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A common sight in the Bamian Province, Afghanistan

OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENTS

New Zealand has a history of contributing to international efforts to resolve conflict. The NZ Defence Force is a valued international coalition partner committed to peace and security, and regularly works alongside international partners on operations and exercises throughout the world.

It is in New Zealand’s interests to play a leadership role in the South Pacific, acting in concert with our neighbours, helping to maintain stability, enhance regional security capabilities, and promote good governance and economic and social development.

The NZ Defence Force supports a number of major operations around the world including:

- Sustainment of personnel in support of operations in Afghanistan.
- Continuing operations in Timor-Leste in support of the International Stabilisation Force (ISF).
- Continuing operations in the Solomon Islands in support of the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI).
- Sustainment of personnel in support of United Nations missions around the world.

There are currently **343** New Zealand Defence Force personnel deployed on **14** operations and UN missions across **12** countries, including:

Afghanistan:	149 personnel
Antarctica:	0 personnel
Indian Ocean:	3 personnel
Iraq:	1 person
Korea:	3 personnel
Middle East:	13 personnel
Sinai:	28 personnel
Solomon Islands:	43 personnel
Sudan:	3 personnel
Timor-Leste:	79 personnel

There are **553** Defence Force personnel on other overseas deployments and exercises.

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NEWS FROM CRIB 20, AFGHANISTAN

BUSY TIMES

Lieutenant Colonel Peter Hall
Commanding Officer CRIB 20

"I was left in no doubt of the professionalism, skills and attributes of the team over here."

Hello CRIB 20 families and friends! Since my last article, we have been particularly busy both on the operational and administrative fronts. Kiwi Coy has continued a patrol regime that has ensured the appropriate security presence has been maintained in the AO, whilst maintaining close liaison with the locals and our Afghan counterparts. You would have heard by now of the LAV that rolled into the river, the first and only important thing here is that no one was seriously injured.

What started out as routine patrol turned into the most complex recovery that most of us have been involved in. The complexity was further increased by the steepness

of the river bank, the swiftness of the river, the road cracking and crumbling away, the small space available to work in and the idiosyncrasies that need to be taken into account when working alongside our Afghan mates. In the end after 4 days, 4 cranes, 4 patrols deployed, anchor points drilled into the rock face, a LAV Recovery Vehicle on site, Chinook, Black Hawk and Apache helicopters overhead, we managed

to recover the LAV. It should be mentioned that throughout this time the Americans provided additional support to ensure we had early warning of any suspect movement in the area. Once again this was an opportunity to see the team working together in harsh conditions, coming up with innovative solutions to solve a problem, and getting on and doing the task at hand. I was left in no doubt of the professionalism, skills and attributes of the team over here.

Over the past few weeks we have had an inordinate amount of visitors to the PRT, all with their own unique demands. On most days there are more people from other countries than there are New Zealanders in Kiwi Base, and whilst this can be trying at times, the positive side is we get to meet a lot of interesting and powerful people and hopefully provide them with a positive impression of the NZDF and Kiwis in general. The last visitor was the German Minister of Defence who arrived with 6 helicopters and an entourage of 28. The Germans have pledged 600 million euros in aid to Afghan over the next few years, so it was a great opportunity to have them here



Kiwis, Germans and Americans with an Apache helicopter — 1 of the 6 helicopters that arrived as part of the German Ministers escort

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and be able to facilitate meetings between the Minister and the Governor to discuss support to Bamyan in the years ahead. We are particularly looking forward to the visit by comedians Mike King and Simon McKinney later this week. Mr King has been to Afghan a number of times and a little known fact is that he has generally paid his own way, spent hours entertaining not only New Zealanders but soldiers from a variety of nations here in Afghanistan, all of whom have appreciated his humour and his efforts.

By now I hope most of you have had an opportunity to view the mid tour video. I hope you caught a glimpse of your loved ones and were entertained at the same time. I'd like to thank Carol for sewing the seed with us earlier in the year that it would be a good thing to do and to the team here for taking the time to put it together, in particular, special thanks to Major Craig for his determination in getting a good product back to New Zealand, Captain Ben for co-ordinating everyone's efforts and Lance Corporal Wade for editing the final product.

We were recently provided with the dates for our return to NZ. These have been passed to the team and I am sure they will inform you in due course. Can I just remind you that despite best intentions we all know that due to unforeseen circumstances, dates can change, especially when dealing with the military, so I wouldn't plan any holidays or book tickets just yet. I am confident though, that we will all be home by the second week of October. I hope you are coping with the winter weather, and keeping yourselves warm, as I articulated in an earlier article we continue to look after each other over here, and I trust you are doing the same back there.

THE SAPPERS LOT

**SSGT Matt Doyle, Engr SNCO
Op CRIB 20**

This last month or so has been very busy climbing towards that milestone to the half way mark (down hill from here).

After a short rest and maintenance period, a planned patrol was conducted to provide survivability support to Forward Patrol Base (FPB) Do Abe in the form of an

enhanced water supply system and improving the basic septic and sanitary infrastructures. This also included stealing Workshops large Coca-Cola fridge for 're-allocation' to Do Abe. This was probably the most welcomed enhancement for the KT patrols on returning to base, unfortunately, 'they' broke it within a week!

Positively though, you could see the personal satisfaction in the lads for having employed their trade



Engineers



Engineers at work

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skills in a FPB and enhancing the living conditions for all the K patrols that use it. It was also a great chance for the boss, Capt Ricko, to earn his bar to his first combat engineering patrol - for those mess stories later on. (Sorry boss, I couldn't resist).

During this time, Sappers Paul and Daniel were looking after our Engr Locally Employed Contractors (LEC's) at KB and conducting road repair tasks in Romero.

Following this, it was back 'up north' to provide mobility support to K Coy in the form of Vulnerable Point and Area searches to keep key routes open and free from IED's during a turbulent period in the tour. This time the threat was very real as an IED had already been detonated on one notorious hotspot. However, again the professionalism of all those involved ensured the mission was achieved.

Now its back to keeping KB running and other projects; Engineers first into the refurbished pool! A big thanks to the KT patrols and Q store for their assistance thus far.

Hopefully the tour flies by in the same manner ready for all those accumulated beers with family and mates. **UBIQUE.**

INTERESTING JOB — BEING AN EOD TEAM MEMBER

LCPL Ian Davis
EOD Team CRIB 20

The EOD team member can be one of the most interesting jobs here at COP Romero. I may not get out of the compound as much as the patrols or other guys deployed up here, but I get to look at and dispose of foreign munitions that get handed into the PRT from locals, assist with engineer search tasks and conduct blinds disposal tasks when required.

A blind is an item of ammunition or explosive that has been fired, placed or project at a target that fails to function. Blinds disposal tasks have made up a majority of my work since I have been over here. I have conducted a number of blinds disposal tasks involving AT4 rockets, 40mm Rifle Grenades and Charge Directional Fragmentation. The environment here with large steep scree slopes covered in nothing but loose dirt and rocks either side of the range makes searching for blinds a very difficult job. You can spend over an hour looking for something before you see it. Vigilance when searching for blinds is important because the slightest of movements to the blind or the ground around it can cause it to function.

My favourite job so far would be the searching for and disposing of an AT4 rocket. I had SGT Gareth as my rear security and LCPL Dizz and myself conducted a search for about 45 minutes to an hour, covering an area approximately 150m along the floor of the range, and 30m up the slippery scree slopes of the hills at the end of the range. We had not found the blind and we were heading back to the

vehicle when I took a look up, and wedged perfectly between 2 clumps of dirt, 5 – 10m up, almost as if it had been placed, was the AT4 rocket.

We retired back to the vehicle and I gathered the stores and explosives I needed to dispose of the rocket. SGT Gareth and LCPL Dizz retired back to the firing point while I set the charge on the rocket and retired myself. The noise created by the detonation echoed around the hills of the MADR valley before settling down. After the waiting period, I moved forward from the firing point to confirm complete destruction of the blind leaving the others approximately 150m from the disposal area. The whole task took around 2 hours and by the time we returned to the COP we were completely buggered. SGT Gareth and LCPL Dizz are just 2 of many people that have assisted in the successful completion of all EOD/Blinds tasks.

This is just one example of the type of a task which I as the EOD Team Member at COP Romero conducts. There have and will be many other tasks done, some EOD/Blinds, others utilising my specific trade



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skill and knowledge to assist with the daily running of the ammunition side of the house and many more tasks assisting other personnel where possible to complete maintenance and their trade specific tasks, sometimes way over my head but I do enjoy it.

KEEPING UP MORALE AT THE NZ PRT IN BAMIAN

WO2 Ange Ronald (S1)

Life at the NZ PRT is not all about work (however, I'm sure the CO might disagree with me on that).

Despite working seven days a week here, we have a small UPF Committee in Bamian, with a representative in Romero, that does their best to try to keep up the morale and provide some other forms of entertainment other than X-Box and Movies for when the team aren't working or out on patrol.

The committee is made up of the Chairperson, Padre James, who tries to keep everyone happy, which is not an easy task. The Secretary, MR Jack, tries to be the calming influence on the committee, that's when he turns up to the meetings. I am the Treasurer, SSGT Sam is the Canteen Manager and SSGT Lisa is the Entertainment Rep.

LCPL Chopper, Insp Dave our NZ Police Rep and our KT Rep, who at the moment is PTE Nick from KT1, all contribute some great ideas, and WO1 Ray, the RSM, is the committee overseer and tries to keep the Padre on track, without much success sometimes.

FLTLT Kit and CPL Mal do a great job in organising and running Quiz Nights most Tuesday nights, and SGT Rodney is starting up Poker Nights from next week which the boys are looking forward to.

Unfortunately, my idea of having Housie Nights didn't get a very good reception, (except for the oldies who remember getting dragged to Housie by their Nans/Aunties when they were a kid) but I'll keep persisting!

We also have Outdoor Movie Nights down on the 25m range every Saturday night on the big screen, thanks to our awesome Sigs CPL Conan and LCPL Wade. And, our fantastic cooks provide us with the popcorn, ice cream and fizzy drinks to make it feel more like home. Its bring your own seat, and wrap up warmly as Bamian nights, even in the middle of summer, can still get quite cool.

On occasions, Friday afternoons are dedicated to Sports afternoons. So far we have played Volleyball, Dodge Ball, Basketball and Touch Rugby. Competition is fierce, except for those whose main priority is to catch some 30 degree rays and get a tan before we head home.

