Remembrance Parade 2016

A gathering of ‘Snow Drops’ aka Royal Air Force Police Association on Horse Guards Parade, prior to marching off to the Cenotaph for Remembrance Day Parade. Do you think that some of the ‘Snow Drops’ are starting to wilt?

Submitted by: John Walton
who’s who in the RAF Police Association - 2017

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Letters to the Editor

Life’s Like That.
In 1962 at the P & SS Detachment, RAF Laarbruch, Sgt Fred Blasi and I set off into Holland to visit the Marechausee who controlled the borders in those days and several police stations, armed as usual with bottles of whiskey and cigarettes. Bribes? Oh no, pure liaison duties! These visits were to look over old cases from the A and D's registers and we had logged off to a northern Dutch town looking for a long term RAF deserter who was wanted for GBH some 3 years before at RAF Laarbruch. Because all the civilianised vehicles were booked we were using an RAF blue car with roundels painted on it. After a good lunch we drove around and parked some distance from the State Police station and walked to our destination. The CID 'party' had only just begun when the station sergeant came in and said there was an Englishman at the desk saying there was an RAF vehicle parked in a side street and it must have been stolen and dumped. There, standing looking smug for his good citizenship was our long time absentee. We grabbed him introduced ourselves and he broke down in tears. He said reporting the vehicle stolen was the first decent thing he had done and look where it had got him. Sarge and I drove him back to RAF Laarbruch and all the way back we kept breaking into laughter, much to his chagrin. Of course we 'dined out' on the story for weeks. Life’s like that!

Submitted by Mike Olney-Smith

Dog Handlers gather together to pay last respects

At 15.00. on, 2nd September, the All Saints Church in Collingham, Nottinghamshire which seats 130, was full to overflowing. The large congregation comprised family members, many villagers, a large number of former dog handlers and members of the Royal Air Force Police Association some of whom formed the Guard of Honour. There were at least 145 people in church to pay their respects at the funeral service of the well respected former RAFP Dog School Instructor Clive Joseph Gilmore (2.1.1935 - 18.8.2016) A moving service was enhanced by eulogies from his Granddaughter Karen Barletta, who had travelled from Australia and RAF Police Dog Handler Cpl Garry Howes.

Submitted by: John Curtis
West Anglia Branch Support for Hannah Payne RDA

The West Anglia Branch have been supporting the Hannah Payne Riding for the Disabled Association for 4 years, a charity which has been very close to the hearts of the members. Formed in 2007 in memory of Hannah, who tragically died in a car accident at the age of 17. The group operates from Hannah’s family home and stables, with access to farm tracks and fields, for rides out, along with a specially created grass manage. They specialise and offer riding therapy for up to 20 blind children, disabled children and terminally ill children each year. During this period, the members have seen some youngsters develop from novice riders to competent riders, who have competed in regional events with success. Each year the branch makes a donation to the Hannah Payne RDA which is run by her parents Caroline and Aubrey Payne. This year the donation was £300. On the 12th July 2016, a group of members including Mr John Kightley MBE, Chairman, went to the stables to see a riding session and to present the cheque. Thank you to Mr David Gunn (Branch Member) who took the photographs.

Submitted by: Mike Olney-Smith

Reverend Jez Safford (Branch Member), John Kightley (Chairman) Caroline Payne, Gary Clarke (Secretary) and Christine Riseborough (Associate Member)

The young riders with their helpers.
more letters to the editor

Thought that this statue of a WW1 Tommy, was very good, one of the best I have seen, (bit of expert welding there. It shows my daughter, Jill, (70) with her 7 year old grandson, Joseph, taken on a day out, somewhere up North

Submitted by: Frank Authers

Alan Weeks, Secretary of the North East Branch and his beloved wife Christine who are now in their Golden Wedding year. They were married on the 8th October 1966, at the Methodist Church, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea. Very best wishes from his branch members and colleagues in the Association.

