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Dear Roger and all members of Quantock Orienteering Club,

On behalf of Army orienteering and the Royal Artillery orienteering committee, I would like to thank Quantock Orienteering Club for allowing the Army to join the orienteering event that Quantock Orienteering Club organised at Bridgwater on 26-27 November 2016.

The Inter Corps, Reserves and Officer University Training Corps orienteering event is a prestigious event within the Army orienteering calendar. It brings together the top orienteers within the Army and allows us to take part in a high level civilian organised event which tests our navigational skills by night and by day as well as our fitness.

From the moment I approached Quantock Orienteering Club on 24 May 2016, requesting permission to join the Southern Championship that you were planning in November 2016, we received a warm welcome from an orienteering club with a professional appearance. Throughout the planning process both teams worked together keeping each other informed, ensuring responsibilities were understood. It is at this stage that I must apologise to Quantock Orienteering Club on behalf of the Royal Artillery committee for the issue we had in regards to car parking.

For the Army, the event was a great success. The courses were challenging and at the appropriate level for each course, testing our navigational skills and fitness - our thanks to the Planners, Controllers and Organisers for each event. It was also refreshing to run on an area that very few Army orienteers have ran before and to experience the great countryside within the Quantock Hills.

The background administration from Quantock Orienteering Club from registration to general admin (emptying of bins – Roger) to organising the O-NOSH wagon at very late notice was exceptional. The Army came away with the impression that although Quantock Orienteering Club is a small club, it has a big reputation and very professional in its organisation.

Please pass on all the Army orienteers' and Royal Artillery orienteering committee's thanks and gratitude to all members of Quantock Orienteering Club for allowing us to 'invade on your parade' and a fantastic weekend of orienteering in great surrounding.

Kind regards.