



Biographical Notes
SQN LDR RG 'GRAEME' KERR
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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.
Jan 58	Apr 58	232 OCU Gaydon Valiant pilot.
May 58	Jun 61	90 Sqn Honington as co-pilot.
Jun 61	Jul 61	Gaydon for captain's course.
Aug 61	Jun 64	148 Sqn Marham as reputedly the youngest V force captain - "this accolade didn't long as some upstart on Vulcans dislodged me six weeks later".
Jul 64	Nov 66	Gaydon as OC GD flight (station adj), "one of my main duties was scouring the country for portable toilets for the annual B of B open day. Gaydon was second only to Biggin Hill in terms of attendance."
Dec 66	Dec 67	Promoted Sqn Ldr and posted to Staff College Bracknell.
Jan 68	Jul 68	Refresher course at Manby followed by Canberra OCU at Bassingbourn.
Aug 68	May 70	14 Sqn at RAF Wildenrath as flight commander.
Jun 70	Apr 73	HQRAFG as Ops 2B in charge of introducing the Buccaneer to RAFG at Laarbruch - eventually 15 and 16 Sqn. Interesting job as Bucc came with British weapon system, first time non US nuclear weapon had been based on German soil.
May 73		Retired. Having obtained a civil licence, had promise of a job with BEA in Scotland in November on Viscounts - spent that summer flying Aztecs and Senecas round Scotland and across North Sea to Norway.
Nov 73	Apr 80	Viscounts based in Glasgow.
Apr 80	Apr 90	Transferred to Birmingham and flew BAC1-11s with BEA (now BA) for ten years.
May 90	Dec 98	Retired BA and joined Birmingham Executive Airways, which eventually became Danish owned Maersk Air, and flew BAC 1-11s for another 8 years.
17 Dec 98		Took the very last BAC1-11 in BA colours to Southend en route to Nigeria and declined their kind offer of a lot of US dollars in a Swiss bank account to teach their pilots to fly the aircraft. "Something I've always been proud of is amassing 10,000 hours on type, with an average sector length of 1 hour 25 mins and never a major aircraft emergency."
1992	1997	Northwood Infrastructure Plans SACLANT.

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