

Recommendation for Honours and Awards

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Part A – Details of Nominee		Select from List <input type="text"/>	Year <input type="text" value="2017"/>
* Service Number <input type="text" value="3"/> <input type="text" value="0"/> <input type="text" value="0"/> <input type="text" value="7"/> <input type="text" value="7"/> <input type="text" value="1"/> <input type="text" value="9"/> <input type="text" value="1"/>	*Surname <input type="text" value="GOLDFINGER"/>		
* Forenames <input type="text" value="OSCAR CHARLES HENRY"/>	* Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY) <input type="text" value="1"/> <input type="text" value="0"/> <input type="text" value="0"/> <input type="text" value="7"/> <input type="text" value="8"/> <input type="text" value="8"/>	* Regular / Reserve Service <input type="text" value="REGULAR"/>	
* Substantive Rank / Rating <input type="text" value="LIEUTENANT"/>	* Present Rank (if different from substantive rank) <input type="text"/>	* Retirement Date/Expiry of Engagement (DD/MM/YY) <input type="text" value="1"/> <input type="text" value="0"/> <input type="text" value="0"/> <input type="text" value="4"/> <input type="text" value="2"/> <input type="text" value="5"/>	
* Seniority Date (DD/MM/YY) <input type="text" value="1"/> <input type="text" value="1"/> <input type="text" value="0"/> <input type="text" value="4"/> <input type="text" value="1"/> <input type="text" value="6"/>	* Branch (RN), Parent Regt (Army), Branch / Trade (RAF) <input type="text" value="ROYAL GURKHA RIFLES"/>	* Ship / Unit <input type="text" value="2<sup>ND</sup> BATTALION THE ROYAL GURKHA RIFLES"/>	
* Appointment / Employment <input type="text" value="OC MG PLATOON"/>		* Award Recommended <input type="text" value="TUKER AWARD"/>	
* Previous Awards <input type="text"/>			

PART B – Recommendations and Comments of Superior Commanders

The recommendation should at least be supported by the Initiating Officer's immediate superior and where possible an officer of 2-Star rank or above.

<p>1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Very Strongly Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended</p> <p>Here is my highest priority for recognition; a class-leading example of YO leadership. Self-starting, output focussed and with minimal supervision, Goldfinger has, without question, improved the lives of the boys while enhancing our reputation. All out of the limelight; all focussed at the lowest levels. By any measure planning, leading and climbing Mount Denali with Gurkha novices, on the back of a quite superb operational tour, is an impressive feat. All round-excellence, here is a perfect Toker Award candidate.</p> <p>Name <input type="text" value="J C MURRAY"/> Appointment <input type="text" value="CO 2RGR"/> Date <input type="text" value="29 Nov 17"/> Rank <input type="text" value="LT COL"/> Sig [electronically signed] Place <input type="text" value="Brunei"/></p>	<p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Very Strongly Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended</p> <p>Name <input type="text"/> Appointment <input type="text"/> Date <input type="text"/> Rank <input type="text"/> Sig <input type="text"/> Place <input type="text"/></p>
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PART C – MOD use only

Award Recommended by AFOAC or RN/Army/RAF Honours Committee

Date (DD/MM/YY)

Award approved by The Queen

Award Recommended by MOD Honours Committee (MODSHC) (where applicable)

Date (DD/MM/YY)

Award Recommended by HD/GC(M) Committee (where applicable)

Date (DD/MM/YY)

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PART D - Recommendation

The length of the Recommendation must not exceed the space provided except in the case of a VC / GC recommendation

Rating / Rank / Name	LIEUTENANT OSCAR CHARLES HENRY GOLDFINGER
Place	KABUL, MT DENALI, UK and BRUNEI
Date of action or period covered	2017
How Employed	OFFICER COMMANDING MACHINE GUN PLATOON

Recommendation should be concise, written in the third person in plain English, and in Arial 11 point. Do not specify level of award in the text of the recommendation.

Lt Goldfinger has been a PI Comd in B Coy 2RGR and OC MG PI this year. He commanded Gurkha soldiers on Op TORAL in Afghanistan, re-established and trained the MG PI in Brunei and has played a leading role in the conceptual development of SU tactical manoeuvre. However, it is his exceptional Adventurous Training efforts on a high altitude and remote expedition in Alaska that have really caught the eye.

Within 6 months, Goldfinger took a team of junior soldiers, none of whom were above the rank of LCpl, to the summit of Mt Denali, the highest mountain in North America. An expedition that was conceived and delivered by Goldfinger. Despite lacking mountaineering experience or qualifications, he successfully led a team of novices to the 6144m summit in winter conditions. This success was testament to Goldfinger's tenacious desire to provide his soldiers a once in a lifetime experience and to break new RGR ground. He left no stone unturned in doing so; from planning to comprehensive high altitude winter mountaineering training in Scotland and Austria to tirelessly securing funding, he carried a heavy burden. All with Bn HQ on ops. Yet Goldfinger did it all superbly, enhancing the RGR name along the way.

Exped preparation was conducted with an attention to detail, coupled with a focus on developing Gurkha soldiers' skills, that made this expedition, and Goldfinger specifically, stand out from other higher profile AT events. Throughout, Goldfinger superbly mentored and developed his junior Rfn, building a formidable team of determined Gurkha soldiers. In the spirit of developing RGR mountaineering capability, all members of his team became qualified in numerous mountaineering disciplines while developing a passion for mountaineering that will endure and multiply for at least a generation.

On the mountain, at high altitude and in the face of severe winter conditions, Goldfinger displayed outstanding leadership and judgement. He relentlessly attacked the summit, coping with significant setbacks including freezing injuries, a gas stove-explosion and subsequent burns, season-high ice winds and malnutrition, to summit with hours to spare. There was no margin of error; the weather closed-in and the mountain shut well ahead of seasonal norms. Fast, risk-based decision making in arduous conditions was vital – Goldfinger delivered in spades – despite his burns and being at the very edge of his own personal endurance. He had pushed himself and his team to the very limit of the permitted envelope; exactly meeting the purpose of any AT expedition. A superb and inspirational achievement.

While Denali catches the eye, Goldfinger has also delivered on ops this year; a pitch-perfect first operational tour providing force protection to the Afghan National Officers' Academy. He drew many plaudits for his quiet, unassuming yet incredibly effective leadership. First-class. Elsewhere, he has energetically pursued additional work and responsibility. With a near-irrepressible desire to add value he has volunteered for and organised Battlefield Studies, sports tours and Officers' Mess events.

An exceptional year on ops, in barracks and on the slopes of Denali, Goldfinger has established himself as a hugely respected regimental officer and an outstanding example to other RGR officers. His men respond to him superbly; he is a role model, mentor and leader of significant prominence in 2RGR. Without question, his performance and commitment this year merit formal recognition.

I confirm that the content of this recommendation is a true representation of the facts.

Name and Designation of Initiating Officer:			
Name	BENJAMIN ERIC NORFIELD	Rank	MAJOR
Appointment	OFFICER COMMANDING SUPPORT (IMPHAL) COMPANY	Signature	[electronically signed]

OFFICIAL – SENSITIVE PERSONAL (when completed)

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