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3411210 Warrant Officer Class Two John William Bird was born on 12th November 1943. He enlisted in the Army Regular Army on 21st May 1962. In 1965 he served as a gunner with A Field Battery in Malaysia and with 102nd Field Battery in South Vietnam from 8th May 1968 to 11th March 1969. After being promoted sergeant he served with 16th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment in 1972-73; 106 Battery Trials Unit 1976-77 and Headquarters Battery 4th Field Regiment in 1978. Following promotion to Warrant Officer Class Two he was appointed Sergeant Major Instructor in Gunnery at 39 Battery, 10th Medium Regiment in 1980. He discharged on 23rd August 1982.

Sadly, another young Gunner has gone to that Great Gun Park up above at only 65 years of age. Warrant Officer Class Two John William Bird passed away on 25th August 2009. Vale 'Birdie' May God bless you.