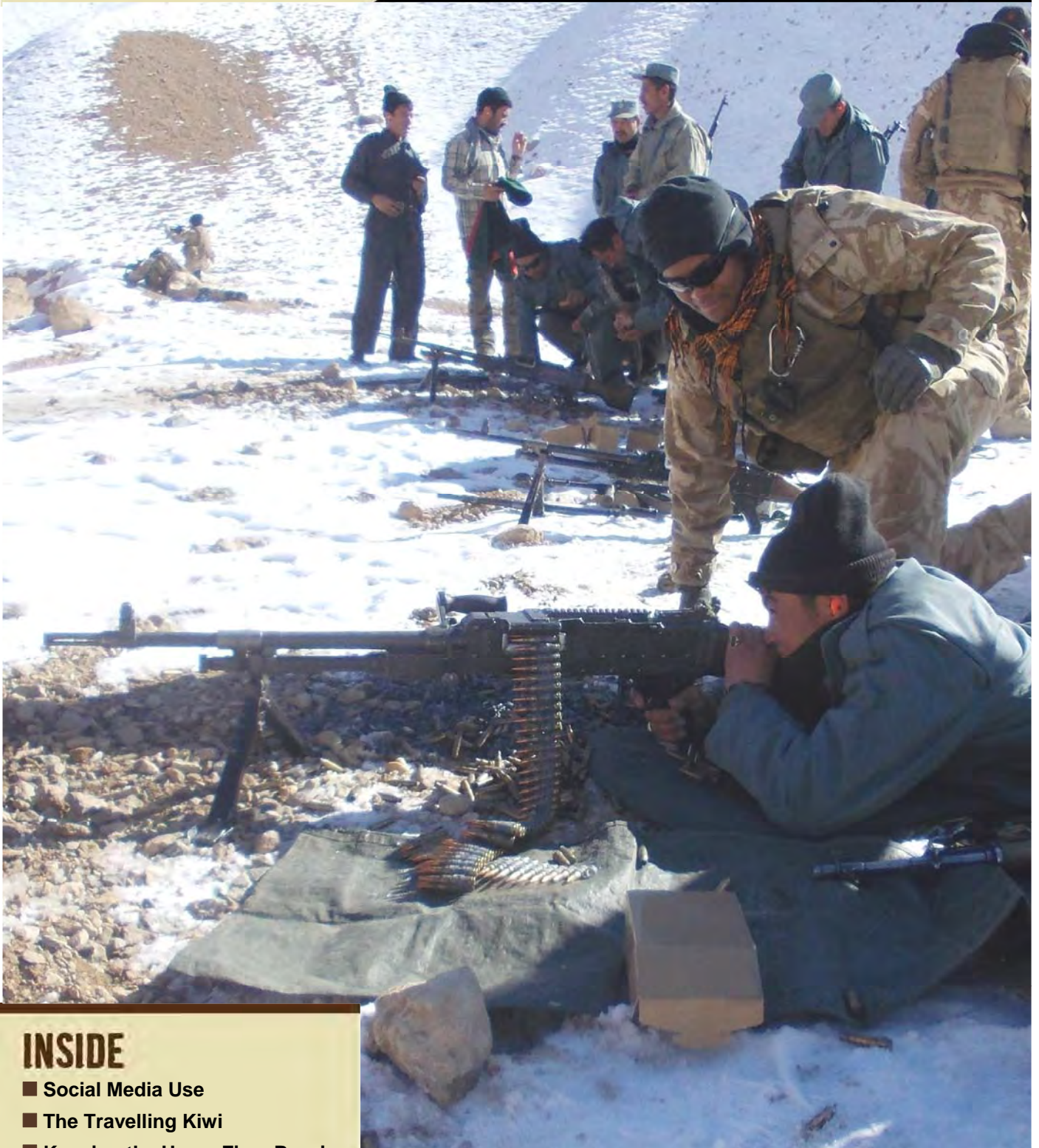


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PTE Sandys mentoring Afghanistan National Police on machine gun marksmanship / Bamyán Province.

# GUEST EDITORIAL

## SOCIAL MEDIA USE AND SECURITY

Mr Peter Jackson

Assistant Director Security Risk and Assurance

### Security – what is it?

In a NZDF context, security is 'the condition achieved when designated information, materiel, personnel, activities and installations are protected against espionage, sabotage, subversion and terrorism, as well as against loss or unauthorised disclosure'.



### How is this relevant to me?

Security is the responsibility of everyone in the NZDF family. In addition to members of the Defence Force, we encourage our families to be involved too. A proactive individual and collective approach is essential if we are to successfully identify and counteract the security threats to the NZDF.

### Is there really a security threat?

Yes. While we can't go into detail here, there are threat actors (such as foreign intelligence services and issue motivated groups) who, for reasons contrary to NZDF's interests, wish to learn more about our organisation than is officially in the public domain.

A significant vulnerability, and one also noted by our military counterparts overseas, is the use of social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Skype, etc. These sites are great for staying in touch with family and friends (especially when deployed), but they also represent a very real security risk because of the potential for unauthorised disclosure of sensitive, possibly classified, NZDF-related information and images. Threat actors have been known to target social media sites, including pages belonging to NZDF members.

### What can I do to help?

Firstly, ensure your account's privacy and security settings are as tight as possible.

Don't discuss NZDF information or post NZDF-related images on personal or group social networking pages.

Switch off application functionality which could give away your location (especially if deployed).

Decline 'Friend' invitations from people you don't know personally.

Report any incident (online or offline) which may have security implications for NZDF.

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## NEWS FROM AFGHANISTAN

### Colonel Paul Curry SNO OP KEA, Afghanistan

Now that Christmas and New Year have passed, it is timely that I give an update on the NZDF personnel posted to OP KEA in Kabul. The Kiwi team here is small and is the NZ contribution to the HQ of the International Security Assistance Force.

Life in the HQ is not uncomfortable. While it is within high walls, barbed wire and guard towers it is well established and in many ways like a small village.

HQ ISAF is the senior HQ in Afghanistan and commands just under 100,000 troops from 50 different nations – most of which are represented at HQ ISAF. This makes it an interesting place to work as we learn the ways and military cultures of a range of nations.

Most of our work focuses on the NATO roles we fill but all pitch in to meet national requirements. Airport pickups/drop offs, facilitating NZDF visitors and freight, national reporting and supporting the NZ Ambassador, all add variety in

addition to representing New Zealand issues at the strategic level of HQ ISAF.

While most of the team are staff officers, the glue that holds the KEA Team together is SSGT Jody Wanoa who combines the role of personal protection officer, driver, CQMS, training officer, range conducting officer and weekly group hug coordinator. Jody is the only member of OP KEA solely focused on NZ issues. Recently he ran a NZ range practice at an Afghan military range where we had the opportunity to use the weapons we carry 24/7 and maintain our close range shooting skills.

While Jody took leave over the Christmas period, LCPL Ryan Gilbert and TPR Charles Waterer deployed to Kabul from Bamyán for a few weeks in the big smoke. Gilly and Charles fitted into the city groove easily and quickly adapted to the Kabul driving conditions. During their short Tour of Duty they were able to meet several senior ISAF staff including General Allen and ISAF Command Sergeant Major Thomas Capel.

Christmas Day in Kabul was a quiet affair with the Kiwis meeting for a waffle and coffee late breakfast and mystery gift exchange. The Chief Wafflers were LTCDR Kelly Ashton-Kells and Jane Carr, a NZ contractor in the HQ. Most of us had skyped or phoned home earlier in the morning so we had all touched base with NZ. Later in the day many returned to their work stations to stay on top of work issues as operations had slowed but not ceased.

New Year's Eve was an even quieter affair with our weekly Kiwi hui being followed by dinner together – no late nights. New Year's Day was low tempo and a chance to complete some admin or PT.

