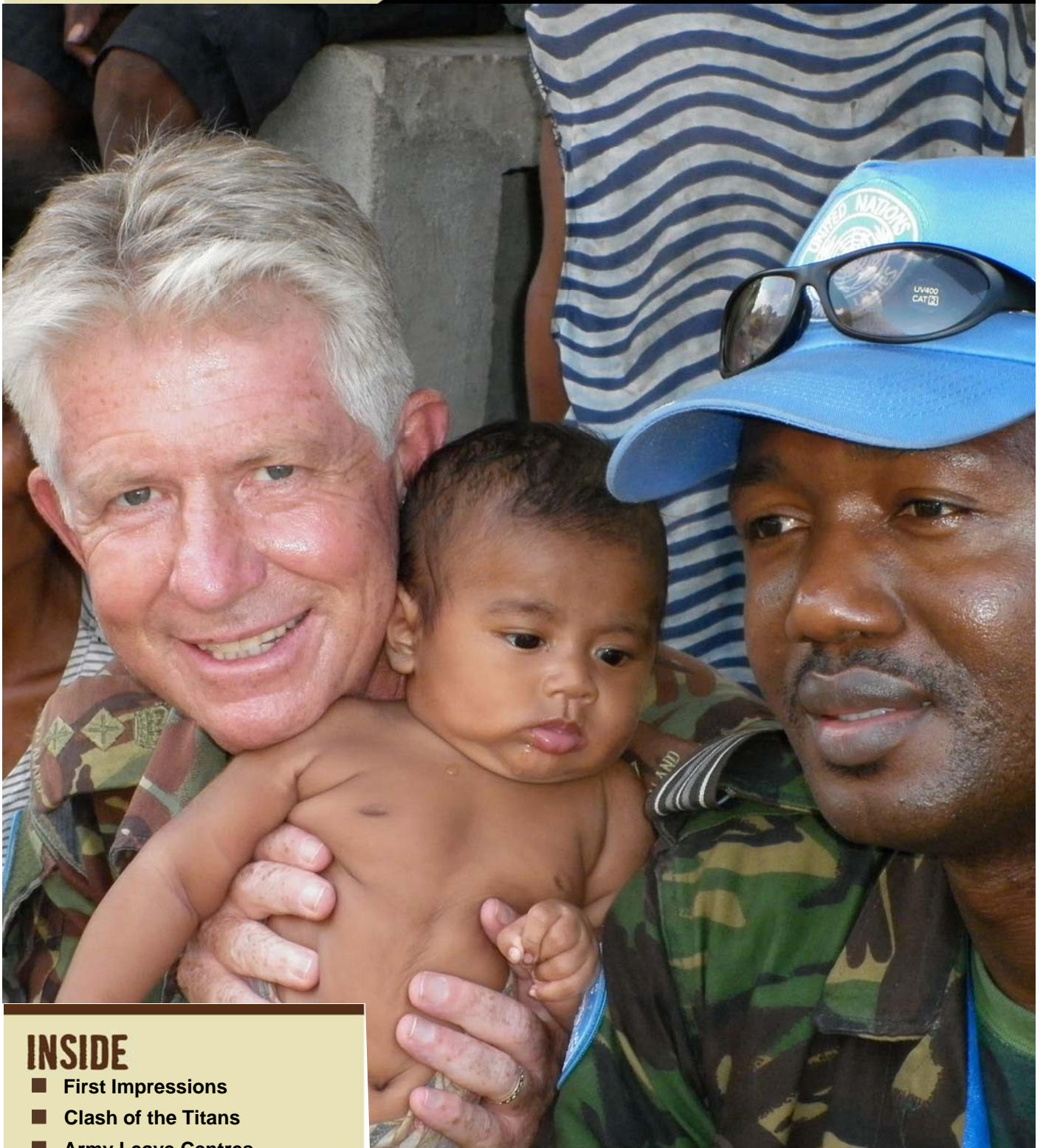


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Colonel Martin Dransfield, the Chief Military Liaison Officer in the United Nations Mission in Timor Leste, with a young baby and Squadron Leader Vambah Konneh from Sierra Leone, in Naktuka Village, the western most point of Oecusse, a coastal enclave in the western part of the island of Timor, separated from the rest of Timor Leste by West Timor.

GUEST EDITORIAL

LTCOL Stefan Michie CO 2/1RNZIR

You only have to keep a lazy eye on the news to see substantial change underway in the current operational deployments of the NZDF. The scheduled drawdown of all forces in Afghanistan has been well publicised and while there is still much good work to do for the PRT in Bamian, no doubt plans are well advanced for the withdrawal of the NZDF elements in due course. In Timor-Leste too we expect to hear before too long when GYRO will be drawn down while in the Solomon Islands our presence remains important even though we know that the situation is headed in the right direction.

None of this means that we can afford to take our eye off the ball. Threat groups and criminal elements are always alert for opportunities and a small lapse that might otherwise be forgivable may be punished out of all proportion should we find ourselves in the wrong place at the wrong time. The best way to all come home together is to look after each other; and that means we work as a team to stay sharp. If your mate is having a bad day, seems a bit distracted manning the gun or just looks sleepy behind the wheel—do something about it—don't wait until something goes wrong. Environmental threats also remain and in particular the roads - vehicle accidents have been the source of numerous tragedies and can occur at any time, whether on the first patrol or the last, on a tactical task, on admin or even a recreational activity.

Some of us may be thinking that the likely drawdown in current missions means there will be nothing to look forward to, that we may "miss out", or that "I might as well get out after this trip". Even if there is a wee break before our next new mission starts, it is still good news. A pause would allow us to get on top of things like promotion courses and taking that leave we never get around to clearing, perhaps putting some credits in the family bank with a decent holiday. There may also be more time for other training



opportunities such as increased focus on the Joint Amphibious Task Force and / or more training alongside our international partners. Both of these add exciting dimensions to service as 2/1 RNZIR personnel can testify. We have recently farewelled a PI from Canada who joined A Coy in Australia for Ex Sea Lion, (with HMNZS Canterbury and 1 RAR) and right now we are hosting a PI from the 1-27th "Wolfhounds" (25th Inf Div fm Hawaii) who have joined D Coy for Ex Alam Halfa (deploying via HMNZS Canterbury), simultaneous with C Coy 2nd Bn, Royal Gurkha Rifles who are in Tekapo on Exercise Pacific Kukri. Not to mention our three Long Lookers from various Regiments in the UK.

It is not our role to decide where, how or when we are deployed, that decision rests with the Government. It is our responsibility however to be ready for deployment at anytime so that Government has the option to commit the NZDF, should it so wish. This means training hard and being proactive about keeping our deployability status (RFL, AWQ, Security Clearance etc) up to date. It also means preparing the family and in putting in place the support required so that our loved ones are well cared for in our absence. Regardless of when or where Government deploys us next, there is plenty to do and good training to be had. I won't speculate where our next deployment may be but everything I see and hear tells me it is not if, but when. I know I will be doing my best to be ready for it when it comes.

E1016397 CORPORAL DOUGLAS HUGHES

20 May 1985 – 3 April 2012

12 April 2012

Today we remembered Corporal Douglas Hughes, who was laid to rest following his tangi at Te Tarai O Rahiri Marae near Kaikohe.

I represented the New Zealand Defence Force along with senior and junior members of the Navy, Army and Air Force, including CPL Hughes' comrades from 1 RNZIR.

The Governor General Lt Gen Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae and the Minister of Defence Dr Jonathan Coleman also attended.

CO 1RNZIR and I spoke at the service which was officiated by the Army Chaplain Padre Te Kahu, at the request of the whānau. He was buried at a local urupa this afternoon.

CPL Hughes, who was on his second deployment to Afghanistan, was a committed and professional soldier. He was diligent and motivated and set high standards for himself. He will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts and best wishes are with his whānau as well as members of his unit, his friends, and colleagues within the Army and the Defence Force. We will continue to support the future wellbeing of his family.

I wish to thank all those elements of the New Zealand Defence Force who assisted with his repatriation back home or with ceremonies and family support within New Zealand.

Lieutenant General Rhys Jones
Chief of Defence Force



Corporal Douglas Hughes enlisted into the Regular Force of the New Zealand Army on 9 June 2004 as a Rifleman. After completing his initial recruit training in Waiohuru and his Infantry Corps Training in Burnham he was posted to the 1st Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment based in Linton.

