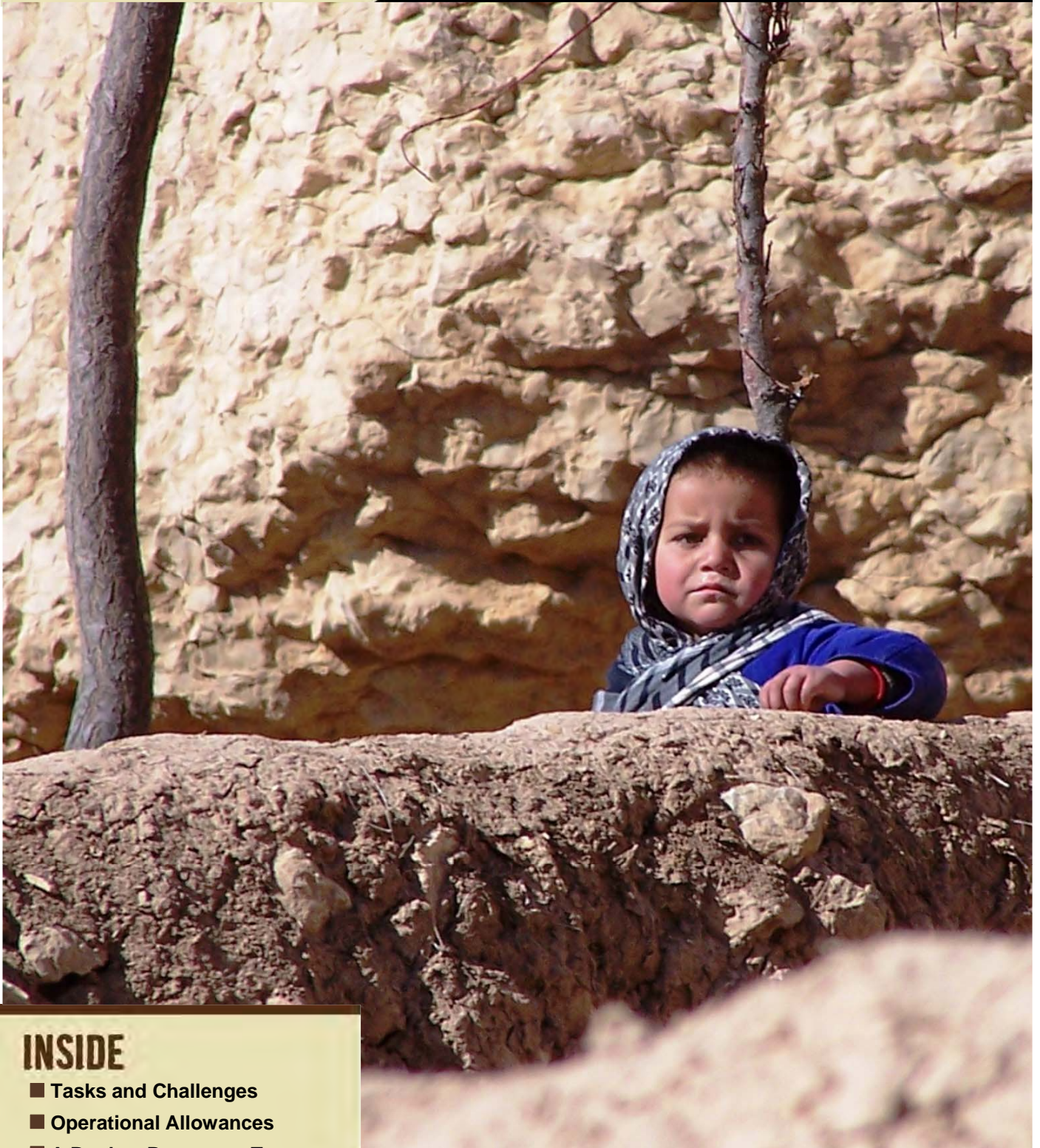


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A young child in the Bamiyan Province, Afghanistan

GUEST EDITORIAL



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(Chief Military Liaison
Officer, United Nations
Mission, Timor-Leste)
with a local mother
and baby in the Cova
Lima district*

Colonel Martin Dransfield

The New Zealand Army is often compared to a family, not only including those who serve either in uniform or as civilians, but also the families. As such we share the joys that come with successes, particularly on operations or in competition, but we also share the grief that comes with the loss of one of our family members. With that grief comes the determination to carry on and to complete the job that one of our own has paid the ultimate sacrifice doing.

One such example has been the wonderful contribution and example provided by Charlie and Linda Manning following the tragic death of their son Leonard on 24 July 2000. Over the last 12 years many young Timorese have benefited from Manning Scholarships to attend either the Don Bosco Technical College in Baucau, Dili University and more recently the Claretian Centre in Suai.

This recent scheme has seen 11 students complete a technical course that allows them to develop a skill (sewing, solar panels, cooking, carpentry) that then translates into a small business. For example four of the Manning scholars who graduated earlier this year are now making school uniforms for local schools.

Currently another four students are

attending the College from the money raised by the soldiers serving in Timor during 2011 and 2012, and raised from two boxing tournaments. Currently the soldiers serving in GYRO are growing moustaches that will raise enough for further students to graduate in 2013.

As Len's Commanding Officer in 2000, and currently working in Timor for the United Nations, I have been incredibly proud of the way in which the Army family has taken Len's parents bold challenge to make a difference through education and, through the Len Manning Scholarships, have invested their money and time into developing the next generation of Timorese.

Of significance all the scholars come from the area that Len, and many other kiwi soldiers, patrolled in. I have also learnt that the families of the current GYRO are contributing other gifts such as toys and tools that will greatly benefit the local communities where kiwis worked from 1999 till 2002.

In conclusion, I have been fortunate to spend the last two years in Timor and wherever I travel and meet the locals, they constantly express the love for the New Zealand people. This country is now at peace and there is a growing confidence amongst the younger generation that they will succeed. You have contributed to that success.

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NEWS FROM CRIB 21, AFGHANISTAN

LT COL Sholto Stephens Commanding Officer, Task Unit CRIB 21

Kia Ora and Greetings to all of our friends and family back in New Zealand!

CRIB 21 have now arrived into Afghanistan and have settled themselves into Bamiyan Province with the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT). One thing that has impressed us since our arrival here is the positive attitude and strength of the CRIB 20 contingent. They welcomed us with a resounding

Powhiri and passionate Haka. We acknowledged their efforts and sacrifices whilst serving in Bamiyan over the last six months, and we also acknowledged the hard work of the 19 Kiwi Contingents who preceded CRIB 20. There is no shortage of challenges that we face whilst we are here in Bamiyan, however, the training we received back in New Zealand and the handover from CRIB 20 personnel has set us up for success during our time across here.

Our first impressions of Bamiyan

have been largely based around Bamiyan Township and the local area, although some of our personnel have already conducted patrols further afield. It is encouraging to see children walking to and from School each day (Boys AND Girls), and to see the normalcy of the markets and bazaar in Bamiyan. We have already started to meet many of the key local Afghans in the area; the majority of them are positive about the future stability of Bamiyan. They are also very welcoming to Kiwi's as we move through their Province.

We have gathered at the Memorial in Kiwi Base several times since arriving. Several of us joined with CRIB 20 as they affixed the memorial plaques to remember Rory, Pralli, Luke, Jacinda and Richard who lost their lives here in August. We also joined the New Zealand Police Contingent as they commemorated their Police Remembrance Day. Lastly, we held a service to remember the two 1 RNZIR personnel, Private's Michael Ross and Alexander Rope, who have recently died in New Zealand under tragic circumstances. They were known to several of our contingent members. It has been encouraging to see our people attend these services and very soon afterwards refocus themselves to the task at hand. This is not a sign of disrespect but rather a clear indication that whilst here we remain focussed on the daily challenges that we face.

