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LTCDR Prema McIntosh visits the local orphanage

BI-CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP



WO2 Tama Andrew
Maori Cultural Advisor

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Since its inception “Ngati Tumatauenga” has increasingly become a part of everyday life within the NZ Army. I would even go as far as saying that the NZ Army have perhaps led the way forward for the rest of the NZDF to follow. If not, then they have certainly provided a catalyst toward inculcating a Bi-Cultural partnership within our organisation.

There is still much work to be done toward building an accepted Bi-Cultural partnership within the NZ Army and NZDF. The signs indicate that we are certainly moving in the right direction and I am absolutely encouraged that we will reach this goal.

There is one clear indication that we are moving in the right direction. That is the frequent use of Powhiri in conjunction with Honour Guards, Ceremonial Parades and Visits. We go beyond the realms of New Zealand and expose our unique ‘Bi-Cultural traditions’ world wide through our people who deploy overseas.

The ‘Hongi’ or pressing of nose and forehead is an intimate Maori gesture of greeting. I know of no other Military organisation in the world where the highest Commanders have intimacy of this nature with their soldiers. As I have said many times before, there is much work to be done and I am encouraged that we are making progress and soon we will see the inculcation of Maori and British traditions the ‘norm’ within ‘Ngati Tumatauenga’ NZ Army and ‘Te Ope Kaatua o Aotearoa’ NZDF. The world is watching and they are envious.

***“Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi
engari ko te toa takitini”***

***“It is not by the effort of one that
we succeed but by the collective
efforts of the multitudes”***



In traditional Māori piupiu (flax cloak and kilt) with tāmoko (facial tattoo), SGT Jason 'Whare' Wharewera of the RNZMP wields a traditional Māori weapon 'Pouwhēnua' or 'Long staff'. 'Whare' issues a traditional 'wero' (challenge) to the incoming NZ Commander, Multi-National Force and Observers, El Gorah, Sinai, during the Change of Command parade. SGT Wharewera is of Asian and Māori descent and proudly displays his Māori heritage.

Photo courtesy of Shairon Hart, Jan 11



Bamyan Mission Accomplished

New Zealand's decade long military contribution to Bamyan Province, Afghanistan, officially came to an end at a ceremony in Kiwi Base, Bamian town.

The New Zealand flag was lowered for the final time by the twenty-first and last rotation of NZ Defence Force personnel to serve with the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team (NZPRT) in Bamyan.

Attending the ceremony were His Excellency The Governor-General, Lieutenant General The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae, Defence Minister, Dr Jonathan Coleman, Chief of Defence Force, Lieutenant General Rhys Jones, and New Zealand Police Commissioner, Peter Marshall.

The NZPRT has made a substantial contribution to security and development in Bamyan Province in the last decade, says Chief of Defence Force, Lieutenant General (LTGEN) Rhys Jones.

"New Zealand is leaving a lasting legacy in Bamyan Province. As a result of the security that the NZPRT has provided, significant progress has been made.

"The impact of our development projects in the last 10 years is considerable. It is clearly visible in the classrooms built, the hospitals refurbished, the villages with water supplies, the sealed roads, bridges and flood protection that have been constructed.

"Bamyan remains one of the more secure provinces in Afghanistan. The Defence Force's active engagement with the local population and our strong relationship with key leaders, coupled with development projects and community involvement, has helped to minimise influence from insurgents."

LT COL Sholto Stephens, Senior Military Adviser to the NZPRT and Commanding Officer of CRIB 21, says it has been a privilege to serve on the final rotation in Bamyan Province.

"The last contingent has been focused on building the capacity of Afghan National Security Forces through mentoring and training, and also helping to prepare Bamyan for the PRT's withdrawal.

"The Afghan National Security Forces and the Provincial Government in Bamyan have been carrying out their role and demonstrating their capability for some time. It is the right time for the PRT to withdraw.

"Bamyan continues to face some challenges ahead – ensuring security is maintained, particularly in the North East, and that development progress continues. It is for Afghans in Bamyan to take forward their future."

Over 3,500 Defence Force personnel have deployed to Afghanistan since late 2001, with the majority serving in Bamyan Province with the NZPRT. Tragically, the Defence Force has lost ten soldiers in Afghanistan.

A new memorial was unveiled today in Bamian town. The memorial commemorates the eight Kiwi soldiers and the 23 men from the Afghan National Security Forces who died in Bamyan Province.

"New Zealand should be very proud

of the work that our Defence Force men and women have achieved in Afghanistan, particularly in Bamyan Province. It has however come at a price, and ten of our soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives in the service of others.

"We will always remember them, and our thoughts remain with their families and friends as they continue to mourn their loved ones. Today we unveiled a new memorial which we leave behind as a lasting tribute to our soldiers who died in Bamyan," adds LTGEN Jones.

The new memorial was funded by the NZPRT, constructed by PRT locally employed civilians and engraved locally in Bamian. It is located at the Provincial Operational Co-ordination Centre where Afghan National Police, National Directorate of Security, and Afghan National Army personnel operate.

The old memorial from Kiwi Base was blessed and removed to Dubai, the gateway where Defence Force personnel deploying to Afghanistan pass through. The memorial will eventually return to New Zealand.

There is also an ANZAC memorial in Kabul which commemorates the ten fallen Kiwis including the two NZSAS soldiers who lost their lives in Kabul.

Personnel from the twenty-first rotation will return to New Zealand later in April.