As a Rifleman, Corporal Hughes was posted to 4 Platoon, V Company. In Dec of 2007 he was promoted to Lance Corporal and employed as a Mortar Operator in Support Company and then promoted to Corporal in Aug 2009 prior to deploying to Afghanistan as a Section Commander. Corporal Hughes held the appointment of Section Commander within V Company upon his return to New Zealand.

Throughout his career Corporal Hughes has deployed on three operational tours, one to the Solomon Islands in Jul 2006 and two tours to Afghanistan in Aug 2009 and Sep 2011.

Corporal Hughes has been awarded the New Zealand Operational Service Medal, the New Zealand General Service Medal (Solomon Islands), the New Zealand General Service Medal (Afghanistan), the NATO Medal for the Non-Article 5 ISAF Operation in Afghanistan and clasp and the New Zealand Defence Service Medal.

Corporal Hughes was a keen sportsman and played Rugby, Rugby League and Volleyball for the unit and NZ Army teams.

Corporal Hughes was born in Auckland and leaves behind his mother Venus, dad Darryl, sisters, Noline, Shilaine and Darrylene and his Aunt Anne.

ANZAC DAY MESSAGES



Lt Gen The Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae, GNZM, QSO Governor-General of New Zealand

On 25 April we pause to remember the men of the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps—the ANZACs—who stepped into our history when they went ashore at Gallipoli in what was to be an ill-fated campaign in which over 2700 of our men died.

On the hills above what is now known as Anzac Cove, New Zealand and Australian men distinguished themselves as soldiers. They showed courage, comradeship and compassion. At times they fought like demons, at times they extended the hand of peace across to their Turkish foe that endures to this day. It has often been claimed that Gallipoli was where a sense of nationhood was born for Australia, New Zealand and Turkey.

Over the years, Anzac Day has become a time to honour all of the men and women who have served

our nations; and in doing so some have made the supreme sacrifice. It is a day for us to explore the notion of nationhood, a day to ask ourselves how we can live up to the hope our men had for our future as they struggled ashore at Anzac Cove and fought during the eight months of the campaign. It is a day to ask how, in a very different world, we can continue to reflect the values of camaraderie, courage and compassion the ANZAC soldiers upheld against great odds.

New Zealanders have laid wreaths on this day for the principles they hold most dear, such as democracy, human dignity and peace. Attendance at Anzac Day services is on the rise as new generations of New Zealanders explore what this day means for them.

Anzac Day is also a time to think of our brothers and sisters across the Tasman. A unique friendship was

born and cemented at Gallipoli that is a special part of the identity of both nations.

Like family, we are there for each other in times of war and during peace, in times of comfort and times of challenge. No measure can be placed on what Australia's practical and moral support meant to us with the Pike River Mine tragedy and the devastating Christchurch earthquakes. And New Zealand was proud to go to Australia's aid against the ravages of the Victorian bush fires, the Queensland floods and Cyclone Yasi.

The Gallipoli campaign gave us a confidence in ourselves, and in each other. The bravery, commitment and sacrifice of our servicemen and women continues to be an inspiration to us as we face the challenges of today.

Rt Hon John Key Prime Minister of New Zealand

The arrival of ANZAC forces in Gallipoli in 1915 heralded one of the most significant events in New Zealand's history. The campaign claimed the lives of over a quarter of the New Zealanders who served there and the effects were felt for generations.

It was a bitter experience for those who went to war and for those who were left behind, but it also brought to the fore attitudes and attributes we continue to value today.

The courage, endurance and sheer decency of our men in the face of hardship has become legend, the term 'ANZAC spirit' a permanent part of our vocabulary.

We still see the ANZAC spirit today. We saw it in Christchurch last year as ordinary civilians risked their own lives to try and save others from the rubble. We saw it when Prime Minister Julia Gillard said to me on that terrible day, 'Anything you need, we will get to you'.

The centenary of the beginning of the First World War in 2014 will be an opportunity for New Zealanders to honour their forebears, to learn more about their military history, and to understand the impact of the War on those who took part and those left at home.

The Government is developing a number of centenary legacy projects, including historical

publications, digital resources and new heritage trails around Gallipoli and the Western Front.

I know New Zealanders will play their part in commemorating the Centenary, just as many have risen before the sun today to attend dawn services. It is encouraging young people are playing an active role in keeping these traditions.

New Zealanders young and old understand the importance of memory.

By commemorating those who served in the conflicts of the past, we honour the sacrifice made so that we, the future generations, could live in peace.

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NEWS FROM CRIB 20 AFGHANISTAN

Our Plans for the Time and Way Ahead

LTCOL Peter Hall
Commanding Officer CRIB 20

At the time of writing this article most of CRIB 20 have only been in theatre for five days (the advance party arrived two weeks ago). We arrived here on Tuesday the 10th and received a moving welcome from CRIB 19 who then put us through a comprehensive and professional introduction into theatre package, to ensure that we are as prepared as we can possibly be, to undertake our roles here as members of the NZPRT. It has struck me over the last few days how highly regarded the CRIB 19 personnel are by everyone I have spoken to; they have obviously done an outstanding job and can be justifiably proud of their achievements during their extended tour in BAMYAN.

We will formally take over responsibility tomorrow (Sunday 15 April), OC Kiwi Company and his team have already deployed to FOB Romero utilising Chinook helicopters provided by Task Force Bulldog, and have begun operations in the north east. As we have only been here for a few days I am not able to report on what we

have done but I would like to give you a snapshot of what we hope to achieve over the coming months. I will start by saying that your husbands, wives, partners, mums, dads, sons, daughters, loved ones (I hope that covers everyone) have hit the ground running, they have taken on-board the advice passed on by CRIB 19 and trained hard to ensure they are familiar with the new weapons and equipment that we have here in Afghanistan.

Over the coming weeks we will take time to fully acquaint ourselves with the physical and human terrain – it is extremely important that in order for us to be effective and safe that we have an in depth understanding of our surroundings. An important part of our job here will be continuing to develop the capability and capacity of the Afghan National Police (ANP) Provincial Quick Reaction Force (PQRF) and we will put considerable effort into training, mentoring and partnering with this unit; this will involve considerable patrolling by members of Kiwi Company. We will also continue to assist the Director of the NZPRT in his efforts to coordinate governance and development activities. We will continue to provide assistance where required to the Malaysians who live along side us, as they conduct medical and dental clinics for the locals, and we will also work

closely with EUPOL (who are commanded by the head of the NZ Police contingent).

By the time this edition of the Bugle goes to print two significant events would have occurred, the honourable Dr Jonathan Coleman, Minister of Defence would have completed his first visit to the NZPRT, he will be escorted by the Vice Chief of Defence Force, Rear Admiral Jack Steer. The contingent would have also commemorated ANZAC Day, this will be a truly multinational affair with Afghanis, New Zealanders, Americans, Canadians, and individuals from Ireland, Belgium and Finland. This will be an especially poignant day as we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country and in particular those who have fallen in Afghanistan.

I will write often in 'The Bugle' over the next six months. It's a great medium for me to update you on how things are progressing during our tour and to present my perspective on key events that take place. I hope that you also make use of 'The Bugle' to send messages to your loved ones and to keep up to date with all that's happening. We will be busy over the next six months but I can assure you that those of you back home will never be far from our thoughts and prayers. Please take care of yourselves and each other, I can assure you we will be looking after each other over here.

Regards



NEWS FROM GYRO 12 TIMOR-LESTE

Volleyball Clash of the Titans!

Yes in history there have been many epic head to head battles. All Blacks vs. Wallabies, South Africa vs. Lions, St Helens vs. Wigan, But none has reached the heights on Gyro 12 as the match to end all matches - PMV vs. CSS and the rest.

The game; Volley Ball, The Place; on the hallowed tarmac of the Kiwi Lines forecourt, The Time: Last Thursday. This was when it all came together, this would be the match which puts to rest any past quarrels, any past niggles. All the challenge and counter challenge was done. All the smack talk and sledging was over! This

would be the match which would end it all! To the victor the spoils! – Well bragging rights only.... really.

Long into the evening the two teams went at it, trading point for point, not even the last of the summer rains could counter the heat in this competition! In the first Match it was truly close with the Tankies pushing the Loggies close, but went down 21-25 Oh the commitment, oh the physical prowess, yes ladies and gentleman this match was truly a sight to behold. What a spectacle! And the score....?



Well indeed after a well fought match the Loggies came away with a 2 nil win over the Tankies. 25-21 and 25-17. Well done to both teams.

DEPLOYMENT

Time To Grow

*Preparing for
separation*

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



FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CONT'D...

