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Introduction and Welcome

Dear Members,

A very warm welcome from our Founder and Chairman Paul Jones, all your Association Committee Members who work behind the lines, George Tether, Bill Chamberlain, Dave McCarthy, Brian Wild, Allan Jones and lastly, me the Editor of the Ex-Boys' Association Newsletter, Adrian (HW) Hayward-Wills, to the Thirteenth Ex-Boys' Association and Summer Edition Newsletter for 2010.

We hope that this Thirteenth Summer Edition Newsletter finds you well and looking forward to the Reunion of the year in August of 2010!

As you know, it is our intention to produce two Newsletters (Summer and Winter) per annum, with a publication in June and December of each year. This Summer 2010 Ex-Boys' Association Newsletter provides a further format to reach its members in addition to our extensive and ever expanding website. The Winter Newsletter 2009 was received with rave reviews! Below are some of the kind comments I and the Committee received: -

"What a lot of hard work .....well done, I am very impressed indeed" **PJ**

"Thank you, just great. I see that a lot of time and effort had gone into this and it comes out shining! Again, thank you for a very enjoyable Sunday morning read here in Colorado" **JF**

"Congratulations on an excellent newsletter, I read all 99 pages" **TM**

"Congratulations to everybody involved in the latest Newsletter, it was very good, especially the piece about a very good and missed friend - Paul Bunker, we joined up together, **CG**

"A very absorbing full evenings read…….. an interesting, enlightening and informative mini booklet. Very well done indeed. ***PR***

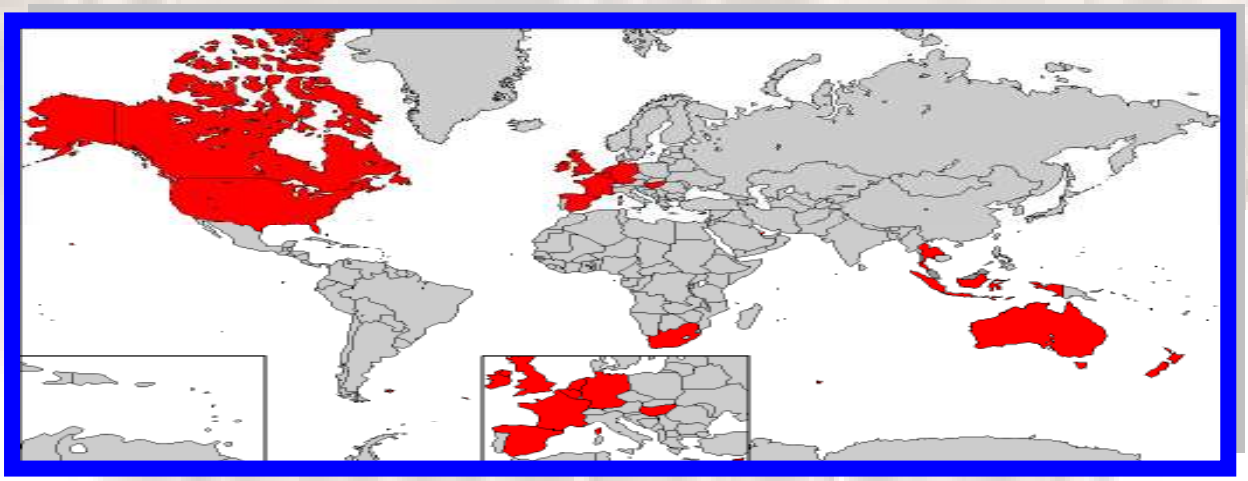
"An excellent read and well done….It was good to see so many photos" ***RB***

"Excellent newsletter, matey - must have taken ages!!" ***DP***

In this Summer Newsletter, you will also find extensive information pertaining to the 3rd Bi-Annual Reunion in August of this year, the Reunion is well worth a try.

Membership

Our Founder and Chairman Mr. Paul Jones is absolutely delighted to report that membership has grown continually and in the month January of 2010, we were delighted to announce in the Forum that we had reached the magic **500th** Member!



We are or course, as an Association, delighted to announce that membership continues to grow on a worldwide basis, as can be observed on the above map. However, Bill Chamberlain needs more leads from you, including former permanent staff other ranks and officers – please see Lost Pals section further on in the Newsletter. A lot of time and effort by the Committee Members - *on a purely voluntary basis* - is spent "*behind the lines*" on recruiting and processing ex-boys to become members of the Association. Bill Chamberlain either conducts this by a direct mail process or via a telephone call

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Did you know, that in addition to this Bi-Annual Newsletter, there is another area in which there is more up-to-date information that provides members with information pertaining to ALL the new photos that have been uploaded, new Thunderbolt Magazines donated and to recently joined members to the Ex-Boys' Association? Well, this arena is entitled "Ex Boys' Forum".

The Forum for members is not only easy to navigate but it provides up to the minute information relating to the Ex-Boys' Association and to RAOC and REME matters as a whole. Information that is posted on the Forum Part-1 Orders is the best way to follow with what's happening and who's new to the Association. Below is a screen capture of said Ex-Boys' Forum.



Remember! As Members, it's our Association but your Forum!

George Tether has kindly included the possibility of linking members of the Ex-Boys' Association to their own web sites from the "Members" list. In computing, a hyperlink (or link) is a reference to a document that the reader can directly follow. For example, on the Members List and on the Personal Profile, a link will be visible at the bottom of the Profile enabling Members to visit another Website.

You can have up to two private link-addresses shown on your introductory-profile (the one on the "members" page, that all visitors can see). Please e-mail George directly with your link (s), should you wish it/them to be published. An example is sited below:-

Name	**Lawrence (Frank) TIDSWELL**
Regimental number (1st.4) & Corps	2391 .... RAOC
Enlisted	10.1962
3C9bWbcl	Watts ..... B
Passed out with rank	12.1963 .... J/Pte
Discharged with rank	12.1963 ....
Occupation now	Hotel owner
862	898
For Members	*» 'Members' click here to see Frank's Forum-Profile*
	» has no personal photo album
Non-members <click here> for access to the "Contact-Form" if you want to contact this member.	
Members personal web-link(s)	www.sunburstinn.com
	www.gulfbeachvacationcondos.com

Membership Numbers











Date	Membership Numbers	Membership History of the Ex Boys' Association
Mar-09	428	Spring time brought us to 428 Members
Apr-09	444	April Showers brought membership to all the fours with 444 Members!!
May-09	448	The end of May brought sunny weather and 448 Members - Brilliant
Jun-09	458	June brought our 450th Member – Wow!!
Jul-09	466	The rainy weather brought the total to 466 Members!!
Aug-09	474	Victory in the Ashes and Membership to 474 Members – "How's Zat!!!"
Sep-09	479	An Indian Summer brought the total to a healthy 479 Members
Oct-09	483	Hallowe'en brought Membership to 483 Members – Spooky!!
Nov-09	494	The heavy rain brought Membership to 494 Members!!
Dec-09	496	Santa Claus brought our membership to 496 and the end of the Noughties
Jan-10	505	500th Member – Excellent News!
Feb-10	514	Despite the Snow, we managed to increase our numbers to 514
Mar-10	520	The Easter Bunny brought us our 520th Member
Apr-10	530	St. George kindly brought us to 530 Members
May-10	538	The General Election for a new Parliament brought Membership to 538

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New Members

497 08/01/2010 William Bede WELSH - Mulcahy 1959-62

498 12/01/2010 Philip Paul CONGDON - Steevens 1969-71

499 13/01/2010 Vincent Hugh ELLIS (REME) - Arakan 1976

15/01/2010 Michael John CUTBUSH - Steevens 1962-64 **Our 500th Member**!!!

501 19/01/2010 George FOX - Arnhem 1976-77

502 26/01/2010 Barrie John FISK - Hill 1965-67

503 26/01/2010 Richard Ian SMITH (REME) - Anguilla 1979-

504 27/01/2010 Bradley Ian PERCIVAL - Bruneval 1876-77

505 30/01/2010 Ray WRIGHT - Brunei 1982-83

506 09/02/2010 Andrew Kevin James NUNN - Arnhem 1982-83

507 09/02/2010 Dennis FAIRCHILD - A Coy 1952-55

508 11/02/2010 David COOLE - Berlin 1977-78

509 13/02/2010 Barry L. (Baz) WALKER - Baker 1961-63

510 20/02/2010 Mervyn John CHAPMAN - Watts 1962-64

511 20/02/2010 James SOUTHERN (REME) - Watts/Hill 1971-73

512 21/02/2010 Michael George ARCHIBALD - Parsons/Benghazi 1974-75

513 23/02/2010 Dale OTTER - Berlin 1979-80

514 28/02/2010 Michael Anthony "Dutch" HOLLAND - Burma 1982-83

515 03/03/2010 Mark WATSON (REME) - Cutforth 1971-73

516 06/03/2010 Palmer John CLARK - Body 1954-56

517 09/03/2010 Terry Leslie VOWLES - Steevens 1964-67

518 11/03/2010 James ROBERTS - Gordon 1964-67

519 17/03/2010 Eric MACIVER - Brunei 1977-78

520 17/03/2010 Andrew COMFORT (REME) - Aden 1978-79

New Members

521 01/04/2010 Howard Mansell WILLIAMS - Hill 1963-65

522 04/04/2010 Richard HICKS - Benghazi 1980-81

523 10/04/2010 Peter William POTTER - Sweeney 1972-74

524 13/04/2010 Simon Charles MILLER (REME) - Brunei 1979-80

525 13/04/2010 Michael WRAY - Steevens 1959-60

526 13/04/2010 Christopher Edward BRADDOCK (REME) - Valon 1973-74

527 13/04/2010 Christopher Anthony CORISH - Anguilla 1980-81

528 13/04/2010 Andrew David NICHOLAS - Berlin 1986-87

529 14/04/2010 John David BALL - Baker 1960-61

530 25/04/2010 Gary Anthony NICOLAS - Steevens 1970-72

531 05/05/2010 John TONKS - Body 1961-64

532 06/05/2010 Noel NICHOLL - Baker 1962-64

533 08/05/2010 Colin Stephen WILLIAMS - Hill 1964-66

534 12/05/2010 David Francis FOX (REME) - Burma 1981-82

535 15/05/2010 Kerry Edward CURTIS - Coy Commander & Commanding Officer.

536 19/05/2010 Ian Alexander CALLAN - Aden 1985-85

537 25/05/2010 Robert Martin GRAHAM BEM - Hill 1969-71

538 25/05/2010 Ian Daniel TOWNSEND - Body 1971-73?

539 29/05/2010 Alfred VICKERS (REME) - Gordon 1957-59

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EX BOYS' ASSOCIATION



This is the **last Newsletter Bugle Call** for all members of the Ex-Boys' Association to get their Annual Leave Passes ready and primed for the 3rd Bi-Annual Reunion which is to be held at the Holiday Inn, Coventry on **Saturday7th August 2010!**

Located in the heart of England, the Holiday Inn Coventry (M6 J2) is a spacious purpose built hotel with air conditioning. The hotel is situated on the outskirts of the historic city of Coventry. It enjoys a prime location benefiting from the motorway networks of the M6, the M1 and the M69. The Holiday Inn Coventry is only a 30 minute drive from Birmingham Airport and a 20 minute drive from the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre (NEC).

The hotel is a perfect base for exploring Coventry and Warwickshire. Just a short drive from the hotel you can visit the historic castles of Kenilworth and Warwick, the stately homes and gardens at Stoneleigh Abbey and Coombe Abbey.

For the motor enthusiast, there is Silverstone and Mallory Park motor racing circuits, Coventry Transport Museum and the Heritage Motor Centre, all within easy reach. Back in the hotel after a day exploring, treat yourself in the Spirit Health Club with the heated Swimming Pool, before the 3rdBi-Annual Ex-Boys' Association Reunion!







Warning Notice

Ex Boys' Association Reunion Dinner

http://www.juniorleadersraoc.co.uk

Saturday 7th August 2010

Holiday Inn (M6 J2)
Hinckley Road
COVENTRY
CV2 2HP

Date: Saturday 7th August 2010

Dinner: £27 per person (Drinks not included)

Payment: Cheques to cover the cost of the Dinner (£27 per person) must be made out to – "***Ex Boys' Association***" - and forwarded to our Treasurer – Mr. Brian Wild by 30th June 2010.
Please include, with the cheques, the names of those attending as well as your own address to:-

Mr. Brian J. Wild (Treasurer) (Contact details via the Website Link)

The Hotel requires full payment by the Association for the dinner by 21st July 2010 and therefore no Dinner costs can be refunded following that date.

Dress: Collar & Tie (Blazer, Sports Jacket or Suit)

Partners: Members may bring their wives/partners to this function. Those staying on the Friday evening are invited to attend an informal drinks evening in the Bar.

The Hotel can cater for 180/200 for our dinner; with 140 booking for the 2008 event early booking in 2010 will be essential.

Accommodation: (*Rates the same as 2008*):

Single Room
- £40 Bed and Breakfast per night

Double/Twin Room
- £55 Bed and Breakfast per Room per night (that is £55 for 2 people, not each)

Only a limited number of rooms are available at the above rates for Friday Night. First come first served and you should obtain confirmation of rates for additional nights with the Hotel when booking.

Reservations:
- A total of 100 rooms, for Saturday Night, will be on hold for Members until 30th June 2010, following that date any remaining rooms will be available for Non Members. Any unreserved rooms will be handed back to the Hotel on 21 July 2010
- It will be the responsibility of those attending to book their own accommodation for the nights they require and to settle their account personally on departure.

Confirmation of Attendance

- Members are asked that following their Hotel reservation they inform Jim Ferguson of their commitment to attend by providing details of attendees and number of nights booked.
- Non-Members - Should any Non Members be interested in attending, they are advised to visit the website to view details and should then contact Jim Ferguson – via the link provided, requesting that they be placed on the Reserve List.
  From the 1st July 2010 those on the Reserve List may be allocated any Dinner places remaining.

Room Reservations must be made before 21st July 2010 when any unallocated rooms will then be handed back to the Hotel

Event Coordinator: Mr. Jim Ferguson (Contact via the Website Links)

The Hotel requires full payment for the dinner, from the Association, 21 days before the event and no Dinner costs can be refunded following that date.

Travel Information

Transportation to and from Hotel
Birmingham International Airport (BIR)

Distance: 19 Miles / 30.58 Kilometres South East to Hotel

Taxi Charge (one way): Approx £34.00 (GBP)

Time by taxi: Approx 30-40 mins

Train Charge (one way): Approx £6.00 (GBP)

Time by train: 25 mins

Join M6 motorway at junction 2, exit junction 4, follow signs for Airport

Coventry Airport (COV)

Distance: 7.5 Miles / 12.07 Kilometres

Taxi Charge (one way): Approx £16.00 (GBP)

Time by Taxi: Approx 15 mins

Follows B4082, on to the A46 and then onto A45

Train

Station Name: Coventry Train Station - Town Centre

Distance: 4.5 Miles / 7.24 Kilometres

Taxi Fee from Train Station: Approx £11.00 (GBP)

Follow the signs for the A4600 towards the city centre, get onto the Ring Road and follow the signs for the Train Station

Holiday Inn
COVENTRY M6, Junction 2

HINCKLEY ROAD
COVENTRY

CV2 2HP

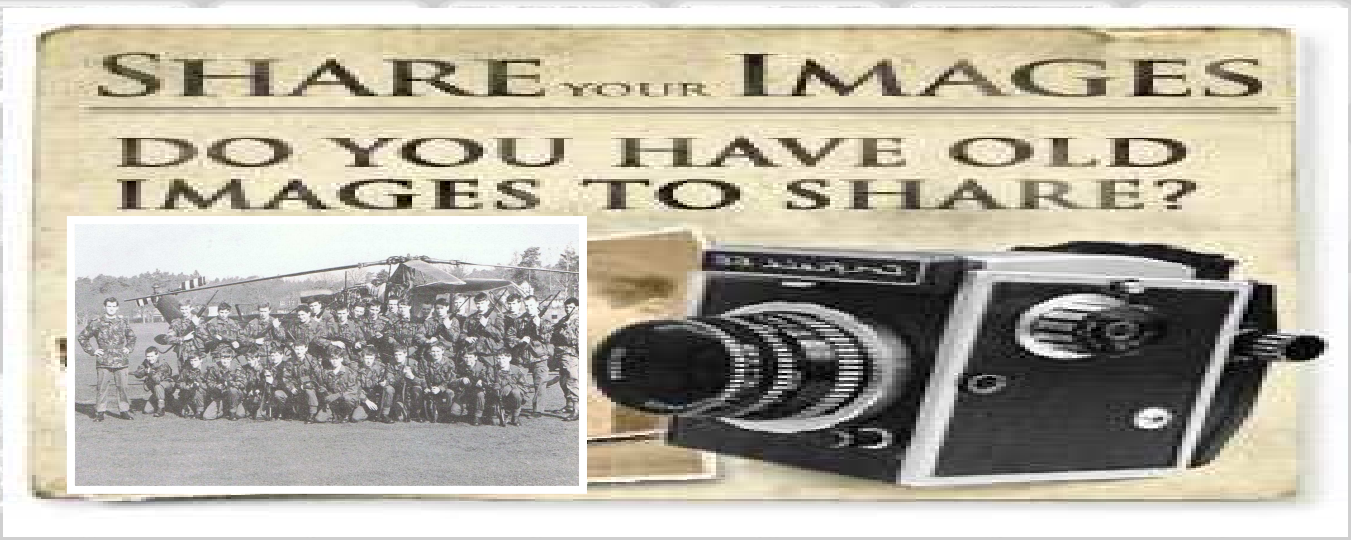
Hotel Front Desk: 02476 - 587 400 or 0871-9429 021 (Option 7) (10 pence a minute)

Best time to ring is 09:00 Hrs – 16:30 Hrs Monday - Friday

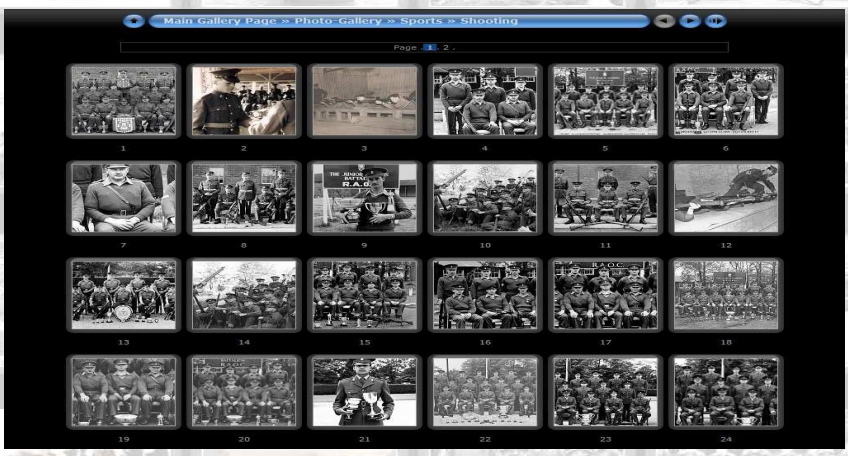
Please note **ALL** costings and distances are approximate and should be clarified.

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Members will be interested to know that we have a continuing and ever expanding library of images available that may well be from their era whilst in Boys Service. Please take a few moments and look at the Photo Gallery, which is updated on a regular basis. Instructions for this Members' Photo Gallery appear below!



We NEED **your** input of photographs to keep the site **ALIVE, KICKING** and interesting!!



Recent donations/additions include photographs from the following members:-

Andy Nunn, 1982 – 1984 – Album, Jim Purdy, 1948 – 1950 Album, Jim Reid, 1967 – 1969 Album, John McGuiggan, 1961 – 1963 Album

Dennis Fairchild – Toy Soldiers Album, Dale Otter 1979 – 1981 Album, Brian McKinnon 1964 - 66 Album,

Andy Nicholas 1985 - 1989 Album, Mick Wallace 1976 - 1977 Album, Arthur B. Whittam 1961 – 1963 Album, Paul Farrelly 1961 - 1963,

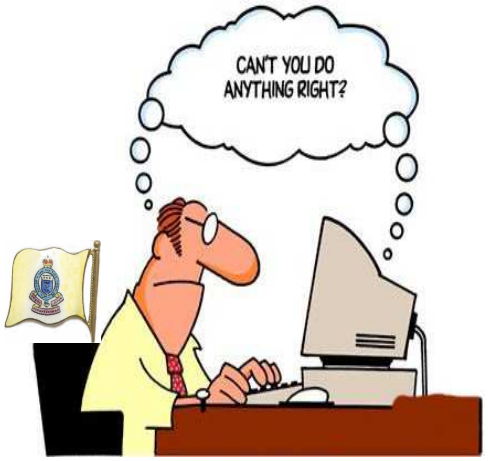
Dave Fox 1982 – 1984 Album, Bob Prior – Sanderson 1958 – 1960 Album, Eddie Hillan 1958 – 1960 Album

Photo Index of the Ex-Boys' Association

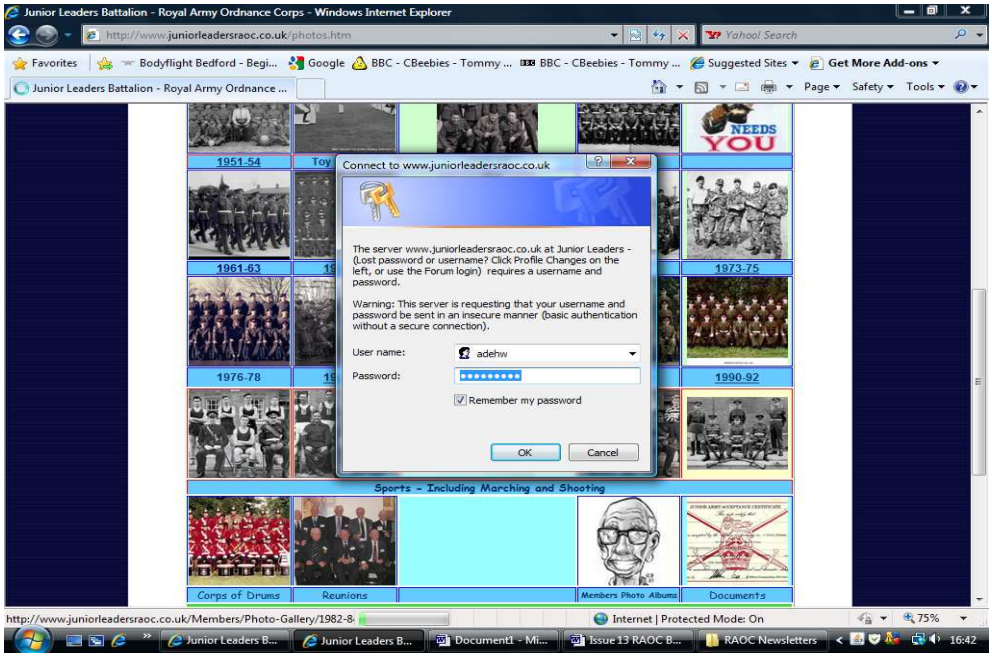
George Tether has been particularly busy recently with the photo indexing of **ALL** our photos that have been kindly donated to the RAOC, REME and RCT Ex-Boys' Association.

Below are Screen Captures of said photo indexing. You will find this section when you click on to the Photo Gallery Section of the Home Page. Simply scroll down the page until you find the subject matter you are looking for and then click onto the blue number to the left of the screen – thanks to George, it couldn't be simpler.

Go to Photo Gallery





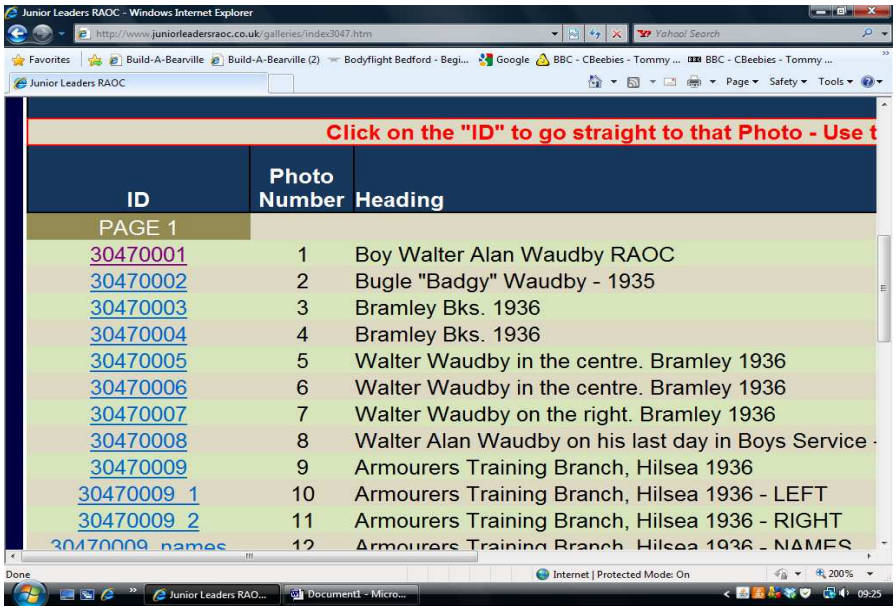


Click on a Particular Year for example, 1930-47 Index and follow the prompts



Click on a particular Index Number appropriate to the subject you were looking for and sit back and admire!! Simples!!





General Information

There are now quite a few new web sites that have information associated with the RAOC, REME and RCT. Additionally, there are many ex-boys and permanent staff from the RAOC, REME and RCT that do not know of these different sites or whom do not use a computer. If you know anyone who is an ex-Boy or Junior Leader or perhaps 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 former colleagues.

If on browsing the site you recognise any faces in the photographs or perhaps there is a mistake in a location or name of an individual, please feel free to inform the Site Administrator so that we can update the information. Additionally, 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 Website or this Newsletter, please feel free to provide your ideas for consideration via www.juniorleadersraoc.co.uk

RAOC on Line



The Aim of RAOConLine Forum is to foster comradeship between those who served in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps of all ranks, trades, ages and gender; including those former RAOC Members still serving.

RAOConLine forum is FREE for all to view and only requires a simple on-line FREE registration to enable you to reply to or post new messages. The RAOConLine Fellowship Branch of the RAOC Association exists for former RAOC to interact beyond the Forum

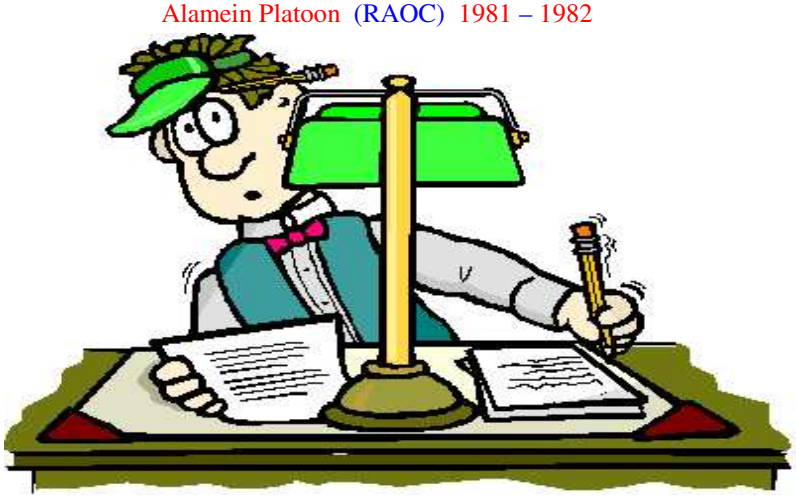
If you are not already a member, perhaps you should consider RAOConLine who will put you in touch with the nearest Branch of the RAOC Association and perhaps former comrades in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.



If any member would like to submit articles for inclusion - for example, a book review or anything connected with Boys Service - into the next Edition of the Ex-Boys' Association Newsletter - please contact in the first instance

Adrian Hayward-Wills

Alamein Platoon (RAOC) 1981 – 1982



RAOC Association

In 2007, the RAOC Charitable Trust converged with The RLC Association Trust and RAOC funds were transferred to the RLC. These funds and those of the RPC, ACC and RLC are invested as a long term reserve.

Income from the RLC Days Pay Scheme supports benevolence, fraternity activity and administration of the Forming Corps Associations, managed by the RLC RHQ Secretariat.

The RAOC continues to maintain two committees; the RAOC Council which replaced the Board of Trustees, and the RAOC Association which continues to function as before.

The Association aims to create and cherish comradeship, foster the interests of members and their families, look after those who suffer hardship by maintaining contact with members and the appropriate welfare agencies, which includes; SSAFA, the British Legion, RLC Benevolence and the Army Benevolent Fund.

Regular meetings, social events and the twice yearly RAOC Gazette provide the means for all members to contribute to the successful achievement of these aims.

The Association has 21 Branches with approximately 2500 members! There are 15 regional branches which cover the following areas: Ashchurch, Berks/Hants/Surrey, Bicester, Birmingham, Chilwell/East Midlands, Corsham/Bristol, East Anglia, Isle of Wight, Kineton/Didcot, London, Merseyside, Newcastle, Salisbury, Scotland and York.

In addition to these local branches there are a further 6 branches with country wide membership; RD & MTI, RAOC On Line, Golf Society, Rugby Football, TA and the Vehicle Specialist Fellowship.

All these branches run their own social gatherings while there are two main events each year which are organised centrally: the Association Reunion, AGM and Dinner in April, and Corps Sunday in July.

Membership is open to all personnel of the Regular and Territorial Army who served in the RAOC, RASC/RCT, RPC, ACC and RLC. Former members of the ATS and WRAC who served with the RAOC will also be most welcome to join. Membership fees vary and are paid to the branches.

The RAOC Officers' Club, which remains independent of the RLC, has 750 members and holds its AGM and Dinner in October each year, membership costs just £5.00 per year.

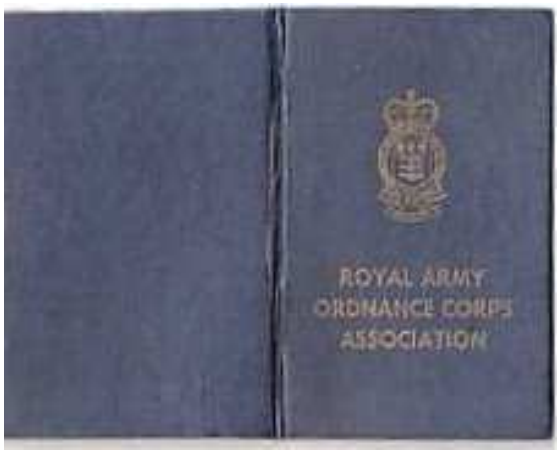
Two RAOC Gazettes are published each year and delivered to members of the Association and the Officers' Club. The Gazette includes the dates and applications for attendance at the RAOC social events organised by the RAOC Secretary and RHQ The RLC.

