



MILTON KEYNES AT WAR

CRUSADES, CAMPAIGNS AND CONFLICTS



FIRST TIME UNDER FIRE IN AFGHANISTAN

A young Territorial's baptism, 2007...



'The most memorable moment for me was the time when we were first fired upon by the enemy.'

We were patrolling along a canal in northern Lashkar Gah, which is a town about half way down Helmand Province. We got ambushed from the other side of the canal by Taliban forces. They were firing small arms, RPGs, perhaps some mortars.'



To begin with, I personally thought it was strange, not thinking that it could be happening to me, but of course it was. Everyone responded well to it and returned fire. Several enemy were killed during the incident and as we withdrew we lost two vehicles which we left burning.'

It was only 40 minutes but it seemed to last forever... It was the biggest adrenalin rush I've ever had. I was both terrified and excited at the same time and nothing in the world can compare to that at all. It was quite a defining moment in my life really.'

Rifleman Charlie Barrett, 'E' Company, 7 Rifles



One Hundred Years of the Territorial Army:
To celebrate the TA's Centenary in Milton Keynes, a Freedom Procession parades through Central Milton Keynes on Saturday June 7th 2008

