



Presentation

of

Certificates and Awards

by

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant

of

North Yorkshire

Mr B Dodd CBE

Quebec Company
4th Battalion
The Yorkshire Regiment
Stockton Road
Middlesbrough

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CERTIFICATES FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE FOR 2016

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LANCE CORPORAL M SADIQ – 162 REGIMENT, ROYAL LOGISTIC CORPS

LCpl Sadiq is employed by his Sqn on a 3 day a week additional duties contract, as a recruiter. This has permitted him to focus his energies and aptitude in working with potential recruits. He has become their role model. Those seeking to join the armed forces he mentors and coaches with emotional intelligence. Outside of his work days LCpl Sadiq attends a number of Business Clubs, Job Centres, Youth Programme and local colleges where he talks and presents the military opportunities and training on offer from the Army, both Regular & Reserve. In this role, LCpl Sadiq has made an outstanding contribution to the growth of the Army Reserve in the Middlesbrough area.

As a JNCO he has demonstrated all of the attributes and abilities expected of a soldier with his experience and position within the Squadron. In particular LCpl Sadiq demonstrates strong initiative, enterprise and leadership. He makes it his mission to ensure potential recruits are informed and they have regular personalised communication. He continues the role out of uniform by acting as an Ambassador for the reserves in every opportunity he finds.

LCpl Sadiq has also promoted and represented the Army Reserve to the local Muslim and other faith communities in the Middlesbrough and Stockton areas. He is also a member of the Armed Forces Muslim Association and has worked hard in promoting equality and diversity and promoting understanding and awareness. He epitomises all of the Courage and Values of the Army Reserve. His mannerism and maturity is well suited to working with young adults. He is able to motivate and enthuses individuals. For his work in promoting the reserves in the local community and the work he does on behalf of the Army LCpl Sadiq is awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate for Meritorious Service.

CORPORAL L E WILSON – 1 REGIMENT, ROYAL MILITARY POLICE

Cpl Wilson has been a stalwart member of 243 Pro Coy RMP since 2012. Prior to being in the army reserve she was an adult volunteer in Cleveland Army Cadet force for over 8 years. She is currently a member of the Company Reserve Recruit Mentoring serving in the Norton detachment of Stockton on Tees.

Cpl Wilson is a dedicated member of the company and this is currently a key member of its recruiting team that covers an area from Scotland to North Yorkshire. Her skills in planning and people management have been invaluable in the building of the company strength since its reorganisation 4 years ago.

Cpl Wilsons' contribution to the reserves has been outstanding. In the recruiting world she organised a Company open day which fostered relations within the local community and the local area. It is to her immense credit that she did this almost singlehandedly from formulating the concept through organising to delivery. The result of which raised the profile and standing of the Army Reserve within the Stockton Borough and ensured that we have forged close links amongst the local community. Not content with this she has dedicated herself to serving within the Army Reserve. She played a key role in the unit's deployment to Cyprus; where she often acted above her rank and gained praise from the local RMP Commanding Officer. Never one to stand still Cpl Wilson was also key player in the re badging of the Norton Army Cadet force from Para to RMP where she assisted in the demonstration of capability of the RMP for the cadets, along with the cadets' friends and family.

For her dedicated and committed service, way over and above that which would normally be expected from her rank and appointment, Cpl Wilson is awarded the Lord Lieutenants Certificate of Meritorious service.

LIEUTENANT (SCC) W O'DONNELL – TEESSIDE DISTRICT, SEA CADET CORPS

Lt O'Donnell joined Middlesbrough Sea Cadets as a cadet and rose through the cadet ranks. When she turned 18 she became a member of the adult staff and qualified as a Petty Officer. In 2005 she was promoted to Sub Lt. Currently Lt O'Donnell is the District Training Officer and currently works with all Sea Cadet units within the Teesside District; coordinating all aspects of training for adults and cadets. Earlier this year she was promoted to Lieutenant.

Lt O'Donnell works at PD Ports as Assistant Harbour Master. She is a qualified as a Master Mariner (Unlimited), having served on various commercial vessels. This knowledge is invaluable to the Sea Cadets and she readily passes her vast knowledge onto adults and cadets. Her specialism is teaching Navigation and Meteorology.

In her time in the Sea Cadets Lt O'Donnell has worked at the Sea Cadet Training Centre Caledonia teaching Sailing and Rowing. She has also spent a large part of her Sea Cadet career at Sea on board the Sea Cadets flagship offshore sailing vessel TS Royalist and the offshore power vessel TS Jack Petchy. Lt O'Donnell organises regular boating for the Cadets and Staff in the District, who otherwise wouldn't have had the opportunity. Lt O'Donnell organised a very successful charity Rowing Race on the River Tees last year, several charities including the Sea Cadets took part. Lt O'Donnell organised this event in her own time, attending planning meetings and liaising with all the charities, port users and the local authorities.

Lt O'Donnell has committed her time to the 5 units in the Teesside District, tirelessly helping each unit to achieve boating qualifications for both Staff and Cadets. She has gone above and beyond the expected commitment for a member of staff within the Sea Cadets.

