

Greetings to NS25 from NS12

Thank you for making contact.

Our Signaller training followed a different route to yours. Initial training began at No3 Radio School Compton Bassett in November 1951. After 14 weeks, those that survived went on to Swanton Morley for the Basic and Applied stages leading to our passing out in October 52. Three were posted to 199 Sqdn (radio countermeasures) at Hemswell, I went to No 7 Sqdn. Bomber Command at Upwood and the remainder to St Mawgan. I am attaching a copy of the script of our Memoirs which gives a fuller account of our National Service experience. There are various photos in the printed edition but will not overwhelm you with those at the moment. I am also attaching a photo of our group visiting the only Mk3 Shackleton still flying at Capetown in 2001. Finally, I have included a list of all our reunions to give you some idea of the strengths of the lasting friendships formed during our training. The members of our group are scattered across the country; Northumberland. Derby, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Essex, Swansea, and Costa Blanca. Over the years the number attending our reunions has reduced as a consequence of age-related infirmities so we now consist of four together with three wives. We do not have any firm plans at the moment for our next reunion but will keep you informed should anyone from NS25 wish to join us. You would be assured of a very warm welcome.

I hope your October reunion goes well and Sidney is well enough to attend. I understand he has fallen off his bike ...again!

Best wishes to you all

David (aka Flash)