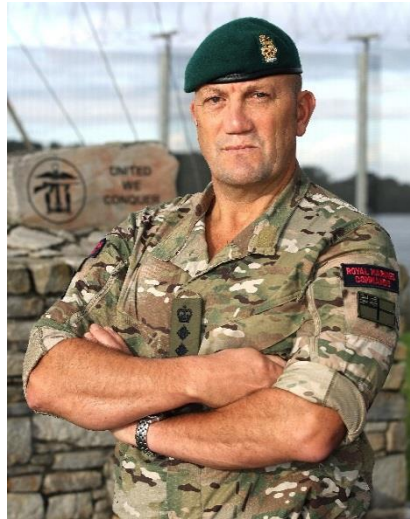


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Colonel Richard J Maltby

Commanding Officer

47 Commando (Raiding Group) Royal Marines

Rich Maltby joined the Royal Marines in 1992. His early career saw operations in Belize with 45 Commando and in Bosnia with the United Nations. Next, he specialised as the anti-tank troop commander in 40 Commando, and he instructed at CTCRM and in the Army's Infantry Training Division. He then deployed to the United States with 2nd Marines, the highlight an operational command tour of Iraq for which he received the Bronze Star. Returning to the UK, he joined the UK Amphibious Forces staff and deployed to Afghanistan as the International Security and Assistance Force's lead targeteer.

After completing the Advanced Command and Staff Course, Rich joined 45 Commando to command X-ray Company and deployed to Sangin, Afghanistan on Op HERRICK 9. He was then appointed to MoD Main Building, overseeing counter-terrorism operations in the Middle East during the Arab Spring before embarking on HMS Bulwark as the Amphibious Operations Officer and in command of 4 ASRM. Thereafter, he commanded RMR Bristol, before two years at Joint Force Headquarters, including Op RUMAN and Op CARIBBEAN, and then deploying to Baghdad on Op SHADER as the Deputy Director of Operations. After another tour in MoD, he assumes command of 47 Commando Raiding Group RM in October 2021.

Rich has a teenage son and when not at work enjoys surfing, mountain biking and sailing.

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