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Budding service personnel of the future, Luca and Brooke of Minerva House, Christchurch enjoy a visit to their pre-school by soldiers recently returned from deployment. Children took the opportunity to dress up in costumes supplied by the Burnham Toy Library.

GUEST EDITORIAL



PRT Director Andrew Matheson and CRIB 21 Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Sholto Stephens, lay a wreath at Kiwibase on Remembrance Day

**Andrew Matheson, Director,
New Zealand Provincial
Reconstruction Team, Bاميان**

Hello from one of the New Zealand civvies at Bاميان. It's been an unusual but highly rewarding assignment to take the role of Director of the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team, and a real privilege to work alongside the men and women of CRIB 21.

I was launched in the deep end when I spent a short time at Waiouru on the PDT — this was a crash course in military TLAs (three-letter acronyms)! During my visit I was really impressed by the focus and professionalism of everyone I met as they prepared for their deployment. That focus and professionalism has continued since CRIB 21 arrived in theatre.

The Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) has many elements — as well as NZDF, we have my organisation (the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, MFAT), the EUPOL (European Police) mission, led by the New Zealand Police, a Malaysian Armed Forces health team, the US Army-led NATO training mission, and other US Army elements supporting infrastructure development in the province. Coordinating between these elements is a big part of my work, but isn't a difficult task — there is a good sense that we are all part of the PRT and are working towards the same goal, to complete the transition of responsibility to the Afghan government. In particular, it's pleasing to see the Afghan National Security Forces having taken the lead for security operations in the province.

The government setting a date for the PRT to withdraw by the end of April next year brings a sharp focus to our work. We're clear that we must do as much as possible to ensure that our training and mentoring of local officials is sustainable, by 'training the trainers' and by taking more and more of a back seat to let Afghan officials get on with their work.

Some of New Zealand's activities will continue after the PRT closes. MFAT is managing a large development programme and the two largest projects in it will continue being implemented by contractors well after the PRT folds its tents, and heads for home. The renewable energy project will bring electricity to much of Bاميان town for the first time, or at least in a cheaper and more sustainable way than through using diesel generators. Electricity is a key to economic development, as well as an important change to people's lives. From Kiwibase it's gratifying to see the solar panels for part of this project spreading over the hillside. The other main component of New Zealand's development work, the agricultural support programme, is helping farmers improve their outputs and their productivity — feeding families better, and increasing their income streams — and increasing the capacity of local agricultural officials so this work continues after the project ends.

CRIB 21 is playing a vital part in supporting and enabling a range of activities from the many elements within the PRT, which will have a lasting impact on the development of Bاميان province.

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NEWS FROM TASK UNIT CRIB 21, AFGHANISTAN

LT COL Sholto Stephens Commanding Officer TU CRIB 21

The snow has arrived early and although much of it has already melted away, it has given us a taste of the winter conditions we are likely to expect over the coming months.



First snow at Kiwi Base—a taste of things to come

Each time the mail arrives to us here at Kiwi Base, there is a unwritten 'sweepstake' that occurs as people judge how many parcels

and letters other Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Policemen receive from home. There have been numerous occasions when the old 'Farmbake Cookie' TV advertisement has been re-enacted as a recipient of a care package makes the golden mistake of opening the contents publicly! Suffice to say, keep sending through the parcels; they are a great reminder of some of the luxuries in life that we do not have daily access to across here.

I've been constantly impressed with the Afghan National Police recently and their philosophy of delivering a Police and Security function across their Province. The photo below is a great example of this. The Afghans identified that someone was harbouring a small quantity of munitions, the Afghans made contact with them and recovered the munitions without a shot being fired, and without anyone being harmed. They were extremely proud, and rightfully so, that they had achieved this in a completely independent manner. This is another clear indication to us that we have almost completed our mission here and that by next April we can leave with the understanding that they truly do have the responsibility for this Province sorted.

Over the last few weeks we also held a memorial service on Remembrance Sunday. We were joined by several senior Afghan Policemen who laid wreaths and flowers in memory of their fallen comrades, just as we did likewise. We also used this time to remember the families of those Soldiers and Policemen who have been killed in all conflicts. It was great to see the value of life and



A small quantity of munitions that the Afghan National Police have recovered in the Bamiyan Province in November 2012

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respect for those who have died being expressed by our Afghan mates.

Shortly we will also be sending back to New Zealand a compilation Welfare DVD with messages from us back to you all; the 'directors cut' is being produced as I write this. We trust that you will receive this in time for your Christmas and summer holidays!



Remembrance Sunday parade at Kiwi Base, Bamyan Province, Afghanistan

NEWS FROM KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

ANZAC MEMORIAL DEDICATION, KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

LT CDR Ashton Kells

As the sun rose over the walls surrounding Headquarters (HQ) International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), New Zealanders and Australians were joined by more than 150 of their coalition partners in the Destille Gardens to dedicate the ANZAC Afghan Memorial. Many of these Coalition partners have also honoured their fallen with memorials at the Kabul British Cemetery. Although the memorial site is at the Kabul British Cemetery, the dedication was held at ISAF due to the nature of the security situation.

