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Introduction and Welcome

Dear Members,

A very warm welcome during this Festive Season, from our Founder and Chairman Paul Jones, **all** the Association Committee Members who work behind the lines, George Tether, Bill Chamberlain, Dave McCarthy, Brian Wild and lastly, me the Editor of the Ex-Boys' Association Newsletter, Adrian (HW) Hayward-Wills, to the Sixteenth Ex-Boys' Association and Winter Edition Newsletter for 2011.

We hope that this Sixteenth Edition (Winter) Newsletter finds you well and refreshed after the long Summer Break and of course looking forward to the Christmas repeats on television!

As our regular and observant readers will 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 Winter 2011 Ex-Boys' Association Newsletter, provides a further format to reach its members in addition to our extensive and ever expanding website. Although this is clearly not my first Ex-Boys' Association Newsletter, it is my first compiled whilst on deployment in Afghanistan - where I am engaged with the Rule of Law Team (NATO/ISAF & UN) as an Advisor and Mentor to their Detention Centres and Prisons! An article on this deployment is further on in the Newsletter.

In this particular edition, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Major General David Burden CB CVO CBE as the Patron of the RAOC, REME and RCT Ex-Boys' Association. A detailed biography of Maj. Gen David Burden is further on within this Newsletter.

Furthermore, within this extensive Newsletter, you will find advance notice of the 4th Bi-Annual Reunion Dinner, which is to be held at the Holiday Inn, Coventry on Saturday 11th 2012 – don't forget to get your Annual Leave passes in! You will also find a detailed and interesting article on the Army Apprentice Memorial in Alrewas, Derbyshire and equitation in the Junior Army – life just doesn't get better!

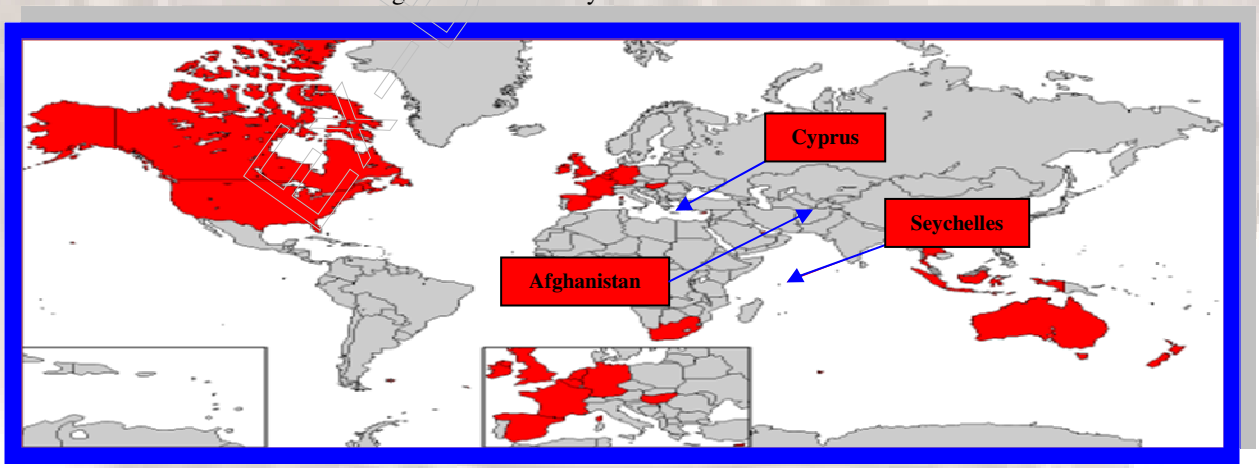
The RAOC, REME and RCT Ex-Boys' Association website and accompanying Newsletters are excellent platforms for members to stay in touch with each other. An awful lot of work – *all voluntary* – goes into these two portals for the Association. Feedback in any environment is essential for growth and prosperity; on behalf of all Committee Members of the Association please make use of these excellent facilities.

The website – *updated almost on a daily basis* – and newsletter, is without doubt one of the best websites and newsletters currently available to the ex-forces community. Please take a few moments of your time to visit the Website and the Newsletter – it would be very much appreciated by **ALL** on the Committee.

Clearly we are always on the look out for interesting "*copy*". Should you wish to include any articles for the Newsletter, please feel free to contact The Editor Adrian HW via the Contacts Page on our website which is www.juniorleadersraoc.co.uk

Membership

Our Founder and Chairman Mr. Paul Jones is pleased to report that membership has grown continually. Moreover, we were and are thrilled to have reached our **600th** Member during the month of July 2011!



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 – we have members as far and wide as Afghanistan, the Seychelles and a Committee Member in Cyprus 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.



There are several younger members of the RAOC, REME and RCT Ex-Boys' Association whom will recognise the above logo, taken from an early edition of the RAOC Gazette – 1930's! – this logo will now form part of the Newsletter that will introduce and encompass the regular important notices of the Newsletter. This particular section is for those new members whom have recently joined the Ex-Boys' Association.

For example, the Association Forum; Membership Numbers; New Members; Reunion Notices; information pertaining to the various Associations of the RAOC, REME and RCT; The Thunderbolt Magazine and perhaps finally, items for sale within the Association Shop.



In its simplest form, "*Station Topics – At Home*" will form the regular "Standing Orders" of the Association Newsletter; editorial after this section will include information not seen before within the Newsletter, for example articles on Junior Leaders Boxing or Football. I will regularly include this page and above screen capture, for the benefit of our newest members of the Association, some of whom perhaps may have not seen previous Newsletters.

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

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Membership Numbers











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Date	Membership Numbers	Membership History of the Ex Boys' Association
Nov-10	570	Due to a bereavement of Assoc. Member, Membership level now at **570**
Dec-10	576	The crisp white snow and Santa Claus brought us to **576** Members
Jan-11	580	New Year sales brought us a healthy **580**
Feb-11	583	The February cold snap took us to **583**!
Mar-11	586	The March Hare saw Membership to **586**
Apr-11	592	The Royal Wedding brought Membership to **592**
May-11	596	The winds and rain of May brought Association Membership to **596**
Jun-11	599	A sunny June brought **599** Members
Jul-11	605	July witnessed our **600th** Member – Excellent News!
Aug-11	614	In August we celebrated with a **614** members of the Association
Sep-11	620	The Rugby World Cup brought Membership to **620**
Oct-11	624	Hallowe'en brought Membership to **624** Members – Scary!!
Nov-11	630	Guy Fawkes brought an exploding **630** Members to the Association!

New Members on Parade

596 24/05/2011 John William Edward FRYER - Mulcahy 1962-64

597 13/06/2011 Colin Christopher DURBIN (REME) - Rowcroft 1969-70
598 16/06/2011 Mark Andrew CHARGE - Berlin 1979-80
599 30/06/2011 Stephen Arthur John TURNER - Gordon 1974-75

600th 18/07/2011 Lewis Adrian SLEE - Rowcroft/Hill 1970-72
601 19/07/2011 Alex ARNOLD - Gordon 1967-69
602 20/07/2011 Terence James GOULDING (REME) - Tope 1958-60
603 26/07/2011 Colin Michael WHITTINGTON - Steevens 1972-74
604 28/07/2011 Laurie RITCHIE - Anguilla 1976-77
605 31/07/2011 Antony NOIRMOT (REME) - Gordon 1957-58

606 03/08/2011 Julian Derek John WARD - ??? 1958-60
607 06/08/2011 Robert John MCCARTNEY - Baker & Williams 1953-54
608 06/08/2011 Terence ROBERTS - Baker 1962-63
609 06/08/2011 Robert John HUGHES Mulchay 1961-64
610 07/08/2011 Stephen LAMBERT - Parsons 1961-62
611 08/08/2011 Francis LOAN - Body 1971-72
612 10/08/2011 Donald Stuart MILLARD - Hill 1963-65
611 11/08/2011 *Sadly, our member BLUEY GALLAGHER passed away*
612 13/08/2011 William GIBSON - Permanent Staff 1980-83
613 15/08/2011 Stuart Karl LAKIN - Mulcahy 1962-65
614 19/08/2011 Keith ROURKE - Gordon 1959-62
613 11/08/2011 *Sadly, our member Patrick Joseph "Scouse/Kac" MARTIN passed away*
614 30/08/2011 Anthony Noel THOMAS - Steevens 1961-63

615 01/09/2011 Frank William PETTITT - Body 1950-53
616 03/09/2011 Karl Domonique WATSON (REME) - Anguilla & Bruneval 1978-??
617 14/09/2011 Frank Alec KIRKMAN (WAS PRATT) - Parsons/Watts 1959-61
618 14/09/2011 Frederick Richard KEEP - Parsons 1966-68
619 15/09/2011 David GELLING - Hill/Body 1969-71
620 27/09/2011 Brian HOLROYD (REME) - Watts 1972-74

621 19/10/2011 Roy HAMMOND - Parsons 1963-65
622 22/10/2011 Douglas BAKER - Mulcahy 1972-??
623 22/10/2011 David Vernon ALLEN - Baker 1959-61
624 29/10/2011 John George FREW - Hill 1969-71

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New Members on Parade



625 02/11/2011 Anthony Sydney MASHAM - Baker 1970-72
626 04/11/2011 Kim Nicholas BIRDSALL - Mulchay & Steevens 1965-67
627 05/11/2011 Roger BELLAMY-WOOD - Arnhem 1977-78
628 15/11/2011 Charles CATCHPOLE - Parsons 1959-60
629 19/11/2011 David John HILBORN - Baker 1970-72
630 30/11/2011 James KELLY - Parsons 1970-72

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This is an early warning Bugle Call for all members of the Ex-Boys' Association to get their Annual Leave Passes ready and primed for the 4th, yes 4th Bi-Annual Reunion which is to be held at the Holiday Inn, Coventry on Saturday 11th August 2012!

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 4th Bi-Annual Ex-Boys' Association Reunion!







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Warning Notice

Ex Boys' Association Reunion Dinner

http://www.juniorleadersraoc.co.uk

Saturday 11th August 2012

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

Date: Saturday 11th August 2012

Dinner: £20 per person (Drinks not included)

Payment: Cheques to cover the cost of the Dinner (£20 per person) must be made out to – "***Ex Boys' Association***" - and forwarded to our Treasurer – Mr. Brian Wild by 30th June 2012.
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 2012 and therefore Dinner costs cannot 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.

Drinks: There will be a reduction of 20% off all drinks from the bar for those attending this Reunion

Accommodation:

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)

Two night rate:
- £109 Bed & Breakfast and Dinner on the Friday evening (That is £109 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.
The Hotel can cater for 180/200 for our dinner; with 140 booking for the 2010 event early booking in 2012 will be essential.

