

A photograph of an airplane wing in flight against a sunset sky. The wing is on the left side of the frame, extending towards the right. The sky is a mix of dark blue, purple, and orange, with some clouds. The wing has a red tip. The text "Wings of Change" is overlaid in white, centered on the wing.

Wings of Change

Mark Avery

Overview

Joined the RAF on April 11, 1978

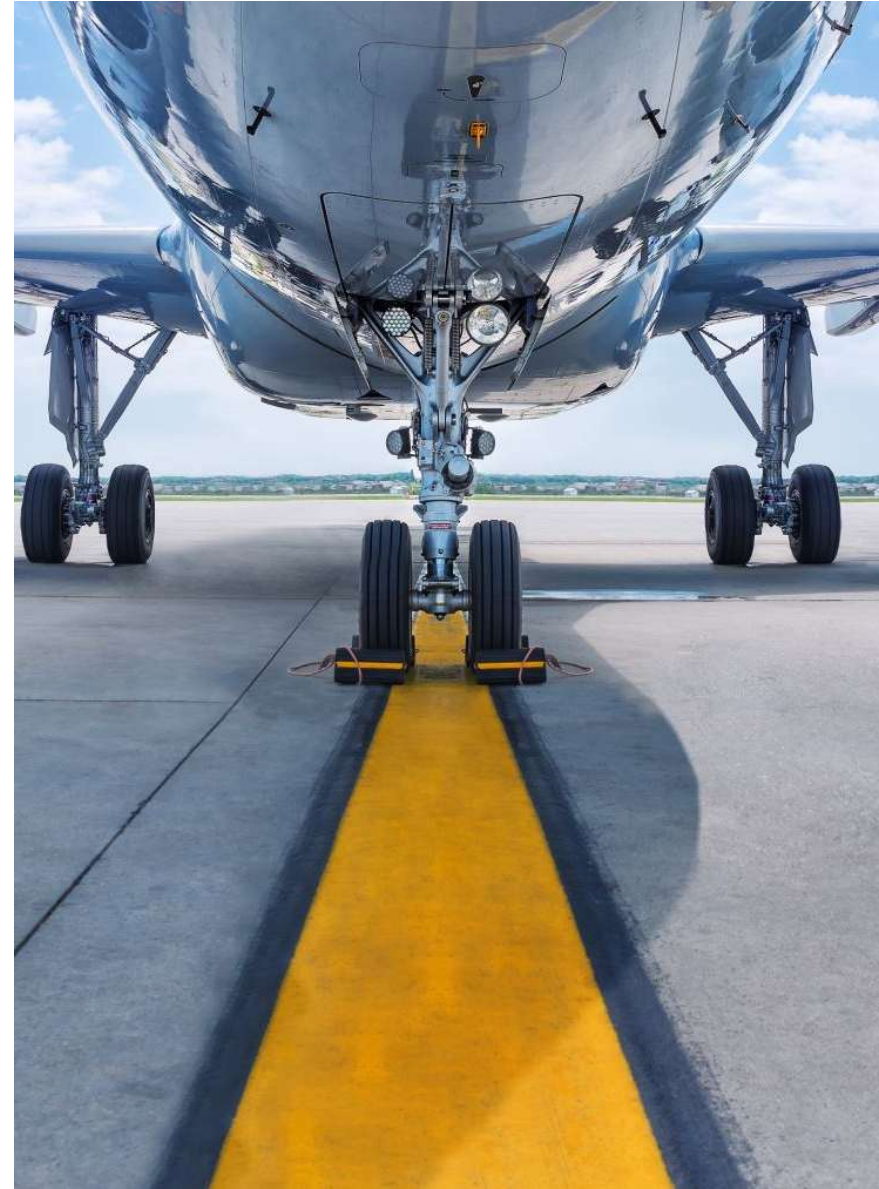
Discharged on April 10, 1990

Served a total of 12 years (9 years contract + 3 additional years)



Role in the RAF

- **Position** Movements Controller
 - Responsible for operations involving air transport fleet
 - Worked with aircraft: VC10s, C-130s, TriStar, and several civilian aircraft
- Tasks included:
 - Unloading and loading aircraft
 - Ensuring weight and balance
 - Passenger movements
 - Road transportation at Wildenrath



