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Padre Jonathon Holland, GYRO 13 at the contingent welcome for the Senior National Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Steve Watts

GUEST EDITORIAL

SOCIAL MEDIA USE AND SECURITY

Mr Peter Jackson

Assistant Director Security Audit

Security – what is it?

In an NZDF context, security is ‘the condition achieved when designated information, materiel, personnel, activities and installations are protected against espionage, sabotage, subversion and terrorism, as well as against loss or unauthorised disclosure’.



How is this relevant to me?

Security is the responsibility of everyone in the NZDF family. In addition to members of the Defence Force, we encourage our families to be involved too. A proactive individual and collective approach is essential if we are to successfully identify and counteract the security threats to the NZDF.

Is there really a security threat?

Yes. While we can't go into detail here, there are threat actors (such as foreign intelligence services and issue motivated groups) who, for reasons contrary to NZDF's interests, wish to learn more about our organisation than is officially in the public domain.

A significant vulnerability, and one also noted by our military counterparts overseas, is the use of social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Skype, etc. These sites are great for staying in touch with family and friends (especially when deployed), but they also represent a very real security risk because of the potential for unauthorised disclosure of sensitive, possibly classified, NZDF-related information and images. Threat actors have been known to target social media sites, including pages belonging to NZDF members.

What can I do to help?

Firstly, ensure your account's privacy and security settings are as tight as possible.

Don't discuss NZDF information or post NZDF-related images on personal or group social networking pages.

Switch off application functionality which could give away your location (especially if deployed).

Decline 'Friend' invitations from people you don't know personally.

Report any incident (online or offline) which may have security implications for NZDF.

The Defence Security Division (DSyD) is part of HQ NZDF and is responsible to the Chief of Defence Force for the delivery of security policy, services, products and related support to the NZDF.

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NEWS FROM CRIB 20, AFGHANISTAN

Lieutenant Colonel Peter Hall Commanding Officer CRIB 20

Hello CRIB 20 families and friends!

When I spoke to you during the families briefs, prior to departing New Zealand, I raised the point that we were deploying to a complex environment that was generally safe but at times could be dangerous. The 3rd of July was a sad and stark reminder of just how changeable and volatile it can be here at times. On the morning of the 3rd after receiving a call for assistance from the Provincial Chief of Police (PCOP), I made a decision to assist a local Afghan National Police (ANP) Checkpoint that was under attack and had suffered at least one casualty – two patrols deployed in support of the ANP in a coordinated response. Unfortunately, the ANP patrol that was travelling between our lads was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED) resulting in the death of 4 police and the wounding of 2 others. Thanks to the quick actions of the men and women of the two NZ patrols, no further lives were lost and the actions of our medics undoubtedly saved the life of one of the wounded policemen

and the arm of another. Two of our wounded brothers in arms remain in an American hospital; the original wounded per from the initial attack was treated and has been released.

At the time of writing the initial draft of this article, I had hoped that the worst was over. Unfortunately, on the 8th of July, five ANP Provincial Quick Reaction Force members were killed (again by an IED) enroute to Do Abe to commence further partnered and mentored patrol activities with CRIB 20. A patrol responded (after I received yet another call from the PCOP informing me of the attack) and as the first reinforcements to arrive, they provided support and protection to the survivors and secured the area.

We won't forget the sacrifice these men have made in working towards ensuring this province remains stable and secure. We think of their families daily.

All commanders on operations worry at the mid tour point that standards may slip and complacency set in, I have made a point throughout this tour of



Two of the ANP guards who protect us everyday - they have lost 9 mates in the last 5 days after the two latest IED incidents we have had here

ensuring that commanders at all levels are wary of this. In the contacts on the 3rd and 8th of July the professionalism, training and expertise of our team here was put to the test, I can report that as a result of the insistence by junior leaders of high standards and regular training, that they conducted themselves in a manner befitting NZ soldiers.

As we have been doing throughout the tour, we will continue to examine how we operate and ensure that we fully understand the risks that exist, and that we do everything we can to minimise those risks. We constantly review and improve our procedures and we will continue to do so.

This week we will rename the "streets" inside Kiwi Base to honour those New Zealanders who have lost their lives whilst serving in Afghanistan and hold a ceremony to mark the occasion where we will remember Lieutenant Tim O'Donnell, Corporal Douglas Grant, Lance Corporal Leon Smith, Private Kirifi Mila, Corporal Douglas Hughes and our fallen ANP comrades. It is my intent that when this base is closed down that the street signs be brought back to NZ and handed over to the families.

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The first part of the tour for me has passed very quickly. I hope those of you at home are finding the time passing just as fast. The team here all continue to work hard and it never ceases to amaze me how such an eclectic mix of individuals can gel so well as a unit. Our task is not over yet and is a long way from being completed. In fact, as I remind all of the commanders, our responsibilities will not end until we have landed back in New Zealand.

I am proud of the way that every day, everyone steps up to the challenges of living and working here, whilst looking after themselves, each other and their Afghan colleagues.

Kindest regards, Peter.

COMMS — THE VERY BEST!

Lance Corporal Wade Cashmore CRIB 20 S6 Cell

"Fight for Comms" has always been a phrase championed amongst Sigs. Here in the TG CRIB S6 Cell it has been joined by another battle: "Fight for Sat-TV". While it may not be as 'glamorous', it is indicative of the priority dedicated to welfare tasks within Kiwi Base and COP Romero. In a contingent as tightly knit as we have become, everyone pitches in; doing what they can to keep morale up. That may mean turning out consistently awesome meals, building better facilities, or (if you're the S6 cell) always striving to maintain and improve welfare systems enabling people to call home, check their emails, and stay entertained. As rugby season and the Olympics are upon us, demand is high for better TV, bigger satellite dishes, and more channels/coverage.

On a day to day basis, our workload is split pretty evenly between 'operational' tasks, welfare or 'perk' jobs for other contingent



CRIB 20 Information Systems Operators

members, and the grey area that covers everything in between. Our cell / cave is nested near the CP, where we have enough space and hardware to manage all of our systems effectively. Sharing an office with our brethren, the US Sig Det, certainly makes work interesting. This is because we get to see how the lead Coalition Force Nation run and operate their C2 systems, as well as the comical differences in culture and perspective.

One of the extra roles I have inherited is the Patrol Sig for KT6. This means getting out of the wire and allowing me to patrol the rest of the AO. It also reinforces my appreciation for the relative luxuries of Kiwi Base. As the rest of the cell continues with current tasks, I dust off my radio kit, and don my 'patrol sig' hat to rejoin KT6 for another patrol up North. Our main effort is to travel to FPB Do Abe, a 10 hour drive north, as our patrol is too lightly armored to take the faster but more dangerous route.

Our patrol to Do Abe is smooth, with minimal vehicle issues, and in relative comfort due to our recently

repaired aircon (Great for morale). It's always good to stop at COP Romero on the way through to Do Abe, in order to catch up with the Kiwi Company personnel who don't get a chance to make it down to Kiwi Base. Sig Joseph is busy multi-tasking, covering the ISOP and CNR work for Romero as well as the CP, so we take any opportunities we can to check in on his well-being and sanity. The pers at Romero were in jubilation at the fact we had brought up their mail from Kiwi Base. Our stop was a brief one but before I left, I ventured into the CP to note any requirements they have for our cell before continuing to Do Abe.

The next day at Do Abe sees the patrol up early to begin their daily work routine. Our stated mission is 'to do anything to improve the quality of life at the FPB' and to that effect we've brought up the JCB digger and tools. With each of the Engineers working on their specialized tasks, (and swapping out my radio for a spade) we dig burn pits and drains, install a new toilet block, and put in a new water filtration system. As the work continues into the afternoon, it

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becomes apparent that the climate is far hotter this far north than we are accustomed to. Despite the heat, working outside is a good change to the usual office work that fills most of my day in Kiwi Base.

Overall, the work tasks took us two days to complete, and another day to return to Kiwi Base. It's always a relief to return to our regular routine (and all the work that has accumulated whilst we've been away). I am lucky to be able to split time between my role as ISOP and KT6 Patrol Sig. It keeps me busy and it's a great opportunity to escape the confines of Kiwi Base, see more of the country, and to help improve C2 capabilities at the COP and FPB, both welfare and operations.



The historic site of the Buddhas

NEWS FROM OP FARAD, SINAI



Farad Fun Run
NZ Con achieved 3 placings in the USA Peachtree Fun Run to celebrate their Independence Day in North Camp, Sinai on the 3rd of July 2012

*Sgt Dickerson, 3rd — 5 km
Capt Baker, 3rd — 10 km
LWTR Smale, 3rd — 10 km (womens)*

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THE DESERT KIWIS

LCpl Matthew Harrison
Op FARAD

By the time this gets printed, myself and a number of others in the New Zealand Contingent in Sinai, will be counting down days before our departure home.