The New Zealand Defence Force will continue to support Afghanistan, with the deployment of 27 personnel, to ensure the progress made by the international community is sustained.

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NEWS FROM AFGHANISTAN

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL SUPPORT ELEMENT 22 TOUCHDOWN

After six flights, many hours, and far too much food, the final rotation of the New Zealand National Support Element (NSE) in its current form providing support to the Bamyán Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT), touch down at Bagram Airfield (BAF).

The NZ NSE is a small group of nine individuals based at Bagram Airfield with one MOVOP who is based out of Khandahar Airfield (KAF). Our task is to provide logistics and movements support to all missions in Afghanistan.

We have all settled into our own daily routines. We are continuing to build and maintain those relationships that previous NSE's have built with our US counterparts, other coalition forces, and also adjusting and getting to know one another within the NSE. Kiwi Lines has become a particularly busy and tight area with the withdrawing PRT personnel passing through, close to 17 Theatre Extraction Team (TET) personnel also co-located within the lines, and 2 teams of 40 Sqn personnel rotating through BAF in support of the PRT withdrawal.

Since we have been here, we have been fortunate enough to visit other nations compounds, such as the visit to the Korean Hospital which is located next to Kiwi Lines in a separate compound.

The Korean's showed great hospitality during our visit, and they provided us with an insight to the positive effects that they are having on the local Afghan community. They have nearly 200 locals visit per day for medical treatment. They also run carpentry, IT, mechanical, and welding courses for many of the local's on a daily basis. They allowed NSE to view the

community on the other side of the perimeter walls that surround BAF from the tower that guards their compound, which was a first for some.

Unfortunately there is very little interaction with the local people here except when you are getting your laundry done, or vehicles washed and refuelled. There is the opportunity to network with locals during visits to the bazaar for both social and business purchases.



The local bazaar with Yama, where we often get our local purchases

It is coming to that time where the PRT close down and withdraw, and as the NSE we will be working in close conjunction with the TET, to continue to support the remaining minor missions still operating within Afghanistan, as we close the book of our 10 year mission.



NZ NSE 22 (from left to right): CPL Tapara – Sup CPL, CPL Sandbrook – CIS Tech, SGT Kanaris – Mov Op KAF, WO1 Knap – CSM, SSGT Hiroti – Sup SGT, MAJ Kelliher – OC, CPL Proebstel – Mov Op, FLTLT Meredith – 2IC, LCPL Kauwhata – Sup LCPL, SGT Finch – Admin/Finance

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CONT'D...



*NZ NSE, and the Korean's taking the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicles for a spin with the Seabees
(a nickname for the American Construction Engineers)*

GREETINGS FROM THE BAMIAN TET SURGE

Corporal Ayers

The Bamian Theatre Extraction Surge Team is comprised of a mix of Army Move Ops and Air Force Air Movers whose job it is to handle all movements of NZDF equipment and personnel being pulled out of Bamian province.

This includes the preparation of cargo loads for shipping containers and aircraft flights, loading and unloading Aircraft, dangerous goods checks,

managing passengers, and of course all the inevitable paperwork.

Our journey to Kiwi Base began on a Monday late into February flying commercial out of Auckland International Airport, but we didn't actually arrive in Bamian until Friday. We then spent the weekend getting settled in and familiarized with the camp and where we would be working.

Once we received handovers from the members of the TET that had been handling the movements functions until we arrived, we quickly laid claim to some real estate inside Kiwi Base for our own use such as an area for the building and storage of aircraft pallets awaiting flights.

As a mover in Kiwi Base, the main difficulty we face is that many units here are trying to hold onto their gear until the very last second before handing it over to be sent home to NZ. Due to this right now, our workload isn't that high but we expect our last couple of weeks here to be a mad dash to get everything done at once.

In the two short weeks we've been here we've already handled three C-130 Hercules Flights, half a dozen smaller STOL flights (Short Take Off And Landing), loaded many containers on trucks headed to Bagram and helped the Malaysian Defence Force contingent in Bamian pull out the majority of their people.



Bamian Memorial prepped for transport by C-130



Air Movements TET Cargo Shed Area

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CONT'D...

LTCDR Prema McIntosh, RNZN

As part of the CRIB 21 TET (Theatre Extraction Team), I, and my co-horts, are responsible ultimately for the closure of New Zealand mission in Bamyan, Afghanistan. It is no small feat, having over 10 years of accumulated kit to clear – and as the Legal Advisor to CO TET, my role centres around helping to ensure that once we do leave we do so in a way that leaves the locals prepared and New Zealand's legal obligations complete and our reputation in tact.

Any organisation based in one place for 10 years will leave a substantial footprint, and for me this includes the numerous contracts that keep us fed and watered, the arrangement with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, as well as those support arrangements we have with our partners on base. For example, the Malaysians have been present here for six rotations, providing medical support and training, and a New Zealand Police Force contingent was here mentoring with local law enforcement agencies.

For the first few months I found myself in the unique position of answering to both the PRT Commander and the Commander TET. Although officially aligned to CO TET, I worked primarily with the PRT for these first few weeks and have had the opportunity to get out and about, visiting the Buddhas, Ghor-gola and also attending a graduation ceremony for students of the 'Advanced Continuing Education for Afghanistan Course' run by the USA. I was also lucky enough to visit the nearby orphanage, and spent sometime with the children there, who seem to keep a smile on their faces no matter what (photo on front page). I spent a few days at Bagram, a few hours in Kabul, and I never

thought I'd say it, but I was very glad to get back to the country! I also took the opportunity to learn a few new tricks, and have very much enjoyed assisting Corporal Cameron (our Aviation Refueller) with his not-infrequent refuelling of the numerous helicopters that visit Kiwibase.

