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“A heavy load”
Bamyan Province
Afghanistan

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

A message from Commander Joint Forces New Zealand —

MAJGEN Dave Gawn

The recent weeks have been hard for all of us in the New Zealand Defence family and I write this as a commander, a soldier and a parent thinking about what it is that I can say and what assurances I can give to you that will help alleviate your fears and apprehensions.

I truly believe that everything that can be done is being done to support our deployed people and throughout NZDF we genuinely provide this support in the ways we would expect to be treated when deployed on operations ourselves. I believe we have the right equipment, the right training and that our leaders are world-class. The conduct of the missions that we undertake sets the benchmark for other nations to aspire to...but that, however, does not eliminate the risk.

There always will be an element of risk. As a soldier, sailor, airman or airwoman we enter this profession, for which we have an absolute passion, with our eyes open, knowing it can be dangerous. I cannot, therefore, totally assuage the fear and apprehension that anyone who has loved a Serviceperson carries with them while their loved one is deployed. That is the burden and sacrifice of every parent, family, or partner so that their soldier, sailor or airman or airwoman, can follow their passion.

We never forget the strength that our families and friends give us all and recognise that when things go badly our loved ones not only have to deal with news of worrying events but also with doubts and uncertainties that come with distance and a lack of information. I am, therefore, very conscious of the need to share as much information as I can with you but I must also temper this with the

ongoing safety and security of our people.

It greatly disturbs me to see and hear amateurs and so called experts parading in the media with misinformation and conjecture. This does nothing but create worry and concern for our friends and families. We have the leaders, the expertise, and experience on the ground to make the right decisions at the right time but sometimes it is not right to have all the information released to, or debated in the press. To do so would be to put them at more risk which is unacceptable.

Throughout NZDF we honour the memories of Pralli, Rory, Luke, Jacinda, Richard and our recently wounded comrades, as we previously have in Afghanistan and around the world, by supporting the families of the fallen, caring for the wounded and supporting those who continue to serve.

We also honour them with the professionalism of continuing the valuable work being done on our operational missions around the world. We see the legacy of their work in Bamyan in the optimistic faces of the children attending schools and healthy babies being born in medical centres and the families going about their lives in relative security.

I am very proud of all our dedicated men and women serving on operational deployments and can reassure you that every member of the NZDF in New Zealand is honouring that dedication with the most professional support possible.

REMEMBERING



H1008511 CPL LUKE DOUGLAS TAMATEA

CPL Luke Douglas Tamatea was born on 14 August 1981 in Auckland.

He joined the Regular Force of the NZ Army as an Infantry soldier on 9 February 2000. After Corps Training he was posted to 1st Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (1 RNZIR) in Linton. Whilst he was there he deployed to East Timor over the period May – November 2001, then to the Solomon Islands over the period August – November 2003, and to Sumatra to help with the Asian Tsunami over the period January – February 2005.

He has deployed to Afghanistan twice, the first time being from April – October 2007. After this deployment he was posted to 2/1 RNZIR in Burnham on 14 December 2007 where he has remained until again deploying to Afghanistan in April this year.

CPL Tamatea has been awarded the NZ Operational Service Medal (NZOSM), East Timor Medal (ETM), UN Medal – UN Transitional Admin in East Timor (UNTAET), NZ General Service Medal Solomon Islands (NZGSMSI), NZ Special Service Medal (Asian Tsunami), NZ General Service Medal Afghanistan (NZGSMAFP), and the NATO Medal for Operations in Afghanistan (ISAFNATO). He is entitled to, but has not yet been awarded, the Defence Service Medal (DSM) and the NATO Multi-Tour Indicator.

He was promoted to LCPL on 19 September 2005 and CPL on 30 June 2008.

REMEMBERING



K1018196 LCPL JACINDA FRANCIS ELYSE BAKER

LCPL Jacinda Baker was born on 28 August 1985 in Christchurch and attended Rangiora High School.

She joined the Regular Force of the NZ Army as a Medic and was posted to Burnham Regional Support Company (BRSC) on 30 April 2007 after she completed her Medical Training. She was then posted to 2/1 RNZIR on 10 December 2007. She deployed to the Solomon Islands over the period July – September 2010.

LCPL Baker received a Chief of Army Commendation in 2011 for her professionalism and courage during Exercise Southern Warrior in June 2008. She has also been awarded the NZ Operational Service Medal (NZOSM) and the NZ General Service Medal Solomon Islands (NZGSMSI). She is entitled to, but has not yet been awarded, the NZ General Service Medal Afghanistan (NZGSMAFP), the ISAF NATO Afghanistan medal (ASAFNATO) and the Defence Service Medal (DSM).

She was promoted to LCPL on 15 July 2008.

REMEMBERING



C1027205 PTE RICHARD LEE HARRIS

PTE Richard Lee Harris was born on 30 September 1990 in Pukekohe and attended Pukekohe High School.

He joined the Regular Force of the NZ Army as an Infantry Soldier on 18 February 2009. After Corps Training he was posted to 2nd/1st Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (2/1 RNZIR) where he remained for the duration of his career. He deployed to East Timor in December 2009 – May 2010.

PTE Harris has been awarded the NZ Operational Service Medal (NZOSM), NZ General Service Medal Timor-Leste (NZGSMTL), and the Timor-Leste Solidarity Medal (TLSM). He is entitled to, but not yet been awarded, the NZ General Service Medal Afghanistan (NZGSMAFP), the ISAF NATO Afghanistan Medal (ISAFNATO) and the Defence Service Medal (DSM).

NEWS FROM CRIB 20, AFGHANISTAN

**Lieutenant Colonel Peter Hall
Commanding Officer CRIB 20**

"I am a better man for having had the honour of working alongside and getting to know Luke, Pralli, Rory, Jacinda and Richard."

Hello CRIB 20 Family and Friends! You may recall in a previous article I spoke about the potential dangers here in Afghanistan, and as you are all aware, we have lost five of our mates with a further six wounded in two separate incidents in the last month.

We all now have to join together in supporting the families of our fallen friends and helping with the recovery of our wounded comrades. There will be tears and trepidation along the way, no less so for you the families back home. I am acutely aware of the worry that you must be going through and hope you will find strength in each others support. I know it is a trying time for you all back in NZ and never a day goes by that I don't think of you and the worry you must be experiencing; this drives me to do the best I possibly can to minimise the risks we face here whilst still carry on with the task of making this a safer place for the people of Bamyān.

I think everyday of the ultimate sacrifice paid by Luke, Pralli, Rory, Jacinda and Richard and the loss

their families have suffered. I am heartbroken for their loss and can offer little comfort other than to assure them that in the honour of their memory, we the members of CRIB 20, will complete our task applying the values that they lived by.

I also think daily about my wounded soldiers, Craig, Johnny, Dion, Mark, Tame and Peter and wish them all a speedy recovery. They will require support and understanding as they struggle to get their bodies working to 100% again.

Rory and Pralli were killed in action on the 4th of August in what we are now terming the Battle of Baghak, the story of this Battle touches a deep part in all of us. It is a story of sacrifice and courage, of commitment and giving, which resonates deep within us all. Those involved in this action will always be associated with those superior traits of having strength, courage, and commitment to the task, the integrity to carry it through, and to always support your friend when in need. Luke, Jacinda and Richard also played integral roles in this Battle.

On the 19th of August our mates Luke, Jacinda and Richard were killed instantly in an IED explosion, a cowardly way to fight a war but non-the-less one of the realities that we have to face on a daily basis, we are always mindful of the risk and prepare for it.

I will never forget the courage and commitment displayed by the team on the ground as they struggled to come to grips with the sudden deaths of Luke, Jacinda and Richard, whilst still having to secure

the scene and handle their friends with the dignity they deserved and then conduct the necessary scene examination. I was humbled to be in the presence of such stoic, dignified and professional warriors.

The support received from the American forces during both these events was nothing less than outstanding. During the Battle of Baghak, we were provided with Jets, Bombers, Helicopters and unmanned aircraft. At one stage, the American rescue pilots took fire into their helicopters whilst trying to extract our lads. The support provided after both events was humbling and I will be forever grateful.

The way forward

We still have a task to do here and in doing so we will honour the memory of Luke, Pralli, Rory, Jacinda and Richard by completing our mission with honour and professionalism. We will continually look at the way we conduct our operations to ensure that we adapt to changing situations, conduct our business as safely as possible whilst continuing to do the task we were sent to do.

We have already integrated the replacements into the team, and to them I am truly thankful for the courage they have displayed in joining us at short notice and cracking on with the job.

We still have a difficult task to get through, but we will support each other and will grow stronger for having shared these tragedies.

I am a better man for having had the honour of working alongside and getting to know Luke, Pralli, Rory, Jacinda and Richard. I am not a religious man but have found myself praying for you all, please remain strong.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CONT'D...

SAD TIMES, A RENEWED FOCUS

**Major Dave
OC K Coy**

It is with a heavy heart I write this. The last couple of weeks have been particularly hard on K Coy with the events of 4 and 19 August respectively. The company has lost too many in far too short a time; the roll of honour has new names and our shoulders a new burden.

At this time, it is some comfort to know that all of our friends are now at home in the embrace of their families; both the extended military, and importantly, their immediate loved ones.

I wasn't present at the BAGHAK event on the 4th of August but it is plain to see the character that event has built. Every soldier wonders how they will act in the face of the enemy and I am heartened by the reports I have seen. Mates looking after mates, never faltering, responding with outstanding bravery in the face of an extremely difficult situation. I'm sure much will be written about the event and the individual actions in the future, but collectively the team responded in a manner befitting their training, leadership and hard work prior to that point.

