



Service History of
681936 CAA MILES A J (Tony)

7th May 1956 to 1970



1956-1959	RAF Halton	Technical Training Command	Apprentice Training (Airframe Fitter) – Graduated as Junior Technician
1959-1962	RAF Cranwell	Flying Training Command	2 nd Line Servicing – Vampire T Mk 11 and Jet Provost T Mk 4
1962-1965	RAF Tengah, Singapore	Far East Air Force - No. 60 Squadron	1 st and 2 nd Line Servicing - Javelin Mk 9
1965-1970	RAF Thorney Island	Transport Command – 242 OCU	1 st Line Servicing – Blackburn Beverley (65-68) 1 st and 2 nd Line Servicing – Hercules C130 (68-70)



RANK ON COMPLETION OF SERVICE

Sergeant

AWARDS



General Service Medal (Malay Peninsula - clasp)
 General Service Medal (Borneo - clasp)
 Pingat Jasa Malay Medal (entitled)



CIVILIAN CAREER & ADDITIONAL STORIES

On leaving the RAF in 1970, I joined High Temperature Engineers in Fareham selling specialist valves to the Aircraft Industry until 1972 when I joined The Victaulic Company (part of British Steel) in Hitchin, as a sales engineer.

As Sales Engineer I was selling pipe couplings for small and large pipes (from 1/2 inch to 16 feet in diameter) to the gas and water companies in the south of England. In 1983 I was appointed Sales Manager around the time the company was privatised and thereafter it was owned by its employees.

Responsible for a team selling steel pipe couplings and joints from 1 to 36 inches in diameter we had to deal with a wide range of customers. They included power stations, London Underground, the Channel Tunnel and most major building projects in the City of London. Additionally a range of couplings was supplied to MoD for portable military fuel systems many of which have been used in recent military operations.

Retiring in 2002, I can honestly say it has been a very interesting time for the last 30 years.