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A member of the GYRO 13 medical team provides care to a family at a special clinic near Lolotoe, Timor-Leste.

# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CARD



This is one of my favourite projects – spreading some Christmas Cheer across the miles!

**O**PERATION CHRISTMAS CARD began some 11 years ago and has a proud history of sending a little of our kiwi festive spirit abroad. Last year I had the pleasure of receiving over 1,200 cards, letters, drawings, posters and handmade decorations. It was with pure joy that I got to enjoy the efforts of so many, big and small, who wanted to remember our New Zealand Defence Force personnel on Operations abroad. Sorting the contributions brought many a smile, many a laugh and even a little sadness. Some children simply coloured the enclosed card (which is inserted into this edition), others designed their own, copious amounts of glue, glitter, cotton wool and felt pen, adored many a gorgeous creation and many a letter acknowledged the sacrifices of those separated from those they love, over the festive time. Some children wrote from the heart, shared a little about themselves, their holidays, their families and their pets and often included their own wise words of wisdom and a question or two! Some highly amusing and sure to bring a smile!

So how can you help make OPERATION CHRISTMAS CARD a continued success? Take the enclosed card, copy it, or take the concept and guidelines to your preschool, school, community group, your work place, church group, senior citizens club or beyond. Everyone can make a difference! Get everyone onboard!

Contributions must be received no later than 15<sup>th</sup> November. (My postal details are on the left under ‘Contact Information’). Once we receive the contributions, these are checked, packaged and mailed to all deployed service personnel on all missions abroad. Last year many of those who contributed, and included their contact details, were sent letters, photos and sometimes even a small gift from grateful service personnel, acknowledging the difference their festive greetings had made to their morale.

Your support is appreciated more than you can ever imagine.

Carol Voyce  
Deployment Services Officer, Burnham  
Editor – “The Bugle”



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## NEWS FROM OP RATA II (15) , SOLOMON ISLANDS

### THE 'STRAWBRIDGE SOLOMON TIMES'

#### Private Thomas "Berry" Strawbridge

A Platoon Signaller's perspective of the Solomon Island's continued....

It's now been three months and two weeks since we landed in Solomon Islands and it has been two months since I last wrote to you, my captive audience back in New Zealand. Since then there have been many ups and downs but overall it's been enjoyable. The temperature is still outrageous but I think finally we are slowly adapting. The last few months have been reasonably busy – there have been a couple of field exercises, courses, Quick Reaction Force (QRF) duties every six weeks and a number of other activities. So overall, it's been quite good.

Our platoon has just come off QRF duties which meant we were doing Public Order Management (POM) training. Every day, well most days anyway. This always consists of gas masks and the sun at its most intense. There hasn't been a day of POM training where you don't

sweat out at least 5 litres of water. Not ideal. QRF just means we are on call if anything bad happens but this is very unlikely as the Solomon Islands is becoming a lot better and is now ranked sixth on Lonely Planet as the up and coming place to visit. The week before QRF was the Company exercise. This was a

six day event and once again it was outrageously hot. The first three days involved our platoon walking up hills and through river beds. After the first three days were up, we were lucky enough to go to Turtle Beach and have a swim and replenish our water and food. There were a lot of men that day getting rubbed down by other men. Only because of the prickly heat on the boys' backs and arms and the only way to get rid of prickly heat is to scrub the area with force. The rest of the exercise went by in a flash. There was minimal rain which was really good (you stayed dry) yet also bad (because it was so hot you sweated 5 litres a day). We conducted ambushes and a lot of observation posts during our exercise. Before we knew it we were back in GBR and back on QRF. There was one week in GBR where we had a "fun" week. Most of the activities that were planned were cancelled but the ones that weren't were quite good. We had a day of mountain biking and a day at the beach snorkelling and diving. The Tongans also provided a spit



*Hey Tommo they went this way....and he is wearing size 10 boots and is limping — a platoon member tracks the enemy*

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roast with a pig on it at the beach and it was delicious. On the mountain bike ride we climbed this massive hill (Mount Austin) and at the top you could look out over Honiara. On the way down, one of the platoon members had a massive crash and had to be driven back to GBR. He's all better now but going over the handle bars definitely would've hurt. Also one of the section commanders organised a tracking course which involved around 8 New Zealanders and 2 Australians. They were in the field for three days learning how to track an enemy section. In the end, the guys caught up to the enemy section and found them on the morning of the third day. Everyone enjoyed it and learnt a lot.

The next five weeks we will be busy as well. We have a survival exercise, a section competition and

of course the gym. The section competition is next week and will take a couple of days. We will see how we will go. The survival exercise will start in three weeks and will start with us having near nothing. We will have 1, 24 hour ration pack between two people so this means we will have to hunt and fish. This should be alright if we catch something. If we get nothing we will starve for four days and that won't be fun. Also if we lose our gains from the gym there will be many upset people. We will also build structures to sleep in so fingers crossed it doesn't rain. The last couple of weeks will consist of us cleaning our equipment and hitting the gym. 95% of the platoon is hitting the gym and everyone is making some serious gains so hopefully this survival exercise won't make us lose it. There is an

activity that a few people are doing and that is a cross island walk which will take four days to complete. This will be a great experience and hopefully not too hard.

Overall, as I have said, it's been a good trip so far, even if a couple of us have got in a wee bit of trouble. Everyone is growing handle bars and they are starting to come along nicely. Some better than others. The handle bars are a compulsory style for those who are participating in 'movember' – they will be shaved off late November and all money will go to the Fallen Soldier's Trust.

34 more days left. Not like we are counting or anything and I'm going to miss the way they cook bacon over here – breakfast won't be the same.

## NEWS FROM GYRO 13, TIMOR-LESTE

### FAREWELL FROM GYRO 13!



#### **GYRO 13**

*"Lucky for Some"*

#### **Major Tim Tuatini OC GYRO 13**

We are now well and truly into preparation to return to New Zealand. As I write this, we have the advance party of the TET located here with us in Kiwi Lines. The TET is a small group of specialists to conduct the pack up

of our equipment here in Timor-Leste and return it to New Zealand. The remainder of this group arrive in a few days where we will welcome them in the traditional way with a Haka Powhiri; historically this has been a local ISF highlight. Whilst there will not be the traditional competitiveness as GYROs meet for the first time, we are working to ensure that this challenge is remembered by all and will double as our farewell.

We really are well into our plan for our return to New Zealand and it seems as though time has suddenly sped up because there is much left to do. All of the group are now located in Kiwi Lines and whilst a 'squash' it's only for a short period.

The Infantry Platoon has been covering a number of tasks from final range work to going on parade. The parade for the handover from the UN to the Timorese Police held at the end of October was harsh with over two hours in the heat and sun, listening to speeches in Portuguese and Tetun; they certainly didn't thank anyone for that task. For them as for all of us, it's very much a case of cleaning up from here and fitting in with the TET instructions to get home.

The PMV will have completed their work and packed our vehicles into containers. They are also here in Kiwi Lines now and are preparing to go through the pack up process themselves.

The CSST (our Loggies) have completed what was a significant piece of work preparing for the move of all of our vehicles, weapons and equipment back to NZ. They are about to hand the

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*Members of GYRO 13 at the top of MT Ramelau*

remainder of the tasks to the TET so that they can also be prepped to return home.

GYRO 13, as a contingent, will now disperse back to the various locations and units throughout NZDF. Whilst this may have been a new experience for some of our group, and for others another opportunity to deploy, it is hoped that all managed to gain more positives than negatives out of being here in Timor-Leste. Certainly looking back the time was used fully, we have managed to complete courses, exercises, activities and attend events. All of these, in some way, will have enhanced skill levels and confidence particularly as some activities may not be able to be conducted by units in NZ. I know that many will have good memories and established strong friendships from their time here.

This is an exciting time as we finish off our period here in Timor and

prepare to return home. I believe that as a group we will also be recognised for the good humour and professionalism that our predecessors are known for. It is now secure here and time for the Timorese to be able to make their own decisions for their own people and country. We certainly wish them well. I hope you enjoyed hearing a little about what we have done here over the past few months.

