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Thank you for your email of 26 July in which you requested the following information:

'Are acf officers commissioned by her majesty the Queen Elizabeth second. If they are do they have have to be addressed the same. As regular British army officers and do they have any powers.'

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held and is detailed below.

An officer in the Army Cadet Force (ACF) is appointed to a General List Section B commission within the Army Reserves. This commission is granted by Her Majesty (HM) The Queen. ACF officers are addressed the same way as any other commissioned officer in HM Armed Forces. They are able to direct the actions of those officers and other ranks junior to them, as well as direct the actions of volunteers within the ACF. In addition, an ACF Commandant will have some powers in deciding on administrative action against officers in their county.

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Yours sincerely,

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