NZ UNPOL Shoot

Back in March GYRO 12 ran a range day where our counter parts from the New Zealand Police were able to shoot along side us. The New Zealand Police are a small contingent of some six Officers who are stationed here with the UN as Police trainers. The range day was a great opportunity to get together as New Zealanders and to compare stories and weapon systems. It was a good day of shooting which had the particular highlight of the Police being able to shoot the C9 light machine gun.



CHAPLAIN'S PEN FROM ABROAD

PADRE Chris ... for all of the team on OP RATA 15

With pre-deployment training completed and one weeks leave behind us, it was time to say our final goodbyes. Family members who were able to make it to the airport watched and waved through the glass doors and windows as we walked across the tarmac and climbed single file into the huge cave like structure of our Hercules C130 aircraft.

The crew packed us in like sardines against the three metre high wall of our equipment that went from one side of the aircraft to the other, except for a small gap that let us get through to something behind a green curtain, that would be our toilet for the next 8 hours. Then after what seemed like forever warming up the engines, we rumbled down the runway and into the sky, turning north over the coast and out over the Pacific Ocean. OP RATA II (15) was on its way.

the humidity and heat of a tropical island. Wow, this was 10pm local time and the sweat was pouring off us after only a couple of minutes...I wondered to myself what the day time would be like.

Anyway after a brief check through Customs we were bussed to our new home, just 5 minutes down the road.

Guadalcanal Beach Resort, (a very optimistic name for a military base), or just GBR to us, is a fenced-in compound approximately 350 metres square...without being exactly square. So if you run around its perimeter, as we have done quite often by now, you will have run about 1.4 kilometres. By the time I send this note we will have been living within its confines for about 20 days already and these are some of the things we have learned:

- It is REALLY HOT here and sweating until your clothes are soaked is normal...just get over it!

- The food on base is AWESOME and there is always heaps of it.

- Everything you start takes longer to do...and is just a little harder than you would have expected.

- The Solomon Islanders are generally incredibly friendly and like us Kiwi's.

- Our accommodation units have no built-in ablutions so you think a long time before going 100 meters down the path to the toilets in the middle of the night.

- We have over 800 air-conditioning units on GBR and they are NOT ALLOWED TO BREAK DOWN...but sometimes they do.

(So would you if you ran all day and all night like they have to).

- We will soon know how to find our way around GBR and the Honiara area, (although I have been lost more times than I want to admit...usually in the rain).

- And...we are a great team of Kiwis who are starting to work together really well, in an environment that is very different from our own.

We were all deeply saddened to hear about the loss of a Kiwi soldier in Afghanistan and held a memorial service here for Dougie Hughes, remembering his family in our prayers, as together we turned and faced home.



Thank you for all the emails, 'Facebook' messages and the packages that have already started to arrive...we really do appreciate them heaps!!

Well bye for now...we miss you... and **thank you once more**, to all of our families and friends for your amazing love and support!

Until next time.



Our flight could be described as cramped and very drafty, followed by cramped and very cold, then finally cramped and very hot as we descended into the Solomon Islands, landing on the historic Henderson Field, over 3000 kilometres from home.

We disembarked the aircraft at midnight NZ time and stepped into

CHAPLAIN'S PEN FROM ABROAD CONTD....

New Beginnings at Easter

Padre Chris Purdie
GYRO 12

I write to you on Monday the 16th of April. This is Election Day again here in East Timor for the run off for the Presidential Election.

You see last month there was no clear winner out of 13 candidates for President – so the top two candidates have a run off and that is today.

This is a new start for Timor as it has been five years since the last Elections which was the catalyst for upheaval here. So this is very much new ground here, fresh elections, a new start.

So I got to thinking about other kinds of new starts. For me, as a churchman the most obvious one is the new start of Easter, even our more worldly signs of Easter, the eggs and chickens and rabbits are signs from the new beginnings of the Northern spring. We of course also see Easter as the new beginning of the Christian Church and the new beginning the Risen Christ can bring into lives of all of us.

There are other new beginnings too, we from GYRO 12 return to New Zealand in May, and we WILL start a new year at home in New Zealand then. We were away for Christmas and New Year and the first term of the school year. We come into the winter (Oh Yay!) to

start again with our work, our home, with our partners, with our kids, and with our wider families. These are significant New Beginnings and fresh starts for us all.

For me I am meeting a teenage son who is now 7cm taller than when I saw him last, as well as finding that the number of cats in our home has gone from one to three.

As for all the new beginnings, whether it be in Timor, or the Church, or in coming home from a long tour, it is important to be patient, and gentle and to keep our eyes out for positive possibilities of this new time.

Blessings and God bless you all.



CHAPLAIN'S PEN FROM ABROAD CONTD....

First Impressions

**Padre James Molony
CRIB 20**

Finally we are all here. It's a heck of a journey making your way to Afghanistan from New Zealand! Several stops and time zones, long - long hours in the plane watching movies, listening to music, playing cards and trying with very average success to catch some sleep. The process of deploying is quite a journey in itself from the time you first get the news that your going to deploy, then the pre, pre-deployment training, the deployment training, the leave in-between then Darwin, Malaysia, Dubai, and finally... Bamian, Afghanistan.

When I first stepped off the Herc onto the gravel runway outside Kiwibase it really took my breath away. I have heard so much about this place since joining the Army, seen countless photos, heard countless stories, fare-welled colleagues at Ohakea and welcomed them again back six months later. As a Defense Force we have both good and difficult memories of the time we have spent here, and now here I am.

I have slogged it up 'PT hill'; Padre O'Callaghan told me it was a Padre tradition to do it on the first morning in theatre. I also learnt about the effects of altitude on your ability to suck in enough oxygen... and also the effect of altitude on your bladder at night (for some though it's just old age).

We've all been out to range #2 which is past the huge remains

of the Buddha's and the caves in the cliffs, I've stocked up the canteen from the Bazaar, visited the orphanage, all these places I've seen and heard so much about in NZ yet the photo's and the stories could never do it justice.

The ranges are incredibly majestic and the hills look so barren, it makes you wonder how any animal could ever find enough to survive on. The women walk along in with their head's covered with a Pashmina or in complete colourful Burka's often carrying impressive loads on top of their heads. Kid's keep asking for 'baksheesh, baksheesh!' or put their thumbs out like they are clicking a pen up and down yelling out 'pen! Pen!', Pens I guess are a big deal here.

I just didn't realize it would have such an impact on me to actually be here. New Zealand's contribution to this province over the last decade is a part of who we are and something to be proud of.

The advice given to me by CRIB 19 pers was that the time here will go very fast and already it feels like there is a lot to fit in to the six

months. There is hard work ahead and also a lot to live up to; carrying on the good work of CRIB 19 and all the CRIB's who have been here before us.

It is a real privilege to be here, to serve as the CRIB 20 Padre, and to serve as part of the New Zealand's mission to the Bamyan province.

For friends and family back home may God watch over you and look after you all, I know many people are praying for us and especially the pers in the patrols. To the family and friends of CPL Douglas Hughes, Kia Kaha, our thoughts and prayers are with you especially over this time.

...Let the Earth tremble, and the
mountains tumble into the deepest
sea,
Let the oceans roar and foam and
its raging waves shake the
mountains
The Lord All-Powerful is with us.
The God of Jacob is our fortress.
(From Psalm 46)

God Bless.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Last Mail Out for Some

This is the last mail out for those whose loved ones have recently returned from Afghanistan. We hope you are all enjoying family reunions, holidays and happy days! It has been wonderful for us to have been able to support you during the period of separation and hope that you have enjoyed receiving the Bugle.

Please remember our team is still here for you if you need any assistance along the way. With best wishes to you all – we look forward to meeting with you again at some point in the future.

No More Mail Please

GYRO 12

The absolute last date for sending mail to those currently deployed to Timor-Leste is in the mail bag scheduled to leave Auckland on Tuesday 1 May.

Please do not send any mail after this date. While it may seem a long way off until the return of your loved ones, it is a huge unnecessary task to return any mail that has been unable to be distributed. In your last packages, you might like to include cards and letters reflecting your thoughts on homecomings and plans for the future. Get children to include drawings that reflect their excitement at this much anticipated event and maybe include something to relieve the boredom for the long trip home – perhaps a book, magazines, sudoku puzzles.

While the mail is no longer an option, remember you can still communicate via email and those precious phone calls.

Are You Away From Home? Have you Let Us Know?

