



# DIVER

TONY GROOM

With a foreword by

**Admiral Sir Jonathon Band** KCB ADC

First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff

**'I'm here to be a diver. Nothing else will do. Non-negotiable'**

**Diver** is an honest, moving and sometimes hilarious account of a hair-raisingly exciting career, both in the Royal Navy and in commercial deep-sea diving – training the most unlikely of raw recruits ... handling unexploded bombs while under air attack ... living for months in a pressurised bottle with a voice like Donald Duck ...



commuting to work through a hole in the floor in the freezing, black depths of the North Sea.

**Tony Groom** joined the Royal Navy at the age of seventeen, determined to become a diver. As a member of the Fleet Clearance Diving Team, he found himself diving for mines, dealing with unexploded bombs and being shot at in the Falklands War. He left the Navy in 1985, and has since travelled the world as a commercial diver.

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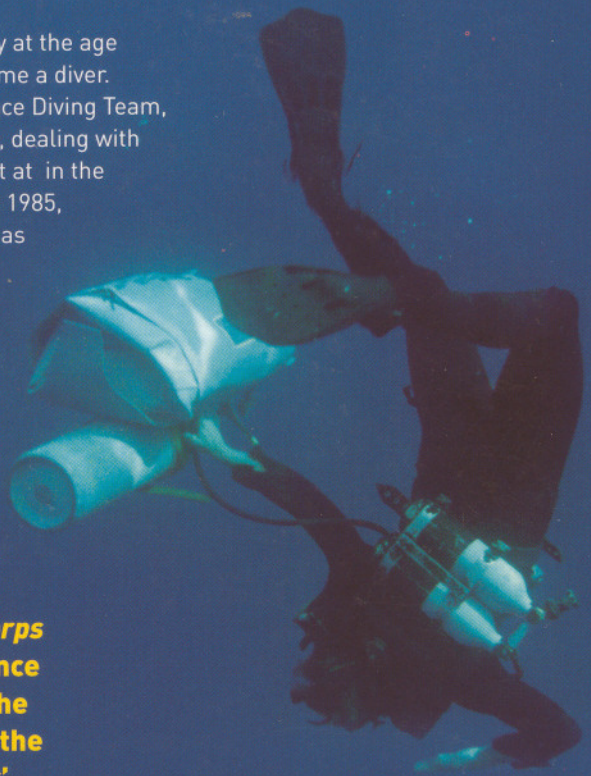
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**'The Royal Navy Clearance Divers, not the SAS, are the British mystery unit of the Falklands War'**

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