One of the best things about the sports afternoons is that the teams are picked randomly, (well so Padre says, so it must have been a coincidence when the Padres volleyball team had the five tallest people in the PRT), and includes our American and Malaysian

friends, as well as anyone else who is in the PRT at the time and wants to join in, so is a great way to interact and get to know others from different work areas and different countries.

Also on Friday evenings we give the cooks a well-deserved break and we all have turns cooking the BBQ outside on the Basketball court where you will see Near-Beers being cracked open by quite a few (Near-Beers for those that don't know are non-alcoholic beers).



The Engineers night for cooking the BBQ, pictured LCPL Lua, LCPL P.K. LCPL Chopper and SGT Perky

This is a definite reminder of good old fashioned kiwi summers, something that we are all looking forward to when we get home.



CRIB 20 Training Team and Cook (WO1 Percy, SSGT Clint, SGT Rodney, SSGT Lisa, SGT Perky and Cpl Billy) relaxing at the pool, about to jump in for a dip

Recently the Swimming Pool at the PRT has opened for a couple of hours a day for those that want to cool off and take a quick dip when time permits. Now that the temperature over here is around 30 degrees most days, I'm sure this will get used more and more in the weeks to come.

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We look forward to the return of LCPL Dizz from up north, as her and LCPL Shrek are organising our Cup Day on the 17th of August, which includes donkey and other types of races, and everyone is encouraged to dress up for the event. I'm sure this will be a huge success and lots of fun and no doubt photos will be published in the next Bugle Issue.

Keep the letters and parcels coming, as this also plays a huge part in keeping up morale. I know as it's my job to get the mail off the STOL flights every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and I constantly get asked, "how much mail is there today?", or "have I got any mail?", and everyone at the PRT watches closely for when my wagon rolls in the gate from the airfield overflowing with mail bags.

So even though your loved ones over here are working extremely hard and doing an awesome job, you can be assured that the UPF Committee tries its hardest to keep the morale high and the fatigue levels low.

It's just over two months now (less than that by the time you read this) before we will be flying home for a well deserved break, and also to give our husbands/wives/partners a rest as well, including my husband Nige who is doing a great job of keeping everything running smoothly at home looking after our nine children and grandson who has recently moved in with us. Can't wait to get back home and miss you all heaps!

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LIFE IN THE WORKSHOPS

LCPL Gary Wilson Maint Spt, CRIB 20

Almost three months have passed for CRIB 20 and all Maint Spt pers in COP Romero have been flat out since we hit the ground running, on the 28th of March. The tempo started high for the workshop with recovery (call sign K18) conducting three recoveries by day and night in the first week as the vehicle crews found their feet on the new and sometimes narrow roads.

Handovers were completed, routines were quickly established and as CRIB 19 departed we made Combat Outpost (COP) Romero our own with some accommodation improvements (the great wall of Dowman) and a spruce up of the workshop and surrounding equipment.

Work has flowed almost nonstop into the workshop with LAV servicing and repairs, Hummve dramas (an interesting and often frustrating vehicle to work on) and deployment of K18 into the badlands acting in both the recovery and Forward Repair Team (FRT) roles. Of note was the move to and repair of one of KT3 Hummers which had reached mechanical despair some distance up the notoriously steep 47 corners. Creative use of the recovery LAVs earth anchor (looks like a bulldozer blade), some chains and a determined repair team consisting of PTE "sweet as" Reid and LCPL "fat willy" Wilson saw the Hummer back on the road under its own steam to Romero for further repairs. Quite a few events like this have unfolded during our time here with varying degrees of drama and a good many lessons learned along the way.

No job ever goes completely as planned with adaptation and flexibility the keys to success. A

common method that has come into popular use is the "Afghan fix" where you do whatever you can with whatever is available to get the job done. It's not always pretty but when in a tight spot it generally gets us by.

But it's not all about us Mechanics you know (well we like to think it is!) CPL "Doughy" Dowman, the Workshop IC and resident Electronic Tech (goon), heads up the tradespeople in Romero and seems to be in constant battle with SAP and a steady stream of goonery repairs — you know the important stuff like headphones with broken leads, laptops with the plugs from said leads stuck in the sockets, and a myriad of other services. (Also known to moonlight in the recovery LAV gunners' seat!)

Gun plumbing is handled by LCPL "Rat claw" Allan, who sees a steady stream of work come across his bench (most often it's the Mechanics bits and pieces spilling over). Turrets, both Hummer and LAV, along with his favourite....feed chutes see him at his happiest! We haven't seen any tools go flying yet but we wait with a feeling of certainty.

One of "God's chosen few" (we let him think that) wields the might of AC current and keeps our most critical and precious possessions, the generators, working so that we might all have the comforts of modern appliances and air conditioning. He also benefits us all with his A PTI status and structured PT sessions. The man in the orange woolly jumper goes by the name LCPL "Jayrod" Ramsay and always has a cheerful word or some fun to poke at someone. The tracer flies both ways!

Then there is PTE Matty, Recovery LAV driver and Mechanic. None of us can ever get a word in edgeways when he's about, as he's always got something to say. Not

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really true. He speaks in sentences typically five words or less. The Silent Bob type but we are sure he will say something profound one day. Lives on ciggies and he's a good lad.

Myself, Recovery commander/ Mechanic, well, I'd just bore you.....

Morale is kept high and the work is varied which keeps things interesting, both in the workshop and outside the wire. It's hard to believe that we are almost halfway there at this time of writing and before long we will be in the same position of the CRIB before us, counting down that final week before heading home to loved ones and hopefully a classic Kiwi summer!

In the meantime, we will toil away in our respective roles keeping the technical aspect of the deployment running as smoothly as possible and carry on the good work done by previous CRIB tradespeople.

To everyone at home, take care and stay safe!

With Art and Fighting.

NEWS FROM GYRO 13, TIMOR-LESTE



"Lucky for Some"

THE TIMOR-LESTE 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES

LT Rachael Fisk

To celebrate the opening of the London 2012 Olympic Games, the GYRO 13 Social Committee put together an Olympics themed event for all ISF personnel. The 'Timor-Leste 2012 Olympic Games' took place on a hot Saturday afternoon at the HPOD in Dili. The event included an opening ceremony, a competitive round robin of both team and individual events and a medals ceremony.

During the opening ceremony all of the teams were given the

opportunity to showcase their country in the march past. The Jamaican PMV Troop led the way with a passionate and animated Rastafarian performance. They were closely followed by the CSST who represented the Cook Islands by showcasing a twirling display of fire sticks. The Presidente de Olympica (CPL Clementson) enlightened the participants with a wise address, before the Padre blessed the Olympians and the OC lit the Olympic rings (twice) and declared the games officially open.

Both the individual and the team events that followed allowed all of the participants to harness the important Olympic qualities of professionalism, teamwork and competitiveness.

A highlight of the day saw CAPT John Aitken for Timor-Leste winning Gold in the 1200m Cycle Race (it is important to note that the other participants rode unicycles). His efforts however were fruitless,



The Timor-Leste 2012 Olympic Opening Ceremony

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as despite giving it their all, his team became the honored recipient of the 'Timor-Leste 2012 Wooden Spoon'. This was much to the disgust of the Iceland Team (HQ and Sigs) who, unbeknown to us all, were angling for it all day.

The final and most anticipated event – the 100kg over 100m Sprint Race, saw CPL Maiava win Gold in what was a stunning display of fortitude and determination for all of the runners and their nations.

Now that they have proven themselves in the sporting arena, the men and women of GYRO 13 will now be watching the television over the next few weeks to support our Kiwis in London. Thank you Erica and all of those who assisted with the planning and conduct of the event. Cheers Team.

(More news from GYRO 13 in centre pages).



LCPL Ge leaps with glee leading the 100m heat



The OC prepares to light the Olympic Rings



CAPT Aitken celebrates his win in the 1200m cycle race



The PMV Tp leading Jamaica in the Opening Ceremony

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NEWS FROM OP RATA II (15) , SOLOMON ISLANDS

REPORTING IN FROM THE SOLOMON ISLANDS



*Sig Colin Mundell all gung ho and
no where to go!*

SIG Colin Mundell **Op RATA 15**

The intense heat is oppressive from the moment you get off the plane, even if it's the middle of the night. It's hot even when it rains. PT is done before sunrise; it's too hot once the sun comes all the way over the horizon. I'm going to freeze when I return to New Zealand.

The camaraderie with the Aussies, New Guineans, and Police forces is immediately apparent. It's probably because we're all stuck in this compound together. The paper war just to get outside the gate is somewhat daunting. Fortunately there is air-conditioning everywhere so you can get away from the heat

while working, unless you are with the platoon doing POM (Public Order Management) training.

In town, the people wave almost every time you drive past in a vehicle with a Kiwi on the side. And they all say they like Kiwis.

It seemed like the biggest family reunion when the Pacific Arts Festival was held here in the Solomon Islands. It was good seeing our Kiwi delegation who received a well deserved standing ovation after their spectacular performance. It was good to see so many different island nations represented and learn something of the different cultures.

We've all been saddened by the premature departure of two of contingent members who returned to NZ back in June and July to take care of family issues back home. The Vehicle Mechanic, Mike, and Padre Chris, we're all thinking of you guys. Fortunately their replacements are here now and are managing fine.

Diving is a popular activity over here and I can see why. The coral with all its amazing variety of life starts where the water is just waist deep and it only gets more amazing and impressive the further down you go. Just a few minutes out of town there are several wrecked Japanese landing ships. Around the various islands there are more ships, and the occasional bomber aircraft.

Battlefield tours are also an attraction. There are rusting tanks and all sorts of remnants to be found from WWII. This includes huge quantities of unexploded bombs which the locals hand in

quite casually, no matter how many times the Police and Disposal officers tell them to leave it alone.

I am nearly two thirds of the way through my tour and looking forward to continued good times over the next couple of months before handing the baton over to someone else and getting home at last. I will miss this place when I leave.



*Sig Colin Mundell honours the
fallen on ANZAC Day*

DEPLOYMENT

Time to keep in touch

Sharing thoughts

**PLAN WAYS TO COMMUNICATE
WITH CHILDREN AT HOME:**

TELEPHONE

LETTERS

AUDIO OR VIDEOTAPES

E-MAIL MESSAGES

CHAPLAIN'S PEN — FROM ABROAD

James Molony
Padre, CRIB 20

It is the season of Ramadan (from the 20th of July for 30 days) Muslim people take part in fasting from sunrise to sunset, going without water and food during the daylight hours. That is a long time, especially as sunrise is around 4am'ish and sunset is 8pm'ish. 16 hours of fasting each day, for 30 days! Most of our locally employed civilians and interpreters take part. As well as our friends, the Malaysian contingent, who are also predominantly Muslim observe Ramadan. One of their interpreters, who helps teach English to local girls, said that for her it is a time to remember that water and food are a gift from God and a time to reflect and pray. I asked Ali, also an interpreter how Ramadan was going; he said going without food is not too much of a problem but no water, that is tough, especially in such a hot dry climate! He was preparing his meal for that evening and had his hand under running water, 'fresh cool water it never felt so good!' It is quite impressive to see the devotion of such a large portion of the community, there are a few exceptions for people who for various reasons cannot fast, but they are the exception.

