

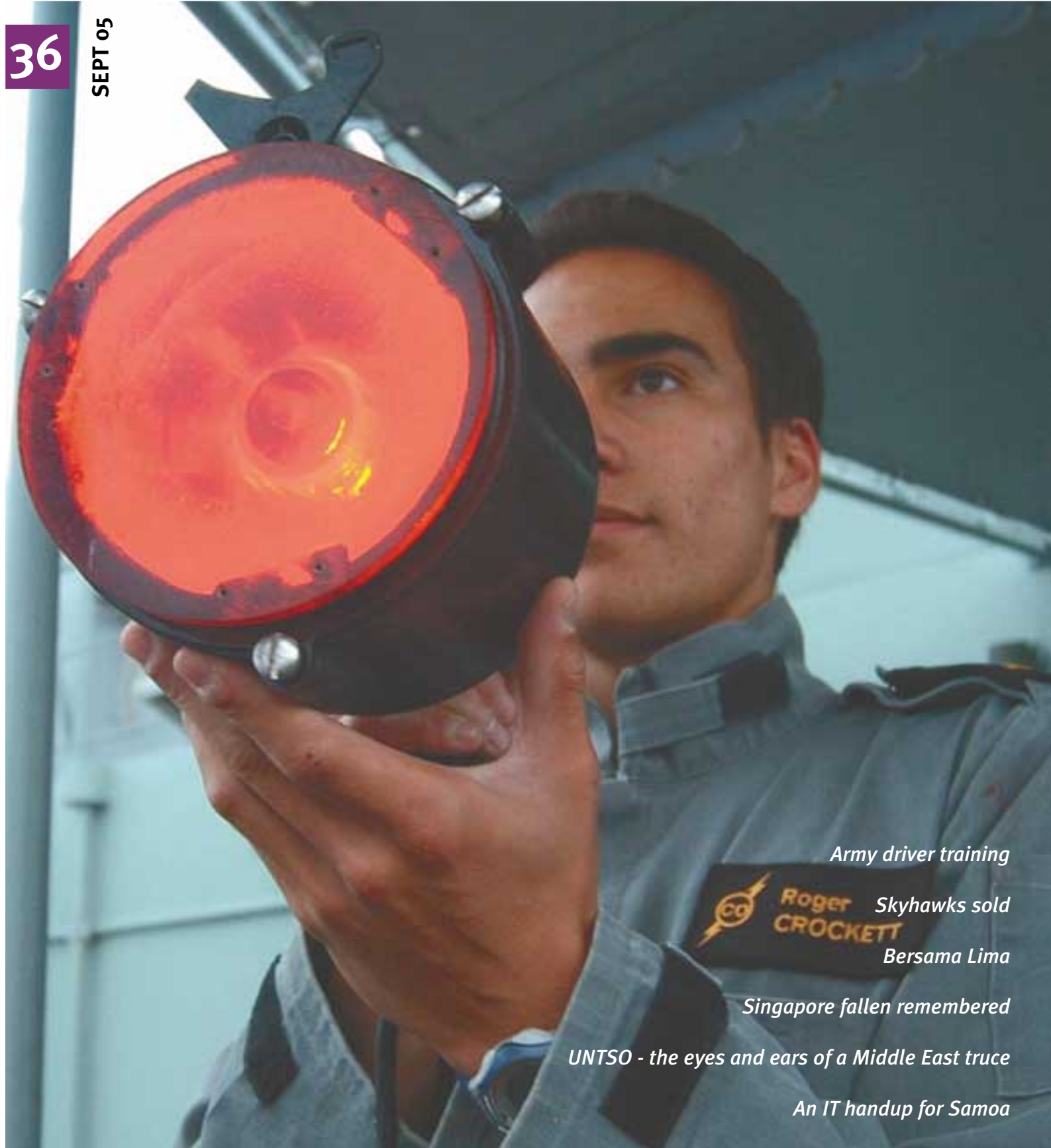
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Army driver training "of a high standard"

The Army-wide review into driver training, initiated earlier this year by the Chief of Army, Major General Jerry Mateparae, has been finalised. The New Zealand Defence Force review team, after consulting local and international military and civilian experts, have found that the current method and mechanisms used for driver training are significantly better than those available in the civilian sector.



The review was instigated after a Unimog truck accident in February in which three soldiers were killed.

Major General Mateparae says the review makes him confident the Army is providing a very high level of driver training across the organisation and the training is provided in a manner that ensures the Army's personnel are not exposed to unnecessary risk.