Each NZ contingent that rotates in the Sinai, continues a tradition of Kiwis in the Sinai dating back to World Wars I & II to the present time with the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) mission. Over the last 6 months, the drivers working closely with drivers from Uruguay, have clocked up countless kilometres, moved vast amounts of water, fuel, food and general freight around the Sinai peninsula and from Israel. This trip to the Sinai is sought by most drivers; I can remember a few years ago, when I first joined my unit of 3 Transport Coy, sitting around the smoko table having lunch hearing the yarns of people who have been here before me.

The mission involves a lot of hard work with days on the road starting in the early hours with 0430 being the normal wake up time in the barracks. After a shower and shave, its uniform on and off for breakfast, and then off to the Armoury to pick up weapons. By now the sun has risen as well as the temperature and once we've collected our vehicles and our missions for the day, its a quick stop at the marshalling area where your vehicle is checked by FMPU (Force Military Police Unit) to make sure you have your vehicle tools, weapons, body armour before meeting up with your convoy or your escort vehicle and then you're out the gate.

Life in the desert can be mundane, but one of the best things here is not just interacting with your own contingent, but mixing with other



LCpl Harrison overlooking a cove on the outskirts of Taba



LCpl Harrison with a Uruguayan driver and a soldier from the Egyptian Army (ARE)

nations including USA, Uruguay, Canada, Colombia and Fiji.

It's been said back home that soldiers are underpaid and have a lack of equipment, but that being said, Kiwi Soldiers have a unique ability to communicate with different

cultures and countries using our friendly attitudes, often proving that political situations between countries are left for governments to disagree on – a good example is the great friendship the Kiwis have with the Fijians.

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1 Charlie is a MFO checkpoint at the Nizzana border where the Kiwis and other contingents cross over the border from Egypt to Israel daily. At 1 Charlie, the Fijians are more than hospitable to their South Pacific neighbours. On countless occasions I've been held there to wait for an escort vehicle from North Camp or waiting for a vehicle to clear Egyptian Customs; it's never too long before the offer of cake or ice cream comes out and a cold drink in the heat of the day, a polite 'no thank you' always ends up with moments later finding myself with a bowl of ice cream and cake while having some laughs with them.

During my time in the desert, I've experienced rocks being thrown at MFO vehicles by local kids, a fuel shortage which saw fuel missions leaving the gate before the sun broke in the wee hours of the morning, tyre burnings as part as protests by locals to show unrest towards issues in the Sinai, and the competitiveness between contingents during weekly sports.

As I think about heading home to friends and family, I can't help thinking about all the great times here – the welcoming in new rotations from all the different contingents, the different themed get-togethers and the lifelong friends I've made during my time here. And thanks to the wonders of Facebook we're sure to keep in touch for years to come and the experience of being a Desert Kiwi.

LIFE IN THE MFO

My name is Staff Sergeant John McGrail, and I am a Reservist Soldier with 2 Engineer Regiment in Linton Military Camp.

I am currently serving with the Multinational Force and Observers in the Sinai for 6 months.

Back in New Zealand, I have been a police officer in the Wellington District for the last 23 years.

The NZ Police are excellent employers and over the years have been very supportive in allowing me to deploy overseas on 6 separate missions.

I am married to Debbie and we have 5 sons and a daughter. Without the backing of my fantastic wife, who has her hands full running a busy household, I wouldn't have managed to get away as much as I have.

I work in the Training & Advisory Team (NZTAT) as a driving instructor, conducting driving courses on a wide range of vehicles from Fully Armoured Vehicles to buses, and articulated truck and trailer units. We also conduct courses for the Unit Driver trainers and provide driver licence testing for all the contingents.

Once a year we help run the Force Skills Competition and twice a year we host the Driving Competition

which is fiercely contested by all contingents.

In the latest driving competition, our Kiwi driving team put in a commendable effort to come a respectable second behind their arch rivals, the Uruguayans.

The MFO have a large fleet of up to 600 vehicles which travel millions of kilometres a year in such a harsh environment.

The biggest cause of injuries and fatalities to our MFO personnel continues to be from vehicle accidents. This emphasises the importance of our role in NZTAT to deliver top class training to the 1656 troops from the 12 contributing nations that make up the MFO.

The Multinational Force and Observers have recently celebrated their 30th Anniversary, making this the longest running mission that the NZ Defence Force has ever committed to.

The Force Commander is none



Driving Instructors John McGrail, Darryl Dickerson and Maui Johnston from the (NZTAT) New Zealand Training & Advisory Team in the MFO

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other than our own Kiwi; Major General Warren Whiting.

Five of the 28 members that make up the Kiwi Contingent are Reservist Soldiers. It's great to be working again alongside our ANZAC Aussie brothers, whom we have a close history with in this part of the world.

A bonus with being in this region is that all these historical places are at our back doorstep, so we are spoilt for choices when planning our mid term leave.

I am looking forward to participating in the 70th Anniversary Commemorations of the Battle of El Alamein in October 2012. So if you are considering whether to apply to serve on Op FARAD, I would recommend that you seize the opportunity, as you will not regret it.

"World Weather" - Where our troops are: Wednesday 17 July

Honiara, Solomon Islands	Low 21°C, High 32°C Sunny
Dili, Timor-Leste	Low 20°C, High 29°C Sunny
Kabul, Afghanistan	Low 20°C, High 32°C Sunny
Bagram, Afghanistan	Low 20°C, High 30°C Hazy
Bamian, Afghanistan	Low 18°C, High 34°C Sunny
Yongsan, Korea	Low 18°C, High 28°C Cloudy
Sinai Peninsula	Low 29°C, High 41°C Sunny

NEWS FROM OP RATA II (15), SOLOMON ISLANDS

MY TIME SO FAR HERE IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

Lance Corporal Shanley Haronga

Upon landing on the tarmac at the Henderson International Airport in Honiara, Solomon Island airport, the plane comes to a halt after a long 7 hour flight. As we sit patiently waiting for our next instructions, the back door of the RNZAF Hercules is lowered and a wall of hot sticky humid heat rushes in and hits our bodies. An instant sweat builds up as soon as I start walking towards the Customs area on our way to our new home at the Guadalcanal Beach Resort (GBR). Some of us will call GBR home for 4 months, while others including myself will call it home for 6 months.

For someone who has never been

overseas, not even to Australia, this is an odd feeling. This is an exciting new experience, which I am nervous and a little bit intimidated about. My first drive into Honiara Township is a massive eye opener and culture shock – life here is simple but the people seem at peace and happy with what little they have.

My biggest challenge for the next few weeks will be adapting to and overcoming the over whelming heat this place has to offer. Even though it appears to not be a wealthy or privileged country, it truly is beautiful and relaxing and I can really see my time here being enjoyable.

The food here in GBR is outstanding and the health standards are impeccable to

ensure our health and safety. There is a 24 hour gym at GBR with top of the line equipment to ensure we can work off all that yummy food. There is also a good health centre called ASPEN to help fix us in case we break ourselves from training too hard.

My role while I'm here in the Solomon Islands is to support the boys of 5 Platoon, Bravo Coy, 2/1 RNZIR by supplying them with anything and everything they need. This ranges from simple items such as water to more complicated clothing like a pair of new running shoes. Back in New Zealand that would be simple, but in Solomon Islands it takes up to a month to get things sent over. It has definitely tested my patience and professional skills to ensure I have all the equipment and stores I need to supply the boys in order for them to successfully carry out all their tasks, whether it is from here at GBR as QRF—the Quick Reaction Force — or out in the jungle conducting training.

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Lance Corporal Haronga floats down river from China Falls

One of the most memorable activities I have undertaken here so far would be when I participated as a member of the catafalque party for ANZAC Day and the big walk up to China Falls.

I have been in the Army for four years now and have somehow managed to miss out on participating in a catafalque party, until now. I was a bit worried as in the past I have fainted a few times while participating in parade activities. What made me more nervous was the fact that I would be right up the front where over a hundred people have a full line of sight to me, taking photos and observing any and all movement I dare make.

Sergeant Rose Lind was our catafalque commander and made sure we knew exactly what was expected of us. She gave me some personal motivational tips on how to conduct myself in a professional manner and subtle ways to distract myself from feeling faint. I found the best way was to concentrate on the little cute feet of the children of Honiara Primary School while they took the time to lay each individual ANZAC wreath from several different nations and organisations. This took longer

than anticipated, which then unfortunately led to me having a brief moment of light headedness; my face went as pale as a ghost as I felt the blood shooting away from my face. Thankfully, I managed to talk myself out of it, and remained composed and disciplined holding my position without drawing the attention of too many people.

Once all the prayers were completed and the final reading was read, Sergeant Lind then brought us up to attention to salute the New Zealand flag one last time before finally marching us off, thus completing my first catafalque duty. I got a few pats on the back and a few cheeky comments on how they were waiting for me to faint. We then moved off to our breakfast at the Honiara Yacht Club.

