

Sgt Sammy Samanjoul

Sammy Samanjoul was one of six brothers born on 8th of October 1936, he enlisted in South Shields on the 1st September 1952 and joined the RAC as a boy soldier at the age of 15 ³/₄ and then went on to start his service with 8th RTR until its disbandment in 1960 when he transferred to the 4th RTR and during that time saw service in the UK, Germany, Borneo, Malaya, Aden, Sarawak and Radfan, he completed his 22 years service in November 1976 at the age of 40, having attained the rank of Sergeant, he was a well known character and a well respected senior NCO in the regiment,

After Sammy left the army he took a job as a coach driver mainly on the continent until his retirement, not long after that he suffered two strokes, more recently he was awarded the Queen Elizabeth 11 golden Jubilee medal in 2002, and was at the Fourths reunion in Fife in 2003, but ill health prevented him from going up last year, and he past to the green fields beyond on 18th of February 2005, there was a service at South Shields Crematorium with attendance of the association Standard and four members of the branch, he leaves behind his wife Carol and two sons Andrew and Darrel.