For her commitment and dedication to the Sea Cadets Lt O'Donnell is awarded the Lord Lieutenants Certificate for Meritorious Service.

CAPTAIN B FINLAYSON – CLEVELAND ARMY CADET FORCE

Captain Blair Finlayson is currently C Company Training Officer in Cleveland Army Cadet Force, based on Loftus, in which he has served as a volunteer since 2002.

Captain Finlayson manages to juggle his cadet force commitments with his civilian employment with Group 4 Solutions who have fully supported him with his attendance at cadet activities.

He originally joined as a civilian instructor. Over time he joined as an adult volunteer and became a Detachment Instructor and subsequently a Detachment Commander. Under his command, the school based detachment flourished with over 40 cadets parading. He has also held the County appointment of Training Sergeant Major where again he thrived.

Captain Finlayson is conscientious, and has the training needs of adults and cadets to the forefront of his thinking, ensuring that appropriate, tailored training is delivered promptly and effectively. He consistently impresses through his diligence. He maintains high standards and always ensures that he meets all the required deadlines to enable cadet activity to happen. Captain Finlayson is friendly and approachable, while always maintaining a highly professional demeanour.

Captain Blair Finlayson epitomises the very best qualities to be sought in ACF Officers and an example to both adults and cadets alike.

For his dedication and commitment to Cleveland Army Cadet Force, Captain Finlayson is awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate of Meritorious Service.

RECIPIENTS OF 104 LOGISTIC BRIGADE COMMANDER'S CERTIFICATE of COMMENDATION

STAFF SERGEANT K J OVINGTON, 162 REGIMENT, ROYAL LOGISTIC CORPS

Staff Sergeant Ovington has served with the Army Reserves since August 1997, specifically with 67 Stores Squadron, 168 Pioneer Regiment and 162 Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps. A qualified Class 1 Pioneer and Class 3 Movement Operator, since July 2015 Staff Sergeant Ovington has been required to fill the appointment of a Movement Control Troop Commander.

Working within the confines of an Army Reserve Centre that had re-rolled from a Pioneer to Movement Control, the retention of 40 soldiers within the location was in no short part down to Staff Sergeant Ovington's exceptional leadership and command skills. The driving force behind the transformation, Staff Sergeant Ovington instilled enthusiasm and real excitement in his charges, no small undertaking given the fragile moral of the squadron following the loss of the Pioneer capability.

Peaking with the deployment of soldiers on Op BARONA, Staff Sergeant Ovington's newly found Movement Control skills were exceptional, as was his command and control of the Squadron's contribution to this task. Adaptable and always ensuring the needs of his soldiers were put first. Staff Sergeant Ovington leads by example in every undertaking and has been an exceptional troop commander through a most challenging period.

Held in the highest regard, without Staff Sergeant Ovington's significant contribution over the past 24 months the successes of this Regiment would have surely been compromised. For his contribution to the Army Reserves, Staff Sergeant Ovington is awarded 101 Logistic Brigade's Certificate of Commendation.

PRIVATE M R GRAHAM, 162 REGIMENT, ROYAL LOGISTIC CORPS

Private Graham enlisted in the Army Reserves in January 2014 and completed the Class 3 Movement Operatives course in July 2014 and the Potential Junior Non Commissioned Officer course in September 2015.

In a relatively short period Pte Graham's impact to the operational effectiveness of 162 Regiment RLC has been nothing short of exceptional. Having worked hard to ensure that his personal professional competences are in advance of the levels normally seen in such a junior soldier, Pte Graham excelled in the tempo and realms of recruitment to the Army Reserve.

Continually seeking opportunities to increase his wider understanding of the Army Reserves, Private Graham has become an ambassador for not just this Regiment but also the virtues of the Reserves as a whole. Working hard with employers, he has improved the bond between the private sector and his Regiment; laying the foundations for further interoperability.

Joining the Army Reserves slightly later than most, Private Graham has served as an inspiration to the Regiment's younger cohort; having excelled on both trade and potential non-commissioned officer courses his dedication has been nothing short of remarkable. Indeed, after only 12 months service in the Army Reserves, Private Graham deployed on Op BARONA where his conduct, bearing and professional competence was indistinguishable from his Regular Army counterparts.

Private Graham is the epitome of the 21st century Army Reserve soldier; intelligent, engaging and in possession of a desire to 'add value' at every turn, he thoroughly warrants official recognition. For his contribution to the Army Reserves, Private Graham is awarded 101 Logistic Brigade's Certificate of Commendation.

HER MAJESTY'S LORD-LIEUTENANT'S CADETS FOR 2017

ABLE CADET REECE TRAFFORD-BRINGLOE, TS ERIMUS, SEA CADET CORPS

Reece has been in the Sea Cadets for 6 years, having joined at 10 years old, and has reached the cadet rank of Leading Cadet. He is the most senior cadet in his Unit.