I know that by the time this reaches many of you we will have arrived home. I hope the return of your loved ones went well and you are all managing to get some well earned time together catching up. We have had the arrival of a baby to our CSM while we were here and a few of our team are returning to their weddings, and other big events to happen before the years end.

May I finish off by adding that I personally have enjoyed my time

with the men and women of GYRO 13, to have the opportunity to comd such a remarkable group has been humbling. This is a final farewell from GYRO 13. It has been more than lucky for some!

Kind Regards.

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## **RUN - TOUCHING POPE – TOUCHING JESUS**

### **PTI**

The GYRO 13 contingent rose early on the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> of October to embark on a journey between the spiritual poles of Dili; the Pope Statue on the west, and the Jesus Statue on the east. The run was named touching Pope – touching Jesus, as runners started at the top of the Pope monument and ran right around the Dili esplanade to the Jesus Statue, and the eminent stair climb.

I have to confess – I was slightly disappointed on first meeting the

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*Pope to Jesus Run— the starting point*

Jesus Statue stairs. As a PTI on my first deployment to Timor-Leste, I have been regaled with stories of the Jesus Statue stairs, and I was expecting a mountain of stairs leading right up to heaven. While the length of the stairs had left me wanting, I must say they are a hearty challenge when preceded by an 18km run in the heat of Dili. This is what the GYRO 13 lads and ladettes volunteered for.



**PTE D. Rangiihu**

38 runners started bright eyed and bushy tailed at 0600 and set off on the track. There were a mixture of all elements including NCE HQ, PMV Tp, CSST, Sy PI, and the

Camp Phoenix dwellers. The Sy PI arched up at the sight of our phoenix element, including 1 x 'smug aussie officer' that they wouldn't be beaten by. This incentive put them in good stead with the Sy PI taking out many of the top 10 places. Mens podium positions were as follows; 1<sup>st</sup> PTE Blair McLeod Sy PI (1h29m), 2<sup>nd</sup> PTE Aaron Edmondston PMV (1h31m), and 3<sup>rd</sup> PTE Kyle Foster Sy PI (1h32m).

In the ladies race placings were a little easier to predict with 3 out of 4 starters finishing the run. The girls did really well, and spurred on the performance of the men in many cases. Womens results were; 1<sup>st</sup> (23<sup>rd</sup> overall) LT Rachael Fisk PMV Tp Comd (1h54m), 2<sup>nd</sup> (31<sup>st</sup> overall) CPL Erica Clementson, Wksp CSST (2h08m), and 3<sup>rd</sup> (35<sup>th</sup> overall) LCPL Freda Rehua, Sup CSST (2h24m).

It was great to see a broad representation of participants from all sub-units, including the OC MAJ Tim Tuatini who carved up the field, and the gruesome twosome; WO1 Nixey (S1) and LT Taua (S6). Both proving that age is no barrier to performance. Other saltier performers included MAJ John Humphries newly posted into Kaihanga. MAJ Humphries blew

away some younger contenders placing 8<sup>th</sup> overall with a time of 1h42m. Hopefully this puts him in good stead for the Iron Man he is training for on RTNZ.

Overall, it was a very rewarding experience to see people achieve personal milestones. For many people this was the furthest they had ever run in one effort. To do this in Timor on the cusp of the wet season is a feat, and a testament to the training that they have all done to enable them to reach this level of endurance. Considering the biblical connotation of this run, it is now fitting to note that one of GYRO's biggest losers, and all round tough-man Rev Jon 'Hadre' Holland, our Padre, finished the run in 7<sup>th</sup> place overall, with a time of 1h41m. At the start of our tour many were surprised and disappointed in themselves when beaten by the padre – 'WHAT! I got beaten by the padre?!' However, this is now common place. He may have been unfairly advantaged on this occasion with claims of divine intervention and calls for a recount!



*Finish of the run*

I would like to thank the support staff for this activity, the ladies with the oranges; namely, CPL Storm Harrison, and PTE Lanka Ge (waterboy), and the boys from the Sy PI, PTE Marcus Mannering and PTE Ben Harnett who offered cool water and sweet, refreshing Gatorade along the track. This was the red cherry on the top of PT for our deployment and a great way to finish a great trip.

## NEWS FROM TASK UNIT CRIB 21, AFGHANISTAN

**LT COL Sholto Stephens**  
**Commanding Officer,**  
**Task Unit CRIB 21,**  
**Bamyan, Afghanistan**

It is difficult to believe that we have now been deployed into Afghanistan for over a month – as always for those of us deployed the time appears to be going quicker than normal! Already we have patrolled far and wide across Bamyan Province and in addition we have worked alongside the Afghan Police here on numerous occasions.

We are becoming more and more aware of both the differences and the similarities between ourselves and Afghans. A couple of examples have stuck in my memory. When we conduct Military or Police

operations our way of doing business is often cluttered with complexity; we are sometimes guilty of over-analysing a problem. It has been refreshing to find that the local Afghan Police often will simply decide that they need to conduct an activity, such as make an arrest, and go and do it with a minimum of fuss. The old catch-cry of 'actions speak louder than words' rings true with many of the Afghan personnel here.

Conversely, one of the similarities I have noticed is that the Afghans (certainly those here in Bamyan) care about themselves, their families and their loved ones. In New Zealand, a cynical or even pessimistic outlook would be to believe that all Afghans have the mindset to devolve to become a

suicide bomber. Here in Bamyan the truth could not be further from that perception. Mums and Dads want their sons and daughters to go to School, to gain an education, to understand better the world around them. The local farmers and stall owners in the Bazaar value life and see a prosperous future for themselves and their kids.

We have been inundated with numerous visitors since we took command of the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT). From senior officials in the United Nations, visiting hierarchy from the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), to various countries' Ambassadors, we have hosted a raft of individuals who want to hear our story. On each occasion we have taken pride in outlining the hard work previous PRT members have put into this Province and how far we have come since 10 years ago when we first arrived. Although we try not to focus too much of our time 'looking back' on what we



*A local farmer at work*

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*Leisure time—Playing volleyball*



have achieved, it is always with a sense of pride that we can say to visitors 'because we have been here for a decade, here are the improvements that have been able to be implemented'.

I'll look to capture some of these improvements in my next instalment and get you all some words and images to indicate them.

Lastly, we were reminded here recently that there remain several people in this country who are hell-bent on doing harm to ourselves, our Afghan Security Force partners or innocent Afghan civilians. Rest assured that we are always cognisant of this fact whenever we venture on a patrol or for an operational task anywhere in the province. We firmly believe we have the insurgents on the back foot, which is providing plenty of space for the local population to simply go about their normal routine. This to me is a sure sign that we are performing a worthwhile duty.

He tini mano ringa ka oti ai.



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## ORPHANAGE TASK

**CPL Julian Rayner**  
**CRIB 21**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2012, a team of Engineers and Locally Employed Civilians from Kiwi Base, Afghanistan, went to carry out a task at the local orphanage.

*“They were very welcoming and also very appreciative of the work which we had intended to do”.*

The intent of the task was to provide the orphanage with a water supply system which they could use for simple tasks such as washing dishes and cleaning.

The water supply system provided by the PRT consisted of a tank storage system fed by the orphanage well.

The engineering team provided and installed a water tank stand, constructed by the team from Kiwi Base workshops; two water tanks and a supply line to a tap.

Upon our arrival we were greeted by healthy happy looking children and also the head of the orphanage. They were very welcoming and also very appreciative of the work which we had intended to do.

The orphanage generously hosted us for a delicious lunch and shortly after which, the task was completed and we were on our way back to Kiwi Base, leaving the orphanage with a water supply system capable of housing 6000L of water.