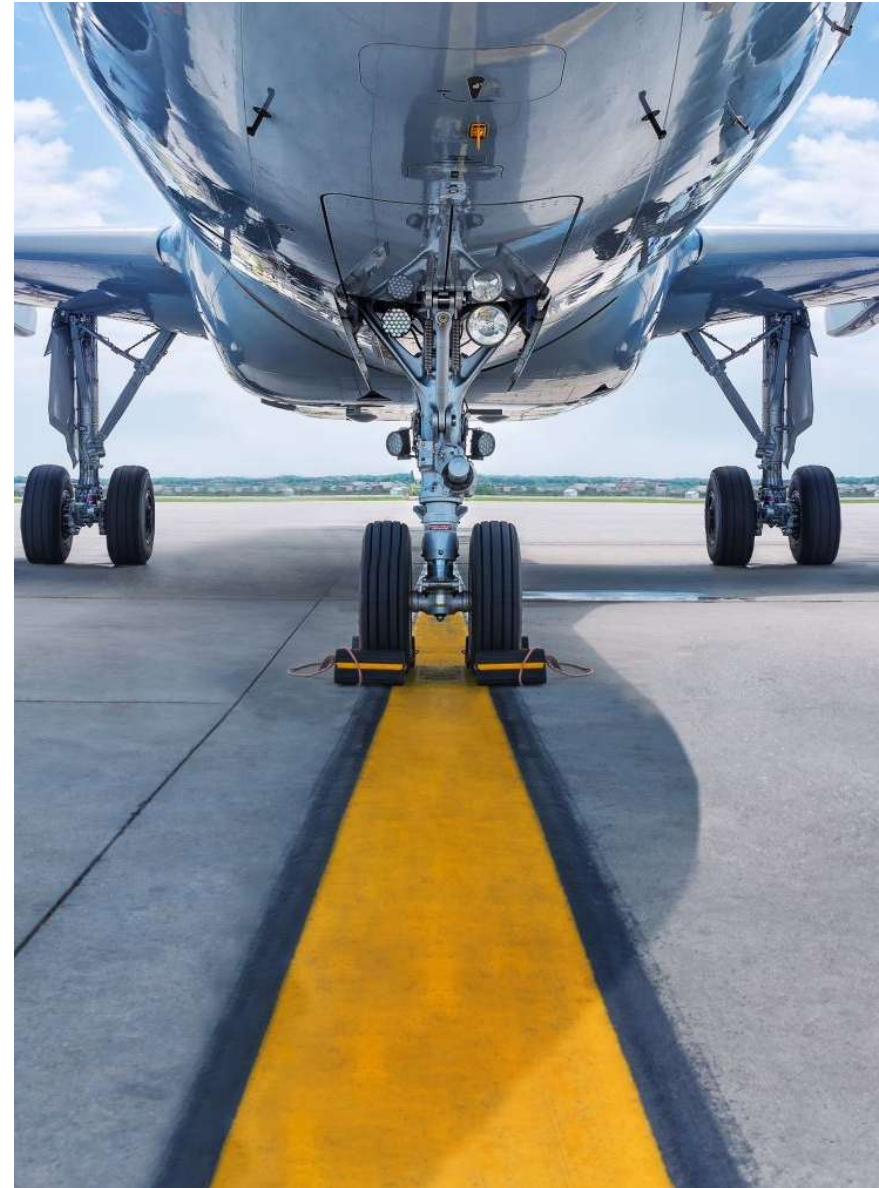
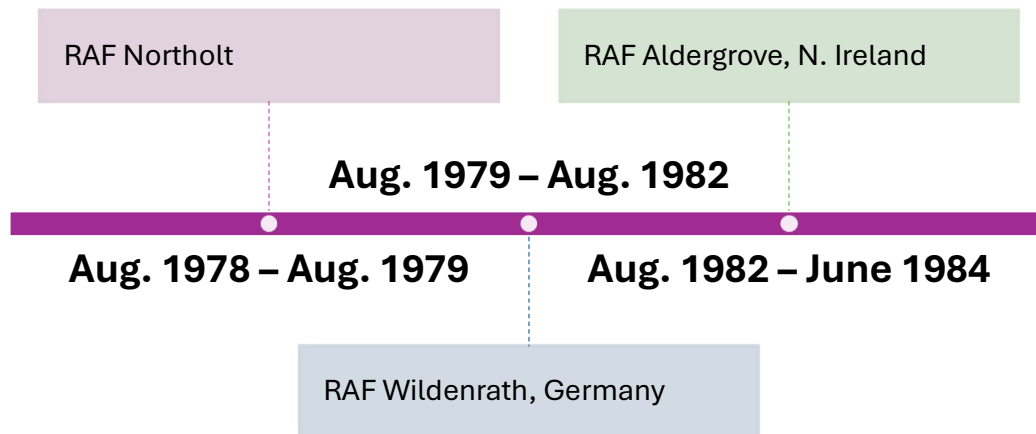
Training

