

This Incident was at Normanton, West Yorkshire 1988



Photo credit Johno Johnson.

From Johno Johnson couple of jobs anyone else able to add any details pictures? In 87 or early 88 we had a job in Normanton West Yorks at an old dets factory. A couple of civvies had died whilst carrying out groundwork on the old site. This is one of the only pics I have posing . We commandeered the West Yorkshire tippers to run to the tips after hours with tons of dets/ contaminated soil. Others may have pics from the site. We used machines I believe from Ripon Road rollers to squash the detonators and then tons of sand/soil. We were there for over a week maybe 2. Also you could put out a shout for pics from 89 when we did the land recovery from the med sea in Gibraltar



Photo Credit Dave Brooker

Gary Mort

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Dave Brooker.

I was on that job as well, Pat Neal was the badge at the time and BDO, we stayed in some Travelodge if I remember and could only do bangs when the factory next door shut.

Steve Shores.

And I think it was later in 88 as I only got to 49 in Jan 88. We had a drot sized dozer dragging a big vibrating roller over spoil we spread on some hard standing. It was a civilian banksman who died.

Les Lovelock.

Was on that job good NRSA.

Dave Olford.

I did the follow up job in Normanton with a few of us from 49 in 1989 with SSM Pat Neale, using sheetex on the groups of dets and a armoured digger, 1 civilian banksman I believe had been killed, on a personal note I had my 21 birthday there on my first ever proper EOD job and have been doing EOD ever since.