"Confirmation by a number of external organisations and experts who recognise our driver training as being well-developed, very comprehensive, and of a high standard, gives me confidence, as does the fact that we fully comply with all legislative requirements for licensing. What the review has

done is highlight a number of areas where we can enhance our already high standards and continue to progress towards providing world class driver training."

Other significant findings of the review include the recognition that

demographics play a role in vehicle accidents and that resource constraints are a primary contributor that limits Army's ability to provide training to the very highest possible standard.



Chief of Army, Major General Jerry Mateparae, and above, an Army Unimog truck.



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COVER: *Able Communicator Roger Crockett of the Royal New Zealand Navy Photo: Nikki Payne. Inset: UNTSO military observer Major Kate Lee in Syria. Photo: Judith Martin*

Skyhawks, Aermacchis sold

The RNZAF Skyhawk and Aermacchi fleets have been sold to a private American company, Tactical Air Services, Inc. for around \$155 million (US\$110 million) following the signing of a Heads of Agreement between the company and the Royal New Zealand Air Force. The recent successful introduction of giant European aerospace company Alenia Aeronautica, SpA, a Finmeccanica company, as the company's "corner stone" shareholder has meant Tactical Air Services is now able to complete acquisition of the New Zealand air combat force aircraft. Finmeccanica is also the parent of Aermacchi SpA, the manufacturer of the RNZAF Aermacchi aircraft.

The sale is conditional upon the formal agreement of the US State Department permitting importation of the aircraft into the United States, as well as the required End User Certificates from New Zealand and Italy. These matters have already been extensively discussed with the respective foreign government departments and no problems were anticipated in finalising arrangements.

Regeneration work on returning the Skyhawks to operational status will be undertaken by Safe Air Limited in Blenheim.

The Aermacchi fleet is already fully operational. Both fleets will be progressively shipped to the US over the next few months.



Kiwi sailors and airmen begin multinational exercise

HMNZS Te Kaha was one of 20 warships from five nations which took part in the annual Five Power Defence Arrangements (FPDA) exercise in the South China Sea recently.

Naval and Air Forces from New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and the UK are taking part in Exercise Bersama Lima, from September 15-28.

The main objective was for the FPDA Defence Forces to conduct operations in a multi-threat scenario.

During Bersama Lima, *Te Kaha* engaged in a series of exercises designed to hone surveillance, interception and boarding skills.

A Royal New Zealand Air Force Orion also took part in the exercise.

Operating out of Butterworth Air Base in northern Malaysia, the Orion flew surveillance missions over the South China Sea.

The challenge for aircrew was to distinguish different types of vessels

operating in one of the world's busiest shipping lanes.

The New Zealand contribution also included the Naval Operational Dive Team and a number of personnel working at the combined headquarters in Penang.



Ships of four nations berthed at Kemaman, Malaysia.

HMNZS Te Kaha remembers the fallen in Singapore

Sailors from HMNZS Te Kaha marched at the Kranji Commonwealth War Cemetery in Singapore in September to commemorate the fallen of WWII.

Te Kaha was in the area to take part in exercises with Singapore, Malaysia, Australia and Britain.

The parade marked the end of five days of commemorations recalling Singapore's part in WWII.

Jack Bagley, Noel Yorke and John Brock were all shipmates in 1945, when their assault ship sailed into Singapore that September; Jack was ashore on 12 September 1945 and witnessed the formal ceremony when the Japanese commander surrendered to Lord Mountbatten.

John Vibert, an Air Force pilot captured in Java in 1942 and later transferred to the infamous Changi prison, took part in Saturday's ceremony at the Changi Chapel and Museum.

There are some 4,000 war graves at Kranji, while the Roll of Honour names over 24,000 more servicemen and women who have known graves but who fell elsewhere in Southeast Asia.



Dawn parade: sailors from HMNZS Te Kaha.



Kiwi veterans John Brock, Noel Yorke and Jack Bagley at the Changi Prison Memorial Chapel after the commemorative service.

Military observers – the eyes and

By Judith Martin

When Captain Wendy Paisley heard the whoosh of a tank round pass overhead and the following explosion, she dived for the scant cover she could find in the dusty south Lebanon countryside.

"My partner and I weren't sure where the fire was coming from and we only had a small hill for shelter. We took a side each, and joked later that at least one of us would have survived to tell the tale if we were the real targets."

Nations Truce Supervision Organisation, which monitors the truce between Israel and the bordering countries of Lebanon and Syria.

UNTSO is the longest-running UN mission and was established after the creation of the state of Israel in 1948. Most of the 153 military observers are based in the areas of separation between Israel and Syria on the Occupied Golan Heights and on the Lebanese side of the Blue Line in Southern Lebanon. The observers, from 23 countries, are spread among Lebanon, Syria, Israel and Egypt, with 17 of them at UNTSO headquarters in Jerusalem.

