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Daniel's Leap of faith – from 3500 feet!

CPL Daniel Lowe from 1220(March) Air Training Corps goes for a leap of faith at Parachute course.

On Sunday the 11th of July, Daniel arrived at St. George's barracks, Bicester garrison where he would be accommodated for the duration of the course. On the Monday, he travelled to RAF Weston-on-the-Green where he began 6 hours of ground training which prepared him for the jump, this covered many aspects in which to perform a successful jump; exiting the aircraft, dealing with malfunctions, controlling the parachute and landing correctly and safely. Once the training had been completed, it was just a matter of waiting amongst the other 72 students to do the jump.

The jump was taken from 3500ft using a Dornier G92 aircraft. The aircraft would do a circuit around the Drop Zone and with each circuit two students would Jump, "I was the first jumper out of my group, but I wasn't worried, I was confident" says Daniel.

Daniel had a flawless exit out of the aircraft, making the ride down a breeze, and also executed a perfect landing, as he gently floated to land on his feet. Once all the students had completed the jump, the staff held a celebratory party in honour of the fact that they had managed to get all the students trained and jumped in one day, it has been known to take all week if the weather doesn't play ball.. After the jump, Daniel had this to say "That has got to be the most amazing thing I have ever done, the best experience of my life so far!". "I applied to do this course as I have a strong interest in joining the RAF in the future"

For further information on 1220 log onto the website at www.1220atc.org.uk .

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Attachments: parachute1.jpg – Daniel suited up for the jump. Parachute2.jpg – the Dornier G92 that whisked Daniel to new heights.



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