Perhaps the best feature of the holiday period was the Kabul premiere of *The Hobbit*. Thanks to the support of Sir Peter Jackson, the movie made its way to Kabul via Bamyán and Bagram where NZ troops and friends had a chance to view it. We held a number of viewings during the Christmas period and we also conducted a private viewing for Commander ISAF, GEN John Allen, who is a Lord of the Rings fan. Prior to the private viewing GEN Allen met all the Kiwis posted to HQ ISAF.

All who saw the movie gave it good reviews and were grateful that Sir Peter Jackson and the NZDF had gone to the effort of sending it to Afghanistan. Our special thanks go to MAJ Bassett for giving up his Christmas to bring it to Afghanistan.

The withdrawal of the NZ PRT in Bamyán will make the next few months a busy time for all NZDF personnel in Afghanistan. I know the team in Bamyán is looking forward to returning home after a job well done. But that will not be the end of the NZDF presence here - the team at the HQ in Kabul will remain for some time yet so NZ will

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still be represented here in HQ ISAF.

I must also highlight the NZ NSE at Bagram Air Base. The NSE are the heavy lifters of our presence here in many ways, having to support all NZ troops in theatre, satisfy everyone in different time zones at short notice and work within a massive US system, the scale of which has to be seen to be believed. Many thanks to the NSE and to our OP TROY team in Dubai who provide the external logistic link to us.

To all our families, friends and the NZDF team who are supporting us, a big thanks and we appreciate all of it. I must also acknowledge the support of the RSA and various schools who sent Christmas packages and cards. I know all in Afghanistan appreciated the effort and were grateful for your support.

## WORKING WITH THE AFGHANISTAN NATIONAL POLICE

### Senior NCO's of KT3

The NZ PRT's main effort in Afghanistan is to prepare the ANSF for transitioning into full control of our AO, and to lessen their dependence on the ISAF forces



*After the days training*

within the Bamyán area. Kiwi Team Three (KT3) helped support this mission by living, eating and working with the Afghanistan National Police (ANP) for a seven day period in Bamyán Province.

*“Overall living with the ANP was an experience we will always remember; the Afghan National Police were very welcoming, friendly and hospitable.”*

Over this seven day period Kiwi Team Three taught a range of lessons to local ANP situated at the ANP station and to various ANP check points around Bamyán Township, as well as building a rapport with the local ANP commanders and setting up future training opportunities for the rest of the tour. The ANP were taught vehicle and personnel searching in detail, various map reading lessons, application of machine gun fire and weapon drills culminating in a combined NZDF/ANP range day to practice their newfound skills. During the day and night, Kiwi Team Three also conducted dismounted and mounted partnered



*KT3 and local ANP after a joint shoot at the range*

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*KT3 takes on local ANP in a friendly game of volleyball*

patrols with the ANP to assess their skill level and to see what can be done to improve their capabilities.

The ANP approached these lessons and patrols with enthusiasm and participated to 100%, until it was lunch time then it was time to knock off and play volleyball with mixed teams and, at times, extremely loose interpretations of the rules. We challenged ANP to daily volleyball competitions throughout the time we stayed in their compound and during our visit to one of the check points as well.

Living with the ANP was a very unique experience. Fourteen of us lived in one room originally intended for use as an office. It was extremely cramped meaning we had to sleep shoulder to shoulder and feet to feet across the room, making sentry rotations a team sport of hurdles, triple jumps and, at times, diving that would make Olympiads proud.

Initially there was no heating, light or power so we relied on spooning and sidewinder torches to play cards and keep warm. We had purchased a gas heater from the local bazaar after the first night to aid in heating our room which was eventually moved to the sentry annex to battle the bitter temperatures

in the dead of the night. Spare time during the day was occupied by long chat sessions with the ANP, downing litres of chai (green tea), reading books and playing cards which quickly became fiercely competitive. PTE Witana showed exceptional tactical skills on the chessboard when facing our patrol commander LT Martin – when he was victorious it was noted he didn't leave any of his pawns behind.

Using the compound's toilets was an experience that will not be quickly forgotten by any member of KT3 for reasons I will leave open to the imagination in kindness to the readers. Short-drop would be the most accurate description.

Overall living with the ANP was an experience we will always remember; the Afghan National Police were very welcoming, friendly and hospitable. They showed a high level of professionalism, their skills were developed to a high standard and they continue to show a keen desire to work with us in order to ensure they are as prepared as possible for our inevitable withdrawal. All of us in KT3 look forward to a productive remainder of the tour.

## REGARDS FROM THE NSE TEAM AT BAGRAM

**MAJ Gareth Jones**  
**New Zealand National Support Element, Bagram, Afghanistan**

When you read this, we will be well past the half way point of our deployment. In some ways, the time has flown by, and it only seems a few days ago that we were celebrating Christmas.

Christmas for us here in Bagram was a relatively quiet affair. Christmas Eve saw the Bagram premiere of *The Hobbit* – thanks to Sir Peter for sending this over, as well as Major Bassett for giving up his Christmas to escort it. We didn't formally announce the showing to the wider camp – however, word quickly spread, resulting in a full cinema.

We spent Christmas morning in the office clearing urgent work whilst listening to the sounds of Armed Forces Radio, with an interlude watching the Christmas DVD messages from home. For lunch we had a BBQ with lamb and salads along with an unannounced visit from one of Santa's helpers



(Owen dressed in his onesie reindeer suit) standing on the back of a ute, distributing presents. During the day everyone managed to get some phone or Skype time with loved ones. Later in the day Owen, Scratch and Scotty visited the hospital (Owen still in his

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onesie and Scotty in a onesie of 'Domo' – where do guys get these things?) to spread kiwi joy and gifts. The hospital staff still comment on the visit, especially the outfits.

Since Christmas, we have had a couple of dumps of snow. The snow creates a temporary winter wonderland, followed shortly after by something that resembles a swamp as the snow melts. The climate here is quite extreme. When we arrived, it was very hot and dusty. Now it is cold and muddy. We do have some respite at night though when everything is cold and frozen.

Well, it isn't long now until our replacements will be arriving and we will be winging our way home. See you soon.

Regards from the team at NSE Bagram and Kandahar.

## STILL MUCH TO DO

**LT COL Sholto Stephens**  
**CO CRIB 21**

Many of us are looking at the calendars across here and asking ourselves "where has January gone?" - The time seems to be racing by for all of us as we start looking at our final months and weeks across here. We continue to work closely with the Afghans here; it is dawning on all of us that once

we have gone they truly are standing on their own two feet, covering all of Bamiyan Province which contains half a million people. Even though it is the middle of winter here the Patrols continue to operate and train hard. All of the team remain very focused on these final months.

The training team deserve special mention here; they have been working long and hard to get the Afghan National Security Forces ready for whatever challenges the Northern Hemisphere summer brings.



*Afghan Police undergo a training scenario to clear a compound of Insurgents. The 'A-Team' van in the foreground sports the colours of the Royal New Zealand Engineers*

Their mission doesn't end when they get on a plane to travel home to NZ. The proof of their work will be how well the Afghan Security Forces here, mostly Policemen, can handle various security threats without the 'PRT Big Brother' watching over their shoulder in

case they get into trouble. We continue to be amazed at how quickly the Afghans learn new skills that they know will help them throughout 2013.

In January many of the personnel on CRIB were awarded their NATO ISAF Afghanistan Medal.



This medal is awarded in recognition of service with NATO here in Afghanistan; in addition all of our people will also be awarded a New Zealand Afghanistan Service Medal when they get home. Colonel Paul Curry, our Senior National Officer, travelled to Bamiyan to present the NATO medals to more than 70 of our team.

It was a good time to remind ourselves of the reasons why we are here and the need to stay vigilant and focused right until we step onto the plane that will take us home to New Zealand. As always the memorial to our fallen was in the foreground to serve as a reminder of the cost of our



*A Kiwi Team Patrol practice working closely with one of their HMMWV's ('Hummers')*



*Padre Hight is presented the NATO ISAF Medal from COL Curry*

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commitment to Bamyān this past decade.