If you would like further information please contact the RAOC Secretary at the following address:-

Dettingen House
The Princess Royal Barracks
Deepcut
Surrey
GU16 6RW

Telephone: 01252 – 83 33 76





Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

The aim of the REME Association are:-

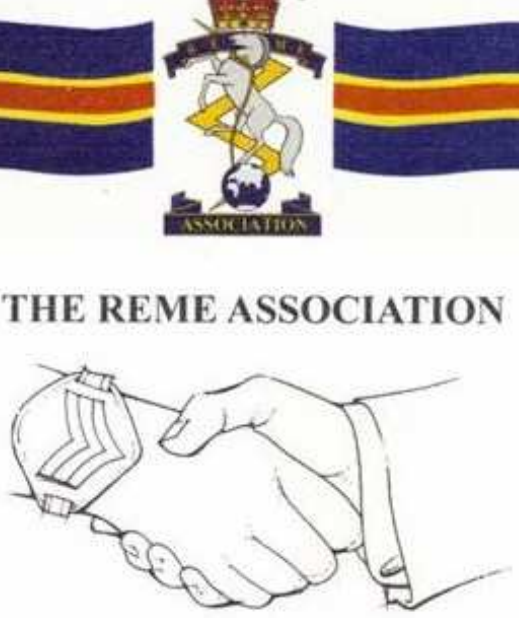
- To foster the esprit-de-corps and well being of the Corps.
- To keep those who have served in or with REME in touch with one another with a view to keeping alive a spirit of comradeship.
- To establish links between the serving and ex-Service members of the Corps with a view to helping the former during resettlement from Service to civilian life.
- To help, in conjunction with the REME Benevolent Fund and other welfare agencies, both serving and ex-Service members of the Corps and their dependants who find themselves in difficult circumstances.

In addition, the aims of the REME Benevolent Fund are:

To assist or benefit any such persons serving or having at any time served in the Corps or being dependants, wives, widows (whether or not remarried) or issue of persons (whether living or dead) serving or having served in the Corps as may from the time being be in need of charitable assistance or benefit. The REME Benevolent Fund welcomes donations and legacies to assist it in its work.

The REME Benevolent sells Christmas cards in furtherance of its work and details can be obtained from the Secretary. The REME Association has the following branches within the United Kingdom. Most branches meet monthly and details can be obtained from the REME Association Secretary Life membership of the REME Association costs £10

THE REME ASSOCIATION



EXTENDS THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP

To ALL Serving and Retired Members of the Corps

Join

The Secretary of the REME Association

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Royal Army Service Corps & Royal Corps of Transport Association



Patron: HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO.

President: Major General G.E.C Carrington CB, CBE Chairman: Lieutenant Colonel R.E Wills.

Controller: Lieutenant Colonel M.J.B Graham



For the past several hundred years, men and women have served in transportation regiments for land sea and air in British Army units; they have been imperative in the movement of vehicles, supplies and personnel and have often seen action on the front lines some have even been awarded medals for gallantry and valour.

Strong comradeship to regiments, squadrons and units have forged deep loyalties and bonds that often last for a lifetime. Ex-personnel and those who have worked closely with these regiments can retain their link by becoming members of The Royal Army Service Corps and the Royal Corps of Transport Association.

The Association, as we know it today, was the result of the formation of The Royal Corps of Transport (RCT) in 1965 but the origins can be traced back over two hundred years to the first South African wars of the eighteenth century, when a memorial fund was set up to look after the interests of returning war veterans.

The first major development was in 1927 when Royal Army Service Corps (RASC) clubs and funds were amalgamated to form The Royal Army Service Corps Association. At that time there were Branches world-wide, from European Countries in the West, through Egypt in the Middle East to China in the Far East.

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Surrey GU16 6RW

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01252 833397 Ext 5397 (Accounts/Shop)
01252 833398 Ext 5398 (Benevolence)



RAOC Ex-Boys' Association Wall Plaques

Our Founder and Chairman, Mr. Paul Jones has commissioned and secured a limited number of RAOC Wall Plaques. These superb quality wall shields are on sale for £20 plus £2.50 postage. If paying by PAYPAL, please add an additional £2.00 please to cover PAYPAL's fees.







These delightful plaques can be obtained by contacting Brian Wild - Secretary and Treasurer - providing your name and address and a cheque for £22.50 made payable to: - "***Ex Boys' Association***"



For further details:-

E-mail Brian Wild using the Contacts Page on

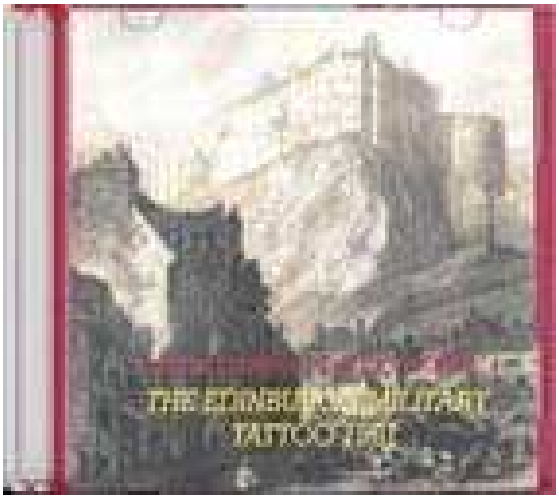
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Edinburgh Tattoo - 2010



Edinburgh Tattoo – 7th – 29th August 2010

For your information, I thought members of the Ex-Boys' Association may be interested to know that in 2010, the Edinburgh Tattoo sees Scotland's colourful military musical spectacular celebrate its 61st season!

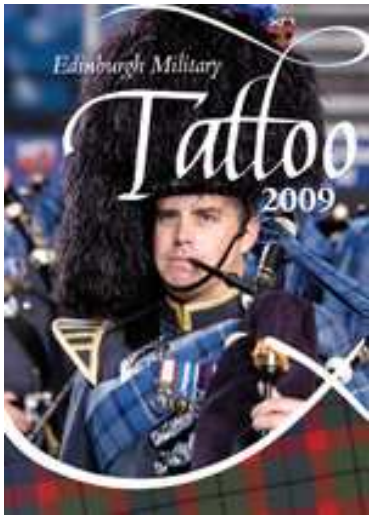
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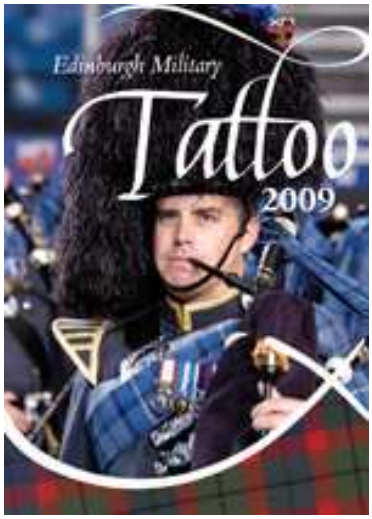
2009 Edinburgh Military Tattoo DVD

The 60th Tattoo paid tribute to the 250th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns and marks Scotland's first Year of Homecoming. Recorded live from the Castle Esplanade, this 90-minute, all-region DVD includes the all the best highlights of exciting acts from around the world and is available on-line at www.edintattoo.co.uk

Just a few of the memorable acts include the Massed Bands of the RAF, The Top Secret Drum Corps from Basel, the Central Band of the Swiss Army, the Tongan Royal Corps of Musicians, The Calgary Burns Club Singers from Canada, and more than 100 Highland Dancers including 50 dancers from Australia. In a dramatic finish, the Massed Pipes and Drums and Massed Military Bands join together in this year's finale for an emotional performance of Amazing Grace.









Junior Army Boxing

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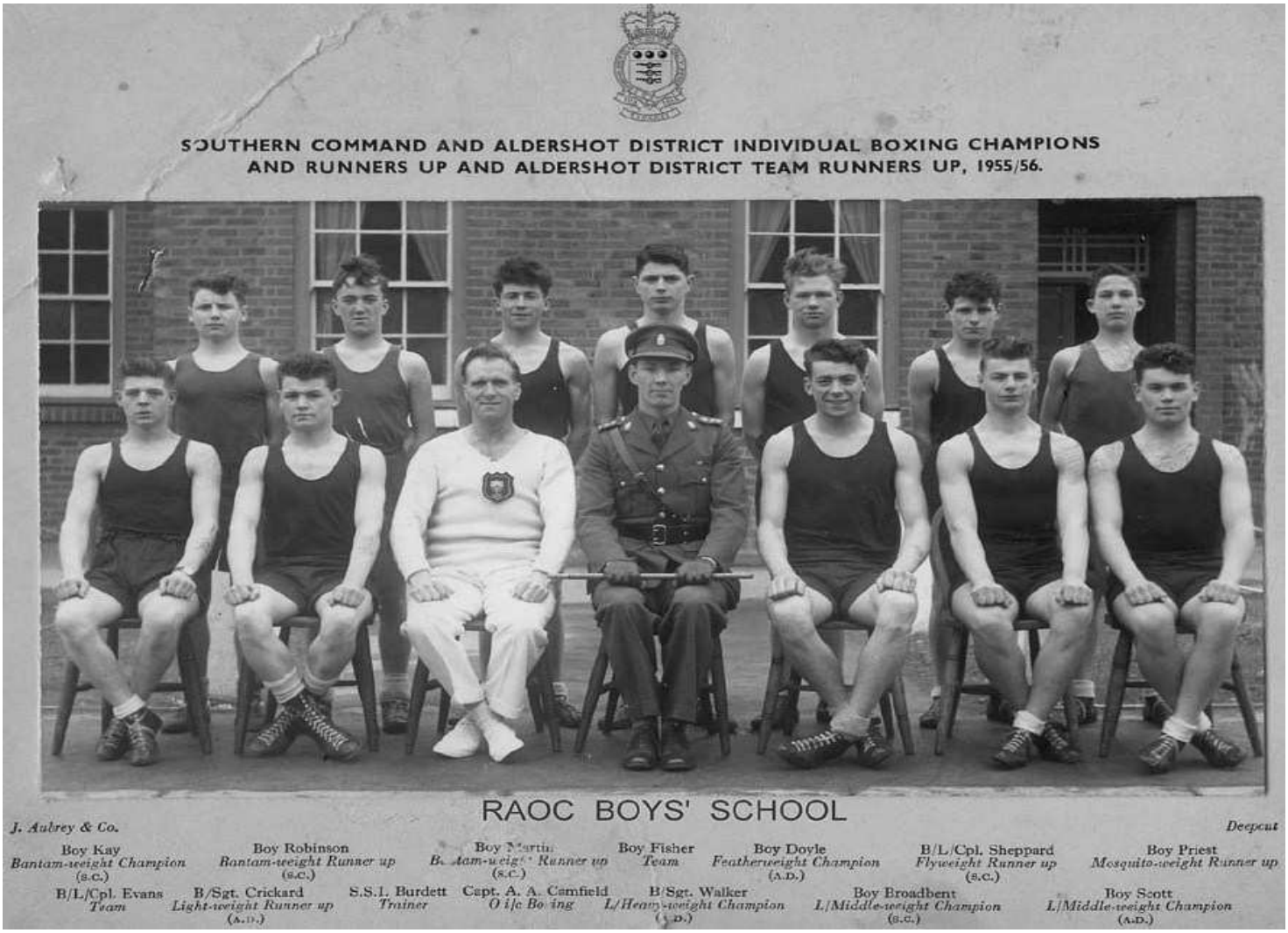
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Boxing is a combat sport in which two people, male or female, generally of similar weight, fight each other with their fists. Boxing is supervised by a referee and is typically engaged in during a series of one - to three-minute intervals called rounds. There are three ways to win. Victory is achieved if the opponent is knocked out and unable to get up before the referee counts to ten seconds (a Knockout, or KO) or if the opponent is deemed too injured to continue (a Technical Knockout or TKO). If there is no stoppage of the fight before an agreed number of rounds, a winner is determined either by the referee's decision or by judges' scorecards. RAOC, REME and RCT Junior Soldiers experienced this sport over the years, this article attempts to explain the history of Boxing and its links with our Junior Army training. In 1892, the Army Boxing Association was formed, followed by the Royal Navy in 1895 and the RAF in 1919.

Although fighting with fists comes naturally to people, evidence of fist-fighting contests first appear on ancient Sumerian, Egyptian and Minoan reliefs. The ancient Greeks provide us our first historical records of boxing as a formal sport; they codified a set of rules and staged tournaments with professionals. The birth hour of Boxing as a sport may be its acceptance as an Olympic game as early as 688 BC. Modern boxing evolved in Europe and certainly evolved and was championed during Boys' Service as can be seen in this article.

In some countries with their own fighting sports, the sport is referred to as "English Boxing" (e.g. in France to contrast with French boxing or in Burma with Burmese boxing and in Thailand with Thai boxing). There are numerous different styles of boxing practiced around the world. Boxing does not allow kicks like the styles above.



Southern Command Championships – Circa 1955/56

Photograph kindly donated by: An unknown soldier

Records of Classical boxing activity disappeared after the fall of the Roman Empire. However, there are detailed records of various fist-fighting sports that were maintained in different cities and provinces of Italy between the 12th and 17th centuries. There was also a sport in ancient Rus called Fistfight. The sport would later resurface in England during the early 18th century in the form of bare-knuckle boxing sometimes referred to as prizefighting.

The first documented account of a bare-knuckle fight in England appeared in 1681 in the London Protestant Mercury and the first English bare-knuckle champion was James Figg in 1719. This is also the time when the word "boxing" first came to be used. It should be noted, that this earliest form of modern boxing was very different. Contests in Mr. Figg's time, in addition to fistfighting, also contained fencing and cudgeling. However, this type of boxing was still evident in Aldershot around the 1980s!!

Early fighting had no written rules. There were no weight divisions or round limits, and no referee. In general, it was very chaotic. The first boxing rules, called the Broughton's rules, were introduced by heavyweight champion Jack Broughton in 1743 to protect fighters in the ring where deaths sometimes occurred. Under these rules, if a man went down and could not continue after a count of 30 seconds, the fight was over. Hitting a downed fighter and grasping below the waist were prohibited. Broughton also invented and encouraged the use of "mufflers", a form of padded gloves, which were used in training and exhibitions.

The first paper on boxing was published in the late 18th century by successful Birmingham boxer 'William Futrell' who remained undefeated until his one hour and seventeen minute fight at Smitham Bottom, Croydon, on July 9, 1788 against a much younger "Gentleman" John Jackson which was attended by the then Prince of Wales.



Boxing Champions - Circa 1954/55

Top:
Dougie Evans, Bob Crickard, 'Brummie' Edwards, Taff Thistlethwaite.
Middle Row:
Punchy Richardson, Palmer "Knobby" Clarke, Rod Ling, Dave Walker, Alf Scott. Ges.Henly.
Front Row
SSI Burdett, Capt. Camfield. CO ??.CSM Fred "Baggy" Hall, Cpl. Pop Day

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The Thunderbolt Magazine is an excellent reference point for articles on College Sports, the next two pages on Boxing are no exception.

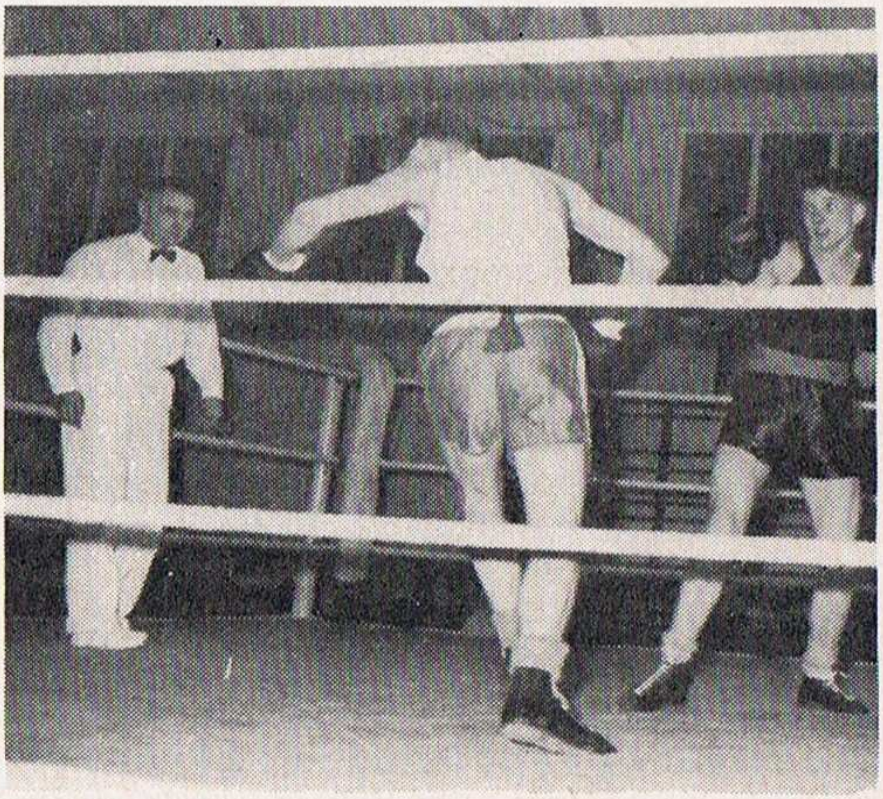
BOXING

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. J. Lewis, R.A.E.C.

This term, with the exception of the Aldershot District Competition, has been one of individual championships and not team events. As has been expected following last term's indifferent performances, this term was again one of moderate success.

The first event on the calendar was the Aldershot District Junior Individual Championship, which is also a team event, being part of the Aldershot District Shield Competition. We just won by 24 points to the R.A.S.C.'s 23 points. As an event it was not a success because of the lack of entries; amongst our boxers, Jnr. Ptes. Bates, Jary and Jnr. L/Cpl. Dunbar all gained titles without stepping intothe ring. Jnr. Pte. Johnson 914, won the Class "A" nine-stone championship without much trouble and Jnr. Pte. Whitby K.O.'d his eight-stone opponent in Class " B " in immaculate style with a very good solar plexas punch. Jnr. L/Cpl. Grant also won in his usual aggressive style. Amongst the losers Jnr. Pte. Davies was again very unlucky to lose and two newcomers Johnston and Jary showed up quite well.

The Southern Championship followed quickly on at the end of January. Here Jnr. L/Cpl. Dunbar showed good form in winning his title at 8 st. 7 lb. Class " B." Unfortunately, again the entry was poor with the result that our lightweights had no opponents which once more resulted in Jnr. Pte. Bates getting a title without a fight and also Jnr. Pte. Whitby. Amongst our losers Jnr. Pte. Gardiner fought well as did Jnr. Pte. Jary and Jnr. L/Cpl. Brown and Jnr. Pte. Hendy put up a game display although



Jnr. L/Cpl. Grant (Watts), knocking out his opponent in a match between the Junior Leaders' Battalion R.A.O.C. and The Junior Guardsman Company.

well beaten. Jnr. L/Cpl. Grant also suffered his first defeat and was perhaps a little unlucky to lose a close points decision.

Our entry in the Army Junior Championship was quite small this year being only eight as detailed below:—

Class A: 7 st., Jnr. Pte. Bates.

Class B: 8 st. 7 lb., Jnr. L/Cpl. Dunbar; 8 st., Jnr. Pte. Whitby; 10 st. Jnr. L/Cpl. Grant; 9 st. Jnr. Pte. Gardiner; 10 st., Jnr. Pte. Edwards.

Class C: 9 st. 7 lb., Jnr. L/Cpl. Brown; 10 st. 8 lb. Jnr. Pte. Jary.

Perhaps the best personal display was by Jnr. L/Cpl. Brown 914, who boxed his old rival Jnr. Trdsm. Ismede, R.A.M.C., and lost a very close points decision. The best performance was by Jnr. Pte. Whitby who lost in the final of his weight again on a close points decision. Our two main hopes, Jnr. L/Cpl. Dunbar and Jnr. Pte. Grant both lost in the semi-finals. Dunbar was the victim of a very peculiar referee's decision, which undoubtedly lost him the championship and Grant was beaten on points by a very strong boxer. Jnr. Pte. Bates was obviously ring-rusty in his fight but should develop well next season with more contests.

This season is now ended and many lessons have been learned. The team was undoubtedly fit, but had many new and inexperienced members, who although displaying plenty of guts and enthusiasm, had not the necessary skill. Boxing will continue as a hobby through the summer and it is hoped that the deficiencies in skills will be learned during the close season in preparation for next year.

There is also a new individual trophy which has been generously presented by C.S.M. Carman, and is for the most aggressive boxer. The winner this year is Jnr. L/Cpl. Grant who, although relatively new to boxing, has shown that agression is undoubtedly a major factor in winning bouts.

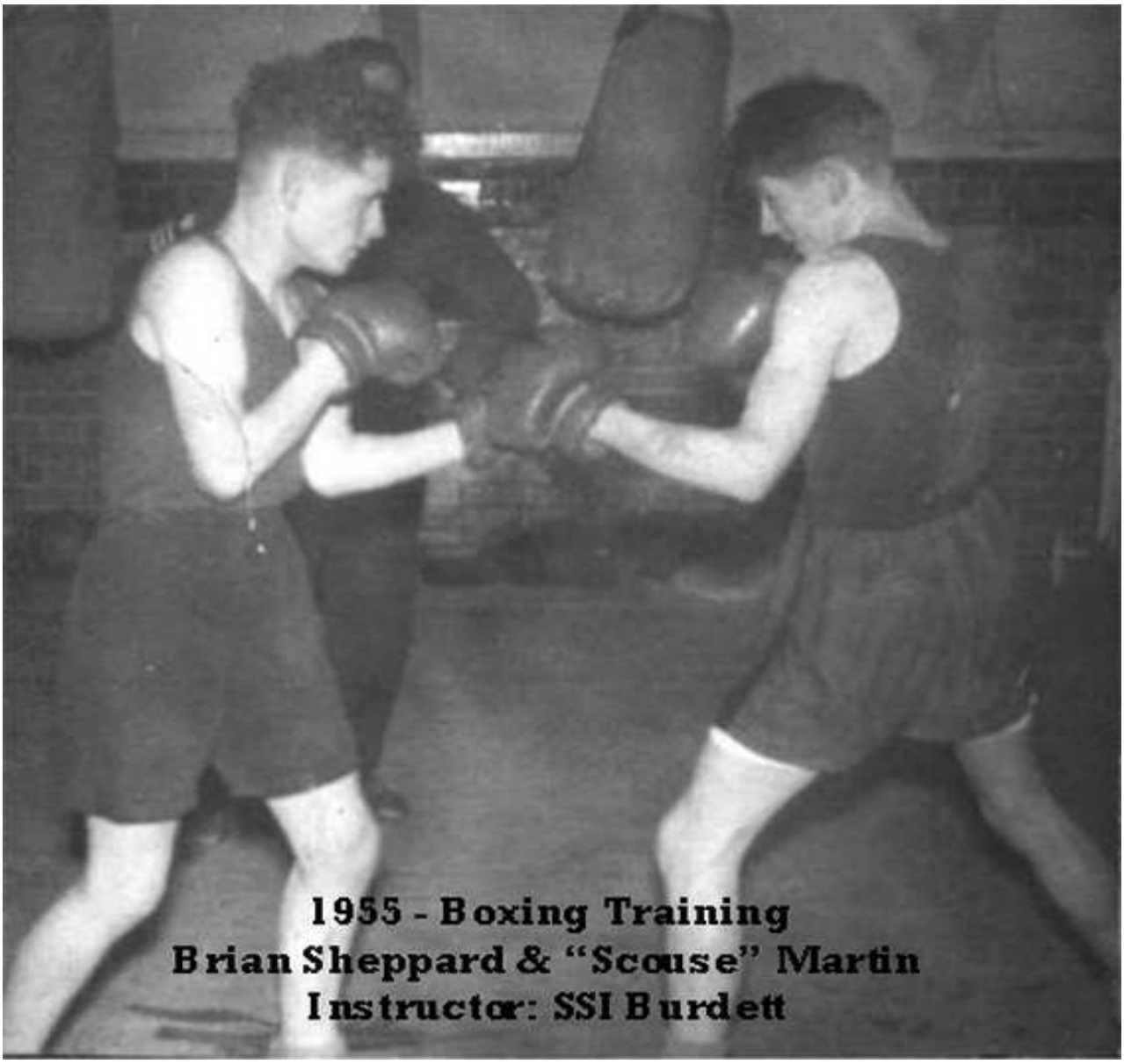
These rules did allow the fighters an advantage not enjoyed by today's boxers: They permitted the fighter to drop to one knee to begin a 30-second count at any time. Thus a fighter realising he was in trouble had an opportunity to recover. However, this was considered "unmanly" and was frequently disallowed by additional rules negotiated by the Seconds of the Boxers Intentionally going down in modern boxing will cause the recovering fighter to lose points in the scoring system. Furthermore, as the contestants did not have heavy leather gloves and wristwraps to protect their hands, a certain amount of restraint was required when striking the head.

In 1838, the London Prize Ring rules were codified. Later revised in 1853, they stipulated the following:-

- Fights occurred in a 24 feet (7.3 m) - square ring surrounded by ropes
- If a fighter was knocked down, he had to rise within 30 seconds under his own power to be allowed to continue
- Biting, headbutting and hitting below the belt were declared fouls

Through the late nineteenth century, boxing or prizefighting was primarily a sport of dubious legitimacy. Outlawed in England and much of the United States, prizefights were often held at gambling venues and broken up by police. Brawling and wrestling tactics continued, and riots at prizefights were common occurrences. Still, throughout this period, there arose some notable bare knuckle champions who developed fairly sophisticated fighting tactics.

In 1867, the Marquess of Queensberry rules were drafted by John Chambers for amateur championships held at Lillie Bridge in London for Lightweights, Middleweights and Heavyweights. The rules were published under the patronage of the Marquess of Queensberry, whose name has always been associated with them.



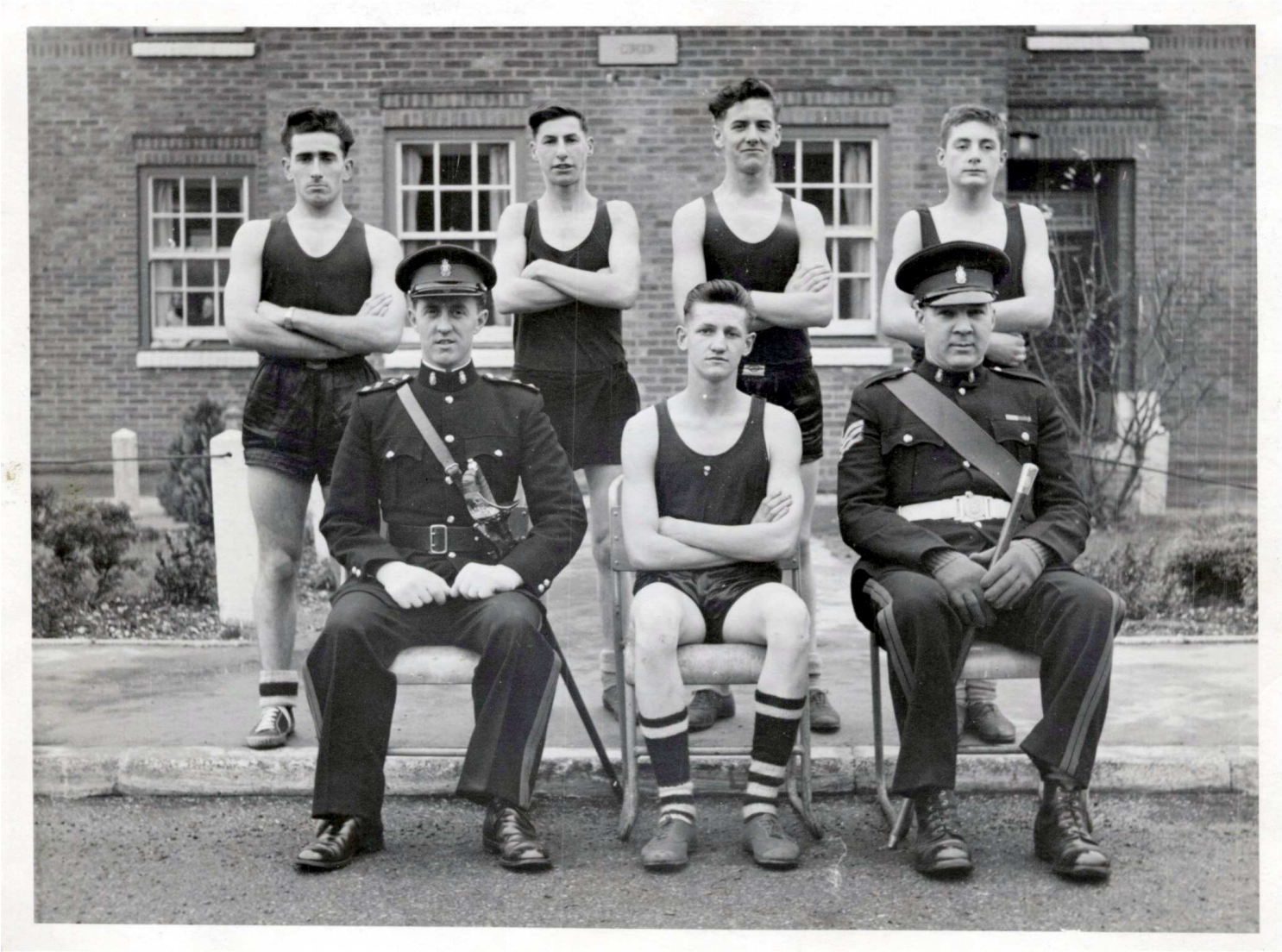
BTS Boxer – Circa 1954

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There were twelve rules in all and they specified that fights should be "*a fair stand-up boxing match*" in a 24-foot-square ring. Rounds were three minutes long with one minute rest intervals between rounds. Each fighter was given a ten-second count if he was knocked down and wrestling was banned.

The introduction of gloves of "fair-size" also changed the nature of the bouts. An average pair of boxing gloves resembles a bloated pair of mittens and are laced up around the wrists.The gloves can be used to block an opponent's blows. As a result of their introduction, bouts became longer and more strategic with greater importance attached to defensive manoeuvers such as slipping, bobbing, countering and angling. Because less defensive emphasis was placed on the use of the forearms and more on the gloves, the classical forearms outwards, torso leaning back stance of the bare knuckle boxer was modified to more modern stance in which the torso is tilted forward and the hands are held closer to the face.

