

\*\*\*\*\*This email has been edited\*\*\*\*\*

Subject: Edzell pictures taken summer 2012

FROM: John & Mary Smith

TO: Norm Hahn

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Mission accomplished!! As I send this, you are no doubt telling tales of the Tally-Ho or something memorable. Anyway, the photos are downloaded to drop box! Hope you and all shipmates will enjoy.

The housing side of the Base was sold to individual owners at very reasonable prices, we were told. At some time prior they appear to have been rehabbed a bit as all have newer smaller windows, redone stucco/paint, and etc. all done in similar style. Some are well kept and attractive, others not as swell. It also appears that there is no community type or condo type organization as common areas are untended and over grown. (Not like the days when PWD cracked the whip)

Of the Main base, all land and buildings were sold to the Carnegie family who had the farm immediately adjoining base. When we stopped in their office at the new entrance, which is south of old main gate, Karen Carnegie allowed us to follow her on a driving tour of the base. They don't allow people to walk or be unaccompanied on base. Building 300 was flooded at some point. Has been stripped out, and abandoned. Community Center hangar has been locked up and not much done (but deteriorate I suppose) Other hangars refitted and used as rental and contract storage to industrial/heavy equip and supplies to north sea off-shore oil activity out of Aberdeen. Public Works Transportation shop looks like it's in use. (I remember it being somewhat smaller, not as many bays as in pictures). AS the photos show, time has not been kind to the original RAF buildings, PWD, Admin, Supply, clubs, etc. These buildings, I remember as being larger than they are.

Since acquiring the base, the Carnegie family has tried to revive airfield (not get off the ground), they operate a large farm operation, a bulk fuel business.

The latest scheme which is getting traction is the building of 1200 to 1500 homes on the base proper. We heard that several times from people we met in Brechin. WE stayed at a B&B owned by former RAF CDR (90-92??) Mike and June Hudson

The names I found a few years ago that I had written after leaving Edzell. Not sure if all are correct and am likely missing some.

UTCS Wilcox BUC Schmidt CEC Patterson CMC Nemeth ENC McGowan, DCC Griffen, DC1/DCC Barber, CM1 Proper, CMCN Neumeier, CE1 Kopico, EN1 Munnel, DC1 Beach, EN2 Glover, CE3 Hatter, DC3 slaughter, EA2 Pirrello, CM2 Hebert, EA3/2 Chopping, CN silver, and CT3 Spencer.

The PW civilians were: Duncan Morrison, housing manager, Mr. Webster, Louise Simms also in housing. Office was Mrs. McDonald, Ron MacGregor, Amy Kidd, Tony Rufo the maintenance scheduler, (Navy civilian), Bert and Willie in Carpenter shop, Alex Knight, Murry, and Willy Milne, drivers.

Mrs. Stewart who was GPO switchboard operator and her husband who was GPO phone tech. While I didn't remember the name earlier, I met the daughter of Alex McKnight who was a fireman. She works at a museum in Brechin.

I know I have a cruise book somewhere and will make it my next Edzell project.

Regards to all, Brad

(Note: Brad Smith, LT, CEC, USN was the Public Works Department officer-in-Charge at RAF Edzell. He and his wife Mary were stationed at Edzell from June 67 to October 1969. He and Mary live in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He recently retired from being the owner of a large construction company.)

\*\*\*\*\*Webmaster note\*\*\*\*\*

For additional photos of RAF Edzell go here: <http://www.nmcb62alumni.org/photo.php>

Scroll down almost to the bottom and view "Norman E. Hahn's Photos of Edzell, Scotland October 1967 to August 1972".