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Inspiring life of Mr Adoo

NEXT time any of us think the world is against us or complain of the smallest ache or pain we would do well to remember the name Clarence Adoo.

This inspirational 50-year-old was paralysed from the neck down in a near-fatal car crash in 1995.

It curtailed his career as a talented trumpeter, and were his medical prognosis at the time correct his future was a very bleak one indeed.

But Mr Adoo defied all expectations to continue a successful career as a very unique and celebrated conductor.

Tomorrow night his amazing talents will be there for all to see at Halifax Minster when he conducts our own world famous Black Dyke Mills band.

It is hard to imagine how Mr Adoo felt after his accident.

Only he knows.

But one imagines those thoughts cannot have been too different to those of the poor soldiers who are flown back from the Middle East with parts of their bodies missing, some of them also confined to a wheelchair for life.

What sets them all apart and makes them so special is that they do not give up.

Despite everything they all get on with their lives.

Such triumph over adversity should make each and every one of us feel humble indeed.