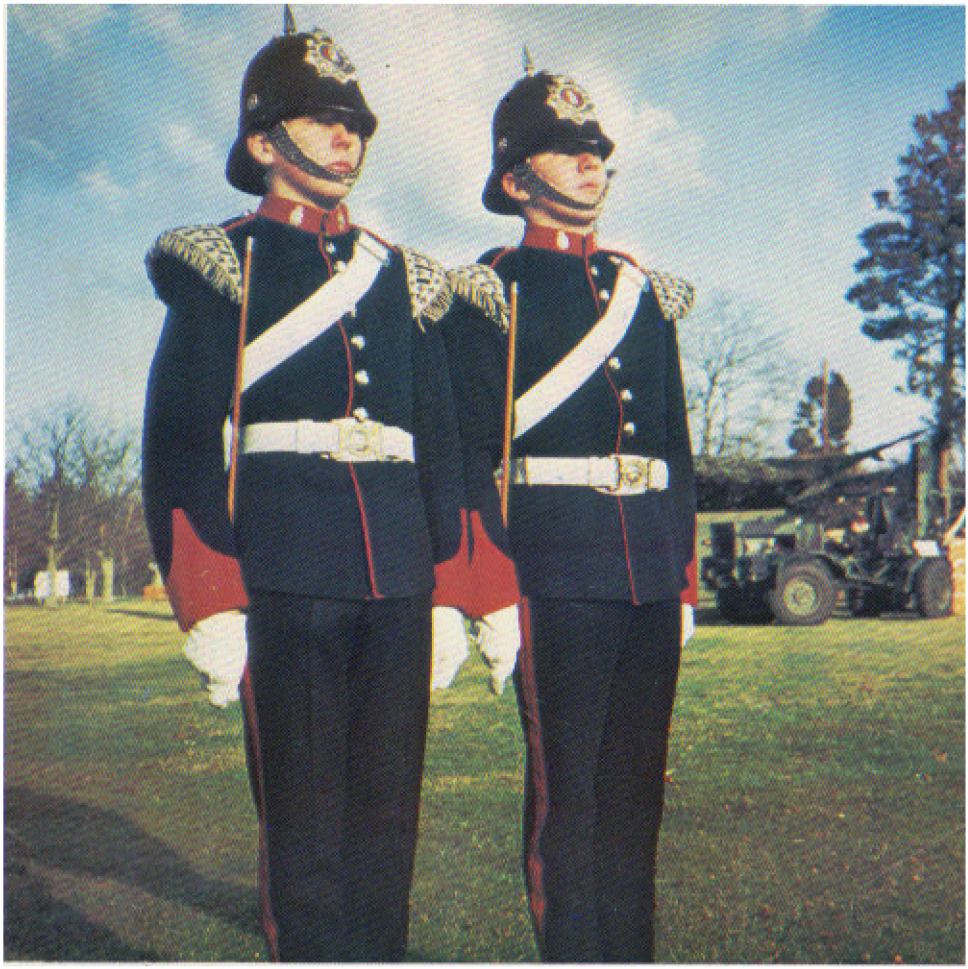
ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS

APPRENTICE COLLEGE



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A CAREER FOR YOU IN THE

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Introduction

What can we offer you? A good question! After all, if you are going to start a career with the RAOC and the British Army, you need to know all the facts.

It is not an easy life so don't think you will be able to do just what you like when you join. However, your time will be full of interesting new subjects, each one designed to train you for your new career and give you a head start over those who join the Regular Army as Adults.
This pamphlet is designed to give you some idea of what the RAOC Apprentice College has to offer.

Cover Picture:
Stick Orderlies await the arrival of the
Inspecting Officer for a Passing Out Parade.

YOU ARE A SOLDIER FIRST

Throughout your time at the college, you will be trained in battle tactics, working in groups and as an individual. You will be trained to become **efficient** in these military skills. Although you are to become one of the Army's tradesmen, it must be remembered that you will be, above all else, a soldier. You will be trained by experienced staff and this will enable you to become an expert in map reading, fieldcraft and modern platoon weapons.

