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Dear Ted,

I'm writing to pass on my sincerest thanks and those of all RAF Police personnel to you and all the members of the RAF Police Association who helped make the repatriation of Corporal Brent McCarthy so poignant and dignified last Thursday. I know that his family will have noticed the sizeable RAFP Association presence, both at Carterton and at the John Radcliffe Hospital and that they will have been very touched by your show of solidarity with a fallen comrade. I am also aware of all the other activity that you and Association members have been involved in behind the scenes, and am very grateful for that too. I am sure that there will be other opportunities for you to show your support for Brent, his family and friends and his colleagues, both in the short and the long-term, and I will discuss those with you once the family has had a chance to share with us their wishes in relation to military involvement at Brent's funeral and thereafter. Brent's passing represents an unwelcome, but probably inevitable milestone for the RAF Police. As our involvement on the front line of operations has increased beyond all recognition over recent years, the Association has played a vital role in supporting, recognising and celebrating those who have put themselves in harm's way, in current conflicts and those of the past. That role, and the wide range of more general support you provide is likely to become more and more important to the current generations and their successors, and is very much appreciated by all who serve. Very many thanks to you all.

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