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I served for 22 years in the Regular Army firstly as an Armourer and during the last 11 years as an Artificer Weapons. Retiring as the WO1 (ASM) Mechanical at 3<sup>rd</sup> Armoured Division (BAOR).

During that period, I served in Germany (BAOR), Berlin, Canada, Northern Ireland and Great Britain as well as a little secondment to Belize.

On retirement I couldn't stay away and spent the next 9 years working in London as the Non-Regular Permanent Staff Armourer to The London Regiment, a multi cap badged Infantry Unit within the Army Reserves. Other than being based in London I managed to visit Cyprus and Belize as part of my employment. The Army had finally had enough of me by April 2013 (I was born in 1953) and I was retired from the Green Machine.

So what do I do with myself now? Well, I work for Babcock (Land) at the Defence College of Technical Training, MoD Lyneham as a Weapons Trainer. I instruct on the GPMG, Tripod, HMG (QCB) and L85 Rifle but like all good Armourers I can turn my hand to anything else they throw at us, and not just in the Weapons Trade.