The English case of R v. Coney in 1882 found that a bare-knuckle fight was an assault occasioning actual bodily harm, despite the consent of the participants. This marked the end of widespread public bare-knuckle contests in England.The first world heavyweight champion under the Queensberry Rules was "Gentleman Jim" Corbett, who defeated John L. Sullivan in 1892 at the Pelican Athletic Club in New Orleans.



GORDON HOUSE Boxing Team – Circa 1959

Rear:
Pancho Pearce, Eric J. Williams, Tony O Shaughnessy, ******
Front:
Capt. J.J. Thompson, Ian "Bob" Manners, Sgt "Timber" Woods

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Article Courtesy of the British Legion Magazine – The Legion

Although not a Boy Soldier, did you know that Sir Henry Cooper was ex-RAOC? Well, in an article courtesy of the Royal British Legion Magazine entitled "The Legion", Sir Henry Cooper talks about his time with the RAOC and Boxing!!

'How I knuckled down to National Service': Sir Henry Cooper

The boxing champ recalls his years spent knuckling down on National Service.











He won 40 out of his 55 professional fights and famously brought Muhammad Ali to the floor at Wembley.

Sir Henry Cooper was a bright light in British boxing, a heavyweight champion with a left hook they called 'Henry's Hammer' – and he earned his early stripes during National Service with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in 1952-1954.

"When we were called up at 18, my twin brother George and I were due to serve with the Guards but an officer saw us at a boxing show and said: '*Why don't you come in the 4 Battalion RAOC, that's where all the good boxers are.*'

Our battalion was like an elite academy, all of us learning from each other. During my two years, I got to compete against all the top boxers. We boxed in Germany and Warsaw, went to the Olympics in 1952 and all over the British Isles. I wouldn't have got that experience if it wasn't for all those matches. It was very competitive, and that's what life's all about, you've got to be competitive.



There was great camaraderie in my battalion. We had certain rituals; we used to go up to London once a week to box on private boxing shows, and on the way we had to sing certain 'lucky' songs. It wasn't all friendly though, there were a lot of villains too – all sorts of people join the Army.

Let's be honest, a lot of people didn't want to be there, but you just knuckled down to it. You always remember the good times, you don't remember the times when you were all confined to barracks and you had to do the scrubbing, when you had to scrape broomsticks with razor blades, or when you had to paint coal white – it was a learning process, that's what it was all about."



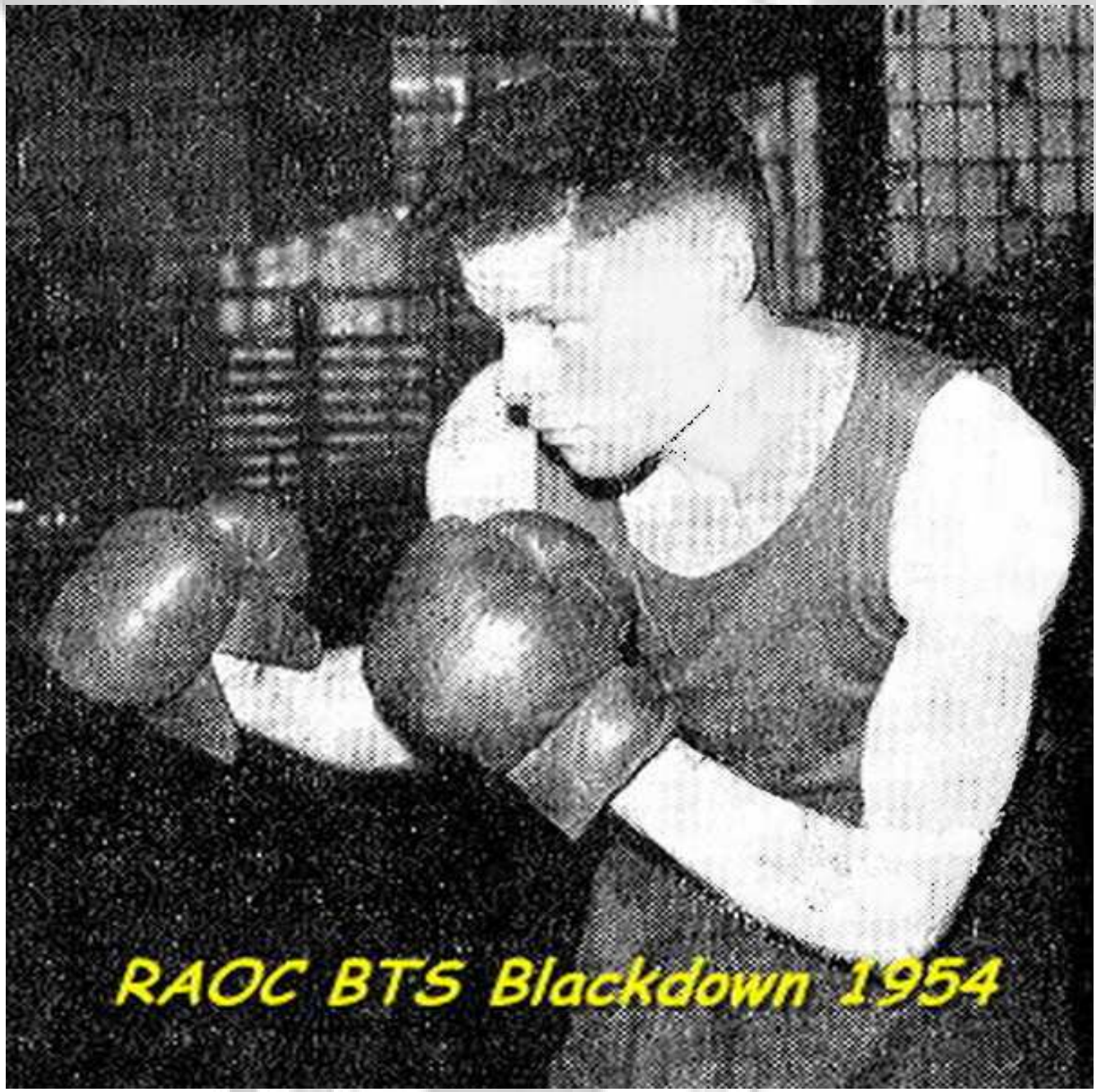


Photo courtesy of Brigadier Frank Steer's book entitled "To The Warrior His Arms, The Story of the RAOC - 1918 – 1993" (page 153)

Throughout the early twentieth century, boxers struggled to achieve legitimacy, aided by the influence of promoters like Tex Rickard and the popularity of great champions from John L. Sullivan to Jack Dempsey. Shortly after this era, boxing commissions and other sanctioning bodies were established to regulate the sport and establish universally recognized champions

The Marquess of Queensberry rules have been the general rules governing modern boxing since their publication in 1867.

A boxing match typically consists of a predetermined number of three-minute rounds, a total of up to 12 rounds (formerly 15). A minute is typically spent between each round with the fighters in their assigned corners receiving advice and attention from their coach and staff. The fight is controlled by a referee who works within the ring to judge and control the conduct of the fighters, rule on their ability to fight safely, count knocked-down fighters and rule on fouls. Up to three judges are typically present at ringside to score the bout and assign points to the boxers, based on punches that connect, defence, knockdowns and other, more subjective, measures. Each fighter has an assigned corner of the ring, where his or her coach, as well as one or more "seconds" may administer to the fighter at the beginning of the fight and between rounds. Each boxer enters into the ring from their assigned corners at the beginning of each round and must cease fighting and return to their corner at the signaled end of each round.



BTS Boxer - Cliff Knight, served at Haslar 1950 to 53 – Circa 1954

A bout in which the predetermined number of rounds passes is decided by the judges, and is said to "go the distance". The fighter with the higher score at the end of the fight is ruled the winner. With three judges, unanimous and split decisions are possible, as are draws. A boxer may win the bout before a decision is reached through a knockout; such bouts are said to have ended "inside the distance". If a fighter is knocked down during the fight, determined by whether the boxer touches the canvas floor of the ring with any part of their body other than the feet as a result of the opponent's punch and not a slip, as determined by the referee, the referee begins counting until the fighter returns to his or her feet and can continue.

Should the referee count to ten, then the knocked-down boxer is ruled "knocked out" (whether unconscious or not) and the other boxer is ruled the winner by knockout (KO). A "technical knockout" (TKO) is possible as well and is ruled by the referee, fight doctor, or a fighter's corner if a fighter is unable to safely continue to fight, based upon injuries or being judged unable to effectively defend themselves. Many jurisdictions and sanctioning agencies also have a "three-knockdown rule", in which three knockdowns in a given round result in a TKO. A TKO is considered a knockout in a fighter's record. A "standing eight" count rule may also be in effect. This gives the referee the right to step in and administer a count of eight to a fighter that he feels may be in danger, even if no knockdown has taken place. After counting the referee will observe the fighter and decide if he is fit to continue. For scoring purposes, a standing eight count is treated as a knockdown.



"B" Coy Boxing Team – Circa 1960

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In general, Boxers are prohibited from hitting below the belt, holding, tripping, pushing, biting, spitting or wrestling. The boxer's shorts are raised so the opponent is not allowed to hit to the groin area. They also are prohibited from kicking, head-butting, or hitting with any part of the arm other than the knuckles of a closed fist (including hitting with the elbow, shoulder or forearm, as well as with open gloves, the wrist, the inside, back or side of the hand). They are prohibited as well from hitting the back, back of the neck or head (called a "rabbit-punch") or the kidneys.

They are prohibited from holding the ropes for support when punching, holding an opponent while punching, or ducking below the belt of their opponent (dropping below the waist of your opponent, no matter the distance between). If a "clinch" – a defensive move in which a boxer wraps his or her opponents arms and holds on to create a pause – is broken by the referee, each fighter must take a full step back before punching again (alternatively, the referee may direct the fighters to "punch out" of the clinch). When a boxer is knocked down, the other boxer must immediately cease fighting and move to the nearest neutral corner of the ring until the referee has either ruled a knockout or called for the fight to continue.



RAOC Junior Leaders Battalion Boxing Team – Circa 1959

Rear:
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Brian McHoul, 7, Mick Garrod, 9, 10

Centre:
11, Bob Manners, Tony O Shaughnessy, 14, Lt. Col. Harley-Peters, 16, 17, 18, 19, "Stokie" Badderly, "Jock" Brown

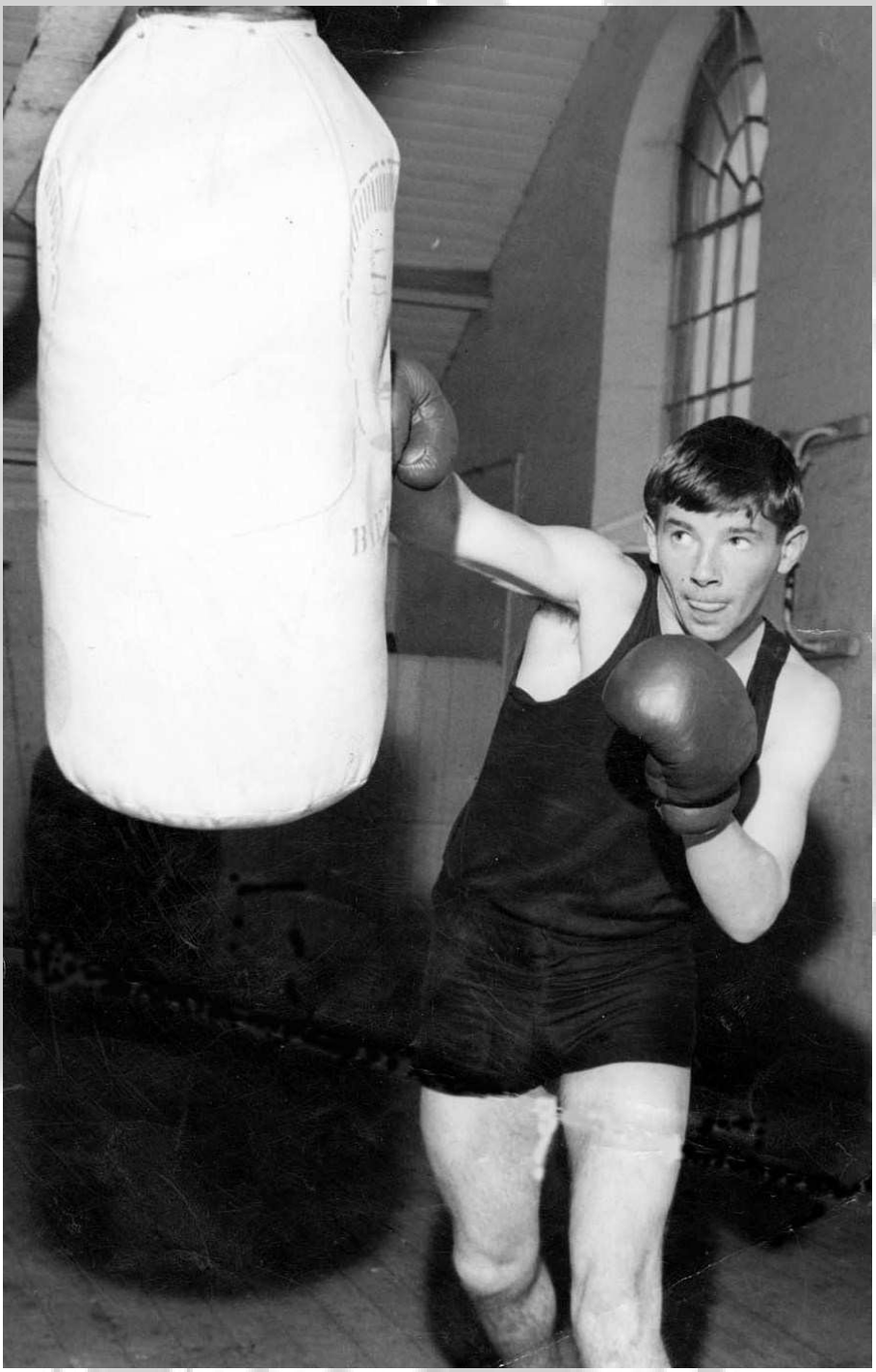
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22, 23, * "Tich" Dunbar, 25, * "Punchy" Cooke, 27, * "Paddy" Lugg, 29





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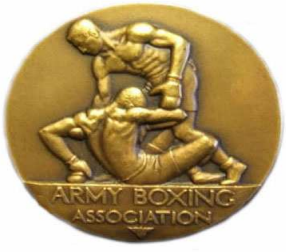
Violations of these rules may be ruled "fouls" by the referee, who may issue warnings, deduct points, or disqualify an offending boxer, causing an automatic loss, depending on the seriousness and intentionality of the foul. An intentional foul that causes injury that prevents a fight from continuing usually causes the boxer who committed it to be disqualified. A fighter who suffers an accidental low-blow may be given up to five minutes to recover, after which they may be ruled knocked out if they are unable to continue. Accidental fouls that cause injury ending a bout may lead to a "no decision" result or else cause the fight to go to a decision if enough rounds (typically four or more, or at least three in a four-round fight) have passed.







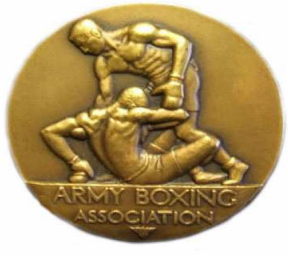
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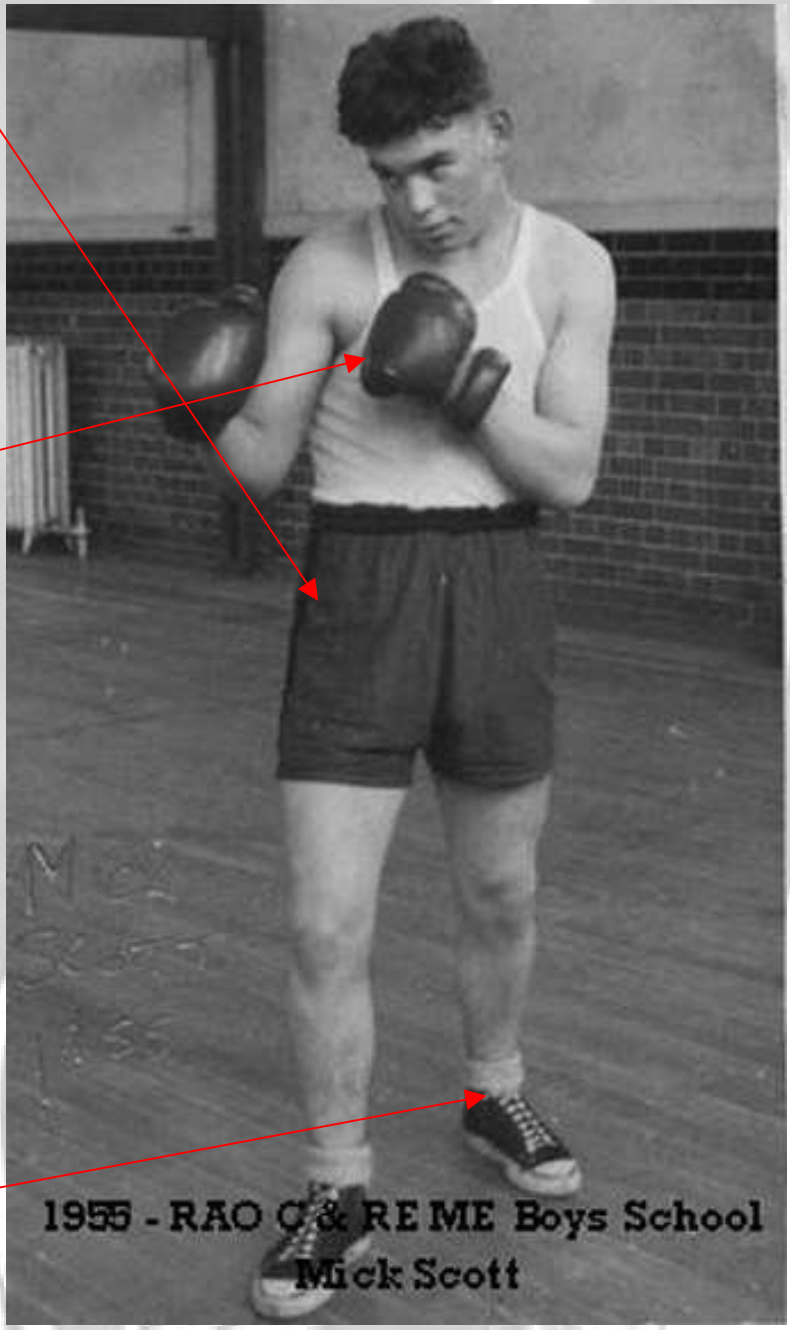


Protective Equipment

Shorts

In Amateur Boxing, each boxer wears shorts approved by the sanctioning body in the colour of their corner. In professional boxing, the color and design of the shorts is left up to each fighter and is not regulated. Many boxers have their name or nickname embroidered on the waistband of the shorts, along with sponsor logos and even the sanctioning bodies which have awarded them belts. Many boxers, such as Prince Naseem have very elaborate shorts, while others prefer plain ones. Shorts in the modern era are much looser fitting than those of previous generations for improved movement, comfort and style.

Amateur boxers are required to have headgear and a sleeveless shirt in the colour of their corner, while professionals fight bare-chested and without headgear. Female boxers in amateur ranks are allowed a short sleeved shirt, where as professionals wear a sleeveless shirt. All female boxers are allowed a chest protector. All boxers are required a mouthpiece, the construction of which is up to the sanctioning body and the fighters. All boxers in sanctioned bouts are required to have a foul protector, which protects the groin and lower abdomen. Female foul protectors have less padding in the groin, but are still required in sanctioned bouts. All boxers also wear gloves, ranging in weight from 8-16oz in amateur bouts and 6-12oz in professional bouts.



Gloves

Amateurs are bound by an approved glove, whereas professional boxers have only a minimum weight of glove, the exact weight and even brand can be determined in the negotiations prior to the fight. Gloves are subject to inspection both by the representatives of the sanctioning body and the opposing fighter's corner prior to a fight. They are then taped on the laces to prevent them from coming loose, and are usually signed by the representative of the sanctioning body to assure no tampering has taken place. Boxers are also required to have handwraps. USA Boxing allows re-usable cotton handwraps with a hook and loop closure, whereas most professional fights require adhesive, one time use wraps. Wraps are also subject to inspection, a notable example being the fight between Shane Mosley and Antonio Margarito, where a plaster like substance was found in the wraps of Margarito, resulting in his suspension for "at least a year."

Footwear

All boxers are required to have soft soled shoes, which minimizes the damage from accidental or intentional stepping on feet. The construction of the shoe is up to the fighter, with many inside fighters preferring textured rubber soles for increased traction and many outside fighters preferring smooth soles for decreased friction and easier movement.

Mick Scott – Circa 1955

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Amateur boxing is practiced at the collegiate level, at the Olympic Games and Commonwealth Games and in many other venues sponsored by amateur boxing associations. Amateur boxing bouts are short in duration and fighters wear head protection, so this type of competition prizes point-scoring (based on number of clean punches landed) rather than physical power. Bouts comprise four rounds of two minutes in the Olympic and Commonwealth Games, and four rounds of two minutes in a national ABA (Amateur Boxing Association) bout, each with a one-minute interval between rounds..

Men's senior bouts changed in format from four, two minute rounds to three, three minute rounds on January 1 2009. Competitors wear protective headgear and gloves with a white strip across the knuckle. A punch is considered a scoring punch only when the boxers connect with the white portion of the gloves. Each punch that lands on the head or torso is awarded a point. A referee monitors the fight to ensure that competitors use only legal blows (a belt worn over the torso represents the lower limit of punches - any boxer repeatedly landing "low blows" is disqualified).

Referees also ensure that the boxers don't use holding tactics to prevent the opponent from swinging (if this occurs, the referee separates the opponents and orders them to continue boxing. Repeated holding can result in a boxer being penalized, or ultimately, disqualified). Referees will stop the bout if a boxer is seriously injured, if one boxer is significantly dominating the other or if the score is severely imbalanced. Bouts which end this way may be noted as "RSC" (referee stopped contest) with notations for an outclassed opponent (RSCO), outscored opponent (RSCOS), injury (RCSI) or head injury (RSCH).



C Company Boxing Team – Circa 1961

Rear L to R;
Mick Mayes, Jock Grant ?, ? Holmes?,CSM Al Carman.

Front L to R;
Geoff Malthouse, ? ,OC Major Reason Challinor, ? McGill

In this particular photograph, please note the Boxing Ring itself!

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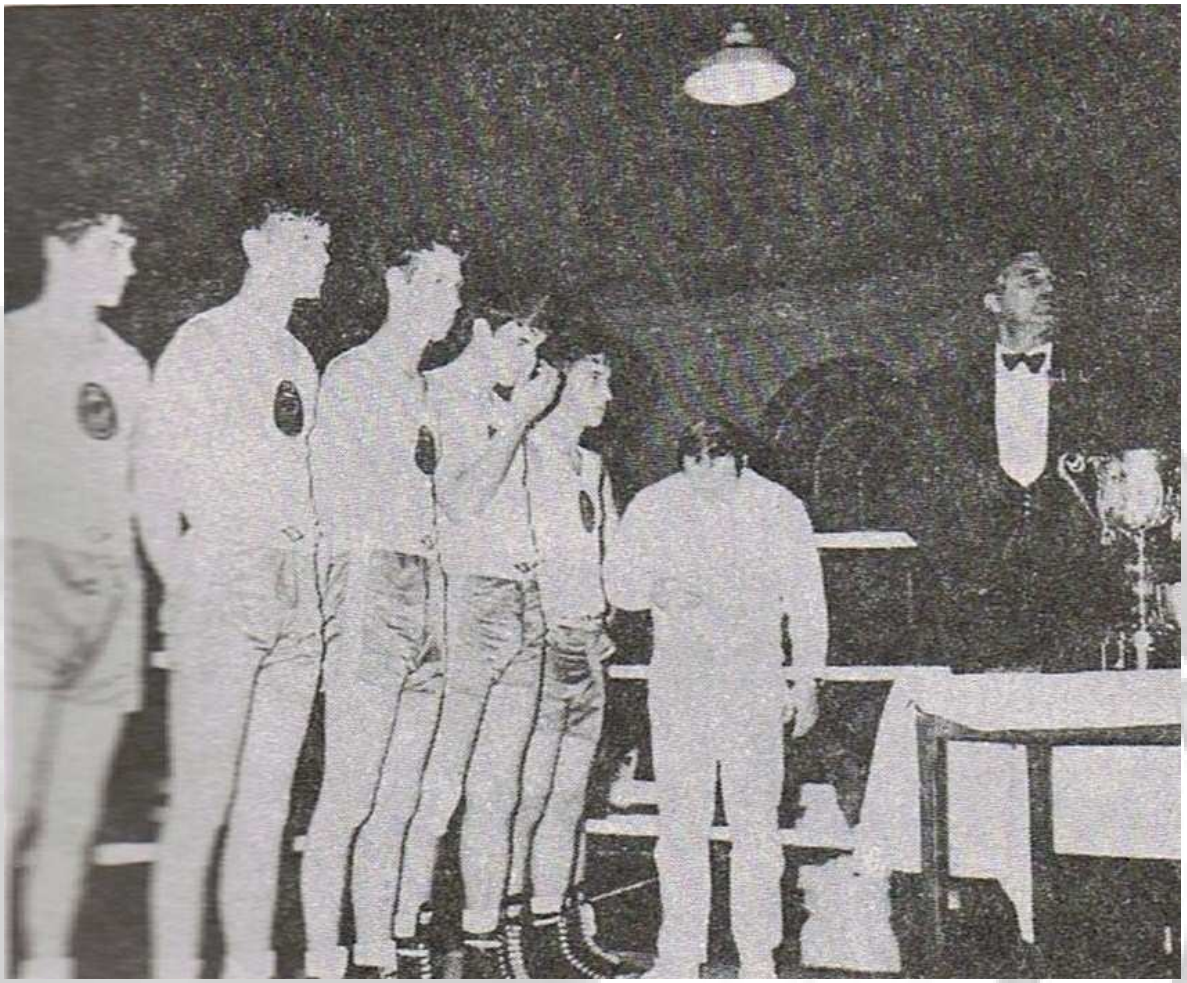
NEWS FLASH



RAOC & REME Boys School – Circa 1955-56

B/Sgt Terry Cook receives Boxing Trophy
Winners: Swiney House

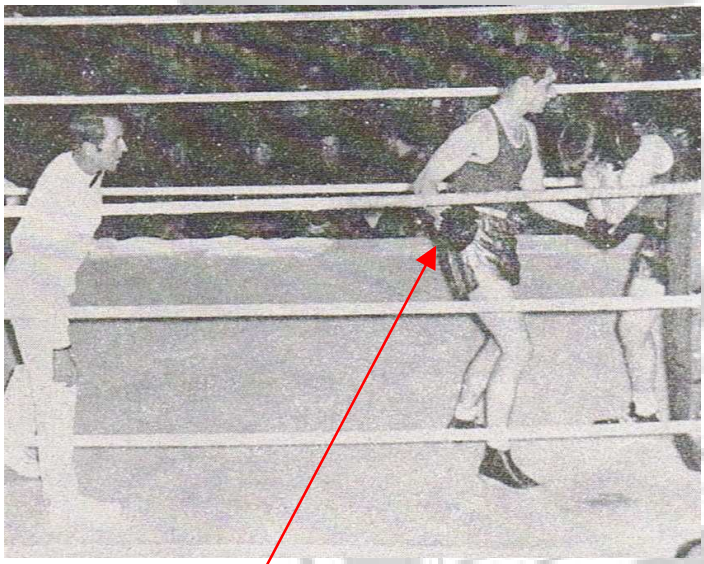
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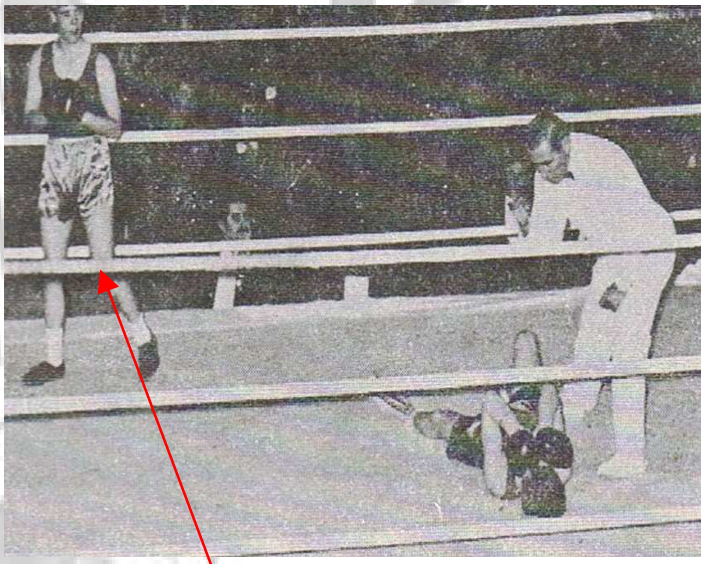
The College Boxing Champions for the Finals of the Army Junior Cup against the Junior Guardsmen

L-R A/Sgt Marson, A/LCpl King, A/Pte Reeby, A/LCpl Russell, A/CSM Holroyd and A/Pte M. Jones

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A/Pte Moffatt Junior Army Champion in action



A/Pte Barratt in a convincing position

Amateur boxing emerged as a sport during the mid-late 1800s, partly as a result of the moral controversies surrounding professional prize-fighting. Originally lampooned as an effort by upper and middle-class gentlemen to co-opt a traditionally working class sport, the safer, "scientific" style of boxing found favour in schools, universities and in the armed forces, although the champions still usually came from among the urban poor.

The Queensberry Amateur Championships continued from 1867 to 1885, and so, unlike their professional counterparts, amateur boxers did not deviate from using gloves once the Queensberry Rules had been published. In the United Kingdom, the Amateur Boxing Association (A.B.A.) was formed in 1880 when twelve clubs affiliated. It held its first championships the following year. Four weight classes were contested, Featherweight (9 stone), Lightweight (10 stone), Middleweight (11 stone, 4 pounds) and Heavyweight (no limit). (A stone is equal to 14 pounds.) By 1902, American boxers were contesting the titles in the A.B.A. Championships, which, therefore, took on an international complexion. By 1924, the A.B.A. had 105 clubs in affiliation.

Boxing first appeared at the Olympic Games in 1904 and, apart from the Games of 1912, has always been part of them. From 1972 through 2004, Cuba and the United States have won the most Gold Medals, 29 for Cuba and 21 for the U.S. Internationally, Olympic boxing spread steadily throughout the first half of the 20th century, but when the first international body, the Fédération Internationale de Boxe Olympique (International Olympic Boxing Federation) was formed in Paris in 1920, there were only five member nations.



