

Lt (NL) Steven Drury
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Dear Lt (NL) Drury,

I am Master Seaman Daphne Desparois and am a Reservist who is presently posted with 1 Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, C Battery. We are presently serving in Afghanistan with Task Force 3/09, in the province of Kandahar. My home unit is the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI).

I received your letter yesterday, filled with kind words from the cadets within your unit and those of Falklands Cadet Corps. Please thank all the cadets for me, for taking the time to correspond with us. Though we are busy over here, we are certainly grateful to receive mail and news from home. It is wonderful to know that we are in Canadian's thoughts, especially during the Christmas Season.

I have served 25 years with the Canadian Forces, first as a marine engineer and then as a Resource Management Support Clerk. I have never experienced such support from the people of my country as we are enjoying now. This means so much to me and the other servicemen and women over in Afghanistan. Thank you again and I wish you all the best of Christmases with your friends and families.

Sincerely,



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