

## **Memories of Mildenhall**

In 1963-1964 I was at RAF Mildenhall together with five other POs. We were all on detached duty and together with Mildenhall, covered RAF Lakenheath, RAF Honnington - not a US Base, and Cambridge civil airport.

Mildenhall was a Military Air Transport Base, and was a major European entry port for US military and civilian personnel. Consequently the overwhelming proportion of the work was Immigration. A Pan-Am jet was scheduled for, I think from memory, twice a week from the US with about 300 mainly USAF people.

Lakenheath was a fighter base with constant arrivals from bases in France, Germany and Italy, all of which entailed call-outs for which a staff car with driver was supplied.

Similarly a car with RAF driver was supplied for attendance at RAF Honnington arrival, and a taxi for Cambridge civil airport.

We staff at Mildenhall were accommodated in the Base Officers' Quarters where we also had all our meals.

Entertainment at the Officers' Club and the NCOs' club, together with the extensive overtime and the DD allowances made it, I remember, a quite enjoyable experience.

My colleagues were Dennis Page, Frank Mills, Doug. Evans, Terry Bake and Ian Smith.

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