



1970, my first breaths taken in Greater Manchester



1983 Cadets



1986 Germany training



1987, my introduction to house music and recreational dancing



1994 Jan-April - backpacking in the Philippines



1994/5, Bolivia to Colombia overland

To-do List

1. Serve in a war zone ✓
2. Adventure travel ✓
3. Effect social change ✓
4. Become a farmer



Explainer

I knew those ambitions before my seventh birthday, inspired by:

1. Images of World War II & the Vietnam War on TV
2. Family driving & camping holidays as far as Yugoslavia
3. My Father's international business travel
4. I liked nature & an outdoor life



2003/04 I drove Manchester to Marrakesh & back via High Atlas



2004/05, an indulgent tourist in Thailand for a year, half in Pattaya & half in Bangkok



2006/07, eight months in wonderful Colombia (on the wrong side of the tracks)



2009 Territorial Army



2012 Afghan tour



Buddy 2007-13, my best mate



Archie 2008-21, my best mate too