

Sent to me Larry Peacock for the Photo's on website from John Scott

I was surfing last night and came across the Postie site and thought that you would like some photos that I have for the site. I don't know if you remember me but my name is John Scott and I was a Postie from 1983-1993. I worked at 1 PC Regt, 3 PC Regt, Cyprus in Dhekelia, Belize, and at Mill Hill Depot. I have been a Police Officer now in Staffordshire for the last 16 years.

I shall have to send another batch of photos via the email but these included here are as follows:

1. Forces Weekly Echo of Sept 23rd 1984. Motorbike Postmen. This was when we first started despatch riding. I am the man in the motorbike helmet. You are there with Col Swanson, Stinger Haylock and Scouse Glover talking to the General. In the background can be seen John Bleasdale and John Blacker.

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● Spr Haylock and Spr Glover explain their operational postal and courier task to General Farndale. SSgt Peacock, NCO IC of the Det, and their CO, Lt Col Swanson look on.

SOLDIERS of 1 Postal and Courier Regiment Royal Engineers from FPOs all over the 1 (Br) Corps area gathered at their RHQ in Langenhagen Barracks, Hannover for a demonstration of their operational equipment and tasks for the Commander 1 (Br) Corps.

The Corps Commander was keen to find out how the posties were going to cope with the difficult task they face in providing a mail service to the 131,000 troops on Exercise Lionheart; especially as this will be the first major exercise where they will use motorbikes on a large scale.

While the General was there he took a few minutes out to sign the first of 500 special Lionheart Philatelic Commemorative covers which will be sold bearing his signature.

MOTORBIKE POSTMEN!



● General Farndale signs the special Philatelic Cover commissioned for Exercise Lionheart at the desk of Lt Col Swanson, CO 1 PC Regt RE.



2. 1985 10 PC Sqn RE, Hanover. I am sure that most of the faces are well known but some are John Fishwick, Stinge Haylock, Jed Wright, myself, Pete Hunt, John Bleasdale, Pete Poppleton, Chalky White, Lonnie Lonergan, Mick Mount, Bendy Johnson, Dave Curd, Kev Allen, Mark Attwood, Rob Cooke, John Copping, Paul Gilliland, Dave Thorp, Lynn Curd, Bob Forrester, John Carvey, Fub Burnett, Steve Iveson, Chris Bennett, RSM Joe Kelly, Lt Col. Dougie Swanson, Capt. Nick Wand, Yourself, Mick Glover, Matt Taylor, Wendy Lancaster, Yvonne Wiltshire. I am afraid the other names escape me.



3. Junior NCO Cadre Course Mill Hill Depot. 1986. Taken by the Officers Mess. Some of these are, myself, Dave Hunt, Mark Lassiter, Pete Thorne, Simon Winson, Scouse White, Dave Hurst (unfortunately killed in a traffic accident in Northern Ireland not long after), Des Metcalfe, Frank Conlon, Dick McKenzie, Capt. Donovan, Tony Brown, Steve Ford.



4. My Sqn at Dusseldorf 1989.



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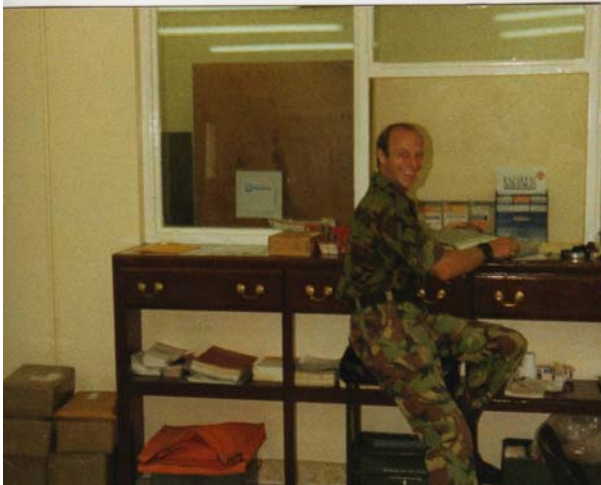


5. This is divided into four photos. Myself at Hanover 1984 as a despatch rider before we got Can Ams.

Nick Wardell getting ready for a night out during our B3 course in 1983 at Mill Hill. He later went on to become the RSM at the Depot.

My B3 course waiting at Mill Hill tube station. From the left Dave Ward, Jane Hill, myself, Tracey Slater (White), Pete Thorne. 1983.

Nick Wardell, Dave Ward and myself in Mill Hill bar. 1984.