FIELDCRAFT

A TRADESMAN TOO

As an Apprentice at our College in Surrey you will undergo trade training, at the College and at the nearby Training Battlaion RAOC in one of three RAOC Career trades. These are Staff Clerk,[1] Technical Clerk[2] and Storeman.[3] Staff Clerks work in headquarters at all levels, at British Embassies and at Military Missions throughout the world. Technical Clerks are concerned primarily with the clerical aspects of the provisioning of ordnance stores. Storemen receive, account, preserve, pack, store, maintain and issue stores and equipment supplied to the Army. Apprentices may also be taught to drive to enable them to qualify for a full road licence.

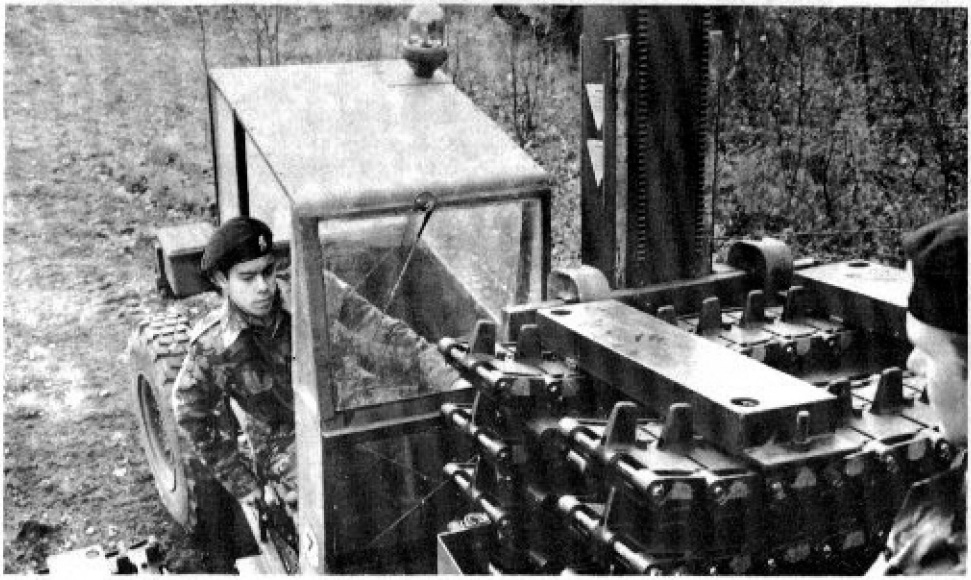
Once you are a regular soldier, you may apply for training in an additional career trade and make that your first choice for employment. You can progress further by qualifying in a supplementary trade to your career trade. These are complimentary and enhance your employability. To assist recognition of supplementary trades linked with the career trades each have been cross referenced accordingly. The only exceptions are Radio Operators who can come from any trade but must drive and Bakers and Work Study Operators who both come from Senior Non-Commissioned Officers.