Reservations:
- *A total of 100 rooms, for Saturday Night, will be on hold for Members until 30th June 2012, 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 2012*
- 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 Bill Chamberlain 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 Bill Chamberlain – 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 2012 when any unallocated rooms will then be handed back to the Hotel

The Hotel requires full payment for the dinner, from the Association, 21 days before the event therefore 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

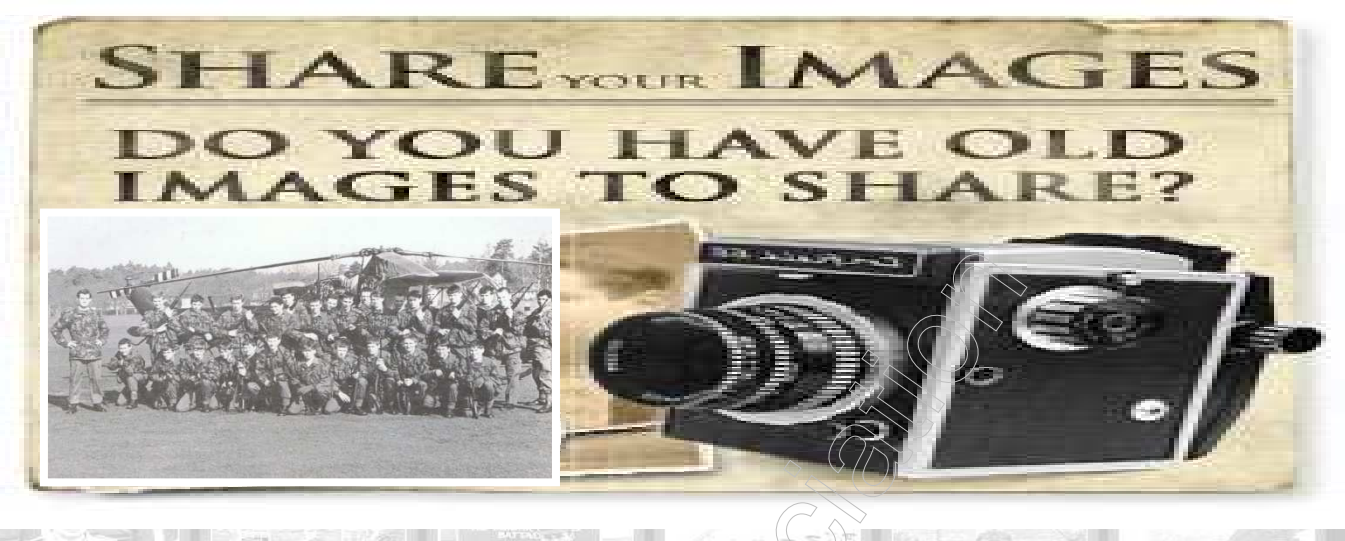
Hotel Front Desk: 02476 - 587 400 or 0871-9429 021 (Option 7) (10 pence a minute)

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.



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



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Some recent donations/additions include photographs from the following members:-

Andy Wright – 1967/69 Album, Steven Smith – Other Sports Album, John Tonks – Corps of Drums Album,

Rodney Steed – 2010 Reunion, Keith Watts – Dettingen Barracks 2003/2004, Chris Gumbley 1964/1965 Album,

Keith Watts - 1979/1981 Album, Paul Thomson -1961/1963 Album, David Heelas - 1970/1972 Album,

Brian McKinnon - 1964/1966 Album, Simon Carrier – PoP (1982)

Photo Index of the Ex-Boys' Association

George Tether has been particularly busy (in fact, he's always busy for the Association!) with the photo indexing of **ALL** our photos that have been kindly donated to the RAOC, REME and RCT Ex-Boys' Association.

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 or years you are looking for and then click the line under the photo on the main-index page, thanks to George, it couldn't be simpler.

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



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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.

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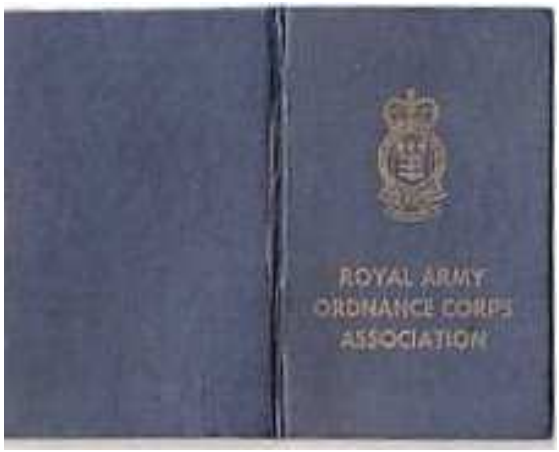
If you would like further information, please contact the RAOC Secretary at the following address:-

Dettingen House
The Princess Royal Barracks
Deepcut
Surrey
GU16 6RW

Telephone: 01252 – 83 33 76

Email: raocassociation@rhqtherlc.org.uk





Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

The aim of the REME Association are:-



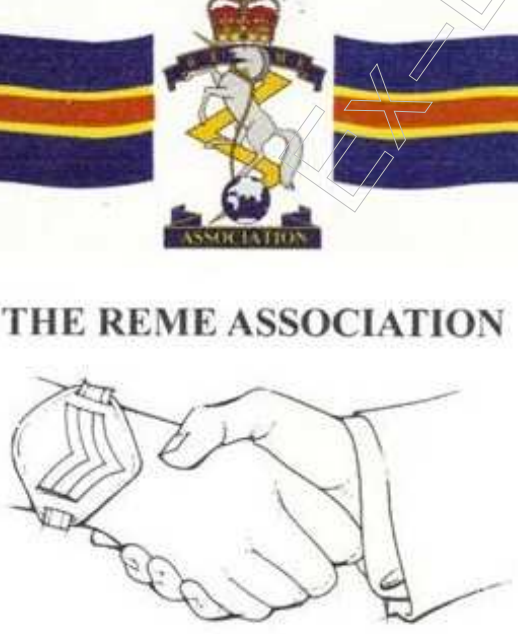
- To foster the esprit-de-corps and well being of the Corps.
- To keep those who have served in or with REME in touch with one another with a view to keeping alive a spirit of comradeship.
- To establish links between the serving and ex-Service members of the Corps with a view to helping the former during 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 just £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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RHQ REME
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United Kingdom

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Email: association@reme.org.uk

REME Boys Association

Royal Army Service Corps & Royal Corps of Transport Association



SERVING
Ex-regimental members
and their families

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. Following the Second World War many new Branches were formed throughout The United Kingdom by men who wished to retain those bonds of comradeship forged in difficult times.

In 1939, there were 10,000 members of the regiment but by 1945 there were 135,000 and one soldier in ten was wearing an RASC cap badge, as such the association has been there to embrace and to aid a vast number of ex-personnel.

In 1965, the Corps was re-named The Royal Corps of Transport and the association assumed its present title. Membership then included some ex-members of The Royal Engineers whose trades had been transferred to the new Corps. The Association is for all former members of the regiment and for those who have had close links, members often participate in the meetings and activities of branches closest to them. Branches interact with each other on a regional and national basis through direct contact and through the association HQ

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The Controller
RASC and RCT Association
Dettingten House
The Princess Royal Barracks
Deepcut
Camberley
Surrey GU16 6RW

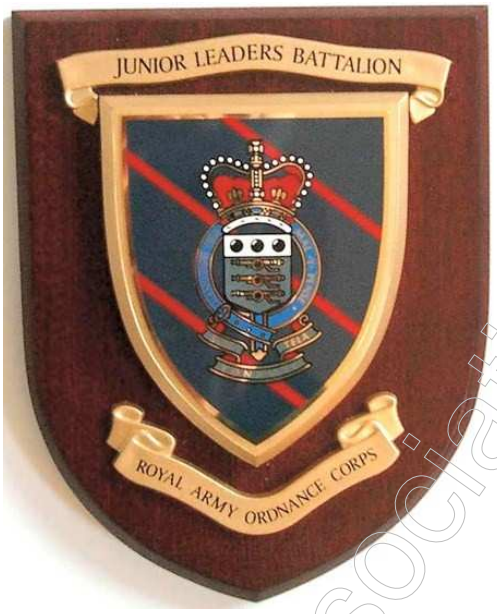
Tel: 01252 833391 Ext 5391 (Controller Secretary)
01252 833397 Ext 5397 (Accounts/Shop)
01252 833398 Ext 5398 (Benevolence)



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

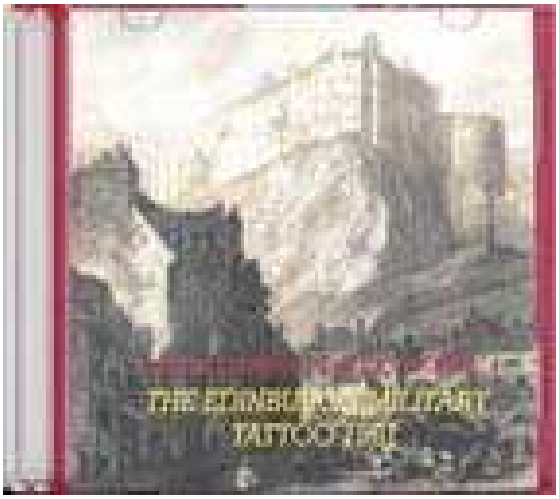
The Ex-Boys' Association Website



CD of Edinburgh Tattoo - For Sale

There is also a CD of the Edinburgh Tattoo of August 1961, £10 plus £2. Post and Packaging. If paid for by PAYPAL, please add an additional £2.00 to cover PAYPAL's fees – many thanks. For further details, please e-mail Brian using the Contacts Page on the Website.



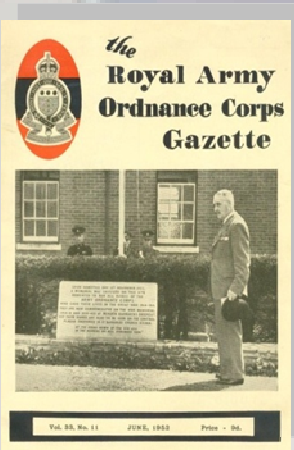




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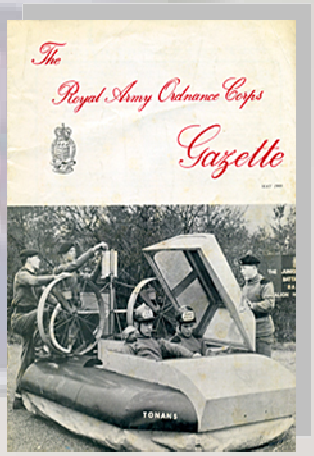
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THE RAOC GAZETTE







In the past, you could find extracts of the RAOC Corps Gazette on the Ex-Boys Association website that were copied from an original owned by one of our members or extracted from official Gazettes by permission of the RLC/RAOC Association & Museum.

The RLC Museum now has plans to digitalise all RAOC Gazettes for viewing on-line and feel that we may undermine that project by displaying the images for viewing. They have also advised that Copyright may be being breached.

We have therefore, reluctantly, removed the Gazette extracts from our site

You can visit the RLC Museum Website to keep yourselves abreast of events:-

http://www.rlcmuseum.co.uk/docs/majorholdings.html

Corps Journals

The RLC Museum archive holds a complete set of RLC and forming Corps Journals dating from the nineteenth century to the present day. These are available for consultation in both hard and electronic copy.

The Corps Journals provide information on Corps activities, unit news, Corps sport, operations and it is also possible to glean information on individual soldiers and officers on such matters as gallantry awards, transfer between units and promotions etc.

They have stated a target date of early 2012 for the Gazettes 1914-1964 to be made available online.
It is understood that a charge (or subscription) will be made to view the Gazettes.

What remains in force is that, as in all other sections of our web-site and Newsletter, we are totally dependent on material sent in by you, our fellow members; this can be from private collections or perhaps from internet auction houses such as eBay or QXL.com

If you have **ANY** material that may help to complete the picture of life as a Boy Soldier, be it photos, your personal memories, certificates, badges or any other item you think may be of use to the site, please do not hesitate to contact us.

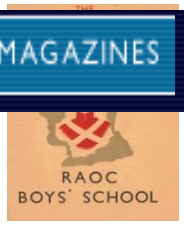
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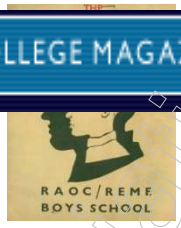
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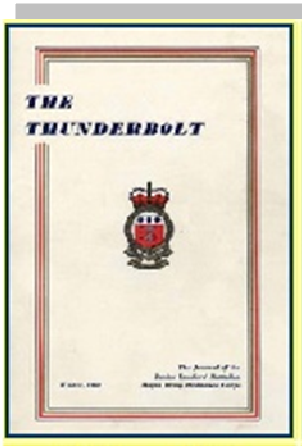


Members of the Ex Boys' Association may be interested to know that we are now – *thanks to members of the Ex-Boys' Association, Ron Richardson & Mike Comerford* – in possession of a fine collection of College Magazines known as **The Boy Soldier** & **The Thunderbolt**.