We should shortly be able to start advising many families of the likely return dates of your loved ones.

He tini mano ringa ka oti ai.

*"As always, we ask you to be cognisant of the security implications of this information. As soon as we have some confirmed details Janine, Carol and Marie will start to promulgate these dates direct to you all".*

## NEWS FROM OP RATA II (16) , SOLOMON ISLANDS

### THE TRAVELLING KIWI

**PTE Mara Van Der Merwe**  
**OP RATA, Solomon Islands**

At the time of writing this article, we are pondering on how it is that time flies at a faster rate than in New Zealand. At the time of writing this, my 'time remaining' calendar reads 70% complete so the theory of island time is being contested. Since the last publication, we have been recovering from all the festivities of Christmas and New Years and are now getting ready to host Australia Day for our Aussie comrades.

And while considering how to make a memorable Solomon's Australia Day, I realised that I have forgotten to mention a very special member

of the NSE contingent. I will endeavour to make up for it.

The member who has been left in the shadows is the honorary, well travelled and audacious Kiwi. Now there is more to the story than that; we rely on this member for morale and simply put, 'a good time'. It's the never faltering positive and daring outlook that inspires us all.

A little bit of background, for which I had to resort to an interview with its guardian - Chopper (AKA the NSE S4).

Kiwi is three years old and is based at Linton Military Camp. Kiwi has a brother and they both reside with his adopted family. He was originally bought as a kiwiana, or rather a mascot, to accompany

Zarn and 1 RNZIR to Australia for Exercise Hamel. And so the little mascot has been travelling ever since.

Places he has visited include: New Zealand's North Island, East Timor and now also the Solomon Islands.

Kiwi has also attended many events such as concerts and enjoys unique experiences. These experiences are for the hard core sorts and include rides in a Black Hawk and Chinook, to name just two.

Kiwi is not only a companion and adventurer but he is also qualified in pack marching, driving (all types of military vehicles) and shooting. His expertise is what got him his place on this tour. However, where Kiwi really excels is rapport building, public relations, morale-building and maintenance; and he is a keen party animal for which there is a lot of documented evidence.

Since our arrival in the 'Sollies' in Autumn 2012, Kiwi has travelled far and wide. He has travelled to our favourite beach Visale, a number of times for various occasions such as farewelling our former Deputy Commander (and Senior National Officer) and to visit our local friends. Savo Island was a memorable trip for Kiwi, for having to distract us from the worst hour of our lives on the rockiest boat ever! He has hitched a ride up to China falls and has visited the Japanese War memorial to pay tribute to the fallen of World War II.





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***Kiwi consoling Robin (former S6) on our way to Savo***

Now, as I mentioned before, Kiwi knows how to have a good time and uplift spirits. He is now a very close confidant to the CO and certainly set the tone for both the Christmas and New Year's parties.

He is currently liaising with the Kiwi Police members to organise the celebrations for Waitangi Day. Be on the lookout for Kiwi in the background in the next publication.



***Kiwi on the China Falls walk***



***New Year's, Kiwi team dressed up as the henchman from James Bond: Moonraker (and the CO as Horatio Cane)***



***Kiwi indulging in Michelle's (Kiwi Police) cocktail, while we are on the dry***



***Kiwi with his fellow travelling brethren, Grumpy (left) and Nom Nom (right)***



# CHAPLAIN'S PEN — FROM ABROAD



## Padre Stu Hight CRIB 21

Valentine's Day has evolved to what we have today but began near Rome in about the year 270 AD. St Valentine was a priest at that time, when the church was enduring great persecution.

Legend has it that St Valentine was persecuted as a Christian and interrogated by Roman Emperor Claudius II. The Emperor was impressed by Valentine and had a discussion with him, attempting to get him to convert to Roman paganism and so save his life. Valentine refused and in turn tried to convert Claudius to Christianity.

Because of this, he was executed. But before his execution, he is reported to have performed a miracle by healing Julia, the blind daughter of his jailer Asterius. The jailer's daughter and his forty-four member household (family members and servants) came to believe in Jesus Christ and were baptized. In addition to this, Saint Valentine is said to have performed secret Christian weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry by the Emperor in order to grow his army, believing that married men did not make for good soldiers. To "remind them of God's love and to encourage them to remain faithful Christians," Saint

Valentine is said to have cut hearts from parchment, giving them to the soldiers and persecuted Christians, a possible origin of the widespread use of hearts on Saint Valentine's Day. On the evening before Valentine was to be executed, he wrote the first "valentine" card, addressed to the daughter of his jailer Asterius, who was no longer blind, signing it "Your Valentine." This expression "From your Valentine" is still used to this day.

While history is interesting, Valentine's Day is an opportunity to say to those we love – how much we appreciate & value them, by being a bit romantic. Now I have to say that I don't practice what I preach here. My wife's birthday is on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> so we have never really embraced Valentine's Day. However being on this deployment has changed my thinking. I think being apart from Chris for so long the saying, 'Absence makes the heart grow fonder' has relevance. So Chris, Happy Valentine's Day!

## DID YOU KNOW?



**T**he Kiwi as an emblem first appeared late last century in New Zealand regimental badges. Badges of the South Canterbury Battalion in 1886 and the Hastings Rifle Volunteers in 1887 both featured Kiwis. Later, Kiwis appeared in a great number of military badges. In 1887 the new Auckland University College (opened 1883) featured on their Coat of Arms three Kiwis, symbolising the confinement of the Kiwi to the islands of New Zealand. Students of the University in 1905, began publishing a magazine called "The Kiwi" which survived until the mid 1960s. The Kiwi symbol began to be recognised internationally in 1906 when Kiwi Shoe Polish was launched in Melbourne by a man with a New Zealand born wife. The polish was widely marketed in Britain and the USA during World War 1 and later. By 1908, Kiwis were appearing in numerous sporting, political, and other newspaper cartoons.

During the First World War, New Zealanders carved a giant Kiwi on the chalk hill above Sling Camp in England. In Flanders during the war, the name "Kiwi" for New Zealand soldiers came into general use. By the Second World War, the Kiwi was synonymous with New Zealand Servicemen overseas. During the war, the Kiwi Concert Party toured many battle areas. The Kiwi (New Zealand Army) Football Team which toured the British Isles, France and Germany in 1945-46 also enhanced the emblem's popularity. Today, New Zealanders overseas (and at home) are still invariably called "Kiwis". The Kiwi is still closely associated with the Armed Forces. The New Zealand dollar is often referred to as the "The Kiwi" and the kiwi fruit is known as a "Kiwi" in some countries. Kiwis feature in the coat of arms, crests and badges of many New Zealand cities, clubs and organisations.

# OP ANTARCTIC 2012/13



*Hercules NZ7004 on the ice on 25 October*

**Our Defence Force support to Antarctica New Zealand and the US Antarctic Programme for the current summer season (2012/13) is underway. Around 200 NZDF personnel in total will support the mission at various stages this season.**

## **RNZAF Support**

The first of six planned RNZAF C-130 flights, which move supplies and personnel to and from the Ice, departed for the Ice on 19 October. The subsequent five planned flights were completed in early November.

Our Air Force is also scheduled to conduct seven B757 flights to the Ice this season, while an RNZAF Airdrop Rigging Team will provide assistance to a C-17 airdrop during the summer.

In addition, this year the RNZAF is to attach ten staff to the US Air National Guard to assist with maintenance of their ski-equipped LC-130 aircraft, over the period 02 December –30 January 2013. Up to two people will deploy for two week periods during this time.

The RNZAF also provides search and rescue standby, and emergency recovery capabilities, to support US aircraft operations.

The Harewood Terminal Team in Christchurch has been busy since October supporting USAF and RNZAF flights to Antarctica. The

team is responsible for the loading and unloading of flights as well as passenger processing, and will operate continuously throughout the season. The team comprises 22 NZDF personnel.

