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Private Secretary to H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

3rd November, 2000.

Dear Mr. Stratford,

Further to Captain Jamie Lyon's letter of 20th September, I am writing to you in connection with the amalgamation of the Armourer and Gun Fitter Career Employment Groups.

It has now been decided that the new trade will be designated 'Armourer' in the light of the historic associations of the craft skills employed. The new trade will support all conventional weapons used by the Army, which includes the Challenger tank gun, the AS90 and 105 mm Light Artillery guns, the RARDEN gun fitted to both CVR(T) and Warrior vehicles and all mortars, anti-tank weapons and small arms and machine guns (including those vehicle mounted), together with the basic maintenance of their associated sighting systems.

The new trade will follow a career structure which will train all tradesmen in the repair of small arms during basic training. Following initial postings to the field force, tradesmen will train on the larger calibre weapons during their first class course and subsequently attend equipment specific courses prior to taking up further appointments.

I hope this information is of help to you.

*Yours sincerely,
Miles Hunt-Davis.*

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