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## EMPLOYMENT

### Officer Commanding, The Royal Tank Regiment

February 2016 – September 2016

Squadron Leader of DREADNAUGHT, the Royal Tank Regiment's Command and Reconnaissance Squadron. Responsibilities including:

- **Operational Output** for the 100 strong department, including operational and exercise deployments.
- **Career management** of all personnel under my command.
- **Account management** which included well in excess of £5m of equipment and armoured vehicles, and accountable for their maintenance and assurance.
- **Training** personnel within the Squadron; identifying the requirement, analysing the resources and delivering a robust and flexible training package.
- **Staff Officer** provided significant contribution to operational planning in a headquarters controlling a Battlegroup of 1000 personnel.
- **Communications** plan for the wider Regiment involving coordinating with civilian outside agencies, promoting the Regiment's online presence while maintaining a balance of online security, and identifying and prioritising engagement opportunities both inside and outside Defence.

*Promotion: Major – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016*

### Adjutant, The Royal Tank Regiment

May 2014 – February 2016

Personal staff officer to the Commanding Officer and senior Captain in the 600-man unit. Responsibilities:

- **Career Management** of up to 60 officers including coordination of annual reports and individual discussion and guidance for officers' long-term career progression.
- **Discipline** for all personnel, including the management of complex cases and preparation and running of the military equivalent of magistrate's courts.
- **Health Management.** Tracking the health and deployability of the Regiment and identifying innovative solutions to maintain maximum effectiveness of the unit.
- **External Liaison.** Key point of contact for external agencies including high profile visitors.
- **Operations Officer.** When deployed fulfilled a secondary operations officer role controlling, synchronising and executing detailed plans involving 1000 personnel and 400 armoured vehicles.

### Intelligence Officer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Tank Regiment

August 2011 – May 2014

Including a 6 month tour of Afghanistan:

- **Intelligence Officer.** Maintaining and analysing an accurate picture of enemy threats. Briefing the Commanding Officer of changes, especially if pertinent to any forthcoming Regimental deployments. When deployed on operations act as the intelligence hub within the Battlegroup and key role in the planning group.
- **Gunnery Officer.** Maintaining the Regiment's currency on all gunnery platforms, and planning and coordinating the Regimental Annual Field Firing Exercise.
- **Security Officer.** Key point of contact for all matters relating to security within the Regiment.

### Operations Officer, Joint CBRN Regiment

July 2010 – August 2011

The Joint Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Regiment provides a pivotal and unique role in the NATO Rapid Reaction Force. H Squadron are responsible for providing a quickly deployable Light/Medium Role Team (LRT/MRT) asset. Personal responsibilities as the H Squadron Operations Officer included the planning, coordination and execution of collective, continuation, individual and adventurous training for members of the 80-man Squadron. *Promotion: Captain – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010*

**EMPLOYMENT**  
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**Army Officer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Tank Regiment (2RTR)**

*April 2008 – July 2010*

Included a 6 month tour of Afghanistan, with responsibilities including:

- **Squadron Intelligence Officer.** Maintaining an accurate and up to date picture of enemy activity throughout Helmand, analysing this information, and presenting it to the soldiers deploying concisely and comprehensively.
- **Battlegroup Intelligence Officer.** Operating at a higher level than the Squadron, heavily involved in the planning of large-scale operations and managing a team of 2-3 analysts.
- **Troop Leader.** Primarily responsible for leading and managing a troop of up to 30 soldiers across all aspects of their careers, personal welfare, training, education, fitness and safety, on and off operations. Ability to quickly interpret, analyse and disseminate orders essential, as well as effective and motivational leadership in high-stress and fluid situations. Ensure essential maintenance of vehicle carried out.

**Officer Cadet, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (RMAS), Surrey**

*May 2007 – April 2008*

The commissioning course at RMAS intends to develop individual's intellect, character and professional competence to produce Army officer's with the generic leadership qualities to lead soldiers both on and off operations. It is a 12 month arduous course that tests individuals to their mental, physical and emotional limits. *Promotion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2008*

**Market Intelligence Analyst, Computacenter Ltd.**

*August 2006 – December 2006*

Working on behalf of HBOS plc. within a larger project team, implementing computer device upgrades throughout the HBOS group. Using both database and Excel-based data analysis, with responsibilities including:

- Analysis and tracking of project progress and adapting to a changing schedule
- Liaison with engineers, ensuring deployments are attended, completed and reported
- Rapid response to ad hoc requests from business, company and client contacts

**Sales Representative / Territory Manager, Owen Mumford Ltd.**

*October 2005 – June 2006*

Covering the North East of England, selling a range of medical devices for diabetes used in both primary and secondary care. Key customers including Diabetes Specialist Nurses, Infection Control Nurses and Supplies managers, with responsibilities including:

- Achievement of all territory sales volume targets by product and product group
- Development of new and existing business in the healthcare sector
- Monitoring and increasing the usage of company products to maximise the potential of each customer

**Development Technologist, Smith & Nephew Medical Ltd.**

*March 2004 – May 2005*

Working in the Innovation department of the wound management site and part of the new product development R&D team. Project-based responsibilities including:

- Production of accurate design drawings using CAD packages
- Recording of materials for manufacture and testing enabling traceability
- Writing and adhering to protocols for experimentation and writing reports

**EDUCATION**

**BEng (Hons) (2.2) Medical Engineering, Leeds University**

*September 2000 – June 2003*

Modules including:

- Team design
- Economics of industry
- Detail design and manufacture
- Engineering mathematics
- Engineering materials
- Cell Biology and physiology

Dissertation: *"The effects of using Bronopol as an alternative antibacterial agent to Sodium Azide in wear testing of artificial hip joints"*

**Dean Close School, Cheltenham**

*September 1994 – July 1999*

A Levels: Maths (B), Physics (B), Chemistry (B)

GCSEs: AAAAAA BBBB C (including A in Maths and English)

**SKILLS & TRAINING**

- C&G Level 5 Leadership & Management Diploma
- Developed Vetting Security Clearance
- Trauma Risk Management Practitioner
- CBRN Advisor
- Branch IT Security Officer Course
- Protectively Marked Material handling course
- Advanced ECDL for Microsoft Office
- Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance (ISTAR) manager
- Endurance Training Leader
- Database management, XHTML, XML, CSS and PHP programming languages

**HOBBIES & INTERESTS**

- SCUBA diving instructor, qualified lifesaver and first aider
- Level 1 Squash coach
- Level 3 Personal Trainer

**REFERENCES**

**Lt Col Simon Ridgway MBE**  
*Commanding Officer*  
The Royal Tank Regiment  
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**Lt Col Nick Cowey MBE**  
*Commanding Officer*  
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