The cemetery contains more than 150 graves of British Soldiers who were casualties of the First Anglo-Afghan War (1839-40), the Occupation of Kabul (1840-42), and the Second Anglo-Afghan War (1878-81). Only 10 gravestones remained when British Forces returned in 2001, this time with ISAF. These gravestones were collected and set in the southern



wall of the cemetery as a commemoration of the nineteenth century war dead. Since then, the cemetery has become the resting place of aid workers, journalists, explorers and archaeologists. Recently dedicated memorials now also line the walls for those that have fallen in the years since 2001. Memorials to British, Canadian, German and Italian soldiers stand guard and are joined by the most recent memorial for the ANZACs.

The days of burying those killed in conflicts where they fell, or in a cemetery, have been replaced by ramp ceremonies and C-130 or C-17 flights to return the fallen to their families. However, the Kabul British Cemetery memorials provide a necessary means of commemorating the sacrifice of foreign soldiers who lost their lives in Afghanistan while assisting the country and its citizens in their struggle to achieve lasting freedom.

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The ANZAC memorial is the latest addition to the Kabul British Cemetery. Funded by the 2012 ANZAC contingent of soldiers, sailors, airmen, airwomen and officers of HQ ISAF and other ISAF ANZAC coalition force members.

The memorial itself is full of symbolic meaning: from the Southern Cross which is found at the top of the memorial to the Kiwi and the Kangaroo that guard the list identifying the fallen.

Under the Coat of Arms of the two nations the memorial takes a line from the ballad "Sapper's Lullaby" by Fred Smith.

"You give it your all, knowing if you should fall, that all good things must die."

The ballad recounts the emotions of the events around the deaths of two of the soldiers whose names are recorded on the memorial, Sappers Darren Smith and Jacob "Snowy" Moerland who were killed in a land mine explosion. The lyrics of the ballad are poignant for anyone that has attended the ramp ceremony for fallen comrades. They resonate and evoke the emotions experienced in those moments of watching fallen comrades be carried on to the

aircraft, paying marks of respect one last time and saying a silent plea that they find their way safely back to the heart of their families and loved ones.

The ballad was played during the dedication allowing for those attending a moment of reflection on their own experiences.

Colonel Paul Curry represented the New Zealand contingent for the dedication and spoke of the significance of the ANZAC tradition. He explained to the Coalition partners in attendance that the bitterness of the losses suffered during the campaign on the Turkish Gallipoli Peninsula was a coming of age for the two young nations and the bonds forged during that campaign endure in the peacekeeping missions of today. Therefore, it was fitting that any memorial would not be a New Zealand Memorial or an Australian Memorial but would be an ANZAC memorial. Colonel Curry thanked the Commander of ISAF, General John Allen, for the support he gave to the NZ troops during the tough times that befell the New Zealand contingent in August this year. Finally, he acknowledged that the memorial sadly awaits yet another name to be added, due to the

death of an Australian soldier just the week prior to the dedication.

Brigadier Roger Noble DSC, CSC, Australian Army, represented the Australian contingent and talked of the importance of the memorial. In an illustrative coincidence, the close relationship between the ADF and NZDF was epitomised by Brigadier Noble and Colonel Curry giving their national speeches as they formed a close friendship during their attendance at the Australian Command and Staff College in 1999.

General Allen, noted his very personal connection with both Australia and New Zealand. In a moving and personal address he revealed the close connection between his own and his wife's forefathers and the Australian and New Zealand forces in World War Two.

General Allen spoke of how New Zealand and Australia were important contributors to the Coalition, amongst the greatest and hardest fighters. He quipped on the rivalry between the two countries, but was quick to point out though, that from a US perspective, you had to be wary if you were taking on either an Australian or a New Zealander, as you would soon find yourself taking on both, such is the comradeship between the two nations.

During his time as COMISAF General Allen has attended every ramp ceremony and personally recognised the service given by the fallen.

Following the dedication, guests joined for a breakfast Barbeque, cooked by LT COL Jim Bliss, NZ Army, and Colonel Mike Kingsford, Australian Army. For those that were on the paleo diet it was a dream come true. Three different types of meat for breakfast, what could be better?

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NEWS FROM OP RATA II (15) , SOLOMON ISLANDS

THE END IS NEAR... for most Sergeant Sonia Muir

My name is SGT Sonia Muir and I took over as the S1, OP RATA II (16) in September. As I write this, preparations are well underway for the arrival of the FET this week and the RTNZ of our Kiwi soldiers, who have spent the last four months here in the Solomon Islands.

During the last two months our guys and girls have had plenty to keep themselves occupied. They have not only conducted regular QRF rosters with plenty of POM training, completed jungle and survival training, a four day trek across Guadalcanal island called Cross Island Walk, but also the odd charity event thrown in to raise funds for our Fallen Heroes Trust. I was one of six NZ Army personnel from this rotation to have

completed Cross Island Walk. Not for the faint hearted, it was a gruelling four day trek through rugged mountainous jungle from south to north of the Guadalcanal Island, starting from a place called Tangarare and ending in a village called Kakabona, west of Honiara. Our guide was a barefooted Honiara local named Stanley, who used to cross the island as a boy with his dad. He 'machetied' his way in front of us, along a goat track which was largely overgrown and unidentifiable. More often than not, we found ourselves ascending and descending slippery clay vertical cliffs, focusing only on our next hand hold or foot position. It was the kind of terrain you did not want to stop and think too much about in case you lost your footing and/or started to panic. Moving along on hands and knees was the

norm on the most challenging stretches. The views and wildlife were spectacular as we regularly reached 600-800 metres above sea level and the rivers and swimming holes along the way provided much welcome relief from the hot humid climate and an opportunity to rinse our sweat soaked clothes. Miraculously, everyone got through the walk reasonably injury free and it was a great experience to walk a track very few others had.

