



Major Stephen George "Steve" Marshall MBE

It is with deep regret that I report the death of Steve, who passed away on 3rd Sep 2007, after a courageous struggle with a brain tumour.

Steve and Myrtle had returned to Scotland from their home in Spain in 2006 to allow Steve to receive treatment. Myrtle remained by his side throughout his struggle and was with him at the end.

Steve had a distinguished career in the Corps, serving for some 28 years, and was awarded the MBE in 1990. His time in the Corps was built around his years with the Parachute Signal Squadron, 1969-77, during which he served at all levels from LCpl to SSgt.

After leaving the Squadron he went on to be RSM of 3rd Armd Div HQ and Sig Regt in Soest, before commanding 5 Sqn, 7 Sig Regt, an appointment of which he was particularly proud. Steve's final job was Equipment Manager in the first Gulf War (1991) where his eldest son Lance was also deployed. Since leaving the Corps in 1991, Steve served with the Army Cadet Force in Nottinghamshire, as Quartermaster and CEO, before retiring in 2005.

On 17th Sep 2007, at St Michael's Church, Minehead, Steve's funeral was attended by family and friends, as well as a large number of ex-colleagues from the Corps. He would have been pleased with the 'send off', which was meticulously organised and executed by Myrtle and Lance. Steve was buried close to other family members in Minehead Cemetery.

Myrtle has specifically asked me to thank everyone, who managed to attend the funeral, and for the many wonderful tributes she has received. Your support at this difficult time will be treasured forever.

I am honoured to be asked to submit this Obituary on behalf of Myrtle and the family.

Jimmy Campbell
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Tweaked in 2012 by Richard Hamilton, who added:-

Steve trained at Catterick as a Comcen Op, and later qualified for Cipher work. He passed 'P' Coy and parachute training in 1968, before joining 216 Para Sig Sqn. I had the privilege to serve in 216 at the same time as Steve. We advanced, side by side, from JNCO to SNCO. We attended the R Sigs SSgts' Course in June 1974, when he was awarded Top Student. We were Troop SSgt's, in unison, under SSM Doug Baikie. When 16 Para Bde disbanded in 1977, Steve went off to become SSM, 249 (AMFL) Sig Sqn. A few years after that, we met up again as SSM's of adjoining Sqn's at 3 Armd Div in Soest, to where he returned as RSM in 1982. We did not always see "eye to eye", but he was an Airborne Brother whom I am proud to have known and served with.

Steve was prominent in the organisation of 216 Sqn reunions, from Aldershot (1999), to Scotch Corner (2002-2006), and latterly Barnsley. Together with Ralph Porter, and an Old Comrades' Committee, Steve was the mainstay for what has become a biennial success for "his" Sqn's Old Comrades. He was closely involved with all aspects of the reunions until he became too ill in 2007.

Steve was a recipient of the MBE, the GSM (1962) with clasp N Ireland, the Gulf War Medal (1991), and the LS&GC medal.