As we reach the last stretch, the air of finality which has permeated around Kiwibase since our arrival, becomes even more real. We have begun to see off friends and colleagues as other parties in the area prepare to withdraw and slowly but surely what has been

built here by the NZDF over the last 10 years is shrinking. It is indeed bittersweet, but much effort is still being put into working with the locals and preparing them as best we can for our inevitable departure. Most are happy and grateful for the time we've spent here, and are more than happy to lend a hand or a smile for a photograph.

I'm very grateful for the time I've spent here so far and indeed for the last few weeks coming. It is a rare opportunity to be part of something fairly significant in the history of the NZDF, and I am definitely making the most of it.



At Provincial Police Headquarters (myself, the former Provincial Chief of Police, the Chief Prosecutor for Bamyan, the 2IC Bamyan Police and Greg Cramer, head of the NZ Police Mission in Bamyan)



View from the Buddhas

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NEWS FROM OP FARAD, SINAI

THE BEST TEAM

Major Paul Prouse
Liaison Officer, NZCON
OP FARAD

The New Zealand contingent in the Multinational Force and Observers is very small, particularly when you compare our 28 members to the three battalions from the US, Colombia and Fiji who have around 350 personnel each. However, despite this large disadvantage in size and resources, New Zealand has done surprisingly well in inter-unit competitions over the last six months. This includes winning the softball championship, and winning the inaugural Explosive Ordinance Disposal Cup.

A more recent victory was winning the Force Skills Competition in the minor contingents' category. We had a lucky draw to start the obstacle course and 3km run in patrol order first at 0600. The very unlucky Italian contingent had to start at 1100 when the burning 27 degree sun was nearing its peak. The major test of the obstacle course was the 12 foot wall. The team managed to get over first try. LAC Nepe showed outstanding commitment to complete the course despite feeling unwell and injuring himself halfway through – this saved the team from incurring a 10min penalty. On the run our young Kiwis were the only team to go the distance without stopping to walk.

Our highly professional and shooting-mad Regimental Sergeant Major, WO1 Mills, took the team through a range practice prior to competition day. This extra period of training clearly paid off with the team coming first on the shooting

stand (in addition to their first places on the obstacle course and run; Private Fulton also scored third overall on the shooting stand). The team Captain, Sergeant Steve Allen, had organised a very comprehensive training programme for the four weeks leading up to the competition. However, operational needs overtook the plan – our drivers were performing 14 hour days nearly six days per week to backfill their Uruguayan transport comrades who were undergoing a rotation during this period. A full training programme was more than unworkable: it would have been unsafe to extend their work hours further and risk a vehicle accident too.

We did very well on the three remaining stands. These included a rules of engagement scenario, vehicle recognition, and a first aid scenario, where, despite what the judges said, the team displayed a level of medical competence that I would trust my life to.

The team came first because they were a team. We have seen individuals in other contingents begin to turn on each other when something starts to go wrong or the course gets mentally or physically challenging. I have never seen this in any of our sports or competitions. Our individuals and their soldier skills are good, particularly when you consider that their primary employment is driving and not infantry. But what I have observed that makes the difference in all activities is that Kiwis work together as a team. And this is why we win no matter what challenges we face.



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

SWEATING IT OUT IN THE SOLOMONS

Corporal Des Rogers

We have finally arrived here in Guadalcanal Beach Resort (GBR), situated on Guadalcanal Island one of the many beautiful tropical islands off the Solomons. The first thing you notice is the heat, very humid, very hot. I can already foresee my brewery of a body transform into a temple over these several months of deployment. We were all greeted with smiling Kiwis that had an expression that they wanted to stay longer. Unfortunately for them, their time is up, our time is now. Let's see what OP RATA has to offer!

Gradual intensity of PT is a must when acclimatising. I already knew this, did I listen? Nope. I found that out the hard way with the first initial days smashing my body at the gym and high intensity soccer on the Astro-turf. The body decided to shut down and not digest my food. I had no appetite for a day and thought I was coming down with gastro, which is a common occurrence here at GBR. Fortunately it phased out over a day. So back to the gym it was. Several weeks on, we are finally getting used to the heat averaging 38-40 degrees, enjoying PT at six in the morning to escape the heat and taking on water like a Hummer takes on gas.

One thing that may take getting used to is the roads and drivers around here. With so few modern comforts, a beat-up 20 year old Hilux may as well be called

Solomon Islands Ferrari, as every driver channels his inner granny in caring for his prized possession. Also pot holes are everywhere; we dodge them like dodging small children.

We work alongside Australian and Tongan personnel. The majority of the Aussies here are "SAS" (Saturdays and Sundays), equivalent to our Territorial Forces.

The Tongans love to sing, every day at a set time they praise the lord with songs. If I didn't sound like a dying cat getting run over by an 18-wheeler truck of justice, I'd probably get amongst it.

GBR is the base of operations. A paradise within barbed wire, food here is excellent, gym facilities are mint and creature comforts are top notch. There are also Aussie and Kiwi police working here on longer contracts, supporting the Solomon Islands Police.