The Combined Task Force 635 (which includes troops from New Zealand, Australia, Tonga and Papua New Guinea); and the NZ and Australian Police contingents of the RAMSI police force (15 Pacific Island nations contribute police to the RAMSI police force) has been doing their part to help raise funds for the NZ Fallen Heroes Trust. On the 20th September and again on Armistice Day, the Participating Police Force (PPF) organised extremely competitive games of bike polo between the Australian and NZ Police. These were brutal yet very entertaining as the foam polo sticks swiped in all directions, landing everywhere from in bike spokes to across heads and even occasionally they managed to hit the ball. A permanent fixture of a mangled bicycle now hangs from the ceiling of Harry's Bar serving as a constant reminder of what was put on the line to raise funds for these charities. The first match was comfortably won by the Australian Police; however the New Police came back strong to win the Armistice Day match 4-1.

A pentathlon was held on the 30 September, which promised to bring all participants to the brink of endurance and included a tactical cycle course, running, quelling riots, swimming fast and throwing pointy things. Needless to say, all had a great time and it ended with a victory for New Zealand.



PTE Harris-Gagley and a too tired to eat CAPT Washburn during the Cross Island walk

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During the Cross Island walk—cooling off



PTE Gane sporting his Movember number Bransie and SGT Muir

Our current charity event is the Movember competition where all those aspiring Chopper Reads have put their genes to the test and are attempting to grow an impressive mou. This has been hilarious to witness and we have seen everything from a bit of 'strawberry blond' fuzz to full on rather 'sleazy' looking Chopper Reed moustaches. Unfortunately,

loved ones will not get to experience the fruits of their labour when the NZ contingent RTNZ on 30th November, as sadly they will be removed a few days before for their farewell parade. Donations collected from these charity events have been divided between the Australian and NZ Fallen Heroes Trusts.

I must make special mention of 'Barnsie' a former sworn police officer who works here in GBR. Barnsie now 65 years old has been a staunch supporter of us military folk and a driving force behind fund raising events for the families of fallen servicemen. He has applied himself to this with equal vigour regardless whether the 'fallen' are Kiwi's or Australians. We are truly grateful to this true patriotic gentleman.

On the 30th November, our guys and girls (excluding the NSE) will be flying home. The NSE, consisting MAJ Syd Dewes (SNO); CAPT Loane Washburn (OC), LT Ken Nicholson (S2), myself, CPL Rick Ahomiro (VMech), Cpl Chopper Thomas (SupTech), LCPL Matt Harnett (ISOP) and PTE Mara Van der Merwe (IntOp) will be staying on to continue our NZDF presence here in GBR. And a short time after having waved off the platoon, we will be welcoming in MAJ Pat Beath, who will take over from MAJ Syd.

For our guys and girls preparing to RTNZ, the end of their deployment is near, I know they are now counting down the days and their families are preparing for the return of their loved ones in time for the festive season. I would like to wish them all a safe journey home and you all a Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous and Safe New Year!

"The Bugle" Bumper Christmas Edition

**Deadline for your
contributions and
messages from home
and abroad is
6 December, please send
these to Carol Voyce
DSO Burnham, contact
details inside front cover**

CHAPLAIN'S PEN — FROM ABROAD

Padre Stu Hight CRIB 21

Each afternoon at the ADHOC O Group meeting I give a Proverb from the Bible. This is a padre tradition. What I've noticed is how many of them are agriculturally based. Of course in the time they were written the local economy was agrarian so any pearls of wisdom would naturally contain these sorts of references because the people would understand. Well around our environment here in Bamyan we are surrounded by agricultural activity. We have come at the tail end of the potato harvest. There are potato storage sheds built around the place. You see geeps (cross between sheep & a goat) grazing, and of course donkeys being a key form of transportation – especially water.

Recently we have had a taste of what is yet to come – snow. We had a cold snap last week and the novelty of snow lasted about 10 minutes. It was cold, slushy when it melted and made getting in and out of our rooms a challenge.

Our engineers have been busy building around Base. But they, like their predecessors' from recent CRIBs have done projects for other groups in the community around us. Groups like the women's section of the prison, manufacturing a water tower for the orphanage, and building a swing set for the orphanage. A group from base went out & with the help of the children concreted in the swings. The children have been told to keep off them until the concrete sets but kids being kids I'm not so sure that will happen.

Everyone from the contingent wants to help and make a difference here. After all that is what the PRT is all about.

The children at the orphanage are a delight, well mannered and grateful for all that is done for them. They are here as a result of their parents being killed in the previous conflicts, or one parent dying and or marital break ups. The 65 children can stay here right through to university.

