

PERSONAL SUMMARY

Experienced and driven army major, leaving military service after 18 years and committed to pivoting into a career in Television. Strong track record in leading diverse teams in the most high pressured and demanding environments. Creative, clear-thinking and fast learning, with an abundance of transferable skills applicable to challenges of premium content creation and working with diverse crews. Exceptional risk management skills for foreign and UK projects. Passionate about documentary, drama and the natural world.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Leadership of an 80-strong infantry unit through high pressure and high risk foreign operations
- Deployments to Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan and Somalia
- Completing a remote MA, while employed in a new job in Kenya

SKILLS

- Avid Composer
- Script Reading
- Photography
- MS Suite
- Risk Management
- Operational Security
- Verbal & Written Communication
- Planning
- Project Management
- People Management

EDUCATION

- MA Security Studies, KCL, 2018
- BA (Hons) English Literature, Durham University, 2005

REGIONAL EXPERTISE

- East Africa
- Middle East
- Southwest Asia

References available on request

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TV Courses & Script Reading - 2023

- Undertaking various TV related courses and work experience whilst transitioning out of the army, including Avid and Premier courses, assistant script reading and upcoming edit shadowing

Army Major - Infantry Company Command, 2018-2023

- Led an 80-strong organisation across operations and training in Iraq, Belize and the UK
- Managed elements of the military support for Covid-19 in London, requiring dynamism, anticipation and drive
- Formed a strong, diverse and agile team who delivered to exceptional standards under my leadership

Project Manager - British Army, East Africa, 2016-18

- Managed risk, safety and security for UK training teams deployed to East Africa whilst building working relationships with international partners
- Gained the trust of Ugandan partners through visits to their forces in Somalia and making exceptional efforts to understand their challenges
- Photographed and filmed key aspects of trip for official social media

Operations, Training & Management - British Army, 2005-2016

- High-risk, remote and arduous operational deployments requiring exceptional risk management and constant adaption
- Demonstrated rapid decision-making, judgement and initiative in high-pressure scenarios
- Frequently required to learn new roles including training, policy-work, cross-government liaison and project delivery
- Accompanied teams from *BBC Panorama* and *Vice* in Afghanistan, ensuring their security and safety and gaining insight into the parallels across TV crews and the military; consolidating my passion for TV and ambition to work in creative industries.