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## The Armed Forces Fund

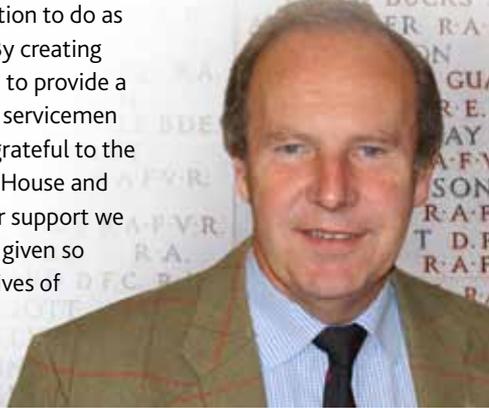
Funding the education of sons and daughters of Forces Personnel  
killed or wounded while serving their country

## INTRODUCTION AND COMMENT

**“Radley is immensely proud of the numerous Old Radleians who have served their country with distinction over the years. We admire the dedication and selflessness of British troops abroad, and we have been in awe of the bravery shown by ORs and most recently by the wonderful examples of Rowley Gregg and Harry Parker. This service involves huge challenges and risks, and current members of the school, ORs, parents and friends have been deeply saddened by the tragic deaths of Rupert Thorneloe and Dougie Dalzell.**

From this sense of loss has come a determination to do as much as we can to offer hope for the future. By creating the Radley Armed Forces Fund we will be able to provide a good education for the sons and daughters of servicemen and women killed or injured on duty. We are grateful to the MOD for their help and advice and to Downe House and St Mary’s Calne for their generosity. With your support we will acknowledge our debt to those who have given so much and we will make a real impact on the lives of Service families in the future. Please help.”

**Angus McPhail**, Warden of Radley College



**“With this Fund Radley is doing something incredible for children that other military charities don’t do. As an OR and a soldier I feel grateful and touched and I’m sure my men will be hugely appreciative; for all of us to know this exists will be a very comforting feeling before we deploy on any operation.**

**I really hope, and I know that Dougie would have also, that everyone can help make this project a monumental success.”**

**Lieutenant Rowley Gregg MC (1997 C)**



**“I warmly endorse the initiative that Radley has shown in launching The Armed Forces Fund. Lieutenant Colonel Rupert Thorneloe and Lieutenant Dougie Dalzell gave their lives in circumstances that bore witness to their courage and their dedication to the men they led. All those in the Armed Forces worry about their families back home, and the provision the Armed Forces Fund is making for their families when things go wrong will be an invaluable comfort to them.**

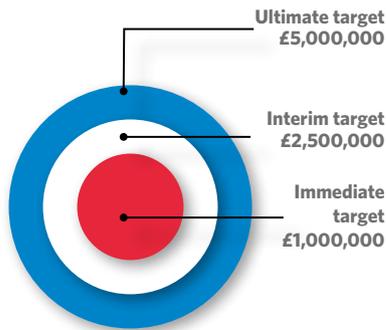
**Currently 58 Old Radleians are serving their country in the Armed Forces, building on a fine tradition of military service at Radley. This Fund, to provide an education for the children of servicemen and servicewomen killed or seriously injured on duty, is a most laudable cause worthy of your support.”**

**General Sir David Richards** KCB CBE DSO ADC Gen  
Chief of the Defence Staff



# THE ARMED FORCES FUND

**Radley has a long history of helping families affected by death and injury in warfare. In 1917 The Radley College War Memorial Fund was created with donations from former pupils and their families to provide a Radley education for the sons of ORs killed in The Great War. The Armed Forces Fund will now build on past achievements by offering an education to sons and daughters of Forces Personnel of all ranks killed or wounded while serving their country.**



**“The War Memorial Committee is fully supportive of this new initiative and intends to support it in every possible way.”**

**Anthony West** (1955 F)  
War Memorial Committee  
1968 - 2010

■ The Radley Armed Forces Fund, part of the Radley Foundation, is seeking to raise funds to finance secondary education at an independent boarding school for the sons and daughters of Service men or women killed while serving their country, or discharged as a result of their wounds or injuries.

■ The boys will be educated at Radley and the girls either at Downe House, near Newbury, or St Mary’s Calne in Wiltshire – with whom Radley has close ties.

■ The first two Bursary Awards will be named in honour of Lt Colonel Rupert Thorneloe MBE and Lieutenant Dougie Dalzell MC.

■ Bursary Awards will be made available to the children of all ranks from all parts of the Armed Forces – regardless of whether they have Radley connections or not.

■ The aim is to build a capital fund whose income can be used to educate these children.

■ All Awards will be means tested and selection based on academic assessment, interviews and references.

■ Entry to Radley will be possible at either 13 or 16; entry to Downe House and St Mary’s Calne will be at 11, 13 or 16.

■ It may also be possible to bridge the two years between primary education and entry to Senior School at 13 by funding a boy or girl at a Prep School.

■ The Cothill Educational Trust (seven schools) has offered help and support including short courses in boarding for interested families.



