

EX-TROOPS LAND DREAM JOB



Nerves of steel... Dan

Dan dies stopping suicide bomber

A TEENAGE British soldier died saving the lives of his colleagues by intercepting a crazed suicide bomber.

Tributes poured in last night for Rifleman Daniel Holkham, 19, who showed "nerves of steel".

His commanding officer, Lt Col Nick Kitson, said: "There is no doubt that a bright future lay ahead of him. It is a tragedy that he has been robbed of the opportunity to fulfil it."

Daniel, of Chatham, Kent, had already detonated four IEDs as a member of 3rd Battalion The Rifles. He died stopping the bomber blowing up Sangin Bazaar in Helmand on Saturday.

Parents Rodney and Tracy, who have two other sons in the regiment, said: "He served his country faithfully and with great pride."

A day earlier, L/Cpl Jonathan Woodgate, 27, was killed by a grenade in Helmand, seven years after surviving a friendly fire attack in Iraq which killed L/Cpl Matty Hull.

A Force for good

FORMER members of the Forces will get financial help to retrain as teachers under Tory plans.

They would receive £9,000 for post-graduate teacher training.

Fewer than 70 ex-servicemen a year take their leadership skills and discipline to the classroom.

But shadow schools secretary Michael Gove said Troops to Teachers would lead to hundreds more signing up. He said: "Our servicemen and women deserve a better deal."

NHS fear for injured

THE NHS may struggle to cope with the growing number of casualties from Afghanistan and Iraq, MPs warn today.

The number of seriously-injured troops has already reached 565.

Most remain in the Armed Forces but there are fears about what will happen once they use the NHS system as civilians.

The Public Accounts Committee says: "Some have suffered life-changing injuries and require specialist care for years."

ACTION HEROES

Our Boys scoop roles in World War Two movie

30 to star with Sean Bean thanks to The Sun

FORMER British soldiers are to star in a major World War Two movie thanks to The Sun's Jobs for Heroes campaign.

Thirty lads will work as extras alongside stars Sean Bean and Danny Dyer — and one ex-sharpshooter

EXCLUSIVE by DAVID WILLETTS, Defence Correspondent

signed up to teach the cast sniper techniques.

Age of Heroes follows the famous 30 Commando on their first covert mission.

Producer Lex Lutzus said: "The massive benefit of getting former soldiers is the authenticity. They know how to move, how to hold a

weapon and how to handle extreme terrain.

"You don't get that with normal extras."

Filming begins next week in Norway, where the unit — forerunner of the SAS — were sent in to disable a Nazi communications tower.

Ex-Lance Corporal Jon Newcomb, 25, of Welling, South East London, will share shooting tips from five tours with special forces. He

said: "When I left the Army I had no idea I would be ending up on film sets talking with people like Sean Bean and Danny Dyer."

"Jobs for Heroes is really opening up some exciting doors."

The £5million film — the first of a trilogy — follows Sean, 50, as

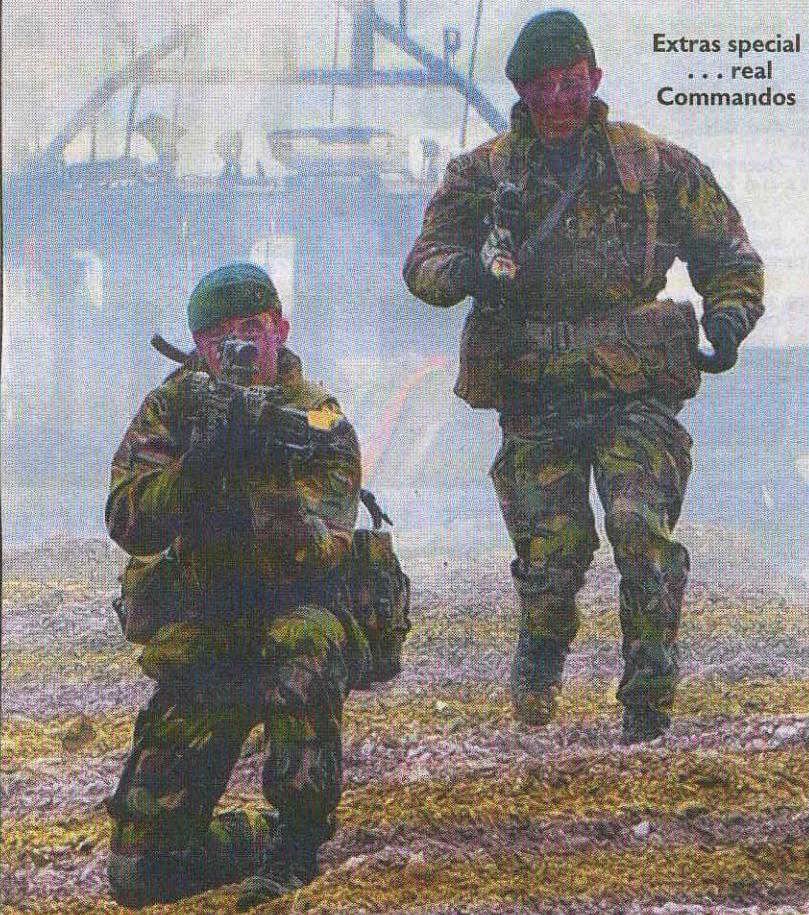
Roles... Sean and coach Jon

he sets up and leads a unit including Danny, 32.

The Sun has teamed up with recruitment firm ForceSelect to find careers for jobless ex-forces personnel.

A portion of profits from the film will go to the ForceSelect Foundation which helps forces charities.

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Extras special... real Commandos

HIRE CALLING

MORE than 5,000 people have already signed up to our Jobs for Heroes campaign — capping a fantastic first week.

We have been inundated with inquiries from servicemen and women looking for work and employers keen to hire them.

Our crusade aims to get 50,000 unemployed troops back into work. Lucy Wood, of specialist recruitment firm ForceSelect, said: "The response to The Sun's cam-

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aign has been outstanding. But this is only the start. There are still thousands of people we want to hear from."

SAS hero Andy McNab said: "The Sun has clearly touched a nerve with the forces and employers. It is important others now come forward. Our heroes deserve the best and we need employers to step up to the mark."

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR WORK

If you are a sailor, soldier or airman leaving the Forces and want to apply for a job, log on to www.forceselect.com

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