The New Zealand Defence Force has contributed peacekeepers to UNTSO since 1954, making it New Zealand's oldest UN mission.



An UNTSO observer post.

The incident earlier this year, which turned out to be the Israeli Defence Force firing a retaliatory strike on a Hezbollah position, did not result in injury but was a stark reminder for Captain Paisley of just how volatile the Middle East can be.

With seven other New Zealanders, the Medical Corps officer is a military observer working for the United

Military observers seldom see their compatriots as they are each teamed up with observers from other countries in order to maintain neutrality and avoid claims of complicity.

Working from patrol bases and observations posts, the observers are the eyes and ears of the peacekeeping process. They maintain, in military-speak "situational awareness" – in other words, they patrol, watch, talk, and find out what's going on in their locality, and what's likely to happen. An interpreter accompanies most patrols, which, although unarmed, have radio contact with their local UN headquarters, and access to bunkers at the various patrol bases scattered throughout the region.

Captain Paisley, who qualified as a nurse before joining the Army in 1997, spent her first six months in the Middle



Commander Joint Forces New Zealand Major General Lou Gardiner, (at right) visits a Syrian observation post during a recent visit to NZDF personnel serving in the Middle East.



ears of the peace process

East working in the occupied Golan Heights in Israel.

"Working in the Golan is quite different from southern Lebanon," she says. "In the Golan there is an area of separation that varies from 200 metres to nine kilometres wide. Each zone has different restrictions on the type of military equipment from either side that is allowed to enter, and as an observer you are constantly monitoring for violations. In Lebanon we monitor mainly what is known as the "blue line", which involves looking for signs of civil unrest or disturbances.

"When we're on patrol we meet with local mayors or mukhtars, and also the police and local military officials. We do a lot of talking and liaison – I think that is what helps the peace agreement, generally speaking, stay effective."

That said, however, she realises there is no room for complacency.

"When we became caught in the crossfire it was so unexpected – it came out of the blue. I knew there was always the potential for incidents, and possibly the escalation of conflict. The situation in a place like the Middle East can change rapidly and as military personnel and observers we realise that. People who have been involved in conflict for a long time can become very emotional very quickly. We just have to use our training and professionalism to cope with that as best we can."



Captain Wendy Paisley.

A Kiwi at the top

The New Zealander who heads UNTSO is no stranger to complex international peacekeeping operations.

Major General Clive Lilley is ten months into a posting as UNTSO's Jerusalem-based Head of Mission. In his career with the New Zealand Army he has served in key roles in Somalia, Bougainville, East Timor, and Solomon Islands.



In his UNTSO role he is responsible to the Secretary General for all aspects of the mission's performance throughout its operational area - Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt. He deals with UN and UNTSO issues in and across the five mandated countries, and also has representational and diplomatic responsibilities with a host of other regional personnel.

So what is a typical day in this part of the turbulent Middle East?

As Head of Mission he reports to the United Nations headquarters in New York, and to that end meets regularly with politicians, senior foreign affairs officials, defence chiefs and security officials and police representatives from Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt.

"I also make frequent calls on the diplomats representing the Security Council "permanent five" countries, and keep in contact with other UN missions operating in the region. Working in this part of the world is never dull, and the variety of work that comes with the appointment makes for very interesting times."

When an incident affects UNTSO, for example, if treaty violations occur, he becomes involved either directly with the government of the nationals involved in the incident, or indirectly by ensuring UNTSO staff follow the required United Nations processes.

UNTSO is now in its 57th year of operation, and will achieve its mandate when there is a comprehensive peace throughout the Middle East. Three of the five countries covered by the mandate have signed peace agreements, but as yet no peace agreement has been signed between Israel and Lebanon and Israel and Syria.

It is sometimes a challenge, says Major General Lilley, to understand the rationale why things are done as they are in UNTSO. "A big challenge for the mission and myself is to review how it does its business and to introduce simple, smart and efficient ways for the missions to be both professional and effective.

"The Secretary General is introducing a range of changes throughout the entire UN organisation. These corporate changes require a complete reassessment of what, how and why UNTSO conducts its business. The changes these moves require, together with our own internal reviews of how UNTSO is performing are all designed to increase the organisation's effectiveness and professionalism in a rapidly changing world. I am hoping we will achieve that."



UNTSO observers, from left, Squadron Leader Kavae Tamariki, Lieutenant Commander Graham Hill, and Captain Wendy Paisley.

Afghanistan - the NZ PRT at work

The New Zealand Defence Force's support of Afghanistan continues, with the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) providing assistance with local elections, Bamyan Hospital, training Afghan national police, and helping the community in general.