Submitted by: Rowley Coultas

Apology Ref. RAF Police Auxiliary Enquiry . Sept.2016 Issue, Page 16

Brian Burgess was acknowledged as the source for the article, this was incorrect. The correct source was Steve Davies taken from his extensive and comprehensive histories of the RAF Police. (My apologies to him, ED) If you have any useful information on that article, or indeed any information on any or all aspects of the RAF Police contact Steve on: steveguida@hotmail.com

While doing some spring cleaning I found an envelope that had dropped behind my computer desk and inside were some photographs and some brief text, submitted by Brian Chitticks a sometime member of the RAFPA, but apparently no longer, in fact considered opinion is that he might have passed away. I think that in the circumstances I should publish my error and hope that some of you will enjoy another trip down that dusty old memory lane.   Ed.
Brian ‘Chick’ Chitticks sent a brief resume on his RAF Police service. Joining in February 1948 as a National Service conscript serving at several locations, including Churchdown, Pershore, Wednesford, Buckeburgh and demobbed. Fed up in 'civvy' street he rejoined in 1953, Cardington, Foreness, Netheravon, Fairligh(Hastings), Wittering, Luqa, Malta with Frank Authers as his Flt Sgt, Conningsby, Waddington, Finningley, and finally Lindholme demobbed 1965. A couple of photos to jog some memories.

‘Chick’ is the figure on the right.

Fit Lt R. Cooper & Airdog 'Storm'.

John Armfield with the Mayor of Verfeil sur Seye prior to laying the wreath on Armistice Day.

Wreath bearers Brian Lawrence and John Crosby at Horse Guards Parade Remembrance Sunday.

Submitted by: John Walton
Ref: RAFPA/Org/16 dated 30 September 2016
To all members of the RAF Police Association

Re - Wearing of RAFP Brassard
I am pleased to advise that, following a discussion with Air Commodore Clifford at this years’ RAFP/RAFPA Memorial Parade, and subsequently with the Provost Marshal, authority has been granted, as of this date, for members of the Royal Air Force Police Association, when wearing the officially approved 'uniform' (including the white beret), at National and Branch events, to wear the RAFP Brassard.

The reasons for this are:

a. It is considered that it would increase the visible profile of both the RAF Police and the RAF Police Association whenever RAF Police veterans are parading or attending National and/or Branch events.

b. It would more readily identify us, to the general public, as veterans of the RAF Police, especially as we move towards our centenary.

c. It is hoped that it will highlight the pride, shown by you all, in the RAF Police and the RAF Police Association.

I believe that this authorisation is fully in accord with the provisions of Chapter 13 of the Administrative handbook and especially the objects of the Association Ceremonial Dress Code (13.2.1).

As with other items of the RAFPA approved uniform the wearing of the RAFP brassard is a personal choice, and members not wishing to do so should not feel that they are unable to parade with their colleagues who may choose to do so.

The Provost Marshal has requested uniformity so the style of Brassard authorised to be worn will be the regulation Ceremonial Brassard bearing the initials RAFP.

Mike Thornton, RAFPA Shop manager, is sourcing a supplier of the RAFP Brassard so if you do not already have one, and require one, please put your order in with Mike.

National President: Air Cdre F. Clifford OBE RAF AO RAF Police
National Vice President: Gp Capt S.A. Horne MA RAF PM (RAF)/Cdr RAF Police
The Royal Air Force Police Association
Annual General Meeting 2017

The AGM will take place over the weekend of 31 Mar – 2 Apr 17 at the Kegworth Hotel & Conference Centre, Packington Hill, Kegworth. DE74 2DF. Tel no. 01509 672427 or e-mail: kegworthhotel.co.uk

Booking arrangements: Phone the hotel ideally between 0900 – 1700 hrs. Inform the receptionist you are a member of the RAFFP Association & wish to make a reservation. A debit/credit card is required to secure your booking at this time although no monies will be taken. Full payment will be made at the hotel.

Arrival times: 1300 hrs onwards. There is ample free parking available.

Tariffs: AGM cost for the 2 night weekend will be £70 per person to include Friday evening Carvery meal, Bed & Breakfast and Saturday evening Gala Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.
A £10 per person per night applies for an upgrade to a Superior room, a £20 per person per night applies for an upgrade to an Executive room. A £10 per night applies for a single supplement.
Additional nights either before or after the AGM weekend will be at the same price to include Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.
Gala Dinner, Bed & Breakfast only will be £35 per person.
Gala Dinner only will be £16.95 per person.
If you wish to attend the AGM only, please advise Alan Mitchell by e-mail: alandjenmitch@talktalk.net or phone 01495 240580.
AGM Programme

Friday programme:
0700 – 0930 hrs  Breakfast (for those already in situ)
1300 hrs  Arrival & booking in.
1500 hrs  Executive Council Committee Meeting.
1900 hrs  Pre meal meet & drinks.
1930 hrs  Carvery meal (see page 11 for full menu)
          After dinner drinks & socializing with friends.