RIP Pralli and Rory. Recover well CW, MS, DD, TW, DT, PP.

The events of 19 August were a shock to us all, but again I can say that everyone responded bravely and professionally. Us "newbies" fell into place, K Coy again pulled together and we got through a truly horrible day as one. After we had left the site and moved to Patrol Base MALONE-DURRER in DO ABE to regroup, everyone had a chance to take stock. It would have been easy at that time to pull apart and stand by oneself and be buried in regret or self doubt. The CO

noted with some pride that, instead, the Coy rallied into their teams and supported each other and I think that will be the legacy of K Coy – supporting each other and pulling together. We must also recognize the efforts of the rest of the PRT in BAMYIAN and BAF and the efforts of the NSE. While not physically present on "the hill", the impact and significance of the event on them is not reduced by distance and their support is gratefully acknowledged. RIP Luke, Jacinda and Richard.

The Coy shared a moments silence at the time of the Ramp Ceremony in BAF, attended by KT4. We have shared in our own memorial services in ROMERO, FPB MALONE-DURRER and in Kiwi Base and we have observed through the internet all of the special moments and thoughts for our departed comrades. We are acutely aware of the gaps left by our comrades but are also aware that, in order to honour their sacrifice, we need to look forward and crack on. I think that has been a common message and a new focus here at the Coy, the spoken need to push on together and the unspoken or mumbled intent to "do the righty" by our fallen, they are never forgotten.

I can't write without speaking to the families directly. For you at home, we know you have had an unbearable few weeks. The uncertainty and unwelcome phone calls are a burden I know you didn't willingly sign up for. Your support and love has been a glimmer of sunshine in the storm of the recent events. Words can not fully express the gratitude we have for your support. I know it will be a difficult few weeks to come until we get home, but please be reassured that the Coy is well trained, well led, well equipped and prepared for the next couple of tasks. The job that we started with Pralli, Rory, Luke, Jacinda and Richard is not yet over

and we must see it through for their sake. Rest assured that we will be ever vigilant and will not be rushing into anything we are not prepared for.

My Final Thoughts:

For the fallen – you will never be forgotten, we advance now knowing you have our backs and are watching over us.

For the walking wounded – you are in our minds. Rest well and enjoy the time with your families. The time will come when you will need to advance once more, but not yet.

For the talking wounded (Maj C) – once you get your skype rights back, drop us a line. The Company needs a champion back home and we know you will carry that mantel.

For our wives, husbands, partners, other (better) halves, sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, aunties, extended families and all those who worry for us at home – thank you earnestly for all of your thoughts and best wishes. It is strengthening to know we are supported from home. Without your help and love it would be so much more difficult to face forward and march on. That we can, is in no small part due to your efforts and we are in your debt.

Finally, for the families of our brave heroes. We cannot begin to understand the grief you must be feeling for the loss of Pralli, Rory, Luke, Jacinda and Richard but know that their lives shaped ours and we too miss them deeply. Please know that our thoughts are with you and you must never feel alone in your time of need nor in the future. You are forever part of the K Coy family and are always welcome.

ANZAC Day has taken a new meaning for us now and at the appropriate time we will raise a glass in their honour. ONWARD.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CONT'D...

KIWI COY COMBAT OUTPOST ROMERO

**Wayne, Company Sergeant Major
Kiwi Coy, TU CRIB 20**

Kia Ora to all whanau, family and friends of Kiwi Company (Coy). Well Kiwi Coy is now well into the fifth month of our tour. Looking back over this period, the Coy has experienced some noticeable highs and lows.

To mark the halfway point of our tour, the Coy conducted an Afghan style cross country event, on the 1st of July. The course itself could be described as very challenging which featured all Afghan geographical features, including a run through a valley that had the runners negotiating rivers and into a village that had the local population either cheering us on or giving some of our runners abuse. Once past the village, the course took on the mountain phase where the climb proved to be the point of difference for the runners. Once the runners came off the mountain, it was a run across the valley back to our Combat Out Post (COP). A total distance of approx 7.5 kms, with the OC, Major Craig, taking the line honors. A notable point in preparation of the race was the excellent work our Engineers, Ski and Hayes, did in clearing and marking the route of old ammunition that is littered throughout these parts of Afghanistan

As the majority of you are aware, we had a very testing period during the first two weeks of July, where the patrols were involved in supporting the local Afghan National Police, who suffered tragic losses of their personnel, due to improvised explosive devices blowing up two of their vehicles. During this testing time for the Kiwi Coy Patrols, the individual soldiers conducted themselves in a

professional and positive manner, where they were involved with the Tactical Site Exploitation (TSE) at the incident locations, helping with the back loading of casualties, administering first class medical treatment and providing security on the ground whilst maintaining situational awareness.

The 4th of August, Kiwi Coy had two soldiers killed in action and six wounded in action. I would like to take this opportunity now to acknowledge our two fallen heroes, Rory and Pralli. Both of these soldiers showed a willingness and readiness for the big occasion. Rory was a bit of a practical joker within his patrol KT4 and he set good standards for the junior members within his team to emulate. He also had a positive effect on morale, not only within his patrol team, but also within Kiwi Coy. Rory was a solid performer who could be relied upon and trusted to make good decisions when needed to.

Pralli struck me as a bit of a laid back individual. He was very much a thinking soldier as I had numerous discussions and conversations covering a wide range of topics with Pralli. Pralli took his job as a crew commander very seriously. I would often observe Pralli working on his LAV ensuring that it was back up to the required standard to be deployed when required. Pralli was a highly valued member of his patrol team KT2. His patrol team valued and welcomed Pralli's contribution. His efforts were appreciated by Kiwi Coy as Pralli, was also a solid performer.

Rory and Pralli both showed a willingness to put themselves in harms way. Their selfless attitude I'm sure saved lives on the 4th August. Unfortunately for them they made the ultimate sacrifice and for that we will remember them.

That day also saw six of our brothers wounded during the battle. Our OC, Major Craig, was one of the six. I have to acknowledge the work of our medical team on the ground led by CAPT Dave. They did a first class job in ensuring our casualties received the best medical treatment that one could hope for in such a traumatic situation. Their actions ensured that our wounded did not deteriorate in condition whilst waiting for evacuation back to hospital. All six wounded will be home by now. Kiwi Coy wish them all a good recovery. I personally hope for them all to be able to take up arms again one day.

On the 8th of August, Kiwi Coy held a memorial service at COP Romero. This was our chance to reflect on the lives on Rory and Pralli. The service, led by Padre James, I am sure Rory and Pralli would have appreciated. Some of the boys made some great speeches of our two heroes, it was a very emotional service but one that was deserving for our fallen soldiers.

I would also like to acknowledge the performance of our Patrol Commanders throughout this tragic time of events. They have had to be the rock for their teams. Keeping everyone together and focused for a tour that is still continuing. I have been really impressed in the way they have all stepped up displaying the leadership that now more than ever is required.

Kiwi Coy will bounce back from this tragedy. There is a tough resolve amongst this group to ensure we get back to business and do what we do best. We will look after each other, talk to each other when it's required and ensure that no one feels alone. I have the utmost confidence in the leadership and the individuals to ensure we continue the good work.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CONT'D...

Finally to the families of Rory and Pralli, on behalf of Kiwi Coy, I would like to pass on our condolences for your losses. Rory and Pralli were both brave men and we know you are extremely proud of them, as Kiwi Coy are. RIP.

[At the time of submitting this, the CSM is attending the ramp ceremony in BAF for three more of our comrades, Luke, Jacinda and Harry. This is a further tragedy for all of us here in theatre and all our families in NZ. Kiwi Company and all of CRIB 20 are pulling together, looking after each other as we know our families and loved ones in NZ are pulling together, and looking out for one another also. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as we know yours are with us. – Chaplain James].

YOUR SOLDIERS!

WO1 Kareko, CRIB 20 RSM

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He Tangata! He Tangata! He Tangata!

What is the most important thing in this world? Tis people! Tis People! Tis People!

This simple yet moving proverb has taken on a whole new meaning for the men and women of Task Unit CRIB 20, and for my article I would like to discuss "THE PEOPLE".

All units that have soldiers within this contingent would be extremely proud of the way they have responded to the adversity we have suffered in the last month. Whilst the harsh realities of this operation have been realised during our tour, we should also reflect and learn on the importance of good junior commanders with good leadership abilities who conduct good training. I am not naïve to think that this has all been created on 'this tour', this has been a team effort which started the moment our soldiers had signed the dotted line. From basic training to advanced trade courses, from training afternoons



Ramp Ceremony at BAF

within units to SAA competitions, they have all contributed to the trained state of our soldiers on CRIB 20.

I am no longer surprised when I see soldiers in this contingent step up into roles that are unfamiliar to them, who add value to our successes and readily accept responsibility when dealing with complexity. This has occurred many times throughout our tour, it is what makes us kiwis, it is what makes us soldiers. Who would have thought that we would have an A/CPL thrust into the role of A/S3 as a result of an operational necessity, or the Patrol Sig who initially had difficulties with keeping serviceable his comms systems within his patrol, to now being able to control four air assets simultaneously on two different radio nets, with the calmness only reserved for soldiers with years of experience.

During the attacks of 4 and 19 August, our soldiers performed at a level one would expect from professional soldiers. Whether they were directly or indirectly involved, every single person contributed in some way which added value to the

operations. From the infanteer on the ground, to the signaller in the CP, from the crewman in the LAV to the mechanic in the Wksps, adding value at every opportunity. I am convinced that we would have lost more soldiers if it weren't for the exceptional training that we are subjected to throughout our careers. As an Army, we have not been down this track before, we speak about it, we train for it, but you are never quite prepared for it. What has been exceptionally pleasing, is our people know that the job is not finished, they know that daily they need to step over the line because it is the right thing to do, and they do so without hesitation because of their mates to their left and right.