We are very fortunate and are very grateful for the previous rotations hard work in providing stability to the country. This allows us to get out into the local communities, and, if we're lucky, down to the beach to soak up the sun. Free time on a tropical island sure is hard. But, there is no doubt that we are on a mission and there is work to be done.

The upcoming months, sees us within the field and doing survival training, which should be an interesting experience.

I am looking forward to it all.

Simpson and his Donkey



Private John Simpson Kirkpatrick (born 6 July 1892, died 19 May 1915), better known as 'Simpson' or 'the man with the donkey', was assigned to the 3rd Field Ambulance, Australian Army Medical Corps. He was among the covering force which landed on Gallipoli at dawn on 25 April 1915. At Gallipoli he used a donkey (named 'Abdul', 'Murphy' or 'Duffy') to carry wounded soldiers to the dressing station and gained a reputation for being undaunted by enemy fire. On 19 May 1915 he was killed, and though he was mentioned in orders of the day and dispatches, he received no bravery award. The myth-making began almost immediately after his death, and he soon became one of the best-known images of the ANZAC experience. The task of evacuating wounded by donkey was then continued by a New Zealander, Private R.A. Henderson. For more information on Simpson and his donkey the following books are recommended: Peter Cochrane, *Simpson and the Donkey: The Making of a Legend* (Melbourne University Press, Melbourne, 1992); and Peter Dennis, Jeffrey Grey, Ewan Morris and Robin Prior (eds), *The Oxford Companion to Australian Military History* (Oxford University Press, Melbourne, 1995), p.548.

CHAPLAIN'S PEN — FROM ABROAD

Padre Stu Hight CRIB 21

My last chapel service at Kiwi Base was on Easter Sunday. It was a special time on a number of levels. Special that it was Resurrection Sunday, the day in a Christian calendar when we celebrate the risen Christ. When we also celebrate Christ conquering death, acknowledging Christ being the perfect sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins for all of mankind so that we all can have a relationship with God. On another level, this time was special because we had a number of people from the local community share this time together. Three people from UNAMA (United Nations Assistance Mission to Afghanistan) a Mexican, a Philipino and a Kiwi and Father Jerome Sequiera, a Jesuit priest who lives locally and his colleague Justine. It was special to have these people join us as it reminds us of the universality of the Christian Church. For communion one of the soldiers baked a loaf of bread. That too had a special significance in that as each of us took a piece; it was symbolising that the Christian church is made up of people not buildings.

Recently Kiwi Base hosted the VIP's visit from New Zealand. CRIB 21 being the last rotation to be deployed in Afghanistan, it was an opportunity for several distinguished guests to visit the troops for the last time. So there was the Governor General and his wife, Chief of the Defence Force, the Minister of Defence, the New Zealand Police Commissioner, the Secretary of Defence to name but a few. As part of the visit, a Memorial to fallen Afghan Security Forces and Kiwis was dedicated. Also during the visit cheques were presented to the Governor General and his wife for the 'Fallen Heroes Trust', Breast Cancer Trust and the

RSA. The total contribution to these charities was just over \$22,000, which I consider to be an amazing effort raised by the CRIB and TET teams in theatre.

So by the time you read this article the Kiwi Base will be closed. This is the end of an era and it was a privilege to be part of it.



The lowering of the flags for the last time on Kiwi Base



The Memorial Garland with Wreaths



Presenting a \$10442 cheque to the Patron of the 'Fallen Heroes Trust' the Governor General

WHY WEAR A POPPY?



*"Please wear a Poppy", the lady said
And held one forth, but I shook my head
Then I stopped and watched to
see how she'd fare.*

*Her face was old and lined with care
But beneath the scars the years had made
There remained a smile that refused to fade.*

*A boy came whistling down the street
bouncing along on carefree feet
His smile was full of joy and fun
"Lady" he said "may I have one?"
As she pinned it on I heard him say
"Why do we wear a Poppy today?"*

*The lady smiled in her wistful way
and answered "This is ANZAC Day
The Poppy there is a symbol for
The gallant men who died in war
And because they did, you and I are free
That's why we wear a Poppy you see.*

*I had a boy about your size
With golden hair and big blue eyes
He loved to play, and jump and shout
Free as a bird he would race about
As years went on he learned and grew
And became a man as you will too.*

*He was fine and strong with a boyish smile
But he seemed with us such a little while
When war broke out he went away
I still remember his face that day
When he smiled at me and said "Goodbye
I'll be back soon so please don't cry."*

*But the war went on and he had to stay
All I could do was wait and pray.*

*His letters told of the awful fight
I can see it still in my dreams at night
With tanks and guns and cruel barbed wire
And mines and bullets, and bombs and fire.*

*Til at last the war was won
and that's why we wear a Poppy son."
The small boy turned as if to go.*

*Then said "Thanks lady, I'm glad I know
That did sound like an awful fight
But your son, did he come home all right?*

*A tear rolled down each faded cheek
She shook her head and didn't speak
I slunk away, head bowed in shame
And if you were with me, you'd have
done the same
For our thanks in giving, is oft delayed
Though the freedom was bought, and
thousands paid.*

*And so you see when a Poppy is worn
Let us reflect on the burden borne
By those who gave their very all
When asked to answer their country's call
That we at home in peace may live
Then wear a Poppy, remember, and give.*



POPPY DAY:
19 APRIL

OPERATION ANZAC SPIRIT 2013

WHERE TO SEND YOUR ENTRY:

OP ANZAC SPIRIT 2013
Defence Communications Group
HQNZDF. Private Bag 39997,
Wellington 6011

Winners will be announced
on 24 May

NZDF

As part of Anzac Day, the New Zealand Defence Force is running OPERATION ANZAC SPIRIT 2013, a design competition for Year 7 and 8 students.

