Biographical Notes
WG CDR JOHN BLOCKLEY
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71 Entry B Squadron

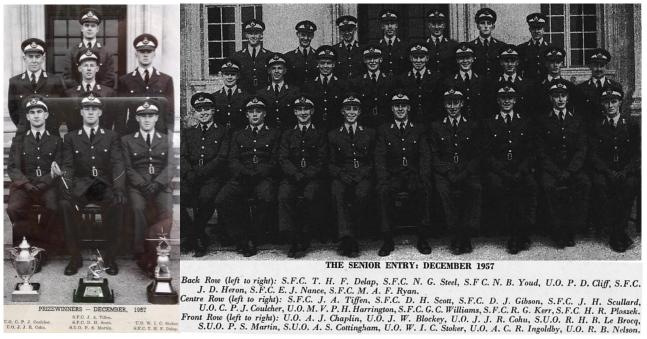| Start Date	End Date	Posting/Appointment
Jan 55	Dec 57	71 Flight Cadet Entry Cranwell Under Officer flying Piston Provost and Vampire FB9 & T11.
1958		Posted to Waddington to fly Vulcans. No OCU available for 3 months so sent to Gaydon to Valiant OCU.
1958	1960	Co-pilot on No 207 Squadron flying Valiants.
1961	1964	Canberra OCU then to No 3 Squadron at Geilenkirchen flying Canberra B(i)8 in low level strike role.
1964		Demise of TSR2 saw me posted to CFS at Little Rissington
1965	1966	Instructor on Chipmunks at Leeds University Air Squadron at Dishforth
1966	1968	Promoted to Squadron Leader and became Squadron Commander flying Jet Provosts at the School of Refresher Flying at Manby.
1969	1970	Exercise Plans at AFCENT, Brunsum in The Netherlands, running the Tactical Weapons Meet.
1971		Staff College at Bracknell.
1972	1973	Admin Plans at Strike Command, High Wycombe.
1977	1978	Flight Commander on No 13 Squadron at Luqa, Malta, flying Canberra PR9 in the Photographic Reconnaissance Role.
1978	1980	Promoted Wing Commander, CO of No 100 Squadron at Marham Canberra B2.
1981		Australian joint Services Staff College in Canberra.
1981	1984	HQ Allied Air Forces Central Europe at Ramstein in Germany responsible for France's relationship with NATO.
1984	1987	MOD, Joint Service Plans.
1987	1988	Air Command HQ at Winnipeg, Canada, in charge of Operational Evaluation of Canadian Forces.
1989	1992	Liaison officer with Royal Engineers at Lancaster House
Apr 92		**Retired** from the RAF and for some twenty years worked as a part-time builder converting barns, stables and outhouses to living accommodation.

Additional Notes:

Throughout the 1960s I was a member of the RAF Bobsleigh Team as a driver of both two-man and four-man bobs and represented Great Britain in European, World and Olympic Championships.   I was a member of the 1964 and 1968 Olympic Teams. I was

British Champion three times and managed to beat Tony Nash in the 1968 British Championships.   Tony Nash had won the Gold Medal at the 1964 Olympic Games. Perhaps my best achievements were two European Bronze Medals in 1968.

1957 Prizewinners & Senior Term (70/71E)

PRIZEWINNERS — DECEMBER, 1957

U.O. C. P. J. Coulcher.   S.F.C. J. A. Tiffen.   U.O. W. I. C. Stoker.
U.O. J. J. R. Cohu.   S.F.C. D. H. Scott.   S.F.C. T. H. F. Delap.
                    S.U.O. P. S. Martin.

THE SENIOR ENTRY: DECEMBER 1957

Back Row (left to right): S.F.C. T. H. F. Delap, S.F.C. N. G. Steel, S.F.C. N. B. Youd, U.O. P. D. Cliff, S.F.C. J. D. Heron, S.F.C. E. J. Nance, S.F.C. M. A. F. Ryan.
Centre Row (left to right): S.F.C. J. A. Tiffen, S.F.C. D. H. Scott, S.F.C. D. J. Gibson, S.F.C. J. H. Scullard, U.O.C. P. J. Coulcher, U.O. M. V. P. H. Harrington, S.F.C. G. C. Williams, S.F.C. R. G. Kerr, S.F.C. H. R. Ploszek.
Front Row (left to right): U.O. A. J. Chaplin, U.O. J. W. Blockey, U.O. J. J. R. Cohu, S.U.O. R. H. B. Le Brocq, S.U.O. P. S. Martin, S.U.O. A. S. Cottingham, U.O. W. I. C. Stoker, U.O. A. C. R. Ingoldby, U.O. R. B. Nelson.