



Corporal FRANCISCO OLIVER GOMEZ



Killed: 22 July, 2006
Kandahar, Afghanistan

Date of Birth: 23 January, 1962
Place of Birth: Canada
Age: 44

Military Service: - Service Number D12 310 557
- Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)
- Enlisted 16 July, 1984
- Canadian Forces Decoration (CD)
- Special Service Medal (SSM)

Family: - Son of George and Joan Gomez of Edmonton, Alberta

Cpl. Gomez was singled and did not have any children. He was attached to the PPCLI's Tow Company, responsible for driving an armoured ambulance vehicle, on this deployment to Afghanistan. Soldiers who worked with Cpl Gomez remembered him as a soft-spoken man who nonetheless made a resounding impact on those around him. He had served in Somalia, Bosnia and Cyprus and when asked why he continued to re-enlist he replied, "Someone has to protect the children from the bullies".

Cpl Gomez was killed by a suicide bomber along with Cpl Jason Warren of the Black Watch.