Our soldiers have been through a lot, they have done and seen things which only a soldier can understand. They will need the support of their families and friends on their RTNZ to assist with their reintegration, some will bounce back from these tragedies whilst others may take a little bit longer. All I ask is that you be patient with them, provide the support where it is needed and allow them time.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CONT'D...

Unfortunately, I have had the unenviable task of conducting two ramp ceremonies for our soldiers here in Afghanistan, may I assure all friends and families of our heroes, they were treated with the utmost respect, and we ensured that they were farewelled in a manner befitting their sacrifice. They are a very emotional and poignant ceremony, which I never hope to do again. It is fitting that I mention the support given to us by our Allies in ensuring that our friends return home as quickly as possible, we are only a small nation and have appreciated their assistance during these trying times.

To the families of Pralli, Rory, Luke, Richard and Jacinda, these brave

soldiers can now rest easy, they are, and always will be remembered by the NZ Army and Task Unit CRIB 20, we will remember you!! To OC K Coy, Mark, Johnny, Tame, Peter and Dion, get well soon. Your fellow soldiers will be, home shortly and keen to catch up, your efforts during 4th of August will never be forgotten, and the kind words spoken by OC K Coy during the recent service in Burnham are appreciated.

To all the families back in NZ, you should (and I know you are!) be proud of your loved ones contributions to the continued stabilisation of security within Afghanistan, as I am to be their RSM.



Ramp Ceremony at Christchurch

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CONT'D...

NEWS FROM GYRO 13, TIMOR-LESTE



Major Tim Tuatini
OC GYRO 13

FOR TU CRIB 20

The month of August has been a month tinged with sadness as we have dealt with the news from Afghanistan and TU CRIB. We have shared the heartfelt feelings of all of you for those families dealing with the impact of both tragic events in Afghanistan. Our hearts go out to them, friends, and all feeling the effects of this loss. Our Infantry Platoon have been personally affected through the injuries to and loss of their mates serving in TU CRIB.

We held two separate services here in Kiwi Lines, even though the Infantry Platoon are based on the other side of Dili at the moment, it was important for them to gather

here in what we see as our Timor home. These services allowed us to pay our respects to these brave soldiers and offered an opportunity for those closest to them to share some of their memories of their time with them. To hear a little about their lives and how they lived was indeed a privilege and allowed their mates an opportunity to share them with us all.

GYRO 13 would like to offer our best wishes and thoughts to CRIB 20 and their families at home. To our mates in Afghanistan, we know that you continue to carry on with your tasks with professionalism and skill. We look forward to catching up with you when we get home.

For us here, we are now into our leave period with groups heading away or returning from a well earned break. No doubt with some great stories and experiences amongst them. I know for some that this is a holiday with family and loved ones; do enjoy the time together if this is the case.

The group continues working through our planned training activities. We still have a number of training milestones that need to be reached with time on the firing range and preparation for courses that many will attend in the New Year. The experience and diverse skills that are available in the wider GYRO 13 team can assist to prepare particularly many of our more junior personnel for their command courses. Hopefully, we will be able to get down to Suai this month, which will be a worthwhile week long activity involving most of us.

"As always, contact with home remains a highlight and looked forward to by all. We remain proud of our service and what we do. All the best from GYRO 13".

Kind Regards.



6 PI, and GYRO observe a minutes silence



Memorial Service GYRO 13 Contingent

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CONT'D...



Inf Corps Belt, 2/1 RNZIR black and white patch for Rory, QAMR coin and helmet/goggles for Pralli, poppies for our two comrades

"We have shared the heartfelt feelings of all of you for those families dealing with the impact of both tragic events in Afghanistan".

A PRAYER FROM GYRO 13 — TO CRIB 20

Cpl Storm Harrison
Kia kaha e te whanau

RUA TAHI — 2/1

WHAKATAKA TE HAU KE TE URU
WHAKATAKA TE HAU KE TE TONGA
KIA MA KINA KINA KI UTA O AOTEAROA
KIA MATA RA TARA KI TAI
E HI AKE ANA TE ATA KURA
WHITI ORA KI TE WHEI AO
KE TE AO MARAMA
WHITI KI RUNGA, WHITI KI RARO
E NGU NGU KI TE POHATU
E NGU NGU KE TE RAKAU
E HAERE KI WHAKAMUA NGA HOIA
KIA MAIA
KI ROTO I TE RANGI
I TE KEKE RI TANGA KUA RIRO
KO RUA TAHI, KURA TAKAHI PUNI.

CEASE THE WINDS FROM THE WEST
CEASE THE WINDS FROM THE SOUTH
LET THE BREEZE BLOW OVER OUR LAND AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND
LET THE BREEZE BLOW OVER OUR OCEAN TONGAROA
LET THE RED TIPPED DAWN COME WITH A SHARPENED AIR
CROSS OVER TO THE CHANGING WORLD
IN THE WORLD OF LIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING
CROSS UPWARDS, CROSS DOWNWARDS
TURN TO THE ROCK
TURN TO THE TREE
GO FORWARD OUR SOLDIERS OUR BROTHERS
BE BRAVE IN HEAVEN YOUR FINAL BATTLE HAS BEEN WON
BECAUSE WE ARE 2/1 AND WE ARE READY.



Memorial Service GYRO 13
Poppy Table

THE FINAL INSPECTION

*The soldier stood and faced God, Which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining, Just as brightly as his brass.*

*"Step forward now, you soldier, How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek? To my Church have you been true?"*

*"The soldier squared his shoulders and said, "No, Lord, I guess I ain't.
Because those of us who carry guns, Can't always be a saint.*

*I've had to work most Sundays, And at times my talk was tough.
And sometimes I've been violent, Because the world is awfully rough.*

*But, I never took a penny, That wasn't mine to keep...
Though I worked a lot of overtime, When the bills just got too steep
And I never passed a cry for help, Though at times I shook with fear
And sometimes, God, forgive me, I've wept unmanly tears.*

*I know I don't deserve a place, Among the people here.
They never wanted me around, Except to calm their fears.*

*If you've a place for me here, Lord, It needn't be so grand.
I never expected or had too much, But if you don't, I'll understand.*

*"There was a silence all around the throne, Where the saints had often trod.
As the soldier waited quietly, For the judgement of his God.*

*"Step forward now, you soldier, You've borne your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets, You've done your time in Hell.*

Author: Sgt Joshua Helterbran

NEWS FROM OP RATA II (15) , SOLOMON ISLANDS

THE BACON IS GRILLED - NOT BOILED

Private Strawbridge

The plane took around five hours to reach Honiara International Airport and as we stepped off we were hit with a massive heat wave - it felt like it was 50 degrees. After just a couple of minutes and the walk to the terminal some of the RATA 16 contingent looked like they had just come out of the shower. My immediate thoughts were – it's going to be a hot four months.

We were welcomed to GBR (Guadalcanal Beach Resort) with a Powhiri from RATA 15. Speeches were conducted and then it was straight into the Haka's. There was a heap of pushing and shoving, it was very intense. RATA 15's Haka was really good and this has inspired us to practice the Haka once a week - whether it is 11:00 or 05:30 hours in the morning.

The first two weeks here were alright. A lot of briefs were conducted and we were put straight into the QRF (quick reaction force) role. This just meant we were the first to react if anything was to happen. During the QRF phase there was heaps of training. This included POM training (public order management), every day for an hour, except for weekends (rain or shine). But lucky for us it never rained so we were just training in the 1000 degree heat. Also every morning at 6am except for the weekend, we have PT (physical training). So when we all come back we will be extremely fit.

After two weeks on the QRF call-out task we handed over to the Tongan platoon and began

the Company acclimatisation programme. This included a walk to China Falls. China Falls was an awesome experience. It was a good 1 hour and a bit walk to actually get to the falls. And, it was all up hill with absolutely no cover from the sun. Steep climbs and intense heat – I now know why it's called acclimatization. Everyone was sweating profusely and blowing serious date. Phew! When we stopped for breaks it was so much nicer to keep walking around in circles to create a tiny breeze on your face than to just stand still. The last 10 minutes of the trek was down hill and it was such a relief when we reached the waterfall.



China Falls—the water is deep enough for you to jump

The water was perfect and for the first time since arriving here I felt cold. The water was deep enough. You were able to jump off the 7m waterfall, and most people did. We stayed for about an hour and a half and it was time to go. I inflated my

life jacket while everyone else blew there's up. And instead of walking the way we came, we floated down the river to where we started and the vehicles were parked. That took around two hours.

After China Falls we began our build up preparation for the jungle training exercise planned for the end of the month. The build started with jungle familiarisation and orientation training. It was very emotional for some and it felt like a sauna all day every day. A lot of centipedes were seen and there was even a toad the size of two fists. One of the platoon members even had a snake slide over his arms whilst he was lying in his hutchie space. And, that was just an intro and there are more exercise's coming up.

The weekends here have been good. We have been able to go around and explore the island.

