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1937 - 2020



Dates	Location	Role	Symbol	Activity
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
1959	Call up to National Service, Army, Aldershot, Hampshire	Regular soldier, Royal Engineers		Basic Army training
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		Borneo-based, 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.
1971-1973	Belgium posting	Staff Sergeant		Military construction projects
1973-1975	Gibraltar posting	Staff Sergeant		Military construction projects
1975-1976	Barton Stacey, Nr Winchester, Hampshire	Promoted Warrant Officer, Class 1. Long Service & Good Conduct Medals		Military construction projects
1976-1978	Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.	Warrant Officer, Class 1. Accelerated promotion to Captain.		Military construction projects

1978	Garrison Engineer posting to Tidworth, Hampshire	Captain		Military construction projects
1978-1982	Postings to RAF Brüggen, near Dusseldorf, West Germany.	Captain		Tidworth-based & postings abroad for Military construction projects.
1980	Tidworth	Captain + Quartermaster		Tidworth-based
c1980-1982	Posting to Belize, Central America;	Captain + Quartermaster		Tidworth-based & postings abroad for 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.
1989-1993	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		Subsequently thrice annual trips.
1993	Retired from the Army	Lieutenant Colonel		Appointed, almost immediately as the Surveyor of Works at The Royal Hospital, Chelsea.
1993-1998	1st Retirement role	Surveyor of Works		Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
1998-2002	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.
c2002-2006	3rd Retirement role	School Governor		Governor to Box Highlands Primary School.
c2006 - 2020	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	Box, Wiltshire			Departure		

