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Dear Member's

Welcome to our seventh and Christmas edition of the December Newsletter for 2005. We apologise for not being able produce an earlier version, but.....work has the first call on our time, and as this is voluntary, regrettably we have only just been able to give some time to the production of this News letter.

We can report that membership continues to grow at a steady pace.....but, we could still do with additional members.

As you will be aware, which I am sure you will agree, should add a few more opportunities to link up with our web site.

Our current up to date, list of members, has just been posted, with the very latest addition of the oldest Boy soldier too date 22251902 Boy Pte Victor DAWSON who joined in November 1949 and moved on, in July1950 to man service, welcome Victor. Those young lads who were around in 1963 may well remember CSM "Dickie" Dawson who was CSM "B" Company. Vic currently teaches gliding. Welcome all the other members that have recently joined including Col Mike Jiggens, Major John (Jake) Head, Major Desmond Chapman, Bruce Atkin, to name but a few, welcome to you all!

Membership Fees

We continue to encourage new membership; membership fee is a "one off" only, payment of £7.50 only. We shortly hope to have site protection up and working in the next couple of months, which will mean that only paid up members will have "full" access to the site.

We would also like to point out that all of the £7.50 goes towards the cost of running, updating and funding of the web site for you, the membership, and "NOT" simply, a link to a Military page. The site has been created with the intention of it being used as a communications vehicle for all ex- boys and ex-permanent staff. A focal point, a means of communicating and networking and it does work!! You can not possibly have missed the hard work that George Schesmer (Tether) has been putting into refining the site; it has been transformed into a collection of photos that anyone would be proud of being associated with!

Please let us have any photos that you may have, so that we can scan them in at high resolution, ready for adding the web site.

Memorabilia

We continue to collect as many photographs as we can, it's not easy, but we could do with more photographs or Cine Film of ex-boy's. We have found some Cine 8 mm Film or at least Dave Brown has provided us with a copy of his film on CD which was taken at his passing out parade in April 1963.....in colour! We would be most greatful for any additional footage if that's possible. We are trying to add notes to these records as we go, but we have little resources and need some help from some of you graphic wizards??.....any volunteers??

No doubt you may be aware that we continue in our search of RAOC relatedtems/Regalia of any kind. We have just acquired an Service Dress jacket and SD Cap (in use up until 1961), the Bandsman jacket, wings, white music pouch and belt(both in white buff leather) together with a number of the Blue cloth Service Helmets and plates. An RAOC ceremonial flag, RAOC Boys Training Wing rope tensioned Drum a Junior Leaders Drum together with an Army Apprentice Rod Tensioned side drum. Four silver plated Bugles, two brass bugles. The treasure of the collection must be the Drum Majors Sash, sword belt, sword and gloves.

We have also acquired a Jacket belt and drum majors sash for the RAOC Staff Band.

We have also a number of RAOC uniforms ranging from a Brigadier, Colonel, Major, Captain and Lieutenants down to a Sergeant's number two dress tunic.

Links

You will see that we have quite a few links (and growing) on the site now, so they are all well worth visiting. The most obvious one of course is the RAOC on line web site. But above all, we need to promote the site to other ex-boy's. We need to attract new members, so please help us to help you!

Reunions

It would be nice to organise a Reunion ....."before it's too late"..... Any ideas or any help would be greatly appreciated. I would suggest that we consider an independent location rather than a Military establishment.

RAOC Association

Please continue to support the RAOC Association in your area, even if you can't get to a branch meeting. You can join and with a membership, at least obtain a gazette, with news of the goings on, in it. Our association is an important part of our legacy to our Country, so let's continue to support it.

General Information

There are now, quite a few new web sites that have information associated with the RAOC, in addition there are many ex-boys and permanent staff from the RAOC that do not know of the different sites or do not use a computer. If you know anyone who is an ex Boy's or-Junior Leader's or an ex-member of the permanent staff, then please try and pass them on any information to assist our organisation to grow and expand our site and find a venue for them to meet up with old friends and colleagues.

If on browsing the site you recognize any faces in the photographs please feel free to inform the site administrator so that we can update the information pertaining to them, and we can pass you on their E-Mail address. In addition, if you can remember any names and dates of people who served with you, we would also like this information to complete the roles for historical purposes.

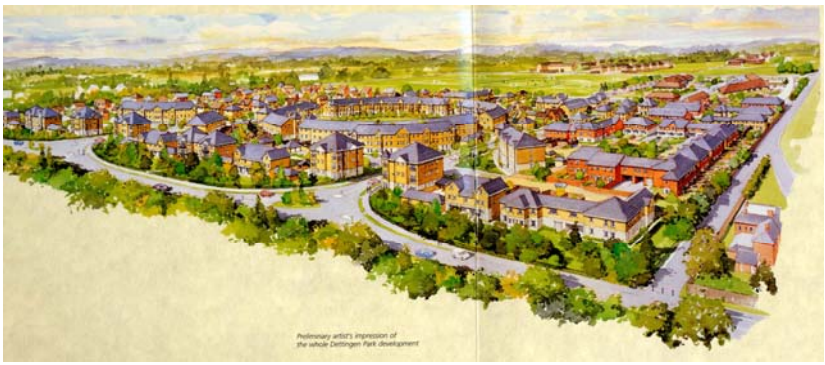
If you have any recommendations to improve the site please feel free to provide your ideas for consideration.

