

OBITUARY – PAUL WHITMORE

Ex Adult Warrant Officer Paul Whitmore sadly passed away on 11th February 2009 after a short illness. Paul (58) joined No 115(Peterborough) Sqn as a cadet in October 1965 rising to Staff Cadet in 1969 and CWO in 1973. He had the honour of carrying the Corps Banner on wing parade in both 1971 and 1972. After cadet service in 1974 he continued his career with the Corps as a CI and also attended the MLT (Summer) Training Course at Llanwrst in 1980. Appointed AWO on 2nd April 1981 he subsequently attended the AWO course at RAF Newton and was top student with a Grade A pass. As Sqn WO and a weapons instructor he saw countless cadets through their training over a period of 24 years. He retired from uniform in 2005 and continued for another year as a CI.

Paul was awarded the CFM in 1993 and clasp in 2001. In 2006 (*pictured here*) he was awarded a Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire Medal for outstanding service to the community and an AOC in Cs Commendation for his years of loyal service. Finally, in 2008 he was awarded a Commandant ACO Certificate in recognition of his 39 years Long and Meritorious Service.

Paul was a well known figure throughout Peterborough and had joined Perkins as an apprentice after leaving school and where he continued until his untimely death. His funeral took place on 5th March 2009 and was attended by family, Sqn staff, committee and cadets past and present along with many friends from both the ACO and civilian community. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Mr Dave Ellis, Chairman, No 115(Peterborough) Sqn ATC