

**HOOPER, ALAN**

**RANK: COLONEL**

**DECORATIONS: OBE**

**YEARS OF SERVICE:**

**SHIPS:**

**OPERATIONAL SERVICE: NORTHERN IRELAND**

**UNITS: 40, 41 and 42 COMMANDO AND CTCRM**

Alan Hooper served in the Corps from 1960 until 1991. He served in 40, 41, and 42 Cdos. He completed a Defence Fellowship about relations between the Military and the Media. His final tour was as Commandant of CTCRM. After service in the Corps he became a leadership lecturer/consultant at Exeter University.

Self-effacing and full of fascinating insights in what was a full on career in the Corps. His comments on service in Borneo and Northern Ireland make fascinating reading. His view on how differently the RN and the Army prepared for retaking the Falklands is illuminating. Above all his admiration for the high quality of marines and NCOs shine throughout and pivotal, in his view, of the continuing excellence of the Corps. Early in his career he observed that marines and NCOs are so well trained that a key element of leading them is to trust and delegate. This philosophy remained with him ever since and in his subsequent consultancy career.