Another favourite, but also very challenging activity, has been the China Falls walk. I am known here as the fitness 'go to person' because I help take the contingent PT. So I am meant to be fit! These hills were steep and made the lungs burn from trying to suck in as much humid air as possible whilst trying to stumble my way up. It was only a two hour hike but it felt like it went on forever. Whenever we got to stop and have a break at the top of each peak, I'd drop to the ground

and take on some much needed water from my camel pack. Finally, the tour guide lets us know we are about to descend down the hill towards the waterfall, a huge sigh of relief overcame me and I high-fived the tour guide. This made the rest of my group burst out with laughter at my excitement. It is much more fun going down the hill, spending most of the time on my backside due to the slippery and steep terrain! Once we reached the bottom, I ran to the water and fell in. It felt amazing after all the hard work we had just put in, some of us including myself dared to climb up to the top of the falls to jump off. After this we inflated our lifejackets and slowly floated down the river. It was a very relaxing return trip, and gave us time to really enjoy and take in the beautiful scenery the Solomon Islands has to offer.

I loved the China Falls walk and highly recommended people to give it a go, for anyone that gets the chance.

I am only three months into my six month tour and I have loved every second of it. It has really made me appreciate my own job and responsibility, and has taught me some very valuable skills I can take home and impart to others. I have some truly amazing family members and friends back home who help keep my morale high by sending me some awesome care packages filled with lots of goodies.

I will go on some much deserved out-of-theatre leave in a few weeks and I am so excited as I am going to meet up with friends in Australia for eight days. I can't wait to spend some of my hard earned money in the Gold Coast shops and enjoy some of the small things in life, like real fresh milk and ice cream! I know when I return to GBR I will be feeling refreshed for a further three months here in the sunny Solomon Islands.

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'Rambo's' at the end of a patrol through the Tetere Palm Plantations



Above: Pte Tame Crawford—takes a 5 minute break in the jungle



Padre Chris Haines and Sgt Robyn Lind on the trail as they cross Guadalcanal from the south to the north coast

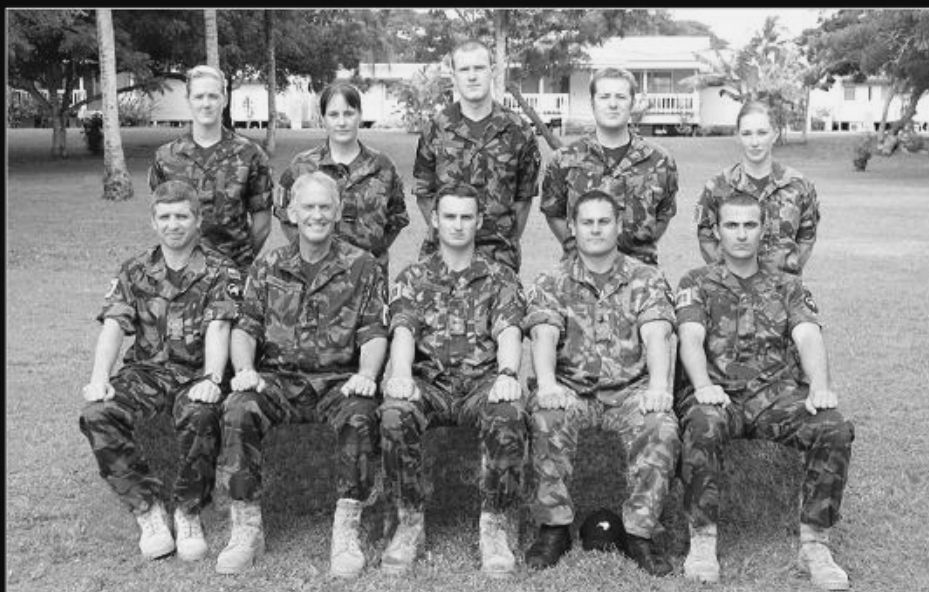


Left: Patrolling in Sara Grasslands



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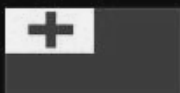
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Back Row: LCPL Shan Haronga; SGT Robyn Stewart; PTE Colin Mundell; PTE Darryl Hallinan; SGT Rose Lind
Front Row: WO2 Grahame Bland; PADRE Chris Haines; CAPT Rod Masters; WO2 Pani Houia; LT Joey Amos



CPL Mike Colbert



NEWS FROM GYRO 13, TIMOR-LESTE



GYRO 13
"Lucky for Some"

GYRO 13 UPDATE

Major Tim Tuatini
Officer Commanding GYRO 13

The month of July is upon us here in Timor-Leste, this period is a busy one for all of us. We have just had the Parliamentary Elections on Saturday 07 July, where the Timorese people got to vote for their representatives and parties to form their next government. This is a right that they take very seriously, with many heading some distances back to their villages from Friday 06 July to visit their polling booths on the Saturday. Certainly Dili was quiet with less people on the streets and many businesses closed. The Election period went well and the country is now in the period of negotiation as parties look to form coalitions and have their government for the next term decided. As an aside, we had a visit from a delegation of NZ MPs monitoring the elections. It was interesting to show them around Kiwi Lines and talk to them about our tasks.

The HQ or National Command Element (NCE) is still moving back and forth across Dili to attend various meetings or generally work with the specialist areas within the Australian HQ based at Camp

Phoenix. The focus for the HQ has been on planning for our whole group to travel down to the Covalima Region which is approximately 150kms to the South West of Dili, later this month. This is towards the border with West Timor and was the area that NZ personnel were based from 1999 to 2004. Sadly, a number of Kiwis and other nation's soldiers under NZ command lost their lives whilst on duty during this period. There are 10 memorials erected around the district to their memory, which we will visit, conduct maintenance if needed, and hold services to them in location. The Company Sergeant Major (CSM) "Muzz" Holden and a small group of 'adventurers' are heading down there next week to meet up with local chiefs and area dignitaries to notify them of our plans and dates. The rest of us will travel down over the last week in July by road and helicopter. For some of our group, it's a chance to revisit the area previously served in and for others it's their opportunity to see it for the first time. Either way, the benefit for all will be to get out of Dili and see another part of Timor-Leste that is more rural than city.

The Security Platoon (Infantry) and a section from the Combat Service Support Team (CSST) have been working through the modules on the Urban Operators Course. They have spent time on the range doing some specialised shooting and practicing their skills around our area here in the HPOD. Some soldiers from the F-FDTL, (Timor-Leste's Army) spent a day with the course learning some unarmed combat skills. This

was well received and the interaction enjoyed by all. The course will culminate with a testing phase being the final exercise, to be held this month. The F-FDTL will also participate in a skills demonstration phase.

The Protected Mobility Vehicles (PMV) troop have been making the most of their time training up the new Aussie Platoon based with them in Tiger Lines. They have managed to leave the HPOD with their vehicles on a quick response exercise last month, so are now planning the next opportunity to get outside the wire. Perseverance has been the key for them. They are well led by their Troop HQ and they will head to the range and on another exercise this month, both outside the camp confines.

The Combat Service Support Team (CSST) continues their skilled work to keep us in 'business.' They are also starting to 'look forward' as the planning for the upcoming end of mission gathers momentum. The good relationship with their equivalent Aussie CSST, also here in the HPOD, will no doubt be beneficial as the year progresses.

Our Senior National Officer (SNO) Commander Andrew Nuttall changed over this month on completion of his time here in Timor, so we welcomed his replacement Lieutenant Colonel Steve Watts into Dili in the recognised 'Kiwi' way. This was the first time that our contingent has performed our NZDF Haka along with our own input guided by members within our group. Freda Rehua performed a Karanga (call) and Storm Harrison led his warriors forward in what was a fierce Wero (traditional challenge). Our new SNO accepted the challenge and the contingent supported the outgoing SNO after the speeches, with the Haka performed with pride and feeling.

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SNO, Lieutenant Colonel Watts accepts the challenge in a recognised 'Kiwi' way



The Haka performed with pride

As a group, GYRO 13 remains settled and has a steady routine in 'Kiwi Lines'. There tends to be activity daily as many recognise the need to make the most of the time here. Individuals and teams have been involved in a range of tasks

supporting various military, non military and charitable organisations. Many individual goals, whether physical, mental, cultural or musical are getting closer with practise and effort.

As always, any contact from home

is a highlight and looked forward to by all, whether it's by computer or the old fashioned way, by telephone and letter, it's all good. At this end, there is often a pile of boxes and mail heading towards NZ so I'm sure it's reciprocal. All the best from GYRO 13.

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LIFE AT THE NSE, DARWIN

**Major Mark Richards, RNZAMC
OC NSE Op GYRO,
RAAF Base Darwin**

"The GYRO 12 and GYRO 13 NSE staff have done a fantastic job supporting the mission in Timor-Leste, and I am fortunate to have been given the opportunity to serve with them".

As I write this article for "The Bugle", I am sitting in Dili with the team from GYRO 13. My normal place of work, however, is Darwin, as the Officer Commanding (OC) of the National Support Element (NSE), and from time to time as part of my duties, I make the 1½ hour flight to and from Dili.