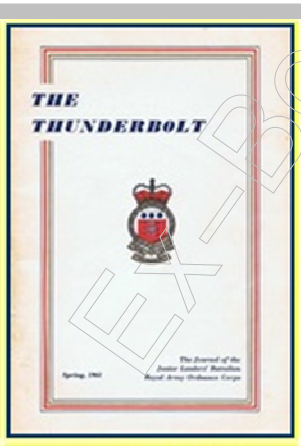
This Magazine is currently on-line and is free to Members wishing to download a copy for their records. The Boy Soldier (RAOC Boys School) and The Thunderbolt Magazine, provides a unique and personal insight into College life.

Below are examples currently on-line of the Thunderbolts we already have. Clearly the Association is keen to obtain a complete collection and would welcome further donations. Please contact Adrian Hayward-Wills or George Tether in the first instance via the Contacts Page.

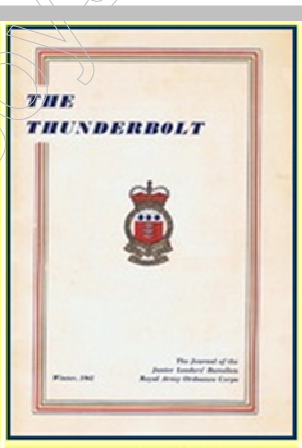
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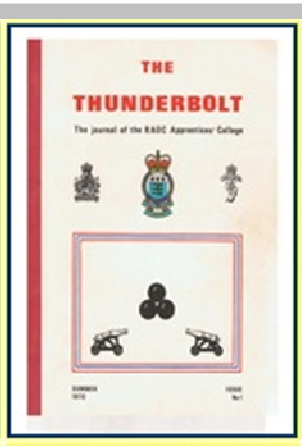
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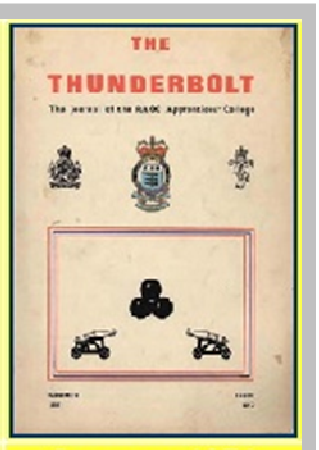
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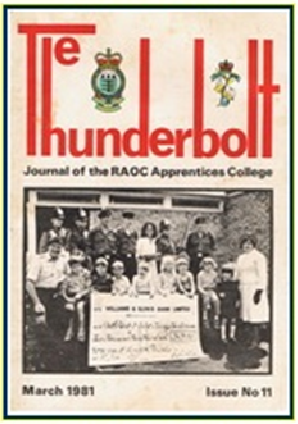
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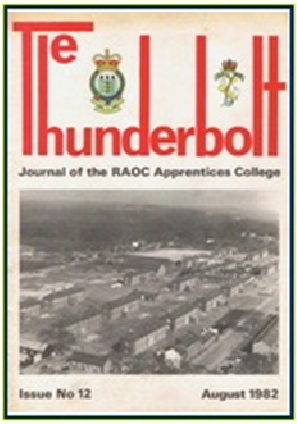
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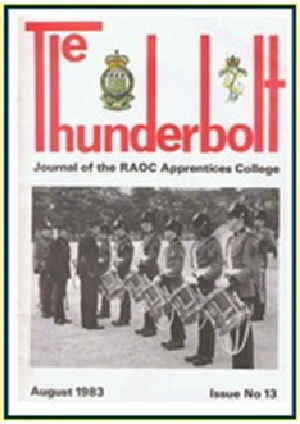
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Newsletter General

A regular and popular section of the Ex-Boys' Association Newsletter is the Book Review.

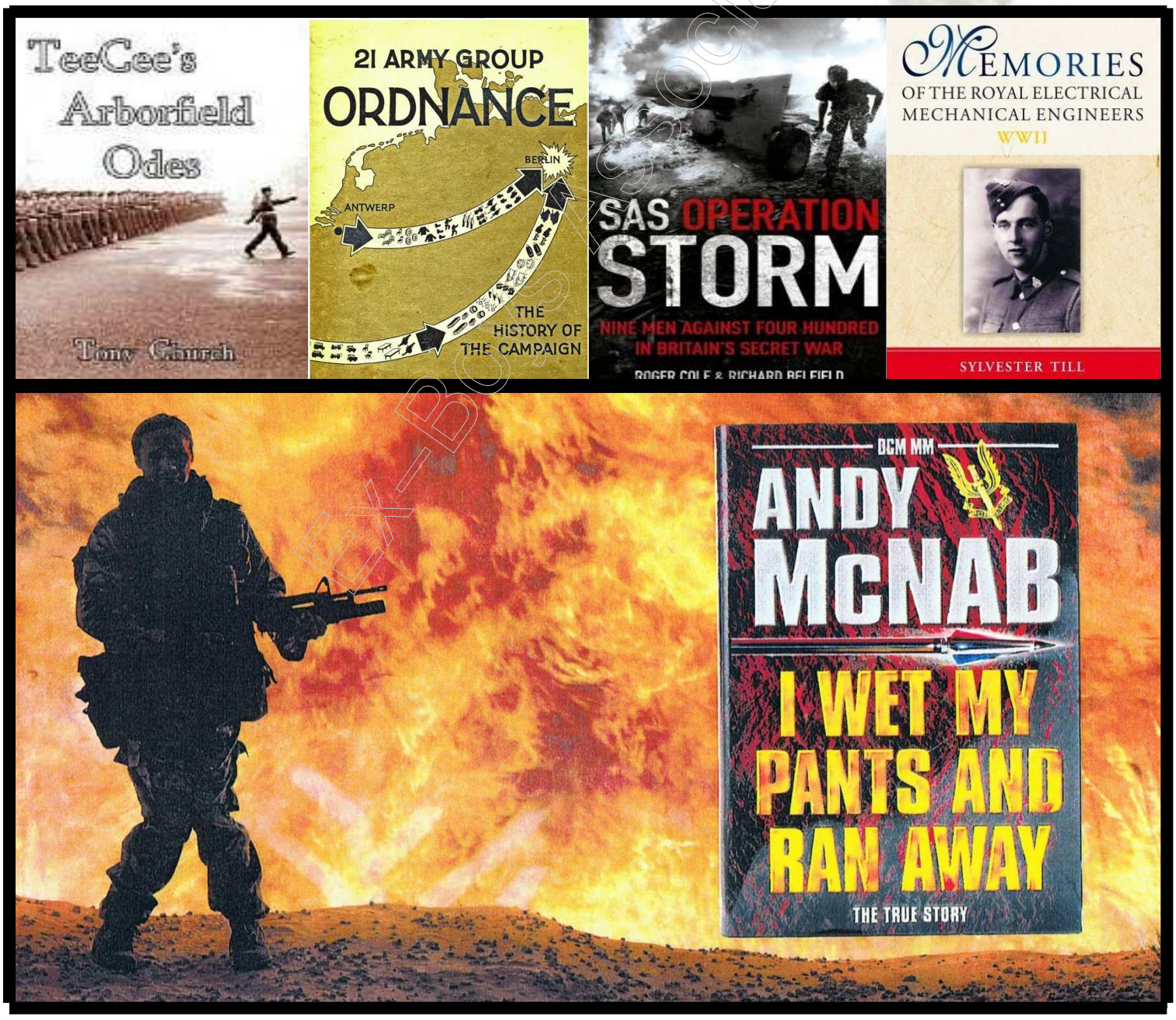
This particular section entitled "***Book Review***" includes reviews on relevant RAOC, REME and RCT books, both recently published and out-of-print books and perhaps members' own books that they have written and would like to be given a wider audience. Furthermore, where possible, this section will include a review on one of the subjects covered in the Newsletter.

Should any of our members have an RAOC, REME or RCT associated book that they would like to do a review on, feel free to contact me using the Contacts page on the website.

I have included a number of useful pieces of information on the book, which include the following: -

- **Hardcover/paperback**
- **Publisher details**
- **Language details**
- **ISBN details**
- **Book Dimensions details**

Future books for review in the Ex-Boys' Association Newsletter include the following books - apart from the SAS one!!!!



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MAJOR GENERAL DAVID LESLIE BURDEN

CB CVO CBE







The RAOC Ex Boys' Association (which includes REME, Int. Corps and the RCT ex Boys') is delighted and proud to announce that we have been able to secure Major General David Burden CB CVO CBE as our Patron.

Born in London and moved to Portsmouth in his early years and was educated at Portsmouth Grammar School, in Hampshire.

David Burden retired from the Army in 1999 and joined Westminster Abbey as Receiver General [head of the lay administration] and Chairman of Westminster Abbey Enterprises Ltd, retiring from these two appointments in late 2008. As part of his duties at the Abbey, he was Chairman of the Pensions Trust, a member of the investment panel and of the Westminster World Heritage Site steering group. He was responsible for the non religious side of many great national services and events at the Abbey, including the Queen's Golden Jubilee and Diamond Wedding celebrations, the 60th Anniversary of the end of World War 11 and The Queen Mother's funeral. His responsibilities included protocol, security, press and broadcasting and financial arrangements.

The Queen appointed him a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order in 2008. He was a Colonel Commandant of the Royal Logistic Corps until April 2008 and was also Honorary Colonel of 151 [Greater London] Logistic Support Regiment RLC [V]. He is Vice-Chairman and Director of the Regular Forces Employment Association and serves on a number of other Trusts, currently holding the Chairmanship of the early year's charity Right from the Start.

He was commissioned into the RASC in 1964 and immediately was posted to Berlin, the first of six tours in Germany and during which he transferred to the RAOC. These appointments were interspersed with staff and regimental appointments in UK including the MOD and Northern Ireland. He served twice with the Allied Command Europe Mobile Force (Land), on the staff and in command of a logistic company. In 1981 he was promoted Lieutenant Colonel and became Chief Personnel and Logistic Officer United Nations Force in Cyprus followed by the appointment of Commanding Officer 1 Armoured Division Ordnance Battalion. As a Colonel in 1985, he was Deputy Chief of Staff Headquarters British Forces Hong Kong and then Assistant Chief of Staff G1 Headquarters BAOR in the rank of Brigadier.

In late 1991, he was promoted Major General and became Director General Resettlement in the Ministry of Defence where he ran the post Options for Change campaign 'Access to Excellence – The Best Trained Workforce in Britain'. The following year he led the final stages of the formation of the Royal Logistic Corps and then was its first Director General. He was appointed a Companion of the Bath. In July 1995 he was appointed to form the Army Personnel Centre in Glasgow and then became its first Chief Executive and Military Secretary, his last serving appointment. After retiring as Colonel Commandant of the RLC he was appointed Honorary Ordnance Officer of HM Tower of London.

He attended the Staff College Camberley in 1975, his first term syndicate including General Sir Rupert Smith who commanded the Ist (UK) Armoured Division in the Gulf War and retired as DSACEUR, the National Defence College in 1981, a fellow course member being General Sir Mike Jackson, CGS 2003-2006 and the Royal College of Defence Studies course in 1988 which included Admiral Sir Michael Boyce who retired as CDS and now is Warden of the Cinque Ports and sits on the House of Lords. He is married to Sue and has two married daughters, Sophie and Harriet and there are three Grandchildren. He now lives in Suffolk.

