

## JACK WILLIAM MEYNELL (HON OF)

He was born on 24th October 1929 at Newsham Grange Farm, near the River Tees some 6 miles from Barnard Castle in County Durham. He was the eldest of 3 children in the family of Walter and Minnie Meynell. He attended primary schools at Staindrop and Barnard Castle before completing his Secondary School education at the private public school at Barnard Castle.

It was during his time at Barnard Castle Public School that he developed his athletic skills, winning many events like the half mile and mile races due to his stamina and developed the love of shooting which was to remain with him all his life.

After studying at Houghall Agricultural College he worked on his grandfather's farm and joined the TA, Durham Light Infantry. He married Aileen Close in 1951 and his two children Brian and Suzanne were born in 1952 and 1964 respectively.

He worked at Glaxo before taking a job at the College as lab technician and shooting master. He remained working there for 35 years, well into his 70s and according to official reports he retired no fewer than three times.

Prize boards in clubhouses all over Bisley bear the name and rank of WO2 Jack Meynell, who served for many years in the TA, first in the Durham Light Infantry and latterly with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

It is believed that he is the only man ever to have won the Queen's Medal with two different weapons. He made the achievement in the reserve forces version of the Medal with a Lee Enfield .303 in 1956 and with an SLR in 1964.

But that was very far from the peak of his achievements. Shooting-wise, among others, he won the London & Middlesex Service Rifle Championship five times, in 1969, 1975, 1976, 1979 and 1982. Bearing in mind that he was in his 40s and 50s at this time it shows what a natural affinity he had with any rifle he picked up.

See Steve Mcdowell (G 82-86)'s full obituary here

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**David Lowe (S66-68)** has sent in the following photo and writes "My Mother found the attached photo of me and Jack Meynell, taken at Bisley in July 1977. He was with the TA team and I was vice-captain of the Naval Air Command team - we competed against each other in a couple of the Inter-Services events!"