By now your loved ones should have been in touch with you to say that they have arrived safely. The email and telephone systems are all up and running so for those Mum's out there who demanded that their Sons and Daughters keep in touch with you; they have no excuse for not contacting you! We recommend that you start thinking about sending through Christmas



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presents now. We have also had to confiscate our first item of contraband that came through the post - please stick to the guidelines that the Deployment Services Officers have given us.

Congratulations to Captain Craig Thorne, Lance-Corporal Margison, Lance-Corporal Justine Hayden and their ad hoc volleyball team which won the inaugural Dubai CRIB Volleyball Championship (commiserations to Lieutenant Jimmy Martin and his team who were the favourites until the semi-finals). Also, a big congratulations to Lance-Corporal Tikatau and his partner, on the birth of their second child in late September! Our Chaplain, Stu Hight, will be the judge of the CRIB 21 'Movember' facial hair competition. At the end of November we will send back to New Zealand some images of the moustaches that have been grown; see if you can match them to your Husbands/Fathers/Sons/Brothers!

He tini mano ringa ka oti ai (with many hands we will complete this mission).

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TASKS AND CHALLENGES AHEAD

LT Jimmy Martin

On 3 October 2012, at approx 5.15 pm, CRIB 20 will handover command of the NZPRT mission in Bamyar, Afghanistan to CRIB 21. The two weeks preceding saw the deployment into theatre, via Dubai, of the majority of CRIB 21; and the handing over of responsibility, equipment and knowledge from the outgoing to the incoming. For the K patrols, KT 1-3, this primarily meant absorbing the lessons learnt by our predecessors in terms of tactics and techniques.

The advance party was graciously hosted for four days by the National Support Element stationed in Al Minhad Airbase in Dubai, which gave us a chance to refresh our skills after a leave period, as well as enjoy the somewhat surreal sights of Dubai itself. The Australian Contingent took us through their IED (Improvised Explosive Device) training area, which was an extremely impressive facility with demonstration stands as well as a large patrolling area with simulated IEDs throughout. Maintaining focus on the ground to look for disturbed earth and other indicators was hindered by the sweat dripping off every inch off our bodies, as we struggled to acclimatize to 40+ degrees in full body armour. Needless to say, the highlight for most of us was a day spent relaxing in the water-parks of 'Atlantis' and 'Wild Wadi', sitting in the air-conditioned malls, and appreciating the views from the Burj Al Khalif – an 800m emerald city tower rising from the centre of the desert.

On arrival at Kiwi Base, the advance party was greeted and welcomed in by the members of CRIB 20, and after a short period of

In-Theatre Training and stores issues, began to absorb as much information as possible from our outgoing predecessors. The members of the K Patrols from CRIB 20 had hard-fought for experience and skills, and their desire to impart this knowledge on was further testimony to their professionalism. Tips on how to drive in the sometimes inhospitable terrain of central Afghanistan; the varying effectiveness of different weapon systems; and command advice on routes and movement were just a fraction of the knowledge shared. The challenge for CRIB 21 will be to remember and build on this knowledge, and ensure that we use it to best affect our mission.

On 28 September the first elements of the Main Body arrived from Dubai and the challenge was laid by CRIB 20, and accepted by CRIB 21, to carry on in their footsteps and write the final chapter for the NZPRT. The knowledge and experience earned by CRIB 20, and their 19 predecessors, will stand us in good stead as we look forward to the tasks and challenges ahead.



NEWS FROM OP RATA II (15) , SOLOMON ISLANDS

IT'S NOT A HOLIDAY, IT'S JUST HOT

CPL 'Chopper' Thomas Supply Technician

"32 degrees", the pilot said as we landed in Honiara, 42 degrees was the reading on the temperature gauge attached to the side of a building; either way it was bloody hot and within seconds the sweat was pouring as it looked like I had just stepped out from under a shower.

We were greeted at the Honiara Airport by the SNO (MAJ Dewes), OC NSE (CAPT Masters), S2 (LT Amos), and the S4 (WO2 Bland); and as nice as it was to see them there was only one thing on my mind... air con and cold water NOW!!!.

For a person who has spent most of his life next to a mountain growing up with snow, this extreme change in climate was a definite shock to the system, so acclimatising to this place was going to take some time.

GBR is currently the home for NZ, Tongan and Aussie Police and Armed Forces. We are well looked after with some of the tastiest meals, well groomed surroundings, good living accommodation, great areas for fitness and recreation or relaxation; you can even get your washing laundered and folded for you... talk about getting spoilt.

After our compulsory admin briefs we caught up with our fellow comrades and straight away noticed how tanned people looked, which has now given me a glimmer of hope to tame this pale hori skin of mine. I had a quick tour of the

GBR base by whom I thought was a Solomon local, but soon realised it was our very own VM CPL Ahomiro. He filled me in with the ins and outs of this place and just recently our team was joined by another local look alike, CAPT Washburn, who is the new OC NSE.

During my short time here I've been lucky enough to go out and visit the Japanese and USA memorials. These are positioned up on hills and from these you look down and can imagine what the troops back in WWII had to endure in this environment during their battles. I have also patrolled the beaches with a snorkel and mask and have admired the coral reefs and tropical fish that swim up to you out of curiosity.

Just recently we had a sports day where the three contingents and HQ submitted teams to compete in soccer, touch, volleyball, tug-of-war

and a 4 x 400m relay; and it was no surprise that our kiwi boys, together with Sophie our medic, took out the event by winning the touch, tug-of-war, relay and tied with the Tongans in the volleyball.

This deployment provides plenty of great opportunities: trade wise, putting into practice everything we have trained for at home, but adapting to the limited access to services or the delay in which stores are received; the opportunity to enhance ones physical fitness; and definitely the opportunity to meet the local people and explore this country. Now I know people say that this is just a holiday deployment, but as you can see in these photos that this is not true. It's nothing but long hours and hard work (well for me anyway).



VM NSE hard at work



TOW Kiwis vs Tonga

NEWS FROM GYRO 13, TIMOR-LESTE



GYRO 13 *"Lucky for Some"*

Major Tim Tuatini
OC GYRO 13

It's all good!

As I write this, we have just finished a Haka practice with our 'cultural warriors' 'Stormy' Harrison and 'Massive' Woodmass calling the shots. We want to leave here on a high, and as the last GYRO, be acknowledged for our contribution and recognise all of those that were here prior to us. A part of that is the Haka Powhiri conducted on the arrival of the incoming Kiwi rotation; historically this has been a local ISF highlight. In this case, the incoming group is not a GYRO but a TET, which is a small group of specialists to conduct the pack up of our equipment and vehicles here in Timor-Leste and return it to New Zealand. Whilst there will not be the traditional competitiveness as GYROs meet for the first time, the feeling and sense of contest will be present. We are working to ensure that this challenge is remembered by all and will double as our farewell. This has been interesting because I recall writing very similar words on our arrival and the same leaders coaching us as a group to be ready for our welcome. We really are starting to plan for our return to New Zealand and it seems

as though time has suddenly sped up because there is much left to do.