Paul D. Jones BA (Hons) Arch. Dipl Arch. RIBA
Chairman

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ARMY APPRENTICE NATIONAL MEMORIAL

at
the NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM
Alrewas, Staffordshire.
on
Wednesday 7th September, 2011
11.00 am

In issue 14 (Summer) of the RAOC, REME and RCT Ex-Boys' Association Newsletter, you may recall I did an interesting article on the Army Apprentice Scheme, which ran up to the year 2004 and trained more than 70,000 soldier/tradesmen for the technical corps of the British Army. Boys aged 14 to 17 were recruited to follow recognised apprenticeships at Army Apprentice Schools/Colleges and Establishments before passing out to serve in the Regular Army. Later as soldiers, NCOs and officers, these men formed a nucleus of military and trade skills of their various corps.

Following the Second World War, Army Apprentice training was mainly centred on schools established at Chepstow, Arborfield, Harrogate and Carlisle. It is the old boy's associations of these four former establishments who have joined together to plan, design and put into effect the memorial project. Over the last few years a number of the Army Apprentice Associations have independently been considering the possibility of a memorial to the Army Apprentice Scheme.

During 2008, the Beachley Old Boys' Association started their own Memorial project, with David Chapman (60A) at the helm. During the summer of 2009 at the Arborfield Association AGM, Maurice 'Mo' Hope proposed that the Association should consider a memorial to the Army Apprentice and they subsequently formed a Memorial Committee. Gordon Bonner (49B) was tasked to investigate the possibility of all the known Ex-Apprentice Associations collaborating on a project to have a single national memorial located at the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, Staffordshire.

Subsequently, a Memorial Steering Committee was formed with representatives from the four associations of Chepstow, Arborfield, Harrogate and Carlisle to firstly look at the possibility of the project and should there be agreement, to plan and implement the activity to make it happen. Following the initial meeting of the four Association's nominees, it was decided that a joint project was an excellent idea and that by pooling ideas and funds, a more appropriate memorial could be designed and established at Alrewas.

The centrally located National Memorial Arboretum, home to the striking Armed Forces Memorial, comprises 150 acres of trees and memorials devoted to the theme of remembrance. It is free to enter and situated near Lichfield and within the National Forest in Staffordshire - although there is car park fee of £3.00 for all day! The Arboretum, which has seen the planting of 50,000 trees, was established in 1997 on former sand and gravel workings restored by Lafarge and leased to the Arboretum on a peppercorn rent. It is part of The Royal British Legion family and receives assistance from the Ministry of Defence.

The Army Apprentice National Memorial is dedicated to all the Army Apprentices who served their country and in memory of those who gave their lives for it. Former Apprentices or their families sponsored commemorative granite tablets to be incorporated into the floor area during construction of the memorial. I purchased a Commemorative Tablet, as I felt that this was a worthy cause and my particular Tablet is cited to the right in the first batch of tablets, as you first enter the Memorial.

At their second meeting in December 2009, an excellent provisional design was selected, together with a supplier who has a wealth of experience and a very competitive quote. They had the approval of the Trustees of the National Memorial Arboretum and the Associations for this. The committee worked hard to raise funds in order to finance the project. The Appeal raised the required funds to meet the costs of the Memorial, plus early maintenance costs and by March 2011, this was done and with great speed!

On September 7th 2011, 29 years and 364 days to the day I joined the Apprentices College at Deepcut and became one of those Army Apprentice Scheme statistics, this memorial was finally unveiled! Below are some pictures of that great event and a subsequent visit by me whilst on a Breather Break from deployment in Afghanistan as a follow up for this article!









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ARBORFIELD 53B
1953 - 1956

JOHN WILLIAM
AIRLIE
DEEPCUT
1982 - 1983

MELVILLE JOHN

HARROGATE 50A
1950 - 1953

ADRIAN
HAYWARD-WILLS
DEEPCUT
1981 - 1982

MICHAEL JOHN



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AFGHANISTAN - 2011

Adrian Hayward-Wills

In June of 2011, I was fortunate enough to have been posted to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. I have been deployed as an Advisor/Mentor to the Detention Centres of Afghanistan. The Detention Centres take the High Value Terrorists (HVTs) from the battlefield and detain them whilst they are being interviewed. They hold them for approximately 72 hours before they are either returned to their communities or processed through the Afghan justice system.

Afghanistan or the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to give it its correct title is a landlocked country located in the centre of Asia, forming South Asia, Central Asia and the Middle East. With a population of about 28 million, it has an area of 647,500 km², making it the 42nd most populous and 41st largest nation in the world. It is bordered by Pakistan in the southeast, Iran in the west, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan in the north and China in the far northeast. The territory that now forms Afghanistan has been an ancient focal point of the Silk Road and human migration. Archaeologists have found evidence of human habitation from as far back as 50,000 BC. The two official languages of Afghanistan are Pashto (since 1936) and Dari (Persian) (since 1964), making bilingualism very common.

ARRIVAL



As my "*Fly Dubai*" plane dipped and circled the dust–bowl of Kabul, I noticed the Kabul Airport was littered with military planes and United Nations helicopters, this was clearly a war-zone and we were about to land. I was half-expecting to rough it, thrown in the back of Hercules transport plane perhaps but no, this wasn't to be the case. Thanks to the International Community and in particular the honourable people of Japan, Kabul Airport and the airlines that service the people of Kabul, it was in the 21st century - by its cuticles.

A bumpy landing, quite usual by all accounts and we had finally landed and were taxing to the terminal of Kabul Airport. I departed my now familiar airline seat, gathered my belongings and walked across the blistering and almost melting tarmac, the smell of drainage and excrement, heat and dust tightly gripping my pale white western face, the sky was quite superb, almost a Greek/Cypriot type of blue, one that you would expect on a Thomson package holiday brochure and a sky much better than Photoshop could ever do.

I looked cross the potted tarmac runway and noticed on my left a huge line of proud Afghan flags and on my right an advert welcoming the traveller to Afghanistan with the *words "Welcome to Afghanistan, the home of the brave"*. I had finally made it. For me, this was an incredibly long journey since my initial interview at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London, my week long Hostile Environment Training Course where I was trained by two former SAS soldiers and my landing at Kabul.



Kabul Airport is cited, like most airports, outside the centre of the city. As I waited for my rucksack to make its journey along the carousel I noticed the many Turbans of travelled Afghans circling around the carousel waiting for their equally travelled luggage or I should say bundles of property tightly wrapped with string and cling-film. It was immediately apparent to me that there was no carousel discipline, no polite waiting for the right bag to appear, everyone clambered over each other's bags followed by a mad rush to an ineffectual x-ray scan of property.

I then ventured through Passport Control, small wooden Wendy Houses with Border Control Officers giving the thousand yard stare whilst busily texting their friends in the Wendy House next door. I handed over my fresh, un-stamped Diplomatic Passport and duly waited for the stare. It arrived along with the aroma of body odour and stale tobacco, a loud bang on the Passport with his date stamp and I was now officially in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, I'd made it.

Leaving the Airport Building I was met by an Embassy Facilitator, it was his job to spot the *"newbie"* arrival, not a hard job considering I was a white as my Fly Dubai Boarding Pass and I had ginger hair and blue eyes. I was quickly ushered to my Close Protection Team (CP) and got in the rear of the converted Toyota Landcrusier; where I received my well-delivered Security Briefing for travelling with the team, my Flak-Jacket and Blue Helmet.

Departing Kabul Airport and its razor wire decorations and magnificent poster of the Afghan hero Massoud, I was whisked at great speed and efficiency through the myriad of Afghan traffic, the traffic was thick as it was smelly. Ahead of me lay Hesco Barriers – *which are giant and I mean giant wire-mesh cubes filled with local aggregate* – with Afghan Police manning the vehicle mounted machine guns whilst boiling their tea on gas burners and smoking their counterfeit cigarettes.

Driving or should I say racing through the streets of Kabul was/is an experience – male drivers, never female of course, there isn't any, they are simply not allowed to drive. There is no road discipline, it's a free for all, like being at a fairground in a bumper car but no wire mesh above your head. Roundabouts are entered and exited from all directions – it's mayhem!

The Roundabouts are entered with complete disregard to other road users and this includes the motorcycles, with often three or four passengers on the back seat, the motorcyclist (male again) would wear the helmet and the three others, often the wife and two children, hanging on with a permanent grimace on their face, presumably the wife would land on the tarmac first, acting as a soft landing while the lighter children still in the air, landing later on their mother, how considerate.



As I looked through my 3 cms of toughened glass, I could see the results of a 30 year war, ruined building after ruined building, a diseased, indebted and collapsed world of domestic houses and shops struggling through the sand and heat of an Afghan summer; it was June, it was hot and not only smelling of excrement and open fires but of locals with heavy flip-flops on their Toyota accelerator pedals. Already, despite the air-conditioning, my nose was filling with bogeys the size of cornflakes!

I have never seen so many Toyota cars in one city; every car is a Toyota, the only difference being how much sand is on the car. Yes, they are washed with immense eagerness but one drive round the war-torn block and it needs another wash and shine. Dust is a huge problem in Kabul, either from the mountains or from the continual construction work being done, dust is everywhere. It lodges in your teeth when you talk, it gets in your hair and eyes and it settles in the wrinkles of your skin. Eyebrows can be observed caked in the stuff and beards of the elders were stiff with it.

The air stinks of diesel and open sewers – the very same sewers that the local children would play in. Goats would openly walk the streets as if shopping themselves; I soon noticed that if the goats weren't defecating in the streets, they would be hanging as meat in a shop window. I say window what I meant to say was window frame, often the shops don't have any windows – shot to pieces or blown through as a result of a bomb – just a curtain or fly screen would suffice during the night as the shop-owner and his overpopulated family would often sleep in his shop next to the carcass of a sheep.

BACKGROUND AND RULE OF LAW

Afghanistan's justice system (Courts, Police and Prisons/Detention Centres etc) are in a catastrophic state of disrepair. The majority of Afghans still have little or no access to judicial institutions. Judicial institutions have withered to near non-existence and the lack of justice has destabilised the country. Many courts are inoperable and those that do function are understaffed. However, progress is being made, the light is at the end of the tunnel.

The majority of Afghans have been forced to accept the rough justice of Taliban and criminal powerbrokers in areas of the country that lie beyond government control. Building the rule of law in Afghanistan involves challenging vested interests at the highest levels of the Afghan government. It is as much a political exercise as it is a technical one.