When visiting you see the older ones looking after the young ones and the staff interacting well with the children too. For us it's a happy place to visit. Some of our contingent would love to take some of them home with us at the end of the tour. I'm sure it's missing family back home!!



Man selling apples



Digging the holes for the swing



Unloading from the mog



Loading potatoes onto the truck



The swings are all concreted into place

CHAPLAIN'S PEN — FROM ABROAD CONT'D..

LIFE AFTER THE SOLLIES

Chaplain Wayne Toleafoa

Chaplain, OP RATA 16.

By the time you read this article, Rotation 16 OP RATA will have returned to NZ and scattered to the four winds. We will all take away some lasting memories of the Solomons and especially of the people we were privileged to serve with on this the last rotation. Christmas and our loved ones have now become our focus.

My mother used to say, "The best present we can get at Christmas is love". When you're a kid and you hear that, you think: "Oh no! We won't be getting any presents this year!" That was never the case. Each and every year we received bright new exciting presents. But by February many of those exciting presents had found their way into

the "Toy Graveyard" along with all our other broken and neglected toys. In the end, my mother was right. "Love" was the only gift that outlasted all our childhood toys and all the Christmas gifts we gave and received as adults.

The Story of Christ's birth, which is celebrated at Christmas, is about God's enduring love. Through out our lifetimes we receive many gifts. Our health, our material wealth (mine's pretty meagre), our families, our abilities, our many experiences of both joy and sadness, and all this within the setting of the wonderful planet on which we live. We also live on that part of the planet which has been called: "God's own country" or "Godzone". And through all the 'ups' and 'downs' of life – under girding all the gifts we have received, is the love of God. At

Christmas God comes to us – not as a conqueror riding a war horse, or perched on an armoured tank, machine-gun across his chest. No, God comes as a helpless baby in a manger, inviting us to love God, to love our neighbours and to love the world which God has created. That is the meaning of Christmas in a nutshell.

As we enjoy the season of Christmas, may we be mindful of our comrades still serving away from home over the festive season. Mindful of less fortunate people in the places where we have deployed. Mindful of the gifts we each have, but often take for granted.

Wishing you a restful and Blessed Christmas.

Wayne



Christmas comes early for some of the OP RATA contingent about to return home

Images from
New Zealand Defence Force
Service Personnel – making a difference worldwide
2013 CALENDAR
A Deployment Support Services initiative
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New Zealand Defence Force personnel have been deployed on 19 peacekeeping operations, UN Missions and Defence exercises across 10 countries in the past year. They have also played a significant role in assistance to Emergency Services and provision of vital support to local communities following the February devastating Christchurch earthquake.

The role of service personnel varies in their location worldwide, but overall they have made a huge commitment to improving security and stability, contributing towards project identification and assisting or overseeing reconstruction and training activities. Our soldiers have won the "hearts and minds" of many they have met in local communities and are highly respected for their contributions worldwide.

This calendar offers a glimpse of the many locals they have helped along the way and an insight into their lives at home and abroad.

Weft Knitting Co. has sponsored this calendar in support of the role of New Zealand Defence Force Service Personnel who have deployed worldwide in the past year.

Weft is a clothing supplier to the New Zealand Army and has for many years donated humanitarian aid to children in Afghanistan and other third world countries.

Images for this calendar were chosen from those submitted by deployed service personnel and their families and is a 3rd Land Force Group Deployment Support Services initiative, kindly sponsored for the sixth year by Weft Knitting Co., Christchurch.

Submissions for this annual calendar are welcome and may be sent to the sponsor, Weft Knitting Co. Ltd, P.O. Box 7012, Christchurch. For photograph specifications, please refer to www.weft.co.nz under the "Charity" heading before submitting your photographs. Enquiries to Carol Voyce, Deployment Services Officer, Burnham.