A tri-Service team of eight deployed to Scott Base at the beginning of October, where the NZDF personnel fill a number of key roles such as plant maintenance, cargo handling, operations co-ordination and continuous watch-keeping communications support. All personnel completed their field skills training once on the Ice, and then took up their new roles.

A New Zealand Army Light Engineering Team is to deploy in January to carry out a number of construction, deconstruction and repair projects in the McMurdo

area. These projects ensure essential facilities and equipment can withstand the harsh winters, and safeguards the environment.

The mission will peak in February during the annual Supply Ship Off-load, where NZDF personnel will work round the clock alongside US staff, in 24 hour daylight and freezing temperatures, to unload shipping containers and move cargo to McMurdo and Scott Bases.

Senior National Officer, Acting Lieutenant Commander Barry Holmes, said Defence Force personnel are keen to play their part in making it a successful season. "Antarctica is one of the Defence Force's specialist areas of operation, utilising the right people and equipment to cope with the challenging environment. We have a great working relationship supporting Antarctica NZ and the US Antarctic Programme. The Defence Force has a long standing commitment having been involved in Antarctica for over 50 years, helping New Zealand to support the Antarctic Treaty and associated peaceful scientific programmes to safeguard this pristine environment."

*Source: Air Force News, Dec 12*



*The NZDF Harewood Terminal Team stand in front of NZ7004 on 8 November*



#### LIEUTENANT KATHRYN HILL

***Kia ora from Afghanistan! I am a member of the New Zealand National Support Element based at Bagram Airbase, which is a 90-minute drive north of Kabul, the Afghan capital.***

Our mission is to provide logistical and administrative support for the New Zealand Defence Force's operations in Afghanistan, whether these be in Kabul, Bamyán or elsewhere in this South Asian country. This support includes everything from procuring supplies and equipment, booking flights and other transport, and arranging accommodation and finance. No two days are the same!

I spend most of my time interacting with the Americans and the foreign contractors on base to ensure we get the support we need and to keep things running smoothly. After spending some

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time at HQ Joint Forces in Trentham Military Camp, my current role is a logical progression for me. It also means I already know a little Army speak. Now I just have to learn how to talk like an American!

With around 40,000 American and international personnel living here at Bagram, our relatively small group of Kiwis gets a fair bit of attention. US personnel are keen to work with the Kiwis and are very interested in our country. They ask us so many questions we sometimes feel like we are working in a travel agency. Thankfully, our friends and family ply us with care packages, enabling us to share with them New Zealand delicacies such as Jet Planes, onion soup dip and Twisties.

Bagram is a hive of activity 24/7. After a few weeks here, we've all grown used to the deafening roar of the C-17 transport aircraft, the A-10 straight-wing jet aircraft and the AC-130 Spectre gunships taking off at night. We have a few luxuries, I must admit. There is the Base Exchange (which sells food and

basic clothes), Pizza Hut and Burger King outlets, and a Green Bean café. I have no doubt they will help us endure the portaloos, the lukewarm showers, the ever-present dust and the odd rocket attack (usually at 0530) over our six months here. I had braced myself for this before coming here. And on the plus side, my present office does not rock from side to side, like it would be if I were at sea.

One of my memorable tasks so far saw me going to the bank, armed to the teeth and in full armour. When I get back to New Zealand, I will have to get used again to not carrying arms all the time and driving on the right side of the road at speeds of over 25kph.

We've got a busy time ahead as the New Zealand Defence Force's mission in Bamyán winds down. We're all looking forward to the challenge and the clean-up. As I write this postcard, Christmas is coming and the Base Exchange has already put up its Christmas tree. Our welfare parcels from the RSA have just arrived and I can almost smell the Pineapple Lumps.



#### SURGEON LIEUTENANT JOHN NORTH

***My first few weeks in Bamyán, as Medical Officer in the Regimental Aid Post at Kiwi Base, were extraordinary. I found striking contrasts to New Zealand from the moment I and the rest of CRIB 21 — the final deployment of the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team (NZPRT)— arrived in late September. The differences are so stark, from the uniformly brown and barren valleys, hills and mountains and the dry dust that covers everything everywhere, especially when helicopters are about to land or lift off, to the rarefied air at 2800m altitude, which takes a few days to acclimatise to.***

After 10 years, the NZPRT is winding down its activities in Afghanistan. The focus of CRIB 21 is to facilitate and enable Afghan forces to assume

## POSTCARD FROM BAMYAN

effective control of security in Bamyán so that provincial authorities can continue rebuilding their communities after the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) withdraws in 2013.

As head of the medical team, which is also comprised of a Senior Nursing Officer and a Senior Medic, I supervise our three medics who are attached to the patrol teams. I also look after the health care of about 250 people at Kiwi Base. This includes NZDF personnel as well as Canadian police, US service personnel, and Afghan interpreters and contractors who form part of the Provincial Reconstruction Team. I liaise with the 30-strong Malaysian medical contingent, which trains local health providers and representatives of health organisations in Bamyán town and its outlying villages. These interactions help reinforce productive relationships with Afghan communities and develop the skills of local health care providers.

Apart from the usual sport or physical training-related injuries, viral gastroenteritis, which is endemic here, comprised most of the cases we have dealt with so far. As winter approaches and the mercury starts to drop towards

an expected minus 25 degrees Celsius, we expect an increased incidence in respiratory tract infections and skin problems due to the extreme atmospheric dryness.

Kiwi Base consists of cosy wooden huts, whose walls bear the distinguishing marks and memorabilia of 20 previous CRIBS. There is a well-equipped gym for those who prefer to work out indoors rather than, or in addition to, run laps around the base perimeter or climb what New Zealand soldiers have aptly named the "PT Hill". The steep hill poses a tough fitness challenge but those who succeed in reaching the top are rewarded with a spectacular view over Bamyán Valley and the craggy, snow-capped mountains encircling this remote, rugged and historically fascinating corner of Afghanistan.

The Afghan people are so friendly and welcoming and appreciate what we do. It is a privilege to work as part of a highly dedicated and motivated team, which continues to make a significant difference to Afghan communities. I shall always treasure my time here.

*Source: Navy Today, Dec 12/Jan 13*



# ENJOYING THE DEPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE IN SINAI



*CPL Terry at MFO North Camp Woolshed, the NZ Soldiers Barracks*



**CPL Amanda Terry**  
**OP FARAD**

I arrived into the MFO (Multinational Force and Observers) Sinai, Egypt on 3 November 2013. My role in the MFO is the Liaison Clerk where I provide administrative support to the Chief of Liaison. The Liaison team's mission within the MFO is to provide a link between the Egypt and Israel authorities in helping to maintain the Peace Treaty. As well as admin support, I am frequently utilized as a driver for the Liaison team.

During my time here I have been fortunate enough to interact with both the IDF (Israel Defence Force) and with the LAWIO (Liaison Agency with International Organizations – Egypt Military) where I have travelled a number of times to Israel and around the Sinai region. It's been interesting to see the differences between the two military forces with our own; especially in areas such as dress and bearing, behaviour and the impact of culture upon their armed forces.

I have met some great people from the 13 nations that are serving in the MFO. My deployment has been an interesting experience thus far; working with people who have different cultures, backgrounds and, of course, languages. The main languages spoken within the MFO are Spanish, English and Arabic. I have been motivated to learn Spanish during my time here in the MFO and have had a lot of help from the Colombian Officers that I work with.

Besides the working environment, the MFO also offers a good social life where people from all contingents get together and participate on tours within the Egypt and Israel areas. I have just come back from a four day tour to Israel where we visited a number of the historical sights. Some of the sights we visited were the Masada, Dead Sea, ANZAC memorial and the old city of Jerusalem.

The thing that has left the biggest impression on me is the standard of living amongst the local population. I was surprised to find out that the mud/grass shacks were actually for people, not farm animals, as I first thought. Also, the scarcity of the basic essentials of life such as food and water has been a hard thing to see. Children frequently approach MFO personnel wanting food and water and as a mother myself it is hard to turn them away. If there is one thing that I will take away from this deployment, it will be how fortunate we are to be living in a country such as New Zealand, where the necessities of life are made readily available for us.