It is also the harvest season. When we arrived here the ground was completely barren, even the trees looked like dry dead sticks. We have watched as fields were plowed by oxen and then planted and tended by hand. Crops have sprung up, trees came to life, and all the valleys became lush and green. Now they have been harvested, all by hand, there are large piles of wheat being threshed in the fields all around us. This is how it has been done here for thousands of years. All they have; their house, fields, and food have been built or provided for by hand. Afghan people work very hard for



the every day luxuries like food, water and shelter.

We, however, eat very well. Every day we have great chefs and plentiful supplies. It is an important part of our daily routine, something to look forward to three times every day! It is so easy to take for granted the absolutely luxurious life most of us live in NZ.

Watching Ramadan and the harvest, it has made a simple thing like saying 'grace' before each meal, thanking God for the food he has provided and for the safety of our patrols, so much more than just a ritual or a routine, it is something I truly appreciate.

God Bless have a great August.

CHAPLAIN'S PEN — FROM ABROAD

Chaplain Leon O'Flynn Solomon Islands

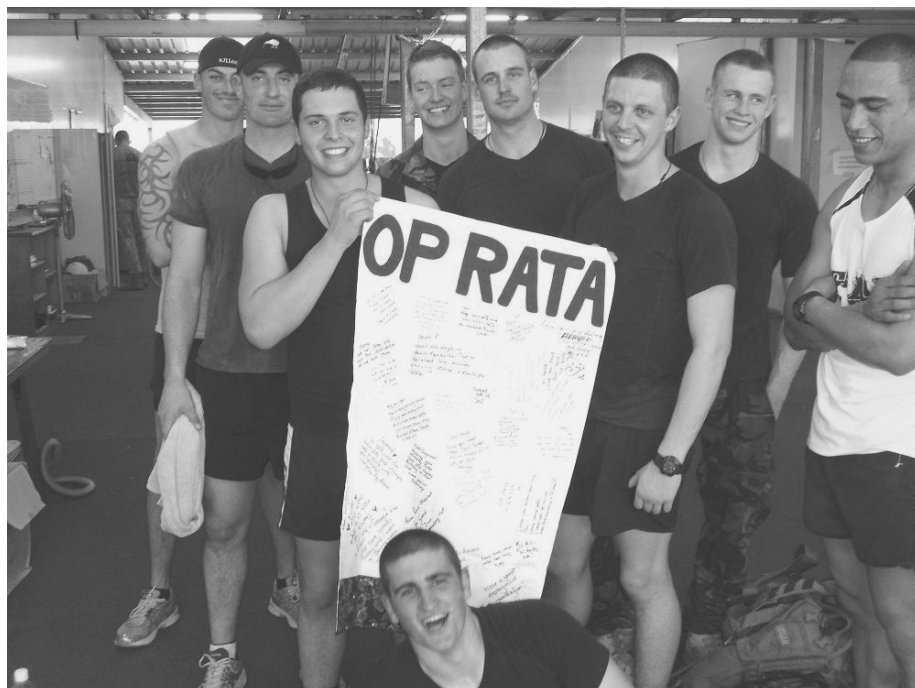
Hello everyone from the very sunny and hot Solomon Islands. We have been here just over two weeks and have begun to settle into life at GBR (Guadalcanal Beach Resort).

The first thing we all felt when we got off the plane was the heat, and as soon as we were able we started drinking some bottled water. This was followed by a stirring haka from the outgoing contingent. I also think the outgoing group was very happy to get their shirts off to show us all the results of some of the gym work that they had been doing.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have spent time doing a number of different tasks. The first is learning how things work here, where everything is, and who does what job. I think the two places the boys wanted to know the location of first was the gym and the mess. Both of which are excellent; the first because of the great equipment and the latter because of the great food (and plenty of it).

These last two weeks have been full of transitions, with the Papa New Guinean troops being replaced by the Tongan's. The Australians are also changing rotations. So right now there are so many people here, and at times you're not sure who is about to go and who just got here. By the end of this week it will all be settled, as those that are going will be gone and those that are arriving will be here.

I have included a couple of photos with this article. The first is of the OP RATA banner that many of you signed. This photo was taken the day we placed it in the area where most of the platoon sleeps. The boys are not that keen on having their photo taken, but I think they like the idea of having the banner



up. After all it is a little piece of home. The second photo is of a man and his kids out for a walk last Sunday afternoon. A few of us were out for a drive, looking over part of the island. I saw this family walking along, coming back from a river. Doing what so many other people like to do on weekends - enjoy time with the family.

Please send letters, parcels, notes,

or any other mail you can think of. It might sound strange to talk of mail in this computer age, and many of us are enjoying using things like Skype. However, you cannot beat the enjoyment a person gets from getting something from home.

I will leave you until next time I write, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

God's blessings be on all of you.

DSO'S CORNER



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Editor "The Bugle"

It's hard to believe that some 10 years ago I began writing and compiling "The Bugle", after inheriting the concept from my predecessors! Over the years, we have seen it go from strength to strength and change both in design and content. For a simple newsletter produced in-house, it has survived and served the years well (and the budget) and become a much valued resource for those associated with all New Zealand Defence Force land based missions abroad.

As the Editor, it would be fair to say that I can take very little of the credit. That firmly belongs to our ever dedicated teams abroad, who make "The Bugle" what it is today with their Foreign Correspondence from afar! As the missions rotate and personnel change, it never ceases to amaze me that new Foreign Correspondents realise their calling and happily put pen to paper to give us the most amazing stories to share with you all. While a little begging and bribing does happen from time to time, it is these contributions that bring us closer to our loved ones deployed, gives us an insight into their day-to-day lives so far away, keeps us up-to-date with happenings in various

locations, sometimes gives us a much needed laugh, and most of all a degree of peace of mind that all is well.

Over the years we have been well supported and it is in this editorial, that I offer my thanks to all those who have, do, or will into the future, make this newsletter so sought after.

Mixed in with the valuable contributions from afar, are the regular home contributors from across the 3 services, and our valued families who make everyone's day with their heartfelt and sometimes humorous personal messages across the miles.

While we work hard to find just that right "Bugle" cover shot, I was



totally dismayed when told recently that "we never look at the cover, we go straight to the messages!" I am sure this illustrates how important it is to send and receive a message and what a valuable tool it is to keep relationships alive!

Janine and I couldn't have achieved what we have, without the support of so many in making this publication a deployment favourite tool. So if you have contributed an article, sent a message, typed up

and printed off a copy, "stuffed" and "labelled" envelopes or simply sat at home with a cuppa and poured over news about your loved one – we thank you. We thank you too, for your valuable feedback on this simple newsletter, which keeps us going as each deadline rolls around much more quickly than it should!

It is hard to believe that we are nearing our 175th issue of "The Bugle", in this current format. With no formal training in journalism, (I am a registered nurse!), I have to say that we have learned much along the way, but most of all, we have managed to exceed your expectations, which means much more to us than anything else!

With kind regards.

RETURN TO NEW ZEALAND CRIB 20

At the time of Bugle writing, the return to New Zealand flight details were not available for release to Primary Next of Kin. We are told this is "an evolving process", so please keep in touch with us for further updates. We share your excitement too, so please ring as often as you would like.

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DSO'S CORNER CONT'D..



Janine Burton
Deployment Services Officer
1 (NZ) Brigade

Bugle deadlines seem to come around very quickly; surely this means that for the families who have a loved one on deployment that every time a Bugle arrives in their letterbox that yet another three weeks have passed and it is another three weeks closer to homecoming! As I currently have a foot in both camps, as they say, with supporting our families directly affected by deployment in my role as DSO and by also being on the deployment journey as a parent, I am finding that time is passing quickly and slowly all at the same time. But it is August already; the weeks and months are whizzing by at a great rate of knots, and homecoming is just over the horizon.

Another set of milestones will have passed by the time of publication of this edition – Carol will have completed the tour update briefs for the current CRIB deployment. While I am writing this before the briefs have actually been conducted, I understand that all locations are expecting high participation. We have been provided tentative dates for the contingent return to NZ as well which Carol will have been able to share at the briefings and we are well into our preparations for the

next contingent's deployment too. For our CRIB 20 families, this all indicates that your deployment journey is about to enter the home stretch, although perhaps a little early to start the countdown, but I must admit that having a date to work to is exciting –remembering of course, that dates are always subject to change for all sorts of reasons.

With CRIB returning soon, perhaps it is time to think about re-establishing relationships by planning some quality time together by yourselves. I know that many organise holidays, either overseas or somewhere closer to home; something else to look forward to.

Being separated from loved ones, even if the reason for the separation can be considered to be for a very worthy cause (as in the case of deployment), we all have

periods of frustration when quite simply “they should be here”! By keeping home and commitments and children all running as smoothly as possible, sending those valuable letters and parcels from home, we too are participating in the deployment so I hope that each of you takes the time to acknowledge your own valuable contribution. You are doing a great job!

From the other side of the fence, those who are deployed are also sacrificing a great deal by missing out on family occasions – birthdays, anniversaries and other special events (like births of babies) in which they would normally participate. We need to remember that there are times that they wish they were here too. Another Bugle down, another Bugle closer to homecoming! Thinking of you all.

Lend Support, Lend a Hand

It is always heart warming to hear the many good news stories that come our way during a deployment. Parenting alone can be a daunting and tiring task, but for those who find support in their local community the burden can be much less. Extended families play a vital role in offering a little practical help along the way, a listening ear, time out and some adult conversation! Many of you have excelled in making a day easier for someone else – a day closer to homecomings! People who have the courage to reach out find the rewards are all theirs. It is hard for those of you, who want to be fiercely independent, but being left at home, while loved ones are on the other side of the world, is something almost impossible to do alone. People in like situations, truly understand the difficulties sometimes faced and make the best support mechanism.

