

Veteran Profile Victor Sambou



Snapshot

Name:	Victor Sambou
Military Service:	9 years
Military Career:	Network Management
Joined Fujitsu:	2017
Fujitsu Career:	Boundary Protection Service Analyst

Military Background

Victor Sambou joined the British Army in June 2006, spending the first two years completing his training as a Communications Systems Engineer. His first overseas posting followed, where he was attached to NATO's JHQ in Germany working in the SPOC, responsible for incident management and resolution. *"I quickly worked my way up to the Server Management and Networks team, where I was put in charge of monitoring network equipment,"* recalls Victor.

He continued to develop his communications and network skills, with responsibility for monitoring network equipment, fault diagnostics and resolution, as well as being the SPOC for the system users. Various operations and detachments followed, including with the RAF and further NATO assignments, where he was responsible for the management and maintenance of network equipment, both at unit level and on deployments. Victor was also responsible for training new technicians. His final posting was to Afghanistan where he took charge of the all voice and data communications for NATO as part of the UK's deployed support in Kandahar.

Civilian Transition

Having left the Army in 2015, Victor engaged with the Career Transition Partnership (CTP) to support his transition to civilian life. He received help in developing his CV, as well as advice and guidance regarding job interviews, all of which he found extremely useful: *"The support I received from CTP was terrific! They offered me the opportunity to discuss life after the Military and ask questions relating to finance, housing and work. I was assigned a career adviser who was in constant contact with me, helping with my new job search."*

As well as this engagement with CTP, Victor also liaised with friends and former Military colleagues who had already made the transition to civilian life. *"Speaking with people who had already made the transition was really insightful, and I was offered plenty of good advice,"* he recalls. On the back of all of this, Victor started his job search, trying to apply for as many positions as possible.

Life at Fujitsu

Victor was aware of Fujitsu as some friends and former Military colleagues worked at the office in his local town of Bracknell. Initially, he was invited for an interview by a recruitment agency for a Boundary Protection Service Analyst role and was offered the job later the same day. *"I was delighted to be offered the role, although when I joined Fujitsu I was initially working as a Network Engineer while waiting for my BPS role to formally commence. Given my experience in the Army though, I was more than happy doing the network role as it was something I was very familiar with and was glad to share my experience with the junior engineer,"* he explains.

Shortly afterwards, Victor assumed his role as BPS Analyst with responsibility for the BPS gateway. The role is a perfect fit for Victor's skills he attained during his Military career, although he has lofty career ambitions that he believes the environment at Fujitsu will enable him to achieve: *"I would love to become a Shift Leader before the end of my second year with Fujitsu, and get involved in more projects. Eventually, I would like to become a Project Manager."*



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