



NAVY COMMAND

Sgt Lloyd Fenner

Sgt Fenner joined the Royal Marines in Jan 2003 and successfully completed 30 weeks of Commando training at the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines, a feat many aspire to but few accomplish. This course widely recognised as one of the most physically and mentally demanding in the world, instilled within him the highest standards of self-discipline, initiative and personal administration. He admirably displayed the ethos of teamwork and taking responsibility for tasks, never hesitating to help others.

He passed out for duty on the 10th September 2003, initially serving at 45 Commando as a GD Marine for a period of three years. During this post he completed an operational tour of Iraq in 2005. By this point one of the senior individuals in the rifle troop he was integral in mentoring and supporting junior colleagues. All official reports from this period reflect a likeable, honest and hard working Marine.

He then joined the Viking specialisation at its formation prior Op Herrick 5. In this role he was part of the first strike force to break into the notorious Helmand province and subsequently served in back to back tours of Ops Herrick 5 & 7, totalling thirteen months in theatre in a two-year period. Having previously been selected for promotion to LCpl he in fact conducted the majority of his second tour of Afghanistan in the role of Section Commander, responsible for eight crew members, four million pounds of equipment and the lives of all his embarked personnel. During this time he was directly responsible for leading his section to the capture of a high value target, in the form of the local Taliban commander.

In 2008, upon completion of his second deployment, he was selected to attend the junior command course and achieved a high pass, thus securing his official promotion to the rank of Corporal. He was then drafted to the Viking trials and training department, during which he instructed on numerous AS3 courses, giving him an in depth understanding of the Viking platform and technical characteristics. It was in this year that the first Sun Military awards took place and he was selected to meet the then Prime Minister Gordon Brown and the current Prime Minister David Cameron in order to accept an accolade on behalf of the Squadron.

In 2010 he was selected to take part in charity event called the Gumpathon, this involved running 20 miles a day for 2 months coast to coast across America the team covered a total distance of more than 2300 miles and raised over £500,000 for various military charities including the RMA, Help For Heroes, and the US Semper Fi course.

In early 2012 he was selected for promotion. By the June of 2012 he had successfully completed the senior command course and officially reached the rank of sergeant faster than anyone else in the squadron, with a total of eight years, eight months and twenty-one days of service. On completion of SCC he then took over running the Royal Navy School presentation team, this job honed his presenting skills and he was regularly expected to present to large groups of children and teenagers across the country. During this posting he was recommended for senior commission, however, chose to return to Viking Squadron in order to take up a Troop senior position.

In Jan 2013 he took over as 1 Troop senior, in which role he took part in two separate arctic deployments, helping to create and run the first ever Viking white shod courses, aiding in the formation of initial tactical doctrine for the cold weather environment and supporting in the first ever tactical exercise with Viking in Norway. He deployed on Exercise Black Alligator 14 with sole command of the Troop, again supporting 45 Cdo in one of the largest live firing training areas on the planet. His success during this exercise resulted in a personal letter of commendation from 45 Cdo's Commanding Officer.

I have absolutely no hesitation in recommending Sgt Lloyd Fenner to any future employer and would further request that if any more information is required they may feel free to contact me directly.

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