Sadly, from time to time we do hear of families struggling along, and do hope that we can offer some assistance and guidance and make a difference – but only if we know. Small communities can be great and at other times they can present challenges. No matter where we live, we always need caring friends, supportive colleagues and a little cheer in our day. I was saddened to hear recently of an incident where the support extended was very negative, feelings were hurt and unkind words exchanged. Thankfully this is not the norm but it is one incident too many. We are bigger and better than that and while we all have challenges in our day to day lives and personalities do clash, we are adults here and life is too short to behave in such a manner. So there is still time to stand up and be counted and if you have behaved in a less than gracious manner, there is still time to put things right! So your motto for the day and tomorrow, should be – lend support, lend a hand, reap the rewards and experience the difference! (DSO Burnham).

CHAPLAIN'S PEN — FROM ABROAD

WHEN THE DEAD SPEAK

Padre Jonathon Holland
TG GYRO 13

A997234 Private Leonard William Manning B Company 2/1 RNZIR, killed in active service 24 July 2000. This is part of the inscription that is on the memorial plaque for Len Manning in Tilomar, Cova Lima here in Timor-Leste. When the dead speak everyone else is usually held in a silent suspense, as was the case when a small gathering from GYRO 13 congregated around the cross of remembrance in Len's honour.

I am one of the newest Chaplains to enter the NZDF and have at present served only 19 months, but despite my short vocation this one man has spoken to me from beyond the grave on several occasions. I'm not insinuating witchcraft, or the practice of a medium, but that the honour of Leonard Manning's memory has been held in such high importance by all that have come through Timor, that it has been impossible to ignore his voice. And let me say this, from the response to the memorial service that was held in Timolar on the 24th of July 2012 attended by a number GYRO 13 contingent members, the UN and the Timorese Army, the F-FDTL no one has spoken so loudly as Len Manning since we have been here. It was for me a great privilege to stand at the foot of Len's memorial to conduct a service of remembrance, tribute and honour to our fallen brother.

In attendance were several students from a school in the district of Cova Lima who receive funds from the Len Manning Trust. These students were some of the most respectful people we have met while in Timor-Leste. Their humility and gratitude is unprecedented. They all have T-shirts with a big picture of our

brother on the front and in bold letters LEN MANNING. I dare anyone to say that Len has not made a difference in these guys' lives. That's how loudly Len speaks to these students.

Most people have had to face the loss of a family member, friend or college and whether they were regarded as close or distant their memory will still live on in our hearts and in our thoughts, the good times, the bad times, the fun times, the sad times, the hard times and the easy times. The most important thing is "the ____ times" that you had together, whatever they may have been. Those are what make memories.

For the many that knew Len, served with Len and worked with Len I urge you to continue to hold

Len in the midst of your memories. May his honourable sacrifice live on as a tribute to the NZDFs contribution to the country of Timor-Leste.

To the Manning family, be strong and be proud. COL Martin Dransfield read a letter from Len's mum. It was a beautiful letter. It was the expressions that only a mother can utter. Thank you for your words of love and affection. That letter, the people that gathered and words that were shared, proved to me that Len still speaks to so many of us from beyond the grave and that the dead ought not to be forgotten because they still have so much to say.

Blessings from TG GYRO 13
"Lucky for some."



LCPL Mitchell lays a wreath with a Len Manning Trust Student

GYRO 13 VISIT TO TILOMAR — 24 JULY 2012

NZDF operations in Timor-Leste over the period 1999 – 2004 resulted in eight fatalities amongst NZ and the other nations serving with the NZ Battalion. Ten memorials to these soldiers are constructed in their memory in the COVALIMA District.

On the 24th of July 2000, Private Leonard Manning of 6 Platoon B Company, 2/1 Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment serving with the Battalion in East Timor, was the cover scout on a patrol moving up the FOHO DEBULULIK feature near the border with West Timor. The Company had been in the area, in platoon patrols following up reports that Militia groups had crossed the border. Whilst patrolling towards the top of the feature the lead elements of the section came under fire, Private Manning was hit and killed in the firefight, the patrol withdrew in contact and the feature was subsequently cleared by the



Comds from 6 Pl B Coy 2/1 RNZIR and past B Coy personnel beside the Leonard Manning memorial

Company where Private Manning was recovered and brought home.

A small group of representatives from the NZ GYRO 13 Contingent most of which had served here previously and included current members of 6 Pl, B Coy 2/1 RNZIR, returned to TILOMAR to conduct a

service at the 'old FOB', now the F-FDTL base. The service was led by our NZ 'Hadre' Jon Holland and the local priest. It was attended by the CMLO, Colonel Martin Dransfield who was the Commanding Officer in 2000, the regional UNMO team, F-FDTL, the Chefe du Suco and students from the Technical



Left:

CPL Marava paying tribute to his B Coy Brother PTE Manning

GYRO 13 VISIT TO TILOMAR — 24 JULY 2012



COL Dransfield at the Manning Memorial

College who are sponsored by the Manning Trust, set up in his name as a legacy to assist young people in the FORHOREM area. After a moving service and laying of the wreath, we were treated to a lunch and spent some time with the locals reminiscing about the FOB and changes in the region.

We were transported in the UNMO and PNTL vehicles to FOHO DEBULULIK through some familiar territory. A walk up the hill through the trees brings you to Private Manning's memorial which sits where he fell on the 24th of July 2000. The group held another short service and read a letter sent by

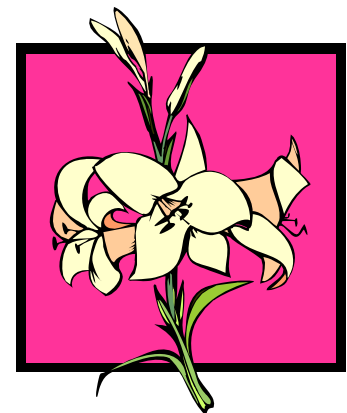
Leonard's Parents to coincide with the visit to his site. Colonel Dransfield shared his memories of Leonard, the events leading up to his contact and the subsequent operations post the incident. This was a moving and poignant few hours for the group.

The return to TILOMAR also offered up the opportunity to visit the memorial to Warrant Officer Class Two Tony Walser who was killed in a vehicle accident when the road collapsed under his vehicle. We were able to take some time to remember him and honour his memory.

The NZ Contingent is currently planning to return to the COVALIMA Region later in the year to revisit these and our other memorial sites. This will provide an opportunity to remember the soldiers whose memory remains in this country and conduct some needed preservation maintenance to each site as we look to leave Timor-Leste in the New Year.



Tilomar Cova Lima Memorial Service



WE WILL
REMEMBER
THEM

IN MEMORY OF LEONARD

Parents Letter — Charlie and Linda Manning

In Memory of Leonard

John Ch 15 v 13 –

“Greater love has no one than this; that he lay down his life for his friends”.

Thank you Leonard for being you, and for being willing to die so that others could live in safety.

We remember your courage, your strength, your determination and your laughter.

You would be proud of this country and how the people have progressed since you were here.

You would be full of admiration for these dedicated young people who have studied hard and achieved great success because of the opportunity that you helped provide for them.

Leonard, you know that you are loved and appreciated every day. Your name is spoken often at home also in this place where we know you are remembered among the many heroes who fought for freedom here.

Father God, we thank you for your gift of our son Leonard. Thank you for the blessing that he has been to us and many. Your love is stronger than death and we look forward to the happy reunion that will never end.

Thank you that Leonard is safe in your keeping, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

KEEPING OUR CULTURE AND HERITAGE



Claudia Baker, Air Force Welfare Facilitator, Base Woodbourne

... and it starts with the Man in the Mirror

Ngā mihi ki a koe, i te Wiki o te Reo Māori. Greetings to you all, it is Māori Language Week! It is indeed, as I am writing this article, so beware; I will try and incorporate some Māori language out of respect, and also to encourage everyone to keep this language alive in our midst, even though the language week is over by the time this will reach you.

Ko Claudia taku ingoa. Kei Blenheim take kātinga, but: ko Germany taku iwi. I have recently become very aware again how important one's heritage and culture is, even if we try to integrate ourselves and make all efforts to adapt the best we can into the culture that surrounds us. After 8 long years, I finally made it back to my home country, Germany, and I found myself instantly "at home", with a great sense of belonging. I have lived in England for several years, and now in New Zealand for 12 years, with next to no contact to fellow country men or women here in NZ, but I would be kidding myself if I was thinking I would ever lose my culture.

Our culture and heritage plays a big part in who we are and the way we are doing things. But what IS culture? I recently had to interview three counsellors for a paper I am doing on "Counselling Theory", and one of the questions was what culturally dependent problems could arise during counselling. I wanted to clarify first how they define culture, and all three sort of gave me the same answer: There are the obvious cultures of people from different countries, like Indian, Chinese or Samoan, but really, every community, even every

person, has their own unique culture.

One of the counsellors said to me that she finds that people from the Defence Force are also bringing their own culture with them. I would agree with that, and I have heard the phrase "micro community" being used often in relation to the Defence Force, and then there are, of course, cultural differences between Army, Air Force and Navy in themselves.

Just as it has for every person, history has shaped the Defence Force as it is today, and as it is in every whanau, there have been losses, that we grieve and remember, and there have been victories we are proud of. We celebrate the good times, and together we are going through tough times, like the changes in recent years, and, of course, the deaths of servicemen and women, but at the end of the day, we are all family—members that need to know we can trust and depend on one another, especially those on deployments and exercises, where a good team spirit is vital. Every person in this whanau brings their own skills, passion, strengths and their own culture to this family. This, I would say, becomes very apparent when you find yourself far away from the comfort of home on deployments, but also here back in New Zealand, when you encounter the struggles of being separated from your loved one, no matter whether it's a son or daughter, husband, wife or partner, mum or dad. This is the time we all need to know we can depend on our wider whanau, and the Defence Force is amazing in providing support and help whenever there is a need. We are ALL part of this whanau!

Having worked in "Civi Street" for many years, I can say that the support within the Defence Force is indeed quite unique. Despite of what we sometimes feel, family/

whanau IS important to the Defence Force, and perhaps in a world where political correctness outweighs common sense and our children are growing up in a moral vacuum, where absolutes of right and wrong are derided, where corporate crime fills our newspapers, and society has only very little moral strength left, within the Defence Community we are supported and encouraged to make sure that we do look out for one another, strengthen and encourage one another, and, with that, build and maintain a strong and supportive culture and community. ...and I hate to point it out, but it does have to begin with, as Michael Jackson sang it to us, "the man in the mirror"!

