B COMPANY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 1971

BY THE COMPANY COMMANDER

This term I find myself in the category of a "term leaver" and therefore this is the last newsletter that I will write to keep parents, guardians and friends informed of our many varied activities and achievements during the term.

During my eighteen months in the College I have seen B Company go from strength to strength. Apart from one or two problems which we rode well, high standards have been maintained and I have been proud to command a cheerful, well disciplined and enthusiastic Company.

The success of an organisation such as this depends much on the standards set and maintained by the Permanent Staff, yet I do not for one moment under-estimate the value of good Junior NCOs and the co-operation and hard work of all the Junior Leaders.

My successor, Major J M C Kimmins, assumes the appointment of Company Commander in late October 1971 and no doubt will be writing to you in due course to introduce himself.

Like most Summer Terms at the College it has been packed with activity providing a wide variety of interest, achievement and certainly hard work.

Soon after welcoming the new recruits of Body Platoon the Company left for Wales. Military training was carried out on the Sennybridge Training Areas near Brecon. This included two day Platoon Exercises and open range field firing. For recreation each platoon visited the South Wales coastal resort at Porthcawl. The Parachute Regiment Battle School kindly provided our accommodation and drivers of CVD Ludgershall the transport.

Adventurous training was conducted from a tented camp at Llyn Gwynant situated just four miles from Snowdon. The activities included rock climbing, hill walking and mountain leadership. The services of Mr Jessie James, the Welsh mountain guide, were arranged and help at the camp was also received from personnel of CODs Chilwell and Bicester. Excellent assistance was given by the RAF Mountain Rescue Team in providing equipment and a demonstration.

We were so lucky with the weather; "Shiny B" really did it again. To those of you who are campers you know how much weather can make or mar a camp.

The final week was spent at Leek in Staffordshire with the rest of the College doing military training. Body Platoon also spent two weeks there doing military and recreational training.

Besides myself we also say farewell to Second Lieutenant Welch of Hill Platoon who besides going off to his Ordnance Officers Course is getting married to the Commanding Officer's daughter. Sergeant Ball REME also of Hill Platoon leaves for BAOR. We all join in wishing them good luck in the future. Sergeant Evans leaves us to become College Provost Sergeant.

We will be welcoming next term Lieutenants Bentley, Hicks and Dyer as new Platoon Commanders and Sergeants Golding, Gardner and Douglas as Platoon Sergeants. Next term we will have seven platoons and no less than 250 Junior Leaders in the Company.

We had 31 Term Leavers this term. Among them were J RSM Arnold and J Sgts Dion and Molden. These Junior NCOs have given particularly loyal service to the Company setting a fine example at all times.

The complete list of term leavers with their postings in their new ranks is given below:-

Cfn Moore	10 Fd Wksp REME Tidworth
Cfn Murray	RA Range Hebridges Wksp Lock Boisdale
Cfn Chisholm	11 Fd Wksp REME BFPO 29
Cfn Dion	11 Fd Wksp REME BFPO 29
Cfn Ferguson	6 Fd Wksp REME BFPO 17
Cfn Kelly	13/18 Hussars LAD BFPO 17
Cfn Molden	7 Fd Wksp REME BFPO 38
Pte Arnold	RMA Sandhurst
Pte Blakeledge)	
Pte Cannings)	
Pte Coate)	School of Petroleum West Moors
Pte Forbes)	
Pte Thompson)	
Pte Bunker	16 Para Heavy Drop RAF Hullavington
Pte Cole	HQ Army Strat Command Salisbury
Pte Thomas	HQ Army Strat Command Salisbury
Pte Frew	19 AP OFP Colchester
Pte Grice	5 AP OFP Tidworth
Pte Caldecott	6 OFP BFPO 24
Pte Hill	12 OFP BFPO 36
Pte Jeffery	HQ 1 Div Sig Regt BFPO 32
Pte Marley	12 OFP BFPO 36
Pte Sheen	HQ 2 Div & Sig Regt BFPO 22
Pte Stoddart	HQ 1 (BR) Corps BFPO 39
Pte Wing	HQ BAOR BFPO 40
Pte Walker	15 Fd Wksp (A/P) Catterick Camp
Pte Bowers	HQ NEARELF Cyprus
Pte Mykolajenko	H/S RAOC Regt Depot
Pte Dobrowolski	H/S RAOC Regt Depot