*Below are photos of SGT Shaun Ruddle with children from the Orphanage*



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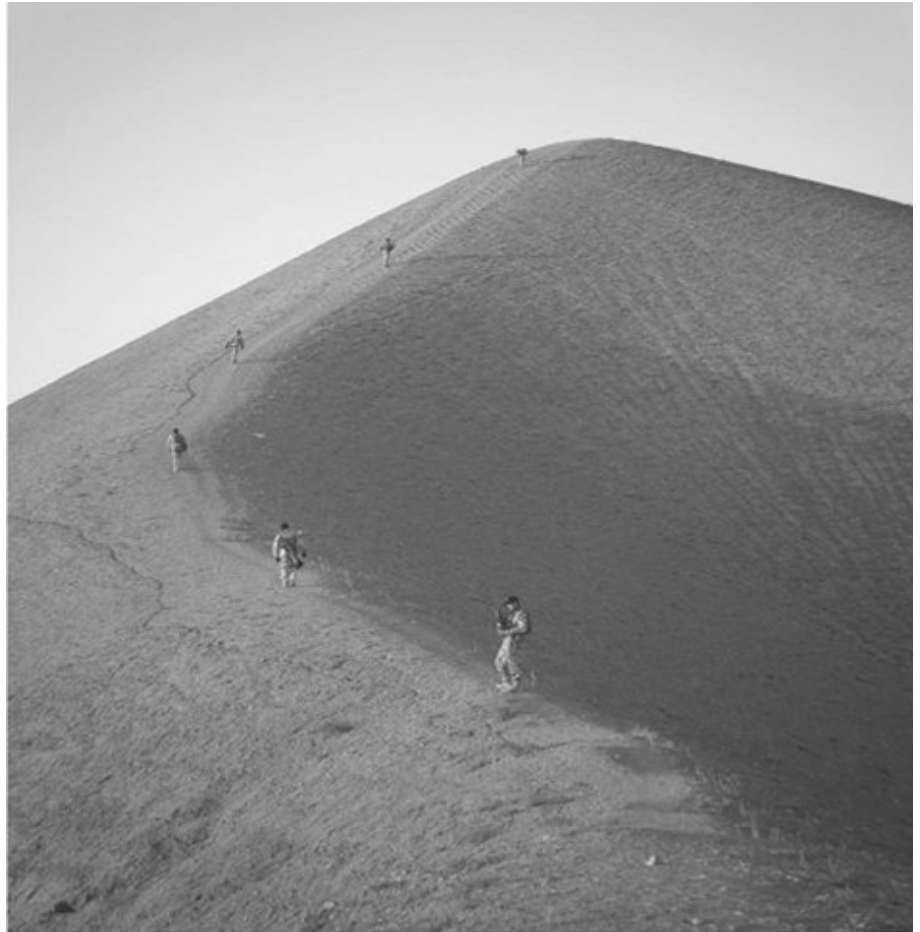
## NEWS FROM THE THEATRE EXTRACTION TEAM, CRIB 21, AFGHANISTAN

### MCT WALKING UP PT HILL

**CPL Popata**

**CRIB 21 Mission Closure Team  
(MCT)**

Since arriving in Afghanistan I have experienced a lot within just a week! Firstly the sights and scenery are breath taking. From the top of PT hill to the local markets at the Bazaar. Learning to drive on the right side of the road and to watch out for motorbikes, cyclists and donkeys has also been an experience! Getting use to the high altitude was a bit of a challenge at first. But after a few Gym sessions and climbing up PT hill, and The Gongola with the Padre leading you, you'll soon get used to it. Our job, while we are here as the MCT, is to withdraw the PRT from the Bamian Province. This so far has involved a lot of planning and conferences, and a lot of accounting, moving, cleaning and packing by the MCT team to get stores ready for movement back to NZ. Bring on the next six months!



*MCT walking up the PT Hill*

### **LTCOL Richard Weston** **Commanding Officer** **CRIB TET**

Dear Families,

You will be aware that in accordance with the Government of NZ's direction, the current deployment of the NZPRT to Afghanistan is the final one for the NZDF. A separate NZDF mission has been developed to close the NZPRT. The Theatre Extraction Team (TET) has deployed alongside CRIB 21 and is responsible for the extraction of the NZPRT from Afghanistan by the end of April 2013. This task goes

well beyond 'counting blankets' and includes disposal of some types of equipment, the ceasing of contracts and support arrangements, the coordination of tactical to strategic level movement, the demolition of buildings and return of KIWI BASE land to the local Governor, and ultimately the handover of equipment back to the Services in NZ.

The TET comprises a number of logisticians, engineers and a legal advisor with representation from across the three Services. Our initial element deployed with the PRT and has recently been

rounded out to a total of 21 people with the ability to call on further specialist trades from NZ as we get closer to the final move out of BAMYAN. These will include movements, supply, maintenance and health specialists with support provided by the RNZAF. TET personnel will initially work in BAMYAN but will progressively transition to BAGRAM Air Field (BAF) and work with the NZ National Support Element to prepare equipment for international movement back to NZ.

The TET has a large task facing it. There are a number of agencies

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involved with, and supporting the PRT, who will also be drawing down from KIWIBASE. They will require close coordination with both the TET and PRT to ensure essential support and services are maintained while at the same time reducing their own footprint. A further complicating factor for the TET is the requirement for the PRT to continue operations throughout their tour, using the very equipment that TET is tasked to return to NZ. This will result in a great deal of work right at the end of the TET's time in Afghanistan. Weather and other environmental conditions will also significantly shape when TET can complete tasks, in particular movement within theatre and pre-positioning of stores for international movement.

The TET has started to make headway - within 2 weeks of arriving we have 8 shipping containers of stores ready to backload to BAF. TET's focus for the remainder of this year is to backload all unnecessary materiel and begin detailed stocktaking of the PRT account. The New Year will see a change in focus towards disposal and preparation of equipment for movement to NZ.

TET personnel will be required to stay beyond the PRT with the final TET elements returning to NZ approximately in May 2013. Even then the TET's tasks are not complete. A few of the TET will continue on in Trentham to receive the equipment sent back from Afghanistan. This equipment then has to be handed over to the Services, primarily Army, and this needs to be completed by December 2013.

I recognise that TET personnel will be away from loved ones for a long time. TET personnel will be kept up to date with the progress of the extraction so their families can plan for their return to NZ. I will also

provide regular updates through "The Bugle" so families can see what their loved ones are doing.

In the meantime I would like to thank Janine Burton, Carol Voyce and Marie Lotz for their support to the pre-deployment process and continued support of our families whilst we are away. I would also like to acknowledge the TET families for the sacrifices they have made in deploying their loved ones, and on behalf of the TET thank them for their continued support they provide to their deployed family members.

Regards.

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## HOW TO EAT AN ELEPHANT

**FLT LT Dwayne Boyes**  
**Second in Command**  
**CRIB TET**

Depending upon who you talk to, the MCT can be many different and varied things. We are the Multi-Cultural Team, the Mission Closure Takeaways (a name coined during our effort at the Bamyán My Kitchen Rules competition), or if anyone above the rank of Major asks, we are the diligent logistics personnel of the Mission Closure Team!

So, what is the Mission Closure Team? Well, we are those dashing men and women hailing from the Navy, Army and Air Force who were game enough to accept the task of "eating an elephant"... in this case, that elephant is the rather interesting task of planning and then executing the staged drawdown of Kiwi Base, Bamyán, Afghanistan.

Ordinarily, closing a base would be a multi-faceted task. However, closing a base that houses several Government Agencies, Tri-Service personnel, multinational forces, all sorts of equipment as well as a stores stockpile dating back some 10 years ... whilst simultaneously living and operating from that base ... now, that is a task for the MCT!

As earlier stated, this is in many ways an elephant, and one that is being eaten by the smallest of bites. As this article is being written, our personnel are deployed across Bamyán, Bagram Air Field and Kabul. Our people have been working long hours in order to locate equipment, prep stores, work magic with SAP (work even greater magic without SAP) all whilst simultaneously learning the ins and outs of In Theatre Training and coming to grips with the altitude



*Personnel from the MCT arrive at Kiwi Base Bamyán via Blackhawk Helicopters from Bagram Air Field*

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and environment; a tall order for sure, but one that the team is readily taking within their stride (one small bite at a time). This is evidenced by the fact that within a few weeks, the team has already prepped half a dozen containers which are now ready to hit the road!

So, to now answer our original question, how do you eat an elephant?

Well, you send your people all over the countryside, work the best solution that you can with limited resources, throw in a little bit of PT, a lot of coffee and fair few laughs, and there you have it!