So, as this magazine reaches out to those affected by deployments, can I encourage you again to look out for your "neighbour", and to master this time of deployment together. Out of my own experience, the biggest blessings usually come out of blessing others – even or perhaps especially when we are in need ourselves. Remember also the support the Defence Force provides through the Support Services as listed in this magazine, and Chaplains who are close up with those on deployments. Don't hesitate to contact one of them on a Base or Camp near you!

In closure, I will leave you to once more remember a well known and my favourite Māori proverb:

He aha te mea nui o te ao?

He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!

What is the most important thing in the world?

It is people! It is people!

It is people!

Look after yourselves and others! Kei a koutou aku inoi (My prayers are with you all)! Ngā mihi nui (With best wishes).

HI FROM THE NCO

NCO Winter Camp 2012 (Sunday 01 – Friday 06 July)

What do you get when you have a group of fun loving naval families, sprinkled with some defence civilians, mix well and combine in the Navy ski lodge at Ohakune? The perfect mix of ingredients for the NCO Winter Camp 2012. Furthermore, if you add a generous helping of good weather, lots of firewood, thick creamy soft snow, a talented Able Chef and great food, it's the recipe for a fun-filled and relaxing week away from the big smoke.



This year nine Defence families braved the cold and spent the first week of the July school holidays together on the Winter Camp. There were some families who were ski bunnies and spent all day every day on the slopes whilst at the other end of the spectrum some children experienced snow for the first time and were happy to make snowmen and toboggan down the slippery run on Mt Turoa. There was a good mixture of children's ages so new friendships were forged together under these experimental conditions as there was no TV but plenty of games, puzzles and opportunities for curious young minds to be creative. As the days were jam packed with many activities such as skiing, trips to the Army Museum, hot pools, movies, bush walks and horse riding the children all had early nights leaving the adults time to unwind together and enjoy some time to socialise. Most of this centred around board games, book reading and the inevitable 'shop talk'.

There were many interesting stories to tell or hear of the days activities but one lasting memory for all was the earthquake on the Wednesday night which was centred in the Taranaki region. At first the noise was thought to be another of the many trains that seemed to pass by later in the evening, however, the thirty second rumbling and rolling movements quickly told us otherwise. Although evasive action was taken and a flurry of parents checking on their children ensued, no damage was done and the children slept through the event. Truth be told the movement reminded one of their first trip on the old HMNZS Canterbury some years ago!

Many thanks go out to our wonderful families who did so much to make the event a memorable week. Also a huge thank-you to our chef Carlos who kept the moral of the participants up with high quality and healthy meals followed by some wonderful duff! The facilities at the RNZN Alpine and Ski club are superb and a big thank-you to Kerry for your assistance with the camp which helped it run smoothly.

Bring on Winter Camp 2013.

From your friendly NCO Team.



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WHAT'S ON IN TRENTHAM

STARTING 7 AUGUST

ACTIVE MUMS & BUBS FITNESS CLASS

Starting on Tuesday 7th August at 9.30. This is our usual Coffee Group day at the Clock Tower and the class runs for about an hour and you can still enjoy coffee afterwards. If you want to attend, please let Marie Lotz know asap.

This as a pilot for 4 weeks so the instructors fee is covered for that time and the only cost to you is a one off payment of \$17.50 for a book and the blanket. You can also purchase a swiss ball from Sherylene for \$40. However, if you have your own already bring it along. I hope to also have some here you can use.

To register: email marie.lotz@nzdf.mil.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.

Tuesday 4 September, 6pm - 8pm, Hall 3 Community Centre

Housing Area, Fryberg Road, Burnham (please note change of venue as previously advertised)

An open invitation to all those associated with current deployments to join us for a social time and opportunity to meet with like people in a like situation. Light refreshments will be served and childcare available. No need to RSVP but for enquiries, please phone Carol on 03 363 0421 or 0800 33 75 69. This will also be a chance to welcome those who have just joined the deployment journey and to congratulate those who have nearly made it to the end! Look forward to seeing you all.

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WHAT'S ON IN DEVONPORT

7 SEPTEMBER

NAVY KID'S DISCO

Friday 7 September 2012

4.40pm to 7.00pm, Cost \$5

Ngataringa Sports Complex

Tickets can be purchased from CPOEWS Aderleen Matete
or LPTI Jaimee Wattie

Targeted at children aged approx 2-7 years

Light snack provided for the ticket holder (children)

Sausage sizzle for sale also—cash only!

Bouncy Castle!



PERSONAL MESSAGES

The deadline for contributions and personal messages for the next edition of "The Bugle" is **30 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

Hi JJ, Bradley and Liam

Everything is still going well here. We're in a new place and it's like living in an American western. Be nice to your mum and each other. Good luck with the sport. Be nice to your Uncle Greg too, he's 40 now so might need some help around the house. Love you all, talk soon.

CB

How time flies when you're having fun! Well I guess we haven't spoken or skyped for a while now but I should be back in touch soon. Still enjoying it over here but will certainly be ready to come home when the time comes. Missing you all, but especially you! Shouldn't be long and we'll know where we'll be next year. I'm sure all will be good. Love you and looking forward to talking soon. Keep looking at the stars and we'll be together soon.

To my Gorgeous Princess

I love you with all my heart. You make me the happiest man in the world. I cannot wait to get home. Xoxoxoxo. Love you and all your shades. Your poohbear.

To my Dearest Anastasia

I love the way you look at me when I am wearing those ripped jeans you love so much in the play room. I can't wait to see you wearing my grey tie again. There is so much more I want to say but it will just have to wait till the next message. Christian Grey, CEO, Grey Enterprises Holdings, Inc.

SOAR

Hi guys. Missing you heaps and looking forward to October. We are all well over here. Ali Happy Anniversary on 5 Aug, our annual

reminder of the best day of my life. Also Happy Birthday on 6 Sept. We will have to celebrate when I get home. Olivia keep those wonderful letters and emails coming and Sean keep being good for mummy for me pal. Love and miss you guys. Daddy.

G & S

Giddy Mum and Dad! Still doing well. Fit and healthier than I have been in years! Really appreciate all the support you have given Ali and I over the past 4 months. We have a target in mind now. Mum keep the ugly and pretty pens coming and Dad we had better book a weekend at Taupo for October aye. Lots of love, the son.

Kat: TIAWWWB, Houdini and Blue

If the Kat is looking unwell, or tired, or off her food, you need to take her to the vet. If you are popping out for a while because someone has left a door open, before you go, make sure you have a human-sitter. Not-My-Cat-Either will probably agree to look after her in return for some of the sardines I left in the cupboard. Stay out of trouble and no more eating books. Your apple core provider.

Hey Beautiful!

Well, I've got an RTNZ date now which gives us something to aim for. By the time you get this you will be settled in at Kupe Pl. Cannot wait to get home to you!!! I miss you and love you more every day. "Forever" Yours Xoxo. CCB.

To C, L, Mummy and Mama

Over half way now, only 1 term (and a little bit...) to go. Love you to the holidays and back! D.

To Connor and Liam

Give Mummy and Mama big

cuddles from me for their birthdays! Daddy.

To Mummy

Happy Birthday sweetheart! You are doing a great job, couldn't be here without you. Love you. D.

To Mama

Happy Birthday Doris, love you to the Chicken coop and back. D.

To my Canternaki Family

Time is flying by and my Army gear will be all over the floor again in no time. Maaka and Rai, I hope you two are looking after your Mummy. I miss you all so much and look forward to watching you play touch. Maaka and Kai, I can't wait to see you crawling around and getting into everything for the first time. Baby you are so strong and are the doing the best job at home, Love you all, Your Dad.

To my Darling Alice

Not long now baby and we will be back together to be a family again. Big hugs for Amber and Will, and especially you! Love always, Munshkin xoxo.

Hi there Emma!

Happy Birthday my awesome little girl! So proud of you, I hope you have a great day. Lots and lots of love from your DAD!

Hey Reagan

Hope you're having fun at school, miss you heaps buddy, not long now till you birthday! I can't wait to be home!!!! Loads of love from DAD.

Hi Log

Not long now! Hope all is well, can't wait to smash you in a arm wrestle...again! Love you loads Dad.

PERSONAL MESSAGES CONT'D...

Hi Babe

Missing you so much can almost begin the countdown now, proud of all you do babe. Love you forever J.

To my PICKLE

Hope you are having fun with my mum. It's been great watching B-Man on skype. He is such a wee monkey. Can't wait to be home with you all. Much love, CARROT.

To Nana Sue

Thank you for coming down and helping my lil girl and big boy. Enjoy your trip to the islands. Love GD.

Hi Snow (Dad)

Hope that you are still keeping warm down south and that your hip is OK! I'm sure all the Bluff Oysters you have been eating without me are helping with your recovery. 2 months down as I write this (ALREADY!) Say hi to Paulie and Grandma and everyone from me. Miss and love ya heaps! Xoxo.

Jake

You are doing a good job looking after things for me. Good boy, cool hat! Love Pop.

Caitlin

Love you more: Then I must be very lucky: Miss you more: Love Dad.

To my Girls

Well done with your Reports. Missing you both. Love Dad.

To the love of my life

Whoops! Sorry, I let that job slip. Forgive me – I don't want to be in the ...! Who else would know what we go through? Trying to live a life while sooo far apart. Offering to help from a distance sounds great, but achieving it is like throwing a dart. Take care, my (strong) Soulmate, I can't wait to see you and the girls on our little break. With my arms wide open I'll lift you high, I'll kiss your cheek - I just

can't wait! You're doing a great job babe! Stay strong, stay warm and have some KFC for me! XXX. 4221.

My Cherieamour

My love grows more and more for you Cherieamour. You are so beautiful and pretty. We see each other in a little while, tomorrow. Yeyah. One more day. I so can't wait for that aye my hunni, I miss you and adore you. Mwahhhh.

Back again my Babelicious

Looking forward to getting back my babe! It's been good catching up on skype every now and again. Kick our ratbags back into their own beds my honey and look after yourself babe. Wish I was there to help you with the little ratbags and give you a break. See you soon my babelicious, love you all the way round the world and.....Your Husband.

To my little Ratbags

I hope you are all over the bugs now my little grubs. Be good for mum and help her out my big boys especially while she is getting your brother over the lurgy. To my little miss, go back to your own bed my honey and let mum sleep. I'm looking forward to seeing you all again soon. Bye ratbags, I love you all the way around the world and ...

To Dad, Jack, Uncle and Aunt

Thanks for the recent messages from you all, it's great hearing from you all and the news of the family is good to hear. Hope all the whanau back in the mighty HB are fine and that the weather isn't treating you too badly. Please pass my love to all, keep yourselves safe and I will see you all soon. Lots of love to all, bye for now!