Some people went out and learnt how to dive and they now have their scuba diving license. They also have 30 pictures of the same fish. Others went and did a battle field tour of Guadalcanal. This was very interesting and the locals are

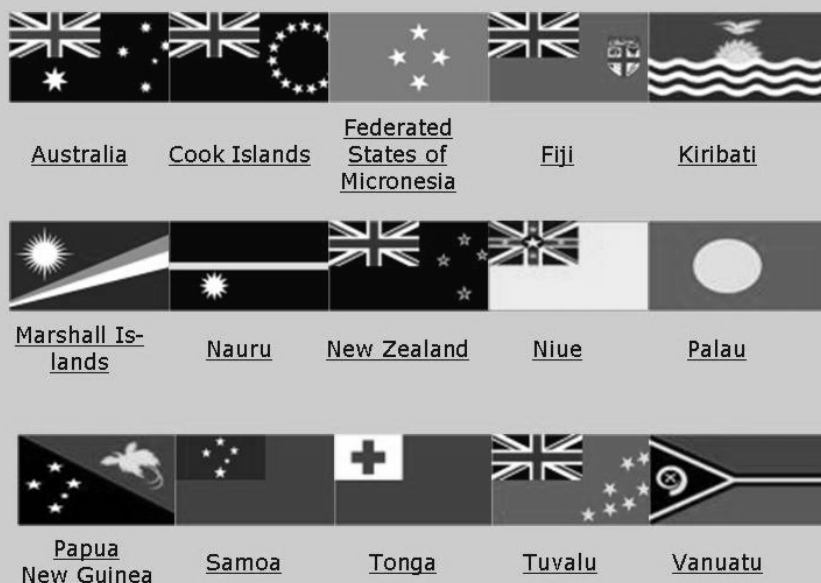
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CONT'D...

still finding war relics every day. The rest of the Platoon went to the beach, snorkelled and ate the local KFC – local chicken cooked on a drum BBQ and served in flax basket bowls.

Overall, most people are enjoying the Solomon Islands. Everyone is slowly getting browner, some looking like the locals. And we are also slowly adjusting to the heat. It still does get a bit ridiculous with temperatures though.

The facilities and food here are great. The bacon here is the best; it is grilled, not boiled like it is back home in the mess. One month down, three to go.

Countries contributing to RAMSI



NEWS FROM OP FARAD, SINAI



Front row :

L to R: SGT Stevens, CAPT Bowyer, LTCOL Boustridge, SSGT Gilmour, SGT Ashby

Rear row :

L to R: PTE Toia, POSA Jury, LCPL Fulton, LAC Nepe, PTE Gage

ROTATION 3/12 ARRIVE IN SINAI

Rotation 3/12 arrived in location after a long but uneventful trip from NZ. During the 24 hour stopover in Singapore the personnel of the contingent had a good look around Singapore. For some it was a trip down memory lane.

Once we arrived into North Camp we had a quick drink of refreshing water and into a very warm welcome at the NZ Patio. We were greeted with the NZDF Haka which was performed very passionately by the TRI service personnel in location.

3/12 then started with the handover phase with courses and lectures designed to give the incoming rotation a greater understanding of the job and the task at hand.

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN



LCPL Baker treats LCPL Sam for being too cheerful



PTE Richard Harris 'Why can't I stop for a smoke Gerny'

CPL Luke Tamatea on patrol



KT4 with LCPL Malone, LCPL Baker, CPL Tamatea, PTE Harris at Band a Mir Lakes



CPL Tamatea while on CRIB 10

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN



The Memorial for LCPL Malone and LCPL Durrer with our WIA



*The EUPOL Contingent farewelling
LCPL Malone and LCPL Durrer*



*WO2 Nepia & WO1 Kareko lead the
HMMVEES carrying our heroes*



*KT1 Patrol saying a few words
at Kiwibase Service*



KT4 at the Memorial Service for their fallen comrades



*Kiwibase
Memorial
Service*

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CONT'D...

KIA ORA KIWI KIWI

**LWTR Erin Smale,
Op FARAD, Egypt**

"Kia Ora Kiwi Kiwi" say the Egyptian workers when they see NZ personnel around camp.

After nearly completing my time at the Multi Force Observers (MFO), Op FARAD, Sinai, Egypt, I'll be heading home in November with some lifelong memories and valuable life skills learnt. Being part of this mission has been a huge eye opener to the instability and everyday battle, parts of the world have to deal with which makes everyone appreciate home a little more.

I'm lucky enough to have a position in which I work closely with members from all 12 Nations supporting the MFO – Colombia, America, Fiji, Hungary, Uruguay, Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Norway, France, and Italy. Enjoying the challenges of communicating with people who do not speak English. I have found that Google translate has been the most helpful tool on my work computer.

Over the months here I've learnt to greet all contingents in their language and shared different things about each other's homeland, such as gifts, food/drink, humour and a lot of dancing.

During my time here there's been a big rise in activity around the Sinai which resulted in nil movements in or out of camp at times. But when it's safe to do, so I've tried to make the most of travelling around Egypt and Israel, visiting all the historic sights and learning the most I can about their culture along the way.

But my favourite trip has been the Rugby 7's tournament in Alexandria, Egypt. We took two male and one female teams to



The tug of war



Winners of the Rugby 7's Tournament

represent the MFO and play against local rugby clubs and the Egypt Men's Rugby Team. We took away the winning titles with thanks to the kiwis for scoring a majority of the points throughout the two-day tournament. Here I got to know players from the Egyptian teams personally and it turned out to be just as much fun on the social side and playing some games together.

Winning the tug-o-war was another highlight, shocking everyone when we beat the Fijians and Americans who had bigger boys on the rope.

Whether it's a sporting event or social activity the kiwis are always well known to be strong contestants and always remembered by every contingent here for being full of life and having witty personalities.

CHAPLAIN'S PEN — FROM ABROAD

LIVE FOR EVERYTHING, DIE FOR SOMETHING

Padre Jonathon Holland
Timor-Leste

"Live for everything, die for something" is a quote made famous to some of us here on GYRO 13 in Timor-Leste by CPL Luke Tamatea. This profound statement as I am told is a principle that Luke stood by, lived by and died by. May Luke, Jacinda, Richard, Rory and Pralli all rest in peace. I am a preacher that often draws inspiration for messages from personal experiences. The last few weeks has definitely taken me to some new heights in personal experiences. As a minister I am more than often the one advising, counselling and redirecting. But, the not so often times of absolute genius sometimes come my way and the most profound things are spoken, heard and then received by yours truly. As I sat with some of our boys here I was taken to this very place of being spoken to, hearing and then receiving. It affected me that much I am telling you all about it right now, and that the very first message I preached at my home church will be founded upon what I received. The boys said to me, "Dre, you don't know what it's like to be a grunt, we know what we've signed up for, we live for that gun fight, we live for that battle and if we're gonna go, then we would be honoured to be taken right there."

I was at first a little shocked, but as what they told me sunk in I took reflection upon my own personal walk with God, and as I explore the promises of God the Apostle Paul writes,

Philippians 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Romans 14:8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether

we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

I am proud to live for the Lord, and I will be honoured to die for Him. This is the Christian life. Well, let me share what I understand the grunts life to be, they are proud to live as a grunt, and they will be honoured to die as a grunt. That's the grunt life.

Blessings from TG GYRO 13
"Lucky for some"

FAREWELLING OUR COMRADES

Padre James Molony
CRIB 20

Anxious, numb, surreal, hard to think that they are really gone. You would think that as we train for war we would be more prepared for the worst, to lose several of our own in a matter of weeks. This is now the most dangerous CRIB rotation since we first came into theatre. For the first few months the saying was that 'the worst day in Bamyar is still better than the best day anywhere else in Afghanistan', however, we have now experienced what our allies have been going through this entire war. I know families back home, mine included, are counting down the minutes, thankful for each day without further incident until our return.

As I'm writing this we have had our second ramp ceremony in Bagram, to farewell three more of our comrades as they begin their final journey home. Our support element regularly attends these ceremonies for other nations to show respect for their fallen troops. That we have gained the respect of our allies in our time here is evident by the hundreds who turn up to show their respect and sympathy for our own.

This is going to hurt for a long time, for some here they will not really be able to grieve until they get home. It will be a tough transition, they have formed a strong bond and have lived in each others pockets and been each others support through both the loss and having to get up the next day and keep doing the job.

We appreciate so much the prayers and support of our people back home, and the support won't end when the tour is over. The psych's tell us that most people really will be ok even as they process this experience; some though will struggle and may need help. We are going to do our best to provide good support following this tour and it is more than ok to seek help if things are not going well and the sooner the better.

As we are getting closer to the RTNZ some may feel a bit apprehensive about the reunion, this is very normal and is ok. Start to talk things through now if you can, what are you most concerned about? What are you looking forward too? Be honest about it. Also try not to make big life decisions in the first few months.... And it will take a few months to get used to life in NZ again, and life together.

"To the families of those who have lost their loved ones, we will never forget our brothers and our sister; we grieve along with you and will remember them for the rest of our lives."

Ma te Atua me tewahingarotatou e tiaki e manaaki; May God, the origin from whom all things come from, bless and keep us.

DSO'S CORNER



Carol Voyce

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

How does one even begin to write an editorial after the tragedies of the last few weeks? We are all feeling the pain – our New Zealand Defence Force family, our wider communities, our country and beyond.

What I have seen, is an open out pouring of grief, many a hand extended in friendship and support, many a hug and people coming together with a common bond, to share our loss. With this comes the concern for all those with loved ones deployed abroad and for those soon to depart. What we can say or do, lessens the burden you carry a little, but we don't have any magic wand, no way to wind back the clock, no way to ease the heartache, the worry or the losses.

What we can offer is a NZDF committed to supporting you along the deployment journey. We want to work with you, walk alongside you and offer the best in support.