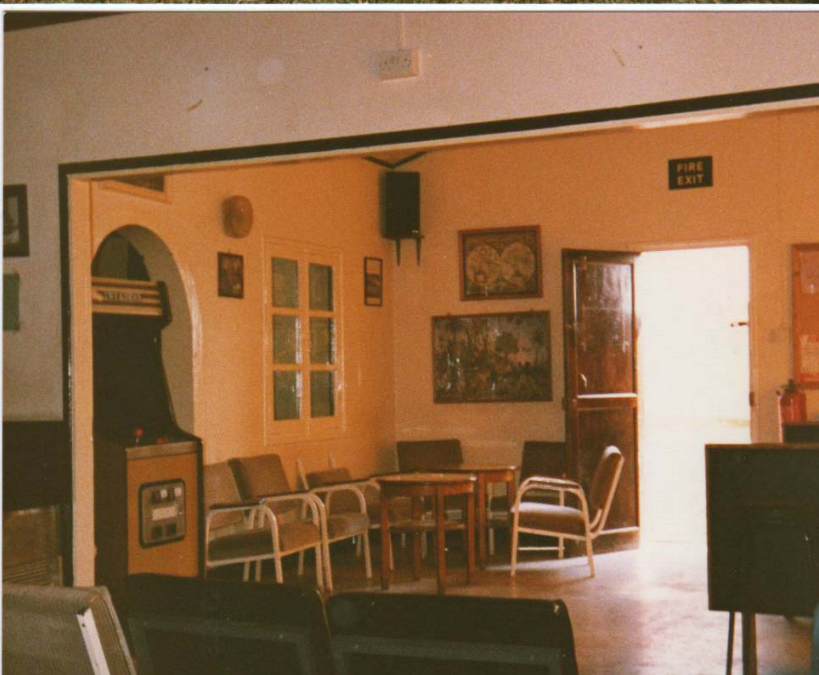
6. This is also broken into 4 photos consisting of myself throwing a parcel bag off the container at Hanover. There is a little story to this. Lt Col Billy Butt was the CO at the time and saw this photo and wondered why I had a fag in my mouth. Sgt Brummie Dean told him it wasn't a fag but a pen and the CO believed him. Now 23 years later I have a confession, it was a fag but I have given up now. Also on this picture is Kev Allen, Paul Gilliland and you may just see inside is Little Jimmy (Scottish female from Dusseldorf at the time. Real name escapes me). Airport Camp Post Office Belize 1990. This was just before we moved into the brand new air conditioned Post Office. I was there with WO2 Will Peart. Me in the brand new Post Office in Airport Camp 1990. Myself and others marching at the Freedom Of Barnet parade in London 1986.



7 . Divided into three, from top: Myself with Graham Gritt and Keith Oxer Cyprus 1987.



Cyprus 1987 football competition between ESBA and WSBA. A few on here are John Parry, Dave Harding, Dave Bringhurst, Gordan Cameron, Carl Heath, Chris Neill, Taff Taylor, Wack Walker, Rabbit Johnson, Shovel, Phil Turner, Neil Sims, Steve Collier, Cliff Davey, Geordie Irwin, Graham Gritt, Chas Timothy. If I remember right WSBA won. The same year myself, Rabbit Johnson and Chris Sims were the first Posties to complete the Cyprus Walkabout. Maj. Eddie Lyons always thought that we wouldnt make it. I loved proving him wrong.



The inside of the Pop Inn Postal Sqn Bar in Dhekelia. 1987. Keith Oxer and myself renovated the bar soon after this was taken. Keith was a brickie by trade and made a lovely stone clad bar with an caste iron Engineers badge in the centre which I painted. Unfortunately I dont have any photos of this.

8. Two comparison photos of the Pop Inn. Believe it or not this is the same angle shot. I took the first one in 1987 when I was the barman there. The second was taken when I returned to Cyprus on holiday in 2004. By this time the bar was being used as a school for Iraqi refugees.



9. The last photo is another comparison shot. taken outside my back door in Mandalay Rd, Dhekelia when I was working on UN detachment in 1988. Then the same shot in 2004 looking quite a bit more mature. By this time the houses were empty.



I hope that you like these photos Larry and I would love to see them included on the website if you could do this for me. I remember fondly my time as a Postie, I say as a Postie because I was always more interested in the Postal side than the Army side although I am proud to be an ex Royal Engineer. Please give my regards to all my ex comrades. I wish you all well.