To the Turkies

Z, How is guides going? Mum said that you are really enjoying being there, she also said you probably like it because you're not in the

same group as your younger sister, is that true? Keep up the good work at school and help mum out with your brother and sister! P, Thank you so much for all the cards which I received in my parcel the other day, it was really good reading them all, they are now up on my wall and make my room feel like home, help mum out around home and look after your brother! K, how's it going my son? I hope you like the hat that dad sent home, I have one like it here and I wear it all the time. Is it cold at home? Make sure you help mum out around the house and stop playing on the computer all the time, you rat bag!! D, Not too long now babe, before you know it I will be on the plane home, the time certainly has flown by so far and I am sure the remaining time will fly by. Looking forward to spending time with my family!! Love you guys and missing you all heaps. DAD (P.S. K, stay out of my bed!!).

FLOWER POWER

Not long flower,
Not long at all.
Your arms soon I hope.
And then peace,
Freedom
Our life brand new.
All I want in life.
Is to be loved by you.

SOAP

Hi Babes

Happy 17th Anniversary! Best 17yrs of my life! Can't wait till I'm on leave, spending some quality time together. Love Robs x.

Hi Con & Harry

Hope your not missing me too much. We can go out some days when I'm on leave, so start thinking of what you want to do. Dad is thinking of you all the time. Take care. Love dad x.

PERSONAL MESSAGES CONT'D...



From Home

Hi Uncle Rangi

Happy Birthday! We hope you will be having a yummy cake. We will be making a pavalova for you. Tikka wakka is our new funny word hee hee. We have had lots of heavy rain and the river was nearly up to the bridge. The yard was full with water. We have a new chicken called Pango and she lays a yummy egg every day. Love you, be safe. Miss you, Boy boy and serenity.

Hey Kell

Almost half way there! Hope the hand has healed well. How many donkeys is it now, ha ha. It won't be too long before bubba can sleep with you. Love Mum Nod.

Hey Kell

Looking forward to having my big sis back! It's been a good time at school becoming the student manager for the café. Miss ya. xx. Love Scoob.

To CRIB 20

Hope all is well for you all and you are all safe and well and looking after each other. Looking forward to your plane landing back in NZ! Kia Kaha you lot.

Hi

I love daddy. Sup!

To Rob (Dad)

Mum is as crazy as ever! Love from Jayden xox.

To Dad

I love you. Mum has finished all 3 books. Love from Liam, the Number 3 xxx.

Dear Dad/Dave

Miss you heaps. Wish you were here with us having a good time. Love Connor.

To Dad/Dave

I love you so much from Paige.

To Dad

Missing you heaps and thinking of you every day. Hope you are having an alright time. I'm doing good at school and can't wait to see you again! Love you lots, CJ. Xoxoxo.

Dear Dad

I hope you're having a good time. I love you. From Sam.

Hey Dad

How is it over there? We are having dinner over at the green house. The food was nice. I had a fish, rice, brocaly and a lemon. We got to write a letter to you. Some of my friends are here. It is good because we don't have to do dishes. See ya dad, love Kalani.

Hi Dada

Are you good in Afghanistan? I better finish off dada. Xxx. I luv you on the nose dodgeproof. Tatiana.

Hey Bro

How are you? Hope you are doing alguds now and your back's still not giving you too much trouble. We all here sitting at the Mess having dinner...Everyone alguds here rather boring though, lol. What's new? Well just thought I'd drop you a few words. Love and miss ya, Beij. X.

Hey Bro!!!

Hope you're doing all good over there and your back's getting better. Still haven't heard from you, but hope you've got the next season on Vampire Diaries so we can get a memory stick and get them from you. Airez is getting bigger and more demanding, but we miss you heaps and got her perfume and Winnie the Pooh colouring the other day as well! Fatman's saying lets bounce because we're at the Mess for the dinner for family so hope you're

algud and
love you
heaps! Get
back to work!

I love you Aunty FREDa. Airez!
Love always, Dallas. Xxx.

Kia Ora Tena

Koutou Katoa mo nga Kai reka i-lenei po. Arohanui, Puku nui.. CaitlinT.

To my Sexy Poohbear

I love u so much and I have enjoyed all our late nite chats so much, it has been awesome for us both to have a good laugh together over some funny things!!!! Things have been going along nicely here at home and I can't wait for our DVD nite to see wat u guys have been up too. I don't need to ask you if your doing ok cos I can see it on your face when we talk and I know that our conversations keeps ur mind on other things, lol. I can't wait for u to read the Grey book, lol then ul understand the next parcel on the way. Love u with all my heart for ever and ever without a doubt. Your Princess xoxoxoxo.

FABD4D

My dearest son, all is well here. We're counting the sleeps now. Saving up a few jobs at QV for you! ILYTTMAB and then some. Xxxxx mama.

Hi my Brother

Not long for our sis to have our nephew Hohepa. I can't wait. She is so excited as well and can't sleep. I am back next week to study in Hams as I have a science test and cultural workshops and presentation on, wish me luck!! Helped birth a baby last weekend. Was really rewarding and I am more passionate about midwifery. Kids are great and keeping me occupied. Was good seeing you and talking the other day. You must get a bit homesick at times. Well take care and we all miss and love

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you, your sis Tawera xxx.

Dear Con

Not long now - think of that jet-ski, waiting for you. I won't let anyone use it till you have had first go!! Both Mason and Alex have had a sit on your jet-ski, but Mason is a bit apprehensive about having a 'real' ride. The time seems to have gone very fast and it will be great to see you again. Mason knows you will be home soon. Alex is starting to talk now and is getting more and more interesting as he interacts with us. Love, Mum and Dad. XXXX.

Ki a Taika Pāpā

Taku aroha nui mōu e toku Pāpā xx. Thank you for my parcel Pāpā - I like my new clothes and creams! I'm feeling better now too - Very excited that we are halfway there til you come home! I like your photo at McDonalds! Can you send me a toy from the McDonald's over there? Hope you are not too sad Pāpā, you will be home soon! Don't forget to say your karakia Ka nui taku aroha mōu xx Taika E kore e ea i te kupu taku aroha mōu e taku tau xx Taika Māmā.

Hi KJ

Hope your well. Have a great birthday. Everyone is missing you. You will see a big change in your nieces and nephew when you get home, nearly half way there. Lots of love from us all (Foster Family).

Hey my B-dizz

Hope you're loving the experience. We miss ya loads but we are doing just fine. Off to Nanny and Paka's soon so you know we will be well looked after. Hope you have an average birthday, won't be great cause you're not with us ba ha ha. Have sent some goodies, will send your present to ya once it arrives here..... Tama says Cher bro, cher g. Love you Papa x Love you babes x.

Hi Moly

Hope you have the latest in magazines coming in at a regular pace and you are up with all the Hollywood Goss! Think of you often, Hope all is well, Carol.

Hi P

Greetings from Mexico! Enjoy the jam! C.

Hey Honey Badger

We're in the same hemisphere! We'll look forward to you staying on our couch sometime. Take care, S & L.

Happy Birthday David

"You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake" (with a little inspiration from Bob Hope). With lots of love from Mummy and Daddy, your BIG sister and little sister and their whole families!

Milord

We are truly honoured and humbled to offer our warmest felicitations on the anniversary of your birth. Would you like some eggs with that? We'll celebrate in your absence at The Station, but our thoughts will be with you. Hope all is well with you. We're flat out here but at least it makes the time pass quickly. Missing you like crazy! Love J xxx.

Hey Marky

Sorry to have missed all the 21st action over there. Isn't it nice to know that people care! Another goodies parcel on its way to you - I shall paint wings on it for speedy delivery. Well done with your Olympics score. Very impressive! I am watching the rain and the low outside temperatures and thinking whistfully of your warm, clear sky days. Missing you like billio. Big hugs and much love, Tanya.

Happy Birthday from the Turkies!!!

Happy Birthday daddy! Have a

great birthday hopefully you have our package, we've got yours. I loved the lady gaga headphones and I'm pretty sure P loved her Justin Bieber headphones as well. Miss you, love you. Love from Z. Hi daddy (the turkey) Happy Birthday, hope you're having a great time. I miss you a lot. I loved the Justin BIEBER headphones THANKS!!!!!! YOU'RE THE BEST DAD IN THE WORLD. I was having a great time with the headphones. So anyway, I've got a huge surprise for your next package since it's your birthday and I really want it to be great, I hope you think it is, it's very special to me and now it's yours. It is from my enrolment night at brownies, still can't tell you what it is, real sorry but you will find out soon. On the 1st of August I had a haircut and it's really cool. Hope you can see it on skype. Well, got to go now. I love you. Happy Birthday, bye from P (the butterfly) bye. Happy Birthday dad. I love you and miss you. You're coming soon you're coming in 2 more months. Lots of love from K. Happy Birthday to my wonderful husband! Wish we could be there to celebrate your day. Hope you like the present? Thinking of you, not just on your birthday but every day that you are away! Miss you heaps and Love you more. Lots of Love from D.

Hey Pumbaa

Finally! The end is in sight and I am starting to feel like I can get really excited about your homecoming! (Even though everyone loves saying "Oh he's still got ages away!" Pfft). Glad to see the mo is gone, not so glad to see a replacement one forming in its place. Have sent you blades to deal to it! Missing you more every day but so proud of you and the boys. Hurry home, Bebe G(B) xo.

Hi FG

Over half way and on the downhill run. Not so easy at the moment I

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guess but we are all thinking of you (and everyone else) back here. Keep planning that holiday and all those activities. Hugs and kisses from everyone. LYAMY.

Hi Zane

Since you can't be home for birthday wishes and celebrations – we will have to settle with sending you tons of love, heaps of hugs, loads of kisses and tankfuls and HAPPY 25th BIRTHDAY wishes for the 24th of August!!!! Miss you. Love you heaps – and hope you have a great day... treats on their way!!! Meanwhile – we promise to have a wee celebratory drinkie (or two) in your honour! Love Mum, Hails, Rich, Sam, Aunty Ang – Uncle Dave and the boys, and BB. Xoxo. P.S. DOUP sends a manly 'Hi Zane' and birthday wishes too!



Hi Dad

Missing you heaps – can't wait til you get home to take me for a run and throw the ball. Happy Birthday! Love Ranger xox.



Mr Bond

All is well on the home front. Your presences has been notably missed. Wishing you all the best with your birthday celebrations. Hope you have an enjoyable day, a chilled martini is awaiting you on your arrival home. Lots of Love Your Money Penny Xoxo.

