

Four Vincentians Receive Rank Promotions in Northern Ireland

12 December 2012

Holywood, NORTHERN IRELAND: Four Vincentians serving in the British Army 2nd Battalion Mercian Infantry Regiment, based at Holywood Barracks in Northern Ireland, have received a rank promotion.

Pte Kareem Alexis (Old Montrose), Pte Durando Durrant (Campden Park), Pte Zachary Joseph (Stubbs) and Pte Lenroy Westfield (Junction), were all promoted to Lance Corporal (LCprl).

Dr Christopher Stange – Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) to Northern Ireland extended his congratulations and sentiments on behalf of the SVG Government for their achievements, making SVG proud and the dedicated service delivered under the extreme conditions in Afghanistan. He joins with the other Vincentian soldiers of the 2 Mercian Regiment, Vincentian British Forces Women's Association (VBFWA) and families in Northern Ireland, to congratulate their fellow soldiers and wish St. Vincent & the Grenadines a very blessed and safe Christmas.

The Regiment's heritage is based on bravery, discipline and comradeship. These 4 brave Vincentians among hundreds of others have travelled and served in the dusty deserts and hills of Southern Afghanistan. Their story is part of a bigger story of soldiers who have fought for over three hundred years from the frozen parts of Canada to the swamps of Burma. They continue to make history, representing St. Vincent and the Grenadines, as they write into the future whilst they "STAND FIRM AND STRIKE HARD"- the Regiment's motto.

Many will be deployed just after the New Year back to Afghanistan, Falkland Islands and other regions.

ENDS