Reece has been on an expedition to the Baltic on board the powered training ship Jack Petchey. This he sees as his greatest experience in the Cadets to date. Reece is very active and makes the most of the opportunities that arise in the unit; he has attained the RYA Sailing Stage 3 award, is a keen rower and recently passed the basic piping and marine engineering qualifications. Outside of cadets Reece has undertaken to attain his Private Pilot's License and is just 10 hours away from qualifying.

He hopes to utilize his flying skills once he completes his A levels at college by reading for a Physics degree and then applying to become a pilot in the Fleet Air Arm.

**CADET SERGEANT JOSHUA ATKINSON,
LOFTUS DETACHMENT, CLEVELAND ARMY CADET FORCE**

Joshua has been in the ACF for 4 and a half years. Over this time Joshua has been very active within the Cadets and made some remarkable achievements, attaining the cadet 3 star award, and attending the 2015 camp in Germany, which he sees as the current highlight to his time in Cleveland ACF. He is the Detachment Standard bearer; selected for his turn out and commitment.

Joshua is currently is on a sports apprenticeship at a Primary School in Redcar. He states the experience and skills he received from his time in the cadets helped him attain the position. Post his apprentice ship he hopes to become a Secondary Teaching Assistant for Sports Leadership. He is considering joining either the Army Reserve or becoming a Cadet Force Adult Volunteer.

**CADET FLIGHT SERGEANT AMBER METCALFE,
NUMBER 1869 (MIDDLESBROUGH) SQUADRON, CENTRAL AND EAST
YORKSHIRE WING, AIR TRAINING CORPS**

Amber has been an Air Cadet for 5 years at the Coulby Newham Squadron. Amber is a very active member of her Squadron and her qualities have received recognition through her appointment as Squadron Flight Sergeant, the Squadron Senior cadet.

During her time in cadets Amber has undertaken gliding training residential and is awaiting on her application for a gliding scholarship. She has attended Camps in Germany and Cyprus, in addition to camps in the UK. Her passion in the Air Cadets is shooting and drill. Attaining the marksman badge is something she is particularly proud of. Amber is a Wing Drill Instructor and is a member of her Squadron Continuity Drill team. The team have currently synchronized a routine of up to 30 drill moves.

Amber is a member of the Wing band as a snare drummer. She has participate in the Middleborough Battle of Britain Remembrance Parade and has played at the Menin Gate, Ypres.

Following her A Levels Amber wished to study Biomedical Sciences at University before joining the Royal Army Medical Corps.

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CADET FORCES

The Sea Cadet Corps, Army Cadet Force and Air Training Corps are voluntary youth organisations sponsored and funded by Ministry of Defence. There are some 5,000 cadets and over 1,300 adult volunteers throughout the North East. The three Cadet Forces need adult men and women as leaders and potential officers. Military experience is not required, although it does help, and adults receive all the training they need.

ARMY CADET FORCE MASTER CADET AWARDS

The Master Cadet Course was introduced in 1989 to advance to the leadership, instructional and administrative abilities of post 4-star cadets. The course is held at Cadet Training Centre Frimley Park in Surrey. Passing the course makes the candidate eligible to be appointed as a Master Cadet.

ARMY CADET FORCE FOUR STAR PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Cadet activities are Army orientated and both male and female cadets are trained by means of the Cadet Syllabus, or Army Proficiency Certificate. The APC is completed in four stages and at each stage of completion Cadets are awarded a 'star' badge to wear on their uniform. The syllabus contains subjects such as field craft, map reading, compass skills, shooting, range safety, care of weapons, first aid, lifesaving skills and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. 4 Star Cadets also have to obtain an Essential of First Aid Certificate and must complete a 20-mile foot expedition.

BTEC FIRST DIPLOMAS IN PUBLIC SERVICES

Business and Technology Education Council (BTEC) First Diplomas are administered by the Cadet Vocational Qualification Organisation (CVQO), which is a registered charity, accredited by Edexcel, City & Guilds and the Institute of Leadership and Management, responsible for managing internationally recognised Vocational Awards for members of all of the Cadet Forces. CVQO is dedicated to helping both cadets and instructors of the cadet forces get ahead personally and professionally. The qualifications on offer have been designed to show employers and educators the wide range of skills that young people and adults learn in the Cadet Forces and mix theory and practical elements with an emphasis on leadership, teamwork, communications, problem solving and fitness. The First Diploma for cadets is equivalent to 4 GCSEs standard grades at A* to C levels', which are now being recognised by colleges and universities, and AIs can gain up to the equivalent of a Level 6 Graduateship Award.

HER MAJESTY'S LORD-LIEUTENANT'S CADETS

The Lord-Lieutenants of Durham, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear and North Yorkshire have approved the appointment of Lord-Lieutenant's Cadets to represent their Cadet Force and assist with Royal and other official duties for one year. One or two Cadets are selected from each of the three Cadet Forces in the County – the Sea Cadet Corps, the Army Cadet Force and the Air Training Corps – depending on the anticipated number of duties. The Cadets have been chosen by virtue of their outstanding performance as a cadet, personal qualities and contribution to their local communities and the aims and spirit of their respective Cadet Force.

