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Corps Open Day

Sunday 19th May 1985

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RAOC JUNIOR LEADERS

In January 1986 the RAOC Apprentices' College will move from Deepcut and will amalgamate with the Junior Leaders' Regiment Royal Corps of Transport in Colerne, Wiltshire to form a combined RCT/RAOC Junior Leader training establishment

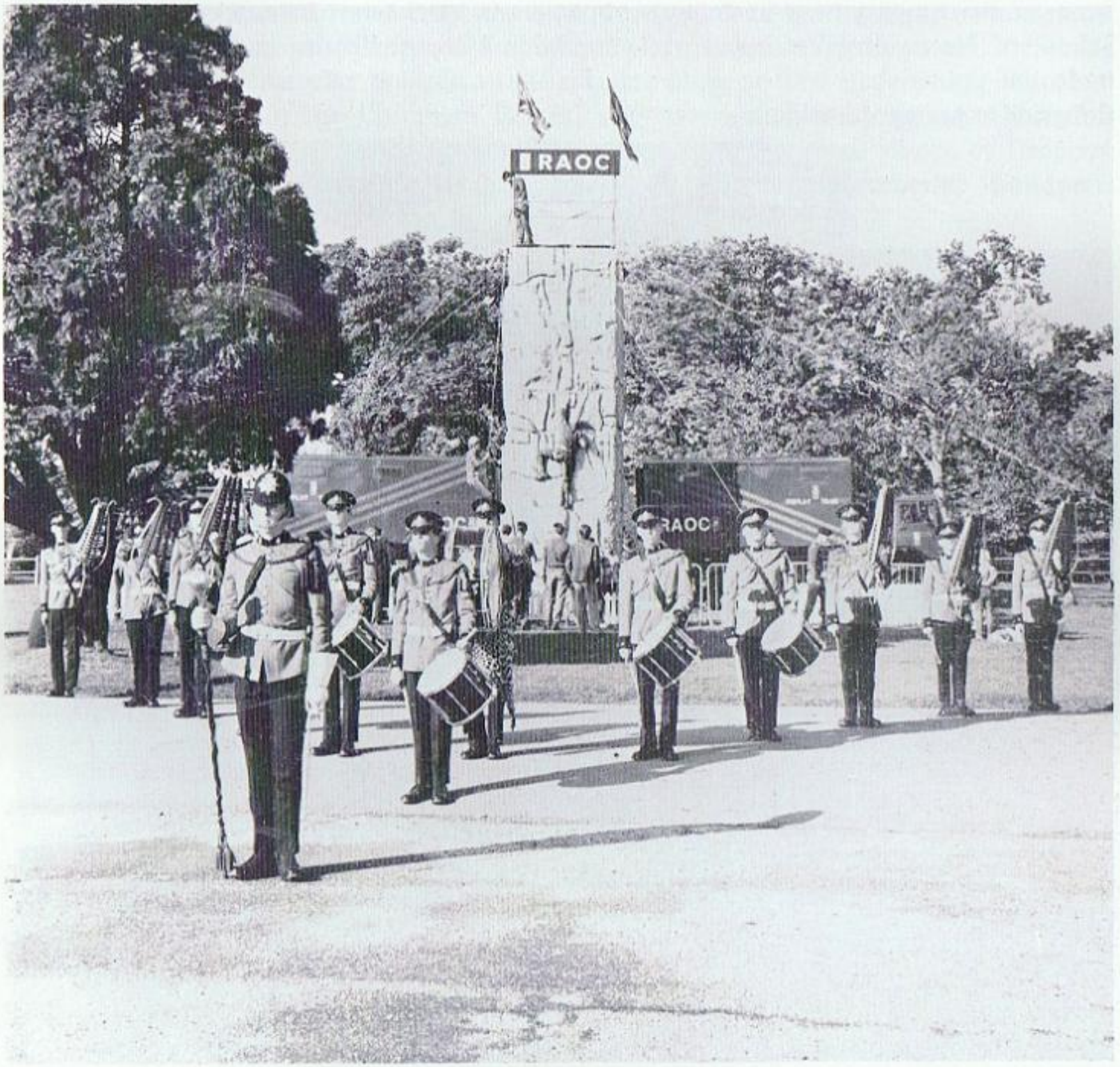
The aim of the Regiment is to train young men between the ages of 16 and 17 to the highest military standards and develop their leadership skills, so that after passing out as trained soldiers, they are equipped to take their place alongside adult-entry soldiers, and be well in the running for eventual promotion to senior NCO rank and beyond.



On Patrol

The Regiment's year is divided into three terms, each of about 14 weeks' duration. There are 10 weeks' holiday each year plus the normal half-term breaks. Junior Leaders will attend for three terms. They are housed in modern dormitory-type accommodation with showers, drying rooms and a games room equipped with colour television.

The curriculum consists of education in support of a trade, and culminates in the sitting of Royal Society of Arts examinations. Those who wish to do so can also study to GCE 'O' Level standard. In addition to the academic subjects, excellent facilities are provided for hobbies and activities which cater for almost all tastes and interests; from badminton to boat maintenance, and canoeing to the Corps of Drums. Over 40 different extra-mural subjects are available to Junior Leaders in their leisure time.