As the last GYRO, there has been an effort to identify where there may be items or recorded events that are significant to us as the NZDF. Some of these have to be returned to NZ to units for their history rooms or possibly the Army Museum. One of these is the Rock which has sat at the entry to the building here in Kiwi Lines; it is a dominating piece of nature with a Kiwi painted on it. On one corner it bears a plaque recognising its importance, opened by the General Jones our current CDF, who was the Commander of Joint Forces New Zealand back then. It has been moved to a new home at the NZ Embassy here in Dili. It will now symbolise all of the New Zealand efforts in Timor-Leste. Actually it wasn't too keen on being moved and took a number of machines to 'persuade' it from its place outside our HQ here. Sergeant Rewi Hagen and his work party deserve a

special mention, it's due to his personal efforts and those of his team over a number of days in the Dili heat, that the relocated Kiwi rock and its final garden site have taken shape.

Around about the time that you get to read this, we will have had a parade outside of the F-FDTL (Timorese Army) HQ to receive medals awarded by the Timorese Government. These are awarded to all contingents that serve in the country and we will be presented by General Lere, the Timorese Chief of Defence, our Ambassador Tony Fatua and the Commander ISF. This event will start our preparation to leave Timor as a week after this parade the Security Platoon (Infantry Boys) will complete their current task as the Quick Reaction Force and move back to Kiwi Lines to start the clean and packing process.

The Infantry Platoon has been here in the HPOD at Tiger Lines with the Protected Mobility Vehicles (PMV) Troop. It's good to have GYRO in one location and their skills have been used to assist the rest of us on the firing range. Again this keeps us together, and when added to Kiwi Lines, we own



Another machine is needed to coax the Rock from its spot

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probably some of the best real estate in camp. It's out of the way from the ever growing demands placed on the HPOD area. As a group, GYRO tends to gravitate towards this area for combined activities, to watch the 'big game, ABs, Kiwis or whatever is going' as they have Foxtel, which is the Aussie version of Sky TV. Also there is a good gym down there for PT. We will work to get one 'last blast' for the PMV and Infantry team in the vehicles to the Metinaro Range for an Exercise together as a GYRO group.

The PMV will then use their trade knowledge as drivers and transport NCOs to form the expertise for us to pack our vehicles into containers when it is time for them to complete the task in support of the International Stabilisation Force (ISF).

The CSST (our Loggies) are now into their initial tasks for the move of all of our vehicles, weapons and equipment back to NZ. As discussed earlier, this will be well underway when you read this and will certainly be a significant piece of work for those involved. It is a huge undertaking and our folk are up to the task.

GYRO 13, as a contingent, continues working through our planned training activities. This last period, we have managed to complete a number of courses, travelled down to Suai and steadily worked through our standing tasks here as a part of the ISF. A group have even managed to stand on the highest mountain in Timor-Leste at 2967 metres above sea level (no snow though). Time is certainly speeding up and our focus will soon shift to ensuring we are ready to depart for home.

As I discussed last time, most of us are well into planning for our home time now that the end of our mission is in sight. This is an

exciting time but as a group we still need to finish off our period here in Timor with the accuracy and professionalism that we and our predecessors are known for. I hope you enjoyed our DVD and the planning for the return of your loved ones is going well. I know you are looking forward to seeing them soon. It's all good. All the best from GYRO 13.

Kind Regards.

S6 CELL — GYRO 13

LCPL Greig-More

East Timor has been one of the Army's staple missions for a number of years, so when I was told I was heading over I was quite happy to take part in the effort over here that we've been a part of for so long! As an ISOP (Information Systems Operator) I deploy as part of the S6 Cell, usually making sure that I'm not a lonesome SIG but in this case I have a Navy S6 (LT "Tau" Taua), a SIG SGT as AS6 (SGT King) that's been attached to QAMR for so long and I'm pretty sure he wishes we had a LAV. Also an Air Force Systems Engineer (SEOP — CPL Kennelly) who

originally applied for my position being perfectly qualified for both.

This has turned out to be quite an interesting mix in seeing the strengths brought from our fellow services and how well they can integrate into an Army land mission. There are a few issues, namely that our Navy LT is convinced that the air traffic control tower we work out of is actually a ship and has been labelling things accordingly. I've become "2nd Officer of the Watch", the floors have become decks and there's even a (small) anchor. Our SEOP has contributed by noting in every way how the Air Force does things better than the Army and has gone so far as to embarrass everyone by being a better shot with a pistol and going a lot harder than most at PT!

Otherwise we've seen a Navy level of organisation merged with SGT King's (Ship's XO...) own Army styled management ability to keep the Cell focused and interacting smoothly with the rest of the contingent elements and even some Aussies. The Tower and its door intercom system are a focal point of interest for people who want to see how the view up here is or don't want to write an e-mail to



LCPL Greig-More

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bring our attention to their technical problems. We have a good location on the edge of Kiwi Lines next to the Aussie medics and across the road from their own SIGs with a view that covers a decent portion of the capital Dili.

As this mission is winding down, it's been our job to see what is no longer necessary and start the pack up of in-theatre equipment. As anyone who knows a SIG, we tend to be terrible hoarders (especially my trade!), so there's plenty to sort out and send back home. Although we are looking at some equipment to possibly gift to the local community or military, there's an amount of equipment here that's obsolete and may well still serve a useful purpose in the hands of people who have next to nothing.

In the core role as the ISOP, I've found a good challenge and a learning experience like I've never had. The systems here are

functional and solid, but software workings are nearing the end of their life-spans giving me plenty of non-critical problems to work around and find solutions to. There's no lack of experience between me and the SE, and I'm in constant discussion with CIS BR's own engineers regarding problems, solutions, upgrades and anything that I'm in a position to sort out.

I've really enjoyed my time here and think this is the best kind of opportunity for young technical NCOs to work closely in a Cell. As the SME (Subject Matter Expert) my reign extends to responsibility for all servers and workstations as well as the decision point for any local IT situations.

With not long left to go before our replacements arrive and we leave. I know I'll miss Timor-Leste and will make sure to keep an eye on the development of the country and how its friendly people fare.

GYRO 13 COMBAT LIFE SAVERS COURSE

"The course was rewarding and challenging, which provided us with some really relevant new skills..."

Over the period 1-6 November a Combat Life Savers course was run for members of the Security Platoon and CSST.

The course was rewarding and challenging which provided us with

some really relevant new skills exposing us to some very realistic scenarios.

Some of the new skills learned included inserting different types of air-way tubing to assist with breathing on an unconscious patient; how to treat someone with a collapsed lung by doing a needle decompression, which involves inserting a needle in the patients chest and how to give the pain relief drug Pentrox and many more useful skills. The course was really well received by all participants and we all feel that much more equipped and prepared to do the business when it counts. Thanks to our GYRO 13 Medic, SGT Andy Kennedy.

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CHAPLAIN'S PEN — FROM ABROAD

**Chaplain Wayne Toleafoa, RNZN
OP RATA 16**

LONG DAYS AND SHORT WEEKS

There's nothing more wearisome than someone who reminds you of how things were done, 'in my day!' So I won't bore you by making comparisons between my last deployment to the Sollies and this current deployment. Every deployment is different! Thank God!

It's a real pleasure and privilege to be here with a brand new contingent comprised of a majority of soldiers, but which includes one RNZAF SNCO and me from the RNZN. "Tri-service" is the current way forward for the NZDF. More correctly, "Joint Task Forces" are the way forward. So it is a pleasure to work alongside people from the three services once again in a combined task force.

For all the stick we give the Aussies, it is still also good to work with our Anzac cousins. We also have representatives here from other Pacific nations including Tonga and PNG. This makes life interesting for all parties as we experience living and working every day with people from different cultures.

I'm happy to report home that this contingent seems to have few issues so far. Home-sickness is probably the biggest issue - something felt by all of us - but especially by those who have not deployed before. They are missing 'you' (their loved ones) and can't wait to see you again. The days are long here. But the weeks are short (if that makes any sense)?

