

Pabay Philatelic News 40 June 2016



The building of the Pabay Jetty

Back in the 70's I was in the army stationed at Woolwich London. One of our officers saw a television program about Pabay and the family living on the island, they wanted to introduce cattle on the island as well as sheep. Before this could happen a deeper harbour was needed for larger boats, our officer organised a detachment of soldiers from Woolwich to spend two weeks on Pabay. The Family made us very welcome we were housed in a house near the family home and on the day we arrived we were given a large salmon, we had our own cook as well as compo rations so the fish went down very well that evening. Throughout the two weeks we worked on building a jetty and we could only work when the tide was out, I remember it rained a lot in the two weeks so we were wet most of the time. We blew the shale with explosives near the boat landing area while the gentleman on the island used his tractor to bring large rocks for around the island to raise the jetty. Once a week a boat was organised to take us to Broadford for a social evening in the Broadford Hotel, the people of Broadford made us very welcome. On our second week we arrived for a dance in the village hall it rained hard that night and the sea was too rough for the boat to take us back to Pabay so a number of the residents took us home with them for the night. The following year we returned to Pabay and a number of our lads were still working on the jetty. Two of us were given the job of working in the barn for the family as this was our second visit to the island. This time the weather was kinder so we were able to use the family boat for fishing when the tide was in, we were also given a sheep which our cook had to kill and butcher this gave us fresh meat for a week. I remember that time with fondness and I have always wanted to return to Broadford and visit Pabay again with my wife but alas I never managed to achieve that visit..

Written by a member of the RA Team who worked on Pabay.

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