



Service History of  
**681899 AA M Powell (Mike)**

7<sup>th</sup> May 1956 to 1995



1956-1959	RAF Halton	Technical Training Command	Apprentice Training (Airframe Fitter)
1960 -1962	RAF Marham	Bomber Command. No: 148 Sqdn and Aircraft Servicing Flight	1st and 2nd Line Servicing – Vickers Valiant B Mk I.
1962-1964	RAF Seletar	Far East Air Force No: 390 Maintenance Unit.	Aircraft Storage Unit carrying out 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Line servicing, aircraft storage, modifications and testing on: Gloster Meteor T Mk 7, 9 and TT20; Hawker Hunter F Mk 6; Percival Pembroke C Mk 1; Single and Twin Scottish Aviation Twin Pioneer; Auster AOP; DH Chipmunk; DH Beaver; Dakota, Avro Shackleton Mk 1; Canberra; Vampire; Vickers Valetta; Westland Dragonfly and Sioux helicopters.
1964-1970	RAF Lyneham	Transport / Air Support Commands	1 <sup>st</sup> Line Servicing Squadron – Bristol Britannia C Mk 1 & 2 and DH Comet C Mk 2 and 4. Mobile Servicing Flight - Supporting all types of transport aircraft world-wide and Air Support Command stations and Transit Aircraft Servicing Flights (TASF). As a result of the Rhodesian declaration of independence M.S.F set up an oil supply to Zambia. This was supported by Near East Air Force flying food supplies aboard Hastings of 70 Squadron and air defence provided by 29 Squadron, both based at Akrotiri.
1970-1973	RAF Akrotiri	Near East Air Force	Transit Aircraft Servicing Flight - Servicing all types of visiting aircraft.
1973-1979	RAF Lyneham	Strike Command. No. 46 Group	Technical Wing - Engineering Operations Controller.
1979-1981	RAF Kinloss	Strike Command.	Technical Wing - Flight Sergeant i/c Engineering Plans and Records.
1981-1984	RAF Leeming	Support Command	Technical Wing - Flt.Sgt. i/c Engineering Plans & Records then Flt Sgt. i/c Engineering Wing.

1984-1989	RAF St. Athan	Support Command. Engineering & Development Squadron No: 3 Squadron	Flt Sgt i/c Airframe Team with 32 Technical Authors developing repair and overhaul facilities for Tornado hydraulic components. Visiting civilian manufacturers in UK, Germany, Austria and Italy. On promotion to Warrant Officer, transferred to No: 3 Squadron as WO i/c Hawker Harrier Servicing.
1989-1993	RAF Sek Kong	Far East Air Force	Kai Tak Airport Unit – WO Engineering Unit with responsibility for all visiting aircraft, carrying out quality audits on local engineering companies, RAF Sek Kong and various Army and Naval facilities.
1993-1995	RAF Lossiemouth	Strike Command	WO i/c Engineering Wing HQ.



### RANK ON COMPLETION OF SERVICE

Warrant Officer

### AWARDS



General Service Medal (Malay Peninsula)  
Long Service and Good Conduct Medal  
Pingat Jasa Malay Medal (entitled)



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## **CIVILIAN CAREER AND ADDITIONAL STORIES**

Mike finally retired from the RAF in 1995, but it was not the end of his association with the Service.

For the next five years he adopted the role of Estate Management Officer with the Defence Housing Executive looking after the property portfolio of RAF Kinloss and RAF Saxa Vord.

In January 2001 he moved to RAF Wegberg in Germany to work with the Services Children's Education Services (SCES) in the role of Safety, Health, Environment and Fire (SHEF) Adviser. This work entailed carrying out audits on SCE schools, thirty in Germany, six in Cyprus and one each in Italy, Belgium, Brunei, Belize and Gibraltar.

Mike finally retired in March 2005 and lives in Scone, Perthshire.