

REAR ADMIRAL ROBIN HOGG. CB.

Robin Hogg was educated at The New Beacon School in Sevenoaks and at Bedford School.

He joined the Royal Navy for compulsory National Service in 1951 as an Ordinary Seaman RNVR. During his National Service he was promoted to Midshipman RNVR and served on board the Cruiser HMS BERMUDA in the Mediterranean, an Aircraft Carrier HMS VENGEANCE shipping replacement aircraft to Korea and in the ROYAL NAVAL RHINE SQUADRON based at Krefeld in Germany.

Invited to join the regular Navy on completion of National Service, he served in many ships on the Mediterranean, West Indies and Far East Stations before qualifying as a specialist Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer in 1965. He was the Staff Operations Officer to the Flag Officer Second-in-Command of the Far East Fleet during Confrontation with Indonesia. Once promoted to Commander he alternated between Sea Command and the Ministry of Defence or the Fleet Headquarters at Northwood, with one spell as the Commander Sea Training for the Flag Officer Sea Training, then at the Portland Naval Base, probably the most feared officer in the RN at the time!

During his naval service he commanded a wide variety of ships from small Landing Craft, through Mine Countermeasure vessels to the frigates HMS TENBY in the Dartmouth Training Squadron and HMS GALATEA as Captain of the First Frigate Squadron. His final sea-going appointment (as a Rear Admiral) was as Flag Officer First Flotilla. This appointment gave him administrative control over some 30 Destroyers and Frigates as well as being the RN's Aircraft Carrier Battle Group Commander in Crisis and War for operations outside the NATO Area. In 1986, in the wake of the Falklands war, he led the GLOBAL 86 Carrier Battle Group on a round-the-world deployment aimed at supporting UK Industry and cementing Naval Relationships in many countries.

His final appointment was Deputy C-in-C Fleet and Chief of Staff at the Fleet Headquarters at Northwood, where he was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the POLARIS Force and all Fleet units worldwide.

In the MOD he was variously in the Directorates of Naval Plans, responsible for the future size and shape of the Navy, the Central Policy Staff responsible for formulating national strategy, and was Director of Operational Requirements during the Falklands War. He was also one of Mr Heseltine's "Gang-of-Six" which reorganised the Ministry of Defence in 1987. Selected for promotion to Vice Admiral in 1988 he elected to resign and pursue a Business Career. He was the CEO of a multi-national company for several years. He has also been Chair of the Devon Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), of which he is now the Hon Vice President.

He has lived at Noss Mayo in Devon with his wife Angela for over 40 years and has four children and 12 Grandchildren.



FOF1 in the Gulf



Diving in Horsea Lake



In Hong Kong in 1986
(Global 86 Deployment)



As you would imagine, I was more worried about the discomfort of the Coconut Bra to the wearer. The secret she told me was “They are stuffed with KLEENEX!”