## BOUQUETS

### Major Tim Tuatini

Sincere thanks for your amazing support from abroad! We have enjoyed your many Bugle articles and photos. You have excelled in keeping us informed and are grateful for the opportunity to have a little insight into your day to day lives away from us all. Your first class assistance with welfare issues has been much appreciated. Safe travels to you all and happy reunions! Enjoy a well earned break. Carol and Janine

### Padre Jonathon Holland

You can now let the ink dry on the "Chaplain's Pen". Thank you so much for the many Bugle contributions and for your support from afar! Your efforts were appreciated by us all. Thanks too for the incredible amount of work you put into the Tour update DVD - "A tour DVD like you've never experienced before!" Absolutely right and enjoyed by so many up and down the country! Thanks too for your input into the few welfare issues we had to deal with - it was great knowing you were there both to support us, the service personnel and their families. Have a great break on your return, Carol and Janine.

## NEWS UPDATE

25 October 2012

Minister of Defence Dr Jonathan Coleman and Chief of Army Major General Tim Keating today visited Kiwi troops at North Camp in the Sinai Peninsula.

"It was a great opportunity to talk with our 28 strong Kiwi contingent who form part of the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) deployment that helps maintain peace between Israel and Egypt in the Sinai," said Dr Coleman.

"Our people are doing an excellent job as drivers, trainers and key operational planning personnel who contribute a huge amount to the MFO," he said.

New Zealand troops have been continuously stationed with the MFO in the Sinai since the start of the mission in 1982.



"Major General Warren Whiting, the overall commander of the MFO, is also a New Zealander and the visit was a good opportunity for full briefings on the security situation in the Sinai. Our contribution to the MFO is an important one that is much appreciated by the Egyptian Government," said Dr Coleman

The Minister also met with the Director General of the MFO, Ambassador David Satterfield, and held a well-attended defence function in Cairo.

He will meet with the Egyptian Defence Minister, Colonel General El Sissi and members of President Morsi's Freedom and Justice Party prior to returning home.

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## LOLOTOE

**Colonel Martin Dransfield**  
**Chief Military Liaison Officer**  
**Timor-Leste**

By its name Lolotoe conjures up in my mind an imaginary kingdom in a distant land, full of knights and castles. In reality it is a small Timorese town nestled in the rugged hills and mountains that form the back bone of Timor. Lolotoe is in the centre of a coffee growing region and the villages that surround it overlook rock strewn river beds, winding mountain tracks and lush green coffee plantations. Today a small isolated village 10 miles from Lolotoe is our destination. Our convoy is long and consists of local doctors from Maliana, international medical staff working for the United Nations originating from Germany, the Philippines and South America, and a Pakistani and New Zealand military medical team. We are on our way to establish a medical clinic for hundreds of locals who would otherwise have limited access to qualified medical staff and medicine.

As we arrive at the village we are met by hundreds of school children, whose classrooms we rapidly transform into waiting, processing and consultation rooms. Today we will process over 300 patients and we have no time to waste. Soon the first patients are moving through the registration point and I have joined my son Isaac in completing their pre-med checks, such as taking their pulse and blood pressure. I am always taken by the look of trust on each patients face. Each child, man and woman expects that their pain will disappear with the touch of a hand or by swallowing a magic pill. I also know that for many their pain will in fact lessen as in their mind they consider our touch to be an act of healing. For others it will have little

effect as their ailments have lasted for many months or years and their condition is beyond repair.

During a break I stand transfixed by the local dentist who is little more than an extractor of rotten teeth. As each patient calmly allows the dentist to inject them and then take out the offending tooth, the faces of the on-looking children is priceless. As an injection is given, or a tooth removed, they wince or cover their faces, fully empathising with the patient.

As the day concludes we are asked to drive a few miles further in order to visit a very sick lady. At first there is some hesitation from the medical staff, but I soon pull together a team and we move over potentially treacherous mountain tracks before arriving at a tiny village. The crowds surround a modest traditional house and we discover inside an old lady who is paralysed down one side and has dried blood on her chest and clothes, from a heavy fall the day before. We are granted entry and the Timorese Doctor does his work.

She is able to comprehend his presence, but is totally and understandably confused by her current state. She has brought up 10 children and until her fall was still working in the fields and cooking meals.

We agree that she should travel with us to hospital and the car is crammed full of relatives, wanting to assist. As we drive off there is a sense that this will be the last journey she takes across these hills that she played in as a girl, fell in love with as a young woman, and struggled on through good and bad years to bring up her ten children. Sadly I receive a call 24 hours later to confirm that she has in fact passed away. I wonder if we did the right thing in taking her from her home and village. I know that her family wanted her to live and the only option was to go to hospital, but it was too late. I also know that she was loved and that she has left behind a number of children who she in turn loved. We can expect and hope for nothing more, but I still feel a deep sense of loss at her passing.

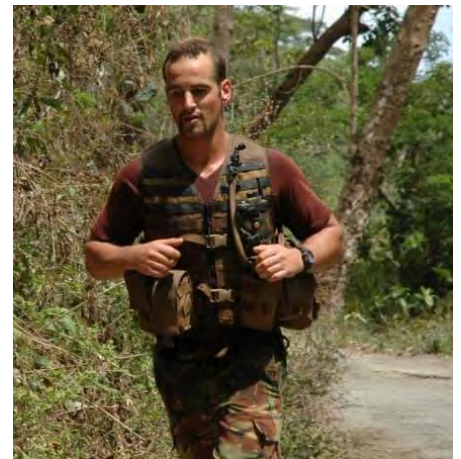


*Children at the local dentist—children's faces, just priceless!*



**GYRO 13**  
*"Lucky for Some"*

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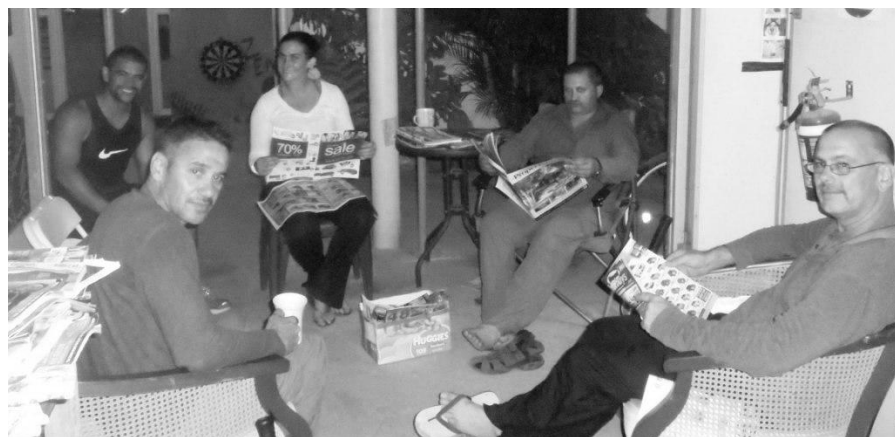
# — TIMOR-LESTE



**GYRO 13**  
"Lucky for Some"



# CHAPLAIN'S PEN — FROM ABROAD



*Koro's Corner*

## JUST SITTING HERE RELAXING

**Padre Jonathon Holland**  
**GYRO 13**

### **The Koro's Corner:**

The Koro's Corner is the area opposite the Headquarters office, between the CSM's room (former CSM WO2 Holden) and SGT King's room, under the shelter of the Kobe huts. The Koro's Corner has several chairs that are claimed by only a certain few. This elite group of Koro's is made up of, the OC, MAJ Tuatini, the old CSM, WO2 Holden, the new CSM and S1, WO1 Nixey and the AS6 SGT B.J. King. Most mornings you will find our Koro's Corner filled with conversation and coffee after a hard PT session. It has become habitual. In the evenings, the Koro's Corner is inhabited from anytime after work until it is late, sometimes even midnight (as was the case a couple of nights ago). The Koro's Corner is such a great place to be. I have spent countless hours sitting amongst these wise men, chewing the fat, learning, laughing and just enjoying good company. Often, there will be young soldiers at the Koro's Corner talking with these guys, picking their brains, asking questions and being asked questions. I don't know what it's like to be a baggy or a Corporal, but I imagine that the opportunity for them to sit and

casually chat with a Major and a Warrant Officer Class One does not happen every day. Well, it does on GYRO 13. We could not have asked for a better Headquarters element. Thanks Koro's.....