“A” Coy Boxing Team Winners of the Inter Coy Boxing Tournament - Circa 1980

Rear Row -
A/Pte Stott A/Pte Parrott A/Cpl Heatherington A/Pte Wilcox A/Cpl Nelson A/Pte Benton
Centre Row-
A/LCpl Ward A/Pte Lewis A/Pte Harper A/Pte Martin A/Pte Edwards A/Sgt Etherington A/Pte Lane
Front Row-
A/LCpl Gill Maj T.I. Bunyard, REME Maj I.F. Mills, REME WOII (CSM) R.J. Finch A/Pte Hughes
A/Pte Porter

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In 1946, however, when the International Amateur Boxing Association (A.I.B.A.) was formed in London, twenty-four nations from five continents were represented and the A.I.B.A. has continued to be the official world federation of amateur boxing ever since. The first World Amateur Boxing Championships were staged in 1974.

Computer scoring was introduced to the Olympics in 1992. Each of the five judges has a keypad with a red and a blue button. The judges must press a button for which ever corner they feel lands a scoring blow. Three out of the five judges must press the button for the same boxer within a one-second window in order for the point to score. A legal scoring blow is that which is landed cleanly with the white knuckle surface of the glove, within the scoring area (middle of the head, down the sides and between the hips through the belly button, and the boxer can't be committing a foul (slapping, ducking head, wrestling, holding, etc). As long as the punches land within the scoring area, they are legal and that includes body punches, as well as those to the face. When computer scoring is used, and one opponent is leading by 20 points at any time before the fourth round, the referee is notified and the bout is stopped on an RSCOS - meaning the referee stopped the contest as the opponent was outscored.

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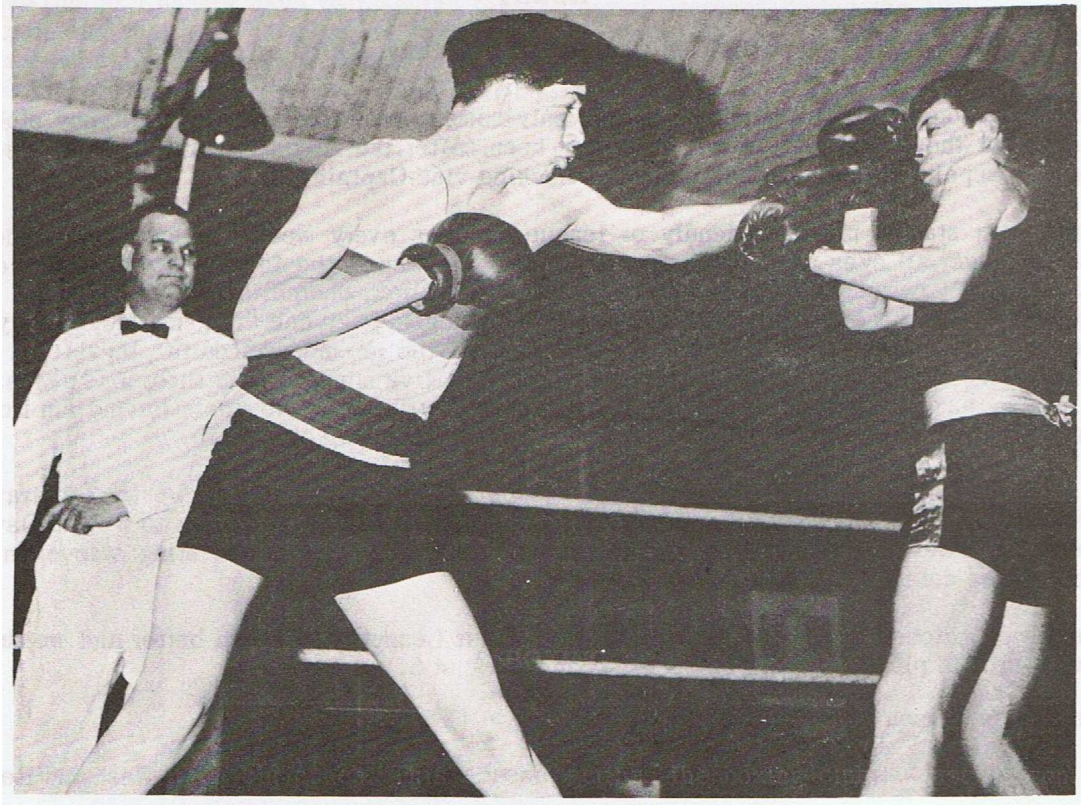
A little group with a big punch. This aptly describes the boxing club of last season. We have regularly brightened the HQ RAOC Training Centre boxing scene with exhibition bouts during their Individual and Inter Company boxing tournaments.

Our medal winners to date have been:

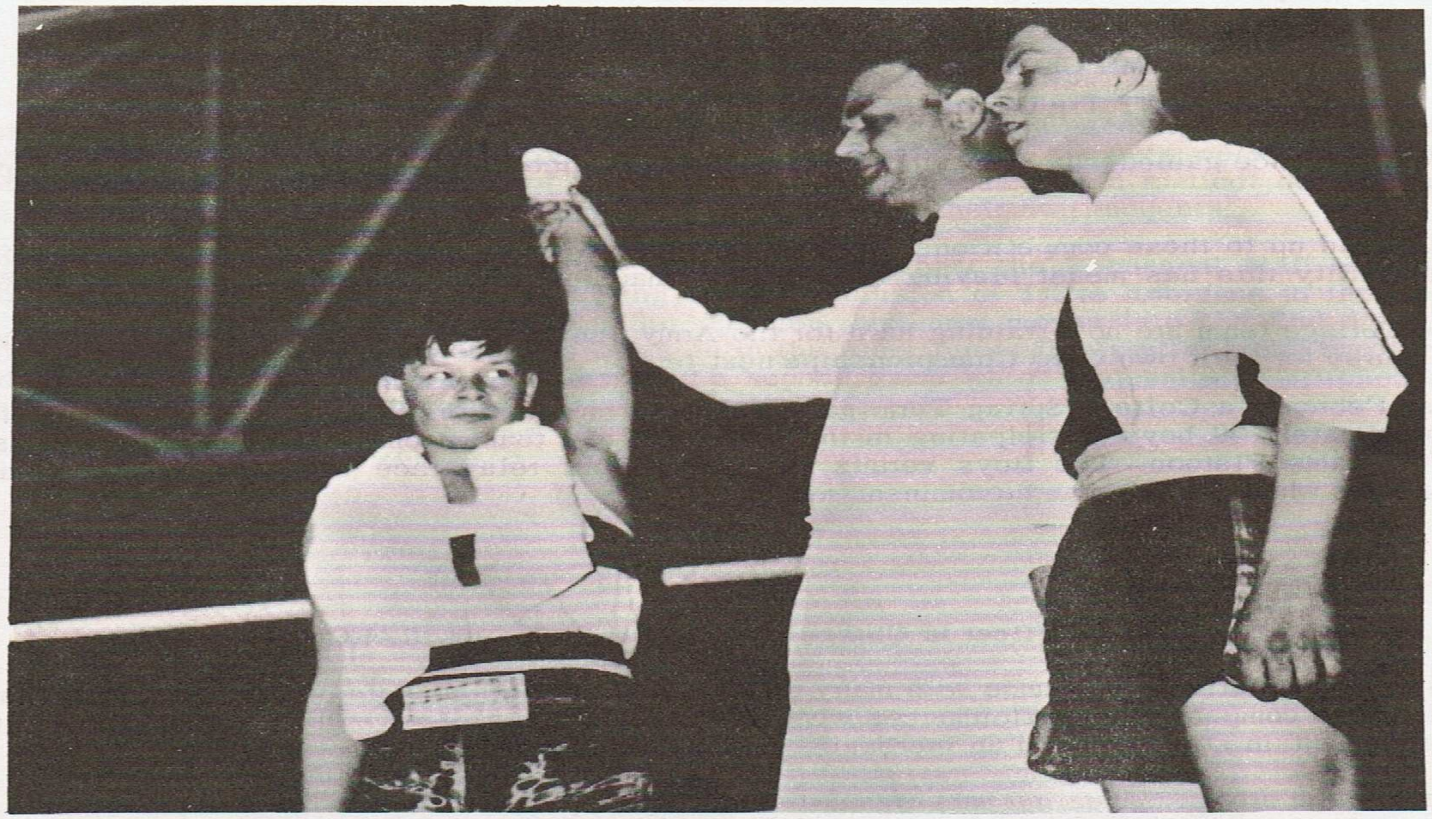
J Pte Mick Jory of Williams Platoon
J Pte "Cocky" Cochrane of Parsons Platoon
J Cfn Nick Nicholls who has now left to join 16 Para Logistics Regt
J Sgt Bob Boughen of Rowcroft Platoon

Two members of the team, Jory and Boughen fought their way to the semi-finals of the Army Junior Individual Championships. Mick Jory has his sights set on becoming an Army Junior Champion this year.

Interest is growing in the club and we hope to come out fighting at the beginning of the new season as a big club with an even bigger punch



J Pte Cochrane of Parsons Platoon getting through the guard of A/T Simmonds (AAC Arborfield)



THE WINNER!

J Pte Jory of Williams Platoon with a points win over A/T Woodall (AAC Arborfield)

BOXING

Officer in Charge QSMI R Mather APTC



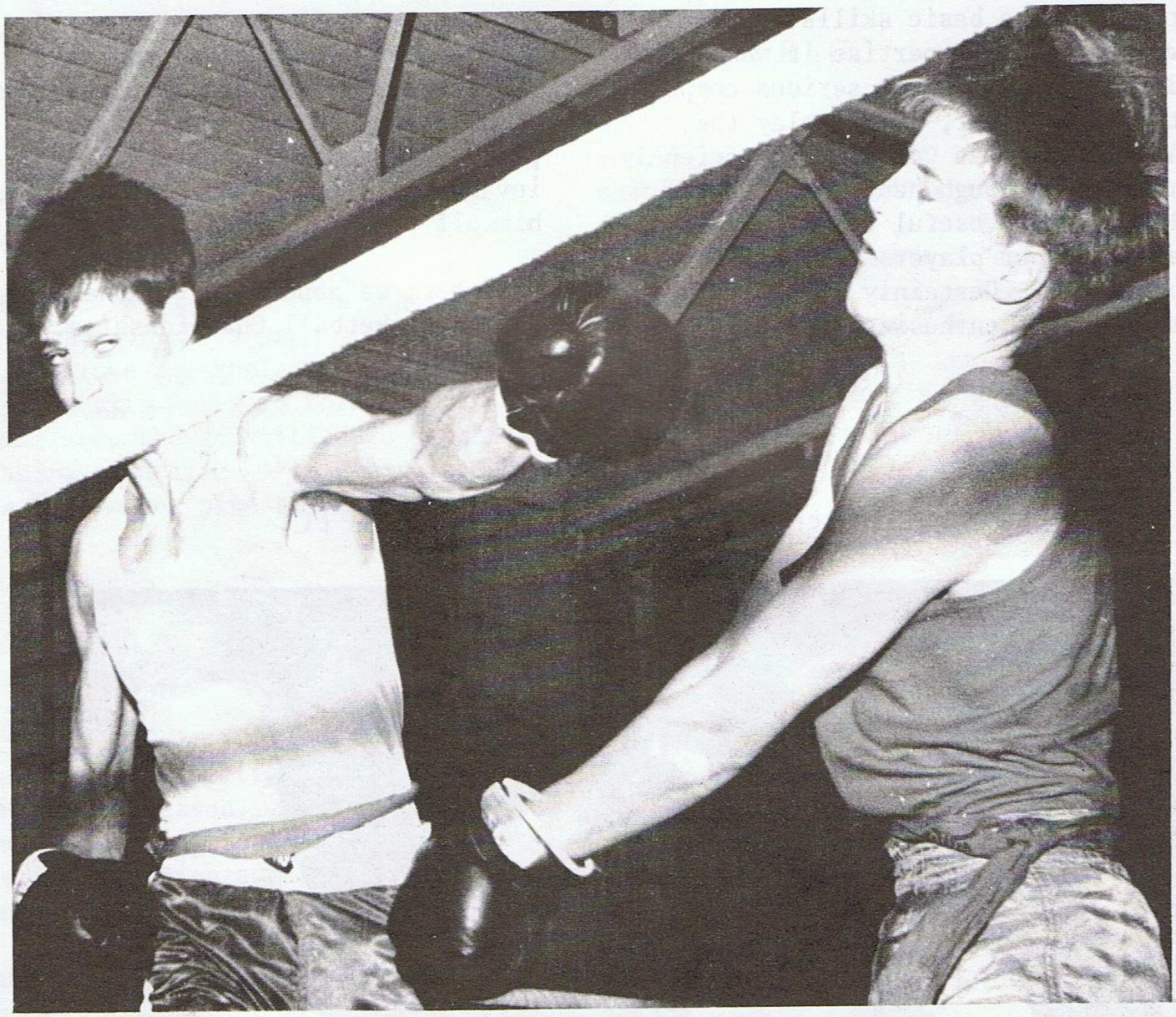
The £50 seats! The Training Centre Commander, Brigadier Short, and the CO between rounds. In the background a motley crew distinguished only by a glimpse of Lt Bernadette Flaherty (behind the Brigadier's left ear), our first and, so far, only WRAC officer on posted strength.

28 November saw the annual trip of the Apprentices College into the land of boxing fanatics. The two companies threw themselves bodily into the compulsory six weeks part-time training, which quickly turned into a race to see who could train the most before the contest.

The company teams were trained by the Unit AIPT's, Cpl Langton RAOC training A Company and Cpl Hawkins REME training B Company. Most of the training was done after normal working hours and both companies and their boxers are very grateful to them for the skills and enthusiasm they both displayed during the training and the competition.

On the night itself the competition was of a very high standard, guts, determination, skill and pride in the companies showing in all the bouts. The result was a win for A Company by only 1 point, their first win in boxing for seven years.

Congratulations to all the boxers on a fine performance.



There will seldom be a better photograph of the perfect straight left than this. It comes from twelve months ago. Delivering it is APte Chivers, receiving it is ALcpl Calder.

BOXING

Regimental Boxing Night 19 November 1982

Officer in Charge Lt J C D Smith RAOC

Assistant Sgt D B Robertson RAOC

One of the highlights of the Apprentices College sporting year is the Regimental Boxing Night. It provides a suitable focus point for traditional Inter-Company rivalry and always demonstrates the high standards of sportsmanship prevalent in the College.

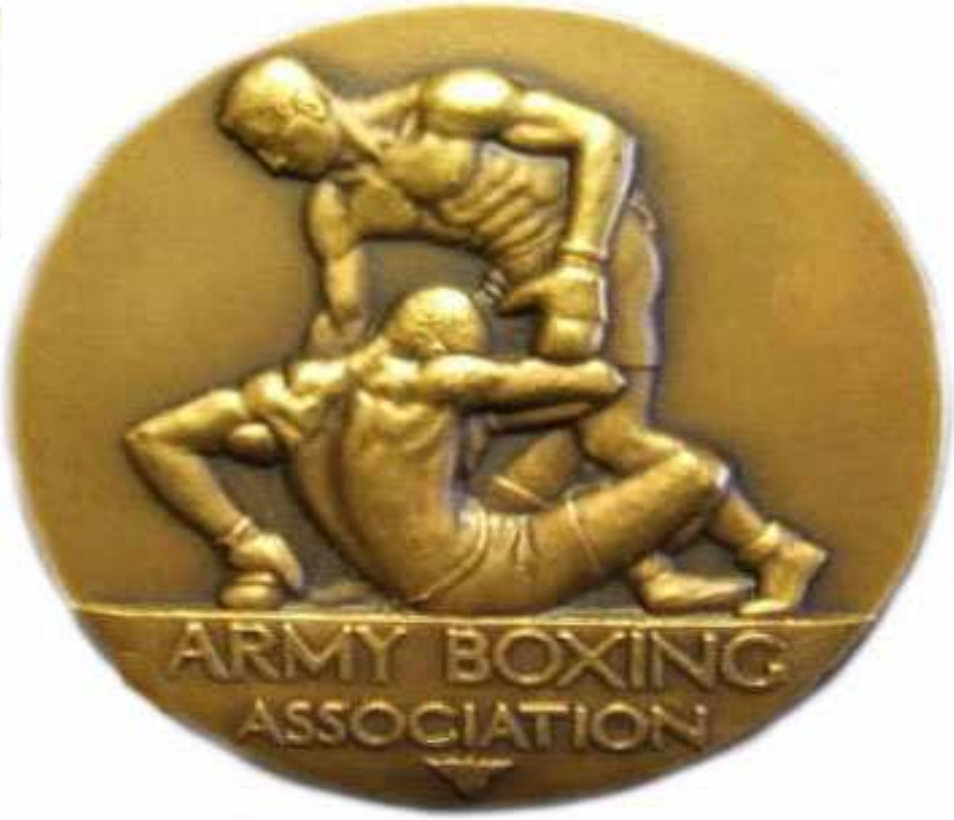
This year the event was held on 19 November and consisted of 9 bouts. After a good start B Company looked favourites to win. In the fifth round A Company began to make a promising comeback, but despite winning the next 3 bouts, the final result went to B Company 6 points to 3.

Brigadier Turner, the Commander of the RAOC Training Centre, presented the prizes - tankards for both winners and losers - and congratulated the apprentices on their impressive boxing and the great deal of hard work they had put into their training.

The Inter-Company Boxing Trophy went to B Company for the second year running.

It is always a nerve racking experience for anybody to climb into a ring and box. To do so in front of a large crowd of spectators requires a particular brand of courage, but spurred on by loud cheering and an interesting variety of placards proclaiming the obvious rivalry between the two companies, 18 boxers overcame their doubts and boxed very creditably for 3 rounds per bout.

The first fight was the fly weights. With the crowd behind him, ALcpl 'Fluff' Cummins stepped into the



ring to fight APte Lomax. What a fight these little men put up, with plenty of action going into the third round, where Cummins' fitness saw him dominate the last minutes of the round to take first blood.

Stockily built ACpl Harman, B Company's bantam weight contender, was favourite from the start against APte Bromley. True to form, Harman, throwing big punches from the start, was soon to weaken his man and in the second round the referee stopped the fight in Harman's favour. Next in was ACpl Baker at feather weight, a popular lad within the Company. He was to fight APte Pearson. ACpl Baker was the "Sugar Ray Leonard" of the side, very fast on his feet with quick hands and a very fit lad. He built up such a lead going into the last round all he had to do was stay on his feet. He did that and gave us a 3 nil lead.

At lightweight was the red-headed ALcpl "Ginge" Stewart who fought a good fight against APte Postlethwaite. Two evenly matched lads, it was quite even going into the third round but Stewart kept the pressure going right to the end to win the event on points, and a 4 nil interval lead.

After the interval it was the turn of APte Taff Williams to fight APte Craig at light welterweight. After a slow start, Craig started to wear down young Williams with big punches and just before the end of round 1, the referee stopped the right in Craig's favour.

The next fight was at light middleweight, between APte Bill Martin and ALcpl Henry. This was a fight between two fit boys, with Henry the quicker puncher making Martin miss with a lot of his punches. Into round 3 Henry was way ahead on points and was given the verdict, this making it 4-2 in our favour. This next fight was the one we had all been waiting for between our man, APte Gary Crawford and ACpl Connolly, two big looking middleweights. Crawford came out determined to knock his man out. He kept going at Connolly with big punches and Connolly wasn't too keen but he put up a brave fight and he accidently caught Crawford with his head and opened up a cut above the right eye in the second round. The referee stopped the fight, thus making it 4-3 and to a climax finish.

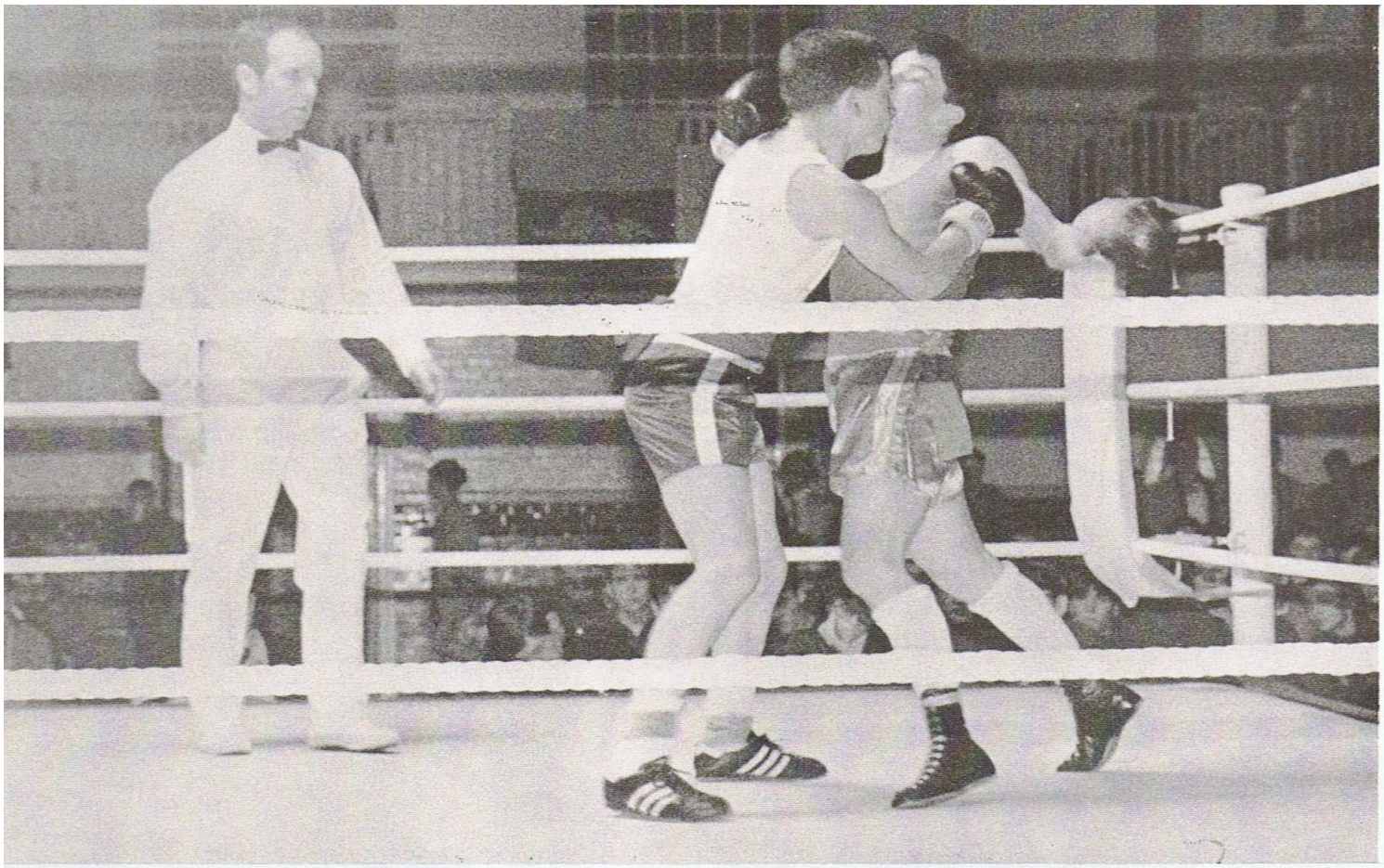
Into the ring came ALcpl Coxy Cox, who was giving away 12-1bs to ACpl Hamilton at light heavyweight. Cox, with his long reach, kept going at Hamilton for the whole 3 rounds. In the last round there was some good boxing between the two, but Cox was awarded the fight and B Company were champions again.

The last fight was between ASgt Tommy Tomkins and APte Dixon at welterweight. Tomkins, whose father and brother were in the packed crowd, did not intend to hang around. He came into the ring full of confidence and as soon as the bell went he went after Dixon. Being some 4" taller than Dixon he started to land big punches but Dixon, being a brave little fellow, did not give up. In round 2 the punching power of Tomkins began to tell and the referee stopped the fight, so B Company had won 6 bouts to 3.

A good night's entertainment was had by all with plenty of guts shown by all boxers.

Weight	A Company		B Company	Result
1. Fly	Lomax	v	Cummins	B
2. Bantam	Bromley	v	Harman	B
3. Feather	Pearson	v	Baker	B
4. Light	Postlethwaite	v	Stewart	B
5. Light Welter	Christie	v	Williams	A
6. Light Middle	Henry	v	Martin	A
7. Middle	Connolly	v	Crawford	A
8. Light Heavy	Hamilton	v	Cox	B
9. Welter	Dixon	v	Tomkins	B

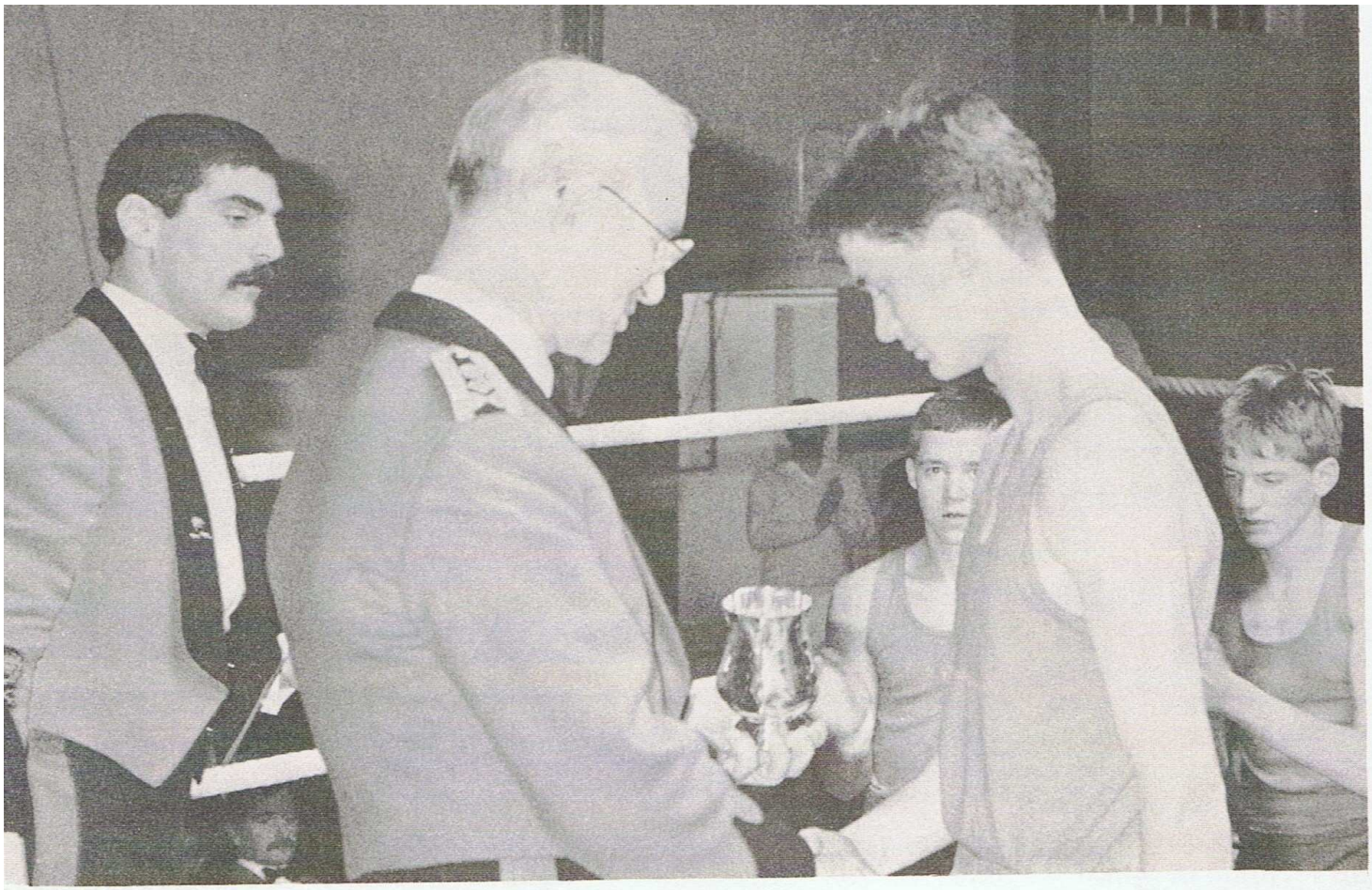




Christie vs Williams



Henry vs Martin



Baker is presented with the winners prize by Brigadier Turner



Henry is presented with the winners prize by Brigadier Turner



THE VICTORS - INTER COMPANY BOXING COMPETITION

Sgt Carlin Ludlam Whitten Christie Porter Sidebottom Sgt Robertson

McMurtrie Whiley Cooper Ellis





College Colours = Awarded to those who represented the College

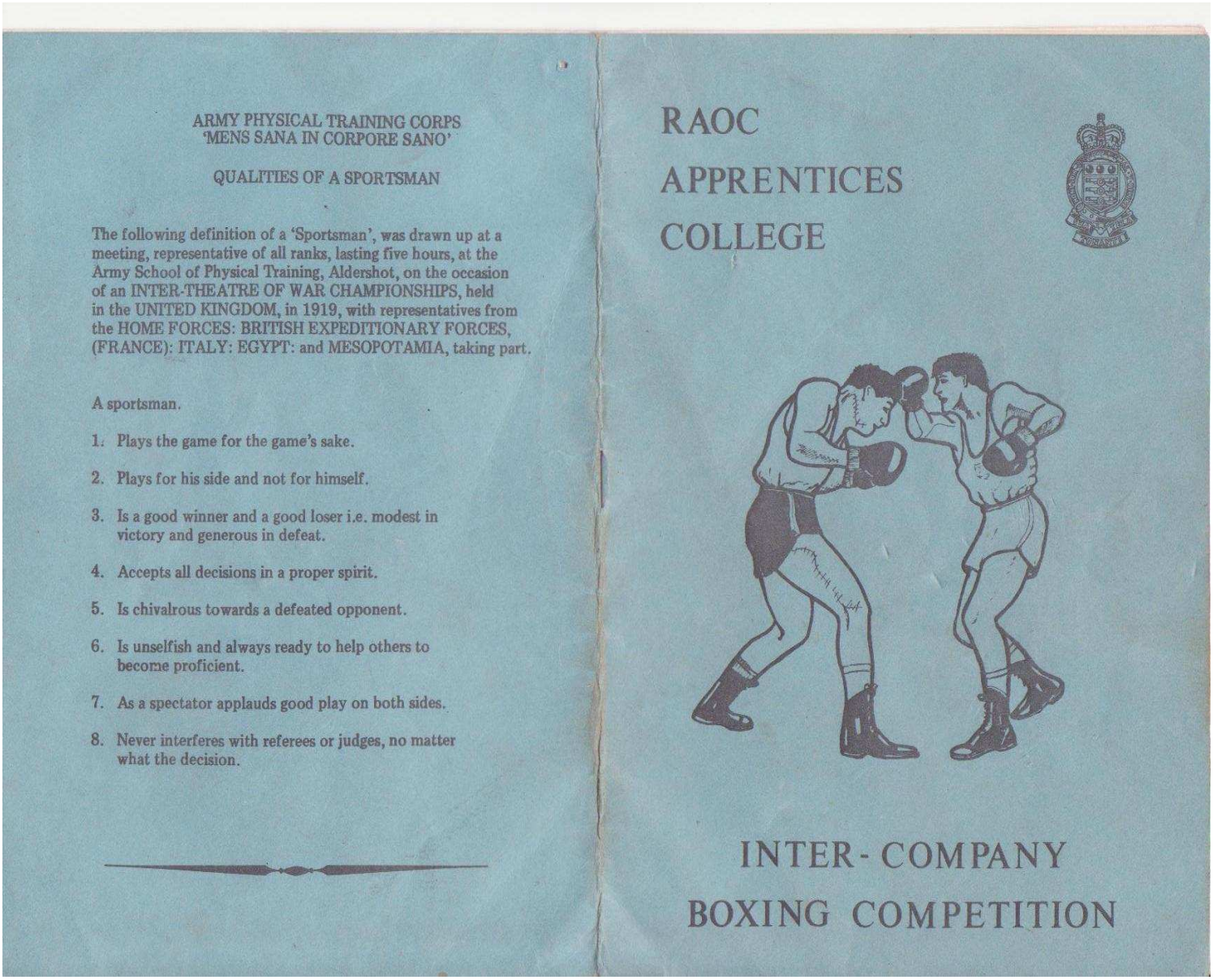
Recent developments in sports technology for boxing has introduced systems like the Automated Boxing Scoring System which uses instrumented boxing gear to send information back to a ring-side computer for the purposes of scoring. The system was developed to overcome the shortcomings of the computer scoring system, however the automated system has not been introduced as the official scoring system yet and could take some time to become accepted by boxing officials. Amateur boxing has an age limit that states that you must be at least 11 years of age to have bouts, but there is no training age limit.