Darwin is an interesting place. Admittedly it takes a while to get there from New Zealand, but at this time of year it is nice and warm, unlike home, and so the trip here from that perspective is a bonus. The down-side is that we are all away from our families and loved ones, and no matter how many times you deploy, it doesn't get any easier to leave them behind, or for that matter for you to say goodbye to us.

When I arrived in Darwin in March, GYRO 12 were 2/3rds of the way through their rotation, and I had a different team to what I do now. The GYRO 12 and GYRO 13 NSE staff have both done a fantastic job supporting the mission in Timor-Leste, and I am fortunate to have been given the opportunity to serve with them. A big thank you to Sgt Vic Fulton, RNZAF, Sgt Kawai Horomia, RNZALR, and LCpl Dan Aubrey, RNZALR for the excellent job you did for GYRO 12, and to

F/Sgt Twiggy Marshall, RNZAF, Sgt Lee Capper, RNZAF, and LCpl Zeke Lytollis, RNZALR, for the ongoing support you are providing GYRO 13.

Life at the NSE is varied. We not only support the mission in Timor-Leste, although this is a big chunk of what we do, we also support any RNZAF aircraft, or NZDF personnel transiting through Darwin. Some of these include the Longlook flights, Afghanistan rotation and resupply flights, and aircraft and personnel heading away on exercise. Recent visitors have included Prime Minister John Key, our Governor General, His Excellency, Lieutenant General Sir Jerry Mateparae, and most recently the World War II Bomber Command Veterans. Each of these groups has different requirements, and all are made to feel welcome in Darwin. My hat goes off to the NSE staff, who go above and beyond the requirements of their daily responsibilities, to ensure that these visitors are left with a good impression of their stay in Darwin.

When not looking after transiting aircraft and personnel, the staff at the NSE undertake a variety of tasks. F/Sgt Twiggy Marshall is the Admin Senior NCO. She makes sure that all the bills are paid, sorts out allowances and gives us our spending money, a bit like us mums and dads do for our kids at pocket money time. She balances the accounts, and runs the office in an extremely efficient manner.

Sgt Lee Capper is the purchasing Senior NCO. His job is to find all the good deals for all sorts of nick nacks and bits and pieces that the team in Timor can't purchase for themselves, or can't source through New Zealand. He's a bit like Arthur Daly from that old TV series 'Minder' (I'm showing my age here), as he is the man who knows where to get 'stuff' from. If Lee can't get it,

no-one can. Then there is LCpl Zeke Lytollis, the youngest and most energetic member of the team. By the way, I won't mention who the oldest member of the GYRO 13 NSE team is, but I will say that it is not any of the blokes. Anyway, getting back to Zeke, he is the Mover and shaker of the team. It is his job to get the stuff that Lee buys, into Dili. It is also his job to get freight and other items that transit through Darwin, back to New Zealand. Sometimes this can be as easy as ringing DHL and getting them to come and collect, or putting it on a transiting RNZAF aircraft, and at other times the process can seem rather complicated and frustrating, especially when having to deal with some of the peculiarities of the movements world and the Australian Border Control and Quarantine services. An awesome effort team! As well as this, each of them spends time in Timor helping out their counterparts, and will also fill in and do their jobs when they go out on leave.

Soon we will have a bunch of Kiwis descend onto RAAF Base Darwin when Exercise Pitch Black commences. It will be good having another 50 or so of our fellow countrymen and women here with us, and I'm sure we will be getting the BBQ out on several occasions while they are here.

Well, that's a bit of the life of NSE Darwin. I hope this gives you a bit of an insight into the work that we do to support our personnel all around the world. Surprisingly there isn't really long to go until we all come home. We're only talking about 4 months, and we'll be back. Looking forward to it. In the meantime, off to a Powhiri practice soon in preparation for the new SNO arriving tomorrow.

Take care. From the NZ NSE Team, RAAF Base Darwin.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CONT'D...

GREETINGS FROM TIMOR-LESTE

By the time this goes to print, CSST will have been in Timor-Leste as GYRO 13 for two months which means only four more months of sticky heat and hard work.. not that I'm counting down or anything! Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday we start our day at 0630 with a challenging PT session with our fabulous PTI, CPL Jess Blair. Some of our PT sessions so far have had us running up a few hundred stairs to look out over Dili at the Jesus statue, building up our endurance with interval training around the old Helo-pads in camp, testing our lungs with a gas mask circuit (a shocking but rewarding first for myself) and run up some more stairs and a hill to the Pope statue. Stormy, Ge, Locky, Stu and Bryce managed to get themselves off work and alongside Security Platoon for a 5 week Urban Ops course which could help them with their next posting to South Auckland or they could put their newly learnt skills into action playing the next Call of Duty game... who knows!

The Supply Section have been working hard since arriving in May to achieve our 100% stocktake as well as keeping the contingent well stocked of all the useful goodies we hold such as batteries... I'm starting to wonder if the security platoon eats them, it's either that or they get too much use of their Xbox controllers.

There also seems to be an unspoken "Cripple Competition" going on between Rob Clark and Freda Rehua — Although Freda seems to be winning by miles having not attended PT in a few weeks.

Workshops went and assisted FFDTL with a vehicle recovery at Metinaro—they managed to come back various shades of brown,

black, and of course pink, which led us back here in camp wondering if they really did do anything during that time....

Even though CSST is always busy with some tasking or other, we occasionally find time to relax. Whether it's heading out to the Orphanage with Padre Jon Holland or relaxing at the beach with a BBQ, we are trying to make the most of our second summer since we didn't have much of one back home.

To all our friends, family and loved ones back home, I hope this has given you a bit of an insight to what we do and we are all looking forward to seeing you on our return.



Left to Right: Cpl Samantha Geary, LAC Rochelle Wech, Cpl Jess Blair and Cpl Erica Clementson



Lcpl "Stewy" Stewart celebrates his victory over Cpl "Locky" Lockton



Left to Right: LCpl "Tooky" Ngatokorua, Cpl Erica Clementson, SSgt "Millsy" Mills, LCpl "Mully" Mulhall and LCpl "Brycee" Collins during their time at Metinaro



LCpl Freda Rehua helping out at the local orphanage



Cpl "Stormy" Harrison shows off his karate-kid skills

CHAPLAIN'S PEN — FROM ABROAD

Padre J Molony
CRIB 20

This week I had the opportunity to visit the National Support Element (NSE) based down in Bagram Air Base. It was quite impressive to see how much goes into supporting a nationwide operation and to our team, winning friends and influencing people with their work ethic and hospitality. Quite a few Americans I ran into appreciated the Kiwi NSE's BBQ nights! The team is very good at putting up with CRIB personnel most weekends who come down for a look around and a break from sentry at Kiwibase.

We were privileged to experience the karaoke night and a nicely timed rocket attack at 8.30pm as opposed to the very early hours of the morning. The rocket attacks are a fairly regular occurrence, most you don't ever hear about until after when the warning to take cover comes over the system. This meant donning our gear and heading to the bunker for an hour or so. Lucky for us someone brought a laptop to watch.

On the flight back up I managed to score the 'jump seat' between the pilots up front. It really is an incredible landscape flying up the valley still lower than some of the ranges and into Bamian. It is hard to believe there is any trouble at all on the ground below, that there are people down there determined to disrupt the government and any forces seen to be supporting them. The boss has mentioned the events of this last fortnight, and our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and loved ones of the local Policemen who lost their lives during this time. There is a saying that goes 'evil flourishes when good men do nothing' we all know there is a cost too for freedom; we honour each year men and women who have died fighting to keep it. I



Fun times with local children



Modes of transport

know that being over here has made me appreciate in a new way the peace we enjoy in NZ, and what it has cost us to get there.

Your loved ones are doing a great job, they know their stuff and are up for the challenges this environment brings. They are a group of people I'm proud to be amongst.

Kia Kaha to you all, and God Bless.



CHAPLAIN'S PEN — FROM ABROAD CONT'D...

'MONKEY SEE, MONKEY DO'

Padre Jonathon Holland
Padre NZ NCE, Timor-Leste

'Monkey see, monkey do' is a well-known saying that originated in Jamaica in the early 18th Century and popped up in American culture in the early 1920s. The saying refers to the learning or imitation of a process without an understanding of why it works. One will simply see and then simply do.

Every fortnight I have a slot at the ISF (International Stabilisation Forces) Commanders' Back Brief and it is my responsibility to bring a principle of leadership to all that attend this back brief. This last week was 'Monkey see, monkey do'. My presentation went as follows.