College Colours have been presented to those individuals shown below and we offer them our congratulations:-

Tennis

J Pte Dobrowolski

Corps of Drums

J Pte Walker
J Pte Pallas
J Pte Bunker
J Pte Hawkins
J Pte Pickless
J L Cpl Beynon-Stocken
J Pte Lynas
J Pte Thomas

Soccer (South East District League)

J L Cpl Thompson
J Pte Dobrowolski

Orienteering

J L Cpl Mykolajenko
J Cfn Beale

Cricket

J Pte Sheen
J Pte Feary

Cycling

J Pte Little

Squash

J Pte McKenzie
J Pte Forbes
J Pte Blakeledge

Prize winners this term also receive our congratulations and their names and awards are given below:-

Recruit Awards

Best Recruit - J Pte Jubbs

Best Recruit in PT - J Pte Billson

Education Awards

Section III - J Pte Dawson
Section II - J Pte Walton
Section I - J Sgt Marshall

Best Scholar - J L Cpl Mykolajenko

Trade Training Awards

Best Technical Clerk - J Cpl Marley
Best Clerk REME - J L Cpl Murray
Best Storeman REME - J Cfn Moore
Best Tradesman - J Pte Cannings
Best Staff Clerk - J L Cpl Mykolajenko

College Awards

Best All Round Shot - J Sgt Mornington-West
Best All Rounder - J RSM Arnold
Sergeants' Mess Tankard - J RSM Arnold
CO's Special Award - J L Cpl Mykolajenko

Particular mention must be made of J RSM Arnold who achieved two awards and J L Cpl Mykolajenko who managed no less than three! The Company also captured all except one of the tradesmens prizes which is quite an achievement.

The results in Inter-Platoon and Inter-Company Competitions this term has not matched our previous successes. In the Fire Fighting event Rowcroft Platoon were narrowly beaten in the final by Mulcahy Platoon of A Company - Richards Platoon unfortunately being disqualified. The Six-a-Side Cricket provided only semi-final places. In Athletics the best we could do was fifth place although the following individual successes were achieved:-

J RSM Arnold	-	High Jump
J Pte Porter	-	400 m
J Pte Hollingshead	-	Weight
J L Cpl Jeffrey	-	Pole Vault
J Pte Chisholm	-	Discus
Rowcroft Platoon	-	4 x 100 m relay

The Company produced the first five places in the Orienteering event. J Pte Franks (Parsons), J Cfn Moore (Hill), J Pte Lyons (Rowcroft) and J Sgt Marshall (Richards). Rowcroft and Richards Platoons were second and third. A Company pipped us by just 2 minutes in the Company Competition.

The Tennis was better with Hill Platoon winning the Pennaen Cup and Richards being runners up. A Company once again pipped us this time by just one point!

The Inter-Company Cricket match was a really exciting game with the Company winning by just two wickets. J Pte Sheen played a real Captain's innings of 37 and took 5 wickets for 20 runs ably assisted by J Cpl Webster who made 29 runs and took 3 wickets for 33. We were not the favourites to win and so it was a really good effort by the team.

Next term events are listed below:-

Term Begins	-	Friday 3rd September
Platoon Camps in Carlisle	-	Wednesday 8th-Saturday 18th September
Llanberis and Llandyssul	-	Wednesday 8th-Saturday 18th September
Parents' Day	-	Friday 29th October
Half Term	-	Friday 29th October-Monday 1st November
Passing Out Parade	-	Thursday 16th December
Term Ends	-	Friday 17th December

Finally, I would like to thank the parents, guardians and relatives for your interest, help and co-operation whilst I have been Company Commander here. I am sure you will continue to give similar support to my successor.

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We all join in offering our sincere congratulations to Company Sergeant Major Maule on the award of the Meritorious Service Medal. He richly deserves this recognition of his loyal and efficient service.

(D J PORTER)
Major RAOC

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