In a few short weeks we will all be coming home. Until then I'm praying that all will go smoothly as we wind up to departing from this small island paradise. I pray that the memories we take from this place will all be happy ones.

**Padre Stu Hight
CRIB 21**

All of the CRIB 21 Contingent have now arrived in theatre. With the departing of the last of CRIB 20, for a well earned break, came the final numbers to Kiwi Base. Of course the banners also arrived and are now displayed in the Mess. It's good to see people sitting around looking for their families and friends comments.

With the arrival came all the firsts. First encounter with the dry and dusty landscape. The first view of the hills and mountains surrounding the Base. The first look at our accommodation. The first meeting of the local people. The first night trying to sleep when our body clocks were not co-operating.

On arrival we all had a handover from the previous personnel. Padre James informed me that as part of our handover there was a tradition that padres have, that on the first morning at Base the new padre has to go up PT Hill. Not being any wiser we headed off at 0600 hours. With the altitude and the steep

terrain to contend with, I was gasping for air by the time we reached the summit. But what a view. Absolutely worth the effort. To look across the Base and airfield to the mountains that used to house the famous Buddah statues and in another direction seeing the new housing development taking place. Aside from the view, the exercise helps to acclimatise to living at about 2,500 metres above sea level and many are doing this.

As we settle in to this new environment we appreciated the first consignment of mail yesterday. A card or a note is always appreciated when you are a long way from home. We have great cooks here too, everyone is enjoying the meals. We had some Americans stay over recently and they really appreciated the meals, saying they were a lot better than what they had. So we are now getting into business. All looking forward to the challenges ahead. As our CRIB 21 motto says, 'He tini mano ringa ka oti ai.'

With many hands it will be done, and it will.



Padre James (on the right) and I, at the summit of PT Hill

DSO'S CORNER



Carol Voyce

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Greetings to you all!

I hope this finds you all well and settled and looking forward to the arrival of better weather now that Daylight Saving is here. I am sure these past few weeks have been a time of adjustment for many. We have farewelled the contingent bound for Afghanistan and welcomed home those who have been abroad for the past six months. We are busy preparing those who are soon to deploy to Timor-Leste and Sinai and have other service personnel rotating in and out of some of our smaller locations. We are about to embark on the Tour update for GYRO and look forward to meeting with families again whom we had the privilege to meet in April. There is certainly much to keep everyone busy.

For those who are just embarking on the deployment journey, the key to managing things is to keep to routines and to keep busy as well. Don't spend your time counting down each and every day, but break the deployment into manageable chunks and special happenings or treats and you will find that time appears to go faster. Be sure to join with like people in like situations, as they truly

understand your experience and make sure too, that you attend any gatherings in bases near you. All get-togethers are advertised in "The Bugle" so be sure to watch out for various happenings and note them on your calendar as soon as you read of them! While we can't be there to help you through the day to day demands of running a household and parenting alone, we can help ease the worry and help you navigate the system, so be sure to give us a call. On another note if you haven't completed the form in the last Bugle to establish local community contacts, be sure to do that and send it in so we can establish lists of people in your location.

You will find in this copy of "The Bugle" yet another form to complete! This time, for Dog Tags for children of all deployed service personnel, no matter what the location. This project was successful when we ran it a few years ago and now thanks to the generosity of funds from the Burnham Thrift shop, we have been able to repeat it. We had great feedback from the last project and children did wear their dog tags with much pride so be sure to get your request in.

We will be looking at repeating our T-Shirt campaign in time for Christmas. These peacekeeper T-shirts were really popular and orders were high, so watch out for that happening soon too. We will also be having our OPERATION CHRISTMAS CARD drive commencing next issue of "The Bugle" and this is a way you can spread some festive cheer abroad. We need lots of help from schools, preschools, groups and individuals to make this a success! Last year we received over 1200 cards, (I stopped counting then) so your efforts will be so much appreciated.

So there is much happening to help

you along the way. It is hard to believe that the year is fast disappearing and soon we will be swamped with exams, school prize-giving's and concerts and summer BBQ's and Christmas shopping and parties.

Take care out there and keep in touch.

Kind regards.



Janine Burton

Deployment Services Officer
1 (NZ) Brigade

Hello everyone!

I hope our new readers enjoyed your first Bugle with the last mailout – we have more new readers with this edition as well, so welcome along.

By the time you are reading this edition we will have welcomed home the last of our CRIB 20 contingent. It is always a great feeling knowing that they have touched down on home soil and will be (or should be) enjoying reuniting with family and friends. The replacement contingent have all arrived and are settling well into their new "home" for the next six months. Along with many of the families at departures, I very rarely come away from seeing a contingent leave without having shed at least a few tears with

DSO'S CORNER CONT'D....

partners, mums and dads, and children. It never gets any easier saying good-bye, but once that plane disappears into the distance, we can start thinking "one day down, one day closer to them coming home". My advice to families at the beginning of the deployment journey, is not to look too far into the future and think how long it is until they return. The days and weeks seem to go by very quickly and time does pass. Time to think of that first letter or parcel to send – many of you have already that well in hand, I know.

This morning (as I write) I was talking to contingents preparing for deployment to Timor-Leste and Sinai. One of the points I raised with them, and those who have deployed previously agreed, is the value of receiving a letter – referring not only to those away on deployment but also those at home. Writing and sending letters is a dying discipline unfortunately and one which is very difficult to resurrect, especially when it is so easy to just sit down and tap out an email, or worse, send a text that takes more time to decipher when

the sender is using a whole new language (text)!

For those on deployment, the value of receiving letters and parcels from home is immeasurable, and this has been reinforced to us many times.

Regardless of the technical communications we are now able to offer (email, Skype and even the phone calls), they felt that nothing replaced the feeling of receiving mail from home. And it doesn't matter what the parcels contained either – lollies, magazines or newspapers, a card, a photograph. In the past we have had people on deployment who always enjoyed looking through the junk mail that arrived in the letterbox – if this is indeed your deployed person's special treat, why not send some in the next envelope? The value is in the support and love you have for your family member just by taking the time to send something, so keep them going. In the case of the junk mail, less for the recycle bin!

Just remember though that when you are sending parcels, they need to be well wrapped to avoid nasty leakages. In the past we have

whole mailbags destroyed by Apple shampoo (smelt nice though) or tomato sauce.

In the early stages of deployment when you are adjusting to new routines or just to the knowledge that you have a loved one on deployment, or when you hit that middle section where it seems that they have been away forever and still face months to come, or at the very end when those last two weeks seem to take forever to pass – your DSOs are here, 0800 phone numbers ready, so if we can help at all throughout your journey, give us a call.

Finally, I have moved into my new office space opposite the Library in the Linton Camp Shopping Complex. Still waiting for a few pieces of furniture to arrive, but I am here. So if you want to drop in for a chat or a cuppa, please do – would love to see you. In saying that though, I am on leave for a couple of weeks, back on Monday 29 October. My phone is diverted to Carol, no need to ring a different number, your call will go straight to her. Texts however, don't forward.

See you when I get back.

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WHAT'S ON IN TRENTHAM

TUESDAYS

TUESDAYS AT TRENTHAM CAMP CLOCK TOWER

Active Mums/Dads/Caregivers & Bubs Fitness Class This is our usual Coffee Group day and the class runs for about an hour at the Rehab Gym (9.30am start) and you can still enjoy coffee afterwards in the Clock Tower Community Lounge. \$5 per person for the fitness class, sports or comfortable, class tailored to your individual fitness. If you are just in for Coffee Group meet as usual at 9.30am in the Community Lounge. For any further information email marie.lotz@nzdf.mil.nz or phone on 04 5275029.