**“There is a tremendous amount of generosity at the moment for wounded soldiers and we are all hugely thankful for this.**

**However, many of the wounded and the families of those killed on active service still worry about the future. The Radley Armed Forces Fund will give their sons and daughters the priceless opportunity of a first class education which will be a lifelong benefit.”**

**Captain Harry Parker** (1996 D)  
(Wounded in July 2009 while serving in Helmand Province)

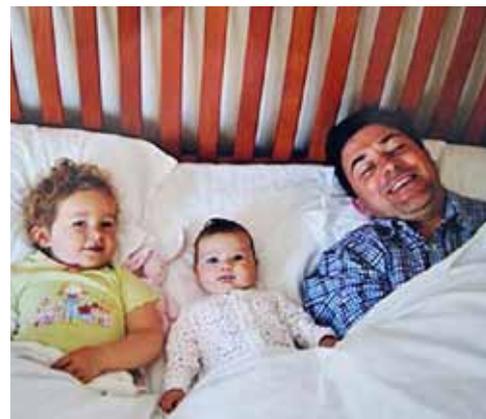
# RUPERT THORNELOE BURSARY AWARD

**Lieutenant Colonel Rupert Thorneloe MBE (1983 E) was killed in Afghanistan on 1st July 2009 aged 39. He was commanding officer of the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards and the most senior Army officer to be killed in action since Lieutenant Colonel "H" Jones VC in the Falklands in May 1982. Rupert died near Lashgar Gah, having left his HQ in a Viking armoured vehicle to visit his men. He and Trooper Josh Hammond, aged 18, were killed when a roadside bomb was detonated.**

■ Rupert was educated at Cothill, Radley and Reading University. At Radley he was in E Social with Hamish Aird. As a young man he was an exceptional polo player, and later sailing also became a passion. He liked nothing better than to be with his family – his wife Sally and their two young daughters, Hannah and Sophie.

■ "Rupert Thorneloe was considered one of his generation's highest fliers, earning the respect of his military and political masters alike. He was recognised as an outstanding officer destined for the very top." From *The Daily Telegraph* obituary, with permission.

■ "He combined an astute military brain with real compassion for the men under his command and a unique ability to spot opportunities where others would not." **Captain Ed Lauanders**, *his operations officer*.



■ Rupert was the driving force behind the Welsh Guards wristband appeal which set out to fund holidays for Guardsmen on R&R and to provide support and a sense of belonging and security to the families of those killed or wounded.



**"Rupert loved the Army. He was a born soldier, an inspiration. I know he led from the front and would not have had it any other way, as he cared deeply about his men. Rupert was my very best friend and his death is a devastating blow. Hannah and Sophie will have to grow up without their beloved Daddy, although I will see a part of him in them every day."**

**Sally Thorneloe**

**"The shock and horror has been dramatic. It's completely heart-breaking and the whole Battalion is suffering. To lose a commanding officer who was such an inspiring person is an awful tragedy. It just goes to show that the troops out there are meeting daily horrors. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their service."**

**HRH The Prince of Wales**, July 2009; from *The Daily Mail*, with permission.



# DOUGIE DALZELL BURSARY AWARD

**Lieutenant Douglas (Dougie) Dalzell MC (1996 A) of the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards was killed in Afghanistan on his 27th birthday - 18th February 2010. He was serving as part of Combined Force Nahr-e Saraj (South) and was killed by a bomb blast in the Babaji area of central Helmand. He was awarded a posthumous Military Cross and leaves behind his parents, Anthony and Colette, his sister Olivia, his brother Angus (2003 H) and many friends.**

■ Dougie was educated at Cothill, Radley and Leeds University. At Radley he was in A Social with James Wesson and played rugby, cricket and hockey for the top teams.

■ "He was the ultimate role model and example for any young officer; assured, confident, utterly professional, hugely popular with his men and held in the highest regard by his seniors." **Lieutenant Colonel Toby Gray**, *Dougie's Commanding Officer*

"We were like naughty school kids in the Officers' Mess. Dougie had a wicked sense of humour that never failed to make those around him smile. He was one of those guys one should have really hated. He was good at everything - from his dashing good looks and physical fitness to his starring role on the rugby pitch. However, one couldn't help falling in love with his charm and charisma."

**Lieutenant Lisa Keevash**, Adjutant  
General's Corps Detachment Commander



■ "Mr Dalzell was a greatly loved man. Not only was he an amazing man, he was also one of the finest commanders a soldier could ask for. Our hearts go out to his family." **Drummer Christian Blackie**, *Number 2 Platoon, 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards*

■ "Dougie's qualities were emerging loud and clear during his Radley days: his independence of mind and strength of character, his championing of the underdog and sense of fair play, his generosity of spirit and lightness of touch and, above all, his extraordinary capacity for friendship." **James Wesson**, *Dougie's Social Tutor*

■ "Dougie excelled in all the major sports at Radley but it was cricket that I most enjoyed playing with him. He would usually opt for a quick-fire 30 or 40 littered with extravagant boundaries and big sixes; the number of sixes depended on how many girls were watching." **Andy Jennings** (1996 G), from his address at the Memorial Service

"Today there is a challenge for each one of us. Good must come from Dougie's death; it can, but each one of us has a part to play. Dougie played his part - the question that remains is whether we can?"

**The Rev Deiniol Morgan**, from his address at Dougie's Service





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DOWNE HOUSE



SALLY THORNELOE WITH HANNAH AND SOPHIE

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