COMMANDER STEVEN WHITE ROYAL NAVY

COMMANDER UK MCM FORCE & CTG 52.2

Forward deployed as the UK's on-call MCM Formation Commander, White and his Mine Warfare Battle Staff were validated during NATO Exercise Trident Juncture in Norway (Oct-Nov 18), and flew out to the Middle East 2 weeks later, taking on the duties and responsibilities as Commander UK MCM Force (COMUKMCMFOR) with TACOM of UK MCM Force Elements, and as CTG 52.2 with TACON of US MCM Force Elements during exercises, whilst also providing Subject Matter Expertise advice to UKMCC on all aspects of MW, EOD and diving. On return to the UK, he will take Command of the First Mine Counter Measures Squadron based in Scotland providing support to CASD, Homeland Defence and assisting in the Force Generation and GLAD functions of SANDOWN Class MCMVs for NATO and National deployments and contingency operations, as well as integrating emerging MCM technologies into Task Group Operations.

A warfare officer first and sub-specialist MCDO second, White's career has been dominated by challenging and exciting deployed operations including the Indian Ocean/Gulf post-9/11, Constabulary Operations in the waters off Northern Ireland, Counter Narcotics and Hurricane Disaster Relief during APT(N), MCM Task Group operations with SNMCMG2 in the Mediterranean and Black Seas during ORION 07, and MCM roulements as part of Op TELIC and AINTREE. After a circumnavigation of the Atlantic during AURIGA 12 in DAUNTLESS as the PWO(A)/OPS to Capt AAW, his most recent operational service has re-focussed on the Middle East JOA as COS to COMUKMCMFOR (13-14) and as Commanding Officer of MCM2 Crew 5 in HM Ships LEDBURY, HURWORTH and CHIDDINGFOLD (15-16). This period saw them as the first MCMV to be activated for National Tasking in over 6 years and personally debriefing both Fleet Commander and MinAF on the activities, the first MCMV to support 1SL at DSEI, as well as conducting deployed Tactical Development to help prove the organic ability of integrating and deploying Maritime Autonomous Systems (MAS) from a MCMV; in recognition of their achievements, they were awarded the Jim Acton MCM Efficiency Trophy by Rear Admiral Surface Ships. Most recently, White has served as a Career Manager in the newly restructured ACOS PCAP organisation within NCHQ, responsible for all officers within the MW and MCD sub-specialisations.