



Presentation

of

Certificates and Awards

by

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant

of

Northumberland

The Duchess of Northumberland

28th March 2017

*St Lucia Barracks
High Pit Road
Cramlington*

**RECIPIENTS OF HER MAJESTY'S LORD-LIEUTENANT'S
CERTIFICATES FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE FOR 2016**

**CORPORAL M K BELL – 5TH BATTALION, THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF
FUSILIERS**

Corporal Bell first enlisted in June 2003 into X Company Tyne Tees Regiment as a Rifleman and then into 5RRF. He has served 13 years and is now currently a Section Second in Command.

He is currently employed and works full time as a Client Services Manager. He is a family man and is supported by Emma and 2 children, Katie and Harrison.

Throughout his service he has attended 11 Annual Camps and has seen service in the UK, Germany, Kenya, USA, Italy, Spain and the Middle East.

He is a thoroughly professional, loyal and dedicated soldier; he is currently a Platoon Second in Command in charge of 8 men, and with his diligence, enthusiasm and people skills he has continued to excel be it in barracks or in field conditions. Cpl Bell is an active team member of X Company and is highly respected by his superiors and peers alike.

Corporal Bell continues to make a significant contribution in the highest traditions of the Reserve Army, for which he is recommended the award of the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate.

CORPORAL R CROZIER – 5TH BATTALION, THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF FUSILIERS

Cpl Crozier joined W Company the 6th Battalion the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers in December 1978 where he very quickly established himself as a capable soldier. He was promoted soon after following the successful completion of a JNCO Cadre in 1980. In addition to this he has also completed several key courses including Skill at Arms Instructor, Assault Pioneer Class 1 and Physical Training Instructor.

Cpl Crozier works at Torness Power Station in East Lothian where he is employed as an Environmental Safety Surveyor.

Within the Fifth Fusiliers Cpl Crozier is employed as a Pioneer Section Commander at Berwick Cadet Centre, in the recruiting and initial training cell the Battalion has in the town. His efforts in the town have proved fruitful to maintaining a sustained flow of recruits into the Battalion, who then parade at Alnwick Army Reserve Centre. This has been a challenge; but Corporal Crozier has proved to be skilled at managing the separation with limited resources.

He has proved to be loyal, hard-working and a dedicated soldier and has served in various countries throughout his career including Cyprus, USA, Gibraltar and Germany.

For his dedicated and committed service over and above what would normally be expected for his rank and appointment Cpl Crozier is awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate for meritorious service

CORPORAL D SHORT – 5TH BATTALION, THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF FUSILIERS

Cpl Short joined W Company the 6th Battalion the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers in August 1990 following his completion of recruit training. He then joined the Royal Marines. He returned to the Army Reserve in July 2006 where he joined 100 Pioneer Squadron 168 Pioneer Regiment in Berwick. He promoted to Lance Corporal in 2008. In addition to this he has also completed several key courses including Summer Mountain Proficiency, Assault Pioneer Class 1 and Physical training Instructor.

Cpl Short works at Duns Hatchery where he is employed as a lorry driver

Cpl Short is currently employed as a Pioneer Section Commander at Berwick Cadet Centre where he jointly manages the recruit and initial training cell. Managing the separation with the main Army Reserve Platoon site in Alnwick is a challenge that he and the team he works with complete with initiative and a great deal of hard work. This has proved to be a successful model that maintains a sustained flow of recruits into the Battalion.

He is an industrious hard working member of the company and has served on exercise in Germany and with the United Nations in Nicosia Cyprus.

For his dedicated and committed service over and above what would normally be expected for his rank and appointment Cpl Short is awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate for meritorious service

FUSILIER B AITCHISON – 5TH BATTALION, THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF FUSILIERS

Fusilier Aitchison joined the band of the 6th Battalion the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers in October 1975 as a clarinet player. As well as being employed as a musician he was also employed in a secondary role of medical assistant.

Fusilier Aitchison is unemployed and is a full time carer for his mother.

Fusilier Aitchison is currently employed as a driver at Cramlington Army Reserve Centre. Throughout his 42 years' service in the Army Reserve he has played in the Northumbrian Band of the 6th Battalion the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers the Burma Band of the 7th Battalion the Light Infantry and the band of the Tyne Tees Regiment, where he gained tech 1 in clarinet.

Throughout his career he has been reliable, enthusiastic and loyal. He has served in Germany, Gibraltar, Sweden, Cyprus, Belfast and Romania.

For his dedicated and committed service over 42 years to the Territorial Army and Army Reserve above what would normally be expected for his rank and appointment, Fusilier Aitchison is awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate for meritorious service.

STAFF SERGEANT INSTRUCTOR W J ROBSON – NORTHUMBRIA ARMY CADET FORCE

Staff Sergeant Instructor Robson joined the Army Cadet Force as an Adult Instructor following Regular Army service in 1999. Throughout his service with the Army Cadet Force he has demonstrated flair and imagination in his approach to cadet activities, frequently giving up time outside of what is expected of an ACF Adult Volunteer to facilitate and prepare activities.

As a Detachment Commander and Instructor with X Company and subsequently with Z Company he has proven to be conscientious in his approach, planning to the last detail, pre-empting problems or difficulties and ensuring efficient and effective administration in support of the Company.

Over the years as an Adult Instructor he has developed an intimate knowledge of cadet training and takes the time to pass on this knowledge to younger Adult Instructors. His unique and refreshing sense of humour has given him the ability to cope with the various and awkward challenges set by dealing with volunteers, both Adults and cadets alike. He has also encouraged two of his children to join the Army Cadet Force.