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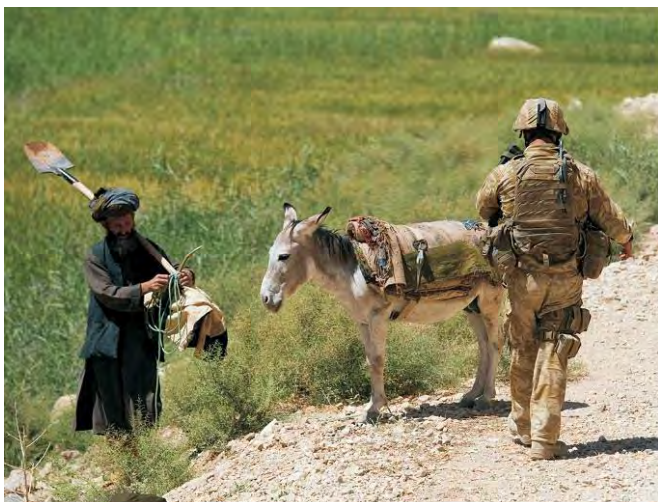
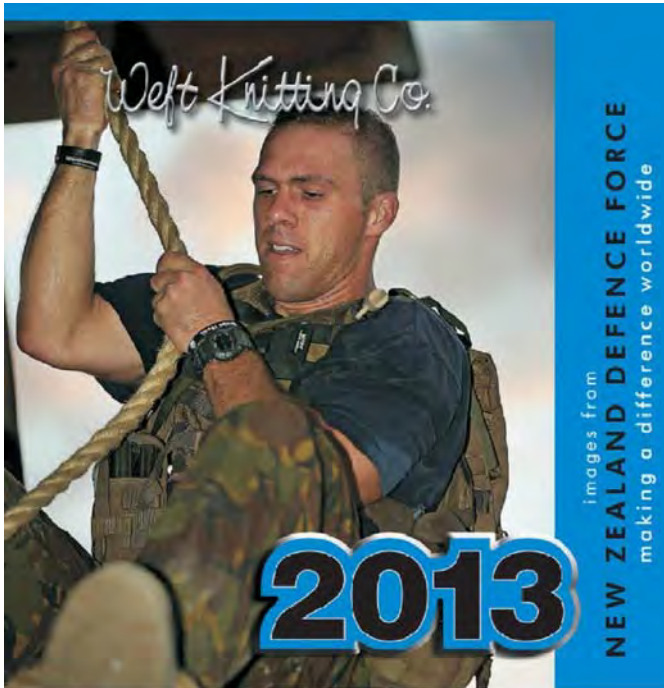
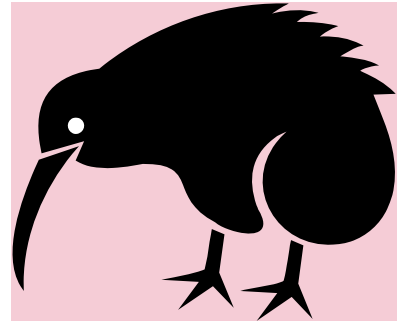
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New Zealand Defence Force Service Personnel — making a difference



DSO'S CORNER



Carol Voyce

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

Greetings to you all. I hope this finds you well and thinking about getting into the spirit of Christmas. I was buying candy canes yesterday to include in packages I was sending to our service personnel abroad and was surprised to hear the Christmas Carols already playing out loudly in-store! November?

My office floor is currently "carpeted" with the most amazing contributions to our OPERATION CHRISTMAS CARD project. I wish you could see the pile. So much

thought and effort has gone into making the most gorgeous creations for sending abroad. Cards with copious amounts of glitter, glue, cotton wool, felt pens, paints and crayons have surrounded me and there are certainly going to be some delighted recipients. Before all the cards are packaged and sent to all missions I have the privilege to check and read every one! I think I mentioned in my last editorial about the amazing letters that some older children have written and the thought put into the words. Some make me laugh and others can bring a slight tear, but there is a common theme acknowledging sacrifice, courage and the ability to make a difference to the lives of others. There are many questions, many cherished thoughts and even numerous comments about how hard it must be to celebrate Christmas without your Mum! - Take note Mums - we are always needed!! To each and everyone of you who contributed - sincere thanks, your efforts will be so much appreciated.

Amidst the office "mess", stacked in a cooler corner, are 4 large boxes of the very best "smelling"



Tiesha from Burnham School puts finishing touches to her Christmas Card

gingerbread men. I am grateful they have been counted, so a test taste, is totally out of the question!

These treats were made by the children of Burnham and Ladbrooks Schools in their Food Technology classes and have been individually wrapped and labelled for service personnel in Afghanistan. These children have excelled in their contributions and I know too that the gingerbread men will be enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Linda and the young people of Burnham and Ladbrooks School who thought of this project and made it happen. I am sure you will send much Christmas cheer across the miles this festive season.

In the other corner of the messy office sits 1000 of our 2013 Deployment calendars. Sponsored by Hugh Douglas of Weft Knitting Company, this calendar has been much sought after and has been distributed worldwide for a number of years now. All tri service personnel who have deployed during this past year will be



Just some of the contributions to OPERATION CHRISTMAS CARD

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recipients of a free calendar thanks to Hugh's generosity and will be forwarded to them through their home Unit. There are a limited number of calendars available for purchase/donation and the funds generated will be given to a specific project in one of our current mission areas. If you wish to order a calendar the order form is in the centre pages of this issue. There are a limited number available so an early order is advised. We are still identifying the project where funds will be directed to but will keep you posted on the outcome.

In yet another corner are the T Shirt samples for our T Shirt campaign. (Thank goodness my doorway is in the fourth corner!!). You will find the order forms for these on the back pages for completion if you wish. The orders are sent directly to the manufacturer and are processed and dispatched from there. This has worked successfully in the past as we were simply overwhelmed with orders which were far too many for this little office to process. The T shirts have always been popular and worn with much pride. A great addition to the Christmas stocking!!

While these projects seem to have taken up a lot of time in recent days, we have been busy doing other things. We have had the pleasure of welcoming home service personnel from Timor-Leste and seeing families reunited once more. Always a happy occasion to be part of! We are planning the safe return too of our team in the Solomon Islands in the near future and look forward to having them back in our midst. Some of our smaller missions have recently rotated and we have welcomed and farewelled all those associated with these deployments. It seems there is always something happening.

Janine and I had the pleasure of attending a Commemorating

Morning Tea at Government House last week, hosted by Their Excellencies, The Governor-General of New Zealand, Lt Gen The Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae and Lady Janine Matearae together with Their Royal Highnesses, The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall. This event was an opportunity for families of New Zealand Fallen Soldiers to join together and was a very special occasion. I had an interesting discussion with Prince Charles about Deployment Support Services and he shared a little insight into the U K services offered to families and the sadness too, that some of them had endured. I felt privileged and humbled to join with this group of people at this time.