Saturday programme:
0800 – 1000 hrs  Breakfast.
1400 hrs  AGM in appointed Conference Room.
1900 hrs  Pre dinner meet & drinks.
1930 hrs  Gala Dinner.
          Toasts
          Raffle.
          Entertainment.

Sunday programme:
0800 – 1000 hrs Breakfast.
Before 1200 hrs  Dispersal.

The Committee wish everyone a safe journey and hope you enjoy the AGM 2017. Suggestions are welcome for organisers and venues for 2018 AGM.
AGM Carvery Menu (Friday)

**Starter:**
Homemade tomato & basil soup  
Chicken liver pate, plum chutney & granary toast  
Breaded brie wedges with redcurrant sauce

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**Main Course**
Selection of meats from the carvery  
Accompanied by new & roast potatoes, selection of vegetables & gravy

Vegetable Stir fry

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**Desserts**
Chocolate fudge cake with vanilla ice cream  
Lemon tart with mixed berry compote  
Fresh fruit salad & cream

AGM Gala Dinner Menu (Saturday)

**Starter**
Creamed leek & potato soup  
Chicken liver parfait with plum chutney & Melba toast  
Tomato & mozzarella salad drizzled with balsamic vinegar

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**Main Course**
Pan fried breast of chicken with crispy herb potatoes & a Parmesan white sauce  
Oven baked haddock fillet with crushed new potatoes & a lemon & prawn butter  
Goats cheese & caramelised onion tart with a potato & herb salad

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**Desserts**
Vanilla cheesecake with chocolate sauce  
Apple & cinnamon pie with creamy custard  
Chocolate coated cream profiteroles
Remembrance 2016

The day before Remembrance Sunday in Central London was rain, rain and more rain. But on the day it was bright sunshine all the way. This year our RAF Police Association Contingent was sadly depleted. Instead of the usual grand total of 70 (ish), it was only 35 (ish). But it was still a very cheerful bunch of mainly the old and bold. However I am delighted to say several of our contingent were first timers and well under 60!!! We were joined with the Provost Marshal’s kind permission (Group Captain Steve Horne MBE RAF), by Corporals Richie Butler and Ross Hedges of RAF Northolt. The meeter and greeter was principally a smiling Mick Griffin.

Our joint leaders were former Provost Marshal and Association Vice President, retired Group Captain Ted Scaplehorn OBE and (in the absence of Chairman David Budd) Association Secretary and acting Treasurer Mr Jeremy Fenton. They were “escorted” by retired Group Captains John Rose OBE and David Stanley.

Our Right Marker as usual was BBB, Big Brian Burgess. For the 14th successive year our Left Marker and TV target, was George Badger Brookes (George has pinned to his left breast a small notice indicating the column and contingent. This year we were column C, contingent 36 ie C36).

The Royal British Legion (RBL), several years ago, issued each contingent with identifying armbands for its Left and Right markers. This year the RBL issued each contingent with a further 2 armbands. So our rear Left (Keith Cottenden) and Right (Alan Cook) markers, also more identifying armbands.

The 2 serving RAF Police NCOs marched at the rear of our contingent. It was under the overall command of the Association National Parade Marshal, Mr Bill Veazey MBE. This year Bill had a new assistant marshal in the form of Brian Flinn!

This year Column C (that’s us) was 3rd to march off Horse Guards Parade, through Horse Guards Arch and right wheel onto Whitehall. Our wreath carriers were Brian (Taff) Lawrence with the Provost Marshal and RAF Police wreath. John Crosby carried the Association wreath.

The Royal Person taking the salute was HRH Prince Charles. Alongside him on the dais was the Royal British Legion President, Air Marshal David Walker.

At 12.30 and after the National Anthem, Bill dismissed us and we crossed Whitehall and joined our relatives and friends in the basement of the Silver Cross for a drink and excellent buffet.

Also on parade, were several members as patients and carers from Blind Veterans UK (formerly St Dunstans).