When I was 9 years old I went to a karate class in Hamilton. There was a karate instructor there who was untouchable, he was super-fast and super-strong. I witnessed this man block attacks and counter them with strikes that we only heard and did not see because they were that rapid. This man was 4th Dan Black Belt Des Sylva. As a young boy my intentions in life were to be like Des Sylva, to be as fast as him, to be as strong as him, to imitate his every movement, it was a classic case of 'monkey see, monkey do'. The next part of my brief was the best part. I called upon my trusty demonstration per, the ISF Timor-Leste Chief of Staff, Lieutenant Colonel Laidlaw from the Australian Army. I asked the good Colonel to strike me with a reverse punch from his right hand. He did this well as he has a background in karate. The next part of the demonstration was the part where I blocked his strike and countered it with a punch to the jaw, just as I witnessed my instructor from over 20 years ago do. We continued with the same attack but with different variations of blokes and counters, one strike

to the kidney, one strike to the throat and an arm lock forcing the Colonel away from me and nearly into the conference room plasma. It was fun.

The point of this short demonstration was to show that I was able to imitate what I saw my karate instructor do all those years ago and to also highlight the reason why I was able to do so. The reason why was because Des Sylva was an inspiration to me, he was a pioneer and he was the best I had ever seen. My presentation climaxed with silence when I asked a few rhetorical questions to my audience, "When soldiers and young officers see you doing what you do, are they inspired enough to want to imitate you? Are they driven by what they see you do to compel them to do the same? Do they apply the 'monkey see, monkey do' principle when they look at you?"

I concluded my brief with this quote from Norman Vincent Peale a clergy man and author from the late 18th Century.

"Repetition of the same thought or physical action develops into a habit which, repeated frequently enough, becomes an automatic reflex."

The reason good leaders are good leaders is because they have mastered good habits of thought and physical action and this has therefore become an automatic function. The National Command element here on GYRO 13 has to be the best command team ever deployed on a GYRO because everyone is a good leader, every personality displays attributes that soldiers and young officers desire to obtain. This is a team I am proud to work alongside.

In our life time we will naturally cross paths of those that amaze us. The amazing thing is though most

tend to watch in awe rather than strive to be that example of awe. The principle of 'monkey see, monkey do' can only serve its purpose when those examples of awe are seen and those whom see, do.

Blessings from TG GYRO 13
"Lucky for some"

BOUQUET



Chaplain Chris Haines
Op RATA
Solomon Islands

It has been a pleasure working with you from afar.

Thank you so much for some wonderful contributions to the Chaplain's Pen and for giving us a great insight into your day to lives away from us all. I cannot thank you enough too, for the amazing amount of help you have given, both to me, and some of our families, for solving or managing welfare issues that have occurred along the way. It has been reassuring to know you are there, looking out for the wellbeing of all.

My special thoughts have been with you on your early return and I look forward to meeting with you and working with you in the future.

Kind regards,

Carol (DSO Burnham),
Editor, "The Bugle".

DSO'S CORNER



Carol Voyce

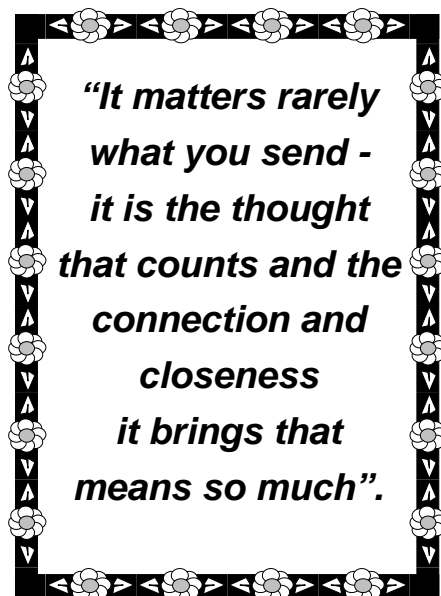
Deployment Services Officer
Southern Regional Support Centre
Editor "The Bugle"

Last week I got a letter in my letterbox - no, not one of those "window" ones we all get, but a nice old fashioned letter!!!! I instantly recognised the "spidery" writing and the very old fashioned "florally" decorated envelope. Oh how rare it is these days to have such a find.

This wonderfully written, very personalised letter, was from an elderly lady who was a loyal friend to my late mother. There was some sort of ritual about getting this letter. I made a cuppa, sat down, read it, reread it and then phoned my sister to share the news. Later, I read it again.

This small happening at the end of a busy working day, reminded me so much of how we have lost the art and pleasure of writing and receiving letters. We still anxiously check our letterboxes, with much anticipation, but it would seem that with the advent of email, we have lost this very simple pleasure. We get an email, we answer it fairly promptly and sometimes, without any great thought. There is no doubt that email is a wonderful way to keep in touch with those abroad, but we need to view it as just another tool.

The key to successfully managing a deployment is good communication. Email and phone calls are vital in making this happen, but the best thing you can do is revert to the old fashioned letter! While it may take longer to reach its destination, it is so much worth the effort. A letter takes thought! How often is it that you have sent an email and just after you have pushed the send button, wished you hadn't! A bad day at home may mean that you send off a list of grumbles only to find the situation is resolved when your loved one gets to call and you have caused unnecessary worry to a situation that he or she can have no impact or input into.



From experience, we have learned from those deployed, that the arrival of mail offers a huge morale booster. There is much anticipation when the word gets out that mail bags have arrived and many "hopefuls" line up hoping that there is something for them - and there it is - that familiar handwriting!

Imagine this unfolding scene I witnessed on a visit to Timor-Leste and which is repeated over and over again in our many deployment locations:

Joe has a letter from his wife! He "squirrels" away to a corner. He faintly smells her favourite perfume sprayed onto the writing paper, he sees the lipstick kiss that seals the envelope, he reads it, re reads it and reads it again and then tucks it safely in his pocket to read it again later.

To keep the relationship alive, keep those communications channels open. It is something that bonds directly with home, that allows his thoughts to wander back to that familiar surrounding. It's a great feeling.

Bruce looks at this unfolding scenario from a little distance. Another mail bag and nothing for him! Paul has a box full of goodies from his Mum and calls a small group of colleagues over to share in the contents. There is happy munching on a few, uniquely kiwi, food items and some laughter and chatter about making up the Maggi Onion soup dip that night, to nibble on when they watch the rugby! (And Mum even sent the crackers!) It would seem that everyone cares and shares. Sometimes a parcel is not totally private and others see the need and want, to share with those who have not been so lucky! Photos of growing tots are shared, the local newspaper is passed around and the gossip magazines are even enjoyed by the male folk! There is an hour of simple pleasure unfolding around me!

Paul's Mum included a stamped addressed envelope in the hope that he may beat the odds and actually write her something in return. He laughs and tells me that he has never written a letter to her in his life and that if he does, she will probably frame it! I was sure he was not the only one who hadn't written home, but he was still thankful for the many things she sent and the difference it made.

From the many packages being

DSO'S CORNER CONT'D..

ripped into, it would appear that despite the lack of thank you letters, parcels keep coming in.

Some of the senders had thought well outside the square and there was a great array of various goodies, posters and even socks! I spied some Instant Kiwi tickets being scratched and heard the hilarity when the winner wondered how he would collect his \$2 and get the freebie ticket on offer - "Oh well, I will have to send it home again" he said!

Sending parcels, letters and cards is truly worth the effort. Finding what to put in the parcels and keeping them to the required 1kg weight limit is somewhat of a challenge, but I can tell you first hand, that it matters rarely what you send - it is the thought that counts and the connection and closeness it brings that means so much.

On my visit to Timor-Leste and having the luck to be there on a mail day, I was reminded that small parcels sent frequently, had the greatest impact to morale, rather than one larger one sent midway!

My message to you all for this editorial, is to take advantage of the NZ Post Forces Concession Rate available to all deployment locations and to make the effort to keep that old fashioned letter alive. You can be guaranteed to bring a smile to the face of the recipient and while you may not get that letter of thanks, you can rest assured that your contribution has brought pleasure abroad, not only to your loved one, but probably to others too.

With kind regards to you all.

(My land decision was green! The way is now clear for the repair or rebuild of my home. Much patience still needed!)



Janine Burton
Deployment Services Officer
1 (NZ) Brigade

Firstly I would like to welcome our new readers to "The Bugle". While we are always aware when one of our larger land-based missions has departed, we also acknowledge that NZDF personnel are departing on some of the smaller missions around the world, and we have a team who are about to depart for their six months in the Sinai Peninsula. We hope that in the coming months you will enjoy receiving, reading and perhaps even contributing some messages to "The Bugle".

One of the things that we promote to families, both at the pre-deployment briefings and continuously throughout "The Bugle" issues you have been receiving, is the value of mail received by loved ones on deployment. I would hope that families at home are receiving letters (at least) in return but I would suspect that this is probably not a regular occurrence, if at all. The value of letters and parcels from home has been reinforced to us many times from personnel who have returned from deployment and acknowledge the value of receiving packages while they were away. Regardless of the technical communications we are now able to offer – email, Skype, and even

the phone calls (a small consolation for the texts we seem to rely on today), they felt that nothing replaced the feeling of receiving a parcel from home.