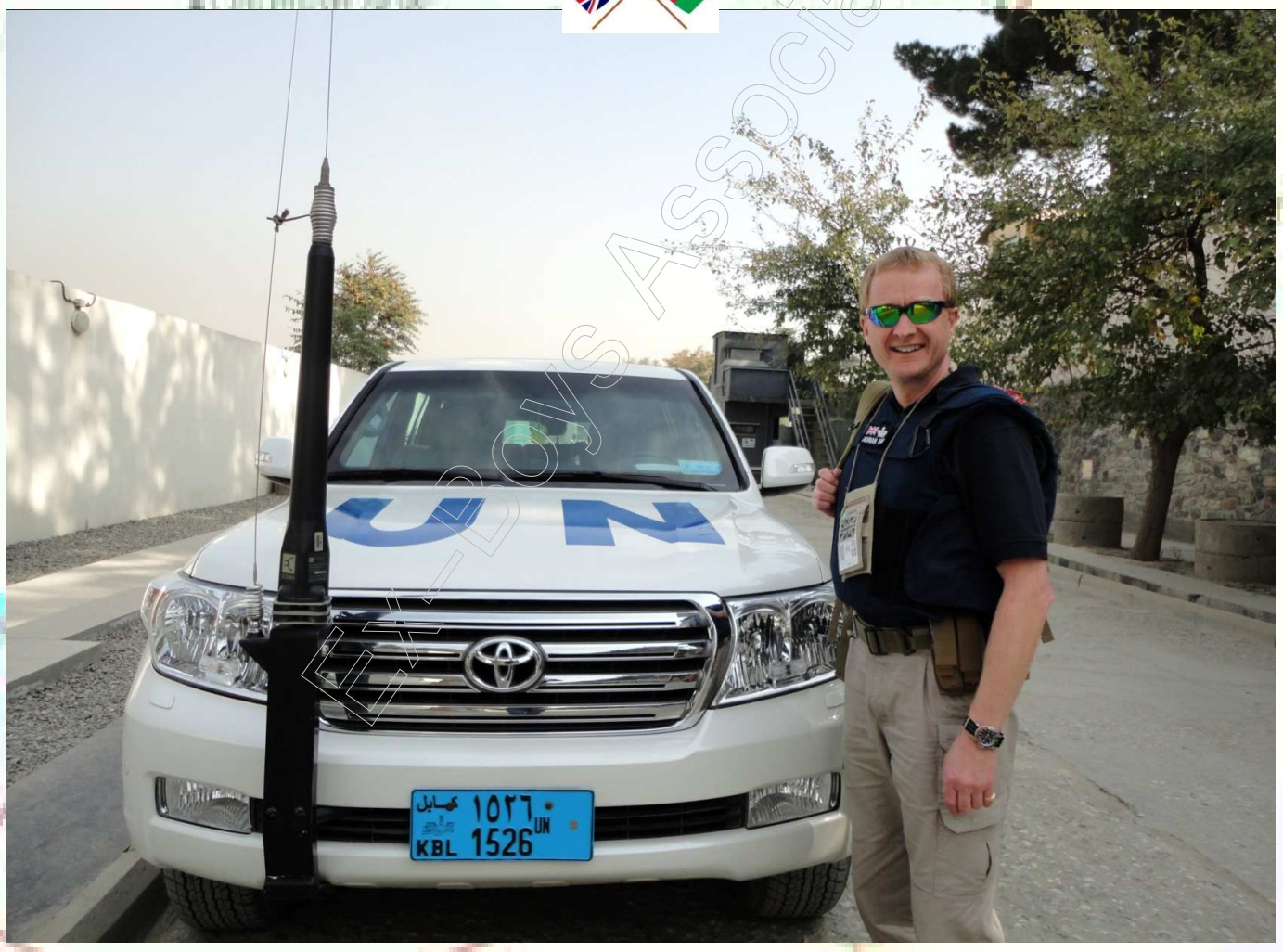
Many Afghan power holders – from President Karzai downwards – benefit from a patronage based system. It enables them to buy and maintain loyalty. Corruption is an integral part of such a system. So implementing proper rule of law reforms, including the establishment of an effective justice sector is an existential threat to these interests.

Those reforms that support the existing power structures – such as building a national Police Force and training the Detention Centre/Prison staff will be enthusiastically supported. Those that will constrain the freedom of power-holders to dispense patronage will be strongly resisted, as we have seen with some of the high-level anti-corruption efforts. Reforms that challenge the centre – such as a more independent Supreme Court, reform of the Ministry of Interior and anti-corruption efforts - will be opposed, though often obliquely rather than directly.

The objective of any rule of law effort must be equal treatment of all before the law. And while this is aspirational in Afghanistan - as in many other places, that's no reason not to make a start on challenging the culture of high-level impunity in Afghanistan, as failure to do so will undermine all other rule of law efforts. International intervention encouraged and promoted that impunity by empowering formerly disempowered warlords and commanders. Afghans see that today's reality is not much different from that of the last 30 years - which is still largely about powerful men with guns!

Improving local governance in Afghanistan is crucial for ensuring respect for Human Rights. The provision of basic services, such as healthcare, education and justice, depends on governance structures being in place at the local level. Establishing effective local governance is also key to overall stabilisation efforts and ending the insurgency in Afghanistan. For most Afghans their encounters with the government locally are sadly disappointing. This is improving and there is a light is at the end of the tunnel.

One of my recent successes is the installation of regular training of Human Rights initiatives to the National Directorate of Security (NDS) in Kabul. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is the UN's global development network, advocating change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life. The UNDP is on the ground in a total of 177 countries, working on solutions to global and national development challenges and in particular, where Human Rights are concerned in the interviewing of suspects in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. The impact and innovation of this initiative is huge and will become a model of good practice – one I am particularly proud and passionate of initiating.



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TERRORISM IN KABUL – AFGHANISTAN

During my time in Afghanistan, I have experienced many, many, acts of terrorism and acts of bravery far too many for such a brief article. However, one such example and there are many, is the attack on the Intercontinental Hotel in Kabul in June of 2011. The attackers passed (Bribed!) three security checkpoints and made their way to the rear of the hotel under concealment of thick vegetation.
The assault on the hotel began at 22:00 Hrs local time armed with assault rifles, hand grenades, rocket-propelled grenade launchers, machine guns and anti-aircraft weapons. Armed Afghan law enforcement personnel fled the area and failed to engage the attackers.

A total of nine attackers were captured on surveillance camera entering through the rear hotel garden where only two guards were stationed during a dinner for hotel guests. Suicide vests were detonated at the entrance to the hotel and on the second floor. Two dance halls were destroyed in the initial attack, the attackers then proceed to ascend to the fifth floor. Exchanges of weapon fire between law enforcement occurred until the early morning hours – all of this, I could hear, smell and see the smoke from the British Embassy!



Hotel guests were told to barricade themselves in their rooms. Others escaped by jumping from the hotel's windows. Civilians were instructed by security forces to stay in their homes. One civilian observed a militant sniper firing and rapidly adjusting his position to avoid counter fire. Entry forces ascended the first two floors killing a militant in the process.

The security forces attempted to disarm the explosive vest the attacker was wearing. The attackers took up firing positions on the hotel roof when the fight entered its climactic end.

Three combatants on the hotel roof were attacked by two of three circling NATO helicopters. The militant may have been killed in the strike or may have detonated their vests. One U.S. Blackhawk helicopter carried International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) snipers while an MQ-1 Predator remotely piloted aircraft provided critical aerial surveillance.

THE FUTURE – RULE OF LAW

My day starts at 06:30 Hrs when the alarm clock goes off, I have breakfast in the all-ranks dining facility (DFAC) one minute you can be sat with the Ambassador (Sir William Patey) the next a full-colonel from the Royal Military Police – there is no distinction or separation in the Dining Hall. My Close Protection Team and I leave the Embassy at a pre-arranged time to commence the day's work.

Legitimate policing and justice is essential for long-term security and peace in Afghanistan. With Afghan and international partners, the UK is playing a key role helping the country develop its police force, legal system and prisons sector. The people of Afghanistan highlight security and justice as two of their main priorities but the current system is often not able to deliver. This has a bearing on the Afghan public's confidence in the ability of their Government. As such, the Taleban have sought to set themselves up as alternative security and justice providers, often offering their own brutal forms of justice.

The Afghan police must be capable enough to prevent criminal activity and the justice sector able to prosecute, convict and punish those involved in all forms of crime, particularly terrorism, corruption and the drugs trade. Without this, there will not be a credible deterrent to stop people from engaging in illegal activity and Afghan communities will not have a convincing reason to back the Government against the insurgency. Law and order will help ensure that security gains are sustainable. Making improvements to local governance and Rule of Law in Afghanistan will be a long-term process and one that presents considerable challenges for the Afghan government and international community – a commitment and challenge I am keen to drive forward on.

These programmes address capacity-building and institutional development, social outreach, and infrastructure at provincial, district and municipal level. UK and international community support for local governance is coordinated around these priority programmes as a single framework for action. The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan continues to pose challenges but progress is being made across the rule of law sector: the Criminal Justice Task Force has secured over 1000 convictions for narcotics offences since it was established in 2005, the number of legal professionals in Afghanistan is growing; new Prison and Detention Centre buildings and refurbishment has raised standards of detention and pay and grading reform has been completed for Prison/Detention Centre officers.



The British Embassy in Kabul is a high priority for the British Government, to this end, many VVIPs visit the Embassy; one such visit was by the Prime Minister Mr. David Cameron to the Rule of Law Team.

FYI Mr. Cameron is on the left and I am on the right of the picture!

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Know Your RAOC/REME and RCT Wall Shields

Adrian Hayward-Wills

Military Wall Shields have played an important part in Army life. In this now popular and regular feature - which was started in the Summer Edition Newsletter (2011) - are pictures of Wall Shields from various Army units connected with the RAOC, REME and RCT.

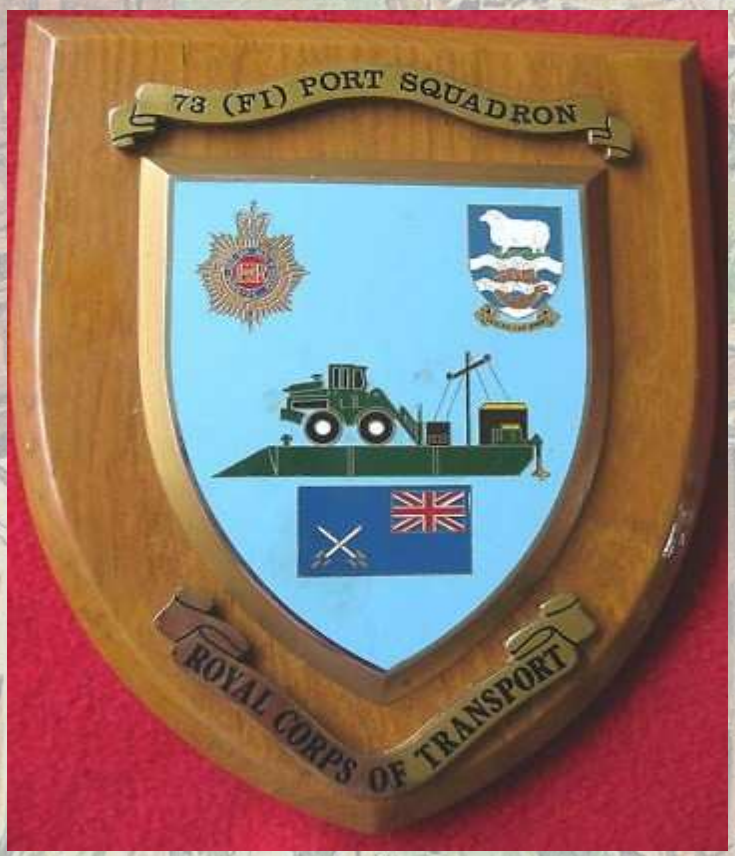
Perhaps you may have a shield hanging on your wall at home and would like it featured in this particular section – better still, take a picture of it and send a short article about the Unit you served in! Association readers **WILL** be interested in your article.

Please contact Adrian Hayward-Wills (Newsletter Editor) in the first instance









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Know Your RAOC/REME and RCT Wall Shields

Most Army Wall Shields have the same basic dimensions, these measurements being approximately 6 inches (15cms) in width and approximately 7 inches (18cms) in height. Mainly constructed of wood but I have seen some in a composite material.

Four of the largest collections in the country I have seen are that of RMA Sandhurst, the Tower of London, H.M.S Victory and more recently, at Bramshill Police Academy in Hampshire and a smaller one at the National Arboretum, Alrewas.

So go on, photograph your wall shield - *preferably against a white background* – and send to me and receive the adulation you deserve!!









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As always, eBay still impresses and produces objects of interest associated with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, the Royal Corps of Transport and the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Below are some examples of recent finds on eBay, in particular this RAOC Wooden Cigarette Box, presented in what appears to be excellent condition; this box would be a fine addition to your Computer Desk to store your USB Sticks!