We have not experienced, in recent times, a tragedy to the extent we face today. We have taken advice and direction on how we respond to your needs. I am conscious that we may not always get the intervention right for everyone's individual

needs and ask you to make contact with us, if we have not provided you with a way forward in this current situation.

We are offering extra briefings to the families of CRIB 20 prior to the return to New Zealand of service personnel from Afghanistan. The dates and timings of these briefs are included in this edition of "The Bugle" and letters will also be sent to Primary next of Kin over the coming week. These briefs are open to extended family members. Please make sure you share the pending briefing information with all who may like to attend. Everyone is very welcome.

We are here for you all. No matter what deployment you have loved ones on, we extend a listening ear, a willing hand and the very best in support we can offer. We need you to reach out, not only to those around you, but to us too, in an effort to lighten the load you may carry.

Our thoughts are with you all – home and abroad.



Janine Burton

Deployment Services Officer
1 (NZ) Brigade

Last weekend I broke a tooth – not just a piece off, snapped it in two. This morning while I was spending

some quality time with my dentist, who has made a wonderful job of patching me all back together again thankfully, I wrote most of this column in my head instead of counting the holes the ceiling tiles – as I usually do. What I planned to write sounded brilliant this morning but recreating it on paper is an entirely different matter!

My first thoughts of course, surround the recent events in Afghanistan – how could they not?

Over the past six weeks both Carol and I have met with many of our families to try to offer a comforting word, to try to alleviate some of your anxieties and fears. I have found myself saying to many that every day down is a day closer to them coming home; taking it all just one day at a time means that the weeks are taking care of themselves and the time is passing quite quickly. We have to hold on to that and before you know it we will be meeting together in Christchurch, Ohakea or Auckland to see them get off that plane! We are on this journey together and I continue to encourage you to support one another, rely on your family and friends, and to call either one of us at any time.

We have been out and about meeting new families who are about to embark on their deployment journey.

We had outstanding attendance at all our briefing locations and I hope that we were able to address many of the questions that you came along with. We will journey together and encourage you to contact Carol or myself at any time over the months ahead if we can be of any assistance.

Yet another Bugle down, another Bugle closer to homecoming! We continue to think of you all.

FOR YOUR INFO



GET READY
GET THRU

Get ready to ShakeOut!

9.26am, 26 September 2012



Be part of 1 million people in NZ participating in a Drop, Cover and Hold earthquake drill at 9.26 am on Wednesday 26 September.

Participating is a great way for you, your family, or organisation to become better prepared to survive and recover quickly from a damaging earthquake.

**Sign up now: go to
www.getthru.govt.nz**

Hi from the Naval Community Organisation

CPOET Michelle Blake

In the last issue of "The Bugle", you would have read about our Family Winter Camp. We are now finalising the details for the Childrens' Camp in October, with the children, camp parents and most of the supplies organised.

Any families that are wanting to know more about Wills and Enduring Power of Attorneys, Public Trust will be holding an information evening on Wednesday 5th September, 1830-1930 hours, at Ngataranga Sports Complex. No need to organise a babysitter, as we will put on a family friendly movie to keep the kids entertained. Please register your interest with the NCO.

For all the budding sailors out there, our next Teenage Sailing Weekend is going to be over 13th – 14th October. This is for College-aged young persons only. Please call us for more information.

Please contact Naval Community Organisation on:

For those calling from the Auckland area: 09 445 5915

Outside Auckland area:

0800 NAVY HELP

Email address:

nib@nzdf.mil.nz

Until next time, your friendly NCO team.



"Peace is one of humanity's most precious needs.
It is also the United Nation's highest calling".

International Day of Peace — 21 September

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date. It was established by a United Nations resolution in 1981 to coincide with the opening of the General Assembly. The first Peace Day was celebrated in September 1982.

In 2002 the General Assembly officially declared September 21 as the permanent date for the International Day of Peace.

By creating the International Day of Peace, the UN devoted itself to worldwide peace and encouraged all of mankind to work in co-operation for this goal. During the discussion of the U.N. Resolution that established the International Day of Peace, it was suggested that:

"Peace Day should be devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples... This day will serve as a reminder to all peoples that our organization, with all its limitations, is a living instrument in the service of peace and should serve all of us here within the organization as a constantly pealing bell reminding us that our permanent commitment, above all interests or differences of any kind, is to peace."

Since its inception, Peace Day has marked our personal and planetary progress toward peace. It has grown to include millions of people in all parts of the world, and each year events are organized to commemorate and celebrate this day. Events range in scale from private gatherings to public concerts and forums where hundreds of thousands of people participate.

Anyone, anywhere can celebrate Peace Day. It can be as simple as lighting a candle at noon, or just sitting in silent meditation. Or it can involve getting your co-workers, organization, community or government engaged in a large event. The impact if millions of people in all parts of the world, coming together for one day of peace, is immense.

FOR YOUR INFO CONT'D...

LAST MAIL FOR CRIB 20

The last day for sending mail to those deployed to Afghanistan on CRIB 20 is Thursday 13 September. All mail should be at the Auckland Mail Centre by this date. We very much appreciate your help in adhering to this date, as it is a huge task for us to return unclaimed mail once the contingent leaves. Don't forget your homecoming messages for the next Bugle and deadline.

RETURN TO NEW ZEALAND CRIB 20

Your Deployment Services Officer has flight information available on request, for those returning from Afghanistan. Please remember that dates and timings can change, so please keep in touch. I am sure we don't need to remind you that in the interests of safety and security this information should not be discussed with those in the deployment location by phone, email or on social networking sites.

DON'T FORGET THAT SURPRISE!

TOUR UPDATES GYRO 13

Tour update briefings for families associated with the current deployment to Timor-Leste are planned for mid October. We should be able to confirm dates, timings and venues in the next edition of "The Bugle". We are just waiting for the contingent to put finishing touches to their DVD and then will be waiting (patiently) for it to arrive in NZ.

Want to acknowledge someone who or something that has helped you through the deployment journey?

The next edition of "The Bugle" (the last for CRIB 20) will include a section for messages of thanks to be extended to those who have assisted you along the way.

This is your opportunity to acknowledge support which has lessened the burden for you in the past months. It may be your neighbour, your friend, your grandma, your Padre, community group or someone within NZDF who has made a difference. It may be a resource or a booklet. You obviously need to identify who this acknowledgement is extended to, but your full name, and family details need not be published.

Send your contributions to:

dso.burnham.@xtra.co.nz

No later than 20 September

Deployment Support Services

- ◆ Need information?
- ◆ Need support?
- ◆ Need a listening ear?
- ◆ Need to send an urgent message to a deployment location?

Deployment Support Services are here for you

The larger missions to Afghanistan, Solomon Islands & Timor-Leste appoint a lead Deployment Services Officer (DSO). All other missions offer support from either the DSO, Unit Point of Contact and local Welfare Support Services. The nominated Primary Next of Kin (PNOK) of families of deployed NZDF personnel should, in the first instance, contact their DSO who has a responsibility for transparency into welfare issues. Added to this there are other very valuable support networks available in your local region. For additional support and services:

Army:

Deployment Services Officers:

Linton—Janine Burton

Ph: 0800 683 77 327

Burnham—Carol Voyce

Ph: 0800 337 569

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Ph 06 387 5531

Burnham—Cherie Mansell

Ph 03 363 0322

Community Services Facilitator:

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Family & Social Services Officer:

Trentham—Marie Lotz

Ph 04 527 5029

Air Force Welfare Facilitators

Air Staff Wellington:

Trevor Stone

Ph: 04 498 6773

Base Auckland:

Deana Lye

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Base Woodbourne:

Claudia Baker

Ph: 03 577 1177

Base Ohakea:

Ph: 06 351 5640

Naval Community Organization:

Ph: 09 445 5534, 0800 NAVYHELP
nib@nzdf.mil.nz

Local Chaplaincy Services

Unit Point of Contact

HI FROM THE WELFARE OFFICE AT AIR STAFF



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

Ki once again from the Welfare office at Air Staff and best wishes to you all as I write this after a couple of weeks of watching Television presentation of Kiwis performing at the Olympics.

Speaking of Television, the visit by comedian Mike King to Afghanistan was screened recently here in New Zealand and I hope that this has helped many people in the community back home to understand what you are doing in a very difficult environment and winning hearts and minds in a typical Kiwi manner to re-establish a peaceful way of life for the local people.

As a Cantabrian I have watched with interest how my former home town is coping with the aftermath of its many earthquakes. In many ways with the uncertainty of not knowing when another big Quake will hit, Cantabrian's have had to live with coping and continuing life in a potentially dangerous environment not unlike a war zone. They have had to develop resilience in their approach to living

and their future, (although I understand that they are heartedly sick of hearing the word 'resilience').

One of the more difficult areas to replace for Cantabrian's has been their sense of community and attachment to familiar Icons of community such as the Christchurch Cathedral and their neighbours. While the Cathedral certainly had its place for religion, it also served as a sense of community beacon for all Cantabrian's whether they were religious or not. There is a wider sense of loss when such an Icon is destroyed and people face the challenge of a new community to be created. For many Cantabrian's this has meant leaving their streets and suburbs of many years and moving to new areas and having to start over again. This is especially hard on older residents as they try to recreate their lives with new neighbours and a whole different suburb.

It will take many years for Cantabrian's to rebuild the sense of community they had prior to the Earthquakes, and it will be different and sadly some may leave and others struggle to adapt. Defence Forces have already assisted Christchurch on its pathway to recovery and no doubt will continue to have a role just as you do in deployments around the world. At the end of the day as Mike King noted, it is the unique Kiwi spirit and sense of humour that enables us to rise above tragedy and disaster and to be of use to others whether it is rebuilding a community at home or in NZDF deployed missions around the world.