As much as I have learnt on this deployment, I look forward to coming home and reuniting with my three children.





*Left: CPL Faye Perelini  
Right: CPL Amanda Terry*



*Left: CPL Terry at ANZAC cemetery Jerusalem*



*Right: CPL Terry on Israel Tour at Mt Scopus Jerusalem*

*Bottom: CPL Terry on MFO North Camp Range*



# DSO'S CORNER



## Carol Voyce

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

I had this wonderful idea yesterday about what to write in my column for this edition of "The Bugle", but do you think I can remember it now? No!! I am trying to get much of "The Bugle" written before I take a weeks leave as formatting and posting out will have to be the first task I do on my return. So now I have to think of something new to write about.

January has disappeared at its usual fast rate. I have enjoyed being back at work, especially before everyone else appeared, (no offence anyone!) and managed to make great use of a slightly quieter time sorting, shredding and thinking about new resources, activities and preparing for things that may happen in the future. I feel a bit mean in some ways that I am now going to disappear for a week and leave Janine to pick everything up. Having said that, it is great that the DSO's can provide coverage for each other and ensure that you have continuity in the service when you need it.

Tomorrow I will be "herding" the cat into her cat box and taking her to "cat prison" - the Cattery! For the time I am away, she will hide under a blanket and seldom be seen! This

scenario reminds me of one of the most unusual things that I have learned in this job - When our "pet owning" service personnel deploy, their pets, particularly dogs; often exhibit a very marked separation anxiety. Absolutely true! I have had numerous discussions with partners and family members about this and not being a dog owner myself, found it somewhat enlightening! In fact, at times hard to comprehend, but it is very real and often difficult for those left at home to actually deal with.

Apparently separation anxiety in pets can be caused by a number of things like a traumatic event, a change in routine, some major life change like a new baby, new house or prolonged absence of the owner. With service personnel deploying for extended periods it seems this separation anxiety can become a very real problem. They tell me that dogs exhibit very marked behaviour changes - ranging from pacing, excessive salivating, destructive chewing, barking, howling, whining, to digging and scratching at doors and windows in an attempt to reunite with the owner. And the list goes on to include physical symptoms too. Some families have reported that their dogs have needed veterinarian treatment and sometimes medication to make life a little easier for all. It would seem that we have a lot of literature on separations for children and loved ones, but we have overlooked a real problem from man's best friend - the dog!

The little, documented literature for separation anxiety in pets, gives good advice about preparing pets for the separation - obviously we prepare families but by the time this anxiety shows in pets it is too late to begin that preparation as the owner has already left our shores. If you are struggling with this phenomenon now, the basics really

apply - feeding the dog and leaving home without a fuss, leaving the radio on, providing plenty of exercise, play and fun when you are about and leaving the dog with something to do in your absence - like giving him a cardboard box to shred!

In reviewing the literature, I was amused to read of the lengths our American friends have gone to, to address this problem! The first obviously requires some preplanning. A software package called "Digital Dog sitter" has been created. It works like this - the pet owner records his/her voice to the software. "When the dog is alone, the software listens to the dog and analyses the incoming audio through the computers microphone. Whenever the dog barks or howls, software plays the owner's voice to the dog and the dog stays calm!" Whatever next you might be thinking - well there is more! If you live in San Diego, a cable based television channel has established "Dog TV". A programme has been created by dog behavioural specialists and is colour adjusted to appeal to dogs. It features segments designed to relax the dog, while exposing them to everyday scenarios. And if you are a fan of "SpongeBob SquarePants" apparently research shows this is a favourite for dogs too!

As a side, apparently horses are infamous for anxiety which is why it's sometimes commonplace to see a goat alongside providing companionship.

I do recall one of our early family deployment update briefs for CRIB in Burnham, when one of our Air Force families brought their two extremely large dogs to watch the DVD! We all took a second look when they bounded into the Burnham Camp Conference Centre. I have to say they were very boisterous, but did let out a



# DSO'S CORNER CONT'D..

howl when their "Dad's" familiar voice was heard over the audio. But please, no dogs at our upcoming CRIB briefs. Experience shows us that they are somewhat hard to handle in this situation! Janine and I do however look forward to meeting with many of you for the upcoming briefs - just give the dog a good juicy bone before you leave home!

Kind regards.



**Janine Burton**  
Deployment Services Officer  
1 (NZ) Brigade

So would you believe that we are already into the second month of 2013?! School terms have started, in the case of Wellington and Auckland Anniversary weekends – gone already; you will be reading this just before or after Waitangi Day, so that is another of our commemorative days done for the year. And would you believe, on 25 January it was pointed out to me, only 11 months until Christmas! For most of us, time passing at this speed is horrendously scary; for those with loved ones away on deployment it surely is a good thing as homecoming will be here before you know it. You are now another "Bugle" edition closer!

Happy Valentines to all – I know that Valentines are usually directed

at couples, but I don't see why you can't send Valentines to all those important people in your lives – so here's to remembering all our mums and dads, our children, our brothers and sisters as well.



Numbers are steadily coming in for the CRIB tour update briefs and we are really looking forward to catching up with many of our families around the country. The DVD is well into production and we are looking forward to being able to share it with family members and friends at the briefings. It seems such a long time since we were out and about pre-deployment. If you are planning to come along and haven't contacted either Carol or myself yet, it would be really helpful to assist with our catering arrangements. Even if you won't know until the last minute, or don't RSVP, and find that you are able to attend after all, it would be great to see you.

You will see elsewhere in this "Bugle", an article written by Kerry (Keep Calm, Carry on and have a Glass of Wine). If you haven't read it already, would urge you to seek it out. Kerry's husband is currently deployed and she has written a mostly humorous account of some of the challenges she has coped with since he departed NZ. We would love to be able to publish more pieces like this, so if any of you would like to contribute, I encourage you to send them through.

I came across a quote the other day:

*"Without rain, there could be no rainbows. Without sorrow, joy would not be as sweet."*

Surely it follows that without separations, reunions would not be noticed?

## 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

## Return to NZ, CRIB 21

We have had a lot of enquiries about homecoming dates for some of the Contingent currently deployed to Afghanistan. At this stage there are no dates available for release but we can assure you that plans are well underway for their safe return. As soon as we do have tentative dates, these will be released to the nominated Primary Next of Kin who in turn can share these with other family members. Please be aware that flight dates and timings are still subject to change after their release. Please contact your DSO for updates if required. We also remind you, that for security reasons, this information is not to be discussed online or by phone with those in deployment locations.

## Closing Mail Dates

LT COL Stephens, Commanding Officer, CRIB 21, has advised that any further mail for service personnel currently deployed to Afghanistan and due to return to New Zealand in coming months, should be sent no later than 1 March 2013. As you know mail can arrive very quickly into the deployment location and at other times takes longer than we predict. By posting no later than the given date, we can be assured that mail will arrive in a timely manner and avoid the need to return packages and letters to NZ after service personnel have returned home. There are a number of service personnel who will continue to be deployed to Afghanistan after the main contingent return. Your mail will be unaffected by this request and you can continue to send, your much looked forward to, letters and parcels.

Homecoming mail can take a little thought. You probably feel you have exhausted ideas with the many packages you have sent in

past months. They have truly made a difference. Think about the journey home - maybe send the latest paperback of a much loved author or topic to be read on the plane, a magazine, something to chew on (if it lasts that long), but most of all your thoughts and wishes for all, as you reintegrate back into family life. Children may like to design cards, write special letters about homecoming plans and you too may have some special things to share. The last trip to the Post Office is insight!

## CRIB 21 Tour Updates

Janine and Carol look forward to meeting with you for the Briefs in Auckland, Linton, Trentham and Burnham. If you haven't yet had a chance to RSVP we would love to hear from you. This will help us with seating and catering needs. The contingent have been busy making a DVD which we look forward to sharing with you all. Major Dave Thorsen, who recently returned from deployment in Afghanistan, will join us at the brief and take time to share experiences and contribute to the information we will be giving on homecomings. A great, informal brief which we know you will all enjoy.

