



Service History of  
**681837 AA FENWICK J W (John)**

7<sup>th</sup> May 1956 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 1972

1956-1959	RAF Halton	Technical Training Command	No: 1 School of Technical Training. Apprenticeship as Armament Fitter
1959-1962	RAF Melksham	Technical Training Command	Armament Mechanic / Fitter Bombs Course. Conversion Course to Armament Fitter. Station Armoury.
1962-1965	RAF Tengah	Far East Air Force	Bomb Carrier Servicing Bay. Trade Training.
1965-1967	RAF Lindholme	Bomber Command	Station Armoury. NCO i/c Trades Training.
1967-1968	RAF Muharraq	Middle East Air Force No: 13 Squadron	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Line Servicing English Electric Canberra PR Mk 7.
1968-1969	RAF Ballykelly	Coastal Command	Bomb Carrier Servicing Bay and Advanced Underwater Weapons Servicing Bay.
1969-1972	RAF St. Athan	Training Command	Armament Instructional Duties.

**RANK ON COMPLETION OF SERVICE**

Sergeant

**AWARDS**



General Service Medal (Malay Peninsula)



## POST HALTON CAREER & ADDITIONAL STORIES

From an email received by our Entry Secretary, Ivor.

Once Ginge found the 83rd Entry again he embraced us and at that time Ginge was running a business which was involved in the manufacture and distribution of Corporate Gifts. This worked in our favour because at the time we were engaged in developing our Entry Banner and once the basic design had been agreed Ginge produced the artwork and had the Banner made. Those of us who are familiar with the Banner know it to be one of the best; if you've not seen it, there's an example shown in the Reunion 2014 write-up / images. Whilst producing the Banner, Ginge had the Entry Badge digitized and it is this image that Ivor now uses on our letterhead and for other purposes. Ginge also provided us with several 83rd Entry key fobs which were given away at one of our Reunions.

Ginge and Anne came to a few of our Reunions and on one occasion Anne, a College Lecturer, gave an interesting and humorous "After Dinner" speech. One passage that caused much hilarity was when Anne remarked about how RAF Halton had taught Ginge to take things apart without the aid of manuals but had failed to train him to put things back together without manuals and make it work again. As a result, Anne's kitchen always had some item of equipment in pieces on display. Anne's speech certainly captured the imagination of the ladies and there were many murmurs of agreement! However, the men all denied such things ever happened!

After suffering a stroke and spending a period recovering at home, Ginge fell ill again and needed 24/7 care; thus he spent the last few years of his life in a care home battling with dementia.

Ivor remarks that he will always be grateful for Ginge's input to the 83rd Entry and has informed the RAFHAA of his passing.

For those who are not familiar with the Banner, it can be seen in several of our Reunion and Triennial Reports.