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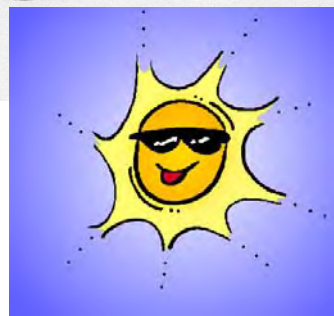
DEPLOYMENT PARTNERS/FAMILIES MORNING TEA

Friday 26th October, at 10am in the Community Lounge Clock Tower, Trentham Camp. If you have a partner or loved one currently deployed, please join us for morning tea. It's an opportunity to meet local welfare support (Padres, Psychs and Family & Community Services Officer) and each other. If you are shy please bring a friend. RSVP to marie.lotz@nzdf.mil.nz or phone: 04 5275029.









Our Calendar Snake

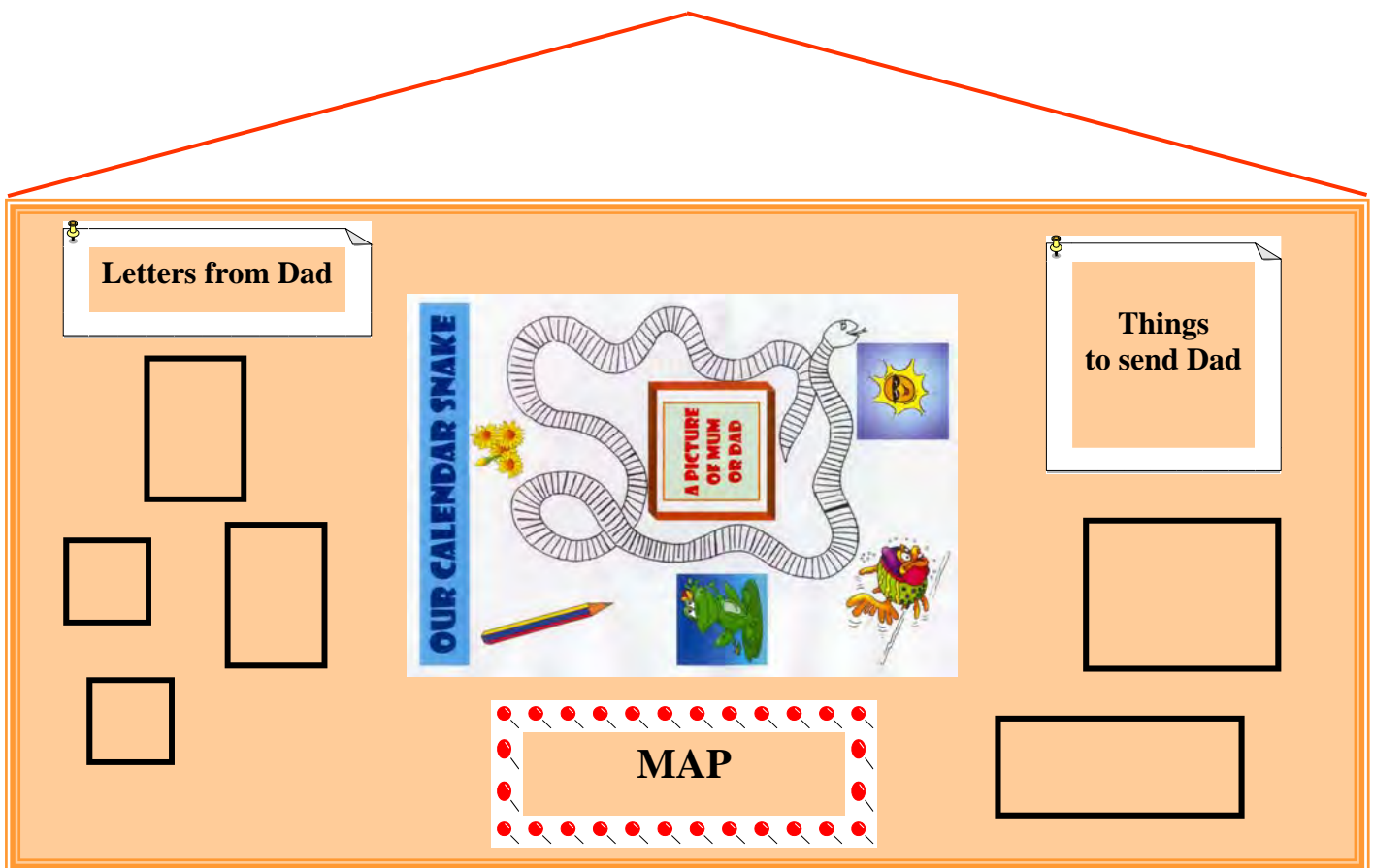


**A PICTURE
OF MUM
OR DAD**








Instructions

-  Enlarge the snake up to A3 size if desired.
-  Get the children to draw some pictures of their own around the snake.
-  Fill in the number of 'sleeps' to go, '1' being the day before Dad or Mum, Brother or Sister gets home.
-  Write in the months around the 'snake' and every so often write in the date in case you lose your place!
-  This 'snake' is designed for a seven-month deployment. For shorter deployments colour in the area you don't require at the start. Remember to leave a few extra segments as return to New Zealand dates can change.
-  Laminate the sheet so it will last the distance.
-  Hang on the wall in the busiest room in the house.
-  Colour off the days with a whiteboard marker.



Here's some extra ideas.....

-  Place the 'snake' in the centre of a large noticeboard (The Warehouse has them).
-  Place a map of the deployment location below it.
-  Have an area for letters, postcards and photos from Dad or Mum.
-  On the one side have a large envelope to hold letters, pictures, etc, to send with your next letter or parcel.
-  Don't forget to put a photo of Dad or Mum in the centre before you laminate it.

Design & Layout: Christine Muir

FOR YOUR INFO

Return to NZ – GYRO 11

As advised to families at the tour update briefings, planning is underway for the return to New Zealand of service personnel currently deployed to Timor-Leste. Information on the arrival details are available to the Primary next of Kin on request to the Deployment Services Officers.

Please be aware that flight details are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. If you are planning flights to meet loved ones, we recommend that you take insurance out on all bookings, should changes occur.

Family members are reminded that for security purposes, please not to discuss these details in phone calls, emails or over the social networking websites as these methods of communication are not secure.

Please keep in touch. We too share the excitement of much anticipated reunions and are happy to talk to you as often as you need an update.

Personal Messages

This section of "The Bugle" is very popular and a great way to keep in touch with your loved ones. With each new rotation, this section takes a little time to get up and running, but is a great extra way to keep in touch. "The Bugle" is emailed to deployment locations and messages can be fun. Messages can be serious or light-hearted and can be written in code or with non-de-plumes. A great way to say, "Hi", "Thinking of you!!" or "Missing you!". Children especially love to see messages for them or from them in print.

Send your messages by email, phone or snail mail to your DSO to meet edition deadlines – see inside

front cover for deadline dates and contact details.

Seeking Kiwiana

Looking for something to amuse the children? – At home, at preschool or at school? Why not get them to create some colourful paintings of much loved Kiwi icons.

We have been fortunate in the past to receive some wonderful artwork to send to Kiwi service personnel worldwide. Artworks displayed in deployment locations, give a wonderful reminder of some much loved and missed Kiwi treasures.

If you can encourage class projects or individuals to join in this activity, we will make sure that all artwork received finds its way to our Kiwis abroad.

Artwork may be sent to Carol Voyce, DSO Burnham or Janine Burton, DSO Linton.

Return to NZ Information for Partners GYRO

With the mail out of this edition of "The Bugle", there is a copy of the "RTNZ Information – A Guide for Partners of NZDF Personnel on Return from Operational Deployments" for the partners of personnel returning from Timor-Leste.

