



It's All Gone South

The Story of MV Atlantic Conveyor and Chinook Bravo November in the Falklands Conflict

with Andy Tailby

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Andy Tailby, a fresh RAF helicopter pilot, was part of 18(B) Squadron during its 1981 reformation. The squadron, initially set to operate in Germany, shifted focus to the Falklands crisis in 1982. They were tasked with introducing Chinook helicopters into service.

During the Falklands War, the MV Atlantic Conveyor, carrying helicopters and supplies, was struck by missiles, resulting in significant losses. Despite challenges, the squadron's personnel kept the sole surviving Chinook, "Bravo November," operational, providing vital support throughout the conflict.

Bravo November's service continued post-war in various operations, earning multiple honours. Andy Tailby shares his experiences from the build-up to the Falklands War, the loss of the Atlantic Conveyor, and Bravo November's enduring legacy in RAF history.

Andy will give a first-hand account of 18(B) Squadron's build up to Operation CORPORATE including the journey 'down south', the loss of Atlantic Conveyor and Bravo November's arrival into Bomb Alley (San Carlos Water). He will also describe the Survivor's land-based operations in the Falklands and outline her subsequent eventful life in RAF service.



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