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Balaclava Platoon June 1979 - Sept. 1980

Best Time of my life the Apprentice College

My intake was somewhat disjointed as the 'Boat' from Belfast - Liverpool did not leave on time due to poor weather ;-)
We Paddy C (Canavan/Callaghan/Cunningham - name escapes me) & I from Bangor Co Down, were returned home on the 10th June 1979 (I think) due to non sailing, but were offered the chance to fly on the 12th, which was graciously received (couldn't wait to leave).

As it was, I got to Deepcut via Heathrow on 12th June 1979.

I Passed Out in September 1980.... except that I was not posted in the normal fashion, rather was seconded to Sandhurst for their 'Ex Eifel Tower' final Exercise before passing out prior to joining 6th Fd Force Ord Coy in Sep 1980.

Best Time of my life the Apprentice College ..... I don't think many of to-days Kids would last the full term, it was difficult, but very fair and prepared us for difficult times ahead. Today we still have the difficulties, but need then to send our soldiers on to psychotherapy to clear the head afterwards.

Me ... I'm just fine.....or maybe no.....

By Frederick Alan Peacock
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