There don't seem many free pages in my diary until the year ends. I always look forward to gathering the many contributions for our Christmas issue of "The Bugle" and look forward to receiving your festive messages of Christmas cheer from family and friends by 4 December. In case you are worrying that you won't be able to contact us over the holiday season if the need arises, please be assured that Janine and I will both have our cell phones with us throughout the time our offices are closed and always look forward to hearing from you. Be sure to check our 0800 numbers (inside front cover) and programme them into your cell phones just in case! We will remind you again next issue, but please if there is a need, something that needs clarifying or simply a feeling that this Festive Season does not have the usual family fanfare, then call us. This is part of our reason for being here - for you!

I hope your end of year activities, shopping and celebrations all go to plan and look forward to catching up next issue. Kind regards.



Janine Burton

Deployment Services Officer
1 (NZ) Brigade

@ll morning, prior to sitting at the computer to write this, I have been searching for what I am going to share with our readers. What have we been doing and what is coming up? Well ...

We have welcomed home the GYRO 13 contingent over the past couple of weeks, the final members arriving home at the weekend. I hope that reunions are going well. RATA II(15) are due home at the end of the week and I know that there are many families counting down days or sleeps until they return.

Four years ago, I was very lucky to be part of a welfare team who were able to visit Dili in Timor-Leste and it has always been a goal to visit other deployment locations. Very exciting for me now is the opportunity to fly into the Solomon Islands and return with RATA 15. Really looking forward to this adventure; don't think I will have too much difficulty thinking up material for the next edition!

Carol and I were very privileged earlier this month to be invited to Government House to participate in a morning tea with Their Royal Highnesses, The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, and

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*WO1 Alan Cunningham,
Janine Burton DSO Linton,
Carol Voyce DSO Burnham,
enjoy a conversation with
The Prince of Wales*

Their Excellencies, The Governor-General The Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae and Lady Janine Mateparae when they met with families of New Zealand fallen soldiers. This was a very special occasion for us; we were advised that this morning tea was one of the very first activities Prince Charles confirmed on his itinerary for his New Zealand visit. There were definitely a few nerves among the families, but it was a lovely and relaxed occasion and our dignitaries were very easy to talk to.

Very shortly we will be heading into the Christmas Season. For those with family members in Afghanistan, hopefully you will have already sent your Christmas parcels. If not, suggest you get them away as soon as possible; however at this stage there can't be any guarantees that they will arrive in time – but you never know! For other deployment locations, would also suggest that you look to getting your parcels away very quickly, if they haven't already been posted. Our DVD with Christmas messages for CRIB has been completed and copies are on their way to Kiwi Base Bamiyan and to Bagram. While we didn't have

messages from all families, I'm sure that the Christmas spirit will come through for all.

I also heard that Kate Lukins had an absolutely huge response for her Kiwi Radio project – the largest so far, so thank you to everyone who participated. Look forward to listening in when it is available.

We have our planning underway for our Deployment Family Dinner in Linton on the evening of Wednesday 12 December. While I have sent invitations out to those located in the greater Palmerston North area, it doesn't exclude anyone from coming along. If you are wanting to attend our dinner, I do need to provide number to the Catering section at least a week prior, so RSVPs (adults and children) are essential and are requested to me no later than Tuesday 4 December. It would be wonderful to see you there.

Next on our calendar is the Linton Camp Family Day which will be on Saturday 8 December, 11.00am start in the vicinity of the gymnasium. This is another great community event and we look forward seeing many of our families there. If anyone has any questions about Family Day, give me a call / text – 0800 683 77 327 or 021 649 903.

Next issue of "The Bugle" will be our final for the year and, of course, will be our bumper Christmas edition. If you are wanting to send us through a message for loved ones who will be away this Christmas, how about sending them now; we already have a few to start the ball rolling.

Take care everyone – hope to see many of you at the Family Day, or at our dinner, or even if you want to call in to visit me in my new office space opposite the library (all my furniture has arrived now!).

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

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

RETURN TO NEW ZEALAND SOLOMON ISLANDS DEPLOYMENT

Plans are well underway for the return to New Zealand of service personnel currently deployed to 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.

Complimentary Parking, courtesy of

the Airport authority is available at Christchurch International Airport (Short term Car park only) for those families meeting this flight. On entering the car parking area, you need to take a parking ticket to lift the barrier arm, but when leaving the terminal please proceed directly to the exit and one of our soldiers will swipe you out.

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.

MAIL TO DEPLOYMENT LOCATIONS

A friendly reminder that mail to service personnel abroad, is restricted to parcels of 1kg only. Be sure to keep your receipt and carbon copy of the Customs declaration form in case the parcel does go missing and you need to claim insurance from NZ Post. The

mail system, under Forces Concession Rate is designed to be fair to all and we know from experience that smaller parcels sent frequently have the greatest impact on morale. Your help in keeping to the guidelines given in your Deployment Guide is much appreciated and will avoid the disappointment of having parcels returned to you from the Auckland Mail Centre.

