

Local man earns his award

After retiring from his job as an engineer for the GPO in May this year, 66-year-old Peter Fleming of Brierfield Avenue, Atherton, was asked to go back to the Northern Head Office last week, to receive the Imperial Service Medal.

After serving with the Regular Army from the age of 18, Mr Fleming started his career with the GPO in 1937, but when the war began in 1939, he was recalled and sent to France, with the Royal Corps of Signals.

During the war, Mr Fleming served in Combined Operations and made landings in North Africa, Italy and Sicily, before returning to Britain to serve with the Highland Division.

When the war ended, he rejoined the GPO and in 1947 he joined the Atherton Division of the Territorial Army with whom he remained until 1953 when he ended his military service and worked with the GPO until his retirement earlier this year.

Mr Fleming, who is an active member of the Conservative Party in Atherton is now an officer with a local security firm.

His father was also a military man, a sergeant major and a holder of the Military Cross. Mr Fleming has six sisters and a brother.