Hi Dad

This is my new school because I am 5 now. One day soon you will be able to come and look and meet my teacher. Love from Alex.



Hi Mum

Counting down the weeks to you touch down. Room is tidy, animals are fed and dad's happy.

Hi Honey

Slippers by the fire, a hot bubble bath with a glass of Pinot Gris. Breakfast in bed, pancakes and latte await you on your return. Love You, the LADS.

Hi Kenneth

Missing you heaps! Can't wait until you are home. Love Mum and Dad.

Hi Con

It was great to see you on the film at the mid-deployment meeting. You looked really well – the time at the gym has definitely made a difference. The DVD was so good. Well done all of you! Can't wait to see you again out on the sea on your jet ski. Love Mum and Dad.

Kia Ora PK

It was really good to see you on the tape and all of you over there in Afghanistan. Kia Kaha! Kia Maa, Kia Toa, be cool, be safe and see you soon. Love Mum and Dad.

Hi Zane

Just watched the mid-tour video – OMG, Hails and I both boobed!!

Love you,
Mum. Xx.

Romz

Great to see you on the DVD, lol. Loved it! Big hugs from all back here. Waiting to see ya! Good times ahead. Mum, Warren, Pen and Raz.

Hello Big Brother! (Ski)

We loved the video (may have cried in your part). Excited for you to come home! Nana said you look old, hah ha. I hope you're not riding the donkey too – they are only little! Happy Birthday! I'll shout you a beer when you get home. Xox. Hailey.

Hello my Brother from another Mother! (Ski)

I'm at the Army thingee pregnant (due Aug 19th) and everyone thinks it's to an Army boy, ha ha. Awkward! Happy Birthday Leo for the 24th, Daena, xox.

Hi there Zane

Yay, saw the movie tonight. Was so good to see you! Will pass on your hello to Laura! I think she is coming up in a couple of weeks. Have a good birthday day and know you are in our thoughts. Love and warm hugs – proud Nana.

Hi Ern

Stirring the pot, eh? I said you were doing the washing but Mum reckons you were making soup for lunch! Looking forward to seeing you back, all our love, Dad (and Mum).

Dan

Mum and I saw the DVD at the Army base at Grey Lynn. We saw you spinning in your desk chair which was awesome to see. By the time you get this in the bugle, it will be close to you coming back home....Mum says.....Love you to bits.

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Hi Rich

Awesome DVD! Shame we didn't see you. You must've been hiding. Can't wait til you're home! Love you heaps. Mum and Warren. Xxx.

Hi Chap

Saw you in the video, all of 2 secs. Yeah! Counting down, keep safe. Love Mum and Dad.

Nice to see you on the movie! Hope to see you home soon. Happy Birthday for the 26th August. Love you. Mom and Alba.

Feliz cumpleaños Shane

Un beso grande. Cuidate. Papa.

Hi K

Great to see the video especially scenes round Kiwi Base. Lots of laughter – good medicine. Love and best wishes from Nan, Auntie B and Mum.

Hi Rog

Just watched the DVD, didn't see enough of you. Really looking forward to your homecoming, then I can stop cooking. Love Mum.

Hey Big Brother

Glad to see you're looking fit. Looking forward to running with you again. I might let you win next time. Stay safe. Tracy xx.

Hi James B/Jimbo

Looking forward to seeing you home again soon! Take care! Love from Mum and Dad.

Bomo

We liked your office. A bit small – but definitely functional and the nearest you will get to a hole-in-one. The advertisers have been in touch; want to see you instead of a dog in a well known toilet paper brand – interested?

Kit

Great video – Keystone Drs. All well. All send their love. See you soon, love DA.

Salve Frater

Truly appalling acting! Well done. Ngaire.

I've been making a pile of books to lend you when you get back. Good video! Jess.

Kia ora KAB

Your acting hasn't improved. Hope your doctoring is better. Love, Mum.

Bad puns and no personal hello, I think you're walking home! Although I guess I still love you. Maybe even TIAB.

Hi David/Daddy

Wow! Thanks for your message and great to see you on screen. Hang in there. We're nearly at the end. Love you and missing you heaps. SOAR.

Hey Babe

Miss you heaps! Great to see you on the video – oh wait.... Ha ha ha. Love you loads, really REALLY looking forward to having you home. Love you!! Xoxoxox.

Ryan

Nice to see you and your crew! Glad to see you can be having fun in such a place. Loved the donkey ride, funny and cool! Love you and are proud of you. God bless you with safety and good health as your time winds down over there. Mum and Dad xxoo.

Team

Great to see you having some fun in a serious situation! We are all very proud of your efforts. Dad.

Smiley

Great to see you on the DVD! Lots of the CRIB mentioned the food so you must be doing a good job! Keep smiling, we miss you heaps and look forward to seeing you when you get home. Love as always, Dad and Diane.

Joel

It was great seeing you in the movie. You look well. We are really proud of you. What a different world you are in alright. Stay safe love. We miss you and can't wait to have you back with us. P.S. Mail coming soon (ha ha) xox. Mum and Dad.

To all you Army guys out there

Have fun and a safe trip back. From Dom.

Hey Quinnon

Great to see you on the big screen finally and can't wait to give you your xmas present. Much love from D, the cripple and all the furbies.

Dear Daddy

We loved the video. We saw you in it! See you soon. Love from Jack and Jim.

Hi Deep

Great DVD, well worth the trip! Good to hear my name first, lol. Get some sleep. Dad loved the ear muffs. Mum. Xx.

Hi Mum

I watched the DVD and thought it was very nice. Can't wait to see you. Love you (and my bear), Jayden.

Hi Lisa

60 sleeps to go. Looking forward to family holiday away together in the sounds. Big thumbs up to Spike from us. Love Lance.

Hi Lou

Gerry and I enjoyed seeing the DVD. You look great. Counting down the days till Oct. Love Mum.

To my man of many words (Babe)

It was fantastic to watch the DVD. I am so very glad I went to watch everyone send messages of love. Yours well, let's say it was you down to a tee. 10 mins of great footage. Lucky I am the talker in our relationship. Love you forever, C.B. xox.

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Hi my Baby

You probably won't read this but thought I'd test ya! Fantastic video you guys made. See you real soon. Love you, Jackie. Xxx. P.S. I'm working on the chocolate, lol!!

Hi Wayne

Great video from you and all the team in Afghan! Its reality now seeing where you are! Looking after Jack, keeping her busy. See you when you get home. Sal, Joe and Haydz.

Hi Mr T

Loved the movie! Miss you and love you too. Not long now and can't wait. Love Mrs T. xxx.

Hi Dad

Tamati T.

Really enjoyed DVD! Good work. M. Wilson.

Hey Hun

Just watched the video, loved it. Unfortunately, was a bit long for the kids, so they missed you. This week has been a testing week with the kids. Wish you were here to share the load. Not long now though. Love you and look forward to seeing you on skype soon. B.O.B. xxxx.

Love you Daddy

Can't wait till you get home so we can have some rough and tumble. Edmund, Victor and Jonathan.

Babe

I blinked and missed your message, xox.

Nic

Good work on the video! Miss you Nic. See you soon. Love Maree.

Nic

Loved the video Nic! I'm counting down the days till the end of the term as hopefully you will be almost home then. Love Mum.

Great movie guys!

Good to see you all so well. Keep up the good, safe work and see you all soon. "And, that's a wrap". E.H. Kelly.

Amazing Video CRIB 20

You did most excellent. Keep up the good work and be safe. See you all soon. Kelley nice hand, well wrapped. Nice to see you looking so good! M.A.

Great Video CRIB 20

Doing a good job! Missing you Kell! Good to see you having fun, even wounded. Love Scoob. Xx.

Hey B.K.

So good to see you on the video! Can't wait to see you for real and give you cuddles and a smooch. Nearly there babe! So proud of you! Love you forever, xoxo. B.Q. and B.C.

Hey Brent

Miss you! Just saw your video from Afghan, prob the first time I've seen you without hair product in!! Not long to go now! See you in Dubai. Love you. Xox.

Hey Daddy!

We are missing you very much and can't wait for you to come home. We are on the countdown marking each day on the calendar. Not long now. Love always and forever, Amber, William and bubz junior. Xxx.

Hey Babe

Great DVD you all put together. I sat through the whole thing to find you right at the end. Lucky last!!! Not long now till you are home and our baby arrives. Love you always. Xxx. Mrs H.

To my Songbird

Love you heaps and heaps. Can't wait to see you again! Not long now! Sold your bike, kept half the profit for you, so don't worry.... Ha

ha. Will be waiting for you at the airport! I'll be the one with the biggest grin in the world. Love you, 64n64, 33a, Niglet.

Ryan

We all miss you heaps! Hope you're having fun and make sure you are back in time for SeaFest!! Love Shannon & Kyle. P.S. Great Movie CRIB 20.

To all on CRIB 20

Thanks for a great movie – see you at the Oscars! From Ryan's family.

Ryan

C u soon. All of us.

To Daddy

Happy Birthday! Hope you have a good day. I miss you a lot. Can't wait till you come home. Love you lots, Jacob. Xxxooxxxxooo.

To Daddy

Happy Birthday! I miss you. Wish you were here. Love Alexis. Xxx.

To Carl

Happy Birthday! Hope you have a great day. We'll have to celebrate your birthday when you get back. Miss you lots. Jo. Xxooxx.

Hi S

Great to see you on the DVD! Really enjoyed the road trip! Looking forward to seeing you soon! Love Mum, Dad, Darryl, Emma, Olly, Ruby and Asher.

Hey Rob

See you soon. Bye. Love from Jayden.

Hi Rob

See you soon and have fun over there. From Bradley.

Dear Mosquito

Worth the trip up to Burnham to see the video! We enjoyed it very much. It will be good to see you in person

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when you get home. It sounds like it's going to be sooner than I thought. Happy Birthday if you aren't back by then. Love Mum, Nana, Auntie Janet.

Love you Dad

Miss you and saw you on the DVD. Love Liam. Xox.

To Dad from Abbey

When are you cuming home and are you going to be home for me and Sophie's berthday and ha ha and antey dc and elesha came out. Wate hav you ben doing? Love you.

To Jam Sam

STILL the most handsome young man in the Army! Lotsa love, Mum and Mac xxx.

Hi Dad

I miss you very much Dad. I wish you were home sooner. I love you very much Dad, love from your Nessy.

SSGT M.M. Doye

I love you Dad and I miss you so much. You're the best dad ever. Love Zachary.

