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1937 - 2020



| Dates | Location | Role | Symbol | Activity |
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| 24th April 1937 | Colerne, Wiltshire | |  | Arrival! |
| 1942 | Colerne, Wiltshire | Schoolboy |  | Cub and scout; rugby, hockey, athletics and gymnastics. Met Jean Barnett at Chippenham Grammar School. |
| 1954 | Chippenham Grammar School | Student |  | GCE 'O' Levels |
| 1954-1956 | Apprenticeship | Apprentice |  | Colerne building company: sound training and practical experience in the building trades. |
| 20/04/1957 | Married Jean Barnett at St John the Baptist Church, Colerne | Husband |  | Reception at The Vineyard, Colerne |
| 1958 | Call up to National Service, Army, Aldershot, Hampshire | Regular soldier, Royal Engineers |  | Basic Army training |
| 1958-1959 | 18 month posting to Chatham in Kent | Royal School of Military Engineering |  | Clerk of Works Course |
| 1960 | Thetford, Norfolk | Promotion to Staff Sergeant |  | Military building projects |
| 1962-1964 | Cambridge | Staff Sergeant | ↑ ↓ | HNC Building course |
| 1965 | Borneo posting | Staff Sergeant | | Building jungle camps in Sarawak |
| 1959-1965 | As above | Father | | Four children: Adrian (1959), Steven (1960), Anne (1963) and Diane (1965). |
| 1966-1969 | Singapore posting with family. | Staff Sergeant | | Supervising Military projects in Singapore & Malaya. |
| 1969 | Waterbeach, Cambridge with family. | Staff Sergeant | | Posting to Oman & UAE; numerous desert road & bridge projects. |
| 1971 | Belgium posting | Staff Sergeant |  | Military construction projects |
| 1973 | Gibraltar posting | Staff Sergeant | | Military construction projects |
| 1975-1976 | Barton Stacey, Nr Winchester, Hampshire | Promoted Commissioned Officer Second Lieutenant |  | Military construction projects |
| 1976-1978 | Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands; | Promotion to First Lieutenant |  | Military construction projects |

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| 1978 | Garrison Engineer posting to Tidworth, Hampshire | Promotion to Captain |  | Military construction projects |
| 1978-1982 | Postings to RAF Brüggen, near Dusseldorf, West Germany & Belize, Central America; | Captain |  | Military construction projects |
| 1982-1986 | Nepal posting with Jean | Promotion to Major (1985?) |  | Ghurkas camp maintenance & training facilities |
| 1986 | Posting to Falkland Islands (6 months) | Promotion to Lieutenant Colonel |  | To command Mobile Civilian Artisan Group construction projects for army. |
| 1986 | Posting to Germany | Lieutenant Colonel |  | Mobile Civilian Artisan Group construction projects for army & German civilian organisations. |
| 1989 | UK-based posting | Lieutenant Colonel | | Responsibility for the design and safety of the Armed Forces firing ranges around the world. |
| 1990 | Purchased villa in Cyprus, near Paphos | Owner | |  |
| 1993 | Retired from the Army | Lieutenant Colonel |  | Appointed, almost immediately as the Surveyor of Works at The Royal Hospital, Chelsea. |
| 1993 | 1st retirement role | Surveyor of Works |  | Royal Hospital Chelsea, London |
| 1998 | Permanent retirement Box, Wiltshire. 2nd retirement role | Retired; Chairman & Project Manager for 4 years of Box Parish Council |  | Numerous voluntary roles on Box Parish Council, for example: Managing the £350,000 Box Village Recreation Ground & Pavilion Project. |
| | 3rd retirement role | School Governor |  | Governor to Box Highlands Primary School. |
| | 4th retirement role | Property Steward |  | Box Methodist Church (retired through ill health in 2020). |
| 2010 | 5th retirement role: Joined Box Twinning Association  | President of the Box Twinning Association |  | Close ties were developed with Sorigny in the Centre-Val de Loire department in central France. |
| 2016 | Twinning Ceremony in Box  | President of the Box Twinning Association |  | With Sorigny visitors. Leading speeches by Fred, the Mayors & notables. |
| 2017 | Twinning Ceremony in Sorigny  | President of the Box Twinning Association |  | With Box visitors. Leading speeches by Fred, the Mayors & notables. |
| 27th March 2020 | |  |  | Departure |