

Biography for Ian Moore – Exeter Flotilla.

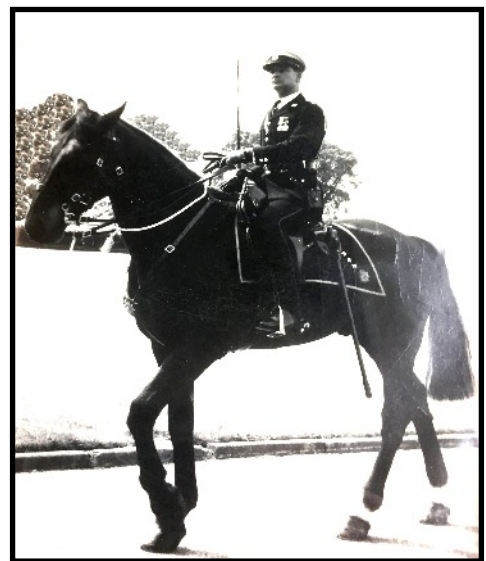
Ian Moore joined the Royal Marines at Lympstone straight out of school (Tonbridge) in May 1958, just after his 18th birthday.

In the Dartmouth term that was then part of YO training he was in St Vincent Division, and enjoyed joining HMS Carron (Dartmouth training Squadron) in Malta – then Naples Gibraltar, Pool of London (spring 59). (Jeremy Larken was the senior mid...)

As a YO he was lucky to spend his year under training with 42 Commando, thus experiencing the first commission of the new commando carrier HMS Bulwark, deploying from Devonport – bound for Singapore – in March 1960.

An early commission was back to 42 Commando in Singapore, a time which included the Brunei revolt, and an early chapter of confrontation on the jungle border of Indonesia/Sarawak.

In September 1963 he returned to Lympstone as the YO batch officer, for four YO batches. This was the first of four CTCRM postings: then as parade adjutant – horse mounted! (1969 – 72) as OC NCOs Wing (1980/81)



Parade adjutant 1970

Then finally as commandant (1986 – 1988). As Adjutant he can remember first meeting the Exeter Flotilla (Adml Brockbank (?) in the chair).

From 1965 he became OCRM in HMS Zulu, serving in the Gulf and on the Beira patrol (under Captains Alistair Wemys then William Staveley ... with Mid James Luard). In 1967 he received a surprise appointment as Staff Officer to the Director of Service Intelligence in the MoD. Then two years later, – married to Jenny back to Lympstone as Adjutant.

He then attended RAF Staff College at Bracknell (there was always a stray RM there). Then Ian was Charlie Company commander in 40 Commando, Plymouth, seeing active service in Cyprus (Turkish invasion) and a tour in Northern Ireland. Promoted to Major in 1975 he was appointed amphibious ops officer in HMS Hermes (under Captains Derek Reffell then Dickie Fitch). All four commandos embarked at different times for exercises in the Med, on the northern flank and in home waters. His greatest amphibious challenge was to organise the wardroom Jubilee ball at Spithead, on the eve of the fleet review.

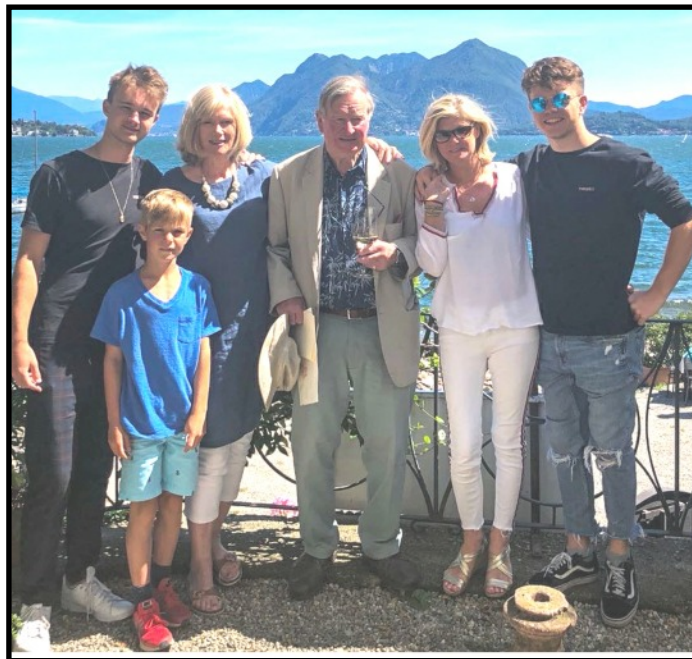
He then attended the NATO Defence College in Rome, and returned to the MoD as the G2 Plans in the CG's department, amongst much else procuring the Seaking helicopter for NACS.

During Op Corporate having been promoted Lieutenant Colonel he was strapped to a desk in DCGRM. The nearest he got to action was doing the BBC talk over on the return of the Canberra.

Moore took command of 45 Commando in Arbroath (post-Falklands) in April 1983 and led that unit through two Arctic winters, and other deployments in HMS Invincible (home waters) and HMS Intrepid (Denmark Straits).

in 1985/6 he went to Cambridge (Downing College) and gained an MPhil in International Relations. He then joined CTCRM as Commandant. His final tour in the Corps was as the Director of Personnel and Logistics. He retired in early 1991 – and was awarded the CBE. in his second career he got a job at the Institution of Civil Engineers (Westminster) as the Director of External Affairs, dealing with Parliament, press and public. He did this for a decade.

As a third career he completed a TEFL course as a grandfather figure, and taught asylum seekers at Richmond Adult College through his 60s. He acquired a Certificate of Education. He and his wife Jenny (née Pentreath)- now married for 53 years - moved from London to Plymouth in December 2015. Moore is a vice president of the RM Historical Society and is currently involved in ensuring that the 40th anniversary of Operation Corporate is appropriately commemorated in that city. He is about to embark upon a History of Stonehouse Barracks. He has an ambition to return more to the Exeter Flotilla, and enjoy



With my wife Jenny and family.

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