

I've, I've got too many sad ones so I'll skip them. The funny ones, mm, probably when I got on the Chinook. This Chinook was piloted by a female pilot believe it, believe it or not, she was an awesome pilot. She came down bringing in the last of the Marines. She landed her Chinook, the Marines took about I think we timed it seventeen minutes and get off a Chinook where we would be getting a bit wide eyed at this stage. A Chinook at PB Almas down on the ground for seventeen minutes is asking for it. Mm, they got all their burgers off and we had all our burgers, the generator and lots of other stuff we had to take back with us and it took us thirty seconds to get on. Literally thirty seconds and we all like just charged on, the kit was just thrown on, we were all, we sat down and, mm, I was the last one on. The platoon commander and I were the last two on and as this Chinook took off the lads just erupted in a roar and they were jumping around the helicopter.

The gunners nearly jumped out they crapped themselves that much. And they all turned round and absolute uproar. And then, mm, the, the pilot, she took that Chinook, she banked it and threw it everywhere, I've never seen a pilot so good. I thought 'well I was like in the Batley's pilot he's ace isn't he? And then when we got back to Bastion and got off just seen this blonde chick get out. And I was like 'oh my God, actually she's quite fit'. But she caught me, she came over and said 'what did you say'? I went 'oh you're fit ma'am'. I felt a right tit for it but she was probably the best, best pilot I've ever seen.