Helping others

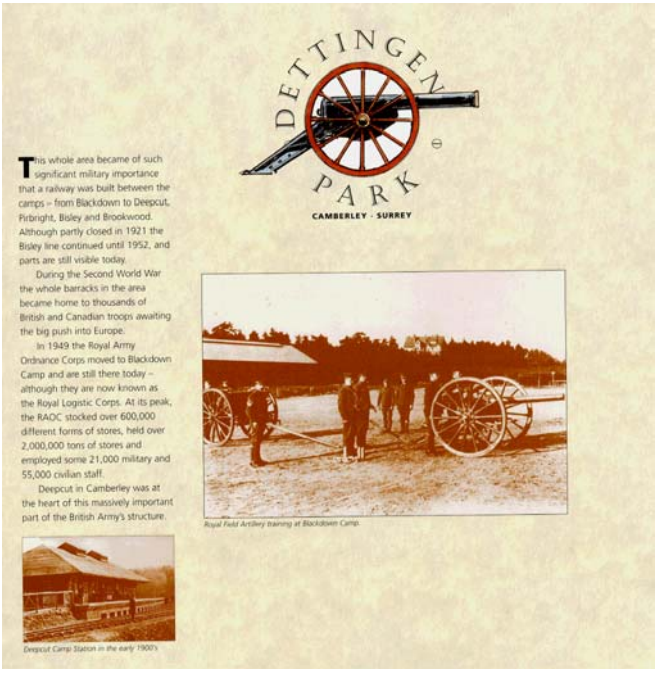
We have had a number of pleas for help, as a result of our web site being found, requests from former members of the RAOC range from help/support that we have been able to give, by directing those seeking help, in the right direction and by putting them in contact with the right person and following it up. We have had requests from families to loan them an RAOC Ceremonial flag to cover a coffin to requests to playing the last post at a funeral of a late member of the RAOC.

All the very best to you all and have a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year 2006 and thank you all for your help and support!

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"Dettingen & Alma Barracks" Replaced with a group of Barrett Houses