My final note at a time when I know many of you are grieving for lost comrades comes from one of my sporting Kiwi heroes from my childhood. As a young boy I was

fascinated in motor racing and spent many years watching the Lady Wigram Trophy Race. We were posted to Wigram in 1966 and it was at the first race of 1967 that I got to see my hero Bruce McLaren, sadly he was killed in a testing accident a few years later. Before this happened a great friend and team mate of his Tim Mayer was killed in a pre race practise, and Bruce remembered his friend as follows:

"To do something well is so worthwhile that to die trying to do it better cannot be foolhardy. It would be a waste of life to do nothing with ones ability. Life is measured in achievement, not in terms of years alone".

Today the McLaren Racing Car Team continues to achieve in the manner that Bruce set up before his untimely death.

Kia Kaha for all of your mahi wherever you are and that the results of your work will endure in many ways around the world, and we in the welfare support area are here for your families back home.



Daylight Saving

starts on Sunday
30 September

Don't forget to move
your clock forward
1 hour

PERSONAL MESSAGES



The deadline for contributions and personal messages for the next edition of "The Bugle" is **20 September 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

Dion

Hope all is going well and you are on the mend. The patrol misses you! Kia Kaha!

Hey Dad

Happy Father's Day from all the way over here!! Hope it's a goodie!! Love Freda xoxoxox.

Hey gay-mo Q-Storian peeps

How's things going?! Thought I'd send you's a little something from the mean heat over here. Dommie, I know you're the only one that reads this so wassup mai nikkah!!!! Churr the bro.. homie.. G-UNIT!! Bahahahahahaha love yahs... send me some presents man.. I need a cheeseburger!!! Peace Freda!!

Hey Fam Bams

Got your fullas msgz mean maori!! Far, I can't wait to come home now.. Just to chill out have a mean Barbie and maybe a couple beers and by then it should be summer so it should be sweet!!! Well not long to go now only another lazi 3 months or so ha ha ha ha. Anyways love yahs, Freda xxx.

Hey my Hunni

Brissy went way to fast aye? Can't wait to be home! I'm so proud of you hun getting you some mahi and moving to the tron. Give all the whanau big hugs from me, k... I miss you, and love you... Lord Bless my Darling... mwahhhh.

Fluffy

Happy Anniversary for the 8th September. Best year of my life without a doubt. Love you x. Your favourite.

Mummy & Daddy Darling

Just wanted you to know your little girl misses you heaps! Looking forward to spending some time with you. Lots of love, Rooster xo.

Trev

Hey dude, here's a piece of advice... stop knocking yourself out! Ha ha. Miss your smart-alec remarks dude. See you soon, lots of love, Rooster xo.

We were 4221...

My Angel I feel that the time is now To cross our fingers and toes. My God! It's wonderful... scary too, to be in this situation that we are in now. It will be amazing - we will be blessed. But if we are denied we will be dismayed. Before plan B takes us away again! The world ebbs and flows. Now is our time to be 4223!

Hi CB

Missing you like crazy! It's been a tough time without you. I love you with all my heart. Can't wait to see you at the airport! Don't worry about me; I'm the luckiest person I know. Home soon!

Hey PAPA

Really looking forward to coming home! It's very exciting. Even more to look forward to is our big day. It's going to be fantastic! Just wanted you to know, that I miss you and our gal very much and wanted to thank you for everything that you have done for us whilst I've been away. You bought us a house, how awesome is that! Not long to go now and I'll soon be driving you crazy again. Together soon, I love you. From MAMA.

Hello Bo

Not long to go now. Looking

forward to having that merlot and continuing our WIP. LYAMYLAL, FG.

Houdini

Geshundeit.

Blue

Do you want a couch in your hutch?

Kat

Back soon. TIAB.

Dear Kat

Other half of the chocolate bar better be home soon.

Houdini

You can use tissues for something other than food.

Hi JJ, Bradley and Liam

Hope all is well. I'm all good over here so don't worry about me. I'm missing you boys like crazy though, so can't wait to be home. Look after your mum, I can't from here and be good. Love you Dad.

Blue

Has Kat taken you outside to play in the grass? I will.

D.A.

Hope you and the family are all well.

Mum

Very impressed with the writing. Back soon – K.B.

Ngaire

How would you like a Burka?

To Joanna, Karla, Sabrina, Elizabeth, Ngaraima, Moko's and Mocomoko

Kia Ora, Bula, Buenos días, G'Day, Salaam alekum. Time is starting to

PERSONAL MESSAGES CONT'D...

fly and it is not long to go now. Miss you all heaps and all that is so good about family and New Zealand. We are getting quite good coverage of the All Black's games, something the contingent really enjoys. Love you all, miss you heaps. Take care, love from Pa, Koro, Kororo.

To OC K

Thanks for the handover in BAF, rest well. From OC K.

RIP Rory, Tama, Harry and Jacinda
Our patrol will never be the same without you. Heroes all! Miss you!
KT 4 Comd, Sgt Rob McGee.

To Conner T

Well done for your rugby my big buddy, Ritchie McCaw would be impressed. Love you. Daddy.

To Liam T

Thank you for my Father's Day present, it is awesome. Love you, Daddy.

To Mama

Keeping safe! Love you to the chicken coop and back. D.

To Kim

Finally seen the CRIB banner and your message and the boys' hands, awesome! Not long to go. Thank you and chin up, Love you. D.

To W

Hi Babe, so proud of you, see you in a few weeks!!!

Emma

Hi Sweetheart! You have done so well! I love you heaps and can't wait for a cuddle, not long now, lots of love, DAD.

Reags

You are awesome little man! Hope you present arrived ok, not long now buddy. Love from DAD.

To all at home

Know that our fallen brothers and sister were well looked after by all involved, especially the Aussies and Americans. These men and women were a credit to their countries and will be forever in our hearts. KT 4 Comd, Sgt Rob McGee.

Hey Log

Hope it's all going ok, so looking forward to getting home, be good to your mum!! Lots of Love DAD.

FLOWER POWER

A bit of a month of it darling,
But only one to go!
Not long before I see you,
But our love does grow and grow.
I miss you so much,
I will see you soon.
I love you sweetheart.
FROM SOAPS

Hi to ma mummy, daddy, paps, ma bruthers and sister, and ma 2 lil nephews

I hope uz are doin well.

Mum

Stop working hard and stressing yaself out, thank you so much 4 the goodies box it was totally amazing!

Dad

I hope you're doing well, stop thrashing ma kar ha ha, and do sum work to help ma mum out.

Paps

Hope you're still going for your walks and keeping active. Be strong and I'll see you when I get home.

Ma Bros

Stop being no hoppers and find sumthing useful to do, J u got less than 6 months to prove me wrong, "U know what I'm talking about lol.

To ma sista

Stop been a gambler ha ha and

start doin useful stuff to better u and ya family.

And lucky last ma handsum Nephews

I would say I miss you fullas running a muck, screaming, yelling, beating each other up but I'd be lying, ha ha.

Maika

Hope you are enjoying skool on the days that you go.

Louscous

No doubt you're still making nan pull her hair out, but at the end of the day, uz also put a smile on her dial.

K

I'm doing well and miss you all dearly, definitely can't wait to cum home; much love to you all xoxo. Your Fav Grand daughter, Ya best daughter, your fullas boss and da bestest aunty..... Shonalla. xoxox.

Hey ma Porkchop

Well we have less than 4 weeks before we go have sum fun, yay. Thailand here we cum, so can't wait to see you, and have our lil adventure its gonna be kool, elephant ride, playing wit baby tiger cubs, lil shopping, dinner parties, private parties, floating markets, just the fact I get to see you is enuf. Everything is aljud this way, I hope your doin gud were you are and still finding things to keep you occupied over there, coz I know how busy it gets, you'd b so rushed off ya feet lol... N e way thort I'd pop in to say hi. Luv u, miss u heaps, big snuggles and kisses. Not long now xoxo. Ya Gravy.

Dear Sweetheart, Little Buddy & Pumpkin

Miss you's heaps, not long now! Love Dad/Matt.

PERSONAL MESSAGES CONT'D...



From Home

Hi to Kobi

From Dad and Glendies, from a very proud Dad and Step Mum to my first born! We miss you lots, have your photo on my PC at work and on my Phone, Glendies has several of you at school, the kids are always asking questions and love to hear about you and what you are doing. We are counting down the days to your safe return and are looking forward to hosting your Bro and lil sis, and all her mates for R+V. Me thinks a lot of catching up to do. B is missing you lots, we talk often on the Phone; she cannot wait for you to come home. We looking forward to seeing you step off the plane and having that cold drink from JIM we have promised each other. Hope the home baking from Glendies is arriving OK and you have been able to find suitable trades for leftovers! Lots of Love and Laughs went into making the Cakes and Biscuits – hope you enjoy the reading material we sent. I see your mum sent you a message - says you the most handsome young man in the Army – obviously got your looks from me then. LOL. Remember we are all missing you – we are all very proud of you and the mates you will have made whilst you been away – Take care, be safe to you all, see you in ChCh. Love Dad & Glendies.

Hi Daddy

Have a really great daddy's day - we wish you were here so we could jump on you and wake you up. Hope you got our present we sent for you and can't wait till xmas time when you're back and to go on holiday. You are the best daddy in the world. We love and miss you. Love you wee rat bums and mummy. Xo.

Hey Buba

Hope you're doing well, we are well over half way now and counting down to your return. Can't wait for your mid way break, and have you home with me and the animals. Chin up bub, I am very proud of you. Love you lots, Shelly xoxoxo.