This booklet is packed with valuable information about reunions and is a must read. This information is not intended to tell you how you should be feeling or reacting at this stage of the deployment or to take the fun and excitement out of planning reunions. It is, however, a collection of thoughts, ideas and general information based on previous experiences of serving personnel, their partners and families. The booklet is designed to get you

thinking and to be prepared for the changes you are all about to face. Everyone is very different; their reactions to homecomings will be too. If you are feeling anxious, be sure to contact us. If for any reason, a booklet was not included in the mail out or if you require an extra copy, please contact us (details on the inside front cover). Deployed service personnel will receive the same information prior to their return to New Zealand.

Who is the Primary Next of Kin (PNOK)?

All deploying service personnel are required to nominate a Primary Next of Kin, referred to by us, as the PNOK - This maybe a spouse, partner, parent, grandparent, friend or older sibling. The PNOK is the person that NZDF is authorised to make contact with and to provide information to, for the duration of the deployment. As the nominated PNOK, you have a responsibility for sharing information with other interested family members and friends. This is a "job" not to be taken lightly, as you play a key role in ensuring others have the same degree of peace of mind and information that you have. While we are happy to talk with others who are not the PNOK, there is some information which we are not free to give to anyone other than the nominated PNOK.

If you are the nominated PNOK and are going to be away from your home/work location during the deployment we need to be advised on dates you will be absent and how we may best contact you in the event of an emergency. If you move house, change phone numbers or email address, please be sure to notify us of this too. Your help is much appreciated.

FOR YOUR INFO CONT'D...

Information on the Afghanistan Deployment NZPRT 21

Prior to the departure of the current contingent to Afghanistan, the nominated Primary Next of Kin (PNOK) of deploying Service Personnel should have received a letter from Chief of Defence, LTGEN Rhys Jones and a DVD, with information about the deployment. This mailout was initiated by HQ JFNZ.

If you have not received a copy or are interested in viewing this, and not listed as the PNOK, copies are available by request to the Deployment Services Officers (see inside cover for contact details).

A Smile!



A SMILE costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it.

A SMILE creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away.

Some people are too tired to give you a SMILE. Give them one of yours, as none needs a SMILE so much as he who has no more to give.

OPERATIONAL ALLOWANCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ms Lynne Smith, J18—Personnel Welfare

FOR YOUR INFO CONT'D...

SKYPE



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

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

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

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



CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

If your address or contact details have changed, or are changing, could you please complete this form and return it to your DSO, in Burnham or Linton.

Service Person's Name:

Deployment Location:

Name:

Old Address:

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New Address:

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..... Postcode:

Phone Number: Email address:

Voluntary allotments cease on 1 March 2013

The New Zealand Defence Force will cease processing voluntary allotments from 1 March 2013.

Banking practices have significantly improved since the allotment system was introduced in the 1990s. Modern practices including Internet banking mean it will be simple and cost-effective for personnel to arrange direct credits or automatic payments through their bank.

If you are currently paying messes, sports and social clubs, welfare funds and health insurance through payroll, we recommend that you talk to your bank and set up either direct debit or Internet banking arrangements.

We will also stop processing payments to the Armed Forces Canteen Council and Southern Cross Healthcare. You need to make alternative payment arrangements with those organisations.

Your net pay will continue to be credited to your nominated bank account.

The NZ Defence Force will continue making compulsory deductions such as those for court-imposed fines and child support payments. Rental payments for service housing and barracks will continue to be by way of allotment or deduction from an individual's pay.

The Single Services and JFNZ have been consulted on the decision. The Single Services are assessing the impact on the operation of their respective messes and clubs and will be issuing further information on this in the near future. Information packs will be sent to personnel posted overseas and those at sea to give them sufficient time to make alternative arrangements before voluntary allotments cease from 1 March 2013.

More information is available to service personnel on our internal website:

Civilian Admin & Pay Site - Allotments Page

<http://org/hr-toolkit/LP/CAP/allotments.aspx>

Military Admin & Pay Site - Allotments Page

<http://org/dpe-hrsc/LP/Mappages/Allotments.aspx>

Frequently Asked Questions

<http://org/dpe-hrsc/PC/MAP/FAQ/FAQs-voluntary-allotments.pdf>

List of allotments that will be retained

<http://org/dpe-hrsc/PC/MAP/FAQ/List%20of%20allotments%20that%20will%20be%retained.pdf>

CDRE Kevin Keat

Assistant Chief Personnel

Long Distance Relationships

A few quotes of comfort, support and inspiration

- ◆ "In dreams and in love there are no impossibilities."
Janus Arony
- ◆ "Without rain, there could be no rainbows. Without sorrow, joy would not be as sweet."
Anonymous
- ◆ "Love is the bridge that bonds the shores of two distant hearts."
Author unknown
- ◆ "Distance is just a test to see how far love can travel."
Anonymous
- ◆ "Absence diminishes small loves and increases great ones."
Author unknown
- ◆ "Absence is to love, as wind is to flame, it extinguishes the weak and feeds the strong."
Anonymous

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Below is an article published in the Dominion and reprinted for your information.

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MACHO-MAN APPROACH 'HINDERS' BID TO HELP

Danya Levy

A TOP-RANKING former soldier suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder says New Zealand's "macho man" attitude discourages people from seeking help.

Lieutenant Colonel Bill Blaikie was the deputy director of intelligence for the combined forces in Afghanistan and was made a member of the Order of Merit in 2005.

However, after returning to New Zealand in 2004, he slowly fell apart and twice this year he tried taking his own life.

The 50-year-old father of three is speaking out about what he says is a seldom discussed or even acknowledged mental illness, in the hope it will help others.

The condition was not being recognised in emergency workers and those who experienced shocking events such as the Christchurch earthquake, he said.

Returning soldiers do not discuss their problems for fear of damaging their careers.

His role in Afghanistan was intense; Mr Blaikie made decisions which had life and death consequences.

After running on adrenaline for 24 hours a day for months on end he struggled with the change in pace when he found himself back at Trentham Army Base working in personnel after a career in intelligence.

By 2006 he began to realise something was wrong and was assessed as having post-traumatic stress disorder. "I was coping with it — sort of — but not really."

By the start of this year, Mr Blaikie had hit rock-bottom.

"My nightmares increased, I avoided family and friends. It got to the stage where I saw there was no way out."

In February he tried taking his own life and a second, more serious attempt a month later was thwarted only because his wife arrived home early and his neighbour was a paramedic.

"It was really that spark that I saw in my wife and my daughter's eye when they came to hospital. I realised if I had succeeded, this would all be gone and I thought "I'm going to beat this once and for all."

After that he began to rebuild his life. "You have to give up the alcohol, everything you did prior and start afresh. You try to get your sleep patterns and your health back."

That was when the memories and guilt from the decisions he'd made overseas began to return. "I started to deal with those, to bring out the demons."

International research shows up to a quarter of returned servicemen and women are likely to need help for stress-related, emotional or mental health problems.

Greens defence spokesman Kennedy Graham said research was needed in New Zealand to assess the extent of the problem.

It was important a successful soldier such as Mr Blaikie put a face to the mental illness.

"We have the magnificent soldiers coming home with their Victoria Crosses and we celebrate their bravery and their skills.

"But it will be a major step forward if we acknowledge in the same way those with the same background, commitment and service, who have come back not with a medal but with major stress disorders."

Mr Blaikie said reading stories of other sufferers helped him, but were difficult to come by. He began writing his story as therapy but soon realised the value of giving others a forum to share their experiences, and developed a website.