The PRT's main role in Afghanistan is to strengthen security and stability, and support the development of self-sustainable provincial and district government. It does this by making its presence felt by patrolling the Bamyan region, and helping security sector reform. It is strengthening the influence of the Government of Afghanistan by helping rebuild institutions, monitoring disarmament, and reducing the causes of instability and insecurity.

NZDF helps in Afghanistan election

The PRT in Afghanistan played a role in ensuring recent elections in its part of the country went without a hitch.

The election, in which the people of Afghanistan voted for the first time for the 249 members of a new national parliament, was held on September 17.

Despite fears there could be some problems with protests and crowd control on election day, everything ran smoothly, and voting day was notably quiet, says PRT commander Colonel Tim Keating.

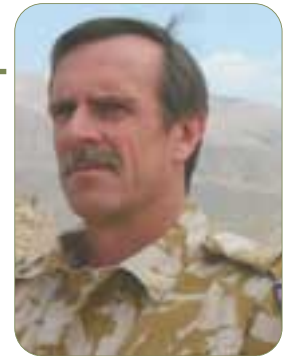
"The Hazari people welcome democracy, but in the lead-up to the election there was a lot of violence in other parts of Afghanistan."

Some of the polling stations were three days apart, by donkey, from the regional centres, so the PRT, along with other organisations, helped distribute and collect voting material. PRT members also provided advice to other agencies about security. The aim was to help the democratic process by creating a suitable and safe environment in which people could vote.

Colonel Keating says the locals responded very positively to the PRT. "The Hazari people where we are in the Bamyan Province have known only violence in the past, so they really welcome having the New Zealanders here to help encourage peace and security."

A large number of the local population, especially in rural areas, are illiterate, so the voting forms contained photos as well as symbols of the various parties. The campaign, says Colonel Keating, was nothing like that experienced during the recent New Zealand general election.

"Posters went up in some of the towns, and there were vans with loud speakers, but no real party politics. It's more personality politics than party manifestos."



Top, NZ PRT commander Colonel Tim Keating; below, ballot boxes are delivered on election day.

Kiwi soldiers train Afghan national police

New Zealand Army soldiers in Afghanistan are learning to use new weapons as part of a programme to train the Afghan National Police.

Six soldiers have recently trained with the Hungarian-manufactured AMD-65 assault rifle, a variant of the AK-47.

They spent two days learning to strip and assemble the weapon and practising drills, before putting it through its paces with live firing on the weapons range.

Each of the soldiers trained in the AMD-65 will train other members of the NZ PRT.

They in turn will train up to 300 members of the Afghan National Police to use the AMD-65 throughout Bamyan Province in central Afghanistan.



Corporal Kevin Packer (right) fires the AMD-65 watched by Warrant Officer Class One Jim Dawson.

Kiwis gift surgical supplies to Bamyan Hospital

The build-up to the Afghan elections saw the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team (NZ PRT) medical staff working closely with Bamyan Hospital staff to prepare a plan for coping with any mass casualty incidents. NZ PRT personnel and hospital staff had several combined planning meetings and a 'walk through' at the hospital to ensure it had a workable plan with which both NZ PRT personnel and hospital staff would be familiar.

Bamyan hospital is a 60-bed facility that serves as the referral centre for all of the province's health clinics. The



NZDF medical staff with their Bamyan Hospital colleagues take delivery of equipment.

hospital provides surgical, medical, paediatric, obstetric and gynaecology services and has basic laboratory and x-ray facilities. It currently has a very limited ability to sterilise surgical supplies, due to the breakdown of three of their five sterilisation units. As part of the preparation for possible mass casualty incidents, the NZ PRT medical team sourced disposable surgical gowns and theatre drapes from US medical logistics. This equipment gives the Bamyan surgical team the ability to perform multiple operations back-to-back without being restricted by very limited sterilisation capacity.

The NZ PRT is also looking at a long-term solution for the hospital's sterilisation problems and hopes to be able to provide the necessary parts to ensure that all the

hospital's autoclaves (sterilisers) and sterilisation units can be returned to full function. Other PRT projects at the hospital include digging a well and constructing a laundry building. Currently an obstetrics and gynaecology building funded by NZAID is under construction.

Bamyan Province, like most of Afghanistan, faces many significant challenges in the health sector. The average life expectancy for Afghan males is 41 years, 42 for females, and one in four children die before adulthood.



