

Forward by Officer Commanding SAS.



# TESTIMONIAL OF SERVICE

Number	21169519	Rank	WO2	Name	THAPA MAGAR	Regt/Corps	UKSF
Enlistment Date:	30.1.96		Discharge Date:	29.4.21			

Warrant Officer Class 2 (WO2) Thapa Magar leaves the British Army having completed 25 years of exemplary, loyal and dedicated service, the majority of which has been with the United Kingdom's Special Forces (UKSF). He joined 1RGR (Royal Gurkha Rifles) in 1996 and was deployed to Brunei, where he was promoted to corporal and became a Physical Training Instructor (PTI).

Following a fulfilling tenure in 1RGR, WO2 Thapa Magar subsequently completed UKSF's arduous selection process in 2004 and joined an operational sabre squadron. He went on to spend a further 17 years with UKSF, with an exemplary record, in an extremely busy operational era, during which he served on combat operations around the world. He conducted a variety of roles that required him to be daring and courageous, often in austere and dangerous situations. UKSF demands much of its people and WO2 Thapa Magar has shown himself to be a trustworthy, flexible and highly motivated individual.

During this extremely demanding time, he also attended the German Bergführer mountain guide course, as well as similar Norwegian and Canadian course, becoming an experienced and accomplished mountain leader. This led to some exceptional mountaineering accomplishments. WO2 Thapa Magar was the first serving soldier to conquer both Mount Everest and the infamous K2. He also led the G200 expedition, which summited Everest in 2017. He also supported seven world records with disabled veterans; notably he led a summit expedition of the Matterhorn, being the first to ascend the mountain with a double above the knee amputee. He is an exceptional mountaineer, with the respect of his colleagues and the chain of command, in equal measure.

In the latter stages of his career, WO2 Thapa Magar worked extensively in UKSF's Regimental Training Wing as the senior mountain representative; overseeing all climbing capability, equipment development and training within UKSF. He was responsible for ensuring that mountaineering remained at the forefront of Special Forces capability. His deep knowledge, experience and trustworthiness made him very effective in this role.

In his final post, WO2 Thapa Magar was selected as the senior assistant to the Regimental Quartermaster of the Special Forces Reserves where he excelled. His management and logistical support was outstanding, and he effectively delivered support to overseas operational activity.

Having served a full career with distinction, WO2 Thapa Magar will be a loss to the British Army and UKSF. He is widely employable and has an outstanding work ethic with complete integrity.

He has undoubtedly accomplished many exceptional achievements in the military, and he has fortitude and aspiration to achieve more. With his significant knowledge and experience, he is unreservedly recommended to any future employer.

Signature of Commanding Officer

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