A British Soldier's Values and Standards





FOREWORD BY THE HEAD OF THE ARMY

Humans are naturally team players, we all seek the company of others and like to share our experiences. The British Army is the ultimate team. It has an excellent reputation across the World, which is built on trust.

A lot is expected of you as a British Soldier; you will be required to serve in dangerous places, risk your life for your teammates and put up with uncomfortable conditions.

Our Values and Standards are essential to the British Army, they define what the British soldier is. They are more than just words, we must all believe in them and live by them. I expect you to behave and conduct yourselves to the highest standards at all times.

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General Sir Richard Dannatt Chief of the General Staff







Courage



With complete disregard for his own safety, continued to charge the enemy position alone.



He was everywhere where danger threatened, moving amongst his men and encouraging them by his fearless example to hold out.



She acted completely selflessly and, in the face of great danger, concentrated on her job and saved someone's life.

DOING AND SAYING THE RIGHT THING - NOT THE EASY THING

All soldiers need courage, both physical and moral.

Showing physical courage and risking injury or death to complete the mission is about controlling your fear, rather than a lack of fear. Training and discipline will help you to do your duty regardless of the dangers and discomforts.

Moral courage is doing the right thing, not looking the other way when you know or see something is wrong, even if it is not a popular thing to do or say.









Standards

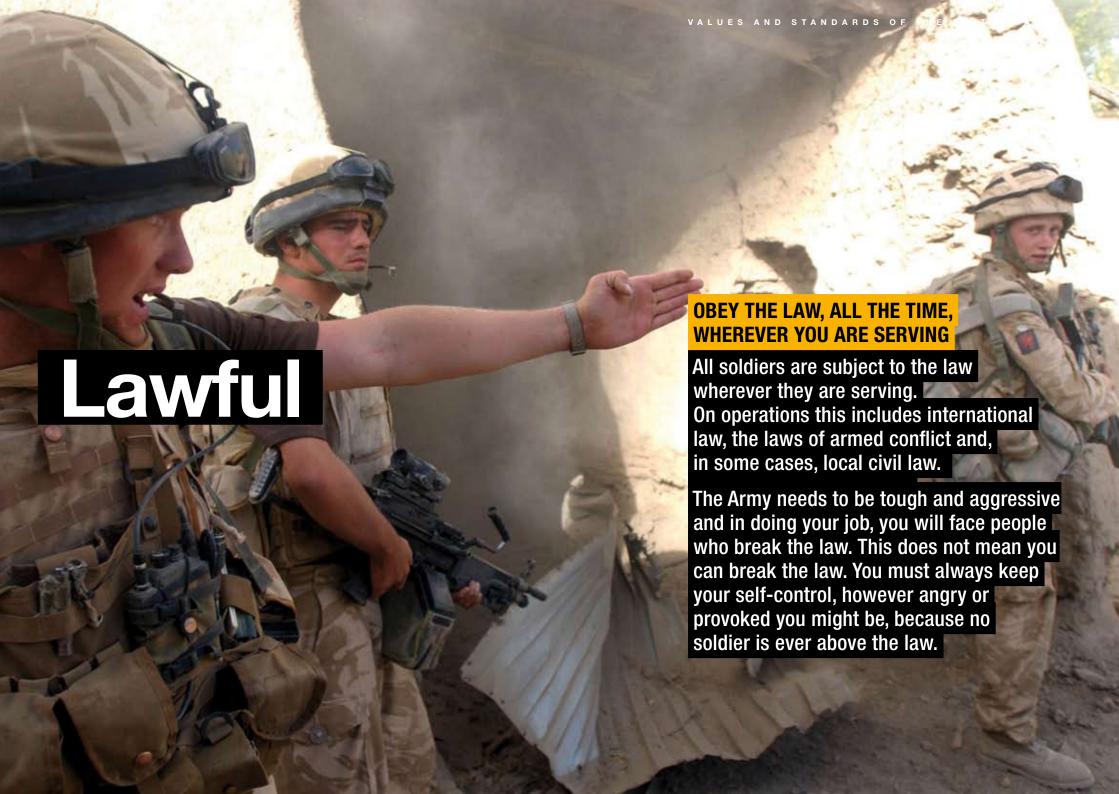
THE WAY WE BEHAVE

It is difficult to list every standard that affects our professional and private lives, but if we live by our Values, then the Standards are clear.

The Army's Standards are designed to ensure that all our behaviour is:

- lawful
- appropriate
- and totally professional

Low standards, both professional and personal, damage the team. This might cause failure on operations, with soldiers getting seriously injured and killed. This is why the Army depends on high standards, and why it has a more demanding approach towards certain types of behaviour and relationships than the rest of society.



Appropriate Behaviour

DON'T OFFEND OTHERS

Trust underpins all our behaviour.

Therefore, because our job depends upon:

- putting others' needs before our own
- honesty
- supporting your teammates

the Army needs a more demanding standard of social behaviour from you.

Social misbehaviour, particularly the wrong sort of relationships, can undermine trust. Unwelcome sexual attention, taking sexual advantage of someone more junior than you or an affair with a partner of a teammate may damage the integrity and honesty of those involved, and damage the team.

BE THE BEST Total Professionalism commanding officer. may lose their trust in you.

As a British Soldier you are trained to the highest standards. It is vital that you maintain those standards all the time, on and off duty.

The responsible use of alcohol is part of Army life, but binge drinking is unprofessional: it is dangerous and it damages your health.

The use of drugs is against the law and also harms you. The effect of drugs can remain in your body for a long time. It may affect your performance on operations, making you unreliable and untrustworthy - you become a liability. Soldiers who are caught using drugs can expect to be discharged.

You must not speak to the press, sell stories or pictures without the permission of your

Look after your money carefully, avoid uncontrolled debts and heavy gambling as this shows a lack of self-discipline and others

