin

Dear Egg

Hope everything's been good over there since we last spoke, just a few more weeks till we get to see each other!, our holidays going to be mean. You should start getting a pre-emptive tan lol. Love you heaps xoxoxox

To B2

Hey Hunny! How are you? Are you enjoying the warmer weather? We seem to get a nice day or two followed by about a week of stink weather. Can't wait until you come home and get to see you again! Not long to go now!! Are you getting excited yet? Uni is busy. Have heaps of assignments due but I am going to work hard over the break so when you get home I can focus on you! Thanks for my present! I love it so much! I seem to use it when I don't want to do assignments - it is a good distraction!! You know what I can't wait for? Is for my gym buddy to come home so I can hit the gym again!!!! That's all for now... I love you! I can't wait to see you! Miss you! See you soon, B1

Hi FG

How is this for organised? Will be thinking of you lots over the next few months. Just remember no RMs and DFIU. LYL from B & OB and Baby Bear

Hey my darling

Can't believe we're finally almost at the ending point! We're so excited about you coming home and the kids can't wait for some big daddy cuddles. Having a great time in Dunedin so far and the kids love all the attention. Will hopefully stop the days dragging too which is a bonus! We love you and can't wait to see you. Lots of love A, E and A xoxoxoxo mwa mwa mwa

PERSONAL MESSAGES CONT'D...

Happy birthday to the best daddy ever

Even though you're not home with us we will light a cake for you, blow the candles out and pretend you're here. Hope you have a great day and we have a present waiting for you when you get home...not long now, only a few more weeks to cross off our countdown chart! Love you lots daddy, lots of cuddles and love E and A

P.S - mummy says happy birthday too! Xoxox

Taking leave

I will be away on leave from Friday 20 April returning on Monday 7 May 2012. During this time my phone will be diverted to Janine Burton, DSO Linton. On occasions the phone line does take a few seconds to reconnect before transferring. If you experience any difficulties please call Janine directly, toll free 0800 683 77 327.

Janine and I work closely together on all deployments and she will be happy to help you along the way if the need arises. If you wish to send a text message during my absence, please send it to Janine's phone on 021 649 903. Our 0800 numbers do not accept text messaging.

Look forward to catching up with you on my return.

Carol (DSO Burnham)

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE!

The Ancient and Modern 7 Wonders of the World

By Matt Rosenberg, About.com Guide

Jan 26, 2012

The Seven Wonders of the World has historically been a listing of seven sites known to the Ancient Greeks as the most notable locales in their known world. Since then, many have developed lists of the "modern" Seven Wonders of the World. The only list that really stands out and has stood the test of time for more than a decade is the Seven Wonders of the Modern World, developed by the American Society of Civil Engineers.



The Original Seven Wonders of the World

The Colossus of Rhodes
The Great Pyramid of Giza
The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
The Lighthouse of Alexandria
The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus
The Statue of Zeus at Olympia
The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus

The Seven Wonders of the Modern World

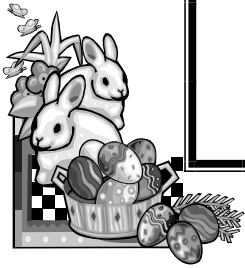
Channel Tunnel
CN Tower
Empire State Building
Golden Gate Bridge
Itaipu Dam
Netherlands North Sea Protection Works
Panama Canal



Source: www.geography.about.com



THE STORY OF Easter & Easter Eggs



Easter Egg Tradition

Eggs have been associated with the Christian festival of Easter, which celebrates the death and resurrection of Christ, since the early days of the church. However, Christian customs connected with Easter eggs are to some extent adaptations of ancient pagan practices related to spring rites.

The egg has long been a symbol of 'fertility', 'rebirth' and 'the beginning'. In Egyptian mythology, the phoenix burns its nest to be reborn later from the egg that is left; Hindu scriptures relate that the world developed from an egg.

With the rise of Christianity in Western Europe, the church adapted many pagan customs and the egg, as a symbol of new life, came to represent the Resurrection. Some Christians regarded the egg as a symbol for the stone being rolled from the sepulchre.

Eggs as an Easter Gift

The earliest Easter eggs were hen or duck eggs decorated at home in bright colours with vegetable dye and charcoal. Orthodox Christians and many cultures continue to dye Easter eggs, often decorating them with flowers.

The 17th and 18th centuries saw the manufacture of egg-shaped toys, which were given to children at Easter. The Victorians had cardboard, 'plush' and satin covered eggs filled with Easter gifts and chocolates. The ultimate egg-shaped Easter gifts must have been the fabulous jewelled creations of Carl Fabergé made during the 19th century for the Russian Czar and Czarina, now precious museum pieces.