How to enter

Design a poster showing what Anzac Day means to you. Your entry can be in the medium of your choice (drawing, painting, collage etc) but please no items larger than A3 size. Entries close on 25 April 2013.

Entry criteria

- ★ the competition is open to school children in Year 7 and 8
- ★ entries can be drawings, paintings, collage, no computer generated entries please
- ★ please keep paper based entries A3 size or under
- ★ please include your name, age, address, contact phone number, email address, and the name of your school on the back of your entry
- ★ the deadline for entries is Anzac Day - 25 April
- ★ NZDF reserves the right to use entries and the names of the winning students for publicity purposes
- ★ entries may not be returned

The important part - the prizes: There are three main prizes up for grabs (the winner will have the first choice, and then the 2nd place getter):

1. A day at Devonport Naval Base for the student, parent/caregiver and a friend.
2. A visit to Waiouru, Linton or Burnham Army camp for the student, parent/caregiver and a friend.
3. A visit to RNZAF Base Auckland or Ohakea for the student, parent/caregiver and a friend.

Four runners up will be awarded a prize pack of NZ Defence Force products.

Please remember
to put your name,
age, address, phone
number, email
address, and the
name of your school
on the back
of your entry.

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DSO'S CORNER



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Greetings to you all!

These past few weeks have been busy with home-comings and of course the acknowledgement of the many sacrifices you have all made along the way. These sacrifices and the sacrifices of so many, who have gone before us, will be remembered and honoured worldwide on ANZAC Day. We all have a personal connection with this day – be it family members who served in previous wars or on Peacekeeping Operations, or those currently serving on New Zealand Defence Force Missions in a number of locations abroad.

There is much formal and informal documentation available recording the lives of our Kiwis abroad in service for their country. Many diaries of ex servicemen and women have enabled priceless information to be recorded for history, valuable lessons learned and sacrifices truly acknowledged.

I have in my safe keeping, the personal diaries of my late father, written during his four years in the Middle East during World War II. I often decipher the spidery fading pencil writing, gaining a little insight into the times and conditions he

faced, the value of true comrades and of the courage displayed by so many. His writings tell of the colourful characters who became his most treasured and valued mates and then of the heartache when some were lost.

Several years ago I had the opportunity to visit the Battle Fields of the Somme in France and then to travel onto Cassino in Italy, where my father had been during the Battle of Monte Cassino in February 1944. Both places filled me with much emotion. It was truly a humbling experience to gain an insight into the terrain and conditions our soldiers faced. I also felt the overwhelming loss of so many of our fine young Kiwi soldiers, when I visited various Commonwealth War Memorial Cemeteries and as I looked at their final resting place, I couldn't help but feel that my Dad's return was a blessing so many other families didn't get.



My Dad (centreback) and his valued mates. Maadi 1941

Many ex servicemen and women, particularly from long past wars and conflicts, have shown a real reluctance to talk about their experiences. A recent radio interview with the author of "War Horse" told of how he met an elderly gentleman in an English

Pub and got chatting. Hence this wonderful story was recorded for all time in book, movie and stage show format! I saw the stage show recently in Melbourne and if you get the opportunity to go when it comes to New Zealand soon, be sure to take up the opportunity. It's a very moving story. Horses have played a huge and vital role in past wars and if you want to find out more there is an Australian book written by Barry Stone – "The Diggers Menagerie - Mate, Mascots and Marvels – true stories of animals that went to war". You will find some amazing information and statistics on how horses, dogs, pigeons and other animals assisted the Australian war efforts.

Today we view things differently and those returning from missions are encouraged to speak out. We now have many books, articles and photographs available, which tell of our Kiwi's abroad over many years and we have learned much from their experiences, their sacrifices and their pain – all in the pursuit of peace.

John Hepworth in The Long Green Shore wrote:

"They pinned no medals on him, they made no speeches – we need no medals or speeches, we know him and remember. He was just an ordinary bloke – that's the point- that's the important thing- he was an ordinary bloke like you and me."

I hope you find time to remember at an ANZAC Day service nearby.

To my Dad 61647 Gunner Henry Robert Pierson, I say rest peacefully with your beloved comrades. Your legacy, like so many others, is priceless.

Kind regards.

DSO'S CORNER



Janine Burton
Deployment Services Officer
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The media have been very active in reporting the close down of the NZPRT Kiwi Base in Bamiyan Province, Afghanistan, and I know that we are watching these articles with pride for a job very well done and looking forward to seeing loved ones return to New Zealand. Currently two groups of the

contingent have arrived home safely and will be reuniting with family and friends. For some, we need to wait just a little while longer.

I haven't personally visited or been involved in the operational side of the deployment, but as progressive contingents have trained and prepared to deploy, we have seen updates of what has been achieved by those who have gone before. Infrastructure has definitely made a huge improvement in the lives of those in the Province – roading, schools, medical facilities, waterways. The local population have been provided with sustainable tools to ease their way of life and to provide them with more security than they had had in the past. We have had the good fortune to meet with many service personnel post-deployment and heard their stories. In fact, we have shared them with others at our pre-deployment briefings! They have a great pride in their

achievements and in helping this troubled nation find a way forward. For those who have deployed to the region a number of times, they have visibly seen huge changes. So, have we made a difference? I believe we have. For a small nation, I believe that our contribution has been a significant one.