Mr Blaikie's website can be found at:

www.ptsdyouarenotalone.org.nz

SOLDIERS' PRAYER

*Dear Lord, please
bless our soldiers
Protectors of our land.
Servants called to battle
When our country
takes a stand.*

*Please give them
strength and courage
And hearts that will forgive.
With peace and
understanding
In a world for all to live.*

*Our country's prayers
are with them
No matter where
they roam.*

***Please listen when
they're lonely
And return them
safely home.***

BLESSED ARE THE PARENTS WHO...



By Chaplain Lance Lukin

Being a Parent in the NZDF and particularly on deployment can be really hard. Long-distance parenting isn't as easy as being with your children face-to-face.

In the Bible there is a passage entitled the Beatitudes, which is a list of blessings. Here are a few simple blessings (as well as a few suggestions) for parents...about how to be a parent while on deployment – although these suggestions aren't just for while you are away...they are called the Parentitudes...

➤ **Blessed are the Parents who...** listen to their children, for they in turn will be heard. (Try and have a regular telephone conversation with your children, if they are old enough...asking them how things are for them, and what they are up to...if they are too young to talk...let them hear your voice).

➤ **Blessed are the Parents who...** do not expect more of their children than is appropriate for their level of maturity, for they shall not be disappointed. (Remember that children find separation hard too...so be patient with them).

➤ **Blessed are the Parents who...** can laugh at themselves, for their children will laugh with them and not at them. (Try and tell your children some of the funny things that are happening...or tell them about things that they might find funny...children love parents who can laugh).

➤ **Blessed are the Parents who...** teach their children to understand and love one another, for they shall not get caught in the crossfire of a sibling war. (When you have more than one child at home, encourage them to support each other...and to support the caregiver at home...if you give children responsibility they generally will rise to the occasion...then you can praise them for what they are doing...always look for positives).

➤ **Blessed are the Parents who...** let their children do for themselves what they are capable of doing, for they shall see their children grow in self-confidence. (Ask them what is happening at home, day-care, school, kohanga reo, listen and praise...celebrate their achievements).

➤ **Blessed are the Parents who...** do not pretend to be perfect, for their children will not be disillusioned. (Children love to receive letters addressed to them personally...if you aren't a writer...start...writing them individual letters...decorate them...fill them with stories...tell them that you are proud of them and that you love them).

➤ **Blessed are the Parents who...** show their children how much they love each other, for when children see that their parents are in love, then they will learn how to love others. (The greatest gift any parent can give their child is the knowledge that you love your partner...it provides children with stability and security...try not to have arguments over the phone while you are away...deployments are hard enough without all of that...try to remain calm when discussing things with your partner, be forgiving of yourself and of them...and remind them that you love them often).

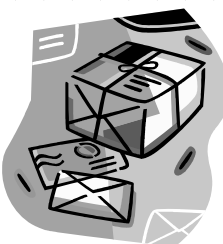
➤ **Blessed are the Parents who...** play with their children often, for that nurtures memories that will last a life-time,...and builds family relationships that endure forever. (On deployment this is hard...but try to be creative and have games that you can play via email, or over the phone...look for riddles that you can ask them and let them try and find an answer...then praise them for being so clever).

➤ **Blessed are the Parents who...** love their children, for there is no greater gift that they can receive. (Tell your children every time that you speak to them, email them, or write to them that you love them...there is nothing greater than any child – or any person – likes to hear).

➤ **Blessed are the Parents who...** recognise that their children are special gifts from God...whose lives need love and encouragement, guidelines to live by, discipline that is just and fair, boundaries to their ensure safety,...and who need time to be spent with them...for they won't be children forever. (Deployments are hard, but they are growing times for all of us...your children too...praise them for the steps that they are making while you are away...and when you do get home...take time to reconnect with your children...have special time just with them...even set up weekly or fortnightly dates with each of your children...so that you and they get to do something special together).

Being a parent is an incredible responsibility, but it is also an incredible privilege. When God created Adam and Eve - He created "family". May your family bring you love and joy, and may your family grow together through the time of separation.. Every rich blessing to you and to those you love.

DEPLOYMENT MAILING ADDRESSES

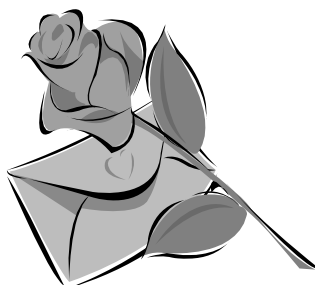


Letters and parcels (up to 1kg in weight) may be sent to deployed personnel at the following addresses, at internal NZ Post rates. When mailing your parcels, please retain the receipts given to you by your Post Shop so the item can be traced, if required. A green Customs sticker must be attached to any parcels, clearly stating the contents.

Remember to write **FORCES CONCESSION RATE** at the top of your envelope or parcel.

Afghanistan:

Regimental Number, Rank, Initials and Surname
Mission Name (e.g. NZPRT)
 NZ NSE
 Bagram Airbase
 Afghanistan
 C/- International Mail Centre
 Auckland 2022



Israel (Op SCORIA):

Regimental Number, Rank, Initials and Surname
 Observer Group Golan - Tiberias
 C/- UNTSO HQ
 Government House
 PO Box 490 Jerusalem 91949
 Israel
 C/- International Mail Centre
 Auckland 2022

Timor-Leste:

Regimental Number, Rank, Initials and Surname
Mission Name (e.g. TG GYRO 9, TG KAIHANGA)
 NZ NSE
 Timor-Leste
 C/- International Mail Centre
 Auckland 2022

Solomon Islands:

Regimental Number, Rank, Initials and Surname
 Op RATA 14
 P O Box R131, Randi Office of Exchange
 Honiara
 Solomon Islands
 C/- International Mail Centre
 Auckland 2022

Antarctica (Op ANTARCTICA):

(No requirement for "Forces Concession Rate")

Regimental Number, Rank, Initials and Surname
 Op Antarctica
 Antarctica New Zealand
 Private Bag 4745
 Christchurch Mail Centre
 Christchurch 8140

Sinai (Op FARAD):

Regimental Number, Rank, Initials and Surname
 NZ Contingent
 Multinational Force and Observers
 El Gorah, Sinai
 PO Box 99000, Tel Aviv
 Israel
 C/- International Mail Centre
 Auckland 2022

Other Deployment Locations:

(No requirement for "Forces Concession Rate")

Regimental Number, Rank, Initials and Surname
Mission Name (e.g. Op SUDDEN, TG KEA, TG IRON)
 C/- DPSC
 HQ JFNZ
 Private Bag 900 or 2 Seddul Bahr Road
 Upper Hutt 5140 Trentham
 Upper Hutt 5018

A Postal Users Guide and Prohibited Items Brochure are available on the NZ Post website by going to their website at www.nzpost.co.nz and typing *Postal Users Guide* and *Prohibited Items Brochure* into the search box. These brochures give valuable information, such as what you can and cannot send, and how to best wrap your items.

Strong packaging is **essential** as these items pass through many hands, may get thrown around and have other items put on top of them. Attempts to send prohibited items may result in an entire shipment being delayed as customs remove suspect items.



A BOOK, A PEN, SOME TOYS



We need it all!



You will have read in the Guest Editorial of this issue of "The Bugle", of the wonderful work that has been achieved by the legacy left to us by the late Private Len Manning. The Manning Trust (established by his parents, Charlie and Linda) has made a huge difference to the people of Timor-Leste in the Cova Lima district. Since the loss of Private Manning in 2000, his family and our New Zealand Defence Force contingents have continued to raise money to assist local people with a way forward. And with huge success.

GYRO 13 are continuing with our many fundraising activities and have asked if we could ask you to assist them in helping further this cause.