Hi Dad

We saw your video and my eyes started to water when I saw you. I miss you so much and wish you were here right now. Love and miss you. Love Maddi. P.S. Happy Father's Day.

Hey Husband #1

Miss you heaps. Loved the little snippet of you in the video! Wished it was longer. Love you long time, G.I. Wifee xxxoox.

Hi Son

Loved the video DVD movie of your backyard! Not long now. Love Mum and Andrew.

Hey my Beautiful Daughter

Love the 'Big Girl' toys in Movie. Watch out 4 all the great food, e.g. chocolate mud, ummm yum. Hang

in the gym, not long now. Stay strong, Mum. Xoxox.

Korey Tata

You spoke well on tour DVD. Kapai te kitenga ia koe kei reira tera whenua. We like the joke about what you ride around on. Love you heaps. Aroma, Andre, Lyrix, Leolgend, & Mum

Capt Denis Petre

Was looking for you on the DVD, didn't see you! Me and Ariki came to the info day, lots of funny film editing. Oupa's been in hosp – blackouts – but discharged himself – on anti-seizure meds. Mum and Leo trying to make him take it easy. Everyone else is good. I'm fat with baby. We love you, miss you. Take care brother, love you lots, your big sis Amy xxoo. P.S. Isaac's B'day on Wed 8/8. Trev's good. Do you watch much Olympics? How's the woman? Dad and Glenda are the same. Johnno gets a hard time from the girls but he's ok. Mike being good all for nothing, I hear on the g'friend front but being awesome Dad so that is good. Me and Taaana good – he's doing a Chef Course and top of his class and is HAPPY which is lovely.

To Nortz

Just saw your albino mug at the mid tour brief. Missing you and love you too! Crossing off those days on the calendar – YEEHA!! See you at the airport. Xx. Love from your wife.

To Dad

Thanks for doing the movie for us, was nice to see you! Can't wait till you come home. Love from your kids – Edel, Reef, Zada and Izzy. P.S. We have been waiting for our bugle message from you. P.P.S: Izzy's face lit up when she saw you on T.V.

Hi Hun

Appreciate the effort that went into the Engineers video! It was the best one! Thank you for the parcels you

have sent to me and the kids. It's choice to have a distraction. Can't wait for your homecoming – it will be all good. Love you long time babe. Xox. Belinda.

Hi there Capt Dave

Just seen your video clip from CRIB 20 and are rather dismayed with the way you lot treat your "friend" the Padre. It's not kind to "take the p..." like that. Shame on you! You were brought up better than that! Have a very happy 43rd birthday on 31.8.12, we'll all be thinking of you. Luv, Mum and Dad. Xxx.

Hi David

Mummy didn't approve but we thought your segment was great! LOL. With love, Jan.

Hi David (Medical Centre)

We have watched your mid-term vid. I think someone forgot to take the setting off Sepia, everything is in brown's and grey. Keep safe all. Steve.

Hey Uncle D

The fashion sense isn't too good because everyone wears the same. Luv your niece G.

Hi Uncle D

Hope you are being good. Loved the video of you guys! Love from Rebekah.

Hi Uncle David

I hope that everything is going all right up there and that you're well. Nothing much is happening down in Feilding except the day I wrote this letter I saw the presentations from kiwi team 1, 2 and 3. I saw you in the Medic team part, and so did granddad. By now you would have got my dragon/lion picture but I don't know if you've got my second one. I'm glad you liked my dragon/lion picture. By seeing these presentations I understand Afghanistan a bit better now. Well, I hope you've had some good times

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among the one's that aren't. I imagine the heat would be quite hot down there, eh? Well, that's that from me and I am looking forward to hearing from you again. Love from Curtis.

Hi Rich

Just seen the DVD, you were as expansive as ever? Ha ha. Good to see you, loving the phone calls. Looking forward to your help at docking; Nova's keen! Love Mum and Dad.

Hey Babe

Missing you heaps! Kids are driving me crazy but they are all still alive so we must be doing good. Can't wait to see you again! Love you always, Tarn. Xxx.

Hey Jarrad

We won our basketball game 48-20. I can't wait to see you. Love you lots from Tyler. Xoxox.

To Dad

Miss you lots, love Alyssa.

Hi Spoon Spacehead

Thanks for your personal message. The countdown is on. We will be waiting for you. See you soon. Love Mackenzie and Jackson. Xx.

Happy Birthday Gorgeous!

Hope you have a fab birthday. Blow up the balloons I sent you and use the choc kisses and candle as a mini b'day cake. Just checked out the CRIB 20 movie, was awesome to see you! Love you always Honey. Getting more and more excited to see you, love Bridge and Ollie. Xxx.

Hey Dad (PK)

How is your day? Saw you on the video. The video was cool and funny too. Love you and see you soon. Shayde & Tai.

Dear Dad

I saw the video.

Dear Caleb

Can't wait to see you again! Stay safe. We love you, Mum, Dad, Caitlin, Isaac & Michaela.

Hi ya Suz

Can't wait till you're home! Loved seeing you! Lots of love – stay safe, Nana, Granddad, Mum, Dave, Sarah banana and Monkey bom xxx.

Hi Bitz

Thanx for being on the video! It was good – Had a laugh, can't believe how much your hair has grown, ha ha. Anyway, hanging out to see you again and hopefully it will come around fast! Love ya lots! Bitzface and Gummy Bear xxxx.

Hey Glen

Saw the video from you guys, was pretty mean – you're quite adorable, ha ha. Looks like you guys are doing good work. Missing you but I know you need to be there. Looking forward to seeing you at Ohakea in a couple of months. Countdown is on! Love you, Amy. Xx.

To Gin

Missing you very much! Look forward to seeing you in person. Love forever, your Tonic and the 3 ice cubes.

Sgt 'Johnny' Duncan

Loved the DVD! Can't wait to see you. Love you, Mum & Muddy.

Dear Dad

I love you with all my heart and I wish you were always there for me and anyway I am happy you are in the army but I do not like it when you go away so when you come home you can stay but we have to come with you or you have to find another job. Love Emma. I love you.

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BOUQUETS

Manurewa Central School

Many thanks to you all for the huge box of the most amazing array of sewing accessories that arrived in my office last week! You have all excelled. What a wonderful selection of buttons, zips, cottons and so much more. These will all make wonderful additions to our sewing kits to be distributed in Afghanistan. To the school councillors who managed this appeal, we thank you too for the wonderful efforts in getting so many pupils to help so much! Kind regards, Carol (DSO Burnham).



To the Many unknown Good Samaritans' out there!

Thank you all so much for your kind donations of sewing accessories for the sewing kits for Afghanistan. You have all given so much which will be a welcomed addition to our kits, which look great. As many names are unknown, please all be assured that your contributions are truly appreciated. Carol (DSO Burnham).

CRIB 20

Sincere thanks to you all for the best mid tour DVD ever!! You have excelled. I have just enjoyed the very first viewing and was amazed at the efforts you went to, to have everyone contribute. There is such a great mix of personnel, scenery, tasks and laughs. I am looking forward to sharing your efforts with families up and down the country. You have certainly spread much cheer across the miles. Sincere thanks to the team who put it all together and to Capt Ben Harvey who was assigned the project and made sure it came to fruition. Your efforts are appreciated more than you can ever imagine! Kind regards to you all, Carol (DSO Burnham).

3 Catering and Supply Company

On behalf of the many families associated with overseas deployments, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to you all for the great dinner we enjoyed recently in B Block Mess, Burnham. The setting was perfect, the hosting and friendliness of the mess staff outstanding and the quality and presentation of the food – simply the best! The families had a great time, enjoying the chance to have a night off cooking and dishes. Our sincere thanks and appreciation, Carol (DSO Burnham) and local families.

Father's Day is a special **day** to recognise and celebrate the role **fathers** play in our life. Whether it is your **Dad**, step-dad, foster dad or just a special father figure who has helped you along the way, Father's Day is your chance to say 'Thank You'.

When is Father's Day celebrated?

Most countries follow the United States tradition and celebrate Father's Day on the 3rd Sunday in June, however, New Zealand and Australia celebrate on the 1st Sunday in September. There is no clear data as to why we celebrate on this date.

Other cultures around the world coincide Father's Day with other celebrations in their community. In Germany it is celebrated on Ascension Day (40 days after Easter), in the Roman Catholic tradition it is St Josephs Day (March 19), and in Thailand it is the Kings birthday (December 5). Source www.kiwifamilies.co.nz



So send in your messages for Father's Day for Dads at home and abroad, to appear in the next edition of "The Bugle".

Deadline is 30 August

VODAFONE DRIVESAFE



Vodafone DriveSafe

Vodafone DriveSafe is an innovative freeTXT service that helps keep you safe while driving. When DriveSafe is activated anyone who sends you a TXT will get a message that you're driving and you'll get back to them later. Vodafone DriveSafe is exclusive to Vodafone and available to Vodafone mobile customers.

How does it work?

- ❖ Before you start driving freeTXT Drive On to 760
- ❖ Anyone who sends you a TXT when you're driving will automatically get this TXT message: "I'm driving right now. I'll read your text as soon as it is safe to do so. Vodafone DriveSafe."
- ❖ When you arrive at your destination freeTXT Drive Off to 760
- ❖ Check the TXT messages you received and reply
- ❖ It's that simple!

DriveSafe

To activate:

freeTXT
Drive On to 760

To deactivate:

freeTXT
Drive Off to 760

Important things to know

- ❖ DriveSafe is available for all Vodafone customers to use - both On Account and Prepay!
- ❖ DriveSafe sends autoresponses to TXT'ers no matter what network they are on however only Vodafone customers can access the service.
- ❖ There are no charges associated with using the DriveSafe freeTXT service including turning DriveSafe on or off or for any autoresponses sent while the service is turned on. Any autoresponses sent whilst the service is on will not be deducted from any TXT entitlements customers may have. (If used overseas, standard overseas SMS charges will apply).
- ❖ DriveSafe is for TXT messages only.
- ❖ We recommend using a Handsfree kit to answer calls received on your mobile while driving (DriveSafe works in conjunction with any Handsfree kit).
- ❖ If you mistakenly forget to turn DriveSafe off, it will automatically switch off 24 hours after first being turned on.
- ❖ When DriveSafe is on people will only get the automated response once regardless of the number of times they TXT you.
- ❖ iPhone with iOS5 can use DriveSafe in the normal way however autoresponses will not be sent to senders using iMessage.
- ❖ The first time the service is used it may take a few minutes for the service to activate.

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