Ex-Pats Association

Below is a fine example of an RAOC Sweetheart badge (KC) with two (2) embroidered Ordnance Badges; I'm not sure on the history and background on these but they quite superbly detailed but I would welcome observations and comment etc.



Below is a Commemorative Coin, struck to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of REME! Check your loft, there may be one in there!



Below is close up of an RAOC **Swagger Stick. A Swagger Stick** is a short stick or riding crop usually carried by a uniformed person as a symbol of authority. A swagger stick is shorter than a staff or cane, and is usually made from rattan. Originally, the swagger stick was a functional implement used to direct military drill and manoeuvres or to administer physical punishment.

In the Roman army, a short vine wood staff called a *vitis* was carried and used for corporal punishment by Centurions (often career soldiers), but not by higher officers (often from the socio-political elite). Nowadays, it is more often a traditional visual attribute. Swagger sticks are most familiarly carried by military officers or more senior non-commissioned officers





Felix the Cat has been widely adopted by bomb squads all over the world as their symbol because of a cat's nine lives - a characteristic most bomb squad technicians covet, while at the same time hope they never need.

Felix was originally adopted by the British Army's 321 EOD Company, Royal Army Ordnance Corps (RAOC) in early 1970 when the unit was formed in Northern Ireland (NI). These Tie Pins were/are produced on a regular basis and sold on the camp, then on eBay!!







Below are two vehicles discovered on eBay, the right hand side being a Series 111 Landrover - EOD





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Equitation in the Junior Army

By

Adrian Hayward-Wills

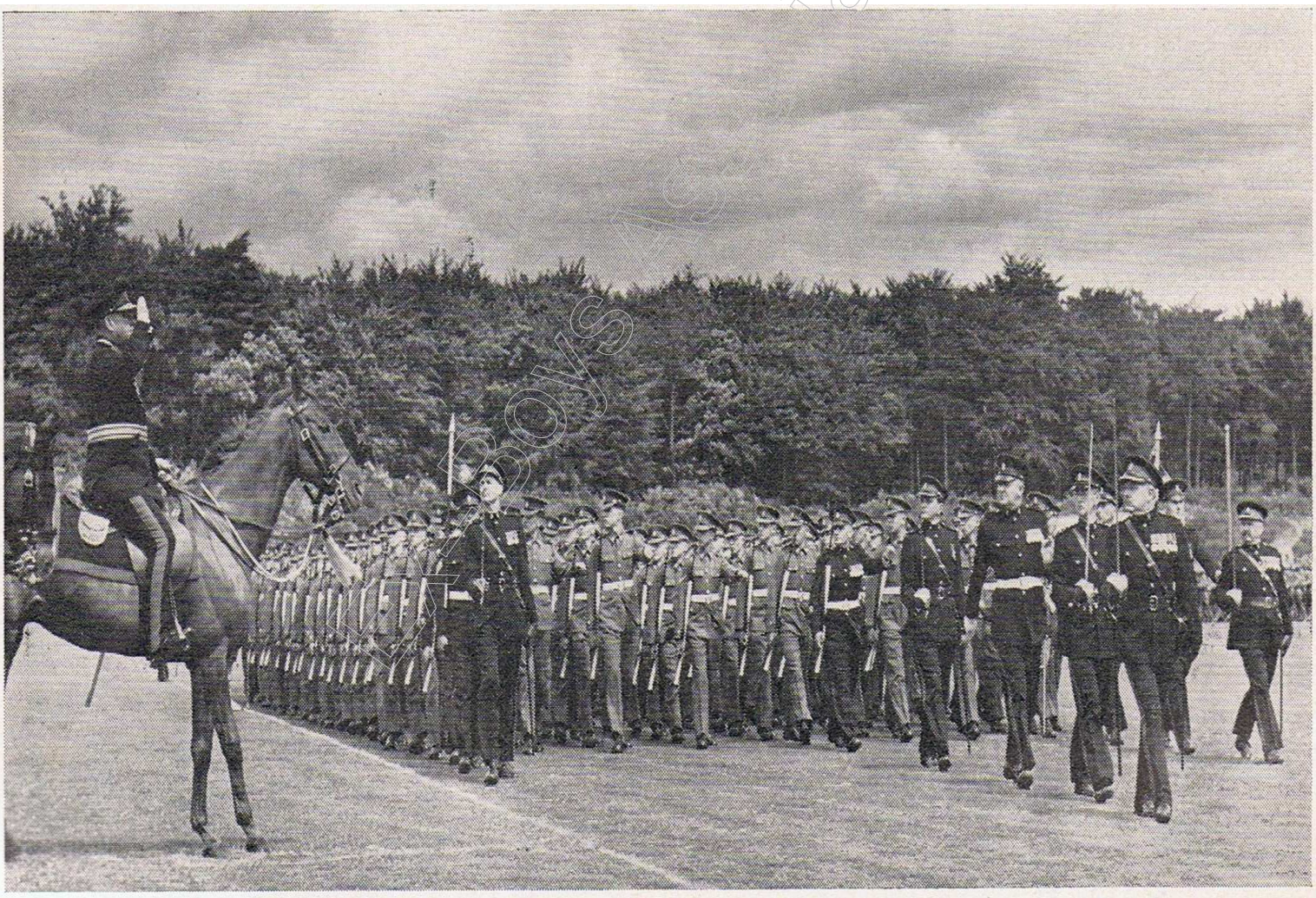




Equitation in the RAOC, REME and RCT featured prominently – particularly in the early days of the RASC - Equitation in the Junior Army was no exception, this is particular evident in the College Magazines know as the Thunderbolt. This article attempts – *through use of the College Magazine and photographs* - to explain the art of Equitation, the use of Horses in the Army general and the use of horses for adventure training. Furthermore, this article will also show the use of another type of horse – *from the The Toy Soldiers era* – playing it's part in our training and development.

In short, Equitation is the art of riding a horse. In horse shows, equitation classes focus on the skills of the rider, rather than the talents of the mount, and many beginning riders like to start out in equitation classes so that they can master the art of riding before progressing to more challenging styles of riding. Most of the top riders in the world have excelled in equitation classes, using their training as a groundwork to master dressage, jumping, eventing and other demanding equestrian skills.

In an equitation class, judges look at the form of the rider, paying close attention to his or her seat, how the reins are handled, how riding props such as crops are used, and to the level of communication between horse and rider. The rider is typically asked to go through a series of moves to demonstrate different riding skills, showcasing skills at different gaits and over jumps as well as on the flat. To allow plenty of room for judging, riders in an equitation class usually proceed one at a time, so that the judges can focus.



Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Harley-Peters leading the Junior Leaders' Battalion, R.A.O.C., on the Queen's Birthday Parade, 1961, as they give a salute to the Inspecting Officer, Major-General D. S. S. O'Connor, C.B., C.B.E.

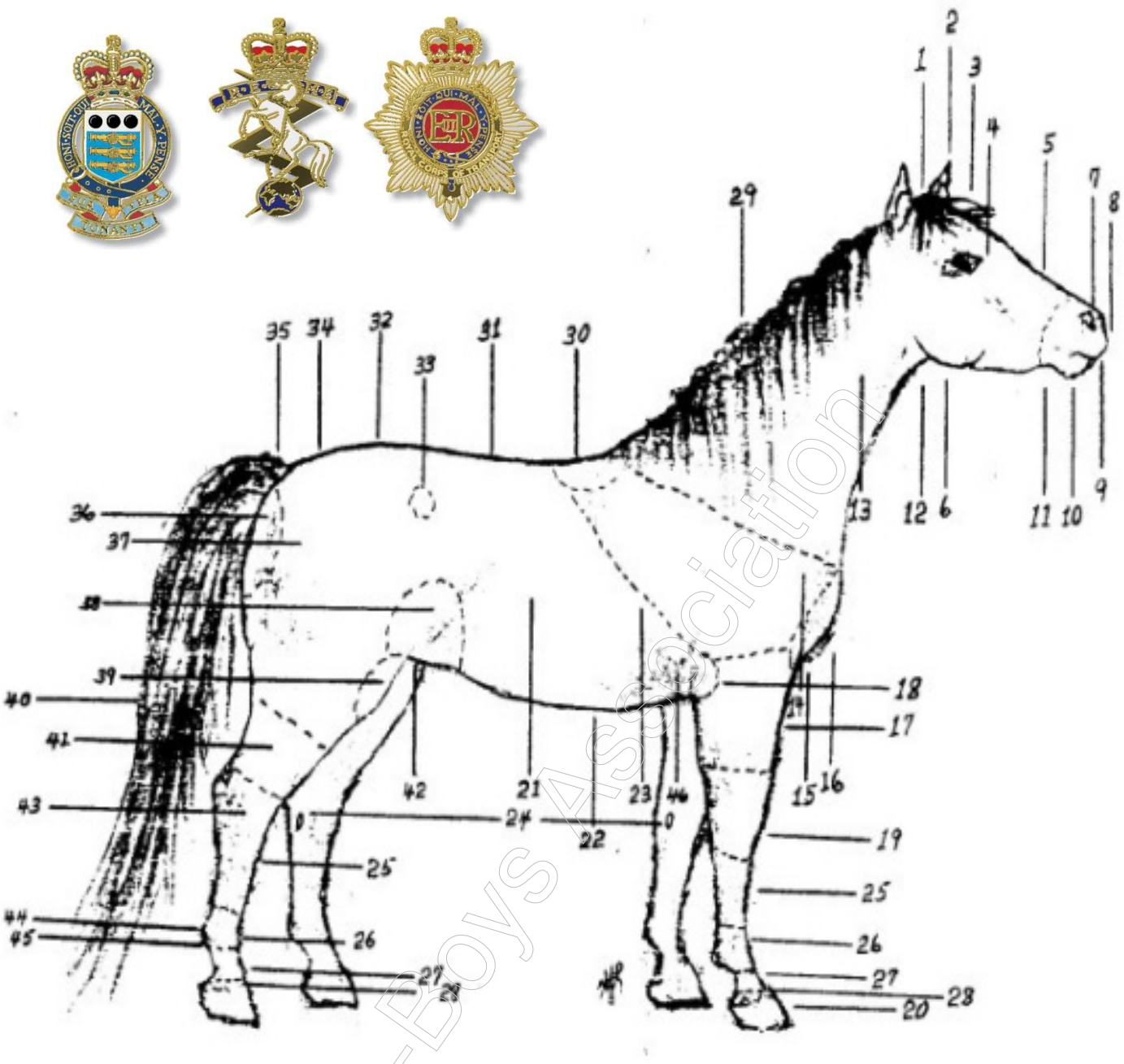
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Photograph of Captain Foy - RAOC