1. A Boxer becomes a Senior on his 17th birthday. When he reaches his 34th birthday, he will no longer be allowed to box and his ME3 must be returned to his Association Registrar for cancellation.

2. Boxers will box 3 x 2 minute rounds and males may box 4 x 2 minute rounds or 3 x 3 minute rounds by agreement. Females may box 4 x 2 minute rounds by agreement. In Open Championships and Internationals, males will box 3 x 3 minute rounds and females 4 x 2 minute rounds. In every case there will be an interval of one minute between rounds.

3. A Senior Boxer may participate in a maximum of 18 contests per season excluding Championships and International matches.

4. There shall be three classes of Senior Boxers. The appropriate classification being: (a) Novice A Novice is a boxer who has not competed in any stage of an Open Senior Championship. A Novice Boxer must not compete against an Open Class Boxer other than in recognised Championship (b) Intermediate An Intermediate is a Boxer who has: (a) entered and competed in an Open Senior Championship but has not won a Regional Association Title, (b) won a Novice Class 'B' Title. (c) won a CYP Class C Title. (d) returned from professional boxing. (c) Open.



ARMY PHYSICAL TRAINING CORPS
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QUALITIES OF A SPORTSMAN

The following definition of a 'Sportsman', was drawn up at a meeting, representative of all ranks, lasting five hours, at the Army School of Physical Training, Aldershot, on the occasion of an INTER-THEATRE OF WAR CHAMPIONSHIPS, held in the UNITED KINGDOM, in 1919, with representatives from the HOME FORCES: BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCES, (FRANCE): ITALY: EGYPT: and MESOPOTAMIA, taking part.

A sportsman.

1. Plays the game for the game's sake.
2. Plays for his side and not for himself.
3. Is a good winner and a good loser i.e. modest in victory and generous in defeat.
4. Accepts all decisions in a proper spirit.
5. Is chivalrous towards a defeated opponent.
6. Is unselfish and always ready to help others to become proficient.
7. As a spectator applauds good play on both sides.
8. Never interferes with referees or judges, no matter what the decision.

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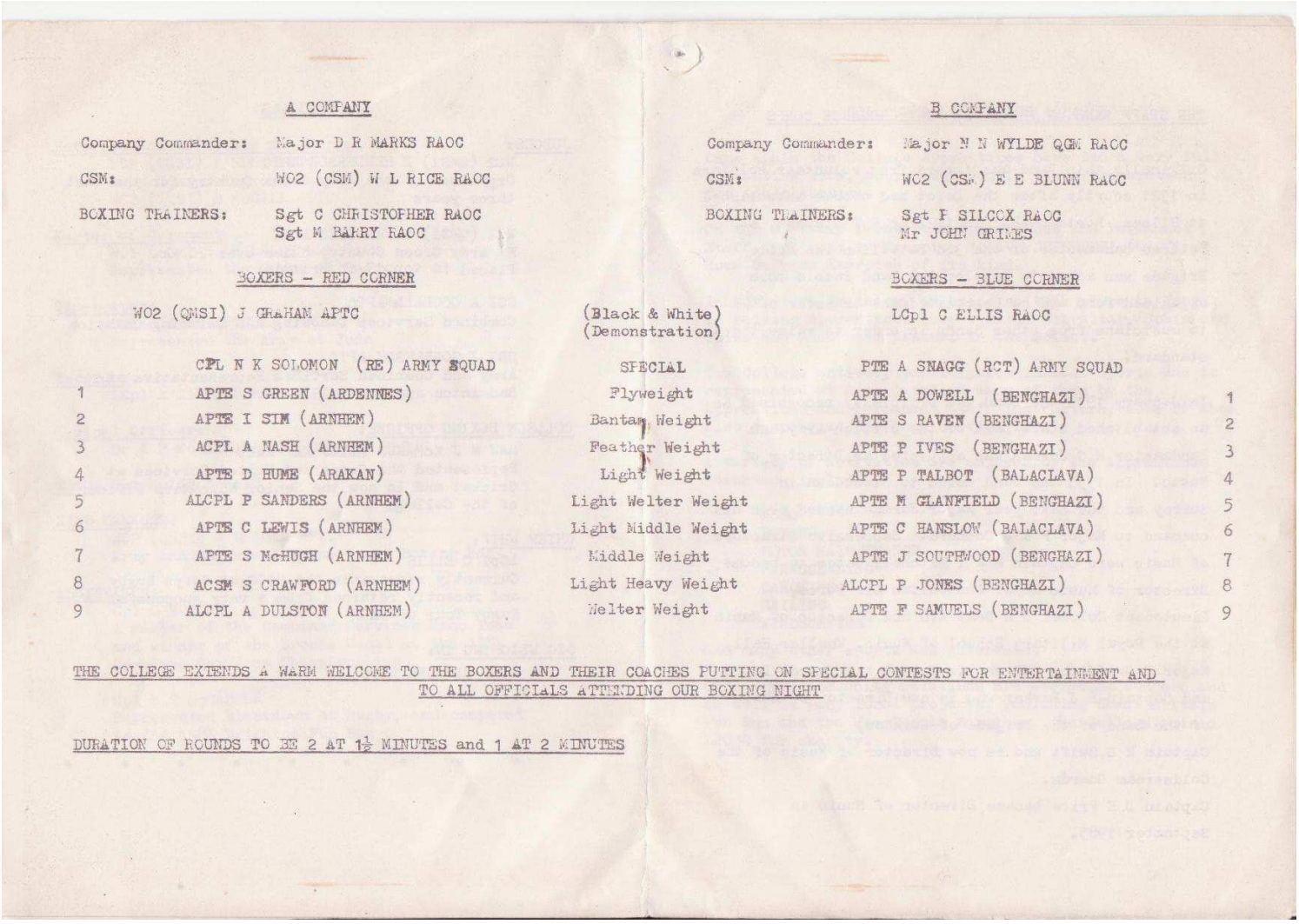
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5. An Open is a Boxer who has: (a) won an ABAE Senior Championship Regional Association Title. (b) boxed at Senior level for his Country. A Regional Association Executive Committee may upgrade a Boxer who in their opinion, is clearly above the prevailing standard for his current level of classification. Similarly, a boxer may be downgraded if his ability, in their opinion is below the standard prevailing in his current classification.

6. A boxer is a junior from his 11th birthday (at which age he is eligible to hold an ME3), until his 17th birthday. 2. (a) Boxers under the age of 17 years MUST NOT concede more than 12 months in age, except where necessary for specific International Events. (b) Novice boxers aged 17 years can compete against boxers aged 16 years provided 43 there is no more than 12 months difference in age. (c) It is recommended that Junior boxers do not concede age, weight and experience in a contest. The final decision for any contest is the responsibility of the OIC. Rounds Duration 2. Unless the conditions for Championships or other authorised events prescribe otherwise the duration of bouts for Junior boxers will be as follows:

7. Both boxers aged over 11 years and under 14 years – 3 x 1.5 minute rounds One boxer aged 13 and the other 14 years – 3 x 1.5 minute rounds Both boxers aged 14 years - 3 x 2 minute rounds One boxer aged 14 years and the other 15 years - 3 x 2 minutes rounds Both boxers aged 15 years or over - 3 x 2 minute rounds or 4 x 2 minutes by agreement. 3 x 3 minute rounds by agreement (Male boxers only)



A COMPANY

Company Commander: Major D R MARKS RAOC

CSM: WO2 (CSM) W L RICE RAOC

BOXING TRAINERS: Sgt C CHRISTOPHER RAOC
Sgt M BARRY RAOC

B COMPANY

Company Commander: Major N N WYLDE QGM RAOC

CSM: WO2 (CSM) E E BLUNN RAOC

BOXING TRAINERS: Sgt F SILCOX RAOC
Mr JOHN GRIMES

BOXERS - RED CORNER

WO2 (QMSI) J GRAHAM APTC (Black & White) (Demonstration) LCpl C ELLIS RAOC

BOXERS - BLUE CORNER

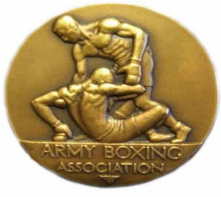
	CPL N K SOLOMON (RE) ARMY SQUAD	SPECIAL	PTE A SNAGG (RCT) ARMY SQUAD	
1	APTE S GREEN (ARDENNES)	Flyweight	APTE A DOWELL (BENGHAZI)	1
2	APTE I SIM (ARNHEM)	Bantam Weight	APTE S RAVEN (BENGHAZI)	2
3	ACPL A NASH (ARNHEM)	Feather Weight	APTE P IVES (BENGHAZI)	3
4	APTE D HUME (ARAKAN)	Light Weight	APTE P TALBOT (BALACLAVA)	4
5	ALCPL P SANDERS (ARNHEM)	Light Welter Weight	APTE M GLANFIELD (BENGHAZI)	5
6	APTE C LEWIS (ARNHEM)	Light Middle Weight	APTE C HANSLOW (BALACLAVA)	6
7	APTE S McHUGH (ARNHEM)	Middle Weight	APTE J SOUTHWOOD (BENGHAZI)	7
8	ACSM S CRAWFORD (ARNHEM)	Light Heavy Weight	ALCPL P JONES (BENGHAZI)	8
9	ALCPL A DULSTON (ARNHEM)	Welter Weight	APTE F SAMUELS (BENGHAZI)	9

THE COLLEGE EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO THE BOXERS AND THEIR COACHES PUTTING ON SPECIAL CONTESTS FOR ENTERTAINMENT AND TO ALL OFFICIALS ATTENDING OUR BOXING NIGHT

DURATION OF ROUNDS TO BE 2 AT 1½ MINUTES and 1 AT 2 MINUTES

Inter Company Boxing Competition Programme - Circa Nov 1985

The Army Boxing Association (Army BA) is the governing body for Boxing in the British Army. It covers all aspects of boxing at unit and Army and Combined Services representational level, the latter including national representation. In conjunction with the Amateur Boxing Association of England and the Army School of Physical Training, provision is also made for training and qualifying boxing coaches and officials. As can be seen from this article, Boxing played an integral part in our development yesterday and the British Army's today.



End

Armed Forces Day 27th June 2010

Please remember that it is Armed Forces Day on the 27th June 2010!! – **Fly the Flag!!**





NEWS FLASH

Circa 1957

Harrogate cadet is radio 'specialist'



CPL. HARRY PETTY (16), of Harrogate, talks over a microphone at the R.A.O.C.-R.E.M.E. Junior Leaders' School, Blackdown (Hants). Before going to the school on a nine-year engagement, Harry was a radio and TV enthusiast.

Carrying on with the Radio theme, this time the **REME** side, do any of our readers know about this article? I saw it on eBay

Answers to the Editor!

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Helicopter Training

Adrian Hayward-Wills

In March of 1982, members of Alamein Platoon (1981-1982) were fortunate enough to have experienced some helicopter training, courtesy of the Army Air Corps and the organisation of Platoon Commander, Keith Tween RAOC.

Landing on the playing fields at the rear of the College, the Scout Helicopter proved a success for all us. Taking it in turns, we all went airborne and flew around the Aldershot training area. We practiced relevant Helicopter Drills entry and exit manoeuvres etc. Did you know that the Army Air Corps is one of the smallest combat arms in the Army but its fleet of helicopters makes it one of the most potent? By providing firepower from the skies, it has a unique role to play on the modern battlefield by delivering hard-hitting support to ground forces during the key stages of a battle – Anyway, that's what the pilot told us!!

Below is an article on the Westland Scout Helicopter and some pictures of that memorable day. Indeed, one of the pictures graces the front cover of the "The Thunderbolt" which incidentally is currently on-line and ready to view!





Alamein Platoon formed up in front of the Scout Helicopter March 1982



Close Up!

Lt. Keith Tween, Adrian Hayward-Wills, Peter Collins, Andrew Wood, Rick Dolan, Martin Fox, Simon Carrier

John McManus, Del Postlethwaite, John Leahy, Ken Simpson, Phil Hartley, John Shaw, Jock Johnstone



Paul Thompson, Paul Hortop Kevin Baker, Tony Cummings, Colin Ashworth, Jess Clay, Peter King, Clive Vale, Mathew Blair

Mike Steele-Tyson and John Hamlet

Andy Murphy, Adrian Williams, Simon Williams, Charles Allen, Taff Bromley

The Scout Helicopter – Technical details



Specifications :

Crew: 2
Capacity: 6 passengers in two rows
Length: 30 ft 4 in (9.25 m)
Height: 8 ft 10 in (2.70 m)
Disc area: 3,266 ft² (303 m²)
Loaded weight: 5,350 lb (2,427 kg)
Powerplant: 1× Rolls-Royce Nimbus 101 turboshaft, 1,050 shp (783 kW)

Performance :

Maximum speed: 131 mph (210 km/h)
Range: 316 miles (510 km)
Service ceiling: 17,700 ft (5,40 m)
Rate of climb: 1,670 ft/min at sea level (8.50 m/s)
Disc loading: 1.64 lb/ft² (8 kg/m²)
Power/mass: 0.20 hp/lb (0.32 kW/k



Two members of Alamein Platoon - “Airborne all the way”

The Scout Helicopter – Overview/Close-ups

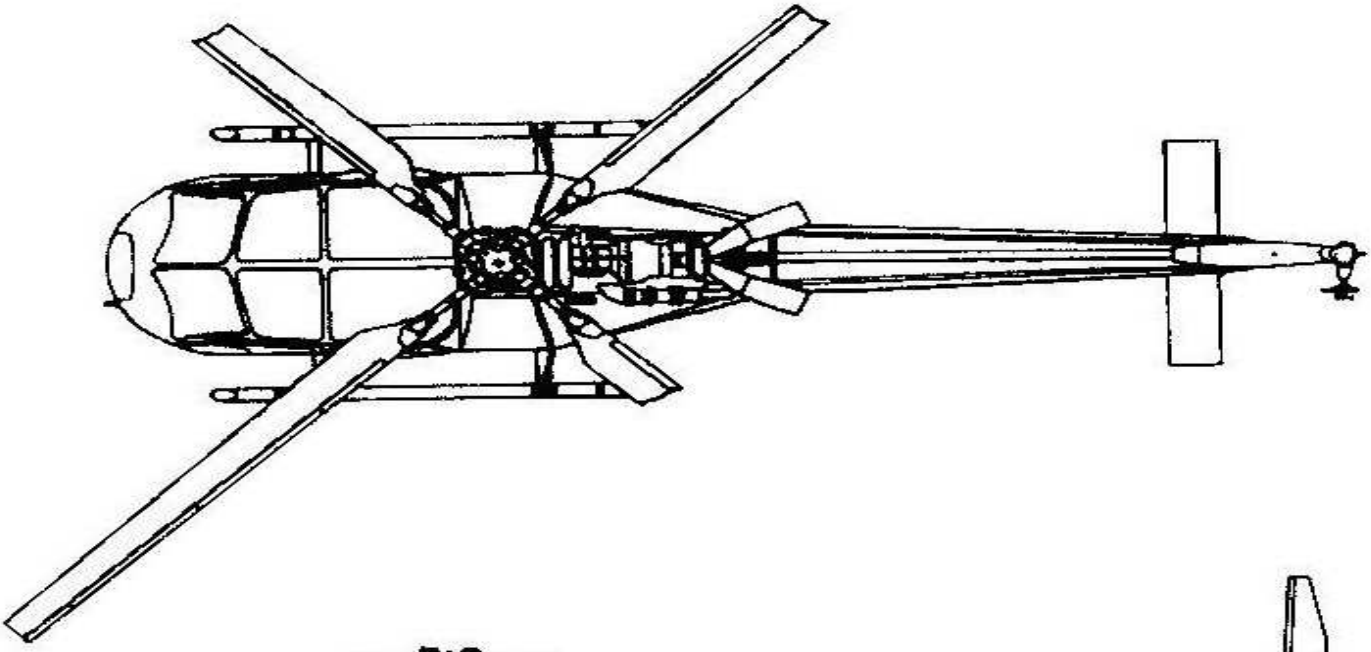
The Army Air Corps consists of five operational regiments, two training regiments and one reserve regiment. It also has a number of independant squadrons and flights. Headquarters Army Air Corps is located at Middle Wallop, Hampshire. The Westland Scout is one of the few helicopters of British design to have been built in quantity.

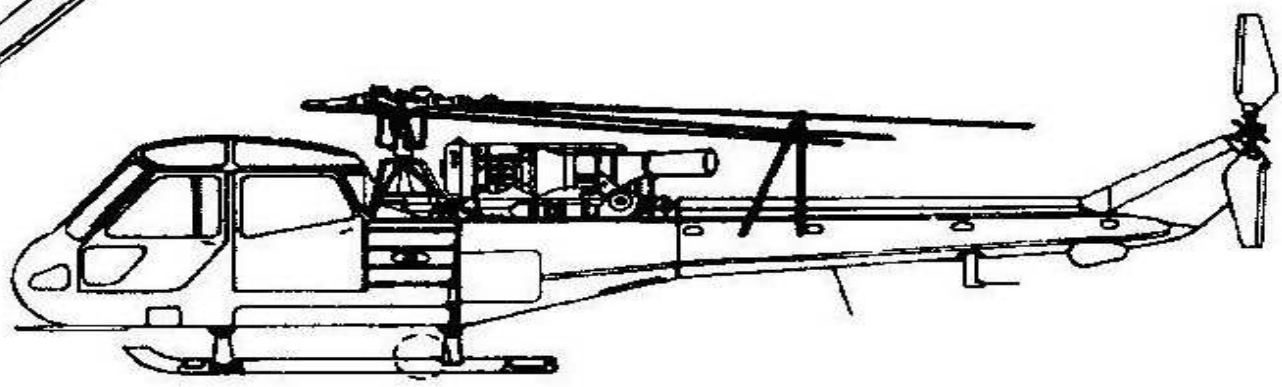
The type has proved its operational versatility, operating in the close-support, liaison, light freight, medivac, communication, reconnaissance, SAR and training roles. Small numbers of the Scout were exported, mainly to Jordan, Australia, Bahrain and Uganda. Westland built around 150 of the Scout AH1 Helicopter and they were used all over the world. The Westland Scout was a general purpose military light helicopter developed by Westland Helicopters. It was closely related to the Westland Wasp naval helicopter.

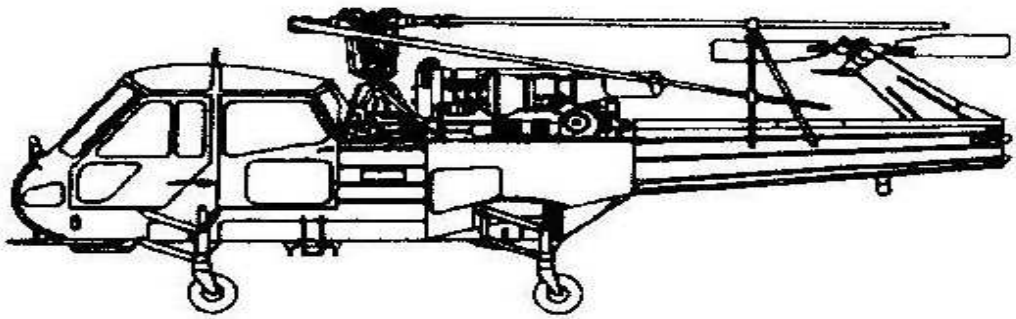




















Background

The Scout formed the back bone of the Army Air Corps through out the 1960 and well into the seventies, the first Scout flew on 29 August 1960 and an initial order for 66 aircraft followed a month after it first flight. Engine problems delayed the introduction of the Scout until 1963 and as an interim measure the Army Air Corps received a small number of Allouette II helicopters.

The Scout A H Mk 1 was operated by the Army Air Corps on general light work including observation and liaison. Like the Wasp, the Scout was later equipped for light attack role in which it was capable of carrying two 7.62mm L7 General Purpose Machine Guns (GPMG`s) and 4 AS 11 and later AS 12 anti-tank guided missiles. About 150 Scout helicopters where acquired for the Army Air Cops and where operated by them up until 1994.

The way British Military Aviation has been established has meant that the Royal Marines have never actually "owned" their own aircraft. The larger Whirlwind, Wessex and Sea King helicopters have been "Royal Navy" Helicopters and like today's Lynx AH Mk 7, the Scout A H Mk 1s operated by 3 Commando Brigade Air Squadron were British Army helicopters on loan!

3 CBAS flew the Scout from 1979 through to 1982 when the Scout was replaced by the Westland Lynx and the squadron was eventually renumbered as 847 Naval Air Squadron.

The Scout saw operational service, initially in Borneo and Aden and then in the South Atlantic. At the start of "*Operation Corporate*" in 1982 ,six Scouts from 3 Commando Brigade Air Squadron where operating along side three machines from 656 Squadron Army Air Corps and when 5 Infantry Brigade landed they were joined by another three Scouts from 656 Squadron.



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The late A/LCpl John Leahy (RAOC) (L) and A/Pte "Jock" Johnstone (REME) (R)

Alamein Platoon - March 1982

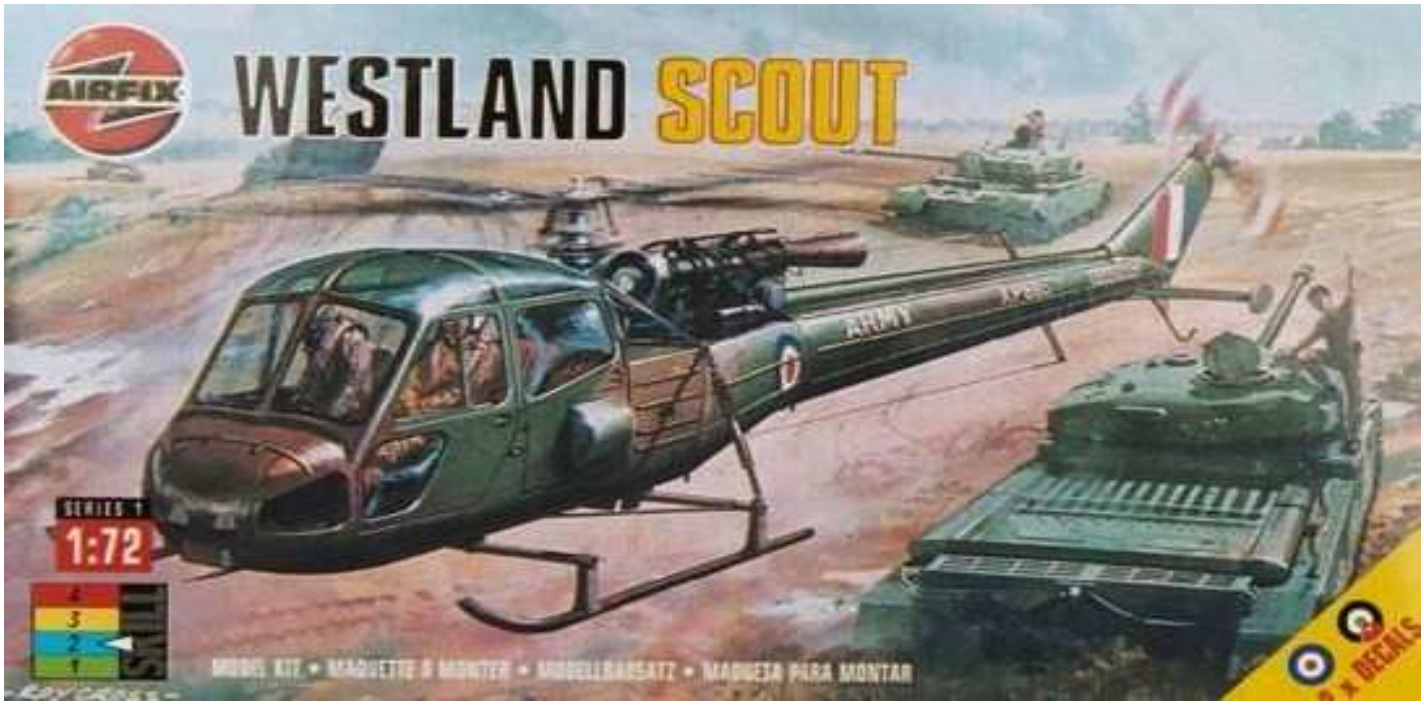
Did you know, that both the Scout and the Wasp were developed from the Saunders-Roe P.531, itself a development of the Saunders-Roe Skeeter? Well, with the acquisition of Saunders Roe, Westland took over the P.531 project, which became the prototype for the Scout and Wasp. The P.531 was developed with both 635 shp (474 kW) Bristol Siddeley Nimbus and 685 shp (511 kW) de Havilland Gnome H.1000 engines. The production Scout AH.1 used a 1,050 shp (780 kW) Rolls-Royce (RR having acquired Bristol Siddeley by then) Nimbus 101 engine. The Scout Helicopter first flew on 29th August 1960.

The Scout Helicopter had a skid undercarriage - as can be seen in the photos. Behind the two front seats was a three-seat bench. It was used for general light work including observation, liaison, training and search and rescue. When fitted as a light attack helicopter it carried two machine guns (L7 GPMG and 4 anti-tank guided missiles (the SS.11). In use for casualty evacuation, the Scout could carry two stretchers internally and two externally.

British Army Air Corps Scout helicopters were deployed during the Falklands War in 1982 and was engaged in CASEVAC, re-supply and Special Forces insertion roles. One of them was shot down by a FMA IA 58 Pucará.

You're reading the article, now build the kit! Still available!!









The Army Air Corps

The Army Air Corps consists of five operational regiments, two training regiments and one reserve regiment. It also has a number of independent squadrons and flights. Headquarters Army Air Corps is located at Middle Wallop, Hampshire.

Colonel-in-Chief His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales KG KT OM GCB AK QSO PC ADC was appointed to be Colonel-in-Chief of the Army Air Corps by Her Majesty the Queen in 1992. Colonel Commandant Major General Adrian John Bradshaw CB OBE (late KRH) is Colonel Commandant of the Army Air Corps. Deputy Colonel Commandant
Major General The Duke of Westminster was appointed Deputy Colonel Commandant on the 1st April 2009 in a new appointment.

The Army Air Corps Band

The Army Air Corps Band is based at the School of Army Aviation , Middle Wallop. It was formed in 1993 from a nucleus of the former Royal Artillery Alanbrooke band and volunteers from other corps and regiments.
Regimental Marches:-

Quick March – "*Recce Flight*" composed by A.J Richards.

Slow March – "*The Thievish Magpie*" composed by G Rossini.

Guidon

A Guidon is a heraldic banner carried by cavalry regiments and it is the equivalent of the colours borne by regiments of line infantry. On May 10th 1994 in recognition of its role on the modern battlefield, Her Majesty the Queen was graciously pleased to authorise the grant of a Guidon to the Army Air Corps, and the emblazoning of Honors on it. The Guidon was formally presented to the Corps on the 10th May 1994 at Middle Wallop by HRH The Prince of Wales.

The Army Air Corps is affiliated to the Merchant Taylors' Company and 3 Regiment and Headquarters Army Air Corps are affiliated to HMS Chatham.





Wall shields pertaining to the Army Air Corps

*"Did you know that the **Army Air Corps** is represented in the Top Trumps game? Well, below is their card! There is a more detailed article on Army Top Trump Cards further on in the Newsletter and in particular, the REME Super Top Trump Card!"*



3 REGIMENT ARMY AIR CORPS
3 REGT AAC



UNIT MOTTO "Oderbrica Omma"
"Death-Dealing Eye"

With the introduction of the Apache AH-1 Attack Helicopter, 3 Regt AAC, and indeed the British Army, has become an even more potent force on the battlefield.

The helicopter is crewed by AAC soldiers and officers who use its impressive firepower in direct support of ground forces. It is a potent and highly versatile weapons platform which is capable of firing its laser-guided missiles day or night and in all weather conditions.

The AAC can trace its roots back to the Glider Pilot Regiment of WWII and has been involved in every British Army operation since. The AAC cap badge (above) is derived from that of its esteemed predecessor.