If you are the recorded Primary Next of Kin of a deployed service person, we would ask that if you are away from home, e.g. on an overseas holiday, and therefore not contactable via the normal means

of communication, i.e. home or cell numbers, that you contact us to provide alternative contact information. This is so that in the unlikely event that we need to make contact, we are able to do so quickly. The recent earthquake in Christchurch was a perfect example, when we were trying to contact families. Thank you.

Urgent Messages to Deployment Locations

There is a procedure in place to send urgent messages to deployment locations. The protocols were established some time ago and from experience we know they work well.

Both Deployment Services Officer 0800 numbers operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you have an urgent situation where we can assist, please phone. If you are not sure if the situation causing concern or worry constitutes the sending of an urgent message, please ring and discuss. Again, we are here to help you.

On occasions, and depending on the deployment location, the passing of messages to service personnel can encounter delays, but please be assured that all those involved in the process will work hard to ensure there are no unnecessary delays and we will keep you informed every step of the way. Support is available for those at home and those deployed should the need arise.

Avoid the Rumour Mill

Whatever you do – don't listen to rumours. One of our objectives during a deployment is to provide you with up-to-date, accurate and good quality information. We know how to navigate the system and get the right information from the right place. Sadly at times, we hear of misinformation, which has been

circulating around families, all totally unofficial, misleading and the basis for much undue stress.

You don't have to wonder and worry unnecessarily. If in doubt call us! Its that simple.

The Value of a Letter/Parcel

Mail to deployment locations is always recognised as a priority and a huge morale booster.

Experience tells us that small parcels sent frequently are well received – please remember the 1kg limit. It doesn't really matter what you send—a magazine, a bag of lollies, box of flavoured teabags—it is just the fact that your deployed person is receiving something.



Never under-estimate the value of a letter. Emails and phone calls are a wonderful way to communicate when a loved one is far away, but letters give a more personalised touch.

Personal Messages

This section of the Bugle is very popular and a 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 a great extra way to keep in touch. The Bugle is emailed to deployment locations and messages can be fun. Messages can be serious or light-hearted and can be written in code or with non-de-plumes. A great way to say "Hi", "Thinking of you!!" or "Missing you". Children especially love to see messages for them or from them in print. A great way to remember birthdays, anniversaries and special events too.

Send your messages by email, phone or snail mail to your DSO to meet edition deadlines – see inside front cover for deadline dates and contact details.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION CONTD

Welcome to New Bugle Readers

This is the first edition of The Bugle to find its way to those associated with the next deployment to Timor-Leste. The Bugle is our main way of keeping in touch with you all and we hope you will find some support and comfort amongst the pages. You will notice that The Bugle is written for those in different stages of the Deployment journey, but there is always something of interest for everyone. Take a special look at the section for personal messages. This is another way that you can keep in touch with loved ones and we look forward to receiving your messages. The Bugle is emailed to deployment locations and enjoyed by all there too.

Deployment Guides

This mail out contains a copy of the TG GYRO 13 Deployment Guides for those who were unable to attend the briefings for the deployment to Timor-Leste. They contain a lot of useful information related to the deployment, so please take the time to read through it and be sure to call us if you have any questions. Mailing addresses are included and there is information on keeping in contact with support personnel here and if in the event of an emergency, how to get an urgent message into the deployment location. You will find the Guide a handy tool for managing the deployment so keep it in a safe place.

RTNZ GYRO 12

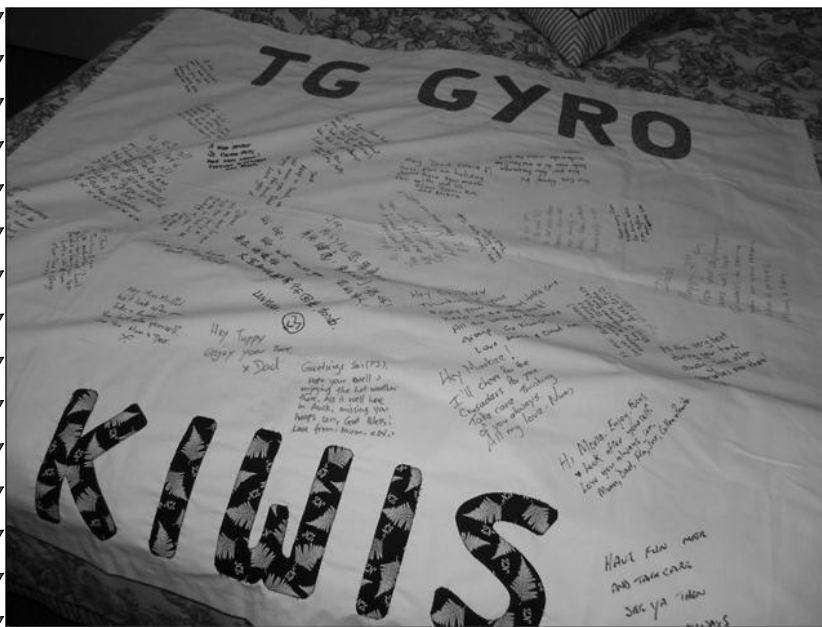
The time for the return of GYRO 12 is quickly approaching. A tentative date for the contingent return is available to share with you, but is not for publication at this time.

Please call Janine for RTNZ updates.

Goodwill Banner—Timor-Leste

During the pre-deployment briefings for families associated with the next deployment to Timor-Leste, we had with us a colourful farewell banners to enable loved ones to record messages of goodwill, love and support. The banner will travel to the deployment location and be hung in common areas to remind loved ones that they are always in your thoughts. If you were unable to attend the briefings or have not had a chance to record your personal message on the banner and will not be at airport farewells, please phone Carol (DSO Burnham) 03 363 0421 or 0800 337 569 and we will happily record your message for you.

If the contingent have departed before you get to read this—please still send us your messages and they can be added in theatre by our Padre.



MOTHERS DAY LUCKY DRAW - Burnham Families

"Twice is Nice", the Burnham Thrift Shop, is sponsoring a free chance to win a Mothers Day treat! The draw is open to all Dads to nominate partners living in the Canterbury Region.

You could win for your loved one, a fabulous dinner for two, movie tickets and babysitting expenses.

Dads at home and abroad should email cherie.mansell@nzdf.mil.nz with the subject as "Mothers Day Draw" and provide your partners name and contact details.

Entries must be received by Thursday 10 May.

ON DEPLOYMENT AROUND THE WORLD

LEGAL ARMY OFFICER RETURNS FROM AFGHANISTAN – JAN 2012

Army legal officer, Acting Major, Roz Mitchell, has just returned from a six month deployment to Afghanistan.

MAJ Mitchell worked in the International Security Assistance Mission (ISAF) Headquarters in Kabul, as a legal adviser in Commander ISAF's office. Her main job was advising the Commander and his staff on legal issues, as well as being the legal adviser for NZ Defence Force personnel serving in Afghanistan.

"I had a number of challenging portfolios and it was my job to provide advice - regardless of the time of day or night. There are approximately 48 nations contributing to the ISAF mission, and this alone presents its own challenges."

For MAJ Mitchell, a real highlight of her tour was providing legal advice and opinions direct to Commander ISAF, as well as working on new initiatives and policies to assist ISAF forces in the provinces.

She enjoyed working with people from all different nations and backgrounds, though it did have its challenges. "I really enjoyed the companionship and camaraderie of ISAF. While there are a large number of people who live and work there, the base is small, so you get to know people quite well."

She found Afghanistan as a country, very different. "Parts of the country are very beautiful, for example Bamyan, but other parts are not so picturesque and are quite polluted. The environment can be dusty and the air can be dirty."



"Driving is frustrating at times and the lack of rules certainly takes a bit of getting used to! The local people that I met were all very friendly and generally expressed a desire for peace in their country."

MAJ Mitchell sums up her experiences. "I thoroughly enjoyed my time working in ISAF HQ in Afghanistan - getting to know, and work with people from other nations was a highlight, along with the challenge of individual nations perspectives and national caveats on certain issues - as well as the excitement of living in Kabul, with the challenges that that brings."

"I have done a lot of travelling through Europe, the UK, Africa and Asia, and every time I return to New Zealand, I certainly appreciate what a beautiful country we have, and how lucky we are to live where we do."

"Regardless of our life in New Zealand, our complaints are certainly small compared to those in other countries, and we need to make sure that we keep it that way - either by lending a hand to a neighbour in need, or assisting tourists who are visiting our country."

