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At 1930 hours, just as a Troop of Royal Engineers were completing a construction task at a Patrol Base (PB), they came under a hail of machine gun fire from a rogue Afghan National Army (ANA) gunman in a sanger, resulting in four casualties. Without pausing to think of his own safety, Lance Corporal Robinson ran towards the direction of the firing. As the shout for 'medic' rose above the noise of gun fire, far from being alarmed in his first contact, Robinson instinctively grabbed his medical bergan and ran towards the casualties. Running 20m over open ground to get to the scene, his movement attracted enemy fire. Ignoring this, Robinson continued his run towards the stricken Engineers. With rounds continuing to land within two to three meters of his position he set about stabilising a serious casualty with multiple gunshot wounds, undoubtedly saving his life. Leaving the sanger, the ANA gunman advanced to within 25m of the group of medics and casualties, subjecting them to a further burst of fire. Demonstrating exemplary courage and absolute determination, Robinson instinctively shielded the casualty and managed to avoid the volley of rounds which sadly caused another two casualties and one fatality. As soon as the gunfire stopped Robinson recommenced his life saving treatment and gave first class advice to a colleague on how to treat the other casualties. With rounds passing his head and landing within two metres, Robinson remained at his task. Continuing to administer complex lifesaving



treatment in the most difficult conditions, Robinson resolutely stayed with the casualties until they were extracted by medical helicopter. Robinson's courageous conduct was beyond reproach in a display of exemplary gallantry whilst under fire in hostile circumstances.

Promoted to Lance Corporal and currently working in the Medical Squadron, Commando Logistics Regiment, based in Barnstaple North Devon. He is specifically 2ic Ambulance Troop, 2 Troop. His job is help deliver training and maintain currency and competence of the medical team.