DINING IN

Janine, Marie and Carol will be joining with Units to host several functions in the Burnham, Linton and Trentham areas for families with loved ones deployed. Be sure to check "What's On" in this issue of The Bugle for more information and to RSVP. This opportunity is for all family members with loved ones abroad. If you live close to these venues or are visiting the area we would love to see you.

THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO OPERATION CHRISTMAS CARD



Navy Daycare Over 2's with the cards they made for inclusion in the RSA Christmas packages for deployed NZDF service personnel

Sincere thanks to all those who contributed to OPERATION CHRISTMAS CARD. Padre Brophy and I have enjoyed reading the many great contributions and admiring some fabulous artwork. Your efforts will be much appreciated by all those abroad. Extra special thanks to:

St James School, Aranui
Burnham After School Time
Palmerston Primary School, Otago
Daniella Atkins, Tolaga Bay
Kidsfirst Kindergarten, Burnham
Pearson Family, Te Awamutu
Burnham Preschool and Nursery
Minerva House, Christchurch
Shya Terea, Tokoroa
Base Camp Mt Pleasant School, Christchurch
Mathias O'Sullivan, New Plymouth
Ladbrooks School
Burnham School
Dani Taylor, Auckland
Garston School
St Josephs School, Queenstown
Ilam School, Christchurch

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WHAT'S ON IN TRENTHAM

2 DECEMBER

WELLINGTON DEFENCE AREA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 2 December, Davis Field

Contact marie.lotz@nzdf.mil.nz or angela.lewer@nzdf.mil.nz for details



13 DECEMBER

DEPLOYMENT MORNING TEA

Thursday 13 December, Trentham Military Camp, Clock Tower, 10.00am

Come and enjoy a little pre Christmas cheer. All welcome. Any queries, contact Marie Lotz (04) 527 5029.

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WHAT'S ON IN BURNHAM

4 DECEMBER

BURNHAM TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

4 December, 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

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, WO's & Sgt's 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 WO's and Sgt's 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

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WHAT'S ON IN AUCKLAND

16 DECEMBER

FLEET CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 16 December

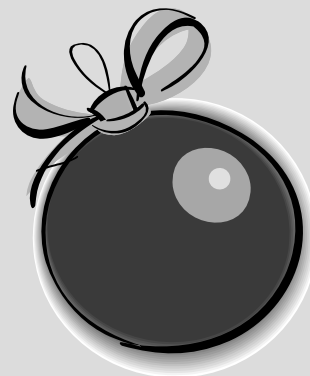
**10.00am—2.00pm, Ngataringa Sports Field,
Jim Tictchener Parade**

Cost: \$5 per child listed on Atlas

Come to the NCO with cash to purchase your tickets. NO EFTPOS available.

Tickets go on sale 5th November—10th December.

THERE WILL BE NO DOOR SALES. Phone: 0800 NAVY HELP for any queries



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WHAT'S ON IN LINTON

8 DECEMBER

LINTON FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Saturday 8 December, 11.00am—3.00 pm Next to the
Gymnasium, Linton Military Camp**

Large water slide, Merry-go-round, Chair-o-plane, huge obstacle course—
"Mission Impossible", Bouncy Castles, lolly scramble, unit BBQs, and of
course Santa will be visiting.

For further information, please contact Janine Burton DSO Linton



12 DECEMBER

DEPLOYMENT FAMILY DINNER

Wednesday 12 December, 6.00pm

WOs & Sgts Mess, Linton Camp

Hosted by our Commander, Colonel Chris Parsons, this an opportunity for us to acknowledge the wonderful support our families give to loved ones on overseas deployments.

A night off cooking and doing the dishes! What could be better?

RSVPs are essential – please call / text Janine (DSO Linton) on 0800 683 77 327 or 021 649 903.

PERSONAL MESSAGES



The deadline for contributions and personal messages for the next edition of "The Bugle" is **6 December 2012 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

Mouse, Dyl, Bear and Nanna Mac.

Love you all heaps. The support you give me over here is beyond words. As the songs go, *"Have yourself a Merry little Christmas"*, *"I'll be home for Christmas - even if it is in my dreams"*. Love, Dad (#1 son).

To Cookie, SLR, Mum & the rest

Love you All, see ya soon. Johnno.

To the BFPWA & Princess

Not long and be home. Love.Dog.

Merry Xmas OB1, 2, 3, 4 JAW, CJ , Skip, Mum and Brian

Miss you all. Not long now til we're home. Have a good Xmas and New Years. Luv you all, ME!

'To Luscious, Fluffybun and the Jonsta

Over halfway now so feeling I'm getting closer to you all every day. Keeping busy here with lots of valuable work and meeting lots of very committed and brave people. Thinking about you getting into summer helps keep me warm here as it's getting icy cold now. Your parcels are always a thrill to receive - please do keep them coming! Love, hugs and kisses John/Dad XXX.

From Home

Happy Birthday NATIA!

We all hope you are having a wonderful day and that someone is able to sing Happy Birthday to you, I should have sent you a singing card just in case. Just want you to know we all love you and are proud of what you are doing, see you in

our next letter. Lots of love Pippy and Manaia xx.