ON DEPLOYMENT

ON DEPLOYMENT IN TIMOR-LESTE – FEB 2012

Warrant Officer Kenneth Joyce has recently returned from deployment to Timor-Leste where he was one of five NZ Defence personnel seconded to the Falintil Força Defesa Timor Leste (F-FDTL).

It is a 15 month deployment, consisting of three months of language training followed by a 12 month tour of duty.

“There are many languages spoken in Timor as well as different dialects of the Timorese native language. Tetum Praca (prassa) is the most commonly spoken tongue besides Portuguese and Bahasa Malay.

“The Tetum course provides you with a basic knowledge. What it doesn't teach you is technical terminologies for military equipment, systems and procedures - this has to be learnt on the job.

“Having a Maori heritage and knowing a little of Te Reo made it

quite easy to learn the Tetum language as many of their words and numbers have the same or similar meanings.”

WO1 Joyce was attached to Componente Apoio e Servico or Service Support Component, Metinara Military Base, situated some 30km east of Dili.

“The role within the Service Support Component is that of a Military Advisor Logistics, providing advice to senior military personnel on a diverse range of topics such as the purchase and procurement of Plant Vehicle Equipments, Environmental Waste Management to Tenancy Agreements for military personnel occupying the recently constructed defence housing to the everyday logistical requirements of a Defence Force.”

He experienced a “close tight knit working relationship with our Aussie counterparts and we had a great social environment with the Portuguese and Korean advisors and instructors.”

The biggest challenge WO1 Joyce

faced was gaining the complete trust his Commanders. “Once trust is gained and you're accepted into the fold then the world is your oyster - you get invited to meetings, briefings, functions, ceremonies, on reconnaissance parties, whereby you become the Commanders' right hand man and advice is eagerly sort by all.”

WO1 Joyce found the local culture and environment a tour highlight. “Getting out to the local villages to shop for vegetables, fruit and fish so we could cook our own food was great. Timor has a beautiful coral rich coastline teeming with an abundance of sea life, snorkelling and fishing - a great relaxer after work or on weekends.”

“The Timorese are a very cultural orientated people and they have many traditions that they celebrate throughout the year. I felt very privileged when invited to such occasions at many of the villages. As with all Native peoples' customs, protocols and etiquette play a major role in everyday life, coming from a strong cultural background makes it easy to blend in.”



AIRFORCE OFFICER REPORTS BACK FROM THE MIDDLE EAST – JAN 2012

Airforce Flight Lieutenant Warren Snalam is currently deployed to Israel in the Middle East and is coming towards the end of a 12-month deployment to United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO).

FLTLT Snalam has previously deployed to the United Nations Iran Iraq Military Observer Group. He says while once again he's deployed to the Middle East on a UN mission, this time however his job is quite different.

"My job as a UN Military Observer has meant I've spent the last nine months on the Golan Heights monitoring a section of the border between Israel and Syria."

FLTLT Snalam is one of eight Kiwis currently deployed to Syria, Israel and Southern Lebanon under UNTSO, which was established in 1948 to supervise the truce agreed at the conclusion of the first Arab/Israeli War. It is the oldest UN peacekeeping mission and there are 24 contributing nations providing a total of 153 military observers to monitor cease-fires, supervise armistice agreements, prevent isolated incidents from escalating and assist other UN peacekeeping operations in the region.

FLTLT Snalam points out that it's also NZ Defence Force's longest serving mission, with NZ providing personnel to UNTSO for over 50 years. "Our initial involvement in 1954 was based on the wish to make a tangible contribution, during NZ's term on the Security Council, to UN peacekeeping efforts along the disputed Arab-Israeli border. NZDF's participation in UNTSO demonstrates our continued commitment to UN peacekeeping operations."



His job has meant several trips to the neighbouring countries of Syria and Lebanon. "With the current situation in these countries, these visits were very interesting and gave me a chance to meet and talk with some of the local people and see some of the many historic sights."

"In some of the countries, we have to be careful where we go and what we say at times but so far, there has been no immediate danger, apart from that posed by some of the "creative" driving techniques displayed by some of the locals!"

The trips have given FLTLT Snalam a real appreciation for Kiwi life. "As diverse and different as some of these people are, I have found they have much in common. No matter where people are from or what their circumstance, most want the same basics out of life, ie a positive future for their kids and a safe and secure place to live. During my time here I have often realised how much I take the relative peace and freedom I experience back home in New Zealand for granted."

Being on a 12-month deployment is hard on the family says FLTLT Snalam. "The biggest challenge of this trip for me is the time spent away from my family. My deployment is for one year and I get home in a few months. Being able to skype home has made the tyranny of distance easier to overcome, but nothing can take the place of a hug from your kids."

"Working here in the Middle East with the UN is a great experience and one that I will always remember for the friends I've made from all over the world and the things I've seen."

ON DEPLOYMENT AROUND THE WORLD

ON DEPLOYMENT IN SINAI—APR 2012

Sergeant Clint Whitewood is currently on deployment in the Sinai Peninsula, Egypt as a peacekeeper for the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO).

He is one of 28 Kiwis currently deployed to the MFO, a 12 nation commitment, upholding the Peace Treaty signed between Egypt and Israel in 1979. The NZDF contribution commenced in 1982, and along with New Zealand's longstanding commitment to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO), participation in the MFO represents the most tangible demonstration of New Zealand's support for the Middle East peace process.

Clint joined the New Zealand Army 17 years ago and is a driver by trade. He is a member of the New Zealand Training and Advisory Team in the Sinai, which comprises of a team of Driving Instructors and a team of Operational Instructors. "As a Driving Instructor, my role within the team is to educate new personnel on the challenging driving conditions here in the Middle East. I also licence the incoming personnel on the various vehicle types they have here, from 4WD Suburban Colorados to 500 Horsepower Mac Tractor units hauling 40 foot reefers or containers. We educate people on how to drive a left side steering vehicle on the right side of the road - completely opposite to what we are used to back home."

Clint says the Kiwis maintain a good reputation in the MFO. "The Kiwis are very popular with our 'can do' attitude and friendly nature. It's like one big family on camp, everyone gets on really well and the language barrier isn't an issue between the various nations. You learn to appreciate simple hand gestures, the universal headshakes that represent 'yes' and 'no'.



"A smile here and there to get your message across to a group of Spanish speaking Colombians and Uruguayans; the Hungarians are very friendly despite having steel cold gazes! It's fun to test the Canadians against the Americans but their rivalry is nothing compared to ours against the Australians! Christmas Day will be remembered fondly as we celebrated the occasion with a game of Backyard Cricket. We won of course☺."

One of the highlights of Clint's deployment is the opportunity to see some of the historic sites in the area. "I visited an amazing place called Petra. Words cannot express how magnificent it is. The Middle East houses other ancient wonders like the Pyramids of Giza and the Valley of the Kings. I am astounded by the region's ancient historical structures."

"I love the Egyptian culture and have a deep respect for the people. It breaks my heart when I see the children poorly clothed, and begging for food. You quickly learn to appreciate how lucky your own children are back at home. This is their way of life and despite the poverty in some areas they are very hospitable people."

"I have given up trying to convince them that I am not a local resident. Apparently I look 100% Egyptian or so the locals tell me and before they begin to spin me a yarn, saying I look like their brother Mohammed, I tell them they look like a Maori which really confuses them!"

As a driver in the New Zealand Army there is scope for personnel to fulfil a number of positions in the Sinai. "You can come as a member of the Driving Section, the Section Commander of the drivers, a Driving Instructor and the Senior Driving Instructor. This is my third tour to the Sinai and I have been lucky enough to fulfil the driver positions in sequence thus far. Will I come back again as the Senior Driving Instructor? That depends on whether my wife will let me!"

As a father of three, that's the hard part of being deployed, adds Clint. "My presence here has placed a lot of pressure on my loved ones back home. Although the experiences I have had here are undoubtedly the highlight of my military career, it comes with a sacrifice, so I am looking forward to making up for lost time and re-acquainting myself with my family when I get home."

ARMY LEAVE CENTRES INFORMATION FOR DEPLOYING PERSONNEL

Army Leave Centres

0800 111823



The NZ Army provides its employees with a good standard of holiday accommodation at a moderate cost. The units are available for use by Army personnel and their families as well as civilian employees. Currently there are Army Leave Centres in Acacia Bay (Taupo), Akaroa, Hanmer, Mount Maunganui, Napier, Rotorua, Turangi, Waikanae, Wanaka and Wellington. The daily rate is \$30.00 to \$45.00 per unit except Wellington (\$40 to \$55) depending on rank and each leave centre unit can accommodate at least six individuals.

