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Dear Member's

*Welcome to our third Newsletter of 2004. Our membership is growing fast, with names coming out of the woodwork.*http://www.army.mod.uk/ *Names that have not been mentioned or discussed for quite a few years, blasts from the past comes to mind……...well, OK in my case thirty six years? But some of you can beat that….easily? As new names are added on a daily basis, it is very obvious that the RAOC Boy's School and the Junior Leaders go back a long way.*

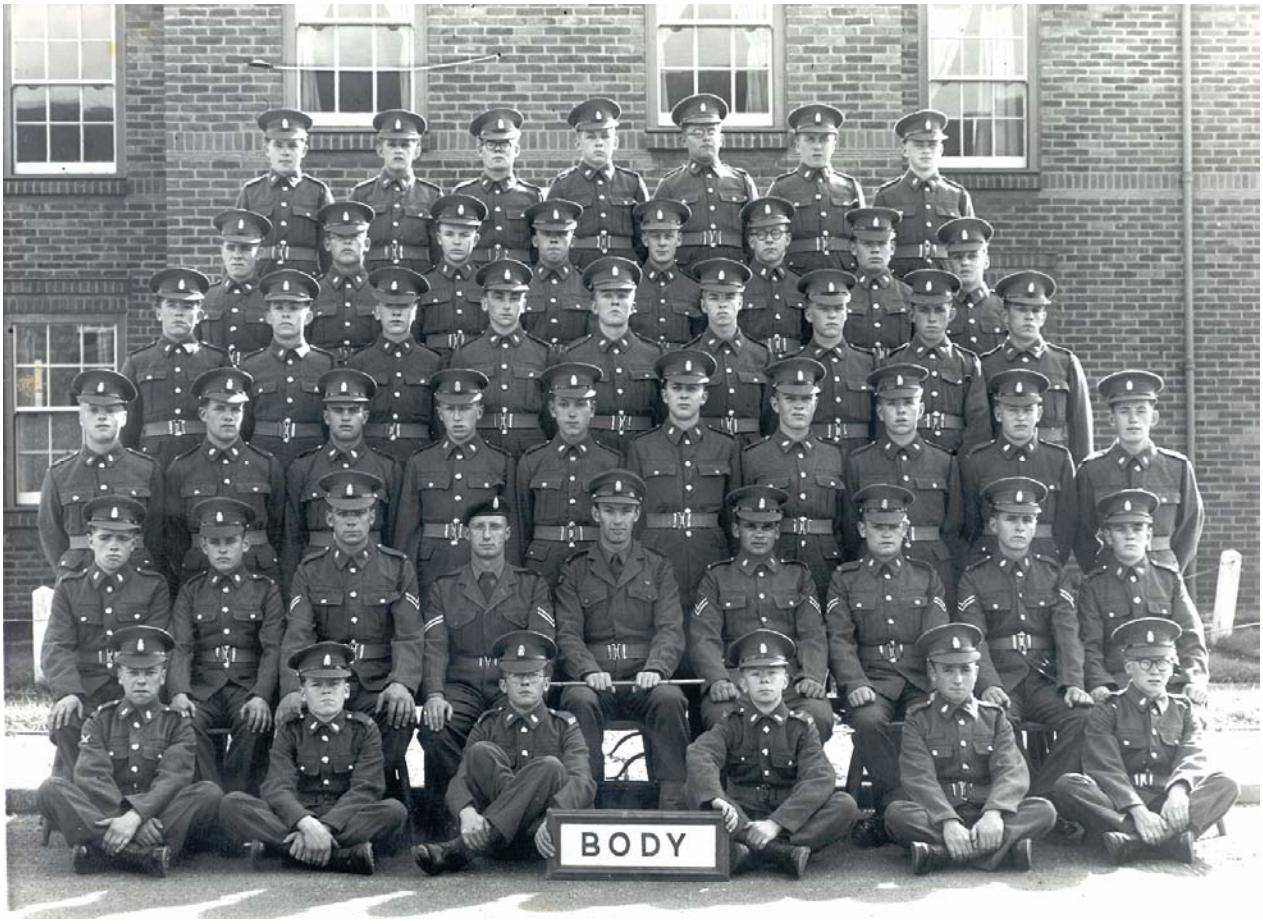
We have just added a chat line to the web site, so you can call up and communicate with old friends and leave messages. We hope that on the current basis of 100 hits per week that you get some response to you E-Mail messages. In the event that you wish to receive e-mails from members please enclose your e-mail address when you communicate with someone.

Bobs excellent account of life with the Boys in the 1950's is great to read. It is equally interesting to see the photographs of Bob's era at the RAOC Boy's School In Haslar and Fort Gomer…..brilliant piece of work Bob, lets have some other accounts being put forward.

Our current up to date, list of members, is set out below in a format which is clear and precise. We do need seem to have all of your details, so that your details can be brought up to date, please let us have them. In the event that you do not any specific details, such as those set out listed below, than please just let us know.



Passing out parade April 1956



House Body 1957



J/L/Cpl Richard BOND
Salute 1963
Getting ready for the passing out parade 1963



Inspecting Officer taking the



Passing out parade April 1966.

Membership Fees

We continue to encourage new membership, in that we have decided, that the membership fee would be a "one off" only, payment of £7.50 only and not a renewable annual payment.

We would also like to point out that the £7.50 goes towards the cost of running 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!!

Memorabilia

We are attempting to collect as many photographs as we can, it's not easy, but we have more photographs or Cine Film of ex-boy's than the Museum has. The museum has no photos from 1950 to 1970". Now is your chance to help us to help you by obtain memories of your and our past. But seriously, we need as many photographs and Cine Film as you have available. 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?? We could also do with some articles from all of you.

We could also do with some willing volunteers to go to the RLC Museum in search the Gazettes for information between January 1950 to 1961 and from 1964 to 1980; we may need to set up some sort of rota to do this!!! This task entails reading and copying the various RAOC Boys' School/Junior Leaders/Apprentice Colledge/Junior Leaders Regiment articles, and then forwarding by post to Paul Jones the web site co-ordinator/administrator.

Links

You will see that we have quite a few links (and growing) on the site now, so they are all well worth visiting. But above all, we need to promote the site to other ex-boy's. We need to attract new members. A link has just been established with (modreunited.com) which is touted to be the largest military web site in existence, obviously we will overtake them in a short time (wishful thinking) certainly based on the response over the past three weeks.

Reunions

If you visit the site you will see that Gordon Platoon are holding a reunion shortly sometime in September 2004. There is no reason why this small nucleus can't grow into a full blown Battalion reunion in 2005 is there? Any ideas, on venues or locations please.

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 support it.

General Information

There are now quite a few web site that has 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-Junior Leader 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 provide a venue for them to find 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. 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.

The old RAOC gazettes are a great source of information. If any one has any old gazettes it would be appreciated if they could copy the sections associated with the Junior Leaders and send them to the site administrator for inclusion on the web site.

All of us have photographs of some of our boy's service experience, if you can scan them and forward them to the site administrator they will be posted for all of us to enjoy. If you cannot scan them, send them we will take care of the scanning and return them to you.

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

Regards to you all and thank you for your help.

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