Scrumptious

Hope it's everything that you wanted and you are enjoying the experience. Don't worry about anything back home, the new venture is underway and is going to be great. We both love you and can't wait to have our Mumma back... cause we're sick of the vacuum cleaner. Love you Crumpet!.

Och aye the nool

Well not quite just yet but NY is not that far away eh SB? And over half way through the trip too! Meanwhile, just wanted to wish you a great Christmas; make the most of whatever you guys can manage. Miss you heaps and love you more! Yours, FC. Xxx.

Dear John

Miss you heaps. Have a Happy Christmas and great birthday on Jan 11th. Love Nana.

Keep those messages coming!

Mum and I really look forward to them. My apologies for cutting you off accidentally on the 17th! Do hope your parcel arrives soon. You're in our thoughts each and everyday. Love you heaps. Mum, Nan and Vader.

Dearest Tolly

Hope you had a great BD. Not long to go now, until you return home. We are starting to count the days/hours now. We will be waiting at the airport for you, even though you may be the only one on the plane when it lands. I wonder what surprises we will have in store when we see you. The Princess is really looking forward to seeing Daddy. You will notice how much

she has changed since you left and her new clothes LOL. The Princess can't wait to show you her new toys. Not long till we go on holiday. I'm looking forward to handing over the lawnmower and the wheelie bin for you to do when you get home. Can't wait to see you in person and all the pressies you have got us. Lots of Love Jen & Jasmine xoxoxo.

Hey Ryan

Two months down. Time is going faster than expected. Great to get your phone calls. The skype was even better. Good to see your smiling face. Very proud of you. Love you heaps. Mum and Dad. Just wanted to drop in and tell you we miss your visits heaps, particularly miss your verbal catch ups with your cousin. Can't wait till you get home again! Baking on the way this weekend. Lots of love and special thoughts. Aunty Jill, Kendra and Ethan XXXXOOOO.

Hey my hunk'a'spunk, kei te pehea koe?

Here's a lil "comment" for ya, hee hee. Love you to infinity! Your Princess xoxo.

Hi Darling

Missing ya at home always thinking of u - ur next parcel have got sum good old kiwi goodies hope u enjoy them. We've been productive today we make cookies and layla decorated them she did couple paintings for u. Don't get to used to not having us around cus it won't be long till we're together in the same house again. We will hear from u soon enuff btw boys jess b'day 5th December don't forget, well if this comes out soon HAPPY 25TH BIRTHDAY! Love u lots layla and me xxxxxxxx.

Peacekeeper T-shirts

SPREAD THE WORD!

Show your support for loved ones deployed overseas by proudly wearing one of our T-shirts. This campaign has proved very successful over the years. They make wonderful gifts and children and adults alike, wear their T-shirts with much pride.

Because of the number of orders anticipated and our limited resources, the orders and packaging and post will be undertaken by the supplier. Payment must be made at time of ordering. For any general enquiries, please contact Carol Voyce (DSO Burnham) on 0800 33 75 69.

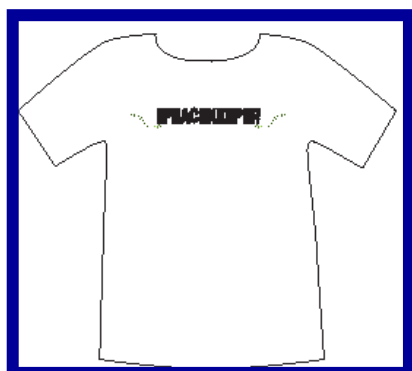
Orders close **5 December** with delivery expected by **21 December**. Please note we are unable to process orders received after this date, so be in early!!

Design A (Children's sizing only)



Design B

Available on: White, Grey, Light Blue (Adult sizing only)



Design C (Children & Adult sizing)

Available on:
White, Grey,
Light Blue



T-shirt Order Form

Please use the form below to place your order.

Send your completed order form with cheque firmly attached to:
XCM Group Limited, P.O. Box 7528, Sydenham, Christchurch

Orders close:
5 December

Peacekeeper T-shirts

Please complete the following details clearly:

NAME: _____

RESIDENTIAL/DELIVERY ADDRESS:

Postcode: _____

Contact Phone No: _____

Amount: _____

Please add postage and handling cost of: **\$5.00**

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____
(GST Inclusive)

CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO:
XCM GROUP LTD

Payment may be made to XCM Group Ltd
(National Bank 060889-0293089-00).

Please note: If using this option, make reference with the surname used on your order form and indicate on that form that you have used this method for payment and the date that payment was made.

CHILDRENS	\$17.00 each		
Design A	White	Sky Blue	Red
2			
4			
6			
8			
10			
12			
14			
Design C	White	Grey	Light Blue
2			
4			
6			
8			
10			
12			
14			
ADULTS	\$20.00 each		
Design B	White	Grey	Light Blue
S			
M			
L			
XL			
2XL			
3XL			
Design C	White	Grey	Light Blue
S			
M			
L			
XL			
2XL			
3XL			

CHILDRENS	2	4	6	8	10	12	14
Half Chest (cm)	35	38	40	43	45	48	51
Ladies equivalent	-	-	-	8	10	12	14

ADULTS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Half Chest (cm)	54	56	58	60	62	64