

This Incident was at Billingsgate, November 1988



Captain Anthony Crawford and Lance Corporal Kieth Porter awarded the Queens Gallantry Medal.

Found in a sewer close to Billingsgate Fish Market, London.

Memories

Keith Porter.

A picture I've not seen in a long time, Tony gone but not forgotten (RIP), looking closely at the picture it reminds me the difficulty we had Trepanning the case, if you look you can see we cut one disk, attempted another but hit a hard spot, then repositioned the saddle for another go. I think I've got that right, I don't think it's the pocket to the left, although it was a long time ago.

Gary Mort

There was a great photo in the Regt showing Tony in SD Dress and Keith in 9th (think) West Yorkshire Police uniform after getting their QGMs at Buckingham Palace.

Keith Porter

Gary even the outfit had a tale behind it, I approached the army asking if I could draw a set of no2s to go to Buckingham Palace in uniform for a Military award, typical Army, they refused saying as I had been out more than 6 months I wasn't entitled, then they tried to tell me although I was then a serving Police Officer I had to go in a civilian suit, I said it's one or the other, hence the Police Uniform, which made no sense as I was then photographed for the local paper etc, great PR for the Police.. my Police Superintendent at the time was mates with the ACC of West Yorkshire, so arranged the ACC's car and driver to take us to London for a couple of days, I think we arrived in a chauffeur driven Carlton, Tony came with one of the lads in the troop Ford Escort estate.

Strange what you remember looking at a photograph, I have the suspension lug from the Billingsgate bomb, I recovered it from the clean up after we had done CLC to the fuze pocket, it was mixed in with shredded sandbags, it still has a strange smell of the cast metal, hard to explain.

Johnno Johnson



Crash Crew plus Johnno

Back row John Swanborough, Johnno Johnson, Anthony Crawford, ?, ?, ?, Keith Porter, ?, ?

Front Row ?, ?

Johnno Johnson.

I had been on Remembrance at Rochester Cathedral when I got home there was a knock on my door. The rest want you in London now. I said you're having a laugh I've just finished Remembrance service plus 18 Sqn don't work Sundays. Then they said no its not RSME, you are needed back in 33 now..... good job I hadn't cracked a few cans

We staged on around the clock on the mic steth, glad to report no sound. My main job was to operate an RB22 old plant dragline to raise the UXB from the shaft. I couldn't believe it when I got on the site to see the RB as it was plant and I was a crane op. Captain Crawford said it's got a hook so it's a crane, job done the next day.

When called out went to site in my own car, got to the tunnel, two police cars waiting to escort me, they had to slow down as I couldn't keep up.



Bomb being removed photo sent by Johnno Johnson