So we would encourage you to keep the parcels and letters going. Your parcel doesn't even need to contain something they "need", but what about a small bag of sweets, a card, photograph, even a favourite magazine or newspaper? The value is in the support and love you have for your family member just by taking the time to send something. So keep them going.

I must admit that sending personal mail is a discipline I have long let go of, so I am feeling particularly pleased with myself at the moment because yesterday (as I write) I sent another small parcel of favourites to my son. The only downside to buying goodies for the parcels I am sending away, is that I have to ensure that my husband and son at home also get their share of treats. The shopping list has to include sufficient biscuits and sweets so they also feel the love! *(I have just re-read my last Bugle column – I am doing better than I thought because in that edition I was patting myself on the back for sending two parcels. Well done me!)*

In a couple of weeks our Community team will be running their Ladies in Linton event and I am really looking forward to hopefully seeing many of our deployment families. Further details are in the 'What's on' section. Carol's planning is well underway for the CRIB 20 tour update briefs and I am looking forward to catching up with those of you who will be attending the Linton brief on Saturday 4 August. Take care everyone, and remember that we are here to support you throughout the deployment, so call any time if we can help.

Skype



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

SKYPE is a great piece of software that allows users to make video calls over the internet and is especially valuable for those in deployment locations. Unfortunately all missions do not have this resource available, but for those who do, it provides an extra and valuable connection with home. Obviously you need to set up your SKYPE account before deployment, as it can be difficult to establish once abroad. The SKYPE call needs to come to you from the service person abroad and not the other way around.

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

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

move house, change phone numbers or email address, please be sure to notify us of this too. Your help is much appreciated.

Return to New Zealand Information for OP RATA

We now have dates and timings for the return flights from the Solomon Islands. This information is available to Primary Next of Kin from Carol Voyce, DSO Burnham, Phone 0800 33 75 69. Please ring for an update and be aware that on occasions, flight timings do change so be sure to keep in touch.

Reunions

Experience has shown that virtually all soldiers 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: Preparing for Reunion
(Debrief Booklet)*

Who is the Primary Next of Kin (PNOK)?

All deploying service personnel are required to nominate a Primary Next of Kin, referred to by us, as the PNOK - This maybe a spouse, partner, parent, grandparent, friend or older sibling. The PNOK is the person that NZDF is authorised to make contact with and to provide information to, for the duration of the deployment. As the nominated PNOK, you have a responsibility for sharing information with other interested family members and friends. This is a “job” not to be

taken lightly, as you play a key role in ensuring others have the same degree of peace of mind and information that you have. While we are happy to talk with others who are not the PNOK, there is some information which we are not free to give to anyone other than the nominated PNOK.

If you are the nominated PNOK and are going to be away from your home/work location during the deployment, we need to be advised on dates you will be absent and how we may best contact you in the event of an emergency. If you

FOR YOUR INFO CONT'D

Welcome to new "Bugle" Readers

A huge welcome to new "Bugle" readers. It is that time of year when we have a number of missions changing personnel. This publication is for you and we hope that in the months to come you will find some support and comfort amongst its pages. We aim to keep you informed about what is happening with our personnel around the world and also provide you with an opportunity to send and receive messages, to and from home. We look forward to keeping in touch with you in the months ahead.

Last Mailout for some

This is the last mailout for those associated with the current deployment to the Solomon Islands. We are aware that several members of the contingent are staying on a little longer, however, for those with loved ones about to return to New Zealand, this will be your last copy of "The Bugle" and the "Army News" sent from this office. If you are still interested in reading further editions of both these publications you can find them on line. Happy reunions to you all!

OPERATIONAL ALLOWANCES

When NZDF personnel travel overseas, on business or deploy on an operational mission, they are paid additional allowances over and above what they would get paid in NZ. They may get overseas incidental allowances, environmental or security threat allowances relevant to their mission (amounts vary by location).

Many people choose to save as much of this extra money as they can during the deployment to pay off the mortgage or clear some debt, while others use the extra money for such things as lawn mowing, baby-sitting expenses, paying for a holiday when they get home or purchasing luxury personal items, such as a new car.

While there are pros and cons to both approaches, most people have reported that getting the balance right between the two methods is the best idea by spending enough to make life easier at home but clearing some debt and saving for the future as well.

Some families worry about allowances affecting WINZ assistance or child support but allowances annotated NT (not taxable) on the payslip will not affect any financial assistance provided by WINZ.

The reference for this is the Income Tax Act 2007, Part C, CW 23. The Income Tax Act 2007, the Social Security Act 1964 and the Social Security (Income and Cash Assets Exemptions) Regulations 2011 all link into the exemptions provided under the Income Tax Act, Part C CW 23.

If anyone has any concerns about allowances the Deployment Services Officers are more than happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Ms Lynne Smith, J18—Personnel Welfare

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

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WHAT'S ON IN TRENTHAM

7 AUGUST

NEXT FAMILY EVENT...

“Being Prepared”

What will you need to get through?

Tuesday 7th August, 6pm to 8pm,
at the Clock Tower

We have a speaker from the Wellington Emergency Management Team and there will be the opportunity to win a Household Emergency Kit for your family. Bring the kids because they need to know this stuff and be part of making the family plan.

Includes a Sausage Sizzle!!!

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WHAT'S ON IN LINTON

TUESDAYS

COFFEE MORNINGS — Every Tuesday

At the Linton Community Centre **every Tuesday** morning from 9.00am until

Come along and meet others from your community and have a delicious coffee or hot chocolate from the coffee cart.

28 JULY

Ladies in Linton



THEME MASQUERADE

Saturday 28 July, 2pm

Venue: Officers Mess,
Linton Camp

Clothing and wardrobe stylist, hair, nails, make-up. Raffles and spot prizes.

Cost of tickets and childcare for our deployed partners heavily subsidised so please call Janine to register – 0800 683 77 327.

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WHAT'S ON

2-6 AUGUST

MID TOUR UPDATE - NZPRT 20 AFGHANISTAN

As promised, we are planning a tour brief and update for those associated with the current deployment to Afghanistan. This is your chance to gain a further insight into the day to day lives of your loved ones and to receive valuable tips and information on reunions and readjusting to family life. Lt Col Dave McBride, who recently returned from Afghanistan, will give a short presentation, and video footage from the contingent abroad will also be shown. You will be sure to spot familiar faces! These informal Briefings are open to Primary Next of Kin and extended family members. Children are most welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Mark these dates on your calendar now:

BURNHAM - Camp Conference Centre, Thursday 2 August 6 - 8pm

AUCKLAND - Arch Hill 204 Great North Road, Grey Lynn, Friday 3 August 6.30pm - 8.30pm

LINTON - Community Centre, Puttick Road, Linton, Saturday 4 August 1.30pm - 3.30pm

WELLINGTON - Messines Conference Centre, Somme Road, Trentham, Sunday 5 August 10am - 12 Midday

Please RSVP if possible with numbers attending to Carol Voyce, Deployment Services Officer, Burnham on Toll free 0800 33 75 69, 03 3630 421 or dso.burnham @xtra.co.nz

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WHAT'S ON IN BURNHAM

4 SEPTEMBER

PNOK INFORMATION EVENING, DINNER AND UPDATE — ALL DEPLOYMENTS

Further details to follow but mark this date in your diary now.

Wednesday 4 September, 6pm - 8pm

Sports Bar, Burnham Military Camp.

All families and children welcome.

Bouquets

Sgt Mark Anderson

Thank you for the great presentation you gave to the families associated with the next deployment to the Solomon Islands. We valued your wise words of wisdom and the time you took to meet with us all. You have given us much peace of mind for the journey ahead. *Families OP RATA.*

Margaret Taylor, V. Boyes, P. Kidd and the many unknown contributors to the sewing kits

Sincere thanks to you all for the many great contributions sent for inclusion in our sewing kit project. Our many volunteers are busy sewing and assembling the kits and they look great - thanks to the many extra things that you have all sent. Your contributions have been much appreciated. *Carol and Cherie.*

Jamie, Theresa and Francis, Travel Cell, Defence Shared Services, Burnham

You are a great! Thank you so much for the many extra hours you spend organising travel for Primary Next of Kin for pre-deployment briefings and for getting me around the country. We have placed huge demands on you all lately and really do appreciate your hard work and a first class service - and always with a smile! *Carol. (DSO Burnham).*

PERSONAL MESSAGES



The deadline for contributions and personal messages for the next edition of "The Bugle" is **2 August at 4.00pm**. Please note: All "Bugle" messages are to be sent to Carol Voyce, DSO Burnham (email: dso.burnham@xtra.co.nz)

From In-Theatre

Maaka, Kai and my Beautiful Girl

Missing you heaps and flick through all my photos all the time! Not long now! Maaka keep playing some good rugby and Kai you are doing so well with your crawling. Anna, love you baby. Your Daada and man LYLT.