With ANZAC Day just a few weeks away, we will be remembering those who did not return from deployments abroad in years gone by who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and in pursuit of peace. The ANZAC spirit forged all those years ago at Gallipoli continues today as we come together as a nation just once a year to honour those who have served their country and those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

We will remember them.



THE ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLION

About this Award



Obverse View



Reverse View

The bronze medallion was instituted in 1967 for award to Australian and New Zealand personnel who participated in the Gallipoli campaign in 1915. The obverse design is circular, surmounted by St Edward's Crown. The main design on the obverse of the medallion depicts Simpson and his donkey carrying a wounded soldier, an iconic image of the ANZAC experience at Gallipoli. The main design is a wreath of gum leaves (Australian Eucalyptus), below which is a scroll bearing the word "ANZAC". The circular portion of the reverse has a map of Australia and New Zealand with the Southern Cross, beneath which is a wreath of fern leaves (representing New Zealand) and a blank scroll allowing for the inclusion of the recipient's name. The medallion measures 76 mm x 50 mm, and is engraved on the reverse with the recipient's initials and surname only. Because of insufficient space on the scroll, the rank and number had to be omitted.

The medallion itself is not designed to be worn, however, those personnel who were still alive when the medallion was issued also received a lapel badge sized version of the full medallion, numbered on the reverse with the individual's First World War service number. Those who claimed the award on behalf of a deceased relative received only the medallion. The medallion was accompanied by a certificate. The medallion is sometimes referred to as the Gallipoli Medallion.

FOR YOUR INFO

Almost the Last “Bugle” for Some!

The return to New Zealand for many of those associated with CRIB 21 means the end of “The Bugle” finding its way to your Letterbox or Inbox! We have decided to send one more copy after this one, as there will be some great contributions and photos to mark the end of this deployment which will feature in the next edition of the “Army News” and which we would like to be able to share with you. So no - we haven't forgotten to take your details off our database - just in case you are wondering! For those who still have loved ones in Afghanistan your mailout will continue until their homecomings.

Return to New Zealand Dates - Afghanistan Deployment

As you know there are a number of service personnel remaining in Afghanistan after the return of many of CRIB 21 and who are committed to the “pack up”. At this stage we do not have any homecoming details but will be in touch with you as soon as this information comes to hand. Please do not hesitate to call for an update if need be.

Communication Links from Afghanistan

We have been advised that there are currently no issues with communication home from those still in Afghanistan. As part of the ‘pack up’ process there is always the possibility of some disruption to services.

If you have a concern, be sure to contact the DSO for further information or for assistance in getting any messages to service personnel.

The “Army News”

We know that many of you have enjoyed getting copies of the “Army News” with your mailouts or following the link online. If you wish to continue to receive this great publication, you can email the editor, Judith Martin -

armynews@nzdf.mil.nz

and request to be added to the distribution list for future copies.

Disturbed by Media reports?

From time to time news items referring to deployments or deployment locations, appearing on television or in the print media, can cause unnecessary worry to those at home. If you are concerned by any reports you see or hear, please contact Carol or Janine (DSO's Burnham and Linton) for further information. While we may not know the answers to your queries, we know where to find them and how to navigate the system. There is always someone willing to talk with you and our aim is to provide peace of mind, so please don't hesitate to call.

Welcome to new Readers

There are a number of service personnel currently rotating in and out of various deployment locations. We welcome you to our three weekly publication, “The Bugle”, and hope that you find some interesting articles and information to help you along the way. We find it very hard to get willing contributors to this deployment newsletter from those in smaller locations, so apologize if there is nothing submitted for the location where your loved one is deployed to. Maybe you might like to suggest it when you are next in conversation!!

Last Mail for Theatre

Extraction Team Afghanistan

It has been suggested to us that mail being sent to Service Personnel for the above Mission cease this week, unless you know that your loved one is staying later than the rest of the team, (if in doubt contact the DSO). While we still do not have a date for their return, mail delays can occur along the way, and it would seem wise that nothing further is sent after April 19th. It is a huge task to try and return mail to senders, so your co-operation with this request is much appreciated.

Return to New Zealand CRIB 21 Information - Christchurch Airport

Complimentary Airport parking, courtesy of the Airport Authority, is available for families meeting Service Personnel returning from deployment in Afghanistan on both scheduled flights. On entering Christchurch Airport, make your way to the short term car park. You need to take a ticket to lift the barrier arm. When leaving, there is no need to validate your ticket, but rather, make your way to the marked exit where one of our soldiers will lift the barrier arms for you. N.B: Complimentary parking does not apply to the Car Parking Building.

Please be aware that flight arrival information will not be displayed on the Arrivals Board in the International Arrivals Lounge or be available through the internet on the Airport website. For updates on timings, please contact the DSO.

KEEPING THE HOME FIRES BURNING

I just love this column! Every article that has been bravely submitted has been true to form! It sounds like me and I guess you too!

I am on the countdown now to homecomings but I have survived and when I look back at what we have achieved as a family, I think I feel just as proud of what I have done, as my husband feels he has done too. I must say it was somewhat daunting when he left but I feel a bit of a sense of pride in that I managed things far better than I ever expected I would! I found new ways of doing things, took some shortcuts when I had too and managed to be far more organised than I ever was before! I think I have some new ways of doing things now which will help us when we are all back together.