They are requesting donations of the following goods which will be distributed in the local area in an effort co-ordinated by Colonel Dransfield, Chief Military Liaison Officer for the United Nations in Timor-Leste.

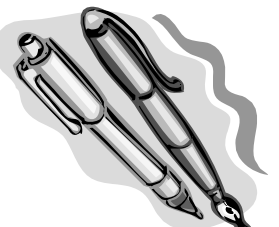
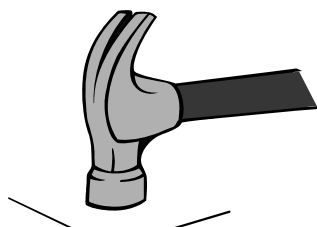
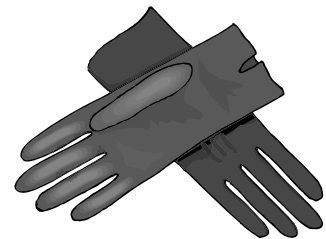
- ❖ Books, CD's, learning posters and resources.
- ❖ School stationery - pens, pencils, notebooks, exercise books, rubbers, rulers staplers, highlighters, calculators, pencil sharpeners, folders etc.
- ❖ Small tools - hammers, tape measures, squares, spirit levels, plumb lines, chisels, trowels, screwdrivers, builders pencils, leather gloves, eye and ear protectors, etc.
- ❖ Used clothing (girls and boys 0 -16 years, size XS- M) and toys.

No donation too small or too big!

Goods need to be received no later than 31 October and may be sent to:

SSGT Mizzo Holden
c/- Q Store, 2/1 RNZIR
Burnham Military Camp
Powles Road
Burnham 7600

**Any enquiries to Carol Voyce, Deployment Services Officer, 0800 33 75 69.
Your help is so much appreciated.**



PERSONAL MESSAGES



The deadline for contributions and personal messages for the next edition of "The Bugle" is **1 November 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

Heh Darling

I miss you heaps but with every day that passes my slice of bread is getting closer to your slice of bread and before we know it we will be a **JAM SANDWICH** again. **XXOO**.

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

Home soon so thought I would place an order for dinner. Bacon bones, watercress, kumara, Pavlova roll, Hokey Pokey ice cream and a cold Speight's gold. Looking forward to spending time with you all and giving mum a much deserved break. Thanks to you all for being so supportive of my deployment. You are all awesome. Love you all, miss you heaps.

Camel

Hey Hun, I'll see you on skype soon no doubt, ha ha. I miss you heaps and hope this brightens your day. **XX Love ya always Babe**.

To Cocobean

Not long now! That is all, Libbyloo.

Hi Babe

Just wanted to let you know all is well in the Solomons. I am working extremely hard, it's 'exhausting'. I miss you and the girls and look forward to coming home. I love you. Hemi.

Mummy & Daddy Darling

Not long to go now! Looking forward to coming home and annoying you all by eating all your food, picking fights with Trev & Dad and bugging Mum to give me treatments. Lots of love. Rooster.

Fluffy

Can't wait to come home – not long

now! Looking forward to spending time with you and Skyla! Love you lots and lots and heaps and lots, Your favourite xxxx.

To my Sexymumma

Days are going faster, it's not long till I get to give u big sloppy kisses and big bear hugs.... See you when I'm looking at you (really soon). Missing you! Loving you more, Bub.

From Home

Kia ora Mahanga (Rangi)

Kei te ora tonu maua ko Kev...lol. Kei te mahana...kei whiti te Ra inaianei...kapai! Exercises are going sort of steadyish...staying toned. We await impatiently for your safe return home my son...and look forward to seeing, hugging and to re-connect again ne? Ha ha. Dad told me it was in the Bugle hauuu I didn't even see it. Koretake ne?! (lol). Will await the DVD...otherwise will contact someone for a loan of it. Christina.

Hey Babe!

How are things going?? Where are our photo's ha ha, slacking aye!? Things have been busy here and can't wait to start my new job soon in four weeks yay!! Everybody says a big HELLO!! I hope you are enjoying it over there with a new experience! I love you lots and heaps and tonnes!! And can't wait to hear from you again! Miss you lots! Lots of Love Jess xoxoxoxox.

Hi there Dweeb

I hope you're doing ok over there and not missing my pretty face too much! Everyone here is doing fine and they're always asking after you and making sure I'm ok. I miss you

always but every time I hear from you it makes my day and time goes a little faster! Stay safe babe. Love you forever, Wee One xxxx.

To Monsta

Don't forget the three R's – rest, replenishment and reflection. Take care. Love Mum.

Mona

Good to see you on the DVD. Thank you for the message. Not long to go. Stay focussed, have fun and look after yourself. We are ok, looking forward to seeing you when you get home. Stay safe. God Bless and love you heaps. Mum, Dad and family.

Hey my Brent

I can't wait to see you in a few weeks. Loved seeing you on the DVD. Love you heaps, Amanda.

To Miss Muffet

Hope you received your coming home parcel. Can't wait for a big hug. Enjoy your flight. Take care, have fun, do your job and watch your back. Love Mum, Dad and Buddy.

Alexander J. Greig-More, Sig

Great to see you on the DVD about the time you were all having in Timor. Good to see the Army environment and where you have spent the last few months. See you at Christmas. Love Nana J and G.

Sig Alex

Well done for keeping the communication lines open, especially f/b, lol. Looking forward to seeing you on your Harley, Mum.

Ke ola Son

Ko pewea Koe? Ko lelei matou i NZ nei. Can't wait to see and hug you to bits. Well done son, you've made us very proud. Love Mum.

SEND A MESSAGE OVERSEAS

*Send a message
to your loved one overseas, with...*



Kate Lukins, a former DJ and studio engineer with the Radio Network (Newstalk ZB, ZM/FM, Classic Hits, Coast FM etc) and who now works with Defence in a civilian role, has secured access to the network's studio, music library and phones.

For the third year running, she will be recording a three hour Christmas radio show for our deployed personnel, complete with music requests and messages of support from families.

The programme will be copied onto CDs and sent into theatre through the mail system, in time for Christmas. For people in New Zealand, it may also be available for download from the NZDF website. Download details will be advised in December.

To send a song request and record a message for your loved one, email: kate.lukins@nzdf.mil.nz with your name, phone number (cellphone is okay) and say what time during the 10 - 11 November 2012 is best for her to call you from the studio.

**Final day to email your details through is Friday 9 November,
all calls will be made on
Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 November.**

DOG TAGS FOR KIDS

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Thanks to the generosity of the Burnham Thrift Shop, "Twice is Nice" we have received funding to produce Dog Tags for children of deployed tri service personnel. These are available for those associated with ALL deployments. We did this project some years ago with funding from Chaplains and various other sources, so we are excited that we have been able to do it again! From our experience, children loved to wear the dog tags. For schools, this reminded teachers that these children had a loved one absent from their home and sometimes needed a little more attention and understanding. Dog tags were a great talking point when children were out and about and gave others the opportunity to acknowledge the sacrifice families make and the chance to acknowledge the commitment that our service personnel make abroad.

Dog Tags are strictly limited to one per child. (Sorry none for pets!) For those with very young children, dog tags may be ordered and retained as a keepsake even if not able to be worn.

Please complete the form below and we will arrange for the dog tags to be sent to you. If you live near Burnham or Linton Military Camps you may collect Dog Tags from your Deployment Services Officer - please ring first.

Dog Tags for Kids

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Name of service person deployed and location:

Please send this form to Carol Voyce, Deployment Services Officer, Southern Regional Support Centre, Burnham Military Camp, Powles Road, Burnham 7600