Chocolate Easter eggs were first made in Europe in the early 19th century, with France and Germany taking the lead in this new artistic confectionery. Some early eggs were solid, as the technique for mass-producing moulded chocolate had not been devised. The production of the first hollow chocolate eggs must have been painstaking, as the moulds were lined with paste chocolate one at a time.

Cadbury Easter Eggs

John Cadbury made his first 'French eating Chocolate' in 1842 but it was not until 1875 that the first Cadbury Easter Eggs were made. Progress in the chocolate Easter egg market was slow until a method was found for making the chocolate flow into the moulds.

The modern chocolate Easter egg owes its progression to the two greatest developments in the history of chocolate - the Dutch invention of a press for separating cocoa butter from the cocoa bean in 1828 and the introduction of a pure cocoa by Cadbury Brothers in 1866. The Cadbury process made large quantities of cocoa butter available and this was the secret of making moulded chocolate or indeed, any fine eating chocolate.

The earliest Cadbury chocolate eggs were made of 'dark' chocolate with a plain smooth surface and were filled with sugared almonds. The earliest 'decorated eggs' were plain shells enhanced by chocolate piping and marzipan flowers.

Decorative skill and variety bloomed and by 1893 there were 19 different lines on the Cadbury Brothers Easter list in the UK. Richard Cadbury's artistic skill undoubtedly played an important part in the development of the Easter range. Many of his designs were based on French, Dutch and German originals adapted to Victorian tastes. Germany came up with the 'crocodile' finish, which by breaking up the smooth surface, disguised minor imperfections. This was the forerunner to the many distinctive finishes now available.

The launch in 1905 of Cadbury's Dairy Milk® Chocolate made a tremendous contribution to the Easter egg market. The popularity of this new chocolate vastly increased sales of Easter eggs and establish them as seasonal best sellers. Today the Easter egg market is predominantly milk chocolate.

The Easter egg market is one of the most exciting confectionery markets, with new ranges and presentations attracting more consumers every year. The Easter Egg gift market reaches all ages of the population - young and old alike.

HOT CROSS BUNS

Easter is the perfect time to enjoy special foods – following the traditional prayer, fasting and repentance of Lent, the Easter feast includes seasonal and symbolic Easter foods. One of the favourites in New Zealand Easter baking is tasty hot cross bun. Follow this easy and delicious recipe for hot cross buns:

Ingredients:

For Buns:

4 cups flour
1 tsp salt
2 tsp spices – combine your choice of mixed spice, cinnamon and nutmeg
¼ cup brown sugar
1½ tsp yeast
1 cup milk, warmed
100g butter, softened
2 eggs
1 cup mixed dried fruit

For Crosses:

½ cup flour
1 tbsp butter
¼ tsp baking powder
milk

Method:

1. Blend flour, salt, spices and brown sugar.
2. Stir yeast and milk together, and leave to stand for 15 minutes in a warm place (mixture should be frothy).
3. Beat eggs and softened butter into the yeast mix, then add to blender with dry ingredients.
4. Add dried fruit and blend until mixture is a dough consistency.
5. Place dough into a greased bowl and cover, leaving in a warm area for 1 hour (dough should have doubled in size).
6. Turn onto a floured board and divide into 16 portions, rolling into balls and placing on a greased oven tray; allow about 1cm between each bun.
7. Cover with a tea towel and leave in a warm place for 30 minutes until risen.
8. Brush each bun with milk and add crosses to each bun. Bake at 190 degrees Celsius for 20–25 minutes.
9. Brush with sugar glaze before taking the tray out and cooling.

For a variation, make chocolate hot cross buns by adding ½ cup cocoa and ½ cup chocolate chips to the classic hot cross bun recipe. Alternatively, give your hot cross buns an orangey twist by adding the grated rind of one orange and glazing the buns with a mix of freshly squeezed orange juice and sugar.

ANZAC BISCUITS

Originally called “soldier’s biscuits”, the biscuit that has come to be referred to as ANZAC was popular to send to soldiers during the first World War because it was a hard, durable food that travelled well by sea. Still popular, there are several ANZAC biscuit recipes around, including this one:



Ingredients:

1 cup rolled oats
1 cup wholemeal flour
½ cup sugar
¾ cup coconut
125 grams butter
2 tablespoons golden syrup
½ tsp baking soda
2 tablespoons boiling water

Method:

1. Combine rolled oats, flour, coconut and sugar.
2. Combine butter and golden syrup and microwave until melted.
3. Mix soda with boiling water and add to melted butter mixture, stir into dry ingredients.
4. Place teaspoon lots on a greased tray, roll into ball shapes and press to flatten (about 12 per tray).
5. Bake at 170 Celsius for 20 minutes. Cool on trays. Makes about 35 biscuits.

