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LCPL Pralli Durrer

3 April 1986 — 4 August 2012



LCPL Durrer joined the New Zealand Army in June 2004 as a Rifleman and was posted to 1st Battalion Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (1 RNZIR). In September 2009 LCPL Durrer trade changed to Crewman, Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps (RNZAC) and was posted to Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles (QAMR), now based in Linton. He was promoted to Lance Corporal in September 2010. LCPL Durrer had previously deployed to Timor-Leste in 2006/7.



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LCPL Rory Malone

14 September 1985 — 4 August 2012



LCPL Malone joined the Army Reserve Force in November 2002 and transferred to the Regular Force as a Rifleman in September 2005 and was posted to 2nd/1st Battalion Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (2/1 RNZIR), based in Burnham. He was promoted to Lance Corporal in July 2011. LCPL Malone had previously deployed to Timor-Leste in 2006 and again in 2007.

INCIDENT IN BAMYAN PROVINCE AFGHANISTAN

Two New Zealand Defence Force personnel, Lance Corporal Rory Malone and Lance Corporal Pralli Durrer serving with the NZ Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan, were killed during an incident in the North East of the Bamyan Province on August 4.

At approximately 1900 hours (NZ time) NZ Defence Force personnel came to the assistance of local security forces who encountered suspected insurgents near a village south of Do Abe. A further six NZ Defence Force personnel were wounded during the incident and evacuated to a military hospital.

FAREWELL TO OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS



Comrades farewell LCPL Durrer and LCPL Malone during a Ramp Ceremony at Bagram Air Base

Fallen soldiers Lance Corporal (LCPL) Pralli Durrer and Lance Corporal Rory Malone were farewelled with a Ramp Ceremony at Bagram Air Base on 6 August.

A Ramp Ceremony is a memorial service held when the caskets of service people are embarked and disembarked from a military aircraft. It provides an opportunity for a final salute to be given by the deceased's military colleagues as a sign of respect.

LCPL Durrer and LCPL Malone are being escorted by comrades from the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Afghanistan on a United States Air Force C-17 back to New Zealand.

The contingent held a Ramp Ceremony to farewell their two comrades, and performed a send-off haka, led by Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM), Warrant Officer Class One (WO1) Ray Kareko. Senior Military Advisor to the PRT, Lieutenant Colonel (LT COL) Pete Hall concluded the ceremony with a farewell.

LT COL Pete Hall said, "It was a moving ceremony attended by many International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) nations and heavily supported and attended by American personnel. I received many sincere expressions of support from all nations as they expressed their sadness at the loss of Pralli and Rory. Pralli and Rory were farewelled with a

rousing haka led by the RSM.

"The Ramp Ceremony provided a solemn send off to our mates and we remembered that they had fought courageously and acted bravely. I reminded those of us gathered around the caskets as we bade our final farewells, of the words of Pericles from almost two and a half thousand years ago when he said of the dead Athenian warriors:

'Take these men for your example. Like them, remember that prosperity is for free, and that freedom is the sure possession only of those who have the courage to defend it.'

"The contingent members that are left behind know that Pralli and Rory fought with courage to protect their mates, they fought with courage to protect the National Directorate of Security (NDS) and they fought with courage to defend the freedom of Afghanistan.

"Our thoughts and prayers now turn to the families back in New Zealand and those travelling there to be with Pralli and Rory."

In keeping with a newer military tradition, commemorative coins from New Zealand and coalition partner units were placed on the caskets of both LCPL Durrer and LCPL Malone in another show of respect.

OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS ARRIVE HOME



It was a sombre occasion as Lance Corporals (LCPL) Pralli Durrer and Rory Malone arrived back in New Zealand.

LCPL Durrer and LCPL Malone arrived in Christchurch on a United States Air Force C-17 at 2250 hours, on 9 August, and were met by members of their families, senior military officials, and personnel from 2nd/1st Battalion Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (2/1 RNZIR) and Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles (QAMR).

The Chief of Defence Force, Lieutenant General Rhys Jones said, "Tonight LCPL Durrer and LCPL Malone have returned home to both their families. The Defence Force family will continue to support the Durrers and the Malones over this difficult time, because in one sense we share a common loss."

LT GEN Jones acknowledged that the support provided by the United States Department of Defence was crucial in

repatriating the soldiers back to New Zealand.

"The NZ Defence Force is extremely grateful for the assistance provided by the US Air Force which enabled LCPLs Durrer and Malone to come back home as quickly as possible."

LCPL Rory Malone and LCPL Pralli Durrer were farewelled from Burnham Military Camp on Saturday 11 August with a commemorative service before being returned to their families for private funeral services.



Messages of sympathy for the families of LCPL Durrer and LCPL Malone may be sent to:

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