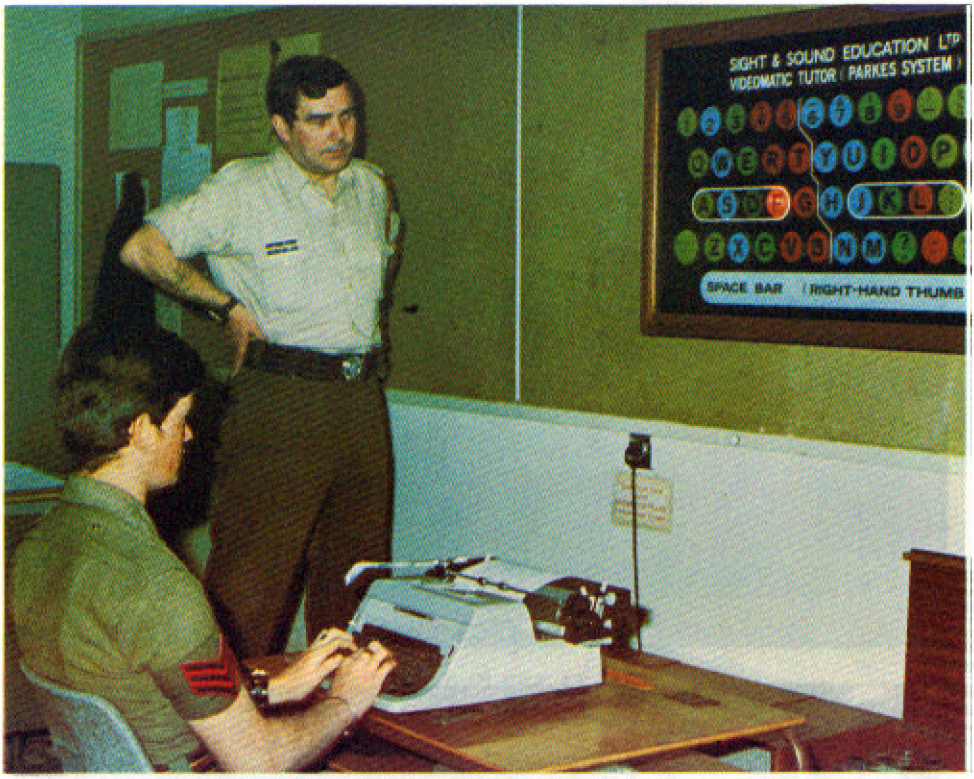
Other Career Trades

Bandsman
Butcher
Driver *
Petroleum Operator * *
Photographer
Regimental Duties Δ
Tailor
Vehicle Specialist ϴ

Supplementary Trades

Baker
Chemical laboratory Assistant * *
Clerical Shorthand Writer 1
Laundry Operator Δ ϴ 3 *
Printer 2
Radio Operator
Textile Refitter 3
Work Study Operator





CLERICAL TRAINING

PAY, ALLOWANCES AND LEAVE

The College year is divided into three terms, each of about 14 weeks' duration. This leaves ten weeks' holiday a year. In addition, there will be half-term breaks. **All Apprentices attend for four terms.**

Boys are fully equipped with military clothing free of charge. Tracksuits are optional and credit facilities are available to purchase these. The current rates of pay and allowances are very good and the latest rates may be obtained at your nearest Army Careers Information Office.

MODERN DRIVING TECHNIQUES ARE TAUGHT

LOCATION OF THE RIGHT ITEM

TECHNICAL CLERK AT WORK

APPRENTICE AMMUNITION TECHNICIANS

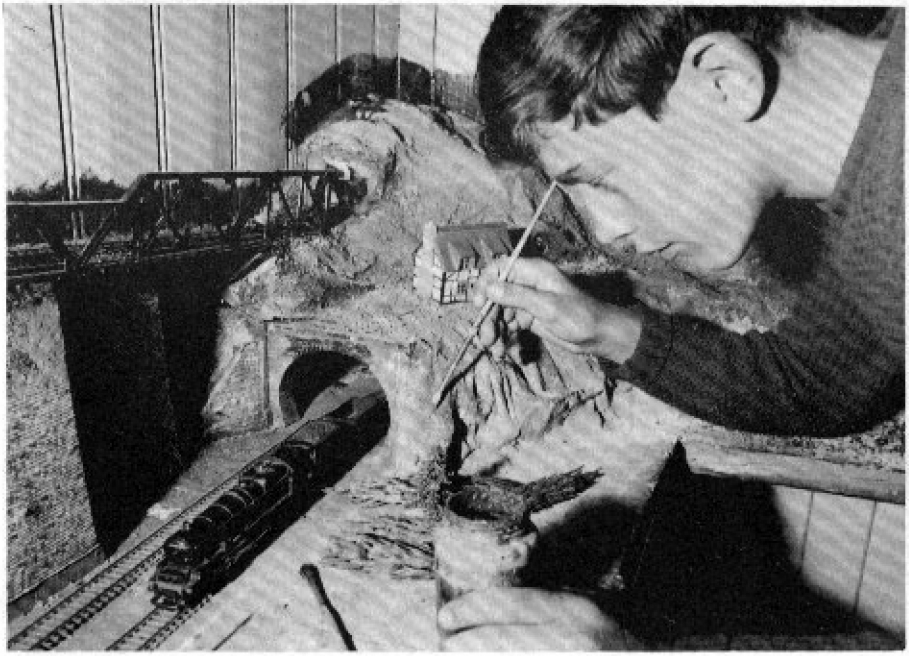
Certain boys, because of their qualifications and aptitude will be selected to undergo training in order to become ammunition technicians. This training will include military, educational and technical corps training. On the successful completion of this course, all apprentices are granted the rank of corporal.