On the Thursday before Remembrance Sunday, Bill Veazey once again attended the Garden of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey. Bill looks after the small plot dedicated to the RAF Police and the RAF Police Association. Among several VIPs Bill spoke to HRH Prince Phillip and HRH Prince Harry.

Of course we were disappointed with the size of our contingent, but we still marched with the same discipline and huge pride while wearing the white beret, as we have done in previous years.

Submitted by: John Walton
Remembrance 2016
Commorative Daffodils

An initiative organised by Brian Crossin of London Home Counties Branch. The Planting was carried out by Brian and a team made up from some LHC members with others who took part in the sad ceremonies at the ‘Final Turn’. The latter refers to the turning from the public highway in to the grounds of the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

Submitted by: Roy Laver

Brian Burgess and his RAFP crew (Operation Burberry, Bromley Kent 1978). Green Goddess collecting on behalf of the RBL poppy appeal in Altrincham town centre on Saturday 5th November.

Acknowledgments...

The Editor sincerely thanks All contributors for their photographic and article inputs. Again many thanks and please keep those contributions coming in. Another year has passed and 2017 will still require all your efforts, good will and contributions to make The Griff an entertaining and informative magazine. To All readers a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.
Charity Cheque Presentation

This year the South Downs branch decided to donate some funds to five separate charities. It was decided that a £1,000 be split equally between charities that had a special meaning to some of our members.

Diabetes UK: A charity furthering research into this disease, which many members have experienced.

The Brent McCarthy Trust: A fund to help families of all military personnel killed in action.

Charlie’s Wish: A cancer charity, in memory of Charlie Hilton (grandson of Dave Hilton), raising awareness and money for research into Desmoplastic Small Round Cell Tumour. A rare and aggressive cancer which attacks teenage boys.

RNLI: We all know what a terrific job they do, and being based on the coast with members spending time in boats, it was thought to be very appropriate.

The Snowdrop Trust: A Chichester based charity which supports families and children with serious or life threatening diseases. The name was the first attraction and the work they do is tremendous.

Members of the branch were able to present some of the cheques in person and our photographer was on hand to capture two of the occasions.

At each event we were made most welcome.

Submitted by: Dave Hilton
Remembrance out and about

Here is a photo my son took of our Remembrance Service held in Goulburn. The tower in the background is our local memorial which overlooks the city.

If you go to: goulburnpost.com.au and click on the photo of the piper, you will be able to bring up several photos taken that day. I was asked by the reporter, along with several other people, why the purple poppy? I told her that it is for the animals that have served. I handled several RAF Police dogs during my service.

Submitted by: Alex Oliver

The Edinburgh "two", Bill Watson and myself, who attended the Edinburgh Parade again this year, In addition welcome to Cpl Bruce Finlayson RAF Police Reserve from 603 Sqn here in Edinburgh who carried the Scot & NI Standard for us.

Submitted by: Gus McGowan

Mike Archer and Ivan Carey at the Chippenham War Memorial.

Submitted by: Brian Flinn
Graduation Parade – DCPG Southwick Park - 28th October 2016

On Friday, 28th October 2016, graduating students of Debden Flight assembled in the Memorial Chapel, Southwick Park. They were joined by over one hundred family members and friends, together with several members of the RAFPA. The Commandant, Wg Cdr M Bland RAF Police, welcomed everyone, and gave a short address before introducing the Provost Marshal, Gp Capt S R Horne MA PM( RAF) who also spoke to the assembled congregation.

After the church service, everyone proceeded to the dais outside, for the Parade. The Reviewing Officer, the Provost Marshal, took the salute, and was invited to present each student with their warrant cards. The presentation of prizes then followed. The Physical Education Certificate Awarded to Cpl Littlejohns. The General Police Duties Trophy Awarded to Cpl Wilkinson. Provost Marshal’s Baton – Best Overall Student Awarded to Cpl Barnard. Later, in the D-Day Club, the RAFPA National Chairman presented the engraved pewter photo-frame to Cpl Wilkinson.

Presentation of cheques to the following:

Tony Harbour, Treasurer of the South Downs Branch, presenting their cheque of £200 for the Trust Fund to Flt Sgt Lee Fairhead.

The graduating students of Debden Flight presented a cheque for £1060 which they had raised for the Brent McCarthy Trust Fund.

