

This Incident was at East Tilbury 1986



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Does the archive or anybody have any other photos or incident report on this job, I went on in March 1986, my first Bomb job , East Tilbury Gravel pit 1986, the 1000 lb had been cut in half by a drag line bucket in a gravel pit, Capt James was the BDO, me no2 from what I remember. I recall him drilling with the S Set while I was on the Mic Steth, I think it was the Major Jones who was senior EOD commander, arrived with his Labrador dog in the estate car, let the dog out which ran jumping about and over to the bomb that the BDO was drilling, I think Capt James was a bit nervous at the time as I believe from memory we were told he had failed the immunisation on his first go at it in training, very heated argument ensued over the dog, I thought at one point we were going to have officers fighting... paper was the first edition of the Today newspaper in colour...

Jake McQueen

I was the crash crew fitter on the job, that's me to the right with my head in a dustbin, soaking empty sandbags to place on the bomb to keep it cool while we steamed it out. You've a far better memory than me Keith as I couldn't have told you who was BDO etc and anything about the dog. I do remember the site and having to dig the bomb out and trenching around it. I think there was a large gas pipeline that ran nearby that authorities were concerned about plus some buildings with an awful lot of glass, I've still got a copy of the paper.

Keith Porter.

Jake, I remember the digging and trench around it, across the base and hessian, I was stood for a long time in a trench pushing the steaming lance inside the case around the fuze pockets, trying to get it all out right up to the nose. Strange what you remember the steam the fumes and the sandbags on the case to try and cool it down.