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**JAVASCRIPT FULLSTACK**  
Front-end Specialist

## PROFILE

Former Royal Marines Commando, skilled web developer, motivated and passionate about creating dynamic and inclusive websites. Experience in both front-end and back-end development with a strong understanding of modern web technologies.

Proficient in front-end development with specialisation in JavaScript, CSS3, and HTML5. Highly skilled in fluid designs, responsive layouts, and modular CSS. Solid skills in back-end development, including Node.js, Express, MongoDB, and RESTful APIs.

## EXPERIENCES

### Fullstack Web Developer

Self-employed - St-Germain-en-Laye, France. 2023

- Created and managed a user-friendly microbrewery website using Node.js, Express, and MongoDB, incorporating responsive design and intuitive layouts for optimal user experience.
- Created a custom API to enhance the website's functionality and efficiency, improving user interactions and streamlining processes.

### Marketing and Communication Manager

Self-employed - Paris, France. 2018 / 2020

- Successfully enabled an amateur freediving athlete to secure funding for training, competition fees, and sponsorships through project identification, development, and management.
- Implemented marketing strategies and communication campaigns to attract sponsors and generate income for the athlete.

### Manager of Freediving Center

Freediving Lanzarote - Canary Islands, Spain. 2015 / 2018

- Established and managed all aspects of a successful freediving training and coaching centre, including operations, marketing, sales, and administration.
- Led a team of instructors and staff to deliver high-quality training programs and ensure customer satisfaction.

### Information Manager

Ministry of Defense & FCO - London, UK. 2013 / 2015

- Provided comprehensive data management, administrative support, and developed computer systems for the subcontractor management unit and the Deployment and International Operations departments.
- Utilised secure military networks and held Top Secret clearance to ensure the integrity and availability of classified data.

### Royal Marines Commando

43 Commando, S Squadron - Faslane, UK. 2008 / 2014

- Served as a Commando during the Libyan crisis in 2011.
- Held the position of 2IC (Second-in-Command) in an intervention team, responsible for securing the operation zone and facilitating the repatriation of identified citizens.

## WEB DEVELOPMENT

### Front-end

Highly skilled in creating fluid and dynamic layouts that seamlessly adapt to different devices and screen sizes while adhering to accessibility guidelines and providing an inclusive user experience. Utilises HTML5, CSS3, and JavaScript ES6.

### Back-end

Proficient in backend development with Node.js, Express, & MongoDB. Good understanding of database management, security, and CRUD operations. Strong skills in designing and implementing RESTful APIs. Skilled in implementing user authentication, email communication, and file uploading and downloading functionalities.

### Other Technologies

PHP, MySQL.  
AWS, GitHub, Postman.  
Photoshop, Figma.

## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Fullstack JS Web Developer  
O'clock, Grande École Du  
Numérique  
Paris, France, 2022.

Web & Mobile Web Developer  
Doranco, École Supérieure des  
Technologies Créative  
Paris, France, 2021.

## LANGUAGES

**English** native  
**French** native  
**Spanish** intermediate  
**Russian** beginner





# ROYAL MARINES TESTIMONIAL

Official No: 30073894

Rank: Marine

Name: Nicholas Gillespie

Date of Discharge: 24 Feb 2014

Marine Gillespie joined the Royal Marines in November 2008 and successfully completed the 32 week training course at the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines at Lympstone, Devon. This mentally and physically demanding course taught him self-discipline, responsibility, good citizenship, and instilled in him the importance of teamwork and self-confidence. On completion of training he was reported to be a hard working and selfless individual who consistently performed to an extremely high standard.

Marine Gillespie passed for duty in July 2009 and was assigned to 43 Commando Fleet Protection Group Royal Marines. Here he was employed as a General Duties Rifleman, tasked with the protection of UK Strategic Nuclear Assets. In March of 2010 Marine Gillespie joined the Fleet Standby Rifle Troop, a highly trained, high readiness team to deploy at short notice to respond to emerging crises across the globe. As such was deployed in April of 2011 as part of UK Forces supporting NATO operations in the Mediterranean against the Libyan Regime. Given his language skills Marine Gillespie was rapidly identified as a key individual and tasked with interpreter duties to Coalition Partner Nations. During this busy period he was noted as being an individual with the highest professional standards and one who maintained a positive outlook throughout what was a period of very demanding training and operations.

After returning to the United Kingdom he was selected to sub-specialise as a Clerk and attended specialist training back at the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines in October 2010. Thereafter he re-joined 43 Commando and resumed his role as a Rifleman, participating in a series of large scale training exercises in support of wider Defence activities, before transitioning into the role of Squadron Clerk. He was solely responsible for the Administrative Care and Global Travel of up to 120 persons, of a Squadron conducting Boarding and Search operations as part of the international effort to defeat Piracy and Criminality at sea.

In March 2012 Marine Gillespie was posted to the Ministry of Defence, based at Regents Park Barracks. He was accountable for the development of the IT Systems for the Campaigns & Global Operations departments using Top Secret secure military networks; he communicated effectively with multiple external agencies including the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Consulates and Embassies. In September 2013 he joined Headquarters 3 Commando Brigade Marines and he has excelled in providing interpreter support to the Brigade Commander as the Royal Navy and Royal Marines strengthen ties with French counterparts.

Marine Gillespie has proved himself to be a high calibre individual who embraced the challenges posed by the often difficult, demanding and dangerous work that he has undertaken. He leaves the Royal Marines having gained a breadth of experience and skills in both the land and maritime environments. He is a highly capable and motivated individual, and I would recommend him unreservedly to any future employer.

Lt Col C S Middleton MBE RM  
Commanding Officer  
30 Commando (Information Exploitation) Group Royal Marines

Date: 24 January 2014