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MEMBER OF VICTORIA'S CANADIAN SCOTTISH REGIMENT RECEIVES AWARD OF VALOUR

VICTORIA, B.C. – Captain Robert Peel, CD of The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's), Victoria BC is among 48 members of the Canadian Forces who will appear before Her Excellency Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada to receive Military Valour Decorations and Meritorious Service Decorations in a ceremony at Rideau Hall tomorrow.

Captain Peel will be awarded the Medal of Military Valour for action in Afghanistan last June.

Captain Peel was deployed to Afghanistan to serve as a mentor to an Afghan National Army company, when their team was ambushed by Taliban insurgents on June 4, 2008. With little chance of survival, his team exposed themselves to great peril and retaliated against the enemy while encouraging the Afghan soldiers to do the same. While a two-man Canadian team secured an extraction route, Captain Peel and two other soldiers executed a fighting withdrawal while the Afghan soldiers retrieved their wounded comrades. Because of the dedication, leadership and valour many Afghan and Canadian lives were saved.

In his civilian occupation Captain Peel is a sales person at Mountain Equipment Co-op in Victoria. He took leave to serve in Afghanistan from February to September 2008.

The Medal of Military Valour was created January 1, 1993 and is awarded for an act of valour or devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy.

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The full citation may be found on the Governor General's website www.gg.ca

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