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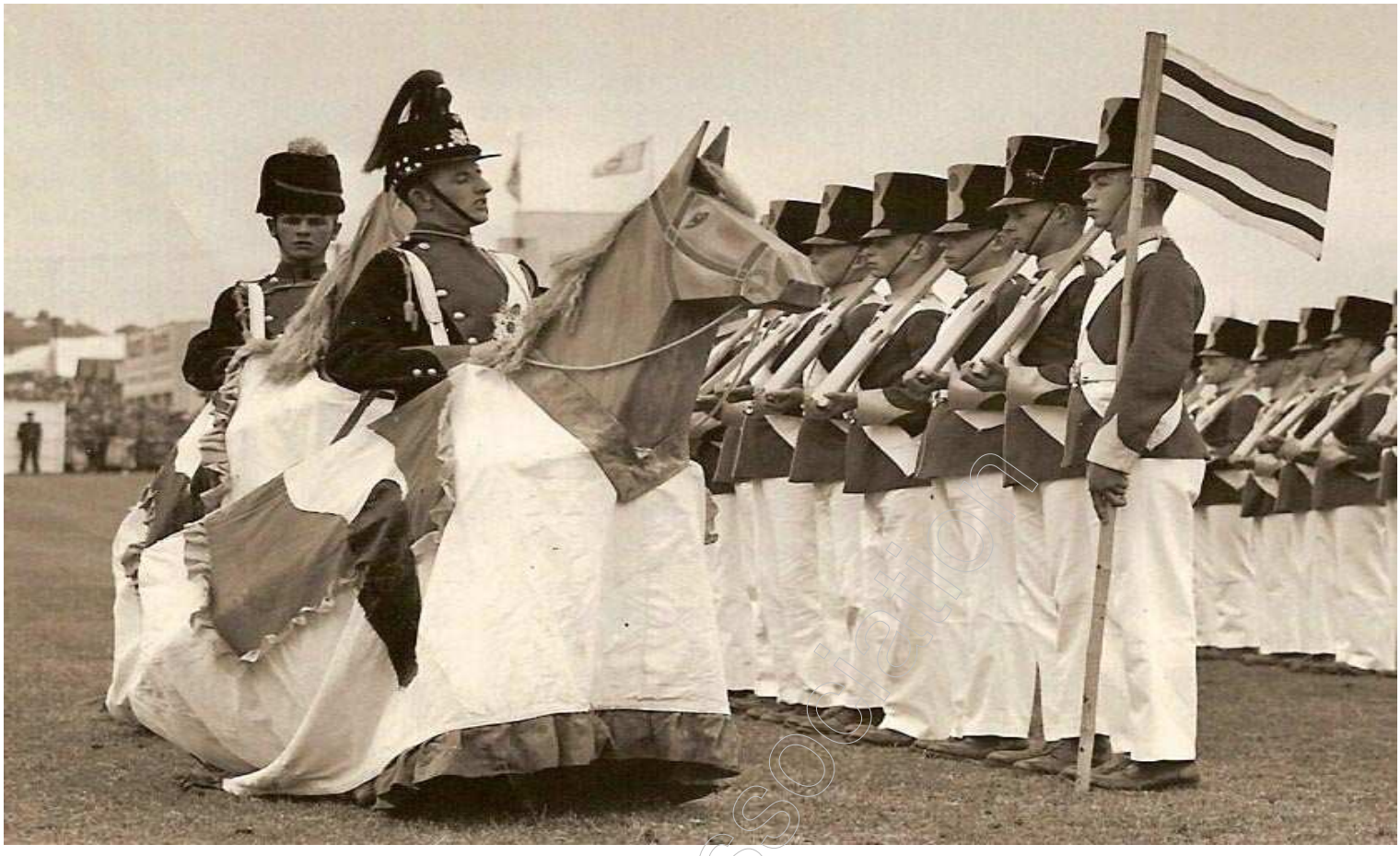
Know Your Horse!



1. POLL
2. EAR
3. FOREHEAD
4. EYE
5. FACE
6. CHEEK
7. NOSTRIL
8. MUZZLE
9. UPPER LIP
10. LOWER LIP
11. CHIN GROOVE
12. THROAT LATCH
13. NECK
14. SHOULDER
15. POINT OF SHOULDER
16. CHEST
17. FOREARM
18 ELBOW
19. KNEE
20. HOOF
21. BARREL
22. ABDOMEN
23. HEART GIRTH
24. CHESTNUT
25. CANNON
26. FETLOCK JOINT
27. PASTERN
28. CORNET
29. CREST
30. WITHERS
31. BACK
32. LOIN
33, POINT OF HIP
34. RUMP OR CROUP
35. DOCK
36. BUTTOCK
37. THIGH
38. FLANK
39. STIFLE
40. TAIL
41. GASKIN OR SECOND THIGH
42. SHEATH (male) UDDER (female)
43. HOCK
44. FETLOCK
45. ERGOT
46. FOREFLANK

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Photograph of the "Toy Soldiers" - Horses!!



Above photograph kindly donated by Dennis Kilbride From the "Toy Soldiers Album" – Which is currently on line



R.A.O.C. BOYS AT ROYAL TOURNAMENT

The RAOC "Corps Christmas Card" with horses! (circa 1952) kindly donated by Bob Walker
A very rare piece of RAOC Boys' History!

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RAOC Gazette page - Courtesy of ebay

Junior Leaders Battalion

DURING the last year horse riding has been a popular sport in the Junior Leaders Battalion. Unfortunately we are limited as to the numbers of boys able to take part by the horses available from the RAOC Saddle Club.

Each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon up to ten boys are instructed in riding. For the first half of the year most in-



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Major-General C. H. McVittie, CBE, presenting J/Pte. Griffiths with the Commanding Officer's Whip.

struction was in the indoor riding school. Later, when seats became firm and confidence was gained, we spent more time out on the training area and later still instruction was given on jumping in the paddock.

A fundamental principle of equine conformation is "form to function". Therefore, the type of horse used for various forms of warfare depended on the work performed, the weight a horse needed to carry or pull and distance travelled. Weight affects speed and endurance, creating a trade-off: armour added protection but added weight reducing maximum speed. Therefore, various cultures had different military needs. In some situations, one primary type of horse was favoured over all others. In other places, multiple types were needed; warriors would travel to battle riding a lighter horse of greater speed and endurance and then switch to a heavier horse, with greater weight-carrying capacity, when wearing heavy armour in actual combat.

The average horse can carry up to approximately 30% of its body weight. While all horses can pull more than they can carry, the weight horses can pull varies widely depending on the build of the horse, the type of vehicle, road conditions, and other factors. Horses harnessed to a wheeled vehicle on a paved road can pull as much as eight times their weight but far less if pulling wheelless loads over unpaved terrain. Thus, horses that were driven varied in size and had to make a trade-off between speed and weight, just as did riding animals. Light horses could pull a small war chariot at speed. Heavy supply wagons, artillery, and support vehicles were pulled by heavier horses or a larger number of horses. The method by which a horse was hitched to a vehicle also mattered: horses could pull greater weight with a horse collar than they could with a breast collar and even less with an ox yoke.

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EQUITATION

Officer-in-Charge: CAPT. D. A. R. CLARK, R.A.O.C.



Riding has progressed at a steady rate since the last publication of *The Thunderbolt*. At the end of the summer term a short display was given to the parents to demonstrate the type of instruction that Junior Leaders were able to receive if they wished to learn to ride whilst in this Battalion.

At the present time, we have five Junior Leaders riding. These have reached a satisfactory stage and are now allowed to go hunting with the Bisley Foxhounds. A further five Junior Leaders will be selected this term to commence riding in January.

The photograph above shows Jnr. Ptes. Snow, Dagless and Rhodes at the meet of the Bisley Foxhounds at the Junior Leaders Battalion Officers' Mess on Wednesday, 25th October. Jnr. Ptes. Davies and Betts are also depicted in the photograph.

While many statues and memorials have been erected to human heroes of war, often shown with horses, a few have also been created specifically to honor horses or animals in general. One example is the Horse Memorial in Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape province of South Africa. Both horses and mules are honored in the Animals in War Memorial in London's Hyde Park.

Horses have also at times received medals for extra-ordinary deeds. After the Charge of the Light Brigade during the Crimean War, a surviving horse named Drummer Boy, ridden by an officer of the 8th Hussars, was given an unofficial campaign medal by his rider that was identical to those awarded to British troops who served in the Crimea, engraved with the horse's name and an inscription of his service. A more formal award was the PDSA Dickin Medal, an animals' equivalent of the Victoria Cross, awarded by the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals charity in the United Kingdom to three horses that served in World War II.

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PONY TREKKING IN SCOTLAND

We all clambered on to the 3 tonners at 9 am on Saturday morning and said goodbye to Deepcut for a week and a day. The ride wasn't exactly the most comfortable we had ever experienced nor was the scenery around the M1 the most beautiful. We made stops about every two hours to go to the 'loo'. We were all glad to reach Barnards Castle at about 7 pm. The camp seemed deserted and we were then told that everybody was on exercise. We all got our heads down at 11 pm, knowing that this would be our last decent sleep for a week.

The next morning we set off bright and early for Aberfoyle and we arrived there at about 2 pm. We found a suitable field and started unloading the bivouacs, etc.

We had just about got everything off when Lt Thomas came back and said that he had found a barn we could stay in. It didn't take him long to persuade the people against the idea of sleeping in a barn that we would be a lot warmer and much more comfortable. So of course, we had to load everything back on to the 3 tonners and move to the barn. When we got there it reeked of horse manure the whole place had to be thoroughly swept. We laid bivouacs on the floor, grabbed a 'bed space' and made ourselves at home.

The next morning a party was detailed to round in the ponies and after breakfast the first group went out. We were shown how to insert the bit into the pony's mouth, how to tie a pony up and how to mount. After about an hour we finally went out on a pony trek.

The cookhouse was a small stable and the cook found it very convenient. Ssgt Addison and Lt Thomas slept in the loft along with the cook and the drivers. On the whole we had great fun. Palmer and Brown 034 were both thrown from their horses whereas Hutching's pony was content with rolling over while Hutchings was still on his back.

A trip into Stirling was organised which was not terribly successful as none of us had any money and there was not much going on.

On Saturday we were all very sad to pack up and leave. We said goodbye to the local Police and then left Aberfoyle far, far behind us.

On the way back to Barnard Castle we stopped off at Newcastle-upon-Tyne. We just had a walk round and the visit wasn't a particularly exciting one, except for the lads who lived thereabouts. We then carried on to Barnard Castle and were glad to have a full meal.

After another pleasant night's sleep we returned to Deepcut.

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A variety of horse breeds can be used in equitation. Most riders prefer to use calm, well-trained horses which will highlight their skills, and hot blooded breeds may be avoided so that the horse does not act up in the ring. Equitation can be done in English or Western tack, depending on the show, and the tack is usually kept simple, as is the horse's grooming, so that all of the focus is on the rider.

The correct garments for equitation again vary, depending on the show, but they are usually kept simple and neat. While riding, the rider is judged on his or her performance and control of the mount; if the rider appears to be struggling, for example, he or she will be marked down. Points are also taken away for extraneous movements, confusing commands, over-use of props, and lack of composure in the saddle.

Training in equitation is concentrated on forming a relationship between horse and rider, so that the two work as a team. While the rider is in control, he or she also listens to the horse, and tries to meet the needs of the horse before they become an issue. Through training in equitation, riders become more confident and secure in the saddle, and they often get to know their horses much better. Equitation can also be used to improve a horse's training, encouraging the development of good manners and a responsive attitude.

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EQUITATION

Officer-in-Charge: CAPT. D. A. R. CLARK, R.A.O.C.

Riding in the Easter term has been progressing well. Unfortunately our allocation of horses has now dropped to five, twice weekly, and as a result the number of Junior Leaders being taught to ride has decreased by over 50 per cent. The following Junior Leaders have been riding during the term: Jnr. Sgt. Pratt, Jnr. Cpls. Goodman, Hogg, Jnr. L/Cpl. Griffiths, Jnr. Ptes. Snow and Livingstone.

Jnr. Cpl. Hogg, Jnr. L/Cpl. Griffiths and Jnr. Pte. Snow managed to spend a day's hunting with the Bisley foxhounds on the occasion of their meet at the R.A.O.C. Officers' Club at Blackdown. They all thoroughly enjoyed the day's hunting and can surely claim to be the first Junior Leaders to hunt with foxhounds as a sport arranged by their Battalion.

The Commanding Officer's Whip for the Christmas term, 1960, was awarded to Jnr. Pte. Snow for his improvement in riding and his enthusiasm for horsemanship.

