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哈里王子已经服役十年了。在此期间,他曾两次在阿富汗当兵。现在他已做出了退役 决定。但是对于他下一步将做什么人们尚不清楚。以下是 BBC 的 Peter Hunt 的报道:

It's no surprise that Prince Harry describes quitting the army as a really tough decision. He's **cherished** doing a job which he was given **on merit**, not because he's a prince. It's a job which, when he was in Afghanistan, included **targeting** and killing Taliban fighters.

Before he leaves, the **fourth-in-line to the throne** will spend a month working with the Australian Defence Force. Afterwards, he'll do **voluntary** work with a **conservation** project in Africa, and with **disabled veterans** back in the UK.

In the coming months, Prince Harry will have to decide how he occupies himself in the years to come, having **rejected** for now, the **opportunity** to become a full-time **senior royal**. As the 30-year-old prince puts it himself, he's at a **crossroads**.

Questions

- I. True or false? Prince Harry did not enjoy being in the army.
- 2. How did Prince Harry get his job?
- 3. In the coming months, which three places will he work in?
- 4. What role has Harry turned down for now?

Vocabulary and definitions

cherished	珍视的
on merit	功劳
targeting	把作为目标
fourth-in-line to the throne	排位第四的王位继承人
voluntary	志愿的
conservation	保护
disabled	残疾的
veterans	退伍军人,老兵
rejected	拒绝
opportunity	机会
senior royal	高级皇室成员
crossroads	十字路口

Answers to the questions

- 1. True or false? Prince Harry did not enjoy being in the army. **ANSWER: False. He has 'cherished' the job.**
- 2. How did Prince Harry get his job? **ANSWER: On merit.**
- 3. In the coming months, which three places will he work in? **ANSWER: Australia, Africa, the UK.**
- 4. What role has Harry turned down for now? **ANSWER: Senior Royal.**