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The military connection was resumed in 1986 when he was commissioned into the R.A.F.V.R.[T] where he served with the Air Training Corps in Essex. In 1991, on moving to Hertfordshire, he transferred to the A.C.F. and whilst there he also served with the Combined Cadet Force. A further move in 1994 meant a transfer to Somerset A.C.F. and in 1996 to Shropshire, where he resides today. Larry J. Collins is now serving with Cheshire A.C.F. in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and he is writing and teaching part-time.

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