Hi Babe

Miss you like crazy. I hope you're not working too hard. So I'm halfway through and really enjoying it here. Wish we got back at the same time. Glad you got rid of your moustache!!! Lol. Hope you had a good birthday. (Present WAS sent in the mail at the start of June but you might not get it for a while). Love you and meet you in the snow every night xXoXOoxOXo.

Hi JJ, Bradley and Liam

Everything is good here. A bit hot now but it could be worse, I could be having a winter. I hope you enjoyed your school holidays. Looking forward to talking on Skype even if it's like talking to a brick wall! Be nice to your mum and each other. Good luck with the sport. Love you all. Talk soon.

Hi CB

Missing you! Hope everything's good at home and winter's not too cold for you. Time's going fast. It won't be long and I'll be home. Well nearly forgot "The "Bugle" this month so have ran out of time. Love you. Miss you. Talk soon.

Bo

Well over half way by the time you read this. Looking forward to getting home and continuing our adventure. Lots to tell you! LYAMY FG.

To Joanna, Ngaraima, Karla, Sabrina, Lizzie, Jayde, Moko's and Mokokoko

Hey Whanau! Miss you all heaps, hope the winter is not being too hard on you. Nearly half way through deployment, and missing home cooking, the green grass of home, and all your faces. Stay warm and safe. Love you all. Pa, Koro, Korokoro.

Chloe Hannah-Evans

Glad you're being good for mum, and great playing Angry birds with you on Skype. Love you, xxoo see you on Skype. Dad.

Hey ma Pork Chop

Hope all is well on ur side of the Ditch, yay half way!!! Cant wait to See you, luv u so much and miss U even more xoxo.

To: Flower Power

Over halfway and we,
And I am happy to say,
Are stronger than ever,
And have a big future together,
I love you more everyday.

From: Soap

To my Beautiful Princess

I love you with all my heart forever and ever without a doubt. XOXO. Love Pooh Bear.

Hi Em

Your birthday is soon!! Love you always sweetheart. Hope you have a great day! Halfway there now! Loads of love, DAD.

Hi there Reags

Love your letters buddy, thinking of you all the time and hope you are having lots of fun. Love from your DAD.

Hey Log

Proud of you aye, hopefully you get a few good days snowboarding in for me. Lots of love, Dad.

Babe

Miss you everyday. Can't wait to be together again. All my love J.

Kia Ora Mama Baby & my 2nd Papa

I hope you guys aren't beating each other up too much back home + Ma you're having 'time out' from the boys. Over that hump now, will go fast! Ma –hands off my fruit bowl!!!! Baby – Study hard @ kura. Kiorey –Keep going strong for me back home with the famz!

Hey Ma

How's things back home??? Hopefully you're keeping warm and aren't missing me too much!!! I miss baby heaps hope she's learnt some new songs other than oh mai darling and moe moe moko!! Hope Fatman and Bjay are sweet at home and tell Dallas I said wassup mai nikkah. And tell pops i'll write him a letter at some stage. Sweet deal love heaps MWAH!!"

To my Turkies

Z, How are you?? Hope everything is OK at home and school, I hope you had a good time on holiday in Nelson and that your dog is being looked after by Nana Chelle and Poppa, look after Mum and behave yourself! P, Hello middle turkey, Well done on your cross country results and the certificate you received, next cross country you will have to do some training so you can win, look after mum and behave yourself! K, I hope you watched all the All Black games buddy with your All Black Jersey on!! If you did not watch the rugby, I am gonna karate chop you when I

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get home, look after mum and behave yourself! D, Love you babe, have passed the half way mark now so it won't be long before I am home with the family, looking forward to our holiday together. Look after yourself and make sure you kick butt in England. Love you all and miss you more, Dad. (P.S: K stay out of my bed!!).

Fluffy

I never know what to write in here but I found a saying that I thought you might like. "Distance never separates two hearts that really care, for our memories span the miles and in seconds we are there. But whenever I start feeling sad, because I miss you, I remind myself how lucky I am to have someone so special to miss". Lots of love: Your Favourite xx.

To Jake

Be good, fix lots of stuff for me. Love Pop.

Mummy Darling

Happy Birthday for the 5th!! You may be older but you're still as beautiful as ever. I'm sorry I'm not there to give you a hug on your day but I'll make it up to you in Sydney. I love you mum. Rooster.

Daddy Darling

I still haven't got a reply letter from you! Maybe it got lost in the mail? I doubt it...Don't worry – your little girl still loves you. Rooster.

Hey Mum, Dad, Nana, Cyril, all my bro's, Chantelle and the cats

I'm having heaps of fun over here. I hope you are all keeping well. I'm keeping on my toes and staying busy, but thoughts of home are always present. I miss and love you all, Brian.

Hey Hun!

It feels like it's been forever that we were last together. I'll be home

before we know it. I'm thinking of you always and miss you terribly. Big hug, little hug, little kiss, big kiss, Brian.

To Caitlin

Thinking of you my not so little girl anymore, 10 years old, who said you could grow up! Love you always Dad x.

My Big Girls

Miss you guys; my day isn't as interesting without hearing about yours. Love Dad x.

Mangai Tautoko! Arohanui tamahine. Xxxx.

Hi Mum, Dad, Laura & Geoff

Hope you're all doing well back home, miss you all lots. Can't wait to see you all in just a couple months now!! Take care, Love from JB.

I see photos of you from time to time, you always look so handsome so tall.

It reminds me of your laughter as you're tickled, calling for your Mothers help, and your giggles between words as you explain something funny.

I miss laying on the couch with you to watch spongebob or scooby-doo. I miss Power-Wing tag too!

How you change the rules of the game, with some elaborate reason which puts you in favour.

Tell me a wild and fanciful story about how things work, or how you are a world famous DJ and Drummer.

I love that you sing along to rock songs, and that you can sing in key!

I'm so proud of all your abilities. So proud of the man you will be.

Because you're the man of the house I know you're looking after your Mother .

Keep her safe, loved and busy too, she worries for me sometimes.

I still check in on you each night, and kiss you high on your warm cheek while you rest in bed.

Even if it is just from memory of all those nights whilst I was there.

I'm sorry I missed your birthday again, but you don't need me seated at a table to know I love you.

While your heart beats in your chest I'm next to you, and always on your side.

I miss you Son. I'll be home soon. Dad.

C is for Chur when I get to see you in Brissy
H is for Hungry Jacks cos they got no Burger King in Brissy
E is for Extra mayo at Hungry Jacks when we eat in Brissy
R is for Rest at the motel after we eat at Hungry Jacks in Brissy
I is for Internet that we aint gonna bother with at Brissy
E is for End of this awesomeness.
Miss you my hun can't wait till Brissy.

To my wonderful Soulmate!

Miss you more each day...
The most in every way
Together forever,
Sometimes separated,
But never apart
Enjoy the shaking over there...
While I sweat over here!
4221.

PERSONAL MESSAGES CONT'D...



From Home

Hubby

Love you darling oh so much
How I long to feel your touch
You are my world, my soul, my life
I'm eternally blessed to
be your wife
Although you are so far away
I think and dream of you every day
I can't wait to see you in the sun
Shops, beach, cocktails - Bali fun!
Until then I hope you're dreaming
of me too
Always and Forever darling - I
love you!

Wifey 4221

Suzanne and Chris

Happy Birthday to you both! Hope
you guys are having an amazing
time over there. We are missing
you heaps and can't wait to see
you again. We're loving getting
letters! Keep writing!! Ha ha. Lots
and lots of love from Mum, Nana,
Sarah, Dave and David <3 xx.

Gidday Bro

It was great to have time with the
mob last month, but for sure the old
body is slowing down mate. I loved
the time with them all. I reckon the
big fella will go well at the new
venture and that Jordy is just a
great guy and his grading will have
gone well I am sure. I think your
little AB is convinced that g'dad can
never see another haka before a
game given the results in the 3rd!!!
LOL. Ha ha. And, your little miss is
running the school and missing her
dad of course. My next trip is to
Paraparaumu to look after your
Neices there for a few days later
this month, and then probably
South again in Aug. Chook and the
Red Terror, as well as Da Big D
and Pen, Hols and Tobs (with
upcoming addition) are all good
mate, but we could all do with some
of your sunshine and warmth for a
few days as it has been a very cold
winter so far. Take care bro. Lots of

love, Dad and Jackie.

Hey Sexilicious

I miss you!!!! We are half way
there, I am so proud of you! Can't
wait until you are back home and
we can spend quality time together
again. I miss your hugs and kisses.
You are my every thing!! Love you
always babe, xox.

Hi Dad

I miss you. I love you. Thank you
for my present, it's so cool!! I love
school! I play with Cameron and
Tama. I am going to School's Out
now. I shoot hoops and kick balls. I
made Macaroni and Cheese and a
slice. I love you to the moon and
back. Can't wait until you're back
dad!! Love Ollie.