## A New Column

This edition of "The Bugle" includes a new section "Keeping the Home Fires Burning". While we occasionally have contributions from those at home, this wonderful contribution from "Kerry" got me thinking that we need to have more of these stories. I am sure when you find this column you will love it! So we are asking for more to share. You are welcome to write under a non de plume, change names and locations to protect your identity, but tell us your story. We have all learned so much from each other

along the deployment journey and your contribution may help someone else along the way or simply make them identify with what it has been like for you and simply confirm that it's not always "plain sailing" but we are still normal, amongst the stresses parenting or being alone can bring. This column is just as important for Mums and Dads too - do we ever stop worrying about our children? - even as adults! You don't have to be a "journalist" to write for us - we are happy to edit and spell check - it's your thoughts and experiences that will count and help others. Send your contributions to me, Carol, DSO Burnham at [dso.burnham@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dso.burnham@xtra.co.nz). I can't wait to hear from you - don't leave it to someone else!

## DEPLOYMENT

### Time to Keep in touch

#### *Sharing thoughts*

#### **PLAN WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH CHILD BEFORE YOU DEPLOY:**

#### **TELEPHONE**

#### **LETTERS**

#### **AUDIO OR VIDEOTAPES**

#### **E-MAIL MESSAGES**

# KEEPING THE HOME FIRES BURNING



## KEEP CALM, CARRY ON AND HAVE A GLASS OF WINE

Kerry

It occurred to me reading the last couple of "Bugles" that what was missing was something from the family's perspective. Whilst I enjoy receiving and reading "The Bugle", I wondered what adventures other families are having during their deployment experiences. So I am writing to encourage other wives, girlfriends, parents or children to share their stories.

Here is a snippet of my experience. My husband is away on CRIB 21 in Afghanistan. It is not our first deployment nor our first separation, however, this one is different as our two girls are older (9 and 6) and "get" what is going on. What is also different this time is that we now live on a "property" with two cows, two chickens and two goats adding to my "responsibilities" for the tour. Not to mention a geriatric small farm dog and cat with attitude. When I got over the shock of being left to manage all this on my own I realized that I needed to find a method to cope for the next however many months. So I have adopted the much clichéd but apt, Keep Calm, Carry On and have a glass of wine. Some days have been harder than others and some have needed more than one wine. For instance the night I

left the gate unlatched and one of the cows went to visit the neighbours. As I chased him around the neighbours' yard and through their gardens I realized there was no one to help or do anything but me so I would just have to deal with it. Luckily the neighbours were not home to laugh at my attempts at cattle herding. Keystone cops did come to mind more than once. I did have to ring the neighbours' the next day and confess my mistake though and hope the cow had not done too much damage to their lawn or gardens.

My next big moment was when I went to feed the chickens one morning and saw my two goats were stuck together. My first thought on looking at them was that one had impaled itself on the others' horns as there seemed to be blood everywhere. However, closer inspection showed one had his collar stuck around the others' horn. I managed to untangle the collar but Spike the brown goat seemed to have blood coming out of his nose and mouth and I had no idea what to do. So at 7am, I rang the neighbours (thank goodness for lovely neighbours) and got him to come and look. We decided that there wasn't much to be done but watch the goat and hope he was fine. The neighbour suggested washing the blood off both the goats to make things look better. Turns

out goats are not actually keen to be washed so I abandoned that idea and left them alone. I dropped the kids at school terrified that I would come back to find a dead goat. What the heck does one do with a dead goat, I pondered? The goat was fine luckily and has shown no long term effects from his adventures, thank goodness. I think it took me longer to recover. Needless to say the goats no longer wear leather collars either.

Oh and then there was the day I took the girls to the beach and nearly killed the geriatric dog. We were all having a lovely day until the dog collapsed face first into the sand and lay there whimpering. I had to hold his head out of the sand and just sit watching to see if he was still breathing. That was a phone call I did not want to have to make, we have had the dog longer than the kids! I told the dog that. "You have to hang in for five more months, at least" I told him. He did recover after sleeping for two days solid and seems none the worse for wear now. Damn animals are all I can say.

I have cursed my husband on all those occasions, for leaving me to deal with those situations, as well as the temperamental ride on lawn mower and the weed-eater



# KEEPING THE HOME FIRES BURNING CONT'D.

that I can't seem to coax into action, by myself. However, I married a soldier and I have been here before. I know that this is part of our life and this too will pass. He will have some making up to do when he gets back though and I am never touching a weed-eater again as long as I live!!

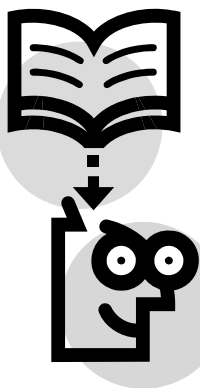
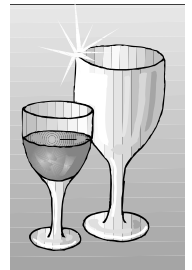
One of the hardest things has been trying to explain to children why Daddy just can't be there for piano recitals, dance shows, Christmas, birthdays and school camp. In fact I think the worst times have been watching my lovely

girls cry themselves to sleep some nights and not being able to fix it for them. However, my motto is serving me well so far. I have tried to remain calm throughout all our wee adventures, and I will try to do the same for the many more I am sure will come before the end of this current big adventure that is this deployment. And thank goodness for the allowances which are helping to keep the wine supplies well stocked. Oh that and a sense of humor and good friends to laugh with. The ability to laugh at some of the silly things that

have happened has really helped. Even if it was only after the event when I had time to calm down again and gain some perspective, also where the good friends come in.

At least on this mission so far I haven't locked myself out of the house or needed a new muffler on the car - yet! I hope the rest of you families have found your own methods of coping that are working well and you are managing to keep your chins up and your humor in tact. I would love to hear some of your stories too, and then I will know I am not going mad on my own.

*Keep Calm, Carry on and have a Glass of Wine*



## WIGRAM: The birthplace of military aviation in New Zealand

By Bee Dawson, Random House

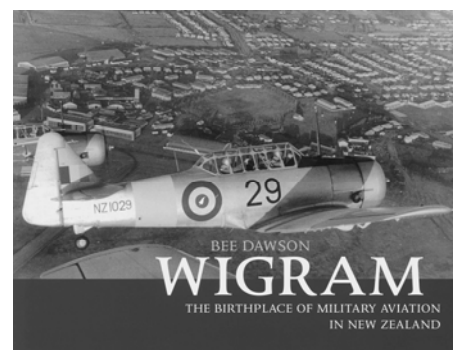
Bee Dawson has contributed to our Air Force's anniversary year with the timely publication of *Wigram*. Like her earlier *Hobsonville: portrait of a seaplane station*, the new book is a social history of the Base drawing on the memories and anecdotes from those who lived and trained at Wigram.

The first chapters describe the history of Wigram up until WWII, and thus encompass the early days

of flying and the initial development of New Zealand's Air Force. Two generous chapters cover Wigram at war, then the author takes us through the post-war years until the base's closure in 1995 (the book is about the base and its people, so she does not venture into the politics of defence in the 1990s).

Bee Dawson brings to life the base, through the tales of early aviators, officers and airmen and women, and the families who lived their lives on the base. *Wigram* is filled with illustrations and photographs — many previously unpublished — of aircraft and people that add depth to the stories.

Wigram is a substantial book that will be an invaluable resource for all interested in the history of our Air Force.



Another book by Bee Dawson that will attract many interested in vehicles and NZ history is *Mighty Moves: Heavy Haulage and House Moving in NZ* (Wairau Press, 2012). It includes the *Hobsonville Chapel*, a *Lancaster* and an *Andover* amongst the unusual loads.

