

NETHERY CGC, STEVEN

RANK: MARINE (SUBSEQUENT PROMOTION?)

DECORATIONS: CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY CROSS

YEAR OF SERVICE: 2004 - ?

SHIPS:

OPERATIONAL SERVICE: AFGHANISTAN, OPERATION HERRICK 5 and (

UNITS: 45 COMMANDO

Born 1986, from Edinburgh. Tried catering, sports development, then decided on RM.

To CTC Lympstone in 2004 aged 18. Difficulties of adjusting, too familiar with training team. Did not go down well. To 45 Commando. Norway training, then to Operation Herrick 5 in Afghanistan as a rifleman in Z Company, aged 19. Guarding and patrolling from the main base Camp Bastion. Boring. Then to Garmsir, patrolling again.

Home, Norway deployment, then work up for Operation Herrick 9. In V Company, protecting Kajaki dam. Austere conditions in the operating base there. Moved through various operating bases (FOBs). Sangin – very busy. Length of patrols. Was a GPMG gunner on a patrol that was ambushed. A man was injured, whom he rescued under fire (the man survived). Subsequently awarded Conspicuous Gallantry Cross. Back in UK awaiting possibility of Corps Commission – i.e., becoming an officer.