Hi Chubbs/Babe

We are finally over the halfway
mark. I have a busy term so I hope
that makes the next couple of
months fly by. Holidays have ended
and back to reality now. Kids are
both growing so fast. I wish you
were here to see how well they are
doing. L is improving day by day
and becoming a really little man.
He still loves day care which is
great and they enjoy his sense of
humour. M is becoming a little
madam and has a very strong
personality of her own. Life at the
ranch is always full of fun and
ticking along. Keep working hard as
I know you do and I hope time is
going fast for you. Take care babe!
I love you always and forever. Your
loving wife, SCD xxoo.

Hi Dad

Soon you will be home with us and
we can't wait to see you. I helped
Mum bring in the wood today and
Bella knocked me over so I didn't
like that. Nana took me to play mini
putt which I really enjoyed and then
we went to McDonalds. Maisy
stayed home with Mum. I still love
day care and Maisy stays at home
and plays with her pram. Can't wait
to see you again on skype and then

have you
home soon.
We both love
you very
much and miss you. Lots of love
Lachlan & Maisy xoxo.

Hi no.1 son in-law

Thanks for keeping in contact with
me. It's great to hear your voice
when you're so far away. Spending
a great weekend with your kids,
they certainly are treasures! Mini
golf with Lachlan was a laugh!! Will
send over some photos! Looking
forward to my new job but have
another week sorting out my office.
Take care and God bless. Your
no.1 mother in-law xo.

Roosta

Missing you heaps, shopping is so
boring alone. Happy 22nd Birthday
for the 31st August. Got a big parcel
waiting for you to come home!
Can't wait to see u in Sydney on
the 6th! Have taught your baby girl
LOTS of naughty behaviour, lol.
Lots of hugs & kisses. Love you
heaps, Mum, Dad, Baby Bro &
Cookie.

Hello CG

How's it goin ova there? Saw you
on TV doin a haka got it on my sky
and showed Aunty p, made us
proud to see you and your mates.
All good here in Hast, HB whanau
all good! Dad & jack came around
to see us on Sun and sent us the
email address to send you a
message! Dad was saying that the
whanau down south are all good.
Stay safe nephew. Looking forward
to hearing back from you. Uncle G
& Aunty P.

Hey Babe

How's my favourite doing?
Everyone here is missing you and
jealous of you for being in weather
which exceeds 12 degrees, lol.
Can't wait to see you in Sept! Hope
you're having fun, love you lots x.
Fluffy.

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Taika Papa!

I have had a very good hararei... last week, then back to Daycare. Swimming and Gymnastics have moved to an earlier time on Saturday's, so back to early mornings 6 days a week! I have been doing my jobs and getting my stars. Looking forward to my treats! Mama misses you lots and lots but I am looking after her for you. We are almost halfway. Can't wait till you're home Pap! We love & miss you heaps! Taika Lili and Taika Mama.

FABD4D

I miss you daddy to the moon and back. We have had a fantastic week with grandad here. Lots of Lego and rough and tumble. Lots of love, Connor.

FABD4D

I am going to the steamys for my birthday and I love you daddy. Love you to the man truck and back, Liam.

FABD4D

Hi babe! Another week down and halfway there! Well just about. Yay, and thank goodness! Had a fantastic week with Dad here, loads of jobs done and so nice for the adult company and support. Boys had a blast, lots of things to do and someone else to annoy! Still loads going on, jobs are getting done slowly. I think u will notice a huge difference when u get home. Missing you like mad and the place really is quiet without the loud noise of daddy around. Love u heaps. Xxx.

Hey Baby

Sounds as though things are going smoothly over there! Don't worry too much about us, we are all good. Hope your parcel gets to you ok. Please send more lollies. The 10 foot lolly jar is half empty! We are very proud of you and miss you already. Big hugs and kisses. Your Mum, Girls, Jake and Home Command.

Hey Babe!!

YAY HALFWAY!!! I am SO incredibly proud of you. Really can't wait to have you home, I'm pretty much not going to let you out of my sight for a while. Miss your clothes on the floor and watching you rark up the dog. LOADS of love, your wife of just over six months (and stalker/of of 15 years ha ha ha). Xoxoxo.

Happy Birthday Dadda!

We hope you have a nice time on your special day. We wish we could be with you to give you milk bottles, mountain dew, Madeira cake, pork crackle, milky bar and Chinese takeaways, but not a twix because Maaka would eat that first. We had a lovely time at home and at Hanmer Springs with Jen and Coco, but mum wished you could have taken us into the cold pools yourself!! Mum won Mini Golf too, top score of 53. Maaka scored 95, so he won too!! It was a bit cold to take Kaikais swimming but he was a really good boy sleeping in his buggy. We are going to another rugby game in the weekend - Go Crusaders! How old are you going to turn? We love you daddy and miss you heaps. Counting down xxxooo. Maaka, Kaikais and Baby.

Hi Zane

I love you. I wonder what your temperatures are? Will be good to see the video at the mid deployment update. Saw Laura and Ranger yesterday at Mums. Golly Ranger is growing up and wide. He is beautiful. Remember every day you are in my thoughts. Love Nana.

Back again my husband

Woohoo well over half way now babe and its almost on the count down...not yet though. I have spoken to your two youngest as they have both settled in my bed that they will have to move out soon.... We are now in double didgets...The days seem to go by quite quickly, work is still busy and

we are deploying out in the field for an ex. OMG I have to stay in a hootchie...Do you know how long since I've put one of them up ha ha ha....its going to be interesting. Take care my love and I'll catch up with you on line. I love you all the way around the world and.....Babelicious xx.

XX on the nose dodgeproof

Hi Dad, Mum did a CD with all our rugby games and Karate on them to send them to you. I thought we put them in a parcel for you but they were the blank CD's so you can send those back and this time Mum will put the right ones in. We went to the movies and saw Ice Age 4, it was cool. Nanny is staying at home to help mum out and she cooks nice food. I'll see you again on skype Dad, love you all the way around the world andJordy and La xxx.

Hi Dada

I have been staying at Aunty and Uncles house for school holidays. Its been cool but I missed mama. I went to the movies and I have a new dress that twirls. I have a boyfriend as well, he has 3 of them and I'm only number 3. I miss and love you heaps Dada and I have been drawing lots of pictures and letters for you. I can't wait to read more books to you on SKYPE as I haven't seen you in a while. I love you all the way around the world and Xx on the nose dodge proof. Miss T.

Hi Zane

Hope all is going well over there and you guys are enjoying the luxury of your new toilet seat (which we read about in the Bugle - and gave us all a giggle!). Ranger is just huge and gorgeous - he us going to be so excited to see you when you get home . We are in countdown mode already. Love, hugs and kisses Mum, Hails, Rich (no kisses from him just man hugs!) and BB xoxo.

Midway through this adventure - we are doing ok though aye. We keep busy and go about things happily enough, but you are always missing from the mix. Soon enough though you will come home and we are so looking forward to having you here - can almost start to imagine you walking off that plane. Our kids are awesome and you can be proud of how brave they are even though they are missing their Dad. Be good, keep safe - miss you more than you can know. All our love to you always xxxxx.

Z here. When is your next letter getting here? I'm now good, I have stopped crying and have accepted that you're not coming back until 3 months. Love you, miss you. Love from Z 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊.

It's me P (the butterfly). Hope you're doing well! I miss you so much. Don't worry a package of

photos and cards is in the mail. We really wish you were with us. We are now being looked after by Rocharn, it's fun. I miss you so much, wish you were here. I received all your letters so far. Today, Mum sent some to you, hope you get them, it has my book in it that I made, speaking of it, did you get my other one? Oh well we will find out. If only you were here? Bye Daddy, miss you heaps and love you, bye.☺ (P.S: If only you can see me right now would be the best!) Love P. Hi Dad, I hope you have a good day. I hope you have a good morning, I Love you. Love K ☺. Hi Dad, always thinking of you. Hope you are still enjoying it over there? Definitely on the countdown now! Stay safe. Looking forward to our family holiday on your return. Love and miss you so much. Love from your proud wife. Xxx.

Have a great day and we will celebrate when you come home. Glad you had such a pocket rocket

time away.
Hope you
are hanging
in there now
that you're back at work. We are
going full bore here in chilly
Godzone. It was -2 degrees this
morning! And these days Little
River gets the grand total of 2
hours of sun. The Nissan looks
pretty happy tucked up in the
woodshed - I have even cleaned it.
Take care. Everyone sends their
love including mega amounts from
me. Miss you heaps. Tanya.

To my husband, best friend and braver half, Happy Anniversary sweetheart! Thinking of you always and with bucket loads of love from your better half. Ali.

Hope you have a great day in the sun, sand, more sun and sand, but sorry no surf this time. Love always SOAR.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP

JULY 30

The International Day of Friendship was proclaimed in 2011 by the UN General Assembly with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities. The resolution (A/RES/65/275) places particular emphasis on involving young people, as future leaders, in community activities that include different cultures and promote international understanding and respect for diversity.

The Day is also intended to support the goals and objectives of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace and the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010).

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