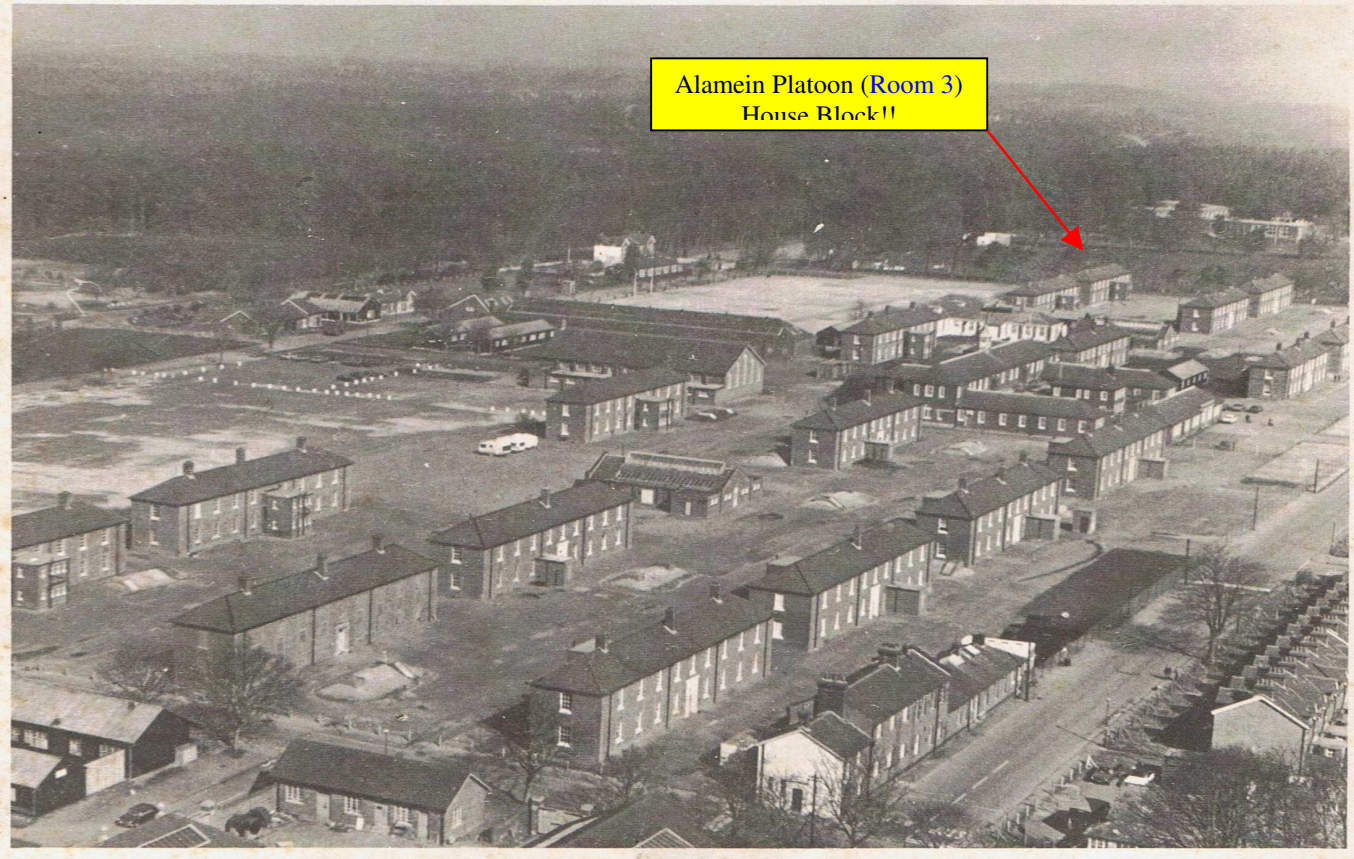
> Year Founded	1942
> Manpower	507
> Victoria Crosses	0
> Battle Honours	14
> Firepower	10
> Combat Versatility	63

The front cover of the "The Thunderbolt" showing a superb aerial view of the entire College (less playing fields).

Photograph taken by 2Lt. Angel Snow WRAC/RAEC whilst on Helicopter Training with members of Alamein Platoon.

The Thunderbolt

Journal of the RAOC Apprentices College



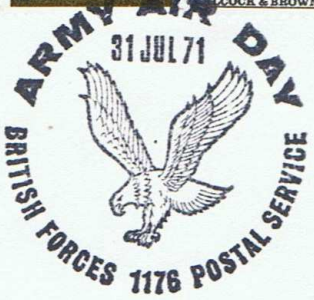
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A First Day Cover (Obverse and Reverse) of an Army Air Corps flight featuring the Scout Helicopter. I will be doing an article on military First Day Covers, in particular those of the RAOC, REME and RCT in a future edition of the Ex-Boys' Association







This cover was flown to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the first Daily Mail £10,000 Round Britain Air Race and was carried over the original aeronautical circuit in an Army helicopter of 653 Aviation Squadron, Netheravon on the 22nd July, 1971.

1911	1971
Winner: Beaumont	Capt.: Major J. C. A. Drew, AAC
Aircraft: Bleriot - Gnome	Aircraft: Scout XW 614
Total flying: 22hrs 30 mins	Total flying: 9hrs 34mins
Total elapsed time: 4 days	Total elapsed time: 13hrs 55mins

Brooklands - Hendon - Harrogate
Newcastle - Edinburgh - Stirling
Glasgow - Carlisle - Manchester
Bristol - Exeter - Salisbury Plain
Brighton - Brooklands.









Rear: **Rick Dolan** Paul Thompson Kevin Baker Paul Hortop **John Hamlet**

Front: John McManus **Del Postlethwaite** **Adrian Hayward-Wills** Colin Ashworth

Four of the above (underlined) attended the 2008 Ex- Boys' Association August Reunion and five (John McManus) in 2010!!

And Paul Hortop was my Usher (August 1995) !!



Reflecting over 100 years of Army flying, from man-lifting kites and balloons to the present day, the museum displays a collection of over 35 helicopters and fixed wing aircraft.

The exhibits are portrayed in a series of realistic themed dioramas, including assault glider combat and army flying in the Gulf War. A viewing gallery overlooks the workshop and views of the busy airfield are also possible.



Museum of Army Flying

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Website: Museum of Army Flying

Conclusion

Two Scout helicopters where acquired by the Royal Australian Navy in April 1963 and were operated by the 723 Naval Air Squadron Royal Australian Navy with the aircraft being rotated aboard the hydro graphic Survey ship HMAS Moresby. The RAN Scouts proved the practicalities of operating helicopters from small ships for the RAN and the RAN operated these helicopters up until 1973 when they where replaced by Bell Kiowas.

The Royal Australian Navy experience with the Scouts aboard HMAS Moresby, illustrated the need for a higher level maintenance regime as a result of operating the helicopters in areas with high concentrations of abrasive coral sand encountered around the Australian coastline and the detrimental effect that it had on the rotor blades, airframe and engine components. Though despite the additional effort to maintain the helicopters the Scouts were considered to be superior to the seaplanes and flying boats that had previously been used in this role.

Although the operational flying days are behind them, there are still Scouts and Wasps in the air number mainly in the United Kingdom, at the present time there are six Scouts remaining on the UK Civil Register along with the Army Air Corps Historic Flights aircraft and six civilian registered Wasp are also on the UK Register.

Outside the UK the last of six Scouts that where taken down to New Zealand has only recently been withdrawn from use and the Classic Rotor Museum's Wasp was involved in an accident during 2007 leaving ZS-HAS flying in South Africa. Intrestingly enough, the best place to see a Scout is now at the Middle Wallop Muesum of Army Flying!

In closing and thanks to the Army Air Corps and Platoon Commander Keith Tween RAOC, members of Alamein Platoon experienced a cracking day and a day that I certainly remembered – Hence the article!

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Ordnance Corps - Ostrich Egg

Adrian Hayward-Wills










I found this delightful Ostrich Egg on ebay Did you know that Ostrich egg art is an art that is both delicate and elaborate in nature? Well, Ostrich eggs are naturally very strong. However, that does not mean that carving and painting or decorating an ostrich egg is any less delicate than any other egg. With the right amount of experience and expertise, many different types of eggs can be decorated.

Why the Ostrich Egg?

The Ostrich egg is by far the most popular egg for decorating for several reasons. First and foremost, the egg has a shell that is so strong and study, that ostrich chicks rely on their mother to help them hatch from them rather than being able to do it on their own. Secondly, ostrich eggs are a popular egg for decoration because of the size of the shell. Generally, when the eggshell is larger, more detail can be put into the design. The egg is typically seven inches in length and four and a half inches in width, weighing in at more than 3lbs before removing the insides! This particular Ordnance Corps egg, has a length of approximately 6 inches!!

The History of Egg Decoration

The origins of ostrich egg art and egg decoration have been lost in time, as this craft has been practiced for many centuries. The decorated egg gained popularity as a symbol for Easter, as the egg represents new life and fertility. For centuries now, the decorated egg has been associated with traditions and customs of Easter. The earliest decorated eggs were simply painted or dyed in vivid, bright colours as a way to represent the spring or the sunlight. Easter eggs have also been etched and coloured with various designs before being exchanged between romantic admirers and lovers much in the same way that Valentines are. During Medieval times, egg art was traditionally given to servants during Easter.

During the late nineteenth and early twentieth century in Russia, the famous jeweller Karl Faberge received extremely high acclaim for incredible ostrich egg art gifts which were given to the Russian Imperial Family.

This folk custom has been evolving over time, as the egg continues to grow as a popular symbol for life and fertility. Inspired by Faberge eggs, egg decorators began to evolve the way they created eggs, incorporating jewels and other beautiful decorations. Thanks to new tools and techniques, egg art decorating has become a highly refined craft – *personally, I would rather have a tasty Egg Banjo!!*

End

The National Archives and The Royal Army Ordnance Corps



The National Archives is at the heart of information policy - setting standards and supporting innovation in information and records management across the UK and providing a practical framework of best practice for opening up and encouraging the re-use of public sector information. This work helps inform today's decisions and ensure that they become tomorrow's permanent record.

The National Archives is also the official archive for England, Wales and the central UK government, containing 900 years of history from Domesday Book to the present, with records ranging from parchment and paper scrolls through to recently created digital files and archived websites. Increasingly, these records are being put online, making them universally accessible.

Photographic History: – The Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Did you know that these photographs were collected, together with objects and archives, by the RAOC Museum and by the RLC Museum after the formation of the Royal Logistic Corps in 1993? Well, the RAOC Museum was founded in 1947 at Central Ordnance Depot, Feltham, Middlesex and moved to Deepcut in 1950 but the building and most of the collections were destroyed by fire in 1951. Subsequent accessions are recorded in registers which date from 1955. Material was given both by RAOC (and later RLC) Headquarters, units and depots and by former soldiers of the Corps or their executors; and curators of the RAOC Museum obtained copies of photographs from individuals and from the Imperial War Museum – take a look, you never know, they may have a photo of you!

In 1993, the RAOC and Royal Corps of Transport, together with the Royal Pioneer Corps, the Army Catering Corps and the Postal and Courier Service of the Royal Engineers, amalgamated to form the Royal Logistic Corps. A new Corps Museum was built in 1995 to accommodate the collections of each of the constituent Corps. The Army Ordnance Department (officers) and Army Ordnance Corps (other ranks) were established in 1893. In 1918, in recognition of their achievements during the First World War, the two bodies were amalgamated into one Corps, with the prefix 'Royal'. The Corps's role was to supply the army with, and maintain, weapons, ammunition, etc., and stores other than rations, forage, fuel, oils and lubricants. In 1965, responsibility for providing all stores and for barracks and fire services, were transferred to the RAOC from the Royal Army Service Corps when the Royal Corps of Transport was established.

Contents:

Official photographs form the basis of the collection, showing groups of personnel, depot buildings, materials held, and visits by Colonels Commandant and by members of the Royal family. Items given by former personnel include group photographs, but also many informal pictures. In the late 20th century many photographs were donated to the Museum by the Corps Gazette, including images which the Gazette chose not to publish.

Only home units and wartime photographs are listed in this catalogue but it should be noted that the RLC Museum holds a significant number of photographs from overseas RAOC units, from almost every British army station around the world.

Know Your Blazer Badge



Further to the last Newsletter article on Blazer Badges below are some RCT badges available for the potential purchaser/collector. Please note the King's and Queen's Crowns.

Where the blazer is part of the armed service veterans' association, it is normal for a badge to be sewn to the breast pocket usually in the form of a wire badge and sometimes also regimental blazer buttons. Any two regimental blazers will very rarely be the same, as they are made up from different civilian sources and are not issued by any authority. These numerous RCT eBay badges are a classic example!

This has come to be representative of the fact that the members of an association are now civilians but retain the bond that the badge represents. The standard colour is navy blue, although in some associations different colours are worn, such as rifle green for the associations of rifle regiments.

Perhaps we ahould get one made up for the Ex-Boys' Assocation?





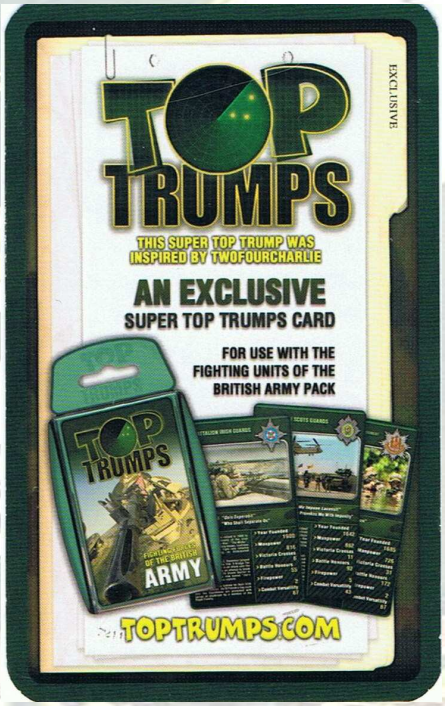




Top Trumps REME (STT)

By

Adrian Hayward-Wills



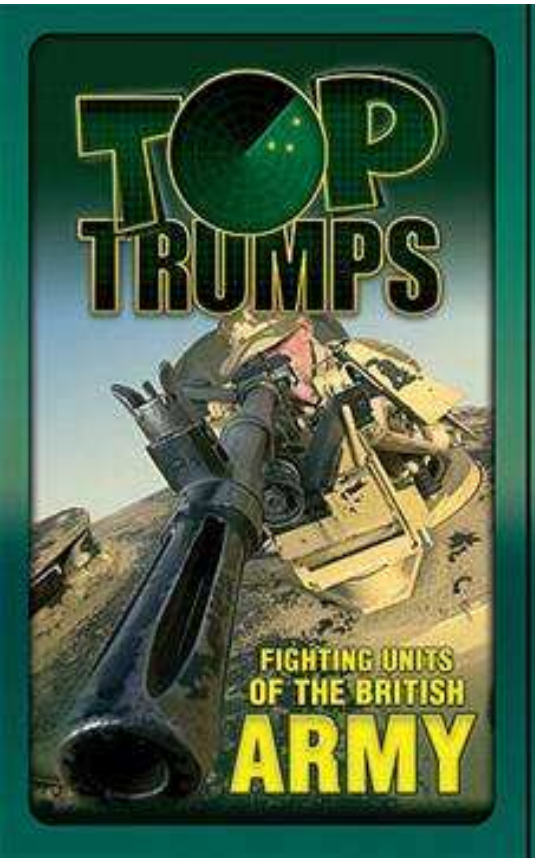
Further to the Army Air Corps article and the mention of Top Trumps, what do you know about Top Trumps? Well, Top Trumps is a card game. Each card contains a list of numerical data and the aim of the game is to compare these values in order to try to trump and win an opponent's card. A wide variety of different packs of Top Trumps have been published. However, did you know that Top Trumps released a **REME** Super Top Trumps (STT) card? Well, read on!!

Each pack of Top Trumps is based on a theme, such as cars, aircraft, dinosaurs or characters from a popular film or television series. Each card in the pack shows a list of numerical data about the item. For example, in a pack based on cars, each card shows a different model of car and the stats and data may include its engine size, its weight, its length, and its top speed. For example, if the theme is about a TV series or film, the cards include all its characters and the data varying from things like strength and bravery to fashion and looks, depending on the criteria.

All the cards are dealt among the players. There must be at least two players, and at least one card for each player. The starting player (normally the player sitting on the dealer's left) selects a category from his or her topmost card and reads out its value. Each other player then reads out the value of the same category from their cards. The best (usually the largest) value wins the "trick", and the winner takes all the cards of the trick and places them at the bottom of his or her pile. That player then looks at their new topmost card and chooses the category for the next round.

In the event of a draw, the cards are placed in the centre and a new category is chosen from the next card by the same person as in the previous round. The winner of that round obtains all of the cards in the centre as well as the top card from each player.Players are eliminated when they lose their last card, and the winner is the player who obtains the whole pack. Some variants of the rules allow 'three card pick', whereby a player who has only three cards remaining is allowed to choose any of their three cards to play with. Typically, this lengthens the game considerably.

Top Trumps was a popular children's card game in the United Kingdom in the 1970s and 1980s, especially amongst boys, for whom it was a popular playground pastime. The topics tended to reflect this, and included military hardware, modes of transport and racing cars. The packs tended to be priced so that children could collect new packs by saving pocket money for a few weeks.The original Top Trumps were launched in 1977, with eleven different packs published by a company called Dubreq, also known for the stylophone. Dubreq was taken over by Waddingtons in 1982 and they continued manufacturing packs until the early 1990s. The packs from this period are now collectible.







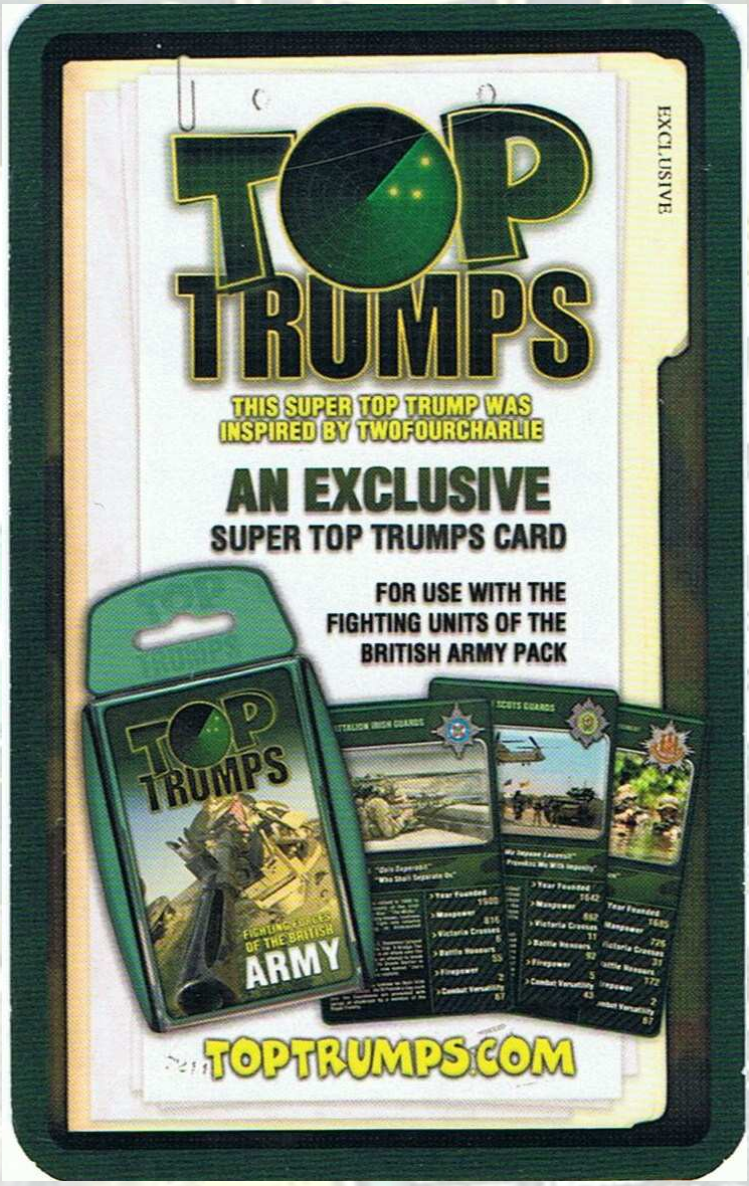
Background – Article courtesy of The Times online

TIMESONLINE

It might be a children's card game but it has
exercised some of the top minds of the British Army for months and had commanding officers of prestigious regiments bickering over which "out-trumps" the other unit.

The first British Army version of Top Trumps, one of Britain's most popular card games, is the brainchild of an Army doctor working with the wives of soldiers serving in Afghanistan. The packs go are on sale with the royalties from each one sold going to help to build schools in Afghanistan.

"We were all hearing in letters and e-mails from our husbands about these children with no classrooms, just sitting on the dirt and living with no water, electricity or toys," said Caroline Richards, whose husband General David Richards was commander of the NATO forces in Afghanistan until February. "We wanted to do something too."



To start with the women's
minds campaign was small scale,
cake sale and plant sales. But
one of the world's poorest
to do more. It was then that Dr.
Rheindalen base in Germany and
came up with the idea of trumps,
renaissance in school
round my son's room and
Ross. "I thought: every small boy
what about an army set?"

contributions to the hearts and
including a sponsored run,
with Afghanistan defined as
countries, the women wanted
John Ross, GP on the
father of a seven-year-old boy,
a game which is experiencing a
playgrounds. "I was looking
noticed the trumps cards," said
goes through an army phase -

Trumps cards sets are based on a
European footballers and each
with which players try to trump
have been sets on warships and
one on Britain's armed forces.

theme such as dinosaurs or
card has a list of six statistics
each other. Although there
military jets, there has not been

"I thought it was a great idea,"
she had reckoned without the
Defence (MoD) who muttered
property. She decided that the
own lethal weapon - her

said Caroline Richards. But
bureaucrats at the Ministry of
darkly about intellectual
only answer was to deploy her
husband.

"I pointed out that it's a great
about the army," said David
put in all sorts of caveats, but I
game."

opportunity to enthuse boys
Richards. "The MoD wanted to
said: don't be childish, it's a

Even so it has taken almost a
use regiments' names, badges,
biggest hurdles were choosing
which criteria to judge them on.

year to get the MoD licence to
mottos and photographs. The
which regiments to include and

Ross whittled his way down to
only 30 cards. In the end he
the commanders of all 70, then

70 units but a set of trumps has
decided to send a draft out to
choose through a combination
of first-come first-served and trying to be representative. The first four criteria were easy: Ross chose year founded (although this was made more complex because units have been amalgamated), fighting strength, Victoria Crosses (VCs) won and battle honours.

The Grenadier Guards, currently serving in Afghanistan, trump all others on year founded, dating from 1656. Top for manpower is the Royal Horse Artillery, while the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment has the most VCs. A number of regiments, including the Parachute Regiment and 16 Regiment Royal Artillery, vie for battle honours.

Deciding on the final two categories was more controversial. Eventually they agreed on firepower, whereby regiments with large guns and tanks come out top - so the Army Air Corps trump all others. Last is combat versatility. In this, nobody beats the SAS. "The vast majority are very happy to take part because of regimental pride," said Richards. "But there have been problems like some obscure regiment having the same combat power as the Paras, which didn't go down well, so there has been a lot of smoothing of feathers."

Super Top Trump Cards

A number of recent Top Trumps packs also have Super Top Trump (STT) cards issued for them. These additional cards are not available with the original pack but can be found in related merchandise, events or promotions. For example, the popular US television series 24 has a Top Trumps pack available but the STT card is only available with the purchase of special-stickered season 4 of 24 DVDs.

Also, the popular UK television series Doctor Who has four Top Trumps packs but the STT cards were only available with the purchase of season 2, 3 and 4 DVDs. One other Doctor Who Super Top Trump card was released with a very special edition of the Beano Magazine (a popular comic magazine in the UK).

A number of STT cards were also made available free of charge to members of the Top Trumps club through its website. But in July 2006, membership became free and no further STT's were issued from the website.

Below is a fine example of a Super Trumps (STT) Card purchased on eBay and is quite rare.



Super Top Trumps come from lots of places. Since they have stopped giving them out free to club members, they have been in DVDs, comics, magazines, newspapers, at special events and given out in promotions.ome STT cards are rarer than others. Most of the STT cards made available via the web tend to be relatively common, although some earlier ones from popular pack titles, such as the Nazgûl (Lord of the Rings series) can attract relatively high prices. Cards made available in other promotional ways can be exceptionally rare.

Below is The Ex-Boys' Association own Super Top Trumps edition! Should you see any of these individuals at the next Reunion, please free to purchase them a drink!

ROGUE LEGEND



STRENGTH!
INTELLIGENCE!
SPEED!
AGILITY!
SPECIAL POWER!
WEAKNESS!

ROGUE LEGEND

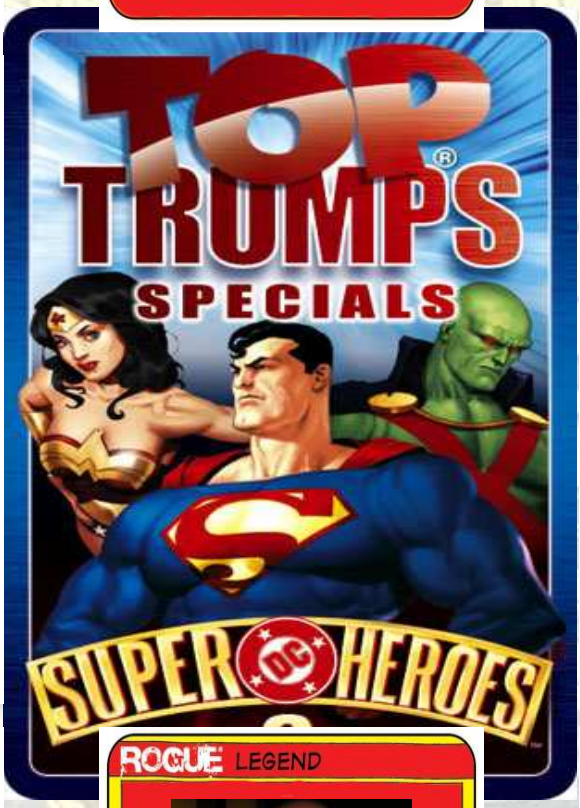


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As always, eBay still impresses and produces objects of interest associated with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and the Royal Corps of Transport. Below are some examples of recent finds on eBay.

Below is a fine example of an RAOC Wedgwood Sweet dish often referred to as a "*Bon-Bon*" Dish. To the side, I have produced a scan of an original advert taken from a 1989 December Edition of The RAOC Gazette! – *The research the Editor goes to, is just incredible!!*





Did you know that Josiah Wedgwood was an innovative designer, a manufacturer of high-quality pottery and a campaigner for social reform? No, well read on!

Josiah Wedgwood was born into a family of potters on 12 July 1730, at Burslem, Staffordshire. His father's death in 1739 led him to an early start working as a 'thrower' in the pottery of his eldest brother, Thomas, to whom he was later apprenticed. An attack of smallpox seriously weakened Josiah and in 1768 he had to have his right leg amputated. This meant he was forced to abandon "throwing" but he subsequently gained a wider insight into the potter's craft - for example the work of the 'modeller' - and this encouraged his love of experimentation.

Thomas refused Josiah a partnership in the business, so the younger man moved first to a small pottery run by John Harrison, then more happily to the firm of Thomas Wheildon of Fenton. From there, he opened works of his own, first at his cousin's Ivy House and later at the Brick House factory. At these works, Wedgwood made many models himself, and also prepared clay mixes. In June 1769, he opened a new factory at Etruria, near Stoke-on-Trent, in partnership with Thomas Bentley. Attached to the factory was a village where Wedgwood's workmen and their families could live in decent surroundings.

Wedgwood greatly improved the clumsy ordinary crockery of the day, introducing durable, simple and regular wares. His cream coloured earthenware was christened 'Queen's Ware' after Queen Charlotte, who appointed him queen's potter in 1762. Other eminent patrons included Empress Catherine II of Russia, who ordered 952 such pieces in 1774.

Wedgwood experimented with barium sulphate (caulk) and from it produced jasper, in 1773. Jasperware, which is used for a whole host of ornaments, blends metallic oxides, often blue, with separately moulded reliefs, generally white. Some such reliefs were designed for Wedgwood by John Flaxman. Other wares included black basaltes, frequently enhanced by 'encaustic' colours like red, to imitate Greek vases.

Wedgwood was elected a fellow of the Royal Society in 1783, primarily for inventing the pyrometer to measure oven temperatures. He took a keen interest, too, in efficient factory organisation, and in improving the transport of raw materials and finished wares by canals, such as the Grand Trunk Canal and by road.

In 1780, when Wedgwood's long-term business partner died, he asked his friend Erasmus Darwin for help. Darwin's son would later marry Wedgwood's daughter and they were the parents of Charles Darwin, the naturalist who formulated the theory of evolution. Charles would himself, in turn, marry Wedgwood. (Well, I didn't know that!) When Wedgwood died on 3rd January 1795, he left a thriving business and a small fortune. Did you also know that the College Magazine, The Thunderbolt produced articles on the Pottery Club? Well, read on.









Above are items clearly not Wedgwood but still made of clay and break when you drop them!!!

POTTERY

Officer in Charge: Major A C Nockles, RAEC (Retd)

During the past year, some 25-30 Junior Soldiers have taken up pottery as a hobby. From a slow and hesitant start, they have progressed quite well to a reasonable standard, but only one has so far made any progress at the art of throwing on the wheel. We have been somewhat handicapped by the size of our kiln, which can only take small items of ware, and it has been very difficult to keep pace with production. All pieces have to be twice fired - once from raw clay to biscuit ware, and then refired after glazing.

Nevertheless, we have managed to put on quite an impressive display of articles at the end of each term - favourite items being ash-trays and dishes. Some of the more advanced students have turned out some quite attractive table lamps, one of which took the form of a rustic gate post, with a piece of chain, simulated in red clay, attached to the side.

It was hoped that we would have been able to send some exhibits to the Army Arts and Crafts Exhibition at Earls Court this year, but unfortunately a combination of circumstances prevented pieces from being completed in time to send them in. However, it is intended that in order to enter some exhibits next year, suitable items will be retained from now on in the pottery.

We have been informed that a special pottery department is to be included in the rebuild of the local Education Centre in which our hobbies class will be held after completion. This pottery will, we are told, be equipped with a much larger kiln, and have better facilities for display of finished articles. This, it is felt, will give greater encouragement to students and stimulate their efforts to produce bigger and better items than heretofore. It is hoped that we might persuade whomsoever is responsible for the scaling of pottery equipment that one electrical wheel is a much greater asset than two kick wheels, as it needs a great deal of concentration and co-ordination to operate the latter, and the younger students are so quickly discouraged when they find that their early efforts to operate them come to naught.

As most of the students prefer utilitarian articles to artistic creations, and thrown ware looks so much better than hand-built items of this type, proficiency on the wheel is most desirable for all.

However, perhaps next term will produce a future Josiah Wedgewood or Isaac Button - who knows?

Carrying on with eBay, a delightful and highly collectable Royal Army Ordnance Corps flag (QC) - (Huge in Size!)