EDUCATION LINKED WITH A TRADE

During your stay at the College you will have the opportunity to further your education in a way that will equip you for your job in the Army. The education department is furnished with the most up to date teaching aids available. These include overhead, slide and film projectors, a language mini-lab, as well as television and video-tape apparatus. Tuition is in the hands of experienced and qualified civilian lecturers and officers of the Royal Army Education Corps. The main subjects studied are English, Mathematics and world affairs.

In addition courses are run in optional topics such as Science, German, Geography, Woodwork, Typing, Clerical Studies and Office Management. All apprentices are encouraged to sit examinations for the Certificate of Secondary Education, the General Certificate of Education and the Royal Society of Arts. The department is justly proud of its high success rate. Apprentices gaining suitable qualifications may look forward to early promotion in adult service and some may go on to be commissioned.

Besides running courses in the above academic subjects, the education department provides facilities for a great many hobbies and activities. These include photography, pottery sailing,, model-making, canoeing, judo, angling, motor maintenance, drama, gymnastics, sub-aqua, shooting, first-aid, art and badminton. Apprentices are encouraged to spend some of their leisure time exploring new interests or developing old ones.



APPRENTICES ON EDUCATION

While all the necessary equipment is provided for the pursuit of a particular hobby, you will have the opportunity to make your own kit, be it a wet-suit, fibre glass canoe or whatever suits your interests. Supervision is by enthusiastic and qualified instructors, who in many cases have won Army, County or national honours.

There is plenty of opportunity for Apprentices to compete against other Army units and civilian clubs and to enter for open competition.

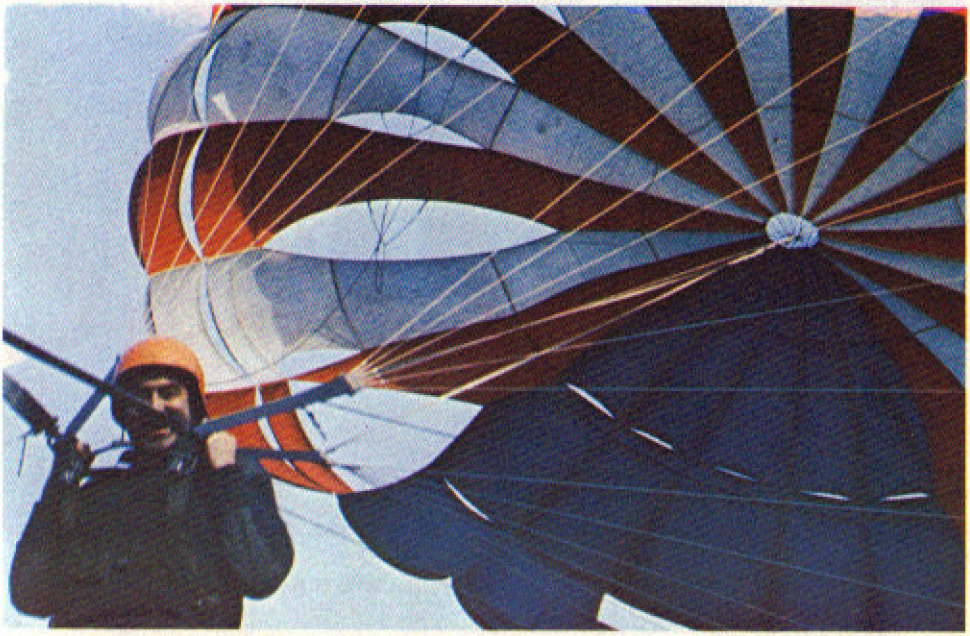
EXTERNAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Leadership training is an activity in which you are encouraged to take part and is designed to be arduous and challenging. The aim is to develop the qualities of leadership, initiative and self reliance in a young man. The training includes hill walking, camping, sailing, rock climbing, canoeing, ski-ing and many other activities Although training is carried out in such a way as to be enjoyable, at the end of a project a young man can justly feel a sense of achievement at having overcome a a demanding challenge.