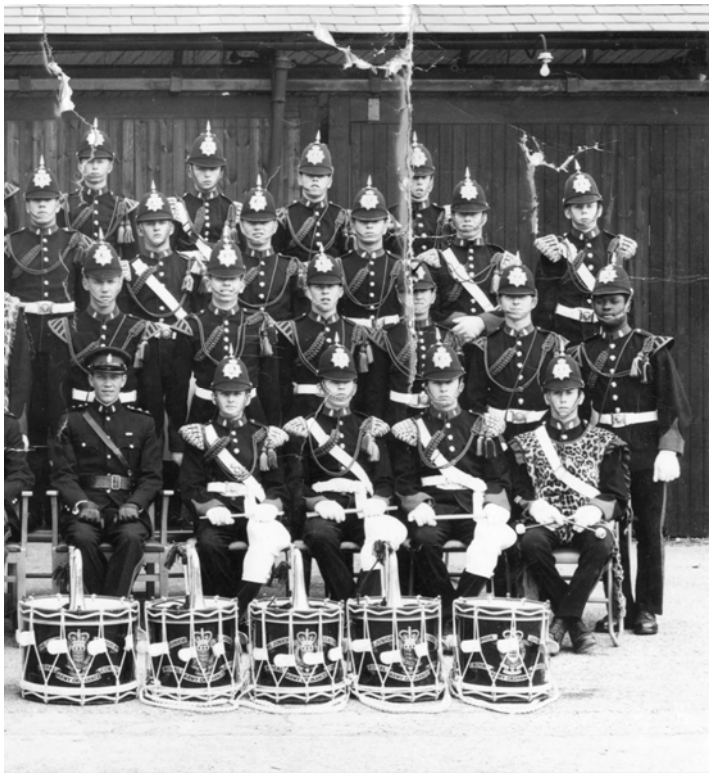
"Drummie" King

Junior Leaders Corps of Drums 1965

Repaired Photo



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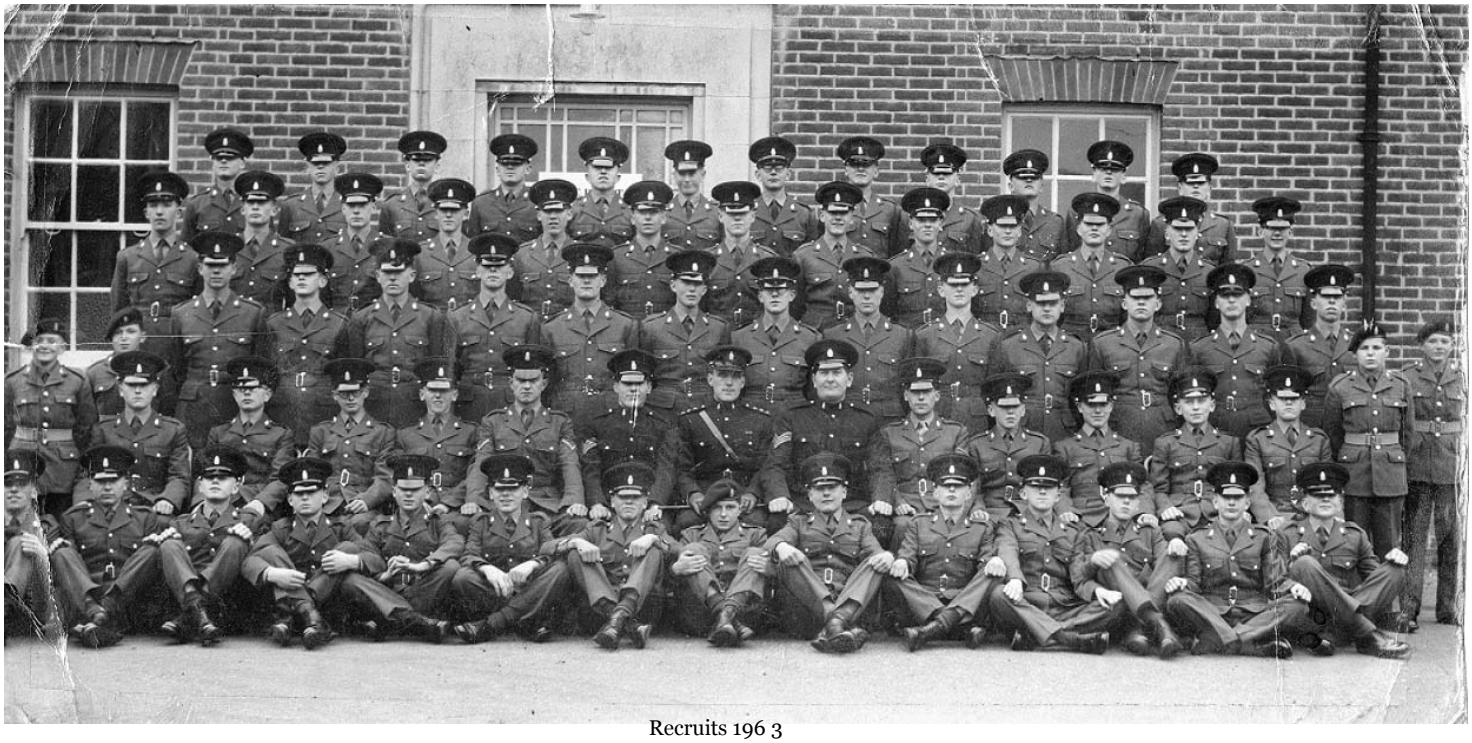


Junior Leaders Battalion RAOC Corps of Drums 1965





RAOC Apprentice College Corps of Drums
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HILL CUP RUNNERS-UP 1968

Rear Row—Lcpl Smith Cpl Maye RSM Ward J/RSM Bate Lt Hastings Capt Gibby Lt Courtney-Green Sgt North Major Woodford

Centre Row—Capt Lillington Lcpl Turner Lt Bayley Capt Bruce J/Pte Hudspith J/Pte Sampson Major Suter



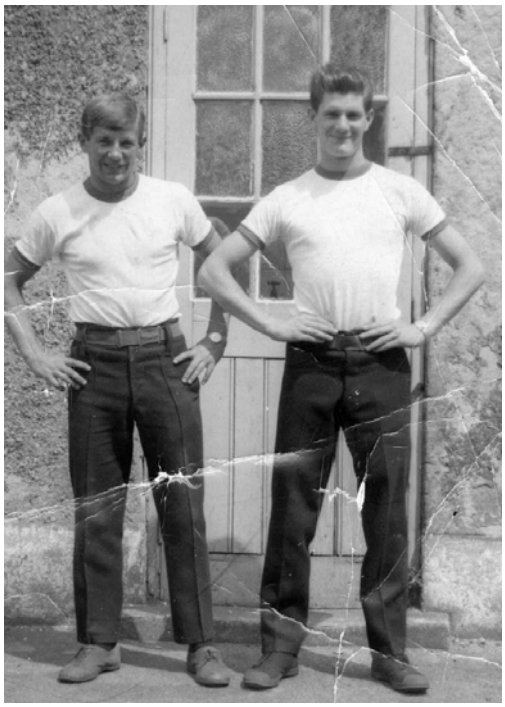


An "action man" Junior Leader J/Pte to J/RSM.....Barry TURNER represented the Corps at almost every sport, including a number of "full" Corps places in Rugby.



The Corps Band in full swing at Bicester 1965

The Corps of Drums in full swing at Bicester 1965



Barry Turner Ray Crookes



"Morecombe Bay" 1963



Lt Col Mike JIGGENS RAOC (paying me my last invoice!)