To ensure units are allocated appropriately during popular holiday periods a ballot is held for the following times: Easter Weekend, Queens Birthday Weekend, Labour Weekend and over the Christmas and New Year holiday period (four weeks commencing from the week before Christmas).

Army personnel returning to New Zealand from operational deployments for either mid-tour or end of tour leave have priority during Army Leave Centres ballot periods. To be eligible for this priority during the Christmas/New Year ballot period, bookings will be limited to a maximum of 7 days in one location only and must occur within 2 months of personnel RTNZ e.g. if returning late October, 2 months will enable bookings to be made for late December in the same year. Applications for bookings over the Christmas/New Year ballot period must specify a preferred Leave Centre location and cover a 7 day period Friday to Friday and indicate how many people will be occupying the unit. Applications are to be verified and submitted by the HQ administering the serviceperson whilst overseas, and must reach the Leave Centres booking office before the advertised close-off date for entering a ballot.

Applications for the Christmas break are to be submitted before the second week of September when the ballot is drawn.

Please note that only one Leave Centre priority booking is allowed per person, per deployment.

Leave Centres can be booked by the spouse/partners of deployed Army personnel. Parents (non-dependants) of Army personnel are also able to utilise the Leave Centres if sponsored by the deployed person. Sponsored civilian applications are to be submitted to the Army Leave Centres Manager prior to commencing deployment.

Other Holiday Options

Under reciprocal arrangements, current Army employees are able to use the following holiday homes:

RNZAF

North Island	09 417 7178
South Island	03 577 1154

RNZN

09 445 5131

Police

0800 500 122

Fire Service

0800 653 473

Australian Holiday Homes

www.armyholidays.com.au or www.raafholidays.com.au

DSO'S CORNER



Carol Voyce

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

It was with much sadness that we last week, learned of the death of Corporal Dougie Hughes following an incident in Afghanistan. I have had the privilege to meet with Dougie before and will fondly remember him. Our thoughts have very much been with this fine man's family and friends, the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team, his many work comrades here and the wider NZDF community. Rest peacefully Dougie.

Such an event is upsetting to all and many of you will have been recipients of emails and follow up phone calls from us advising of the incident and reassuring you that your loved one was safe and well. (A procedure you may recall discussed at pre-deployment briefings.) This task was undertaken before the media release was made and was a huge task in contacting the families of all those with loved ones currently in Afghanistan. We wanted to talk with as many of you as possible, to offer our compassion and support and to answer what questions we could. Despite such a sad occasion, some of you have since taken the opportunity to formally feed back to

us, your thanks for the information and support offered at a difficult time. While we do have these systems in place in the event of a tragedy, it is reassuring to know that we can make contact with you all quickly if the need arises. Our calls were all made to the nominated Primary Next of Kin (PNOK) only of deployed service personnel. I am sure you understand that we could not call all those on our contact lists and as expected, PNOK did take the responsibility of keeping other family members informed. Sincere thanks must be extended to those within Burnham and Linton Military Camps who assisted Janine and I with the calls we made and for passing back to us, messages of sympathy and concern for all.

These past weeks have seen farewells for the new contingents deploying to Afghanistan and the Solomon Islands and we are to farewell those heading to Timor-Leste in the coming weeks and to also welcome many home from different locations abroad! As I write this, we are about to embark on the pre-deployment family briefings for Timor-Leste, in Auckland, Linton and Burnham and I know we will enjoy meeting many new families and renewing acquaintances along the way. We have learned from experience that those who attend these briefings have greater peace of mind and manage the deployment well.

Today I am busy packing suitcases with resources for the briefings and then for

the departure of the remainder of those still to head to Afghanistan with the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team. The next few days are going to be busy and then once completed, I get to pack yet another suitcase for my two weeks leave to Western Australia! I am looking forward to catching up with family and friends and for meeting my two little great nephews for the very first time. I will also be taking my place at the ANZAC Dawn Service in Kings Park, Perth, with my brother. Janine is kindly going to provide cover in my absence and I look forward to returning the favour to her later in May. My phone will be diverted to Janine – it takes a few seconds to "click in" so be sure to hold. If for some unknown reason there is a delay, please use her direct 0800 number listed in the front of The Bugle.

The tragedy of the loss of Cpl Hughes, reminds us of how precious life is and of how precious our loved ones are. Be sure, where and when you can, to extend a hug, write a letter, send an extra email or card and keep in touch. And with Mothers day almost upon us, Mothers day greetings to those at home, those abroad and to those whose memory lives on in our hearts.



Two young girls write a special message of love and goodwill to their Mum on the CRIB 20 banner, as she deploys to Afghanistan.
Photo: courtesy of Keryn Paeka

DSO'S CORNER CONT'D ...



Janine Burton

Deployment Services Officer
1 (NZ) Brigade

This Bugle marks the end of the CRIB 19 deployment; all the contingent will be home by the time you are reading this (except for a few who have elected to travel elsewhere) and are reuniting with family and friends. A huge welcome home to you all. The past few weeks have been particularly trying for you all I know, so enjoy your leave and time with your loved ones.

Now that the contingent have returned, this will be the last Bugle family members associated with CRIB 19 will receive. One of the regular comments we hear from families, is that although they are very happy to have their deployed person home again, they will no longer receive their Bugles. Please remember that you can keep up with our deployment news via the

electronic copies on the Homebase website (www.homebase.mil.nz).

Sadly, as you will be aware, earlier this month Cpl Dougie Hughes died in Afghanistan. Following the sending out of an email and then a ring-around to families prior to the news being released to the media, we received many messages of sympathy and condolence to his family. I combined and wrote a collective message from us all for the condolence book which will be passed on to his family. In Linton we held a memorial service at the same time the Tangi was due to start in the North. This was a very moving service, made more-so by the participation of students from Foxton Primary School who had been writing to Cpl Hughes throughout the deployment. Thank you so much to Nina and her students who were absolutely amazing—she wanted the song they sang to be heard in heaven and I'm sure it was.

Cpl Dougie Hughes was a highly thought of, respected and professional soldier. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Dougie's family, friends and colleagues now and in the weeks and months ahead. Personal messages of support and sympathy can be sent to me and I will forward them on to his family for you.

As Carol has already written, we continue to see the mission changeovers. We had a lovely sunny mornings at Ohakea for the departures of the second and third groups of the CRIB 20 contingent

(from the North Island). We have welcomed home the first of the CRIB 19 contingent and by the time this is printed and in the post to you, the remainder will also be home. It seems such a long time ago that we saw them depart and it is great to have you all home again.

GYRO 12 are next; not long now until we will be welcoming them home as well. I do have a tentative date for the contingent return which I was able to share with family at the tour update briefings last month. I encourage you to give me a call for this arrival information and any updates—we are unable to publish dates/times in the Bugle but happy to share if you make contact direct.

Flowers and chocolates—a wonderful surprise received from the men and women of CRIB 19. Thank you so much. My favourite colour is yellow and the flowers and wrapping were predominantly yellow with a lovely butterfly in the middle. A very special gift—again, thank you to you all.

Thank you also to our CRIB 19 families for all the wonderful feedback received. It is great to know that you have felt supported throughout the deployment. You guys have been absolutely fantastic. See you next deployment (may be).

Before the next Bugle comes out to you we will have celebrated Mothers Day. To all our mothers, hope you have a wonderful day.

"Its not about how much time you spend together, its about the time you do spend together" Anon

"Realise that change is here, embrace it. Don't just try to survive. Take the challenge to thrive."
Melanie Sojourner

"Each day comes bearing its own gifts, don't forget to untie the ribbons." Ruth Ann Schabacker

Source: While you were away - 101 Tips for families. Megan Egerton-Graham

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

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Base Auckland:

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Base Woodbourne:

Claudia Baker

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Local Chaplaincy Services

Unit Point of Contact

MOTHER'S DAY



Claudia Baker
Welfare Facilitator
RNZAF Base Woodbourne

Greeting from RNZAF Base Woodbourne!

This Bugle will fall into the time of "Mother's Day". As there will be mothers on deployment, as well as plenty of mums left "home alone", I thought it would be good to find something to give some thoughts to all our wonderful mother's out there. ...and it's not an article only for the mothers!!!

How did Mother's Day start?

Sadly, like so many special days, Mother's Day has become a bit of a retailer's dream to make that extra bit of cash, but this special day existed long before the commercial aspect arrived.