Photographs supplied by: Jane Bryder – wife of Flt Lt P R Bryder

Submitted by: Gill Hellewell
September - November 2016

Mr. Tom Watts - E & S
Mr. Clive Gilmore - EMB
Mr. Irwin Curtis - LHC
Mr. Tony Lake - Wilts.
Mr. Charlie Crossin - LHC.

It is with considerable sadness that I must inform you of the recent and sudden death of my very good friend Jim Kilcoyne. He passed away on the operating table in the Nicosia Hospital whilst undergoing an emergency operation for a ruptured aneurism. His funeral took place earlier today (Friday 30th September) at the British Cemetery, Erimi, Cyprus. In accordance with Jim's wishes, this was a very quiet funeral attended by only family and close personal friends. May he Rest In Peace.

Submitted by: Malcolm Jones

Welcome to New members

Serving Members:

Mr. Dayle Selway
Mr. Dean Davies

Annual Members:

NWB
Mr. Iain Martin - Conway
Mr. H. (Bert) Hulme - Derby
Mr. Lee Cunliffe - Lincs.

MAB
Mrs. Julie Ann Carter Norris - Salop

St. Michaels
Mr. Nicholas Bruno Toni - Canada
Mr. Peter Richards - c/o Stoke

Membership 30th November 1463
Funeral of Tony Lake

On Friday 21st October 2016 the RAF Police Association said farewell to Tony Lake, Wiltshire Branch, at his funeral in Bristol. He died in Southmead Hospital in Bristol on 15th September.

The funeral cortege was escorted by the Association National Standard and six Branch Standards from Wiltshire, Scotland & Northern Ireland, London Home Counties, North West Area, South West Area and East Midlands. The Honour Guard and Standards lined the road to the Chapel and provided a ‘rolling salute’ as the funeral cortege passed by.

The Honour Guard comprised of 37 Association members from 6 Branches and included the National Chairman, National Vice Chairman and National Treasurer. Warrant Officer Franklyn Green, PM’s WO, represented the Provost Marshal (RAF). Ian Mclauchlan represented The Royal British Legion Riders Branch, which regularly attends the military repatriations.

There were well over 100 mourners and it was standing room only at the back of the Crematorium.

Tony joined the RAF Police Association in 2001 and had been extremely active both at National and Branch levels. He held the post of National Treasurer from 2008 until 2012, whilst also being the Association Quartermaster from 2008 until going into hospital for the last time. In 2014 he became the National Vice Chairman for a year. He was elected as a National Trustee in 2015, a position he held until his death.

In 2008, the RAFPA started to attend the military repatriation ceremonies at Wootton Bassett, and later, Carterton. Tony attended over 100 of the 147 repatriations that have taken place. In 2009 he received the Alan Rusling Memorial Award for his outstanding service in the RAF Police Association.

Submitted by: Brian Flinn
It is with deep personal sadness that I must inform you of the death, today, of Tony Lake. Tony went into hospital several weeks ago where he was diagnosed with Pancreatitis, Oesophagal Cancer, a Perforated Bowel and Crohns Disease.

Tony served 22 years in the RAF Police and retired in 1979 as a Flight Sergeant. He was a keen sportsman, playing cricket and rugby for the RAF and RAF Police. Tony was a stalwart member of the Royal Air Force Police Association and served as the National Treasurer from 2007 to 2012, he carried out the role of Association Quartermaster from 2007 to 2016 and became a RAFPA Trustee in April 2015. In 2009 he received the Alan Rusling Memorial Award for his outstanding service to the Association, as its Treasurer. He was an active supporter of the RAFPA (Wiltshire Branch), regularly attending social events and parades, and he was present at over 100 of the 147 military repatriation ceremonies that have taken place at Wootten Bassett and Carterton.

Tony’s daughter, Samantha, has asked me to thank all of his former RAF Police colleagues and friends, who sent cards, emails and FB messages to Tony. He was able to read them all and was comforted by your messages of support. Tony’s funeral will be held in Bristol and I will publish the details in due course.

Rest in Peace, dear friend,

Submitted by: Brian Flinn

On request by my Granddaughter Phoebe Tubb, age 10 years, I attended and marched with her on the Remembrance Parade, Sunday 13th November, at Haslemere in Surrey, as she was selected to carry her Brownies Group Standard before she moves up to the Girl Guides.

