

So sad to hear off the passing of Nev Tortice. Nev really was a RAF Service gent I was delighted and very fortunate to have him as my number two on A Crew RAF Stanley Fire Section Nev was unflappable utterly reliable highly competent and outstanding on the airfield well liked by his crew and a fireman who all at RAF Stanley Fire Section had the utmost respect. for my deepest condolences go out to Nevs family and friends George ( Scouse) Edwards former A Crew Commander RAF Stanley Fire Section 1984. Would love to hear from ex crew mates .Anyone have Nevs address I would like to get a sympathy card off to his family.

Nev is fifth from the left front row



This little tale now serves as a testament to the memory of NevTortice. All who took part in this incident will agree that our efficiency and speed of action was all down to Nev I never ever seen him loose his cool he was always calm and relaxed but beneath that laid back impression was one highly competent and hugely capable RAF Fireman He was an inspiration and an example to us all and once again another colleague has moved on to his final posting much too early; may you rest in peace my trusty old mate I will always remember you

George Edwards .

***The 20<sup>th</sup> November 1984 the Crash Combine were deployed for an East Alpha RHAG engagement a regular occurrence for the fire crews at RAF Stanley. However the weather gave some cause for concern. Suddenly Mount Tumbledown disappeared in a gathering storm strong northerly crosswinds gusting at 50 knots were in evidence. The combine were deployed to rig the centre Alpha and stand by for two Geese (F4) and a Fat Albert (extended C130) recovering. The first goose landed safely and the cable was rewound. The second Goose also landed safely and the cable was rewound to allow the Fat Albert to land. The combine returned to normal readiness. Shortly after Wing Commander Manning (OC ops) called at the section and thanked the crew for their prompt and efficient actions. In the words of the Wing Commander I have never seen a fire crew move so quickly and professionally and that includes my days at RAF Coningsby. I was urging you lads on from up in the tower and I was so relieved when you completed all your tasks in what must have been record time. I would like to show my appreciation for a job very well done by sharing a drink***

*with you all. The Wing Commander then produced a bottle of Scotch whisky and asked us to join in a toast to the wonderful men of the RAF Fire service. As the crew chief I would like to pass on my appreciation to all members of the crew;Cpl Bowerbanks Cpl Tortice Cpl Yapp SAC Haughton SAC Hawes SAC Hollis SAC Lenegan SAC Wade SAC Walton SAC Young and our two rhaggies Cpl Thomas and Jnr tech Palmer. I hope that you can look on this incident in years to come as a task very professionally undertaken at Royal Air Force Stanley*

*GG Edwards*

*Sergeant SNCO i/c a Crew*

*Fire Section RAF Stanley*

AOC's Inspection Nev is second to the end .There are along with Nev some other fine young RAF Firemen who like me will now be grieving the loss of a good friend

