

## **JACKSON, ANDREW**

**RANK:** WARRANT OFFICER I

**DECORATIONS:** MBE

**YEARS OF SERVICE:**

**SHIPS:** HMS INTREPID

**OPERATIONAL SERVICE:** BORNEO, MALAYSIA, NORTHERN IRELAND, FALKLANDS

**UNITS:** HQ 3 COMMANDO BRIGADE, 42 & 43 COMMANDO, HQLFFI, COMMANDO LOGISTICS REGIMENT

Joined at Deal in 1962 with 13 Junior Marine Squad, a year at Deal, then Commando Course at Lympstone. Passed an S3 Signal course at Eastney, drafted to 43 Commando, then to 42 Commando in Singapore.

Deployed twice to Borneo for confrontation then anti-terrorist ops in Malaysia. In 1965, returned to RM Poole ( LCMs). Drafted to 3 Commando Brigade HQ and Signals Squadron (Singapore), as Corporal S2. Drafted 1973 to Commando Logistic Regiment as Sergeant S1.

Moved to 42 Commando RM, deployed to Northern Ireland, (Belfast, and Portadown). Exercises in Caribbean, Canada and USA. Crash draft to HMS INTREPID to run RM Signal Detachment. Ship visited Scandinavia and USA.

Joined HQ 3 Commando Brigade Signal Squadron, in 1976. Exercised Denmark and Holland. Passed Army Yeoman of Signals Course at Blandford, Wrote Communication Instructions for Norway deployments. In 1981, Drafted to SCTW at CTCRM as Y of S, promoted WO 2.

March 1982 fitted HMS INTREPID with Clansman radios, as ship worked up for Op Corporate. Crash draft to work as Y of S for HQLFFI (General Moore). Wrote Communications Plan for expanded Falklands Landing Force (All assets). Deployed via Queen Elizabeth to HMS FEARLESS in San Carlos Water. Controlled All Landing Force communications throughout War.

Returned to CTCRM. Promoted Signals Branch WO1. In next 5 years led development of the formation of Y Troop (Electronic Warfare), including operational doctrine, deployment and validation of this critical new op asset, in NATO / national exercises and seminars throughout Northern Europe. Awarded MBE in 1988. Y Troop established in 1989.

Left Corps in 1988, became Defence Consultant, assisted development of Y Troop's growth to Squadron. Provided advice to MoD during construction of HMS OCEAN, BULWARK and ALBION. Assisted development of Amphibious software for MoD Computer Systems, and major Command Systems for joint operations. Supported Joint Warfare HQs on exercises worldwide. Retired 2017.