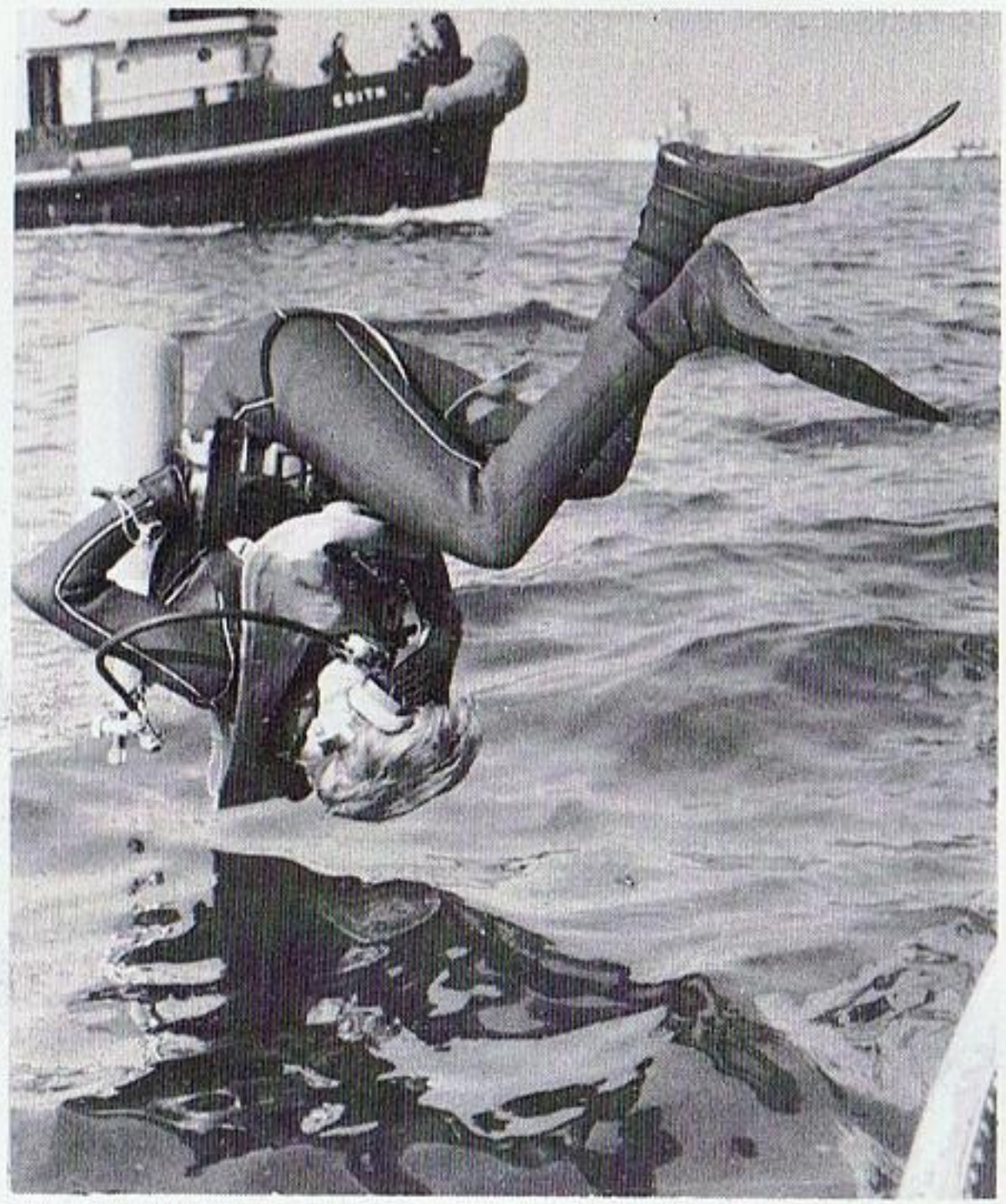
The Corps of Drums

Although military training is enjoyable and promotes self-confidence in the young men, great emphasis is also placed upon the external leadership training which the Regiment conducts regularly both in the United Kingdom and occasionally overseas. Qualities of leadership, initiative and self - reliance are developed in the Junior Leaders

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by such pursuits as canoeing, mountaineering, rock climbing and offshore sailing, for which the RAOC has its own ocean-going yacht for Juniors. The programme is demanding, but for those who meet the challenge there is the reward of satisfaction and a great sense of achievement.

When the Junior leader leaves the Regiment he will commence his trade training either at the Employment Training School here in Blackdown Barracks, or at the Army School of Mechanical Transport at Leconfield. After qualifying in his chosen RAOC trade the young man will be posted to his first unit, and take his well - earned place alongside experienced soldiers.



Taking the Plunge

The first RAOC intake into the new Junior Leaders' Regiment at Colerne takes place in November 1985. Vacancies are now being allocated to suitable young men. If you are interested in joining the RAOC as a Junior Leader, you should go to your nearest Army Careers Information Office, or contact the Corps Recruiting and Liaison Staff here in Blackdown Barracks.

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