

VETERAN OF THE WEEK 18

(15 August – 21 August, 2022)

Master Corporal Byron Garth Greff

3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Royal Canadian Infantry Corps

International Security Assistance Force (ISAF)

Afghanistan



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F43749939 Master Corporal Byron Garth Greff was born in Swift Current, Saskatchewan on 11 August 1983 to Greg and Candy Greff. While born in Saskatchewan Master Corporal Greff grew up in Lacombe and Morinville, Alberta. He enlisted with the Canadian Armed Forces on 5 July 2001 in Edmonton, Alberta. M/Cpl. Greff would serve with 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (3PPCLI) based out of Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Edmonton.

During his second tour of duty overseas in Afghanistan serving on Operation ATTENTION (Roto 0), the Canadian contribution to the NATO training mission in the country, Master Corporal Byron Greff was Killed in Action by an Improvised Explosive Device or IED in Kabul (the capital of Afghanistan). Four American soldiers and eight civilian contractors were also killed in the same explosion. He was 28 years old. Master Corporal Greff is buried in Fairview Cemetery in Lacombe, Alberta. He is also commemorated on page 239 of the In Service of Canada 1947-2014 Book of Remembrance that is held and displayed in Peace Tower.

He also is commemorated on a laser engraved granite plaque that was originally displayed at the Kandahar cenotaph from the time of his passing until 2014 when the Canadian mission in Afghanistan ended. The plaque was then repatriated to Canada where it is now displayed on the Afghanistan war memorial that is located at the Department of Defense headquarters in Kanata, Ontario. He is survived by his parents, his wife Lindsay Greff and their two children a son Kellar and daughter Brielle of Edmonton, Alberta. His daughter Brielle was born just a few days before he left to deploy on his second tour to Afghanistan.

M/Cpl. Greff was the last Canadian soldier to make the ultimate sacrifice during Canadas mission in Afghanistan. This week we honour the service and sacrifice of Master Corporal Byron Garth Greff of Swift Current Saskatchewan, who gave his life for his country during the mission in Afghanistan. Thank you for your service, M/Cpl. Greff.

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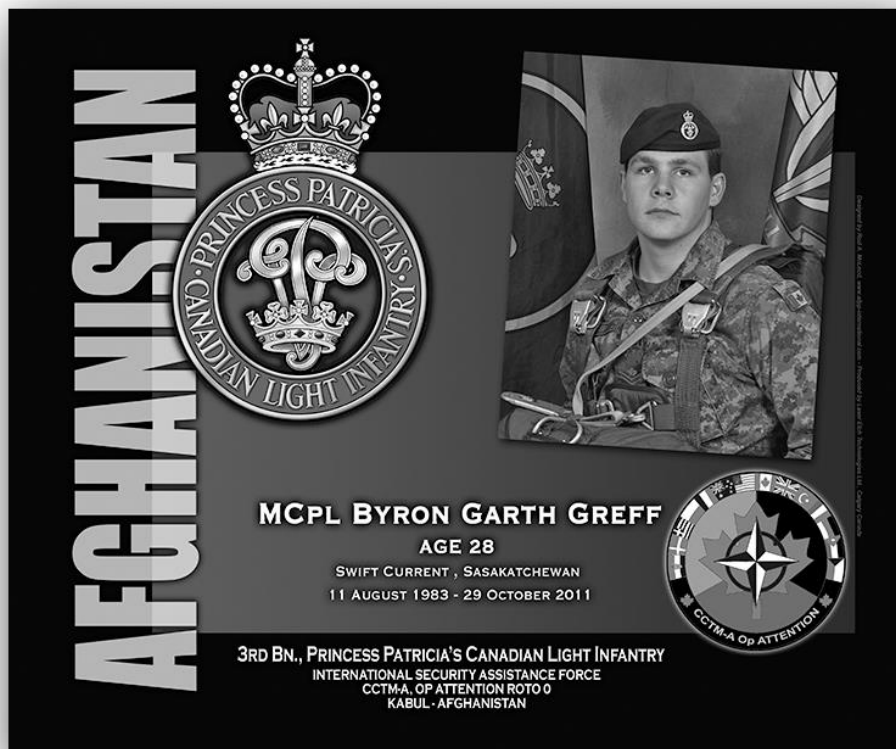


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