So it hasn't been all bad! Sure, I have had days where I have been angry that he went away and left us to "battle on", but I am now not so "hung up" on washing my floors and polishing the table every other day, or never having takeaways to lighten the load and the mess! I am more relaxed with my family and routines (although have been anxious about the location of the deployment).

One of my biggest saviours has been the local school - they understand my children's needs with their Dad away and have



encouraged them when they have realised that the going is sometimes tough. My kid's have worn their dog tags with a lot of pride and it helps the other teachers who don't know my kids so well, to know that sometimes they don't always perform at their best! The school has encouraged and helped with activities and used the deployment resources to share with other kids too. There is a huge map on display which shows where the kids' Dad is and other Dads' in other places. I know the Army had an Information training sessions for teachers and some of the ideas they use came from that, but they have thought up their own too!

So soon we will be all back together. I just want to say thanks to everyone who has helped our family make it to the end. It's been an experience that has had its challenges but has left us better off - in more ways than one!! I hope you all have great family times in the days ahead - we have sure earned it!

Lucy D.

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:

Waionaru—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

KEEPING THE HOME FIRES BURNING — FROM ABROAD

I have read with interest from abroad, "The Bugle" articles submitted for this column. I have been both amused and grateful for the efforts made by all those at home in our absence. I am not sure if I am permitted to write for it but I am taking the risk and submitting my thoughts!

This column is great - it brings a perspective to our lives apart these past six months, and reminds us here, about the efforts those parenting alone make in support of our endeavours.

When I deployed to this foreign land I put a number of things in place to assist my family. These things have helped immensely, but it is that lack of personally contributing to the lives of my loved ones, that has been so difficult. I know they have had both good and bad days and the separation has not always been easy (for both of us) but in my eyes they have excelled.

I have to say that the pre-deployment briefs were a valuable contributor to the success my family has achieved. I am so proud of them! Their feedback from the information presented equipped them with some great skills to manage this deployment and they were grateful that a team made themselves available to offer words of advice and were honest and upfront about the

situation we were heading into. I don't think that they have needed to contact Carol or Janine but the very thought that they are only a phone call away has always been reassuring. While they haven't been able to help with home tasks (guess I will be back on the rubbish soon!) the information updates received regularly from "The Bugle" has helped them feel very much part of the deployment and they have enjoyed the comments, articles, helpful hints and even the odd personal message!

We wouldn't have been able to achieve what we have here, without the support from home. The many packages have sure boosted my morale when I needed it and I know from those around me, that they have felt the same too. We often talk here about how lucky we are to have the support from home. It's not just from our partners but extends to friends, grandparents and others in our home town. Sure, "my Babe" has done lots of the hard work but not entirely alone. I owe these people my thanks and more!

I can't wait now to get home and be back with my family. I feel I have a "debt" to repay for all they have done to let me follow this dream! Thanks Babe - I love you!

I am sure looking forward to being the one that puts the



wood on the fire soon and keeps the Home fires Burning!!

(Name withheld on request - Editor, "The Bugle")

A black and white line drawing of a bouquet of flowers tied with a ribbon. A small tag with a heart on it is attached to the ribbon.

Mother's Day —
12 May

Don't forget Mums
at home and Mums abroad!
Get your personal messages
in for the next edition
of "The Bugle".
Deadline 1 May

ACCESS TO OHAKEA AIR FORCE BASE



For family members wishing to enter Ohakea Air Force Base to farewell or welcome home service personnel from deployment, please be aware that the entry process is as follows:

- ❖ If you are accompanied by a member of the NZ Defence Force or have a dependant's ID card, please proceed to the lane

closest to the Duty Reception Centre and show your ID card to the duty person. They will raise the barrier and you may enter the Base.

If you are NOT accompanied by a member of the NZ Defence Force with military identification, you are requested to follow this process.

- ❖ Please park in the allocated spaces leading up to the Duty Reception Centre — DO NOT proceed directly to the barriers, you will be redirected to the parking spaces.
- ❖ Inside the Duty Reception Centre you will be asked to produce your drivers licence as identification and explain your reason for wanting access. If you are meeting a flight, you will be asked who is the departing/ arriving person and their name will be checked against the flight manifest.
- ❖ Visitors passes will be issued and directions to the departure/ arrival location of the aircraft provided to you.

ACCESS TO RNZAF BASE AUCKLAND

RNZAF Base Auckland welcomes the opportunity to host families who are welcoming home or saying farewell to loved ones who are involved in overseas deployments. However, security of the Base is important and therefore advise the following:

- ❖ If your family member has indicated to you that they are on a flight which will be landing at Whenuapai, please contact your DSO (Janine or Carol) at least two days before the flight is due, so they can advise Whenuapai that you will be wanting access to the Base.
- ❖ Please note that you will be required to give us the names of

all people wanting access and that you will also be required to show your drivers licence or similar photo identification on entry.

- ❖ If you are accompanying your deploying service person, their military ID will be sufficient to allow you access to the base.



PERSONAL MESSAGES



The deadline for contributions and personal messages for the next edition of "The Bugle" is **1 May at 4.00pm**. Please note: All "Bugle" messages are to be sent to Carol Voyce, DSO Burnham (email: dso.burnham@xtra.co.nz)

From Home

Baby

I can finally say I'll be seeing you next month! Counting down the days! Zaedyn is excited to be getting you back and Indie is excited to meet her daddy. I'll be seeing you at the airport. Xx.

