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**MILITARY SURVEY (GEOGRAPHIC) ASSOCIATION**  
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To

**SPR R.F. KENNEDY ROYAL ENGINEERS**

*“Spirit of Good Fellowship Beyond Normal Expectations”*

**Sapper Ryan Kennedy** arrived in 2 Troop, 13 Geographic Squadron on 7th January 2013, and was deployed as a member of the support staff for the 2013 Regimental Potential Non Commissioned Officers course. After completing this, he was tasked to be 1 of 2 members on the Lead Commando Task Group (LCTG) and in April, deployed on Ex JOINT WARRIOR in support of 3 Commando Brigade where he provided invaluable Geographic support to a fast paced HQ, often working long hours and unsupervised.

On his return in May, Spr Kennedy then conducted Tactical Information Geospatial Analysis System (TIGAS) and Field Deployable Geographic (FDG) systems training. Later, in June, on EX DHOWES WARRIOR - a Staff Ride to Germany that 13 Geo Sqn mounted - he was tasked to produce a battle brief which he diligently researched and knowledgeably delivered about the historical battle between German tribes and the Romans in the Teutoburg Forest.

At the end of June, he put his recent FDG and TIGAS training to good use, positively contributing to EX FOUGASSE STARTS, adding valued technical input.

As part of the LCTG, he conducted Pre-Exercise training including the Basic Sea Survival Course in Plymouth in July 13, in preparation for EX COUGAR – a 3 month deployment at sea. Whilst on this exercise Spr Kennedy developed his driving experience and skills by completing both the Pinzgauer and BV206 new vehicle operator courses as well as participating in an Adventure Training package.

He quickly matured as an individual, and was tested fully by being away at sea for a few months, working to tight schedules, often working alone or with just a L/Cpl. By the end of the deployment, he was capable of running the Geo desk within the Cdo HQ; conducting analysis on slopes, routes and imagery while concurrently issuing orders products.

He is an extremely fit member of 2 Troop and has supported and contributed to the Regimental Orienteering Team over the year, helping them win the team award at the RE games in Jun 13. On a personal level, he is also the current Royal Engineers U25 Orienteering Champion.

**Spr Kennedy** is a truly valued member of the Regimental Cross Country Team; member of 13 Geographic Squadron and 42 Engineer Regiment and sets the model example of a Geo soldier at the ripe age of only 19 years.

*The Association Award is presented annually, to the individual who has given outstanding and loyal support to the Regiment; whilst participating and contributing in a variety of activities throughout the training year. The fact that Spr Kennedy has been selected for this honour, demonstrates the significance of his outstanding contribution to unit life, during this period.*