### **The Young Bucks:**

The Young Bucks congregate in an area in between our Kobe hut accommodation blocks about a stones throw away from the Koro's Corner. This is where the guys, gals, and gangster (call sign: Young Buck) hangout. You will find this group of Young Bucks here before work, during their lunch break, after work and randomly at times in the evenings. I'm 'about' the same age as some of them, so I take my liberty to sit amongst the Young Bucks every so often. The conversation is a little bit different here with the Young Bucks compared to the Koro's Corner, I don't think we've had a conversation about any World Wars or badminton yet. We generally talk about, ummmm, I can't actually remember what we talk about. I know we discussed coconuts yesterday, that's only because "Tooky" had a coconut and we were drinking the coconut juice. Hmmmm, what meaningful and enlightening conversations have we had? Who knows, but what do you expect from Young Bucks? All I know is they are some seriously cool cats that I have enjoyed working with, talking with, and

having a great time with.

### **Cuppa Tea Time:**

On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays we have boxing training at the Tiger Lines Gym. When we finish, the PTI, CPL Jess Blair and I head over to PMV for a cuppa tea. CPL Joelian Joynt makes the meanest cuppa tea. He is passionate about serving people with the best beverages possible. He's, the man. And so, as we sit around drinking our cuppas we get to talk. We'll often just share about how the boxing session went, what parts we really liked, what we didn't like, especially after some of the guys have been in the ring. The other guys from PMV Troop that box come and chat too and we have a ball. The conversation can be a little bit of a mixed bag at times, especially if PTE Jonathen Moses has anything to do with it, by the way, I like your first name bro. I enjoy my time with these guys, they are summed up to me as, soooo laid back.

## "JUST SITTING HERE RELAXING"

Just sitting here relaxing is the title of this piece; it is at the top of this article in capital letters. I remind you of this because not once have I spoken about just sitting here relaxing in the three paragraphs. The three paragraphs are all centered on conversation. Yet, in every one of the situations mentioned previously, the Koro's Corner, the Young Bucks and Cuppa Tea Time, the intentions of each individual are simply to just sit and relax, not to talk. Conversation just happens. That's what we do when we are just sitting here relaxing, we talk. As the Padre of GYRO 13 it is important for me to know what is happening with the personnel in this contingent and I have found no better way to achieve this, but to just sit and relax.



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

## SETTLING IN

**Padre Stu Hight  
CRIB 21**

Well we have settled into Kiwi Base now, being here for over a month. We are waiting for winter and it is getting colder, but late yesterday and last night we had significant rain for the first time!! Hard to believe isn't it? That also means snow on the mountains around us.

Last week I had the privilege to travel to Kabul to participate in the ANZAC Memorial Dedication Service. This was in the national holiday of Eid. It's the time of pilgrimage to Mecca for those Muslims who can go, but for the people staying at home it's a time of festivities involving the family. The butchers do a roaring trade. Because of the holiday, Kabul was fairly quiet, but not quiet enough, the service was transferred from the British cemetery where the Memorial had been built to the Destille gardens in the centre of ISAF headquarters.

The Memorial was dedicated by the Commander of ISAF General John

Allen whose father and father-in-law had connections with Australia and New Zealand during World War II. The national addresses were delivered by Brigadier Noble and COL Curry representing Australia and New Zealand respectively, and LTCDR Kelly Ashton-Kells recited the ode. One of the poignant moments was the playing of the song 'Sapper's Lullaby' by Fred Smith. He had written and composed the song in memory of Sapper Smith & Snowy Moerland – 2 Australian soldiers killed June 2010. Some of the lyrics read:

*Soldiers sing me a sapper's lullaby  
You give it your all, knowing if  
you should fall  
That all good things must die*

*So call your mother, call your  
old man, on the welfare line  
Tell em you love em, while you  
still can, cause all good things  
must die.*

So now in Afghanistan there is a memorial for all the ANZAC's who died in this country. Names written in stone for all to see. They will never be forgotten.

## NORMAL LIFE ON DEPLOYMENT



*Chaplain Wayne conducting Sunday service in Honiara*

**Chaplain Wayne Toleafoa, RNZN  
OP RATA (II) 16**

***“Try to make your  
lives as ‘normal’ as  
possible”, in what  
is an ‘abnormal’  
situation of separation  
from our loved ones”.***

I'm a Navy Chaplain now, but some of us who have also survived Army basic training remember the RSM's or CSM's who used unforgettable sayings like: "Your other right foot!!.." (on the parade ground). Or, "Any fool can be uncomfortable" (in the bush). Or, "The compass is always right! You are always wrong!" (on navigation exercises). One wise RSM we had during our Specialist Officer Course used to say, "When you are in the field, try to make your life as 'normal' as possible."



*The Memorial*

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

I've often thought of that saying during the deployments and exercises I've been on. It was a great piece of advice! It is also good advice to families and loved ones at home: "Try to make your lives as 'normal' as possible", in what is an 'abnormal' situation of separation from our loved ones.

Living in a war theatre like Afghanistan, or living in the shadow of recent conflicts such as in Timor-Leste and the Solomons is also not normal. All the more reason to find ways of 'normalising' daily life. That could simply mean having meals and 'brew times' ("stand easies" in Navyspeak) at regular times. Keeping up your personal grooming and keeping your living spaces tidy. Eating your toast with "Marmite" if

you can find some) or listening to your favourite music. Small things that 'normalise' life for some of us.

The visits of entertainers from NZ also help to normalise life out here on deployment. Earlier this year I heard that Mike King visited Afghanistan. We recently had the 'Laughing Samoans' visit here in the Solomons. A good number of us went to that hilarious concert. BBQ's and visits to the beach are other ways of trying to recapture the familiar tastes and scenes of home.

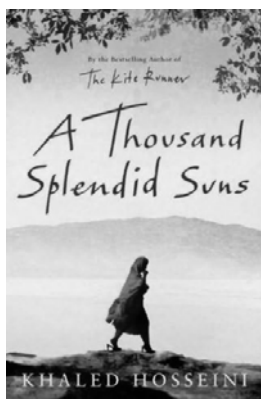
In the short time that I've been in the Solomons, we have had four Memoriams for NZ and Australian soldiers who have died in the last four weeks. Two of them during training and the other two

(Australians) in Afghanistan - a stark reminder that our lives in uniform are not ordinary. We also realise how fortunate we are to be in the Solomons.

Each Sunday the Leaf Hut Chapel here on base is filled with Tongan Marines singing. There are Australians, Kiwis and a good cross-section of people from all parts of the Pacific Islands present. They remind me that we live in a pretty good part of the world, here in the South Pacific!

As a Chaplain I count down time in, "Sundays" (rather than weeks and or days). "Four Sundays" to go and we'll be back home!

Blessings'.



## RECOMMENDED READING

### A Thousand Splendid Suns

*Author: Khaled Hosseini*

*By the Bestselling Author of The Kite Runner*

**A**fter 103 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list and with four million copies of *The Kite Runner* shipped, Khaled Hosseini returns with a beautiful, riveting, and haunting novel that confirms his place as one of the most important literary writers today.

Propelled by the same superb instinct for storytelling that made *The Kite Runner* a beloved classic, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* is at once an incredible chronicle of thirty years of Afghan history and a

deeply moving story of family, friendship, faith, and the salvation to be found in love.

Born a generation apart and with very different ideas about love and family, Mariam and Laila are two women brought jarringly together by war, by loss and by fate. As they endure the ever escalating dangers around them-in their home as well as in the streets of Kabul-they come to form a bond that makes them both sisters and mother-daughter to each other, and that will ultimately alter the course not

just of their own lives but of the next generation. With heart-wrenching power and suspense, Hosseini shows how a woman's love for her family can move her to shocking and heroic acts of self-sacrifice, and that in the end it is love, or even the memory of love, that is often the key to survival.