Hey Wairoa

You're home next month, my darling son.
Sinai, Egypt, deployment, done.
To Aotearoa, land of the long white cloud
To your whanau, who agree, you do us proud
My precious JEM
Homeward bound, travel safely
Towards our arms, our hearts.
Your family XOXO.

Kia ora Pāpā

I hanga keke huritau mātou māu.

He tino reka hoki tō keke huritau whā tekau. Koirā hoki tētahi huritau tino whakahirahira. Nei te mihi ō te whānau ki a koe e tōkū pāpā kaha, tōkū pāpā ngākau nui. Kia kaha tonu koe i te wā ka āwhina koe i a rātou kei tā wāhī rā. Kei konei tonu tō whānau e tuku whakaaro ana ki a koe mō ake tonu atu. Maranganui te harikoa, Te Maaks, Manaz, Hinewaiwai, Missy Tia, Kimmy, Max, Piki, Māmā.

Wilco

Kia ora my darling! Enjoy our skype sessions. Hope this message makes your day and helps you through your journey away. We all miss you dearly and try our hardest to stay positive and strong so life for you is easier while you are away. You are looking mighty fine, yummy and I can't wait to have you in my claws again (I mean arms). Love always, your darling Rākera-LOL.

Happy Birthday John

Love Mum, Janine, Tracy, Amber-Jane, Lullan and Colin.

Hi Rose

Looking forward to seeing you again and catching up with all the news. Carol and Christine.

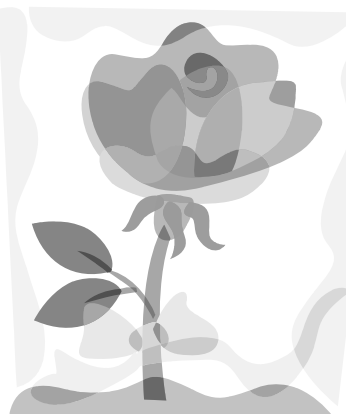
Hi Honey

So excited and so full of plans for us both. Hope the shopping goes well and you find just what I want - preferably something that sparkles! Love you always.

Rick

The dog is truly mad. Has been digging enormous holes and getting out from under the fence. Seldom here when I get home but at least has the sense to go to Mick's - seems he always has a bone there! I can't wait for you to revert to the role of "Master"! Take care over there. Miss you, Me and Bruno xxx.

BOUQUET



Andrew Brown, Sony Nepia - Sinai

Extending sincere thanks and appreciation to you Andrew for going the extra mile in helping whānau keep in touch with our loved ones. Your emails are very satisfying in knowing that our whānau are busy and safe. It is people like you who make life easier for both families and our loved one's serving. Thank you both for trying to assist me in celebrating a mile stone

birthday for my darling despite the outcome. Continue to do the great work you are doing. Be safe, happy and trust that the sacrifice you are giving is beneficial for more people than meets the eye. Hana.

Hey Babe

Thinking of you often and miss you heaps. Have been keeping busy and still enjoying the great weather here. The garden looks great. You are going to be so proud of my efforts. Taking a long weekend soon up with Aunty Ev and looking forward to that. Might get a chance to get loose in the shops! Love you, Keep up the phone calls and letters. Hear from you soon. Sal xoxo.

Boy

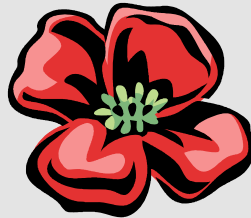
We are all looking forward to your homecoming and having you back in New Zealand. So much to catch up on so be safe there and see you for Syd's wedding and all the celebrations. Take care, Aunty Jean and Uncle Les xx.

IN FLANDERS FIELD

The red of Flanders poppy has been linked with battlefield deaths since the time of the Great War (1914-18).

The plant was one of the first to grow and bloom in the mud and soil of Flanders. The connection was made, most famously, by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae in his poem "In Flanders Fields".

Significance of the Poppy



Red poppies made of light cloth or paper are popularly worn on and around ANZAC Day as a mark of respect to those who died in the course of service to their country. The poppy has its origins in the early twentieth century, when red Flanders poppies bloomed over the graves of soldiers in France and Belgium. The poppy is now the undisputed symbol of remembrance, although its design has undergone several changes over the decades.



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.
(John McCrae)

ANZAC BISCUITS

Originally called "soldier's biscuits", the biscuit that has come to be referred to as ANZAC was popular to send to soldiers during the First World War because it was a hard, durable food that travelled well by sea.

Still popular, there are several ANZAC biscuit recipes around, including this one:



Ingredients:

1 cup rolled oats
1 cup wholemeal flour
½ cup sugar
¾ cup coconut
125 grams butter
2 tablespoons golden syrup
½ tsp baking soda
2 tablespoons boiling water

Method:

Combine rolled oats, flour, coconut and sugar. Combine butter and golden syrup and microwave until melted. Mix soda with boiling water and add to melted butter mixture, stir into dry ingredients. Place teaspoon lots on a greased tray, roll into ball shapes and press to flatten (about 12 per tray). Bake at 170 Celsius for 20 minutes. Cool on trays. Makes about 35 biscuits.

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



The New Zealand Defence Force Community offers
a broad range of services and supports to help Defence
families manage this unique way of life.

The best way to access these support services
during a deployment is to contact your
Deployment Services Officer.



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