

Monthly Showcase - March 2010

Map case belonging to General Sir Norman Tailyour KCB DSO*



General Sir N Tailyour was CO of 45 Commando, Royal Marines, during the Suez Crisis. He received his second mention in despatches for the Campaign and was badly wounded at the landings at Port Said on 6th November 1956. He went on to serve as Commandant General from 1965-68.

The map case contains a bloodstained map of Port Said and Port Fouad, nicknames and grid references for landmarks in the town, a list of Operation Terrapin codewords (dated 30th October 1956) and a slidex message encoding kit.

This artefact is a good example of how we can use a well worn, everyday piece of equipment to promote the achievements of Royal Marines and to illustrate key events in Corps history – in this instance, the first opposed assault by helicopter.