Kiwi 3, one of the PRT patrols, has recently been providing basic hygiene kits to villagers in Aq Rabat Pass, an area about 45 minutes drive northwest of Kiwi Base. The US Aid provided kits consist of soap, towels, and toothbrushes. Most of the kits were given to the village's children whom, it is hoped, will use them to add to the improvement of their physical health. Above, patrol medic LAC Nicole Sangars gives a lecture on basic hygiene to children and their parents, to ensure the kits are used correctly. The villagers of Aq Rabat have been experiencing acute health problems due to contaminated drinking water. LAC Sangars and other patrol members also talked to villagers about the advantages of boiling drinking water, as well as not using water for drinking, downstream from where people bathe.

IN BRIEF

Duke visits

His Royal Highness The Duke of York visited members of 2nd Logistic Battalion at Linton Military Camp on 29 September.

He spent the day at Linton Military Camp where he reviewed a parade, viewed activities and displays, and shared a barbeque lunch with officers and soldiers of 2nd Logistic Battalion.

During the remainder of his visit, The Duke of York visited members of the RNZALR in Trentham Military Camp. The Duke of York has held the appointment of Colonel-in-Chief of the RNZALR since its formation in 1996.

Officers to Korea

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) is strengthening its commitment to security in Korea, with the deployment of two officers.

Lieutenant Malcolm Hurly (Army) and Flying Officer Dan Abel (Air Force) departed New Zealand on 29 September for a six-month deployment.

Their departure lifts the number of NZDF personnel deployed to the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission (UNCMAC) in Korea to three.

IN BRIEF

IT help in Samoa: the NZDF Mutual Assistance Programme.

The communications and information technology skills of Samoa’s police are being boosted, courtesy of Royal New Zealand Navy Chief Petty Officer Barry Wilson, and the NZDF Mutual Assistance Programme (MAP).

Based at the police station in Apia, CPO Wilson is in Samoa for three years as part of the programme. A senior analyst programmer, he is helping develop and improve sustainable computer and IT capabilities for the Samoan police, and repair and maintain their existing facilities.

MAP enables the NZDF to provide professional and technical skills to participating countries in the South Pacific and Southeast Asia region. NZDF personnel frequently work alongside local defence and police personnel from participating countries, transferring skills and ideas, to ensure there is a "mutual" aspect to the assistance.

CPO Wilson coordinates police IT training, and advises and helps in the selection, installation, maintenance and administration of the police’s IT equipment. He also helps with the development of training programmes, and data bases for information sharing.

He says the position is professionally rewarding, and while there are occasional technical difficulties, "that’s what makes the job interesting. We source equipment from various areas, and some of it is relatively old, but we make sure we use it in the best way possible."

Prior to his posting to Samoa, CPO Wilson - who has a background in electrical/electronics as well as information technology, worked on developing applications for the NZDF intranet, as well as LAN management.

NZDF Mutual Assistance Programme (MAP) coordinator Major Andrew Morris says there are 14 countries involved in MAP; five in Southeast Asia and the rest in the Pacific. "The MAP with Samoa is part of NZDF's goal to assist South Pacific participants develop capabilities that will contribute to national stability and peaceful development. We are confident the work CPO Wilson is doing eventually contributes to strengthened security capability in the region.

"The MAP is about people - our people helping their people, but it is not just one-way. In my job I see our people gaining a lot from doing this sort of work. I have no doubt that both the NZDF and the Samoan Police have increased their professionalism because of the experience."

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NZ DEFENCE FORCE OPERATIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UN MISSIONS	LOCATION	DEPLOYED
UNOTIL	Timor Leste	1
UNMIK	Kosovo	1
UNTSO	Middle East	9
UNCMAC	Korea	3
UNAMI	Iraq	1
UNAMA	Afghanistan	1
UNMIS	Sudan	2
CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGIONAL MISSIONS	LOCATION	DEPLOYED
Operation Rata	Solomon Islands	1
Operation Koru	Timor Leste	3
CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL FORCES	LOCATION	DEPLOYED
EUFOR Liaison Team	Bosnia	11
ISAF Staff Officers/NCO	Afghanistan	3
MFO	Sinai	26
OEF Staff Officer/SNCOs	Afghanistan	4
OEF Provincial Reconstruction Team	Afghanistan	122
OEF (RNZAF)	The Gulf Region	6
OEF	Florida, USA	3
NZ SAS personnel	Afghanistan	

NZ DEFENCE FORCE DEPLOYMENTS

HMNZS <i>Te Kaha</i>	Australia	173
5 Squadron RNZAF (Exercise Deep Sabre)	Malaysia	26
RNZN, RNZAF (Exercise Bersama Lima)	Mayaysia	32
RNZAF Simulator training	Singapore	9
TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ON OPERATIONS OR DEPLOYMENT		437