BOUQUETS

FLTLT (Padre) Kartene Eruera

Karts, my grateful thanks to you for accompanying my on the GYRO 12 update briefs to Burnham, Linton and Auckland. While we didn't see any family members at the Burnham location, I feel that the small groups who attended in Linton and Auckland were very appreciative and certainly enjoyed what we were able to share with them. You are a star, and I thank you. *Janine (DSO Linton)*.



Auck-North Regiment

Last week was the final briefing for me in Auckland for some time—Carol is looking after the missions for the next couple of years. The facility you have is absolutely brilliant for our needs and your staff are always so welcoming and accommodating. I just wanted to say a personal thank you to you all for your support of our briefings—usually on the weekends and occasionally in the evenings, necessitating staff to be available to open and close the facility for us. So very grateful for your support. *Janine (DSO Linton)*

SSGT Dave Williams

On behalf of our many families associated with the upcoming deployment to the Solomon Island, I would like to thank you for joining us on the roadshow for the family briefings and for sharing your wisdom and expertise with us all. To have a greater understanding of where our soldiers are going and what their responsibilities will be, has given us much peace of mind. Sincere thanks, *Carol and OP RATA families*.

CRIB / TROY 19 Bugle Contributors

While your families will receive at least one more copy of the Bugle, with the imminent return of your contingents, we would like to thank you all for the contributions you have sent through to us for inclusion in our Bugles since you departed New Zealand last September. The articles have been informative and engaging and we are very grateful for the insights you have shared with us. The journey is almost done and we look forward to welcoming you all home very soon. *Carol and Janine*

OP RATA

To the current team about to return home:- Sincere thanks for your valued contributions to The Bugle. We have very much appreciated an insight into your day to lives away from us all and for the opportunity to keep in touch. Safe travels home and enjoy a well earned break. *Carol and Janine*

Attitude:

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.

Winston Churchill

A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.

Herm Albright, quoted in Reader's Digest, June 1995

Every day may not be good, but there's something good in every day.

Author Unknown

There are exactly as many special occasions in life as we choose to celebrate.

Robert Brault

Happiness is an attitude. We either make ourselves miserable, or happy and strong. The amount of work is the same.

Francesca Reigler

If you don't like something change it; if you can't change it, change the way you think about it. *Mary Engelbreit*

The red of Flanders poppy has been linked with battlefield deaths since the time of the Great War (1914-18). The plant was one of the first to grow and bloom in the mud and soil of Flanders. The connection was made, most famously, by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae in his poem "In Flanders fields".

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.



Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae

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WHY WEAR A POPPY?



*Please wear a Poppy", the lady said
And held one forth, but I shook my head
Then I stopped and watched to see how
she'd fare.*

*Her face was old and lined with care
But beneath the scars the years had made
There remained a smile that refused to fade.*

*A boy came whistling down the street
bouncing along on carefree feet
His smile was full of joy and fun
"Lady" he said "may I have one?"
As she pinned it on I heard him say
"Why do we wear a Poppy today?"*

*The lady smiled in her wistful way
and answered "This is ANZAC Day
The Poppy there is a symbol for
The gallant men who died in war
And because they did, you and I are free
That's why we wear a Poppy you see.*

*I had a boy about your size
With golden hair and big blue eyes
He loved to play, and jump and shout
Free as a bird he would race about
As years went on he learned and grew
And became a man as you will too.*

*He was fine and strong with a boyish smile
But he seemed with us such a little while
When war broke out he went away
I still remember his face that day
When he smiled at me and said "Goodbye
I'll be back soon so please don't cry."*

*But the war went on and he had to stay
All I could do was wait and pray.*



*His letters told of the awful fight
I can see it still in my dreams at night
With tanks and guns and cruel barbed wire
And mines and bullets, and bombs and fire.
Til at last the war was won
and that's why we wear a Poppy son."*

*The small boy turned as if to go.
Then said "Thanks lady, I'm glad I know
That did sound like an awful fight
But your son, did he come home all right?*

*A tear rolled down each faded cheek
She shook her head and didn't speak
I slunk away, head bowed in shame
And if you were with me, you'd have
done the same
For our thanks in giving, is oft delayed
Though the freedom was bought, and
thousands paid.*

*And so you see when a Poppy is worn
Let us reflect on the burden borne
By those who gave their very all
When asked to answer their country's call
That we at home in peace may live
Then wear a Poppy, remember, and give.*

POPPY DAY: FRIDAY 20 APRIL