There are two stories which are attributed to the origin of Mothers Day in the United States, but while they happened several decades apart, they both contributed to establishing this special day of celebration.

In 1870, a social activist named Julia Ward Howe, wrote a proclamation calling for mothers to

unite against war, and tried (but failed) to get formal recognition for a Mother's Day of Peace. At the same time, another woman named Ann Jarvis was also working in the women's movement, attempting to improve sanitation conditions for women on both sides of the Civil War. After Ann passed away years later, her daughter Anna organised a special church service as a tribute to her late mother. The service was held on 10th May 1908, (the third anniversary of Ann's death), and was to honour all mothers, both those who were living and those who had passed away. The service became very popular, and over the years developed into a regular celebration. Anna campaigned to ministers, businessmen and politicians to make the day a national holiday, and in 1914 a resolution was passed in both houses of representatives to call the second Sunday in May Mothers Day. New Zealand has adopted this date.

Origin of Mothers Day in Britain

Mothers Day in Britain has quite a different origin to that of Mothers Day in the United States and in turn New Zealand. In Britain, Mothers Day (or Mothering Sunday) occurs on the fourth Sunday of Lent, exactly 3 weeks before Easter, and is thought to be the day that masters would allow their slaves free to visit their mothers. It is also linked to a century old practice where children were expected to visit their mother's church once a year.

So, now we know the history, here a definition to what Mother's Day is to be all about:

"Mother's Day is a special day where mothers all around the world are recognised and celebrated. The celebration takes many forms from

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house to house, and country to country, but for the most part it is a day where mothers get the chance to put their feet up and be well and truly spoilt!"

There is no one way to celebrate Mothers Day, although it is common for mothers to receive cards, gifts and special favours such as breakfast in bed. Many churches hold services to honour mothers, and restaurants across the world are packed to the brim for Mothers Day lunch. Commercial aspects aside, Mothers Day is a chance for you to do something special, and show mothers everywhere just how much they are appreciated.

"Yeah right" – I hear those apart from their loved ones say, "wouldn't it be nice." Whether you are on deployment or at home, the spoiling

is unlikely, especially if the kids at home are still little. But perhaps you can set aside some time to think about that special person in your life, whether it is your mother, or the mother of your children. You could make something special, or find special words and send it to her. And, of course, Mother's Day doesn't have to be limited to the one day of the year, does it? Perhaps some of you can think of ways to give mum a special day when you are reunited. Maybe some of you mums want to get together with other mums who won't be spoilt today, and make it a fun day together.

... and if Monday comes and you have the "blues" about missing out on Mother's Day or any other day, why not come and pay the deployment support crew members

a visit. We are listed in this magazine under "Deployment Support Services". We are here to help and support, and are happy to make that missed cuppa for you and give a listening ear – any day!

Even if it's not the way it should be this year, I am wishing all mums who read this a Happy Mother's Day in honour of serving our country or your support to your husbands/partners, sons and daughters who are serving



BUGLE SUPPLEMENT

Bugle Supplement Deployment Activity Book for Children

A couple of years ago we tried to be a Little creative, and with some begging and borrowing and a few bright ideas, we produced a brightly coloured activity book for young children. The book covers activities from pre-deployment until homecomings.

If you would like a copy/copies of this book, please contact your DSO. (Contact details inside front cover).



PERSONAL MESSAGES



The deadline for contributions and personal messages for the next edition of "The Bugle" is **Thursday 10 May**. Bugle messages are to be sent to Carol Voyce, Bugle Editor.
Email: dso.burnham@xtra.co.nz

From In-Theatre

My beautiful family

I hope everyone is good at home. Maaka I know you will be looking after Mum and your baby brother and doing some good tackles at rugby! To my baby boy Kairangi, I hope your little teeth are not keeping up Mum at night and you are feeling better. And to my girl, thank you for being strong and holding our family together. Love you all, Dadda.

BO

Settling into a routine and enjoying the view of the mountains every morning. Looking forward to our time together. LYL and MY. FG

Hey Shorty SexiBum! & Bubba Lubb

When you get this we'll be weeks off from home. Thank you Babe for all your hard work while I have been away & all my parcels & talking to me even when you are tired on the phone. Can't wait to be home & for our weekend away!!

To my Mini Me ... Keep it cheeky real!

Miss you both, XX Mumu XX OO
The Best G.F In the World!! OO XX

To Connor, Liam, Mummy and MaMa

Love you to the man-truck and back. Daddy.

Hello Purdies Boys, Dan, Aaron and Ben

Not long now and we will see you all again. Great news that you have been having a really fun holiday this week. I look forward to hearing all the stories and seeing the photos when I get back. You guys have been doing a great job while I have been away, and I can't wait to see the kittens. I am really Proud of all of you. Blessing and I love you all very much. Chris

To my dearest Silvia

Almost there now. I am looking forward to seeing and being with you again. You bring joy and creativity into my life and to our family and I love you heaps. Bless you my friend. Chris XXX

Hi Reags!

Hope school is going well, I miss you heaps!! I read your Roald Dale book it was really good.

Love you little man. Huge hug from me. Dad

Hi Em!

I really miss you guys, but I am having loads of fun, meeting new people and seeing interesting places. Can't wait to give you a BIIIG CUDDLE!! Love Dad

Hey Log

Miss you heaps over here, can't wait to buy a cooler motorbike than yours! Hope all is well, thinking of you heaps and pray for you all the time. Love Dad

Hi Babe

So proud of you, love my life with you and in love with you always. Can't wait to hold you again. Stay strong. J

To my Darling Alice, Amber and Will

I miss you all and look forward to being back home with you all, Lots of love Munshkin & Daddy xo

TO: FLOWER POWER

Hello sweetheart, enjoy the following.

To me you are like an angel with
great snow white wings,
My heart for you will always sing,
I love you much more than you
could ever know,
Rest assured that feeling will
always grow.

Love you flower.

FROM: SOAP

Hello Hunter (son)

I hope you are being a good boy for you're mummy! And that you got your bumble bee and Optimus prime by now! I miss you sooooo much my son and I really hope you enjoy playing your first game of Soccer! Love, Daddy XOXOX

Honeybun Ko

I miss you so much and I miss the kids. Can't wait to come home. Love you all! Pa. XOXO

To my YP

I miss you heaps and can't wait to come home and see you. Miss you Lots! B.B.

To the Whanau

Hope all is well back home. Stay safe chur. Tame

Dear Family

Miss you heaps...Having lots of fun. Can't wait to get home. Love Bob.

To whom it may concern

Having a good time in the Solomons. Mess is mean, heaps of food. Hope all is well. Yours Sincerely, BJ.

Dear New Zealand

We are having an awesome time in the Solomon Islands. The beaches here are amazing and the diving is awesome. We are going on an exercise in the jungle. See you in 3 months. Manu Faufa. Patel

PERSONAL MESSAGES CONT'D...

From Home

Hi Molly

Been thinking of you. Hope all is going to plan and you are settling into your new life abroad. Will have the magazines winging their way to you soon. Carol

Hello Daddy

I've been really good lately. On Friday I am going ice skating. I might buy something there and maybe something for you too. Miss you xxx Jacob

I miss you Daddy, Love you lots. Alexis xxx

Hi Dad

Hope you're having a good time. Missing you heaps but loving your bed. Miperu x0

Hey Dad

Hope your having an awesome time, take heaps of pics for us. Loving the skype and get back ASAP!
No. 1.

Honeybee!

Hey babe. Hope you're not getting too black! Been a long couple of weeks so far, but rest assured we're doing aok. All my love to you hot stuff, missing you like crazy and marking each day down as it passes. Lubaluba x0x0

Dear Human

We are being neglected and not being fed enough apples. Please come home and remedy this. Wuffles, Blue and Houdini

Dear Dad

I miss you with all my heart. You are the only best Dad in the world because I love you with all my heart. So Dad you are the best. Love from Emma

Hey Chap

Happy Birthday to you. Hope you are settling in and all is going well. Thinking of you and love you heaps. Mum, Dad, S & L, S & T.

Dear Kit

This is exciting, first message in the Bugle. Knowing my luck you won't even read this! If you do I would like to say don't believe anything the bunnies say. They are in fact still being spoilt and do get some apples, even if it's not as many as usual. I will agree on the please come home bit though. Love you TIAB. Half of a KitKat

Hey Hun

OK, so we are now maybe only 1 month into what feels like a really long wait in having you home again with us, but we can do this aye! Missing you all the time it seems but we are keeping busy here and the time is trucking along. Kids always talking about you 'if Dad was here, he would help us with that', or 'he would definitely do that!' They wonder what you are doing, I just say your probably having heaps of fun and meeting lots of people so we need to make sure we are doing fun stuff too :). I love that when you go away i realise how much you are my best friend. We are better together and that has got to be a good thing! Keep writing and telling us all about your trip babe, I love hearing it all. Sending heaps of love from me to you always. Wx

Hey Simba!