Source: *Air Force News*, Dec 12

## CRIB 21 Tour Update

As discussed at the pre-deployment brief, an update family brief for those associated with the current CRIB deployment to Afghanistan is planned. This is an opportunity for family members to gain a further insight into the day-to-day lives of deployed loved ones and to receive valuable tips on reunions and readjusting to family life post-deployment. We also hope to have a DVD from the contingent to share with you.

These information briefings are open to Primary next of Kin (PNOK), extended family members and friends. Children are most welcome.

Light refreshments will be served.

**AUCKLAND**, Friday 22 February, 6.30pm — 8.30pm.

Arch Hill, 204 Great North Road, Grey Lynn.

**LINTON**, Saturday 23 February, 10.00am — 12 mid day

Linton Conference Centre, Linton Military Camp.

**TRENTHAM**, Saturday 23 February, 4.00pm — 6.00 pm

Messines Conference Centre, Some Road, Trentham.

### **BURNHAM**

Camp Conference Centre, Burnham Military Camp, Sunday 24 February, 10.00am — 12 mid day

To assist with seating and catering requirements, please RSVP to Janine on 0800 683 77 327, email [dso.linton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dso.linton@xtra.co.nz) or Carol on 0800 337 569, email [dso.burnham@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dso.burnham@xtra.co.nz) no later than 8 February 2013..

## ARMY LEAVE CENTRES (ALC)

The Army Leave Centres provide holiday units at popular holiday destinations throughout New Zealand. ALC have 31 units located throughout New Zealand. The Leave Centre Units are the most widely used Welfare facility, providing members and other eligible users access to quality holiday accommodation at a moderate cost. Units are available for use by service personnel and their families as well as Civilian employees and Members of Associated Service Organisations such as the RNZAF, RNZN, Fire Service, NZ Police and RSA members.

All 2013 ballots are now open for entry.

The following closure dates apply for the Army Leave Centre 2013 ballot periods.

Easter (28 Mar - 1 Apr): closes 5pm Thurs 14 Feb, drawn 15 Feb.

Queens Birthday (31 May - 3 Jun): closes 5pm Thurs 4 Apr, drawn 5 Apr.

Labour Weekend (25 - 28 Oct): closes 5pm Thurs 29 Aug, drawn 30 Aug.

Christmas 2013 (20 Dec - 17 Jan 14): closes 5pm Thurs 26 Sep, drawn 27 Sep.

Contact: Phone: (04) 527 5823, 0800 111 823 or email [army.leavecentre@nzdf.mil.nz](mailto:army.leavecentre@nzdf.mil.nz)

# PERSONAL MESSAGES



The deadline for contributions and personal messages for the next edition of "The Bugle" is **26 February 2013 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

### To Denzel and Erykah

Manuia le Tausaga Fou Son and Daughter! Hope you are having fun welcoming the New Year, 2013 without me. LOL. Don't eat too much chocolate and remember to brush your teeth twice a day. I miss you guys heaps. God Bless! Love Mom.

### Hey Babe

I hope all is well at Trelise and Smokey is taking care of you. Love you heaps xxxx.

### Cakes

Happy Valentines REHT! Love Chops.

### To Smirkle

Happy Valentine's Day! Give the tiny camels a hug also. The Cheese to your Crackers.

### Mrs Bumble

Love you and miss you with all my heart. Happy Valentine's Day!! Hope you have an amazing day. I'll be home soon, I can't wait to see you and give you a giant hug. Love you forever and ever, Love Mr Bumble xoxo.

### To my 'Hawaiian Men Calendar' Thief...

I know who you are and I know you will read this. So no more smiling and playing innocent with me, just return it to its rightful place and all will be forgiven.

### Danja's, Mink-up, T.E., Fooohfor and Grady

Hope you are all well and enjoyed your holidays with the Cousins from across the ditch! It is wonderful being able to skype with all five of you! Missing you all heaps and can't wait to have our holiday adventure when I get home! All my Love, CM xxxo.

### To my Foxy Lady

Happy Valentine's Day Babe! Can't wait to see you! Not long to go now. Luv u always.. ME.

### To my Darling Girl Sam

I will Love you Always and Forever.

### Hi Babycakes

Not long to go now. Love ya lots, your cheesy guy. P.S: the facial hair has gone.

### Dear Snooks

Happy Valentine's Day and thank you for all your support and for being so strong! Can't wait to get home to you xox.

### Monkey

Happy Valentines baby! Not long to go now, missing you like crazy! Lets make up for all the holidays and Anniversary's that we keep missing when I get home! Love you so much darling! MWAH. Love your Scrumptious Crumpet.

### Training Team Crib 21

Would like to wish our very much loved partners Jenny, Theresa, Alex and Tracey back in New Zealand a happy Valentines day! We are not there with our better halves on this special day but you should each know you are in our thoughts! We will all be home with you all very soon. xxoo

White bread will you join with me and make my Jam Sandwich complete and be my Loving Valentine today and forever. XXOO.

year wiser! I love you, Trace xxxxxxxxx.

### Hey Babe

I Love You For So Many Reasons; I love you for that certain smile that cheers me when I'm blue, I love you for your tender kiss that warms me through and through. I love you for your gentle hand, your understanding touch, your eyes that always seem to say, "I love you very much. I love you for your faith in me, your sweet and patient ways, and for the thoughtful things you do so often without praise. I love you so for all these things and many others, too...But most of all for what I am whenever I'm with you! Happy Valentine's Day! I love you to the moon and back. Your girl forever, Trace xxxxxxxx.

### Batman

Happy Birthday for the 12<sup>th</sup> of Feb!! Hope you have a great day; we will all be thinking of you and wishing you every blessing! Love you mate. God Bless and Stay Safe. Cheers! Mum, Mark, Nanny, Grandad, Diva and Coco xxoo.

### Hey my hunk'a'spunk!

Kei te pehea koe? All is well at home. We've had some crazy hot weather [not to rub it in though] in Rolly! The other day it was 34 degrees, and was the first time I have ever seen the fire warning sign point to EXTREME! The lawns did turn brown, but don't worry as I bought some sprinklers and a new hose and am bringing them back to life, LOL! I hope you're feeling ok and aren't too cold over there. I can't wait to hear your voice again, thank you so much for your call the other day! I love you to infinity.. you know the rest! Arohanui, your Princess xoxo.

## From Home

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday dear Jono, Happy Birthday to you! Another year older babe, another

# PERSONAL MESSAGES CONT'D...

## Hello Darling

How are you? How's the snow treating u all? Not long now even got my outfit and shoes for the arrival, just a bit excited. Layla looking forward to it! Sorry the fun gota come to an end eventually ha ha ha. I know, I know, still a couple of months to go. I'm waiting on all the fotos u promised. Love u heaps, ur girls Katie and Layla xx.

## The Golden Boy

Here's a little song I wrote  
You might want to sing it  
note for note  
Don't worry, be happy

Ain't got no cash, ain't got no style  
Ain't got no DAISY to hold to make  
you smile  
But don't worry as she not far; be  
happy

Ain't got no place to lay your head  
Somebody came and took your bed  
now you have DAISY'S bed.  
Don't worry, be happy

You might want to sing it note  
for note. Don't worry, be happy!  
TAKE CARE, Mum, Harry and Sis.

## Larry, Lazza, Bubbles, Superman, Andrew

Happy 27<sup>th</sup> Birthday for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of  
March! Hope everyone makes it a  
great day for you. Cannot wait to  
celebrate it with you in Tahiti! Yep  
Yep Yep. Love the Misses xx.

## Hello my Liefie!

Happy Birthday Babe! May you  
have a wonderful day, I wish I could  
b there on your special day, sadly I  
can't, so I thought I might eat a  
slice of Carmel chocolate cake for  
you! I'm thinking of you always and  
missing you so much! Not long  
now, until you are home! Keep  
strong, keep busy and remember  
I'm with you always! I love you! P.S:  
Happy Valentine's Day. Your Girl  
Jan xxx.

