

NZDF HIGHLIGHTS

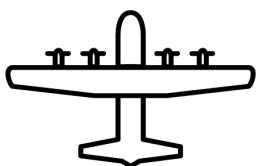


HMNZS Aotearoa on a resupply mission to Antarctica

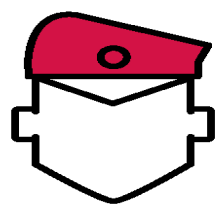
NZ AND THE PACIFIC



HMNZS Aotearoa returned from her successful maiden resupply mission to McMurdo Station in Antarctica. She delivered fuel, equipment, supplies and buildings to support Antarctica New Zealand's scientific research and rebuild programmes.

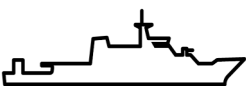


A C-130H aircraft delivered Covid-19 vaccines, personal protective equipment and rapid antigen tests to Tonga and Kiribati to support their Covid-19 responses. A flight also delivered PPE and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief stores to Solomon Islands.



NZ Army personnel deployed twice to the West Coast to assist Civil Defence with flooding responses. The first response was the largest, comprised of 23 personnel to provide transport, catering and liaison. An RNZAF NH90 was also deployed to the West Coast to assist with the first response.

Five soldiers are assisting Solomon Islands police to help restore peace and stability in the region.



HMNZS Wellington and HMNZS Canterbury carried out surveys and assisted in the restoration of communications in Tonga. Canterbury also produced and delivered water to Nuku'alofa.



A P-3K2 Orion aircraft completed a surveillance patrol within the New Zealand Exclusive Economic Zone

Around 100 personnel are working with the Australian Defence Force and Pacific militaries. This includes RNZAF personnel embedded with the Royal Australian Air Force in Adelaide for training on the P-8A Poseidon aircraft.

AROUND THE WORLD

Outside the Pacific, the NZDF routinely has 110 personnel working throughout the world. Of those 50 personnel are working with the United States and Canadian militaries and 40 personnel are working with the United Kingdom's Armed Forces in various roles. Around 20 personnel are working throughout Asia.

Additionally, in Esquimalt, Canada, 165 NZDF personnel are currently supporting the Frigate Systems Upgrade of HMNZS Te Mana.

Eight RNZAF P-8A crew trainees are embedded with the United States Navy in Jacksonville, Florida, for training on the new P-8A aircraft.

OPERATIONS

Personnel deployed on major peace support operations, training missions and headquarters positions around the world:

- 31** personnel to the Multinational Force and Observers in Egypt, including the Force Commander
- 16** personnel to Antarctica to assist at Scott Base and McMurdo Station
- 12** personnel to the United Nations Command and Military Armistice Commission in the Republic of Korea
- 8** personnel to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation based in Golan Heights, Lebanon and Syria
- 7** personnel in the Middle East in roles associated with the Defeat-ISIS Coalition in Iraq
- 3** personnel to the Combined Maritime Forces Headquarters in Bahrain
- 3** personnel to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan
- 1** personnel deployed to UK Maritime Trade Organisation in United Arab Emirates as part of our Maritime Security commitment.

OPERATION PROTECT

As at 25 February, NZDF had **1,028** personnel supporting the All-of-Government response to COVID-19 in Auckland, Hamilton, Rotorua, Wellington and Christchurch. Support includes providing personnel in the following roles: Regional and facility-specific operational planning of Managed Isolation and Quarantine Facilities (MIQF), day-to-day running and management of MIQF, providing a security element for MIQF and a team that is responsible for allocating NZDF personnel around the different areas in New Zealand.

MIQF security:

462

MIQF:

323

Regional Co-ordination Centres:

22

Joint Task Force HQ:

13

MIQF Operations:

12

Other support:

196

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TRAINING EXERCISES AND ACTIVITIES



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1 This month RNZAF's No. 3 Squadron conducted Exercise Blackbird in Wairau Valley. Utilising both A109 and NH90 helicopters this training ensures that personnel are ready to respond and operate in any environment, no matter how challenging.

2 Soldiers have been taking part in the Junior Non-Commissioned Officers course held at Burnham Military Camp. During the course, students learn how to deliver lessons, give a formal set of orders and lead a team effectively. These are key skills which lead to success on the battlefield.

3 A catering detachment from 3rd Combat Service Support Battalion was deployed to support the West Coast earlier this month. Comprising nine chefs with two drivers to support their movement, they headed to Westport to provide meals for up to 250 residents and workers for a two-day period.



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