

## Trooper James Munday

It is with great sadness that the Ministry of Defence confirms the death of Trooper James Munday, of 1 Troop, D Squadron, The Household Cavalry Regiment. Please see the eulogy below and attached photograph.

On 15th October, Trooper Munday was serving as a Jackal driver on Operation HERRICK 8 when he was killed in action in Helmand province. His Troop was conducting a routine patrol approximately 23km north of Forward Operating Base Delhi when he was killed by a contact explosion.

Despite the best efforts of the medical team, sadly, Trooper Munday was pronounced dead at the scene. Two other soldiers were also injured in the blast.

Trooper Munday's family said:

"James was an adventurous, gracious and caring son, who excelled as a soldier and died doing a job he loved.

"James was a tremendous character, who lived life to the full. He was a talented and fearless skier, an enthusiastic horseman and was relishing the opportunity to help those in need on operational service.

"We are devastated by the loss of James, who will be sorely missed by his family, numerous friends and colleagues. We are so proud of what he achieved as our son and have been humbled by the many messages of condolences received.

Lieutenant Colonel Harry Fullerton, Commanding Officer, The Household Cavalry Regiment, said:

"Trooper James Munday was, without a shadow of a doubt, one of the best of his generation. He was a rising star in his peer group and a truly brilliant Life Guard and Household Cavalryman. He excelled at all he turned his hand to. He joined the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment and was quickly noticed as a gifted rider and hard worker. He was selected for the elite Musical Ride Display Team, where he proved his worth. He became a Junior Skiing Champion on his first skiing tour. He finished his gunnery course as the top gun. He was posted to D Squadron, where he prepared for operations and won the confidence and respect of his Squadron Leader and all his colleagues immediately. He relished the prospect of serving his country on operations. He served on this tour with courage, honour, humility and always put his colleagues' interest first. He was passionate about his job and the regiment could ask for no more from him. He has paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service of others. His family have lost a wonderful son and we at the regiment have lost one of the best. We are humbled by his tragic

death and our thoughts are with his family at this time."