The programme starts with indoor training on mountain navigation and safety rope handling. It culminates in expeditions in North Wales and Scotland, or sailing in the Channel or the Atlantic in an ocean-going yacht.

During these expeditions all Apprentices have an opportunity to be the group leader. Of course, qualified instructors are present to give help and advice when required. Instruction is given in matters involving the environment and conservation. Due stress is given to the necessity to live and move in the countryside in harmony with nature. First-aid, which is taught as a military skill, will be practised during all leadership training.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING



AN INSTRUCTOR TESTS A NEW PARA- ASCENDING PARACHUTE

SAILING ONE OF THE UNIT DINGHIES

SPORTS

A great deal of emphasis is placed on games and physical education as a means of developing fitness, mental toughness and character. The College is set in splendid countryside and has first class rugger, soccer and hockey pitches, maintained by a full-time groundsman. As an Apprentice you can expect to spend at least four hours a week on the sport of your choice. Every opportunity and encouragement is given for individuals to pursue a wide variety of sports. Some of them are listed below:

Athletics	Boxing	Hockey	Swimming
Angling	Cycling	Judo	Squash
Badminton	Fencing	Orienteering	Shooting
Basketball	Football	Rugby	Tennis

In addition, you will spend at least two hours a week doing physical exercises and Battle PT. The target for every Apprentice is to pass the Army PT and basic swimming tests. Apart from trained coaches and instructors, there are ample facilities and grounds for every sport.

A new five-berth off-shore yacht has just been acquired for deep sea voyages. Several Apprentices have taken part in competitions such as the Tall Ships race.

Recent successes include an Army Junior Boxing Champion, an Army Junior Cross Country Champion and an Army Junior Rifle Champion. Teams from the College compete in most Army Junior contests. In addition, some of the best College sportsmen are selected for inclusion in County Boys' Club and Youth Teams.

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WELFARE

A trained and sympathetic staff look after all aspects of the Apprentices' welfare. Medical, religious and personal problems receive expert attention. Parents are encouraged to visit the College on special days throughout the year.

A lady from the Womens Royal Voluntary Service is a full-time member of the College Staff and runs the College Kon-Tiki Club. The club has facilities for reading, watching colour television, playing games or entertaining girlfriends. The WRVS lady provides a motherly guidance to all the Apprentices and is usually the most popular member of the College Staff.

THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB AT WORK

PASSING OUT

WHAT HAPPENS ON POSTING

On posting from the College you will probably join one of the RAOC Field Force units. These units support Infantry and Armoured Brigades. You could serve in Belgium, Cyprus, Germany, Hong Kong or Canada. RAOC soldiers are in many other Commonwealth and foreign countries. Even when stationed in the United Kingdom, RAOC soldiers go overseas on exercises. Should you so wish, you may volunteer for for a Commando or Parachute course and join one of the Corps units within the Parachute Brigade or Commando Forces.

Promotion prospects are good as you will have gained valuable experience of Army life during your time at the College.

TRAINED SOLDIERS ON EXERCISE IN CANADA

CONCLUSION

The job of the RAOC Apprentice College is to train the young soldier in order to prepare him for entry into the adult service. He will have trade, military, educational and leadership qualifications. If you think that this is the life for you and wish to know more, call at your nearest Army Careers Information Office or write to: The Commanding Officer, RAOC Apprentices College, Deepcut, Camberley, Surrey. All your enquiries will receive immediate and careful attention.

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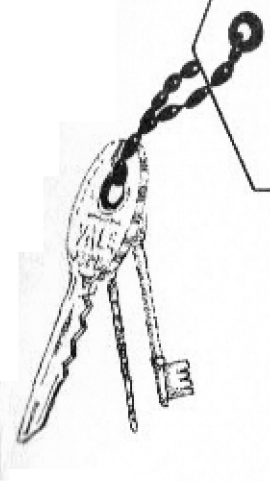

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