A Metal Detector find – early Victorian Ordnance Corps perhaps?





A stunning Royal Army Ordnance Corps Pewter Soldier





A fine REME ring – To be worn after Operations or Post Exercise de-briefs!!!!!!



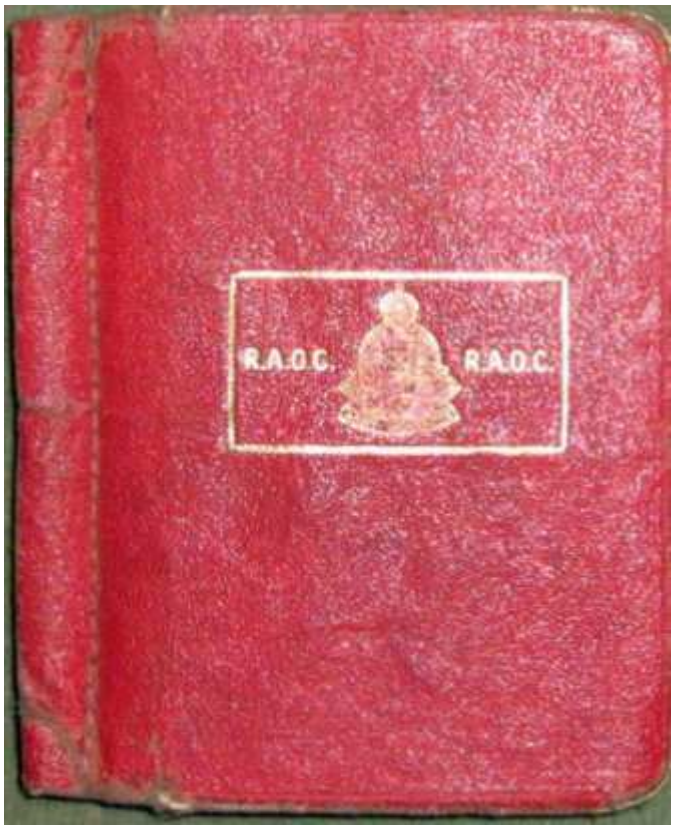
Not to be outdone – An RAOC Ring!

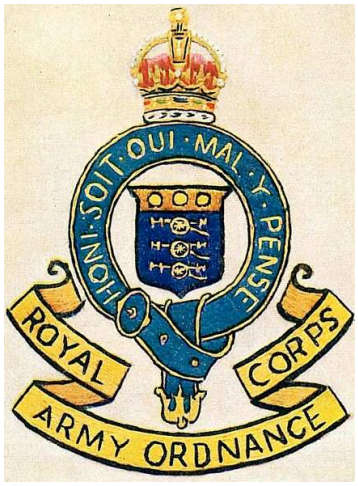


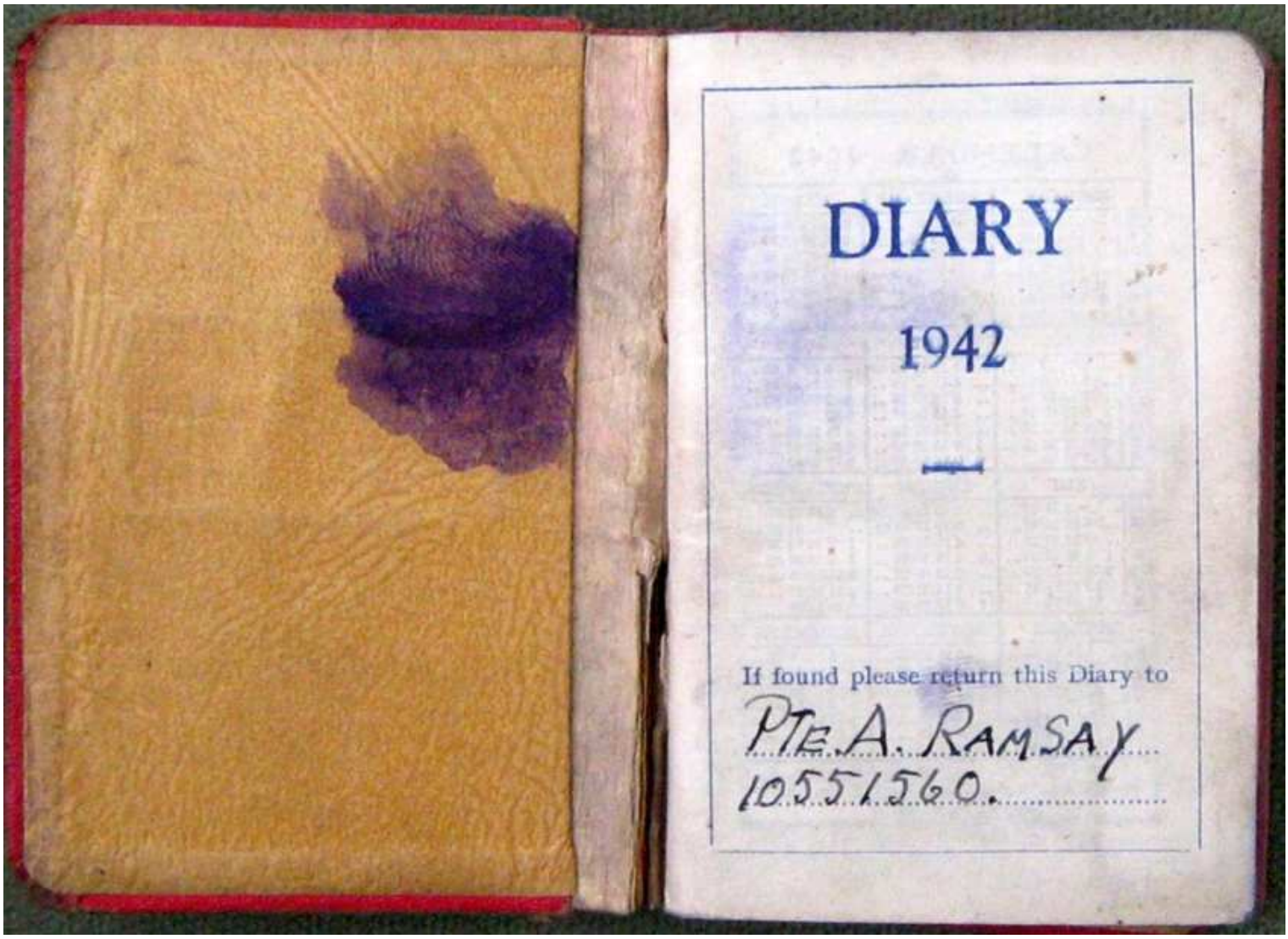
A delightful REME (KC) ladies brooch on Mother of Pearl

[A War Diary of an RAOC Soldier]









WWII Royal Army Ordnance Corps Group of 5 Medals and other items.







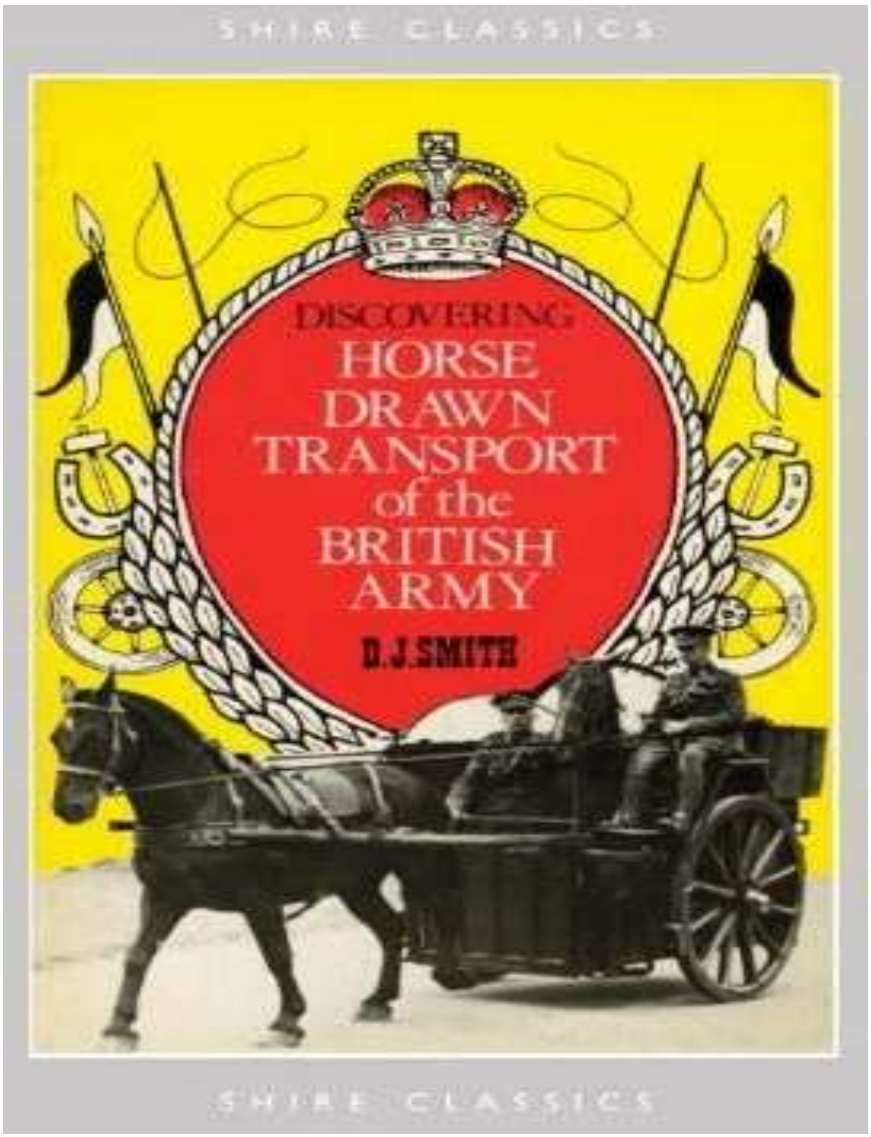




They are as follows : 1939 - 1945 Star, The Africa Star, The Italy Star, The War medal, Defence Medals, 2 x Staff Sergeants Crown badges, 2 x R.A.O.C Shoulder Titles, Brass Cap badge, 4 x large General Service buttons, 3 x small General Service buttons, One Royal Army Ordnance Corps Button.

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Book Review



- Paperback: 72 pages
- Publisher: Shire Publications Ltd – 1977
- Language English
- ISBN-10: 085263403X
- Product Dimensions: 17 x 11 x 0.8 cm

Synopsis

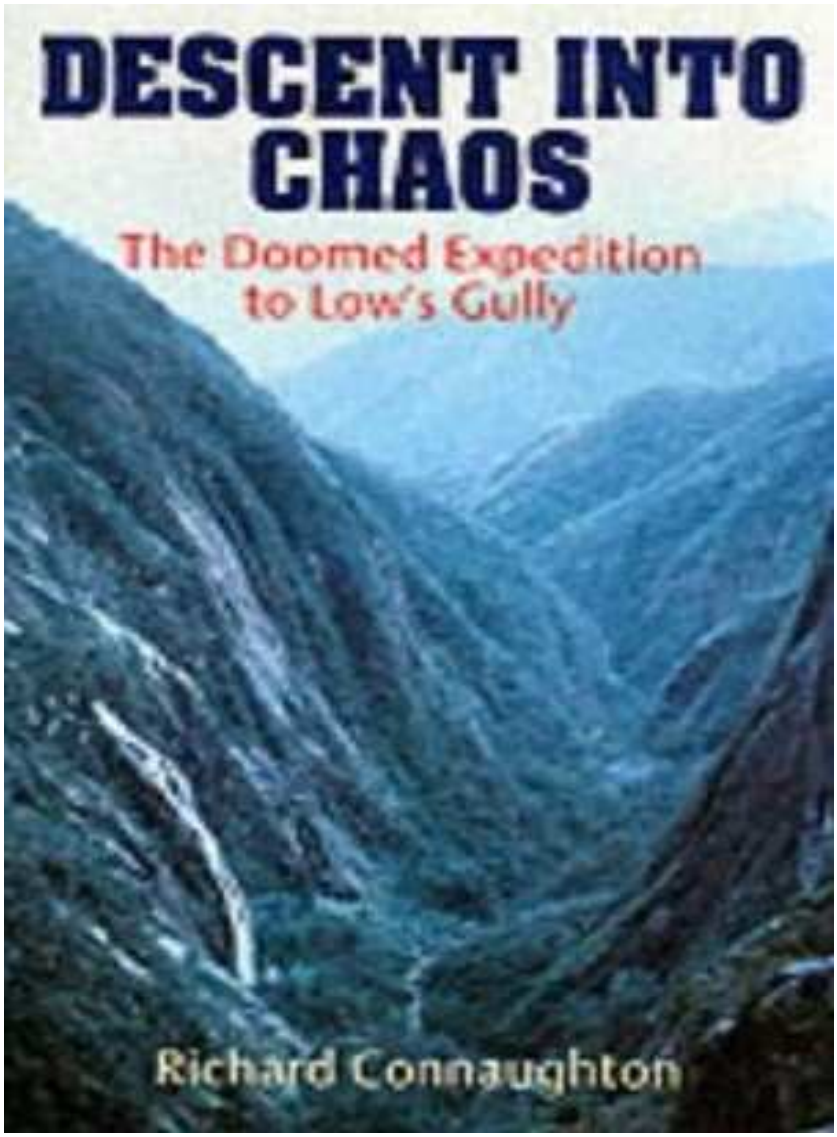
This particular book is aimed at the Royal Corps of Transport member!

Horse-drawn vehicles have played an essential role in the transport of military stores since ancient times, yet the British Army did not have a permanent royal transport corps until the Crimean War in the nineteenth century.

Beginning from this period, this book explores the variety of horse-drawn vehicles used by the British Army, from the general service wagons and water carts, to the specialised horse ambulance and the travelling field cooker.

Using line drawings to explain the equipment and construction methods, and illustrated with black and white photographs throughout, D. J. Smith reveals the vital role played by these wagons and carts for centuries until the introduction of motor vehicles in the World War I gradually superseded them.

Book Review



- Hardcover: 142 pages
- Publisher: Brassey's (UK) Ltd - (31 Dec 1996)
- Language English
- ISBN-10: 1857531477
- ISBN-13: 978-1857531473
- Product Dimensions: 24.8 x 16.5 x 1.9 cm

Synopsis

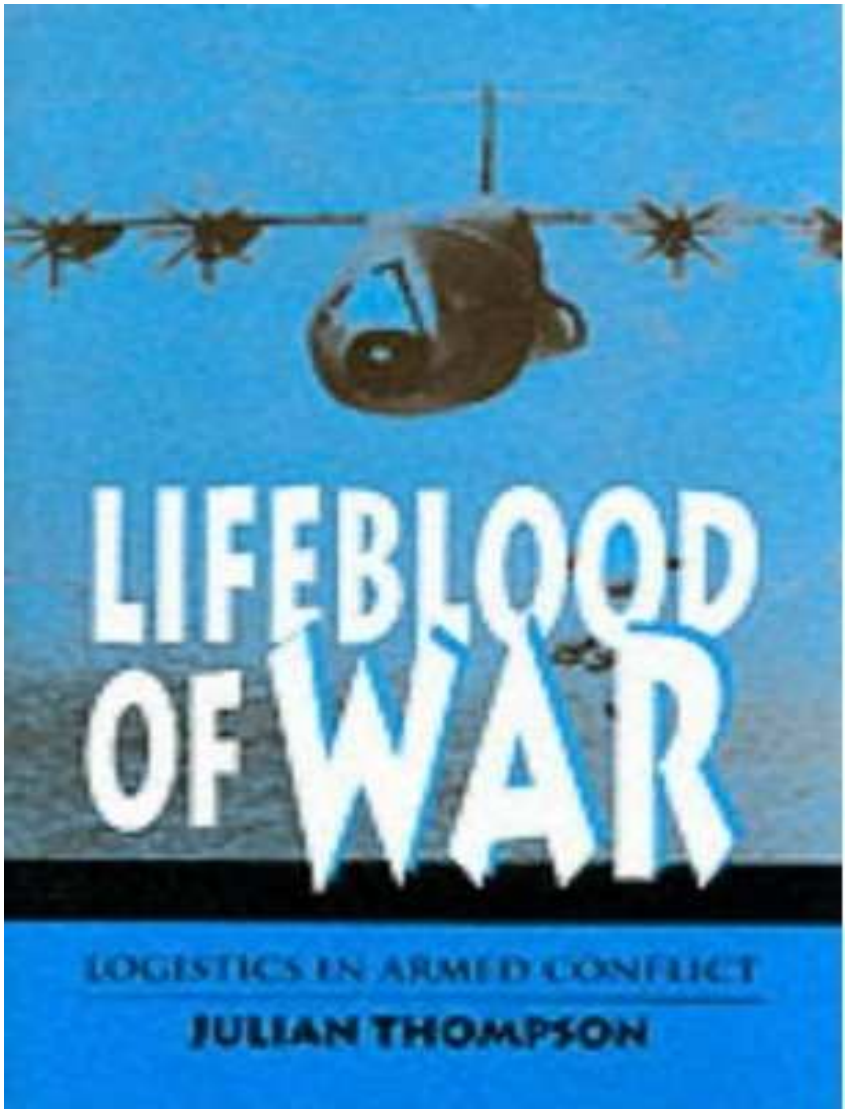
In early March 1994, five exhausted and starving members of a British Army expedition emerged from Low's Gully, a five-mile-long hell hole falling away from Mount Kinabalu in the jungles of Borneo.

However, the achievement of the five - mostly fit and able young British non-commissioned officers - in being the first to conquer Low's Gully, was overshadowed by the fact that the other five members of the team, two relatively old and senior British officers as the leaders and three young novice Chinese storemen and guards serving under the British military in Hong Kong, were apparently still lost in the gully.

What had gone wrong and why had the group broken the golden rule for such expeditions - never split up? The rescue attempt by Malaysian and British servicemen and local people became a daily feature in the newspapers and on television. Then the five, seemingly against the odds, were found alive. Shortly afterwards, one of the officers sold his story to the "Daily Mail". He publicly blamed the members of the first group to emerge for the debacle and also made an unprecedented attack on the Chinese soldiers. Yet, in important areas, the findings of the Board of Inquiry into the incident went against the officers, the Board taking the view that, in some respects, the leader's judgment and leadership were flawed.

Richard Connaughton's search for the truth behind this story took him around the United Kingdom to Hong Kong and to Sabah, Eastern Malaysia. The result is a balanced account of what became the notorious descent into Low's Gully. Richard Connaughton is the author of "Celebration of Victory" and "Shrouded Secrets".

Book Review



- Hardcover: 320 pages
- Publisher: Brassey's (UK) Ltd; (1991)
- Language English
- ISBN-10: 0080409776
- ISBN-13: 978-0080409771
- Product Dimensions: 24.1 x 15.9 x 3.2 cm

Synopsis

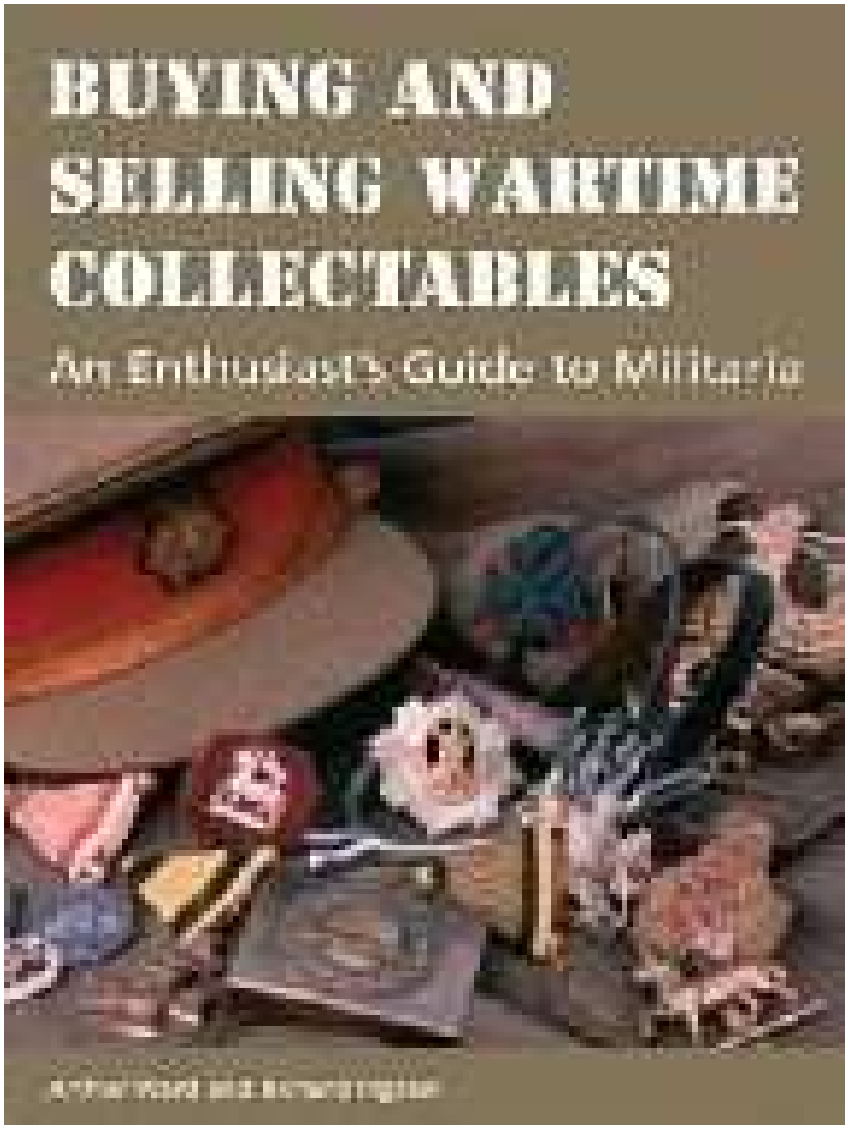
This is a study of the place of logistics in the military campaign. It uses a number of campaigns to illustrate how the problem of supplying forces has been tackled over the centuries.

The author of this book traces the pattern of the part played by logistics in armed conflict, from antiquity to the present day. The main emphasis of the book is on campaigns dating from the Korean War of 1950 onwards, but three selected campaigns from World War II produce a run-in for what is to follow - as indeed does his briefer coverage of earlier conflicts.

As a former Brigade Commander in the Falklands War of 1982, Thompson draws a picture of what was, in effect, a microcosm of a much larger affair, the special circumstances of that experience offering a wide spectrum of logistic problems.

He concludes with a look at the war on the Central Front that never was, and casts a glance into the future in the light of the impending changes for the defence of Europe.

Book Review



- Hardcover: 128 pages
- Publisher: The Crowood Press Ltd (2007)
- Language English
- ISBN-10: 1861268920
- ISBN-13: 978-1861268921
- Product Dimensions: 30 x 21.6 x 1.6 cm

Synopsis

Collecting militaria is a hobby that has grown enormously in recent years, spurred on especially by the burgeoning interest in the First and Second World Wars and further fed by films, documentaries and re-enactments. The collecting scene has moved from the post-war army surplus stores to large dealers, international events and above all, the Internet for example, eBay.

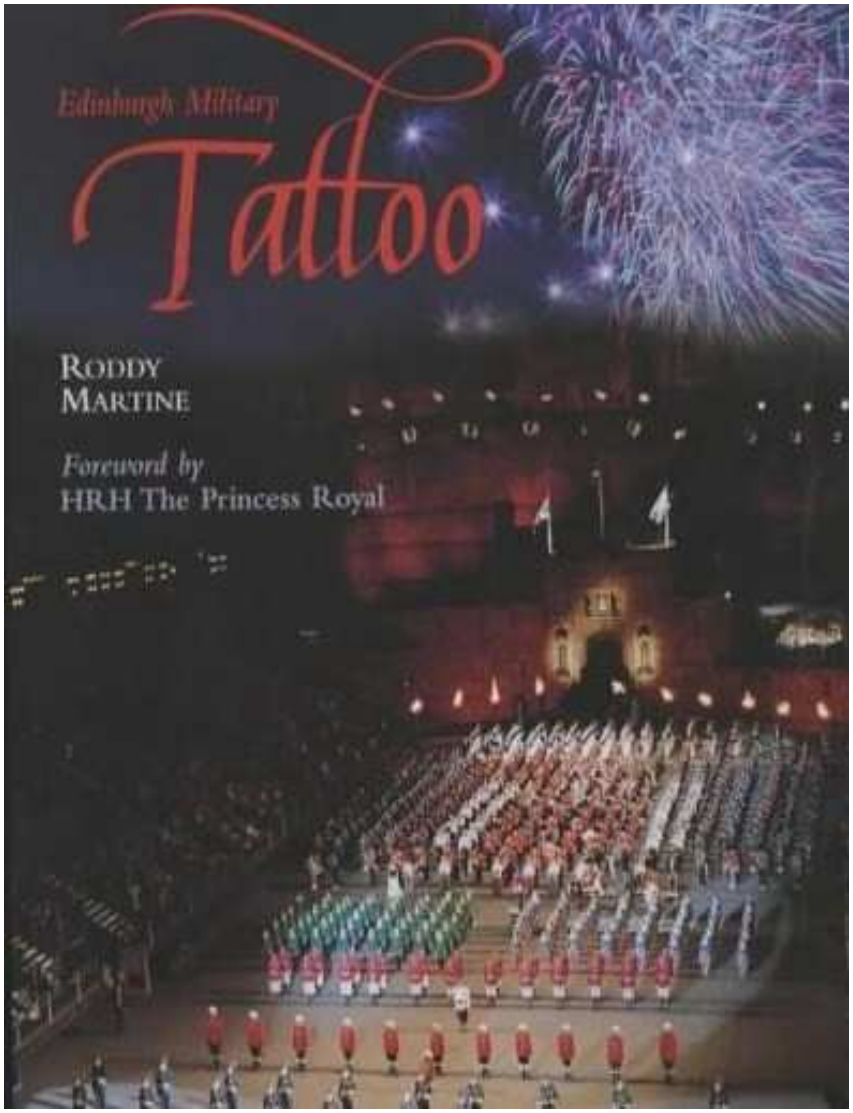
Arthur Ward is a lifelong collector of toys, models and militaria. Following a career in the visual arts and media, he now concentrates on freelance photography and writing from his home in Sussex. Arthur has appeared on Channel Four's Collector's Lot and BBC 2's James May's Top Toys. He wrote the official history Airfix: Celebrating 50 Years of the Greatest Kits in the World. Now that is a good book!

Together with his writing and collecting interests, Arthur is the founder of www.collecting friends.com, an online community for collectors of toys, models and militaria. Resident - West Sussex Richard Ingram has been involved with the buying and selling of militaria for twenty years, and is an acknowledged authority on the subject.

Having started collecting uniforms and ephemera, Richard joined Sabre Sales in the 1980s. His enthusiasm for showing militaria on 'active' display led to his involvement with the D-Day and VE Day 50th Anniversary celebrations. His books [written with Martin J Brayley] include WW11 British Women's Uniforms, Khaki Drill and Jungle Green and The World War 11 Tommy [all published by Crowood]. Resident - Hampshire

In conclusion, an excellent book associated with the collecting field of militaria.

Book Review



- Paperback: 192 pages
- Publisher: Robert Hale Ltd (30 Jun 2001)
- Language English
- ISBN-10: 0709069197
- ISBN-13: 978-0709069195
- Product Dimensions: 24.6 x 18.8 x 1.5 cm

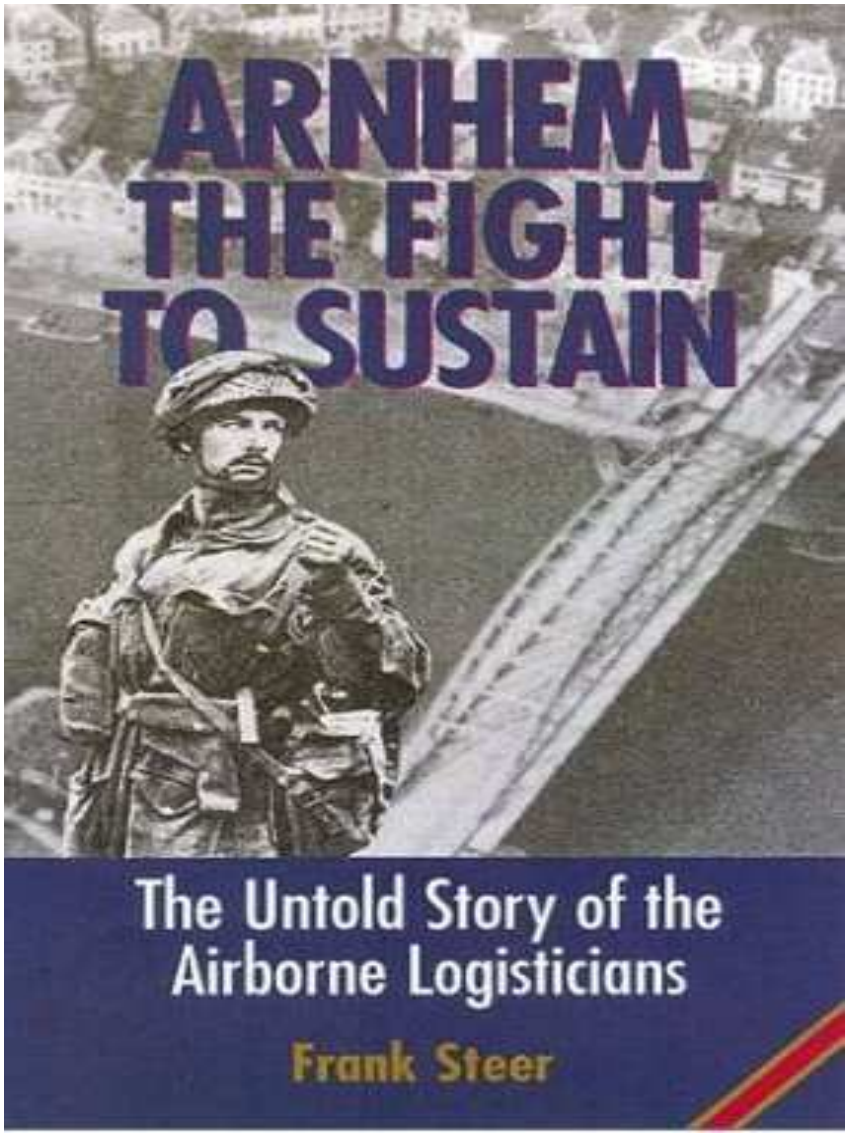
Synopsis

This officially sponsored guide fact packed and illustrated throughout in glorious colour, is the indispensable souvenir to this historic pageant. For over fifty years the Edinburgh Military Tattoo has thrilled and dazzled visitors to Scotland's Capital, not to mention the Scots who loyally turn out annually with their families.