To Dad

I love you so so so so so so so so so so so much and I can't wait till you come home, love from Sean (your son).

Hi FABD4D

Hey the best daddy in the world! We are very proud of you and miss you loads! Not long now and we can rough and tumble and drive mum mad with all the noise! She is ok with the noise this time....We are ok keeping busy and out of trouble with school, kindy and everything else. 45 sleeps and counting! Less by the time you get this. Love you to the man truck and trailer and back (and some), Connor, Liam and mummy xxxx.

Kiaori Mummy Tara

Can't wait to see you! Me and Mamangu are mates now. You keep happy ok. Love u and miss u Karu, Meow, lick, lick. P.S: Nanna looking after me good. Xoxoxoxo.

Hello Aunty Tara

Karu and me are bros. He allowed to eat that yakky tin stuff I hate. I hunt the mousies and birdies but Nana not like me bring them inside wriggling in my jaw. She boots me out. See you soon, Arohanui Mamangu, Xoxoxoxo.

To Our Extended Army Whanau

Thinking of you all, we are immensely grateful and thank you for your commitment and dedication to each other and serving your country We look forward to your return home shortly when whanau can wrap their love around you and do the things we

enjoy as a whanau in our

beautiful and safe country. Nga manaakitanga kia koutou, ko te Mangai kei roto aiane ai akenei Ae!

Kia ora toku Ataahua Tuahine

Hello our strong and brave Daughter, we are all well here, just planning a little 5th Birthday for Lyrix this week. Shud be fun. Leggy is well too, we chuckle at her as she calls her sister Rigits. Good to hear you having fun in the pool, we are with you all the way, Tino arohanui Mum xoxoxo.

To Dad

Happy Father's Day! Can't wait till you get home! Love from your Nessy.

WOOF

WOOF WOOF WOOF WOOF, WOOF WOOF WOOF, WOOF RUFF. TRANSLATION: Dad, I love you and miss you. Can't wait till you come home so I can jump on the couch again, love rusty (your dog).

Hi Daddy

Can't wait till you come home and buy me DVDs. Love RAZZLE DAZZLE.

FABD4D

You are doing a wonderful job, my boy. We are all so proud of you and the lads. We will never forget the heroes who have served their country well. We all know that they would want you to see the job finished. Be strong for each other. Love mamaxxxxxxxxxx.

Hey my Skuxatron

I had a primo few days in Brizzy and the GC xx. Not long now, only another few months to go. You're going to freak out when you see Rico, she's getting a big girl ! Lol. She's gonna be miss mack like her mama. Ok well, we love you

PERSONAL MESSAGES CONT'D...

solaaaahd guy! Mwah xx=.

To Dad

Happy Father's Day! Missing you heaps. Love from Jacob.

To Daddy

Happy Father's Day! Love you, miss you. Love Alexis.

Hi Zane

Just want to let you know that we love you so much and are counting down the days til you all get to come home safely – look after each other ... and phone your mother, she misses you!! Love Mum and BB xoxo.

Hi Zane

We had a lovely birthday dinner for you on Friday, Hailey made delicious lemon meringue pie and we sung happy birthday. Then we took photos on your iPad which made us into funny faces, we all had a turn and were laughing so hard we had tears. Love you and looking forward to welcoming you home! Love Nana xxx.

To Rob (Dad)

Happy fathers Rob, I will give you your fathers days present once you are home. Missing you see you soon Love JJ.

To Dad

Happy Father's Day! Wish you were here. Love Liam.

To Rob (Dad)

Happy Fathers Day! I have a present for you once you return, see you real soon Love Bradley.

Dearest Bestest Father

Even though you haven't been here lately, you are the best dad anyone can wish for. We really miss you and can't wait to see you real soon JJ BJ LJ xoxoxox.

To my Babe

I would like to say you are the best

thing that came into my life and you are the best dad anyone can have. Not having you here on Father's Day doesn't mean we won't think of you, maybe we can have pancakes for you instead, lol, but I can't wait for your return so we can be together for ever again. I miss you like a flower misses the sun and the rain. I just whispered to the world that I love you, I hope you heard it. I love you to the moon stars and beyond. I am looking forward to your return so we can just lay together and be together. I am not looking forward to your snoring. Not long nearly onto days, your first wife forever and ever xxxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxo.

Hey Sexy

We are really starting to look forward to you coming home now!! We are getting very excited and can't wait to give you big hugs and kisses. Happy Father's Day for Sunday - Ollie will give you something special when you get back. We are always thinking of you and miss you lots and are so proud of you!!!! See you when you get back sugah. ;p. Love you x a million xox.

Hi Uncle Andy

I hope you are having a good day. I have been doing cool things at school and I have been very good. I would love to play with you every day. Love Harri.

Uncle Andy

I love you and I hope you have a good day - I have been at kindy today and want to make sandcastles with you this summer. Love Ethan.

Hi Zane

Can't wait for you to come home – nana, mum and I played with the photobooth on your iPad on your birthday and all cried with laughter. I took photos of Daena's little girl Kenzie with it too, so funny. Keep

safe and Nana and I will see you at the airport when you get back! Love you and hope the dogs liked their toys. Xox Hailey.

To my Wonderful Husband

The countdown is really on! So proud of what you've been doing all this time, never more so than in the past few weeks, even though they have been incredibly tough. I am so excited to see you soon, and start our fun adventures together. And then it won't be long before you'll be welcomed home by that blue monster. Hang in there, and know there are some truly great times ahead. Love always, your adoring wife xoy.

Happy Father's Day Dadda

I love you so much. I miss you heaps and can't wait to see you at the Airport soon. I performed in the Kapahaka and Pasifika Group for our Cultural Evening at school. I did a Tongan War Dance. We have videoed it, so you can see it too. Rugby is finished now, so hopefully I can play Touch next. Can you come to my games when you get back? Kaikais is learning to walk with his new trolley and is getting into everything. He steals my lunch and tries to take the computer off me - he is such a rascal now!! Arohanui, Maaka Moo xxx.

To the Best "Dadda" in the World

Happy Father's Day to you! Not long and you will get to see what a big boy I am now. I am still very cute, especially when I am taking the paint off the walls when I bang my trolley into them and when I spill food and drinks on the lounge floor! I'm really looking forward to you giving me tickles too because I have the best big laugh. Everyone says that I'm looking more and more like you everyday - must be very handsome I think. I can't wait to have my first birthday when you get home. What are you going to get me for my special day? I love

PERSONAL MESSAGES CONT'D...



you more and more each day Dadda. Arohanui, your boyboy, Kairangi xxx.

Happy Father's Day Baby

Your boys are so looking forward to you coming home soon and so am I! Have been tidying and rearranging lots of things around the house ready for your arrival and can't wait to have your army uniform hung up on the floor again. Mum's coming down next week, which I'm really looking forward to and it's only a few more weeks before we go back home. I get to have cuddles with our new nephew too. I'm so proud of you babe and I love you lots. I am going to spend the rest of our married life showing you that. LYLT, LYFE, Your Girl.

Hi D Hi

Well we've made it to the final message in the bugle. Can't believe how the time has gone by but we sure are looking forward to having you home again. We'll even make sure there's a "cold one" in the fridge for your homecoming. Luv you and missing you more than ever.....SOAR.

CRIB 20

Wishing you all a safe and speedy journey home to NZ!

Hello Dad! ('stabby Dwarf'..mum made me say it!)

We are getting really excited as we head on down the home straight! We are also starting to panic as the list of 'things to do' is getting larger by the day. Suffice to say, all will be just how you like it when you return your Majesty. Your slippers and pipe on the side table with a whiskey of course. Please forgive our tardy-ness-ess as we believe our parcel will not arrive on time for Fashas Day. But it will get there soon hopefully. You are a very good dad. And Mum really loves you. Can't wait to see you, and hope you like my messages in the box. Love The Man of The House, Mum,xoxoxoxoxoxoxox (brownchickenbrowncow).

Happy Father's Day Dad...xoxoxo

(I made you a screen saver from a tree at school. I went to a drama class. I'm definitely going back! Mum helped me type this).

Happy Father's Day Dad

I love you. I miss you. I hope you have a good day. I hope you have a good time at Afghanistan. I hope you don't take long to come home. I want to go to the snow with you daddy!! I'm doing good at school. I'm is short for I am. I'm has an apostrophe. I hope you don't get in trouble at Afghanistan. I miss you dad, I'll give you something when you get home. Love you lots. Ollie xoxo.

Dear Daddy

Happy Father's Day! I love you so much and miss you even more. Things haven't been the same without you. Come home soon Dad. Love Georgia xxxxxxxxxx.

Hi Daddy

Happy Father's Day! I miss you so much. It's not the same thing without you here. I can't wait for you to come home. Oh and you know who - is driving us absolutely crazy! Ha ha ha. I love you. Stay safe, Love Rhi.

Hi Dad

Don't worry I'm still your little girl. Love you and miss you, Love Caitlin.

Hi Pop Pop

My a big boy now cos I don't wear any night pants and my can help you in Temon. Love Jacob.