A stunning accomplishment, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* is a haunting, heartbreaking, compelling story of an unforgiving time, an unlikely friendship, and an indestructible love.

# DSO'S CORNER



## **Carol Voyce**

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

**G**reetings to you all. I hope these past weeks have gone well for you.

I can't believe that we are already into November and the year is almost over. I have had an office day today and seem to have been sitting at my computer for much of the time. I would rather be out and about and in contact with people, but it seems that I can no longer put off the need for paper work! I always refer to my computer skills as basic and I find it a challenge at times. I can never make reports fit into the required templates, and feel as though I waste so much time fiddling with words and getting it just right.

Sometimes it is useful to revisit reports and to see where we have come and what has been achieved in recent times. I recently had to write a short biography and it made me think about how much has changed over the years and how, thanks to your feedback, sacrifices and commitments, we now offer a better support service targeted to your needs. Deployment Support Services started out with the best of intentions, but it was the consultation with you and people like you, that made a difference. Challenges are part of our

everyday life – some good, some not so good, but they do shape who we are and where we are going and sometimes provide the means to get there, even it is not where, quickly enough or how we wish! These challenges can be viewed as stumbling blocks or as hurdles which we can rise to and once we are there, we can feel a sense of self satisfaction. I am sure many of you very reluctantly waved loved ones off abroad, wondered however you would cope, manage a household and have the ability to carry on. If you look back now at your achievements you can be congratulated for the difference you have made and continue to make – don't under estimate it – it is huge!

This job carries the privilege of meeting with many of you who have leapt over these blocks or hurdles, occasionally with the odd speed wobble but who make it in some shape or form. A lot of our progress to an end is dependant on attitude. Sometimes we need to pull ourselves up and dismiss negative thoughts which can easily cloud our judgment and way forward. This not only relates to our coping mechanisms for deployment but in many aspects of our everyday life! In fact, I sometimes do this myself with regular monotony! I face many a personal challenge and battle with EQC and Insurers over the fate of my badly damaged earthquake property and for fear of having written on my file "crabby lady!" I have to accept that there is a process here with mammoth issues to resolve and turn that negativity into something more positive. Not easy when rain runs down your internal walls, drafts pounce from all corners and there is no hot water, but it's a test, and teaching me that sometimes it helps to laugh, to have some patience, to remember that there are many in far worse situations than me and that it will get better

eventually. Just ride the waves! – And thank your lucky stars for friends and families!

Challenges and change are all around us. The world changes everyday – some new invention, some great research, some ground breaking news – all shaping us into who we are and where we are going. Deployments do all this and more – those abroad see the world through new horizons, their experiences change them and your sacrifice shapes you and your family to venture down new pathways.

So take the time to look around - there is a lot of good and goodness out there!



## **Janine Burton**

Deployment Services Officer  
1 (NZ) Brigade

You may have read at the end of my column in the last Bugle that I have moved into my lovely new space in the Linton Shopping Complex and was just waiting on a few final pieces of furniture to arrive. Well, guess what?! I'm still waiting. However the days have been lovely sunny and warm and I have had a large open office space to work out of which has been absolutely wonderful and I can keep the doors open all day. Yes, the walls are red – very red – and I know that I had a number of people

# DSO'S CORNER CONT'D..

questioned my colour choice, but they have mostly come back and said wow! It looks great – and it does. Very happy to be here. Last week especially, had a lot of drop-ins to say “hi” so the word is slowly getting around.

I had a lovely couple of weeks holiday. In this job it is very difficult to plan time off, with missions moving in and out and, of course, our Bugle mailouts to readers. But with Carol covering the phone and also sending out my share of the last Bugle as well (thanks so much Carol, much appreciated), was able to relax on the lovely island of Rarotonga and be on holiday. I had never had a holiday-holiday before, believe it or not. I have always gone to stay with family or just spent time pottering around at home catching up on the gardening, etc.

So holidaying in a resort took time to adjust to. For example, I thought that it would be appropriate to change out of the shorts and t-shirts you were in all day when you went to dinner. But no, you just put on your jandals and off you go! I will know the protocol for next time! My second week was catching up on the gardening – just have to do it! A great place to reconnect, so if you have a partner returning from deployment, something to keep in mind.

Our CRIB project is coming along wonderfully. I have received more than 130 emails with contributions, so thank you to all you wonderful families who have sent me your photos and video clips. The final product will be just about complete by the time you are receiving this Bugle and I hope you all get some great feedback when it is shown at Christmas time.

We have advertised the Kiwi Forces Radio in the last two editions of “The Bugle” and I also

sent an email, to as many of our Primary Next of Kin as I could, to remind everyone about taking the opportunity to participate in this radio-type request programme.

I hope that you have made contact with Kate Lukins and registered your desire to participate. She does a fantastic job on the programme and last year was a great listen – lots of laughter and some tears.

Some of you who may have tried to contact me over the past couple of weeks via my landline number (06) 351 9399 may have experienced some issues getting through. It has been very frustrating but with all the movement of offices around camp in the last little while, somehow I was disconnected! The landline number is actually on permanent divert to my cellphone so you should always be able to contact me when you need to on that number but somehow is was “lost”.

While the divert has been reinstated, there is (at the time of writing) a long delay before coming through – please don't give up, I will answer your call. Better yet, use:

**0800 OVERSEAS**

**0800 683 77 327**

and you will get through straight away. You could also send me a text – 021 649 903.

Christmas parcels should be ready to go (if they haven't already been sent). Don't delay getting them away, just in case they get caught up in the usual Christmas mail delay processes around the world. I don't usually get caught up in the countdown of weeks until Christmas, but there really isn't that long to go!

Take care everyone.

## Deployment Support Services

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

### Deployment Support Services are here for you

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

#### Army:

##### Deployment Services Officers:

**Linton**—Janine Burton

Ph: 0800 683 77 327

**Burnham**—Carol Voyce

Ph: 0800 337 569

##### Community Services Officers:

**Waiouru**—Carolyn Hyland

Ph 06 387 5531

**Burnham**—Cherie Mansell

Ph 03 363 0322

##### Community Services Facilitator:

**Linton**—Lesley Clutterbuck

Ph 06 351 9970

##### Family & Social Services Officer:

**Trentham**—Marie Lotz

Ph 04 527 5029

##### Air Force Welfare Facilitators

##### Air Staff Wellington:

Trevor Stone

Ph: 04 498 6773

##### Base Auckland:

Deana Lye

Ph: 09 417 7035

##### Base Woodbourne:

Claudia Baker

Ph: 03 577 1177

##### Base Ohakea:

Ph: 06 351 5640

##### Naval Community Organization:

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

##### Local Chaplaincy Services

##### Unit Point of Contact



# FOR YOUR INFO

## Operation Christmas Card

We look forward to your assistance with this project. Check page for more details and the deadline. Your contributions will make a difference to those abroad this Festive season.

## What's On

So much happening at a place near you over the coming months! - be sure to check "What's On" and keep in touch and where you can. Janine and I look forward to meeting with you in Burnham or Linton if you are in our areas. There are other support facilitators across the services in various locations countrywide, so do not hesitate to contact them.

## Return to New Zealand - Timor-Leste and Solomon Islands Deployments

Plans are well underway for the return to New Zealand of service

personnel currently deployed to Timor-Leste and the Solomon Islands. Information on 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.

## "The Bugle"

We see "The Bugle", our three weekly deployment newsletter, as our main way of communication with you all and are grateful for the many favourable comments that come our way. Your input is always welcome - from home and abroad! To help with planning over the coming months and to cope with the demands of the Festive season ahead, the following deadlines have been set:-

### Edition 178

Deadline 22 November -  
Print date 27 November

### Edition 179

Deadline 6 December  
Print date 11 December - this is our bumper Christmas issue so be sure to send in your greetings for loved ones from family and friends and spread the cheer across the miles.

### Edition 180

Deadline 7 January  
Print date 11 January

We look forward to hearing from you all. Make sure you write these details on your calendar now!