## Hey Sexy Framey

The story hasn't changed; we still  
love you and miss you like crazy!  
Sending loads of valentines hugs

and kisses. Lots of love, the one  
who put the ring on your finger and  
will love you forever xoxox.

## Dear Ryan (Gaz)

Tried to bake! Didn't happen! But  
you know I still love u. Thinking of  
you on the 6th. 23 - Where have  
those years gone! We are very  
proud of you. Will have a drink or  
two on your behalf. Maybe NZ  
Princess Jessie can give you a  
birthday kiss on my behalf?

Jessie, if he's not doing what he's  
told, feel free to give him a clip  
around the ear. Works for me!  
Hope you have a great birthday.  
Not too many people have  
celebrated two birthdays in  
Afghanistan. Alex you're slipping  
with the facebook entertainment.  
Love you heaps, Mum and Dad.

## To my hunk 'a' spunk

Just a little Valentines message for  
you; luckily you'll understand what  
it's about!

"I was standing, all alone against  
the world outside, you were  
searching, for a place to hide.. Lost  
and lonely, now you've given me  
the will to survive, when we're  
hungry, love will keep us alive.

Don't you worry, sometimes you  
just gotta let it ride; the world is  
changing, right before your eyes.  
Now I've found you, there's no  
more emptiness inside, when we're  
hungry, love will keep us alive.

I would die for you, climb the  
highest mountain, baby, there's  
nothing I wouldn't do.... Now I've  
found you, there's no more  
emptiness inside, when we're  
hungry, love will keep us alive.  
When we're hungry, love will keep  
us alive".

Hemi, you are my world, and I can't  
wait to have you safely back home  
soon!! I'm on the countdown  
already hehehe!! Arohanui, Your  
Princess xoxo.

## Deployment Calendar 2014

### Can you help?



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

Throughout the year our  
Deployment Services Officers  
create a file of photos from all  
deployment locations, to be  
considered for our annual  
calendar.

Rather than having to find  
photos as we approach the  
deadline we would love to  
receive them as soon as you  
do.

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

We look forward to receiving  
your contributions (contact  
details on inside front cover).

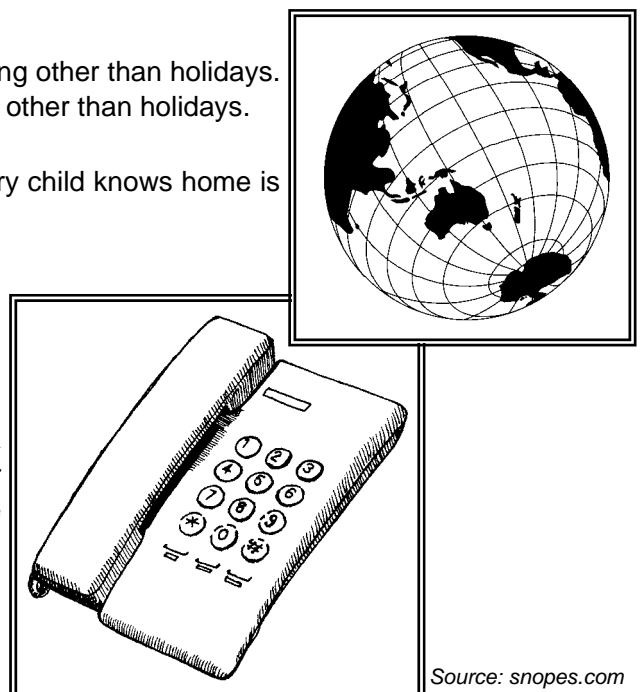
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# MILITARY CHILDREN — ARE WE DIFFERENT?

- A civilian child can read and write in English. A military child can read and write in acronym.
- A civilian child gets to kiss mummy and daddy goodnight each night. A military child sometimes has to kiss a picture of daddy or mummy goodnight.
- A civilian child usually dances around or talks during the National Anthem. A military child stands quietly with his hand over his heart.
- A civilian child sees race. A military child sees diversity.
- A civilian child has a best friend in his hometown. A military child has a best friend on almost every continent.
- A civilian child sees only the plane flying over. A military child not only can identify the type of plane flying but knows someone who works on them.
- A civilian child sees a person in uniform. A military child can tell you what Unit he's in and what his rank is.
- A civilian child lives for tomorrow and what it might bring. A military child lives for today because tomorrow, Daddy might get called away again.
- A civilian child says "good-bye". A military child says, "see you later" (don't we know it, there's never GOOD BYE).
- A civilian child gets to see things other kids would love to see. A military child gets to see things world leaders would love to see.
- A civilian child will probably go to the same school his/her entire life. A military child will probably change schools every two years.
- A civilian child might rarely leave his hometown for anything other than holidays. A military child will rarely see his "hometown" for anything other than holidays.
- A civilian child thinks home is where the heart is. A military child knows home is where the military sends you.
- A civilian child talks on the phone for fun. A military child lives for the 15 minute phone calls once a week.
- And finally.... A civilian child supports our soldiers. A military child IS a soldier. The next time you say a prayer for our troops, please say a prayer for their families, especially their children back home that are trying to be strong.



Source: snopes.com

# WARM JACKETS TO AFGHANISTAN



*Padre Stu delivering the jackets*



*CPL Grant Oien and LCPL Noelene Popata unload the jackets*

*The Marton Rotary Club sent two bales of SWASI jackets to the New Zealand Defence Force Kiwi Base in Afghanistan for distribution*

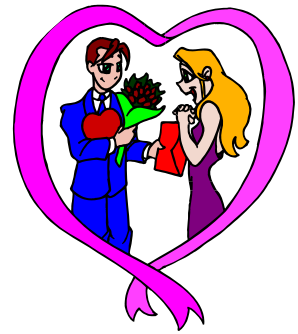
When the jackets arrived in the country they were taken to the Provincial Disaster Relief Centre as this organisation monitors the needs of the people in the Province of Bamyan where Kiwi Base is situated. Some of the outlying districts are quite isolated and this winter, December, January and February, the cold weather has

been compounded by the lack of coal – their winter fuel. Wood is scarce here so the locals use animal manure, dried as a fuel source. By New Zealand standards the winters here are really cold. On Base we have experienced temperatures as low as -23 degrees Celsius, so you can imagine how grateful the local people were to receive the jackets.



*Locals proudly wearing the SWASI Jacket*

## Valentine's Day — Fact or Fiction?



- \* Legend has it that Valentine was a priest who served during third century Rome. There was an Emperor at that time by the name of Claudius II. Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those who were married. With this thought in mind he outlawed marriage for young men in the hope of building a stronger military base. Supposedly, Valentine decided this decree just wasn't fair and chose to marry young couples secretly. When Emperor Claudius II found out about Valentine's actions he had him put to death.
- \* Another legend has it that Valentine was an imprisoned man who fell in love with his jailor's daughter. Before he was put to death he sent the first 'valentine' himself when he wrote her a letter and signed it 'Your Valentine', words still used on cards today.
- \* Perhaps we will never know the true identity and story behind the man named St Valentine, but this much is for sure ... February has been the month to celebrate love for a long time, dating back to the Middle Ages. In fact, Valentine ranks second only to Christmas in the number of greeting cards sent.
- \* Another Valentine gentleman you may be wondering about is Cupid (Latin cupido, "desire"). In Roman mythology Cupid is the son of Venus, goddess of love. His counterpart in Greek mythology is Eros, God of Love. Cupid is often said to be a mischievous boy who goes about shooting people with his bow and arrows.
- \* A young girl was supposed to marry, eventually, the first eligible male she met on this day. If a girl was curious and brave enough she could conjure up the appearance of her future spouse by going to the graveyard on St Valentine's Eve at midnight. She would then sing a prescribed chant and run around the church twelve times.
- \* In England little children went about singing of St Valentine and collecting small gifts. It was also customary to place valentines on their friends' doorsteps.
- \* It was thought that birds chose their mate for the year on February 14. Doves and pigeons mate for life and therefore were used as a symbol of 'fidelity'.

