

COMMANDER SCOTT SIMPSON ROYAL NAVY



Commander Scott Simpson was born in Glasgow in December 1977 and joined the Royal Navy in January 1999. Following his initial training at Britannia Royal Naval College and completion of his Basic Observer Course he was selected for Lynx Mk 3 training.

Awarded his wings in September 2002 he converted to the Lynx Mk 8 DSP before joining 815 Naval Air Squadron and 209 Flight HMS Marlborough. He immediately deployed on Op TELIC for the coalition invasion of Iraq and then was fortunate to operate in Australia and New Zealand during the same deployment.

Joining 210 Flight HMS Campbeltown in Jul 2003 he completed OP ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR in the Mediterranean and OP CALASH in the Gulf/Indian Ocean before joining 212 Flight HMS Endurance in July 2005 for two busy Antarctic seasons. A major highlight being the aerial filming for the BBC Planet Earth & Frozen Planet series.

In May 2007 he became Flight Commander of 218 Flight deploying to the Caribbean with RFA Wave Ruler and was involved in a sizeable cocaine seizure and the Humanitarian and Disaster Relief (HADR) effort in Belize following Hurricane Dean. In June 2008 the Flight transferred to HMS Endurance for 'Hot Weather' operations as part of her West Africa Deployment conducting Maritime Security Operations from Cape Town to Sierra Leone.

Leaving HMS Endurance for the second time in March 2009 he successfully completed the Qualified Observer Instructor and Aviation Warfare Officer courses before joining 702 Naval Air Squadron as the Squadron Warfare Officer (SWO) in October 2009.

In August 2011 he joined the Permanent Joint Headquarters in Northwood and enjoyed a variety of roles over a busy 3 year period which included time with both the OP KIPION & OP HERRICK Operation Teams and 6 months deployed with the Task Force Helmand HQ based in Lashkar Gah. The second half of his time was spent in two busy outer offices, initially as Military Assistant to ACOS J3 and then finally as Military Assistant to COS(Ops).

Selected for promotion to Commander in Spring 2014, he briefly returned to the cockpit as the Senior Observer on 815 Naval Air Squadron before attending the Advanced Command and Staff Course (ACSC 19) at JSCSC Shrivenham. During this time, he completed his BA(Hons) in History with the Open University and also his MA in Defence Studies with Kings College London.

In August 2016 he took up the role of Executive Assistant to Commander Operations (COMOPS) at the Maritime Operations Centre before returning to RNAS Yeovilton in January 2019 to convert to Wildcat HMA Mk2 ahead of assuming Command of 815 Naval Air Squadron in July 2019.

Commander Simpson lives locally with his wife and their children. When he does find some spare time he is distinctly average at DIY, enjoys most sports (sadly mostly watching not playing) and has a keen interest in military history.