## Thanks for your generosity!

Many thanks to you all for the many amazing contributions made to the Manning Trust. We were overwhelmed with the response to our simple request and sincerely appreciate the efforts taken, to so kindly donate so many items for those in the Cova Lima District, Timor-Leste.

I know that everything we have received will be so much appreciated and is now being packed for transit. We hope that in time, we will receive some photos of the lucky recipients when the distributions are made. Carol (DSO Burnham).

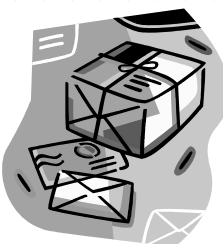
## Christmas Mail to Deployment Locations

I am sure you will be aware that the volume of mail worldwide, increases over the Festive season. This year will be no different. With this in mind, we are suggesting that you post early to avoid the Christmas rush and ensure that your gifts arrive in plenty of time. It has been suggested that Christmas mail to Afghanistan be posted no later than 12 November (so it makes the 15 November bag leaving NZ) to ensure its safe and timely arrival. Mail to Timor-Leste and the Solomon Islands for Christmas should be posted no later than 1 December. For post to other deployment locations, which is being sent through DPSC, Joint Force Headquarters, it would be advisable to keep the above given dates in mind, and post early.

To avoid confusion with other packages you may be sending, please mark Christmas gifts accordingly and hope that the lucky recipient can resist temptation until 25<sup>th</sup> December! As with all mail, please attach a green customs declaration form and keep all copies of Post Office receipts.

**Please note:** Christmas crackers are banned by NZ Post and cannot be sent!

# DEPLOYMENT MAILING ADDRESSES

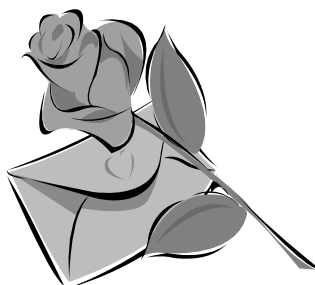


Letters and parcels (up to 1kg in weight) may be sent to deployed personnel at the following addresses, at internal NZ Post rates. When mailing your parcels, please retain the receipts given to you by your Post Shop so the item can be traced, if required. A green Customs sticker must be attached to any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



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## WHAT'S ON IN TRENTHAM

8 NOVEMBER

### CANVAS COLLAGE

Thursday 8 November, Cost \$5 per person

Please RSVP if you require childcare to Marie Lotz. Email: [marie.lotz@nzdf.mil.nz](mailto:marie.lotz@nzdf.mil.nz) or phone (04) 527 5029.

2 DECEMBER

### WELLINGTON DEFENCE AREA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 2 December, Davis Field

Contact [marie.lotz@nzdf.mil.nz](mailto:marie.lotz@nzdf.mil.nz) or [angela.lewer@nzdf.mil.nz](mailto:angela.lewer@nzdf.mil.nz) for details



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## WHAT'S ON IN LINTON

8 DECEMBER

### LINTON FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 8 December, 11.00am—3.00 pm Outside of the Gymnasium, Linton Military Camp

Santa, NZ Army Band, Water slide, paintball, Merry-go-round, Bouncy Castle. All welcome.

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## WHAT'S ON IN BURNHAM

28 NOVEMBER

### BURNHAM TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Wednesday 28 November, Housing Area, Burnham, 4.30 — 7.30pm

Open to all but special passes and concessions for families of deployed personnel. For further information and to RSVP, contact Carol Voyce, DSO Burnham, 0800 33 75 69 or email, [dso.burnham@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dso.burnham@xtra.co.nz)

5 DECEMBER

### BURNHAM CHRISTMAS CANDELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

Wednesday 5 December, All Saints Garrison Chapel, Burnham Military Camp, 6.00pm

All welcome.

9 DECEMBER

### DINING IN, Sunday 9 December, B Block Mess, Burnham Military Camp, 5.45pm

A special invitation is extended to all families and extended families of deployed service personnel, no matter what the deployment location, to join us for dinner in the B Block Mess, Burnham Military Camp on Sunday 9 December 2012 for dinner at 5.45pm. This is a chance to have a night off cooking, put your feet up and to let us wait on you! Children most welcome. For catering purposes, RSVP is essential, no later than Monday 3 December. Our welfare support team look forward to meeting with you all for a little festive fare. For further information and to RSVP, contact Carol Voyce, DSO Burnham, 0800 33 75 69 or email [dso.burnham@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dso.burnham@xtra.co.nz)

# Know where you're going in life... you may already be there!

*Life in the present world is indeed a rat race. Even many who have qualifications from reputed universities too do not know where they are going in life.*

*Reproduced below is an old story that is still a classic example.*

A boat docked in a tiny Mexican village. An American tourist complimented the Mexican fisherman on the quality of his fish and asked how long it took him to catch them.

"Not very long," answered the Mexican.

"But then, why didn't you stay out longer and catch more?" asked the American.

The Mexican explained that his small catch was sufficient to meet his needs and those of his family.

The American asked, "But what do you do with the rest of your time?"

"I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, and take a siesta with my wife. In the evenings, I go into the village to see my friends, play the guitar, and sing a few songs... I have a full life."

The American interrupted, "I have an MBA from Harvard, and I can help you! You should start by fishing longer every day. You can then sell the extra fish you catch. With the extra revenue, you can buy a bigger boat."

"And after that?" asked the Mexican.

"With the extra money the larger boat will bring, you can buy a second one and a third one and so on until you have an entire fleet of trawlers.

Instead of selling your fish to a middle man, you can then negotiate directly with the processing plants and maybe even open your own plant. You can then leave this little village and move to Mexico City , Los Angeles , or even New York City! From there you can direct your huge new enterprise.."

"How long would that take?" asked the Mexican.

"Twenty, perhaps twenty-five years," replied the American.

"And after that?"

"Afterwards? Well my Friend, That's when it gets really interesting," answered the American, laughing.

"When your business gets really big, you can start selling stocks and make millions!"

"Millions? Really? And after that?" said the Mexican.

"After that you'll be able to retire, live in a tiny village near the coast, sleep late, play with your children, catch a few fish, take a siesta with your wife and spend your evenings doing what you like and enjoying your friends."

"With all due respect sir, but that's exactly what I am doing now. So what's the point wasting twenty-five years?" asked the Mexican.

And the moral is: Know where you're going in life... you may already be there.

~Author Unknown~



# PERSONAL MESSAGES



The deadline for contributions and personal messages for the next edition of "The Bugle" is **22 November 2012 at 4.00pm**. Please note: All "Bugle" messages are to be sent to Carol Voyce, DSO Burnham (email: [dso.burnham@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dso.burnham@xtra.co.nz))

## From In-Theatre

### JAM

Happy first birthday dad's little princess! I hope you had a fantastic day filled with all your little heart desires. Dad is sorry he wasn't there on this very important day but you were in my thoughts all day. XO.

### To my Wife

Good luck with your exams, not that you will need it. I look forward to hearing about how you went. I miss my girls very much but with each passing day I get closer, which makes me smile!



### Happy 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ihaia

I know you are going to have an awesome day, but I wish I could be there with you. Lots of love, Mum xoxo.

### To the Knifeners

Mum, I hope your recovery from your surgery is quick. I know it will be worth the pain in the end. Dad, don't be stubborn and ask for help. I can still nag you from over here. Missing you both. Love KMM.

### To Kaea

Well done on your reading, I am so proud of you. I look forward to seeing your ballet performance at the end of the year. Give Murph a hug for me. Lots of love, Mum xoxo.

### To the Flitten Family

Hope all is going well, and you kids are being good to mummy. Looked like you had a good Halloween, did you get lots of lollies? Love you heaps and heaps, miss you heaps

and heaps too. Love from Ash.

### Salam

Meaning hello, just letting you know that all is well with me and hope you are all well? Take care, love Monsta.

### To Cookie, SLR, Mum & the rest

Love you All, see ya soon. Johnno.

### To the BFPWA & Princess

Not long and be home, love Dog.

### To Jackson, Matt and Nana

I miss you all so much, but not long to go. I can't wait to see what a big grown up boy my baby has become, I am sure you are keeping Dad and Nana very busy. Keep smiling, have a great #1 Christmas and I will see you soon at #2 Christmas. Lots of Love from Mummmumum aka Michele.

