

Lieutenant Colonel Edward Hall MBE Royal Marines



Lieutenant Colonel Edward Hall joined the Royal Marines in 2003. After Young Officer training he joined 42 Commando Royal Marines and deployed to Norway and Afghanistan (HERRICK 5). On returning from this tour, he went on exchange to the Army and joined 1st Battalion Princes of Wales' Royal Regiment based in Germany. In 2009 he deployed to Afghanistan again (HERRICK 8/9) as the second-in-command of the theatre Armoured Infantry Company.

In 2010, he returned to the Royal Marines and joined the Commander UK Amphibious Forces Headquarters and in 2011, on promotion to Major, he completed Initial Command and Staff Course (Land). In 2012 he joined 45 Commando RM as the Operations Officer. The Commando deployed on a series of amphibious exercises, including COUGAR 12 in the Mediterranean. In 2014, he took command of Zulu Company and conducted Exercise BLACK ALLIGATOR in Arizona and CURRY TRAIL in Belize. In 2016, Zulu Company Group deployed as the first forward based Special Purpose Task Group in the Mediterranean held at Very High Readiness for contingency operations in North Africa. The Task Group participated in Op BUCKTAIL interdicting human traffickers and migrants in the Aegean Sea.

After command, he joined the Middle East team in the Ministry of Defence Operations Directorate and was awarded an MBE in the 2018 New Year Honours List. On promotion to Lieutenant Colonel he attended the Advanced Command and Staff Course and then returned to the Ministry of Defence as SO1 International Counter Terrorism, responsible for conventional overseas counter-terrorism operations and capacity building. In 2020, he was seconded to the Cabinet Office as the Chief of Staff of the Integrated Review Team and joined the Senior Leadership Team responsible for delivering the government's integrated foreign policy, security and defence review.

He took over command of 45 Commando RM on 21 July 2021.

Ed is married to Rosie and has 3 young children (Oliver, Henry and Alice). His interests include mountaineering, skiing, and field sports.