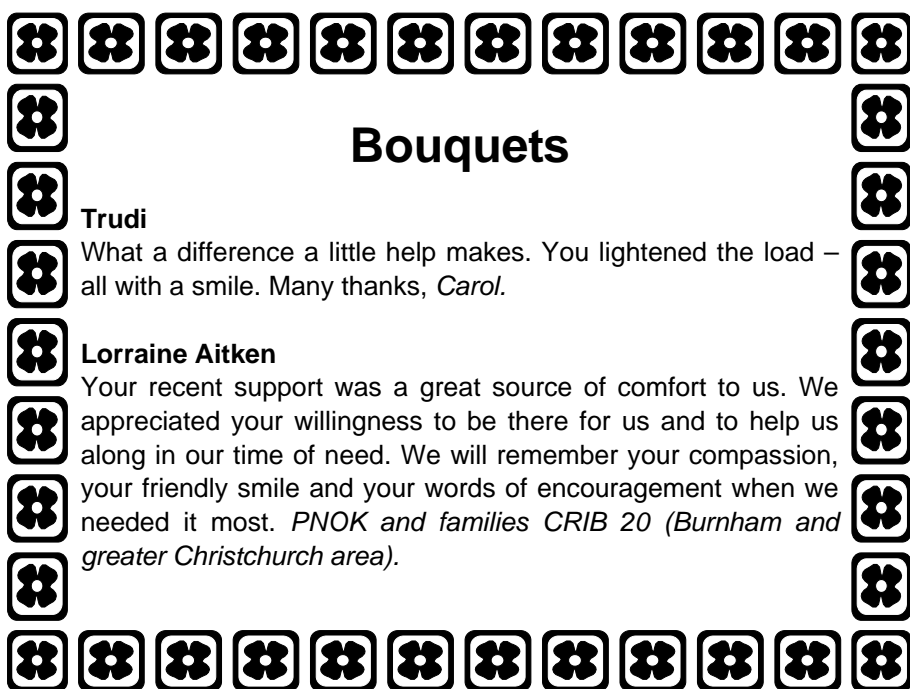
Hi Percy

Good to catch up. Wishing you a safe return. C.

(To love a soldier)

I will take this soldiers promise with pride in my heart and tears on my cheeks, I love my Soldier and can't wait till you are home again, missing you Rob (babe) xxxxx.

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Bouquets

Trudi
What a difference a little help makes. You lightened the load – all with a smile. Many thanks, *Carol*.

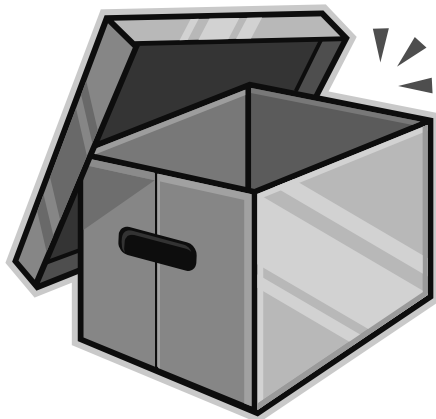
Lorraine Aitken
Your recent support was a great source of comfort to us. We appreciated your willingness to be there for us and to help us along in our time of need. We will remember your compassion, your friendly smile and your words of encouragement when we needed it most. *PNOK and families CRIB 20 (Burnham and greater Christchurch area).*

PERSONAL MESSAGES CONT'D...

Military Man's Promise

I cannot promise you every night of my life.
I cannot promise to be beside you for every difficult moment, every trial, and every hardship.
In truth, I can promise you that I will not be with you for most.
I will leave you at inconvenient times.
Any special date to us may be tainted with the anniversary of the death of one of my friends.
I will ask you to take over whatever life we have built together for months and years at a time.
And will then crash back into that life that you have used your sweat, your tears and your heartache to keep together, and try to take it back as I knew it before.
I will shut you out at times because it will be the best way for me to hold it together at that moment.
I will tell you I don't know things when I do.
I will not always tell you where I am going, when I will be back, or who I am with.
I may not call you for weeks and months and you will not be able to call me.
You will ask questions that I won't answer.
You will know answers to questions that you will hope you never need. I will share things with my brothers that you will never understand.
They will know things about me that you never will.
They will be a support to me in some things that you cannot be.
I will miss birthdays.
I will miss anniversaries.
I may need time to process things that seem natural to everyone else.
It will seem that someone - or something - will always take precedence over you.
I will uproot you and ask you to re-establish our family anywhere in the world, in any season, at any time - over and over again.
Sand and mud will be tracked through your halls from the boots I am too tired to take off.
I will leave you when you beg me not to.
I will stand at attention while you cry beside me.
I will not turn my head and I will walk away.
I will knowingly break your heart.
And I will do it again - and again.
I cannot promise you all of me.
I cannot promise you much of anything.
But if you will have me, I can promise that as I march away from you, it is not without sharing your heartache.
I promise you that every time I break your heart I will be breaking mine.
Every time that I cannot answer you I will be protecting you.
Whenever you want to call and you have no number to dial, I will be wanting to do the same.
I will protect everything that we have created together with every fibre of my being while you do the same back at home.
I will honour you in everything - every moment that we are apart and every moment that I am with you.
I will fight harder and push further knowing that I do so for you.
And I will carry you with me in everything, until my sandy boots once again sit just inside our door.

HOW TO PACKAGE ITEMS



Follow our handy tips to help you package items so they arrive safely and securely.

When sending an item, it is your responsibility to ensure packaging is secure to prevent damage to the item, postal equipment or other mail, and injury to people handling it. Inadequate packaging could result in you being liable for damages.

By accepting your item, NZ Post does not acknowledge the packaging is adequate or the contents are acceptable.

You can use your own materials to package your items or choose from our range of packing materials.

General Items

- * Ensure internal cushioning is packed around all sides of your item and wrap enough times so you cannot feel the shape of the object.
- * Items packed together in one container should be individually wrapped and separated from each other with cushioning material.

- * Heavy items require internal cushioning to prevent movement during delivery as this may damage the outer packaging.
- * For external packaging, cardboard cartons are generally strong enough to ship items of average size and weight.

Sealing Parcels

Seal your parcels with a strong, self-adhesive tape. Choose a tape that is at least 38mm wide. It's best to use parcel tape rather than a standard household or stationery adhesive tape as it is stronger.

Apply the tape along the length of the flaps and along the ends to seal the openings of the carton. Never use metal staples.

For large and/or heavy parcels we recommend you use plastic strapping or binding as well as tape. The strapping should be applied twice from end to end and twice from side to side. The binding should be tight enough to remain in position throughout delivery of the parcel, but should not cut into the edges of the carton. Strap your parcels individually, not together

Fragile Items

For items such as china, glassware and crockery:

- * Wrap individual objects with enough cushioning material so you cannot feel the shape of the object through the wrapping.
- * Items packed together in one container should be individually wrapped and separated with cushioning material.

- * Pack in strong, rigid outer cartons of cardboard, wood or metal.
- * To help prevent movement of the items during delivery, ensure all gaps are filled.

Electrical Equipment

For items such as radios, computers and games:

- * Pack in a strong, rigid cardboard carton.
- * Keep parts well away from the side of the container by protecting them with adequate internal packaging.
- * All computer parts must be packed in non-static internal packaging.
- * All batteries must be removed before sending to prevent it from activating during delivery. Some batteries are dangerous and cannot be posted even when removed from the item.

Liquids

For items such as body lotions:

- * Wrap bottles individually.
- * Surround with resilient cushioning material and place in a well sealed polyethylene bag.
- * Pack in a strong cardboard carton with sufficient absorbent material such as newspaper or wood-shavings to soak up any possible spillage.

HOMECOMING BRIEFINGS FOR TU CRIB 20 PRIMARY NEXT OF KIN (PNOK) AND FAMILIES

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) understands that homecomings can be a particularly anxious and concerning time for loved ones. Often in these circumstances, it can be difficult to know what to expect, how to act and what to say when service personnel return.

We have therefore planned briefings around the country to provide information on common reactions, how to identify problems that may arise and how to seek help. This is particularly relevant to all, given the recent incidents in Afghanistan. There will be opportunities for questions and individual access to the NZDF psychologists, Deployment Services Officers and Welfare Support personnel.

NZDF will fund travel and accommodation to these briefings for the PNOK of deployed CRIB service personnel, however, extended family members are welcome to attend at their own expense. Personal letters of invitation will be sent to the PNOK, this week.

The briefings are scheduled as follows:

Trentham: **Friday 21 September**
 Clock Tower Building
 6pm — 8pm

RSVP with numbers attending to Marie Lotz, Family & Social Services Officer,
Trentham Camp (04) 527 5029.

Linton: **Friday 28 September**
 Linton Military Camp
 Conference Centre
 6pm — 8pm

RSVP with numbers attending to Janine Burton, Deployment Services Officer, Linton
0800 683 77 327

Burnham: **Friday 28 September**
 Burnham Military Camp
 Camp Cinema
 6pm — 8pm

RSVP with numbers attending to Carol Voyce, Deployment Services Officer, Burnham
0800 337 569

Auckland: **Saturday 29 September**
 Arch Hill Army Centre
 204 Great North Road
 1pm — 3pm

RSVP with numbers attending to Carol Voyce, Deployment Services Officer, Burnham
0800 337 569.

**N.B: If you require travel and/or accommodation to attend any of these briefings, please contact
Carol Voyce, 0800 337 569 for arrangements to be made.
RSVP's required for the Trentham briefing by 12 September.
RSVP's required for other briefings by 19 September.**

DEPLOYMENT CALENDAR 2013



CAN YOU HELP?

Sounds too early to think so far ahead! No never!

Throughout the year our Deployment Services Officers create a file of photos from all deployment locations, to be considered for our annual calendar. Rather than having to find photos as we approach the deadline we would love to receive them as soon as you do.

Photos need to be preferably landscape in size, three megabytes or larger and ideally portray the work and relationship of our Kiwi service personnel within local communities.

We look forward to receiving your contributions (contact details on inside front cover) and need to be submitted by 18th September 2012.

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