Initial Training

- Basic training at RAF Swinderby, Lincolnshire (6 weeks)
- Trade training at the Movements School, RAF Brize Norton (2 months)



Postings Overview



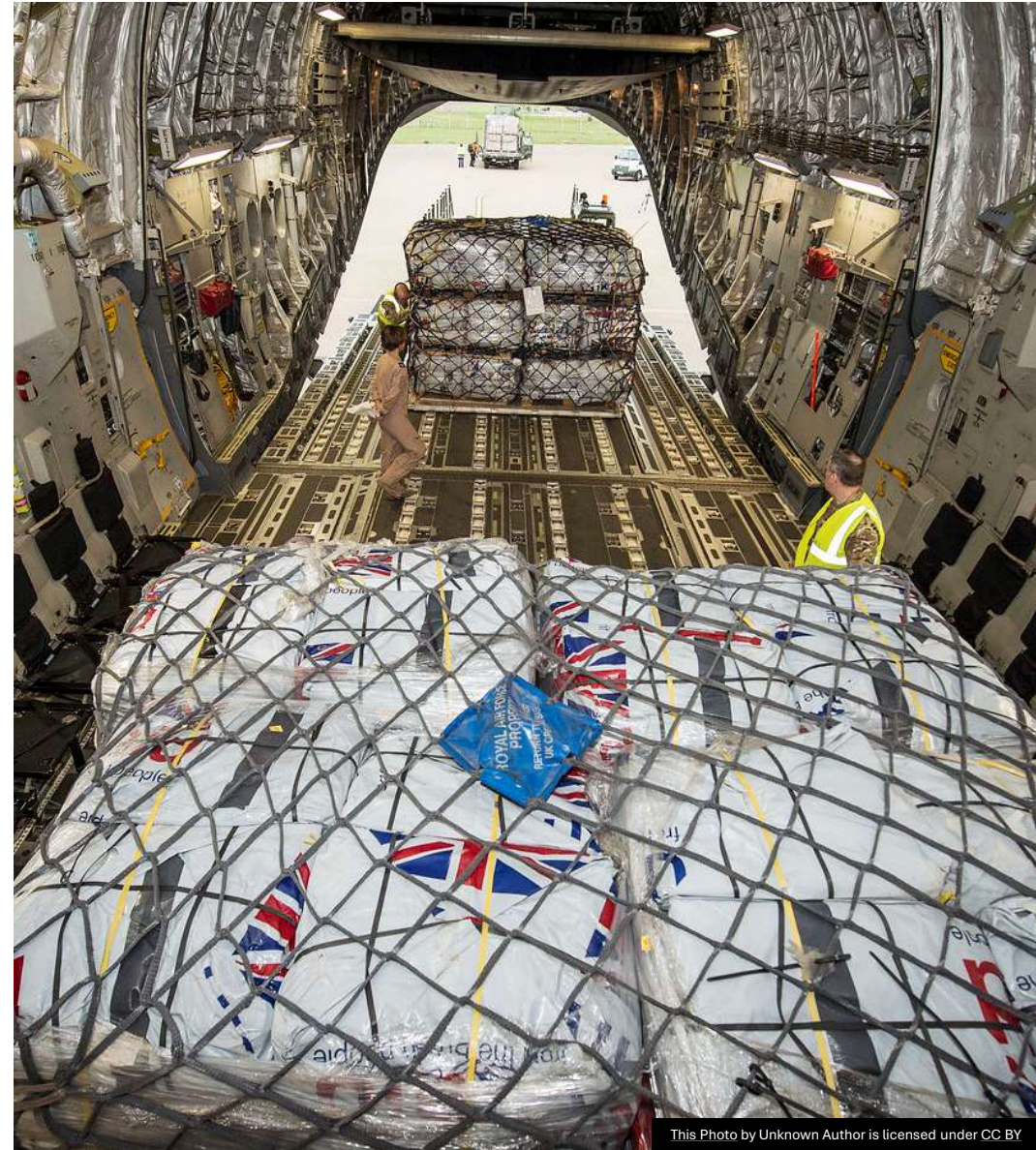
Additional Training and Experience

JSTC Hendon

June–Dec. 1984 and Oct.
1986–Mar. 1987

Dec. 1984–Apr. 1986

London Gatwick
Detachment



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Overseas Experience

International Postings

- RAF Mount Pleasant, Falkland Islands: April 1986 - October 1986
- RAF Akrotiri, Cyprus: March 1987 - March 1989
- RAF Brize Norton: March 1989 - April 1990



Reflecting on My Time

Valuable experiences in diverse environments

Development of skills in logistics and transportation coordination

Lifelong friendships and memories made during service

