

Biography LTC (GS) Tom BILO

Born in Ghent, February 6, 1968, Tom BILO got his military education at the Royal Military Academy (Brussels) from 1986 till 1990, after which he attended the infantry and para-commando training.



In the first 11 years of his career, he respectively occupied the assignments of platoon and company commander in the 1 Parachute Battalion and he was an instructor and a company commander in the Training Centre for Commandos. He specialized in mountaineering, rock climbing and got qualified as close combat instructor. During that period he participated to two Non Combatant Evacuation Operations in Zaire and to operation Restore Hope in

Somalia.

After his staff course in 2001, he served in different staff-assignments, mainly focused on lessons learned and quality management in military education. Meanwhile, in 2005, he attended the senior staff course at the Royal High Institute for Defense in Brussels. From 2006 to 2008, he was project officer for the accreditation of the Royal Military Academy (RMA), regarding the European Standards for Quality Management in the higher education area.

From 2009-2011, he was assigned Chief Instructor and Battalion Commander of the cadet-officers at the RMA.

From July 2011 till September 2014 he was Commander of the (BEL) Special Forces Group.

After his command period, he went for two months to USSOCOM to prepare a Belgian participation to Operation Inherent Resolve.

Since December 2014, he is working at the Belgian Defence Staff, ACOS Strategy where he is in charge of Land and SOF capability development.

He lives with Christelle Mingneau and has two sons Louis (21) and Julian (13).