### To Luscious, Fluffybun and the Jonsta

Had a great 1st month here and looking forward to the remainder. Thinking about you all, all the time, imagining you doing the things you love and which make you happy and bring you joy warms my heart. Missing you all bad but loving the feeling too! You are all so special. Thanks so much for the wonderful gift of this huge adventure, Love, hugs, kisses, John/Dad.

## From Home

### My Soldier

I watched my Soldier board the Air Force plane today, deployed over to Afghanistan. This is to me, a very sad but proud day. All dressed in her Kit, Standing so tall. My Soldier wears her boots with Pride,

and so loves what she does. I know in my Heart she will give it her best, as at times she will be put to the test. My Soldier is my Daughter, in which I am so very very proud. Be safe Sweetheart; see you on your return in April, love Ma xx.

### Corey

Missing you, enjoy the parcels and keep safe. Love Mum and Ross.

### Monsieur Harvey (and maka paka)

Hey babe, hope you are well! We are missing you heaps and can't wait till our next skype date! Everyone says a big HELLO and is still waiting for pics. Hope maka pakas taking his adventure well and managed to get in most of the pics, much love from kootati xoxo.

### Mr Bumble

Hee hee! I haven't called you that in years! Mum wants some photos of you with the outrageously cute kids for the wall... Love you with all my heart. From Mrs Bumble.

### Hello Darling

No doubt we'll have a skype date again at some stage. This time make sure your microphone is working, ha ha, and enjoy your parcels. I'll make sure to send plenty of hot and spicy noodles. Keeping busy at home! Layla says love u daddy. Thnkn of u, love u always kt and layla xoxo.

### Hi Monstar

Love hearing from you! You're the joy of my life. Keep smiling. You're awesome. Love Mum xxoo.

### Hey my hunk'a'spunk!

kei te pehea koe? All's good here at home, the gardens are in full bloom after the rain, and those blooming lawns re-grow as soon as I've mown them! I'm getting some

# PERSONAL MESSAGES CONT'D...

help with the vege garden as well, cos I can't tell what's a weed and what's not! LOL! I just wanted to send you a lil message to say that I'm very proud of the job you're doing over there, you and your colleagues. By the time you read this, it'll be 1.5 months down, wahoo!! I loved hearing your voice the other night; nothing beats knowing that you're all g and keeping busy over there. I look forward to your next call. Take care my honey!! Lots of love from your Princess xoxo.

## **Jim**

Thank you for your postcard. I was going to put a message in that said "why haven't we heard from you", but before we went to print – here it is. What a postcard – couldn't you have found something with nice scenery on it??? The fella's aren't even good looking and definitely not my type!! But, so good to hear that you are ok and it was appreciated by all. Everyone says hi and we do miss you. RSM on his big trip, lucky so and so! Always wanted to see the Great Wall of China, (maybe my next big trip)! He had better send me a postcard. Good to see that you do read the Bugle.

## **Mr HTFU**

We've made it past halfway! It's always great to hear your voice and see a pixelated version of you on skype. Christmas and New Year won't be the same without you - we'll all miss you like crazy. I am super excited about seeing you again soon. Xxxx. Luv OB1.

## **Happy Birthday Handsome**

Happy birthday my handsome fiancé for the 31<sup>st</sup> of October! I hope your prezzies got to you in time and you wore your special badge. Loving you more every day, Gorgeous xxxxxx.

## **Hi Liefeling**

I hope you are doing ok over there, and not missing the freckle too

much. HA HA! Thank you babe for the flowers you sent me, they were beautiful, I was so surprised! Time is going so fast and soon you will be home, I can't wait until we move in together!! So many good things to look forward too when you come home! I miss you always but every time I hear from you it brightens my day! Stay safe babe. Love you forever. Ek is lief vir jou Jan xoxox.

## **Hi Dada**

I miss you like crazy, hoping time flies past so we can have you here spending time with you and giving you massive cuddles (bear hugs) and heaps and heaps of kisses. Love from Mads. Xoxoxoxoxoxo.

## **Heyyyyyy Sexy Fr\*\*\*y**

Settling in well now I hope. Don't be getting too used to not having to put up with us! I love you HEAPS and Baby J says da da da da da da. Love always from home.

## **Hey Babe**

Just about 2 months done and dusted - Yay, the weeks have gone super fast so far. It was fantastic to hear from you the other night, you put a smile on my face which hung around for a long time, I can't wait to hear your voice again soon. I hope this message puts a wee smile on your face too. I think about you every hour of the day. Stay safe babe! I love you to the moon and back. Trace xxxxxxx.

## **Hi Daddy**

Mummy showed me some pictures that you had sent, I am so proud of you! I miss you heaps and heaps and want to show you how I can walk now. I'm practising for when you get off the plane so I can run up to you. I love you lots and lots and look forward to our fun times together!

## **Hey Babe**

It's your bit of white bread here, missing you like crazy! Especially when I had to try and cut that darn hedge! I know it's not up to your

standard but it's cut! One hurdle down, only a few more to go! Keep up the good work, so proud of you and look forward to seeing you get off that plane. Love you lots and lots!

## **Dearest Tolly**

Thanks for the postcards that we have received, the Princess enjoys looking at the pictures. The Princess is getting taller every day and has lost her curls with the help of me! We now have little conversations and she is beginning to understand more, she understands that you are at work! Wait till you see her new toys LOL, yep I'm spoiling her. We enjoy going to the market on Saturday, to buy chop suey and potatoe salad, yum, can you taste it! Not long to go now, until you return home. Don't forget to buy us some pressies. Missing you! Lots of Love Jen & Jasmine xoxoxo.

## **Dearest Termy**

I hope you're enjoying your trip so far. Hope Cheesemans not being too jack, ha ha. We all miss you here. Rocky has made himself at home on your bed. He must miss you heaps. Keep a look out for your parcel that's coming!! Stay safe bro, miss you heaps and keep in touch. Only 5 months to go now. Everyone says Hello (the 2 flats). By the way we bought you some One Direction Tickets for next year. Just something to look forward too. Love always your girls, Kate Dawg, Casey and Toffee x.

## **Ann Drew**

Welcome back to Paradise!! Enjoy the heat while it lasts. Hope the 'LB' after effects have settled. James is moving in soon, we will thoroughly enjoy your hard drive. I have decided now that we are together that instead of Zoo Weekly I will send the more appropriate NZ House and Garden. Enjoy. Love, now officially known as "The Misses" xx.

# Armistice Day

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## 11 November

**A**rmistice Day (also sometimes also referred to as “Remembrance Day”) marks the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended the First World War and commemorates the sacrifice of those who died serving New Zealand in this and all wars and armed conflict.

The Great War of 1914 to 1918 was one of the most disastrous events in human history. New Zealand, with a population of 1.1 million in 1914, sent 100,000 men and women abroad. 16,700 died and over 40,000 were wounded – a higher per capita casualty rate than any other country involved.

The coming of peace on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918 brought blessed relief for all involved. On Armistice Day 1918, New Zealand had 58,129 troops in the field, while an additional 10,000 were under training in New Zealand. In total, the troops provided for foreign-service by New Zealand during the War represented 10% of its 1914 population between the ages of 20-45.

The signing of the Armistice is observed annually in New Zealand at 11.00 am on 11 November (the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month). Two minutes silence is observed in memory of those New Zealanders who died while serving their country. Wreath laying ceremonies will take place across New Zealand.

### Remembrance Sunday

In addition to observing Armistice Day, Remembrance Sunday has become a universal time of commemoration when all men and women who have died in the service of their country are commemorated in church services throughout New Zealand.

In New Zealand, Remembrance Sunday is observed on the second Sunday in November. We also take this opportunity to remember our comrades in other parts of the world, especially our personnel currently serving in the various operational missions.



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

(Fourth stanza of Laurence Binyon's 'For the Fallen')

Need advice, support or  
information to manage  
the deployment journey?



The New Zealand Defence Force Community offers  
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The best way to access these support services  
during a deployment is to contact your  
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