



THE FAMILY WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT THEY HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE NZ ARMY.

Doug had a wide group of friends from all walks of life. The support and love from all of these people has been humbling.

Some might wonder why Doug went into harms way; Doug had absolute faith in his friends and colleagues, and what he was doing in Afghanistan. He understood what he was getting into and believed in the goal of training local forces for that country's future.

He was a determined person, some may say stubborn in his pursuit of his goals while growing up. He wrote in a school essay once that he wanted to be in the SAS; he worked towards that goal from

that time onwards and convinced the Army he could do the job.

Like most kiwi's Doug did not make a big deal about his achievements. He shied away from the spotlight preferring to focus his attentions on his family and getting whatever job he tackled done to the best of his considerable abilities whether it was building a house, being a soldier, or being a husband and father.

The family is incredibly proud of Doug's achievements as a soldier and as a husband, father, brother, and son.

Doug was adamant in his determination to keep his work life separate from his family life and we appreciate that while he is now the focus of our country that the media give Tina and the children some private space to come to terms with the fact he has died doing one of the things he loved.