Missing you heaps hope you are ok over there. Its been amazing hearing from you. I love you so much and cant wait to give you a big hug and a kiss! Love you lots baby, Panda xoxox

Kia Ora PJ

The lavalavas for the girls are awesome and thanks for the letter, good to hear you are settled in and keeping busy. Weather is starting to cool down here so I'm very jealous of your tropical temperatures. We're all back to school next week, so I'll make sure that I get a package away to you in the next few days. Keep the coms up, take care. Arohanui K

Hey Pumbaa

Told you I'd embarrass you through writing updates in the Bugle. Hehe! Can't believe a month has been and gone already - and what a month it's been. By the time you read this I'll be in full countdown for my long weekend with the girls in Melbourne. Watch out bridal boutiques! Thank you so much for the anniversary gifts, you're such a big softie under your rough (and increasingly hairy) exterior. The mo has got to go before bedtime please! Only six months to go... (Argh!) Love G(B) xoxo

Hi Daddy

Come home soon Daddy. I miss you. I want to play on the trampoline with you. I will see you at the airport. Love from Ethan xxx

FABD4D

So nice to see you on skype last night and know that you arrived safely. We are trying to be good for mummy but "smack bums in a box" need to be sent! Can't wait to talk to you again and tell you what else we have been up too! Love you to the man truck and back. C & L (and mummy)

To my Darling

Can't believe that this will be my last message in here to you. Time has gone so much faster than I expected. Only a little time to go until we have you back in our arms. Travel safe and see you soon! Lots of love A, E and A xoxoxo

Hi Uncle Pani

Thank you for the present I love it. I got the orange one and I let Herena choose first so she got the pink one. We went to Taupo for a holiday, it was fun. The last time we were there it was with you. I liked reading your letter. Lots of love from Aria.

Gunsmoke

We are missing you very much, i miss playing roughs with you and you winding me up! It is very quiet here without you. I am taking good care of mum and

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she tells me she misses raven! I hope dog is with you where ever you go. Big hugs and kisses, we love you. Love william and mummy xxx

Hi Zane

So good to share time with you and see you off. Saw the Hummer picture – yahoo! I'm glad to hear you have all arrived safe and sound and started your work. My love and thoughts are with you everyday. Nana ox

Hi Zane

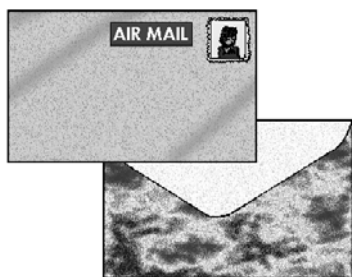
Keep safe and enjoy your time over there. You have only just left but we miss you already. Lots of love Mum, Hails and BB xx (P.S. Uncle Pete says hi - ute still in one piece! Haha)

Hey D

Hope you're well settled and have received some mail from home by now. All is well here but we're missing you heaps. Stay strong, stay safe and can't wait to see some of the photos you've taken. Luv A, O, S and Rusty.

Hey MPolo

Hope you are settling in well and finding your way. You can rest easy your little monkeys are doing well and are keeping their cheeky little spirits up. They have even taken to blowing kisses to you every night so that you never miss out! Keep smiling; I'm sure we'll be able to count down the days before you know it. Love CherryB



CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

If your address, phone number(s) or email address have changed, or are changing, please contact your DSO in Burnham or Linton, or complete the below form and send it to us (address information on inside front cover of this edition):

Service Person's Name:

Deployment Location:

Your Details:

Name:

Old Address:

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New Address:

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Home Phone No. Cellphone No.

Email Address:

BOUQUETS

Major Timi Tuatini

On behalf of the many families associated with TG GYRO, I would like to extend our sincere thanks for joining with us for the pre-deployment briefings for the next rotation. We very much valued your presentations, your expertise and fine words of wisdom. You have helped us along the way in preparing for this deployment and we have much peace of mind for the way ahead. *Carol and Families TG GYRO*

J

You are a gift! Thank you so much for the most amazing support you give everyday! We are so lucky to have you on board. I value, more than you can ever imagine, all you do. C

TU CRIB 19

A bouquet of thanks for the gorgeous bouquet of flowers. It was a pleasure to be quietly in the background here while you have all been away. Safe travels and take a well earned break. *Carol, DSO Burnham*

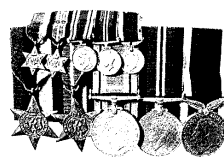
I love flowers and chocolates, thank you so much. Our CRIB 19 families have been fantastic while you have been away but I know that they are ready for you all to be home. It has been a pleasure to be part of the deployment from the home front. *Janine, DSO Linton*

Students from two classes at Nelson Park School in Napier have written letters intended to be given to service personnel currently serving on overseas deployments. The below two letters are samples of those submitted by the students.

Dear soldier
Hi my name
is Dale. I come
from New Zealand. What
sort of guns do you have.
What world wars did
you win, please circle
the world wars you won
here. world war 1 world war 2
world war 3. I am seven
years old. Thank
you for looking
after our land.

Dale S
Room 14
Nelson Park School
Napier
sent 30/3/12

Dear soldier
Hello my name
is Jack. I am seven.
We are learning about Anzac
day. what do you eat?
Do you have a Tv? what
kind of games do
you play and do you have?
a playground. Thank you
for helping NZ what
kind of car
do you have
have a nice
Anzac day.



Jack T Nelson Park School
Room 14 Napier

Congratulations Vanessa!

A week before Vanessa Wilson's dad left for Afghanistan she started her entry for the Guardian (Palmerston North) newspaper's Easter colouring competition, and posted it the day he departed.

Just before Easter she received the phone call to say that she had won.

Well done Vanessa,

Photo courtesy of The Guardian



A Mother's Love

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away...

It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking...
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems...

It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation....
A many splendoured miracle man cannot understand,
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

Helen Steiner Rice

talk,

listen,

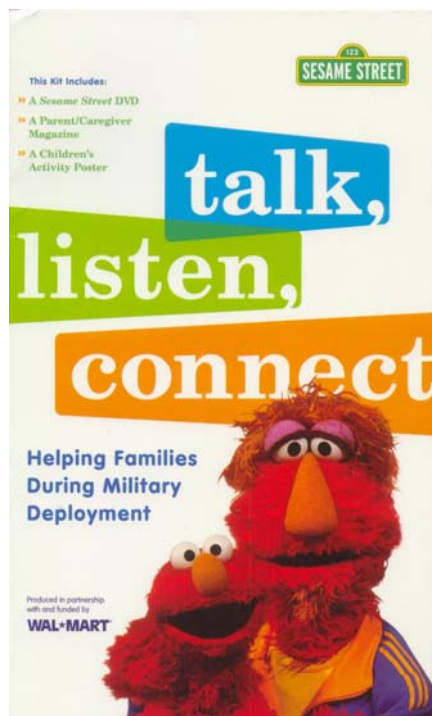
connect



Sesame Street, in partnership with WAL-MART, has recently launched 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 a 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 review 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!

Now for the good news – The DSO’s in Linton and Burnham now hold loan copies of this package. Please contact them to borrow.

Family Matters

The whole family can be proud of the selfless, patriotic service your deployed family member is providing. Here are some tips that can help during the time apart.

Talk

» **Keep all lines of communication open with your child, spouse, and those around you** – before, during, and after deployment. Don’t forget to communicate with your child’s caregivers and teachers, too.

» **Make sure your child knows how special and how loved he or she is** – not just by you but also by the parent who’s away. Remind your child softly, loudly, and often!

Listen

» **There are going to be lots of changes. Some may be difficult.** But remind your child that change can also be exciting and can lead to growth and to rich, new experiences.

» **The deployed parent isn’t the only courageous person in the family.** Teach your child that courage does not mean never being scared or sad. Courage means doing what you need to, however you may feel. By getting up each morning and living each day, your child shows courage.

Connect

» **Your child is not alone. Your family is not alone.** You’re part of a larger community. Self-reliance is good, but don’t forget to ask family, friends, and neighbours for help when you need it.