SSI Robson is a highly motivated Instructor who volunteers to carry out extra duties above the requirement of his role. His attendance record is exceptional, balancing his personal life, work and ACF commitments with notable precision.

For his commitment and dedication to the ACF ensuring all cadets receive the best possible experience SSI Robson is awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate for Meritorious Service.

WARRANT OFFICER J G RENFORTH – DURHAM/NORTHUMBERLAND WING, AIR TRAINING CORPS

Warrant Officer John Renforth joined the ATC as a Cadet at 242 (Cramlington) Squadron, leaving in 2000 on reaching the upper age limit as a Cadet Warrant Officer. He was appointed to uniform service in 2001 and has progressed up the ranks to his current position of Warrant Officer.

Warrant Officer Renforth has served with the ATC for many years and during this time he has been active in training, range work and adventure training, gaining qualifications in all. He has attended many annual camps and adventure training camps both within the UK and overseas, demonstrating dedication and commitment to hundreds of cadets, ensuring they receive a fantastic ATC experience.

Warrant Officer Renforth has served in uniform capacity on 1114 (Gosforth) Squadron and 1000 (Blyth) Squadron. On both units he improved the level of cadet activities. In 2011 he was asked to move to 242 (Cramlington) Squadron in order to strengthen the staff numbers, to provide experience and leadership to a squadron which was underperforming.

Shortly after taking post he was effectively left as the sole uniform member of staff and volunteered without hesitation to take on the role of Officer In Charge. 242 (Cramlington) Squadron was in danger of becoming a non-viable unit when Warrant Officer Renforth stepped up as OIC. He has worked tirelessly to make sure the cadet's receive the very best ATC experience, increasing cadet activity by initiating a varied training programme and focusing on key cadet events such as flying, camps and the D of E, resulting in the units viability and continued success.

For his dedication to his cadets and his willingness to take on considerable challenges above those as would be normally expected of his rank, Warrant Officer John Renforth is awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate for Meritorious Service.

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

The Lord-Lieutenant of Northumberland has approved the appointment of Lord-Lieutenant's Cadets to represent their Cadet Force and to assist her with her official duties for one year. The Cadets have been chosen by virtue of their outstanding performance, personal qualities and contribution to the aims and spirit of their respective Cadet Force.

**CADET FLIGHT SERGEANT MATTHEW BOOTH
2522 (Bedlington) SQUADRON, AIR TRAINING CORPS,
DURHAM/NORTHUMBERLAND WING, AIR TRAINING CORPS**

Matthew joined the Air Cadets 5 years ago in Cramlington. He joined as his father is an Adult Volunteer in the Air Cadets and his brother is a Civilian Instructor. He enjoys flying and shooting as part of the Air Cadets offer. Matthew has stated he has gained so many other softer skills from his time with the air cadets. This year Matthew has been nominated his Squadron's John Muir Award for Community Service. Matthew has volunteered with local churches and within the Cramlington community. He is hoping also to complete the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award this year.

Matthew currently works in the Vue Cinema in Cramlington and cites the skills he developed in the Air Cadets as invaluable in his daily work. He is seriously considering a career in the RAF Police once his time in the Air Cadets comes to an end.

**CADET FLIGHT SERGEANT KATIE HARRISON
404 (Morpeth) SQUADRON, AIR TRAINING CORPS,
DURHAM/NORTHUMBERLAND WING AIR TRAINING CORPS**

This year Katie will have been an Air Cadet for 5 years. She has taken advantage of all opportunities offered and is now concentrating on passing on her experience by mentoring younger cadets so they are equipped to take advantage of the same opportunities the Air Cadets has to offer. As a cadet Katie plays the snare drum in the Wing and Regional Band. She has also completed the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award which she cites as a particularly memorable achievement due to the skills developed through completing the expedition with a team whom she only met at the start of the qualifying expedition. A highlight was a week-long visit to RAF Akrotiri in 2014.

Katie is studying for her A levels and post these she wishes to go to university to qualify as a dentist.

Outside of Cadets and school Katie is involved in an impressive array of social action work; from Charity shop work to work with a riding for the disabled charity. Despite all the Katie still finds the time to work on a casual basis at Newcastle Racecourse.



5th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers

The 5th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (5 RRF) is a Reserve unit which was formed on 1st of March 2006 following the disbandment of The Tyne Tees Regiment. Although 5 RRF in its current guise is a relatively new Battalion, its constituents have long and proud histories.

Currently, the Battalion has an establishment of over 400 officers and soldiers. The Battalion Headquarters is located on Newcastle Quayside following its recent move from Durham, with X Company based in Newcastle. D Company is now based in Durham with detachments in Bishop Auckland and Doncaster. Under the Future Army Structure, Z Company absorbed 100 Pioneer Squadron and moved to St Lucia Barracks in Cramlington. They also have a detachment in Alnwick.

As an infantry unit, 5 RRF has supplied many individual Reservists as well as having formed detachments for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2003 through to 2014. More recently, the Battalion assisted with manpower in Glasgow during the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

HER MAJESTY'S LORD-LIEUTENANT'S CERTIFICATES

The Lord-Lieutenants of the four Counties in the Association area present Certificates annually for good service to officers and members of Independent and Specialist Units of the Reserve Forces and to adults of the Sea Cadet Corps, Army Cadet Force and Air Training Corps. Those nominated must have at least 7 year's outstanding service and be serving on the day the recommendations is made.

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 DIPLOMAS IN TEAMWORK AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

Business and Technology Education Council (BTEC) Level 2 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.