

BISHOP, IAN

RANK: CORPORAL

DECORATIONS:

YEARS OF SERVICE: 1998-2010 (MEDICAL DISCHARGE)

SHIPS:

OPERATIONAL SERVICE: SIERRA LEONE, NORTHERN IRELAND, AFGHANISTAN,
SEVERELY WOUNDED

UNITS: 42 & 45 COMMANDO

Joined as recruit 1998. Views on training at Lymstone. To 42 Commando, two short tours in Sierra Leone (2000). Norway winter training. 2009 to 45 Commando. 9/11. Afghanistan (Bagram) as first troops in, 4 months in 2002. Home, JCC (*Cpl training*). 2004, 6 months N Ireland tour Newtown Hamilton. 2007 to Afghanistan (still in 45), home, then again to Afghanistan. Descriptions of intense combat – 3 killed, many wounded, life in FOB (*Forward Operating Base*) “Gibraltar” 2008 - 2009. IED incident – he was blown over. Later incident he was very seriously wounded, casevac. Blown up on 18 Feb, back in UK on 19 Feb 2009. Hospital UK Selly Oak, recovery process, prosthetic limb (*limbs? Legs?*). Left after 12 year’s service, reasons for leaving.