The Parade commenced from the local church through the streets of Haslemere to the towns memorial and square. I can honestly say I have never seen so many people of all ages present at this type of local ceremony. My Granddaughter was so lovely and smart carrying and presenting the Standard which brought tears to my eyes, as I had taught both her brother Max and Phoebe to march and raise the Union Jack Flag and take it down in my garden over the last couple of years as per RAF Police Duties. Together with the Brownies we received very loud applause and thanks. I feel I have shown the flag in respect of the RAFPA with the up and coming youth, parents and general public present.

Submitted by: John Paice, BEM.
Subscriptions 2017

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Joining fee £8.50
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STOP PRESS

Subscriptions: Treasurer, Jeremy Fenton, wishes to remind all members that subscriptions were due on the 1st January 2017. Please ensure your payments are made promptly and the correct information is with the Banks if paying by direct debit, etc.. Thank you in advance.

Any item from RAFPA Sales will now be actioned by Mike Thornton on Telephone: 01249 464787, until a volunteer steps forward.

Guide Deadline for the May 2017 Edition of “The Griff” will be 10 April Ed. (It can change!)
RAF Police...Episkopi c1958

Rear Row:  L to r  1 Trevor Evans 2 Derek Sercombe * * 5 Aux Salih * * * *10 Brian Darnell *12 Cpl O'Neil 13 George Carter

Middle Row:  LTo r  1 Larry Hutson 2 Mike (Clem) Clements 3 Pete Crocker * 5 Taff Bean 6 Aux Mehmet **9 Gordon Coombs *** 13 Nobby Clark

Front Row:  L to r  * 2 Sgt Fred Jones ****7 Capt Dickenson RMP 8 Flt Sgt Paddy Ferguson 9 Aux Cpl Djema
RAF St. Mawgan - Cornwall

**Just dropped in!**

I was duty corporal responsible for the placing of the airfield guards, the Lancasters were night flying and the gates had to be open and manned one hour before and one hour after flying had finished. The last guard I dropped off at Carnanton gate and continued the patrol of the airfield and back to the Guardroom for a tea break. No sooner had I sat down when the phone rang, the caller was the gate guard I had dropped off at Trebelzue gate earlier, he appeared to be extremely agitated and was insisting that I pick him up immediately and take him back to the Guardroom. I explained to him that he was to remain on post for one hour after night flying had finished, when I or someone else collected him. His response was to scream down the phone, come and get me now, or I'm walking back to camp and slammed the phone down. Problem, I went next door, instructed a fire piquet to accompany me and we shot off in the Land Rover to see what was wrong. Arriving at Trebelzue gate I found the guard sitting on a chair in the middle of the road under a lamp. I told the fire piquet to remain in the vehicle and walked over to the guard and asked what was the problem, I could see he was a bundle of nerves and obviously distressed by something, this is what he told me. I was sitting reading a book when I felt there was someone at the counter and I was amazed to see a man standing there as I had not heard the door open. He was dressed like a WW2 pilot, wearing a flying helmet and carrying a parachute over his shoulder. I said, "Can I help you sir?", he said, "I want to return my parachute". I said the parachute store was on the main campsite. He replied but this is where I collected it before I left this morning. I said I was sorry but could not accept the chute at this location as it was a gatehouse, not a store. He just turned around and walked out... through the wall... that was when I phoned you. I told him not to say anything to the fire piquet, who I instructed to remain at the gatehouse until relieved. Driving back to camp the lad was still visibly shaken and kept saying he walked straight through the bloody wall. I went to the SSQ and explained the situation to the duty medic, then off to the Orderly Officer where I repeated my account of the incident. His first words were, "Did you charge him?". I explained it might be better if he saw the airman first. In sick quarters the medics had administered something to calm him down, but he repeated the whole incident again, word for word.

The medic said that he would be kept in overnight and be seen by the M.O. in the morning, who after examining the lad returned him to duty. He was not charged with any offense. It later transpired that the building, which the gatehouse was a part, had been a parachute store early in WW2 when the airfield was requisitioned and known as RAF Trebelzue. It was renamed RAF St. Mawgan in 1943 .....MAKE OF THAT WHAT YOU WILL!!!

Submitted by: Brian Crossin
Remembrance Parade 2016

Almost ready.

BBB – Big Brian Burgess under escort. Bill Veazey still smiling.

Submitted by: John Walton