The theme of those first displays was 'There's something special about a soldier'. In words and pictures Roddy Martine captures the atmosphere which gives the Tattoo its special appeal. The enormous following enjoyed by Edinburgh's Tattoo goes to prove that for a large number of people all over the world there is still 'something about a soldier'.

Roddy Martine tells the story of the Tattoo from the first displays at the Castle and in Princes Street Gardens to the present day.

Book Review



- Hardcover: 176 pages
- Publisher: Pen and Sword; (January 2001)
- Language: English
- ISBN-10: 0850527708
- ISBN-13: 978-0850527704
- Product Dimensions: 9.8 x 6.9 x 0.7 inches

Synopsis

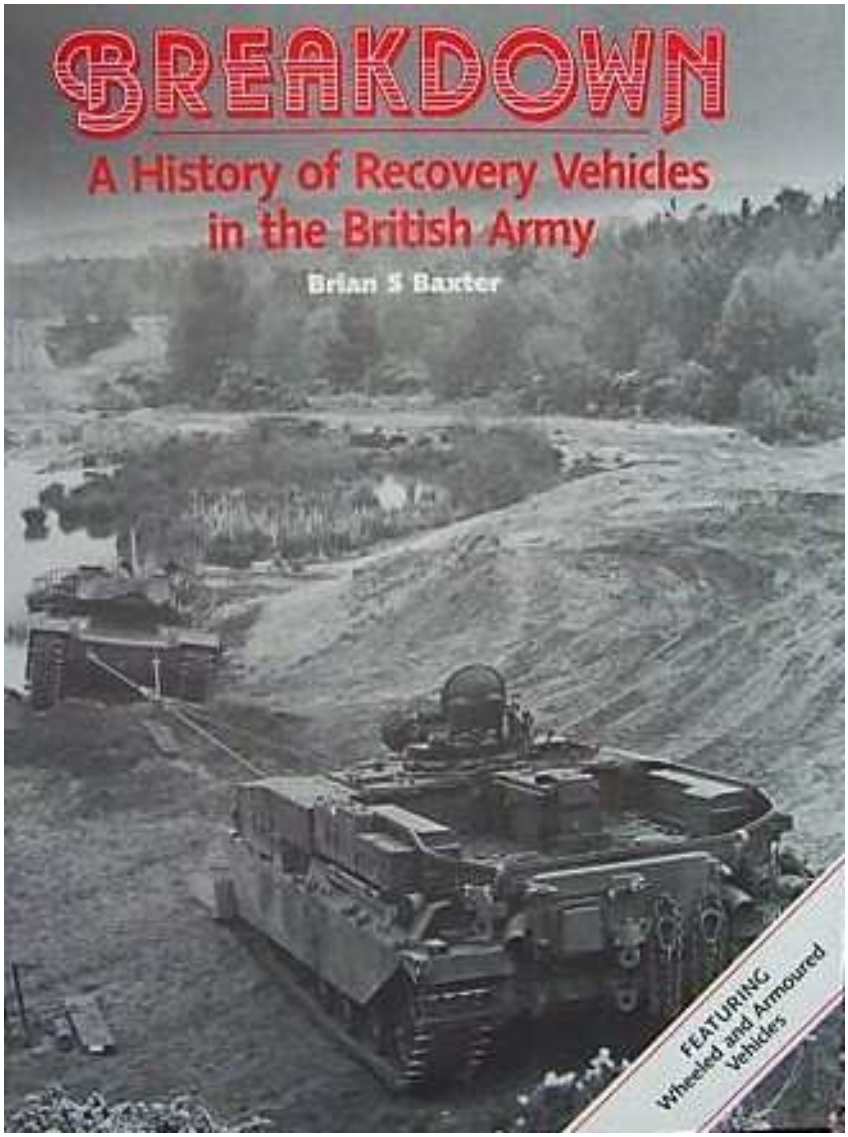
The unsuccessful British airborne drop at Arnhem in September 1944, immortalized in the film “A Bridge Too Far”, was one of the most dramatic incidents of World War II. No story of the Arnhem campaign is more filled with courage and devotion than that of the British support units, such as the Royal Army Service Corps and the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Some support units were to land with the parachute and glider troops and set up supply dumps at the front line, while others were to drops supplies from British and American aircraft flying over the battlefield. The unforeseen presence of a German field marshal and two SS divisions quickly turned Arnhem into a trap for the British paratroops. RASC and RAOC men on the ground did double duty maintaining supplies and fighting the encircling Germans with infantry weapons.

The supply aircraft came under increasing German fire with each passing day and there were numerous incidents of dispatchers in burning planes waiting until they were over the shrinking British perimeter before dropping supplies, sometimes moments before the aircraft crashed or exploded.

The Fight To Sustain tells the stirring story of the men and the methods employed in sustaining 1st Airborne Division. It is the first account of the Corps that make up today's Royal Logistic Corps in action together. Following extensive research the story draws heavily on contemporary documents and eyewitness accounts and is lavishly illustrated.

Book Review



- Paperback: 107 pages
- Publisher: Stationery Office Books 1989
- Language English
- ISBN-10: 0112904564
- ISBN-13: 978-0112904564

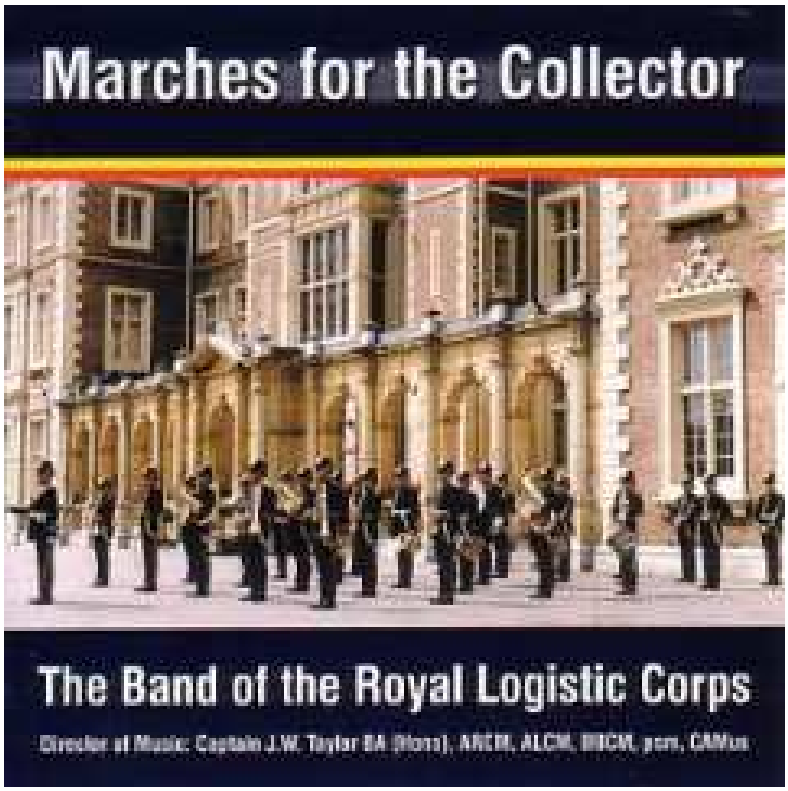
Synopsis

This book records the recovery vehicles, trailers and tank transporters operated by the British Army since mechanical transport was first adopted and not only lists and describes the vehicles themselves but sets their developments, acquisition and use against the contemporary background in both war and peace.

The book shows that not until World War II was it fully appreciated that the retrieval and repair of damaged equipment from the battlefield could make a significant impact on the costs and logistics of war.

The book is illustrated with some previously unpublished photographs - including some experimental vehicles never portrayed before - and should appeal not only to all military transport enthusiasts and modellers but also to those interested in the civil development of heavy vehicles.

Music Review



1. Monty's Foxhounds
2. Path Of Glory
3. Purple Pageant
4. Free Lance March
5. Step Lightly
6. Ironsides
7. Under The Banner of Victory
8. British Phalanx
9. Piccadilly
10. Belphegor
11. Little Bugler
12. To Your Guard
13. National Unity
14. Waldmere
15. Adolphe March
16. King's Cavaliers
17. Uncle Sammy
18. Tudor Rose
19. Sylvia March
20. Lynwood
21. Flash Of Steel
22. Gallant Serbia
23. King's Colour
24. National Game

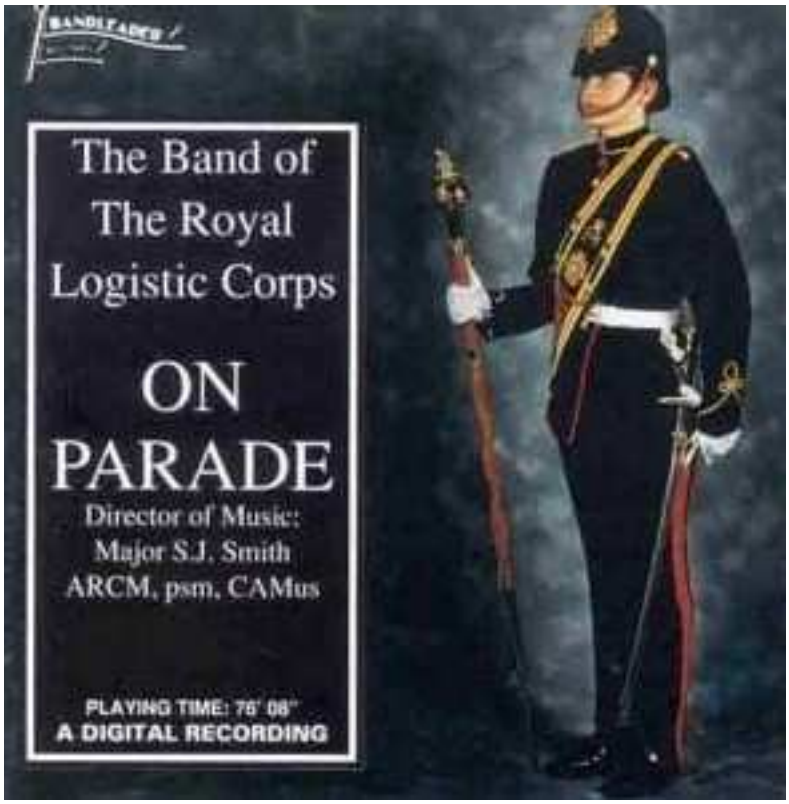
Recent composition by the band of the Royal Logistic Corps under the musical direction of Capt. Taylor with lots of letters after his name!

The Royal Logistic Corps makes up over 16% of the Army and whether the army is deployed on active duty or not you can guarantee that Soldiers and Officers of the Royal Logistic Corps, will be close by supplying, moving and coordinating supplies to keep the modern Army running smoothly listening to their band with pride!!!

The RLC Band supplies musical support to the largest Corps in the Army, in the UK, Europe and beyond. The band has a varied musical life to fulfil its time and to this end supplies many different types of ensemble and music from classical strings to rock music. This makes the opportunities for band members to pursue far more than just military music.

Many recognisable tunes to the old soldier and perhaps one for the collection – however, rather a boring and predictable front cover.

Music Review



1. On Parade
2. Wait For The Wagon
3. Village Blacksmith
4. Pioneer Corps
5. Sugar And Spice
6. First Post
7. Sostenare
8. Oregon
9. Concerto For Cornet
10. Flugelhorn And Trumpet
11. Concerto For Band
12. You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To
13. Concerto For Clarinet
14. Power And Glory
15. Forest Of Arden

Another recent-ish composition by the band of the Royal Logistic Corps under the musical direction this time of Major Smith.

Good to see the “Village Blacksmith” and “Wait for the Wagon” this time unlike the previous CD Album.

Today, the Band's expertise is seen and heard all over the world and it enjoys an outstanding reputation for musical excellence. In past years the Band has toured extensively in the USA, Canada, Germany, Bosnia, Italy, Cyprus, Uzbekistan, Guatemala, Mexico and throughout the whole of the United Kingdom.

The Band possesses a diverse range of musical ensembles all of which are in frequent demand. These include a Concert Band, Marching Band, Big Band, Dance Band, Pop Group, Chamber Groups, Fanfare Trumpets and a Disco.

Excellent front cover with the usual information to the rear of the album cover.

Old Codger's – Photo Gallery

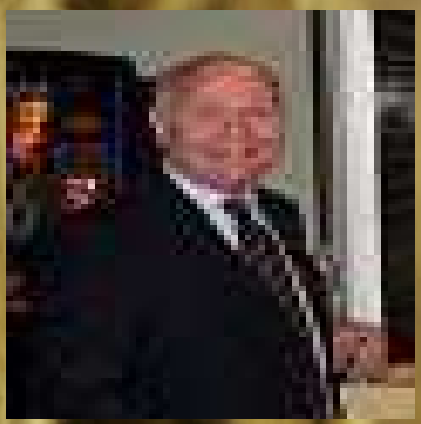
This is a Bugle Call for Association Members to submit contributions to the Old Codger's revamped and most improved Photo Gallery contained within our website. This is where members can place photos and details of their service-life after Boys' School and let us know a little about their families and interest etc.

At this improved photo section, members can now "*hover*" their mouse over a photo and see a "*Now and Then*" photo! For those interested in making contact with old friends, you can place your search details on the Forum, doing so will allow other members to see it and hopefully someone may know of the individual's whereabouts. Below are some examples already posted on the website, please take a look on the website: -

In Boys Service | **In the Army** | **In Retirement**





Top to Bottom Clive Cross, Richard Bond,

Having the Old Codger's Page is particularly useful at Reunion times to identify lost pals! For example:-

In Boys' Service



In the Army



In Retirement



So please send us **YOUR** contribution, if you have not yet done so! What we need is one, or more, photos showing any aspect of your life during or after Boys School, including family.... In fact, just anything you like... It's **YOUR** personal photo-album and only visible to other members of the Ex-Boys Association.

Furthermore, submitting such photos also allows us to place a photo on the website when its your Birthday! Ideally for the newsletter, we would appreciate three (3) such photographs to enable a before, middle and retirement photo strip!

Lost Pals

For those interested in making contact with old friends, you can place your search details on the Forum, doing so will allow other members to see it and hopefully someone may know of the individual's whereabouts.

Alternatively, you can contact Bill Chamberlain directly, (see the Contacts section) who, will wherever possible, conduct a search using the UK Info CD (purchased by the Association).

We have been successful in locating a considerable number of "*lost pals*" and it helps if you can provide additional information:-

- **First name and any second initial**
- **Current age (approx)**
- **Where the person hailed from**
- **His wife's name**
- **Last known location**
- **Any one or more of the above bits of information will allow the search to be narrowed down**

Hopefully we can "*make your day*" and you can meet up with those "lost pals" at one of our next Reunion Dinners!

THE FINAL INSPECTION

Anon

The soldier stood and faced God,
Which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining,
Just as brightly as his brass.

'Step forward now, you soldier,
How shall I deal with you ?
Have you always turned the other cheek ?
To My Church have you been true?'

The soldier squared his shoulders and said,
'No, Lord, I guess I ain't.
Because those of us who carry guns,
Can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sundays,
And at times my talk was tough.
And sometimes I've been violent,
Because the world is awfully rough.

But, I never took a penny,
That wasn't mine to keep...
Though I worked a lot of overtime,
When the bills got just too steep.

And I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God, forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place,
Among the people here.
They never wanted me around,
Except to calm their fears.

If you've a place for me here, Lord,
It needn't be so grand.
I never expected or had too much,
But if you don't, I'll understand.

There was a silence all around the throne,
Where the saints had often trod.
As the soldier waited quietly,
For the judgment of his God.

'Step forward now, you soldier,
You've borne your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,
You've done your time in Hell.'

Military Humour





Remember that boy at School who ate Glue?
Well, he was driving that tank!!







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Vacancy One

Ex Boys & Lost Pals

It has been found necessary to circulate the Membership to see if there are any of you interested in coming on board, to take over from Bill Chamberlain, the sourcing of ex-Boys and to assist those seeking to locate ex-Pals.

Bill has decided that at the end of 2009, at the very latest, he will relinquish this voluntary work. Having carried out this role out for over 5 years - undertaking searches, assisting in maintaining the Roll and contacting ex-Boys by whatever means possible and also trying to help ex Boys find Lost Pals, he feels it is time to take a break.

This role is of major importance, as many of you will know from experience and requires someone who has - total discretion, takes pride in attention to detail, a good memory, spare time and above all, an interest in all the aspects of this rewarding role.

As with our other Admin roles, this is a voluntary position.

If you are interested and wish to discuss this position in more detail, please email Bill, also supplying a contact home phone number:

Vacancy Two

Public Relations Administrator

We are still looking for an individual to come on board as our Public Relations Administrator. This is a newly created role and we see this position as being crucial to ensuring the profile of the Association is brought to the attention of other bodies such as liasing with Military sites, as well as the Press and other Organizations.

As with our other Admin roles, this is a voluntary position.

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The Last Post and Obituaries

It is with deep regret that we have been notified of the passing of the following Ex Boys and Permanent Staff since our last publication. Our thoughts and deepest condolences are with the families at the time of passing and at the time of this announcement.

Their names have been added to the Ex Boys' Association Roll of Honour.



Theobald Ernest James *"Tim"* Kelly (RAOC) *1905 - †13 July 1951

P. Summers (RAOC) *24 Oct 1924 - † Feb 1953

George William Noel Dawson (RAOC) †29 July 1960

Timothy Bernard Stephenson (RAOC) *Jan 1961 - †Dec 1962

William *"Bill"* L Cook (RAOC) *1886 - †29 Sept 1965

John Leslie Mills (RAOC) †11 March 1981

Sydney Arthur Hunwicks (RAOC) *2 Feb 1927 - †29 Sept 1985

Frederick C. Taylor (RAOC) *1954 - †23 Jan 1986

Edward (Ted) L Furey (RAOC) *1901 - †27 July 1991

John Frederick Nixon (MBE) (RAOC) *25 Dec 1922 - †23 May 1992



For the Last Post details contained within this Newsletter, the Ex-Boys' Assocation, are dependent on information from either relatives or Ex-Boys themselves. Please forgive any inaccuracies or omissions that have perhaps been quoted from memory.

Members may be interested to know of a website by the name of lastingtribute.co.uk. Lasting Tribute invites you to celebrate the lives of family, friends and people in the public eye who are no longer with us.

Recognised as the trusted guardians of one of the largest and fastest growing online archives of tributes in the UK, with more than one million searchable records and over 3,500 new ones being added every week; this company provides an online tribute and memorial website where you can create your own online tributes to celebrate the lives of those no longer with us. There are many references to our Armed Forces and a recent entry is David Bowhay, late RAOC, who sadly recently passed away in 2009.

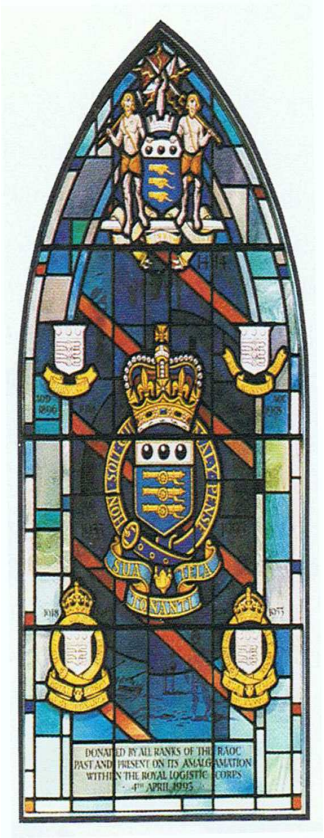
lasting tribute.co.uk
Celebrating life together











Edward Henry George Andrews (RAOC) *Unknown - †31 March 1965

Gordon Humphries (RAOC) *Unknown - †10 Sept 1966

Edward L (Ted) Brennan (RAOC) *Jan 1907 - †20 May 1986

David G Valentine (RAOC) *Unknown - †17 Dec 1971

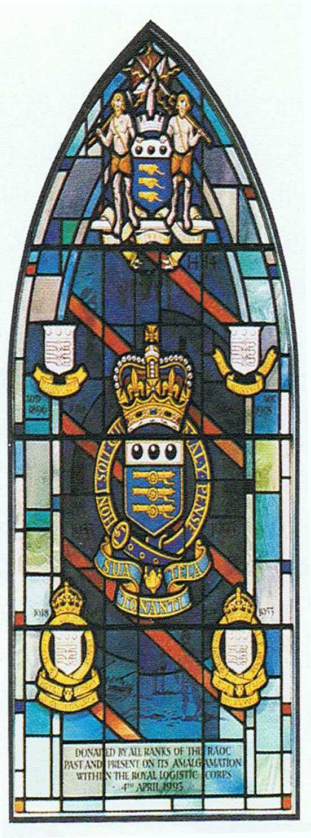
Alun Mansell Parsons (RAOC) *1951 - †6 Oct 1972

R.J. Longland (RAOC) *Unknown - †19 Aug 1977

Gary Blythe (RAOC) *1960 - †7 May 1979

E.R. Whitby (RAOC) *Unknown - †19 Jan 1978

Peter D.J. Amato (RAOC) *Unknown - †10 Feb 1978





W.G.F. *"Sean"* Hayes (REME) *Unknown - †10 Feb 1979

A.S. “Benny” Lynch (RAOC) *Unknown - †22 Jan 1980

S.J. "Joe" Hoyland MBE (RAOC) *1909 - †22 June 1980

Melvin A.G. Hood (RAOC) *1963 - †7 Jan 1983

Alex D. “Sandy” Jackson (RAOC) *1906 - † 12 Dec 1983

Leonard Nevil Shute (RAOC) * Unknown - †30 July 1985

Brian Wooller (RAOC) (surname now Gay) - †31 March 2010

Clement *“Clem”* Hoyle (RAOC) *1921 - †10 April 2010

John William Charles Rook (RAOC) *13/01/1941 - †13/04/2010





Major Pearson died on 17 June 1979 as a result of an RTA on the 26 May 1979 whilst serving as OIC Stores 18 Comd Wksps REME at Bovington (Gazette Entry 1979 08-070)

Major (OEO) W.C.C. (BIll) Pearson died on Sunday, 17th June, as a result of injuries sustained in a traffic accident near Oxford on 26th May. At the time of his untimely death Bill was serving as OIC Stores Section RAOC attached 18 Command Workshop REME, Bovington. His passing has come as a great shock and sense of loss to his many friends in the Corps and throughout the Army he served so well. Bill was a true believer in the Corps Motto, Sua Tela Tonanti - "To the Warrior his Arms".

All who came into contact with him from stations as far apart as Berlin and Belize will remember his sense of Duty, dedication and determination to ensure that from his Corps those it served received only the best.

Bill joined the RAOC as an 'enlisted boy' in the forties and became one of those identified by the Regimental Numbers prefixed 1059. He was always very proud to be known as an ex-boy and a 1059er, as in more recent years he was proud of being an OEO. Like so many of us 'Boy Pearson' stood on parade in Parsons Barracks Aldershot, many years ago, to hear himself described as one of the future NCOs, WOs and Officers of the Corps. How well he fulfilled those promises, from Boy through the ranks to Conductor and then on selection for OEO reaching the rank of Major.

Those of us who knew him so well will remember him with pride and affection; some of us will also remember him for the lessons he gave us in the boxing ring, for he was a truly great boxer and throughout his career always retained his love and interest of the manly art.

Others will remember him as a solid centre half on the football field and of course in more recent years as a passionate golfer. All will remember him for what he was, a gentleman and a very fine soldier. To his wife Jane and daughter June we say "we share your loss"; but perhaps the finest tribute was paid to his memory by the remarkable turnout of both military and civilian friends when Bill was cremated with full military honours at Headington, Oxford, on 26th June 1979.

Mrs. Jane Pearson and her daughter June would like to thank friends and Bill's fellow officer's and comrades for their kind messages of sympathy, floral tributes and attendance at the funeral of Major Bill Pearson RAOC



Apprentice Soldier Sep 1980 – Dec 1981
Member of Anguilla Platoon – Corps of Drums

The news of Private Steve Walsh's death at the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital Woolwich on Thursday 20 April 1989 has shocked all members of 53 Ordnance Company. Steve suffered a brain haemorrhage on November 16th last year whilst on Exercise Packsaddle. He was placed on the Very Seriously ill List and after extensive hospital treatment was eventually casevaced back to UK on 2 March.Sadly he suffered another brain haemorrhage on Sunday 16 April from which he never recovered.

Steve was an ex-Apprentice who joined the Army in 1980. His first posting on leaving RAOC Apprentices College was to SI Ordnance Company in Aldershot. It was during his time with 81 Ordnance Company that he served in the Falkland Campaign at the age of I7.

He was next posted to COD Donnington in January 1984 and it was here where Steve met and subsequently married Andrea in 1987. Steve joined 53 Ordnance Company in 1987 and quickly built up a reputation as a "bit of a character'. He was a cheerful and likeable man who was extremely popular with all members of the unit and those of the Battalion that knew him.

He will be sorely missed by all and to his wife Andrea and his mother Mrs Joan Finn we extend our deepest sympathy.
His death has been a loss to us all.



It was both a great shock and a tragic to all who knew Staff Sergeant Taylor when, aged thirty one, he died suddenly at West Moors on 23rd January 1986.

His Service started as an RAOC Junior Entrant in 1969.
He became a Petroleum Operator in 1972 and since then has served with 180 Platoon, 51 Ordnance Company, Ordnance Depot Northern Ireland and twice at the School of Petroleum.

During this time he showed himself dedicated to all aspects of the Army and particularly to the Petroleum Trade. His enthusiasm and dedication made him a natural instructor and an inspiring leader who could be relied upon to succeed in any venture. He was a gifted all-round sportsman, and particularly at rugby, skiing and shooting. He was always a selfless team member ready and able to help those less able than himself and never vain about his own capabilities.

He will be sadly missed by his many friends and by Petroleum Operators in particular.
Our thoughts and prayers go particularly at this time to his young widow, Rita and to his family in their tragic loss.

Died on 23 January 1986, at Poole Hospital following a heart attack in the Sgt's Mess at West Moors on 23 Jan 1986 - aged 31

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OBITUARY
LIEUTENANT COLONEL
SYDNEY ARTHUR HUNWICKS (Ret'd)

SYDNEY ARTHUR HUNWICKS was born on the 2nd February 1927.The son of a senior officer in the London Fire Brigade, aged thirteen, he was living in Fire Brigade quarters in Dockland when the Blitz of 1940 began. Even at this early age he responded bravely to the troubled London of 1940 - 41.

In 1943, he joined RAOC as a boy soldier. In Malta in 1946 he was promoted Sergeant and later selected for OCTU but was badly injured in a road accident. He returned by hospital ship to Netley where remedial operations continued for over a year. Posted to Officer Cadet Training Unit, still walking with a stick, he was medically down-graded and re-posted to RAE Farnborough (Guided weapons). Later medically up-graded, though permanently lame, he went to Eaton Hall, aged twenty six, to be commissioned Lieutenant and became an IOO.

In the late 1960's as a Major at Didcot, working with Rapier, he resigned and transferred to the Abu Dhabi Defence Force.He played a key role in the expansion and development of the Combined Services Ordnance Establishments, was promoted Lieutenant Colonel ADDF and commanded Arab troops for some fifteen years. He spoke, read and wrote fluent Arabic and in his personal and professional conduct upheld the high traditions of his parent Corps. Always a committed Christian, he played an active role in the Anglican Church and community in the Gulf.

He was proud to have been appointed a lay-reader to the Gulf diocese. A warm, out-going, convivial man, he was also active in the communities in which he found himself: Soccer for the Crusaders, Honorary Secretary of the AD Golf Club, in amateur dramatics - a variety of leading roles and of course sailing. After a tragically short retirement he died on Sunday, 29th September 1985, at prayer in his parish church. He leaves a widow, Monica, a widowed mother, two married daughters and a son at the Duke of Yorks School, Dover.

31/03/2010 William Allen-Muncey writes:

"Sid joined No. 2 squad (one Squad before me) at Parsons Bks. in March 1943. I remember him well, always up for a good laugh and , like most of us , ready for some escapade after lights out at 2200hrs. What a marvellous career he enjoyed. I am sad to hear of his early death."



Sydney Arthur HUNWICKS



RAOC Apprentice from November 1978



John passed away at BMH Rinteln, as a result of an RTA on 11th March 1981, aged 19. John is interred at Holden Hall Cemetery, Haslingden on the 24th March 1981. He is deeply missed by his friends and colleagues.

Photograph of John kindly donated by his friend Mark Keele





RAOC Boy Soldier 1935 - 1939 at Hilsea Barracks

Clem was a Chelsea "In" Pensioner and passed away in the Royal Chelsea Hospital Infirmary on 10th April, aged 89
7587328 WOII C Hoyle retired following 22 yrs with the RAOC

Clem wrote a book about his military service and life: entitled “Schoolboy to Soldier 1935-1945”





“In discussion with a Chelsea Pensioner (Warrant Officer) who knew the late Clem Hoyle, Chelsea Pensioners, if they were badged with two or more Units, Chelsea Pensioners could choose which cap badge to wear, interestingly enough, Clem choose to revert back from the REME to the RAOC”

Paul D. Jones

“Goodbye old friend you have served your time well and will be remembered with the highest regard by your friends and colleagues”.

Bill Chamberlain

“Clement Hoyle was a wonderful man, who joined the RAOC in 1935 as a boy soldier at Hilsea Bks. After serving almost 8 years in the RAOC, In Oct 1942, he became a founder member of the REME but never forgot his roots in our Corps.

Mike Comerford



RAOC Boy Soldier June 1953 – December 1954

Ex WO1 (RSM) Brian Gay died on 31 March 2010 following a long illness

"Brian Gay Passed away peacefully on 31st march 2010 in The Prince of Wales Hospice age 72 years. Much loved husband of Ethel and a much loved dad & grandad to Beverley, Shane, Joshua, Thomas & James. Loved and missed by all family & friends.

The funeral service will take place at Pontefract Crematorium on Tuesday 13th April at 12.30pm.

Family flowers only please, all donations will go to the P.O.W.H with a donation box at the Crematorium on the day.

Many thanks to Dr. Sweeney at The Grange Surgery and all the nurses and staff at the hospice for their care and devotion shown to Brian, and all friends & neighbours for their kind thoughts and wishes"

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RAOC Apprentice of Ardennes Platoon 1984-1985

Graham sadly passed away on 22nd August 1992, aged 25, following a short illness whilst stationed at 15 Battalion Donnington, he will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all his colleagues who knew him.



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