We were hoping to send a party of Junior Leaders to the Army Three-Day Event at Tidworth this year. Unfortunately, this event is being held in the middle of the Battalion block leave at Easter, so we shall not be able to attend.

The Royal Army Ordnance Corps

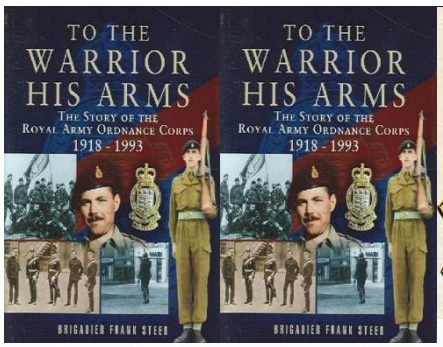


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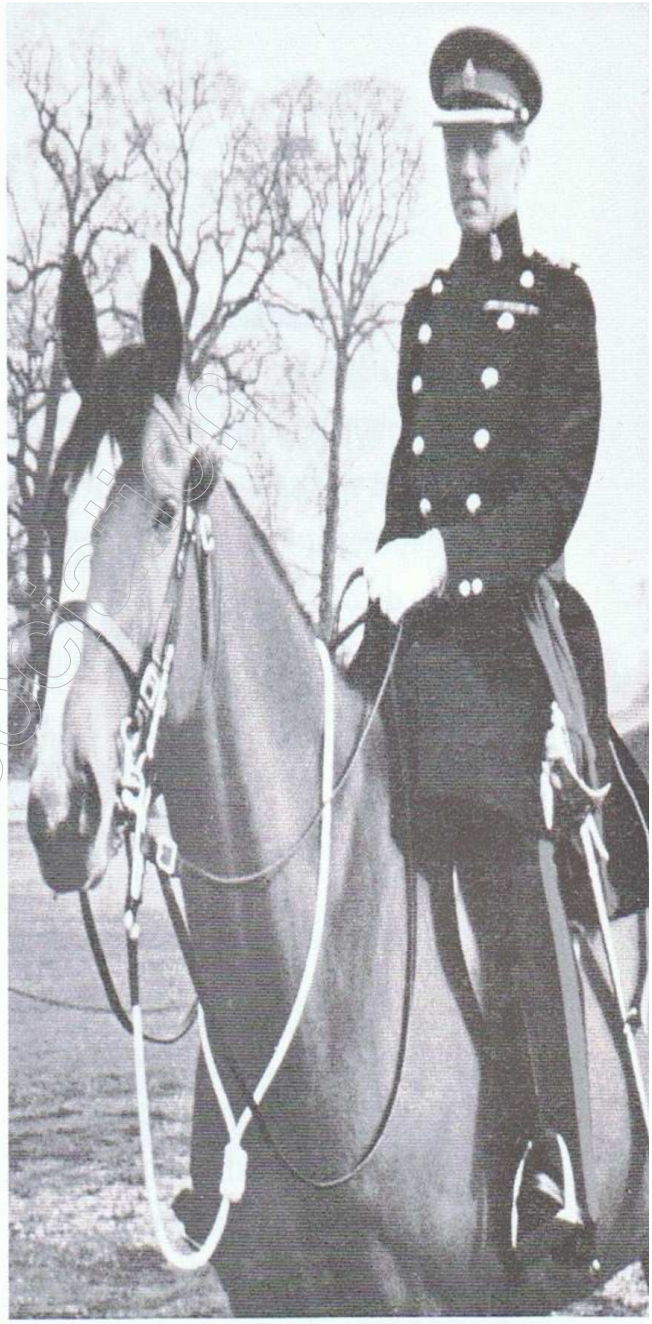
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RAOC Gazette Extract - front cover - Courtesy of ebay Circa July 1970

Article Courtesy of "To The Warrior His Arms" – By Brigadier Frank Steer



In April 1968 the CRAOC in London District appeared for the first time on parade, mounted as a member of the Staff of the Major General, as the GOC London District is known. The reasons went back a number of years when the CRAOC was required to join the major administrative inspections of the Household Division; the only Service head to be so invited. For a number of years this meant the Major General taking part in parades attended by his staff, all mounted, with CRAOC standing at the edge of the parade ground. Discussions took place, mostly it appears in the bar of the Army and Navy Club, and ended with the then CRAOC, Lieutenant Colonel Trevor Vaughan-Griffith, proposing to the Brigade Major and the Chief of Staff that CRAOC should attend the parade mounted. The Major General agreed, subject to CRAOC being able to ride properly. Equitation courses took place, but before he could undertake a parade Trevor Vaughan-Griffiths was posted. His replacement had one month to sort out his equitation, and Lieutenant Colonel Ian Crompton's only abiding memory was to avoid Mondays when both instructors and horses were less than well tempered following the weekend.



A later incumbent of the post, here Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Pittam is pictured in all his finery on 10 April 1970.

Nonetheless, he made his first parade mounted on Monarch, a grey, and with a Royal Blue saddle cloth and the RAOC badge resplendent upon it. Then it was decided instead of simply wearing No.1 dress ceremonial, he should be properly dressed in a frock coat and wearing the same embellishments as the rest of the staff. He was so attired by July of 1968 for an inspection of the 1st Battalion the Scots Guards in Edinburgh. CRAOC London District was to remain annotated a mounted post, and all those posted in to the appointment either rode or had to learn.

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Cfn Sammy Turner REME and Mark Howson RAOC - Newbury One Day Event - Circa 1973

Photograph kindly donated by Mark Howson

The Newbury One Day Event - *as per above photograph* - is an event where each horse and rider combination must complete all of the three phases of the event in one day - Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country.

DRESSAGE
The examination of a horse and rider's ability to work together. Dressage is judged on the bearing, demeanour, discipline and elegance that the partnership brings to the arena. The test consists of a sequence of movements to test the suppleness and obedience of the horse.

SHOW JUMPING
A test of agility, precision and control of both horse and rider over a course of show jumps, taking place in the main arena at the centre of the Event.

CROSS COUNTRY
The most exciting part of the One Day Event. riders must negotiate a course of approximately 30 timber built solid obstacles within the time limit designed to test the fitness, technique and all round ability of the combination.

In equitation competition, flat classes (those that do not include jumping) include judging at the walk, trot, and canter in both directions, and the competitors may be asked to ride without stirrups. It is correct for the riders to have a light and steady contact with their horse's mouth the entire ride. Loss of a stirrup or dropping the reins are also faults, and may be cause for elimination.

In over fences classes (classes in which the horse and rider jump obstacles), the competitor rides over a course of at least six jumps (usually more). Fence height may go up to 3'9". Classes often require at least one flying lead change, and one or more combinations. The rider is judged not only on position and effectiveness of aids, but should also maintain an even, forward pace and meet each fence at an appropriate distance.

At the highest level of hunt seat equitation are the national Maclay finals and USEF Medal classes in the United States, and the CET (Canadian Equestrian Team) Medal in Canada. These championships and their qualifying classes may include bending lines, roll back turns, narrow fences, and fences with a long approach to test the rider. Fences must be at least 3'6" and may be up to 5' wide, and the course must have at least eight obstacles and at least one combination. The course may include liverpool or open water elements, depending on the class specifications.

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ROWCROFT PLATOON

Platoon Commander Lt M Blatherwick RAOC

Platoon Sergeant Sgt J E Jones RAOC



ROWCROFT PLATOON AT CULTYBRAGGEN

A/Cpl Foster A/Ptes McLung Mortimer Foulds Farrow Greenfield Harris Morgan A/Sgt Wicken

A/Lcpl Kennedy A/Ptes Gardner Banwell A/CSM Walls A/Ptes Henshall Baker A/Pte Cowley

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Equitation tests may be chosen by the judge to help place the top riders. These tests are required in the medal classes. Tests may include a halt for several seconds, rein back, demonstration of the hand gallop, figure-8 at the trot or canter with correct diagonals or leads (simple change of lead or flying), trotting or cantering low fences (up to 3'), jump obstacles at the walk (up to 2'), jumping fences on a figure-8, oral questions regarding tack, equipment, conformation, and basic horsemanship, riding without stirrups, performing a turn on the forehand or haunches, and a serpentine at the trot or canter with flying changes. Riders may also be asked to switch horses at higher levels of competition, such as at a national final. Switching of horses is no longer common at smaller competitions due to the risks involved.

Western equitation (sometimes called Western horsemanship, stock seat equitation, or, in some classes, reining seat equitation) competitions are judged at the walk, jog, and lope in both directions. Riders must sit to the jog and never post.

Riders must use a Western saddle and a curb bit, and may only use one hand to hold the reins while riding. Two hands are allowed if the horse is ridden in a snaffle bit or hackamore, which are only permitted for use on "junior" horses, defined differently by various breed associations, but usually referring to horses four or five years of age and younger. Horses are not allowed to wear a noseband or cavesson, nor any type of protective boot or bandage, except during some tests that require a reining pattern.

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Fremington Mounted Coastal Patrol.
APtes Shanks, Murray, Cottom and
ALcpl Heaps

Riders are allowed two different styles of reins: (1) split reins, which are not attached to each other, and thus the rider is allowed to place one finger between the reins to aid in making adjustments; and (2) "romal reins," which are joined together and have a romal (a type of long quirt) on the end, which the rider holds in his/her non-reining hand, with at least 16 inches of slack between the two, and the rider is not allowed to place a finger between the reins.

The correct position for this discipline, as in all forms of riding, is a balanced seat. This is seen when a bystander can run an imaginary straight line that passes through the rider's ear, shoulder, hip and heel.

The Western style is seen in a long stirrup length, often longer than even that used by dressage riders, an upright posture (equitation riders are never to lean forward beyond a very slight inclination), and the distinctive one-handed hold on the reins. The reining hand should be bent at the elbow, held close to the rider's side, and centered over the horse's neck, usually within an inch of the saddle horn. Due to the presence of the saddle horn, a true straight line between rider's hand and horse's mouth is usually not possible.

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OIC's Mr Heap Maj Bunyard

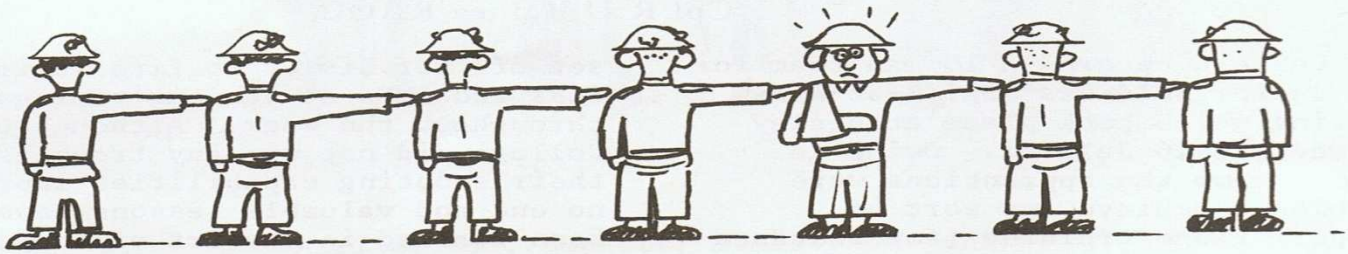
Those apprentices who chose riding as their sport hardly knew what they had let themselves in for. Although remarkably every member of the College has had the opportunity to ride during the Spring Camp in Devon, this hardly prepared them to meet the fire breathing dragons provided by the Army.

Luckily we are able to use the indoor riding school at Sandhurst, the soft landings and locked doors limit injuries to damaged pride only.

The time is fast approaching when the more proficient – or daring depending on your viewpoint, will be able to enter local competitions. The progress made by ACpl Gould in particular suggests he may well achieve good results in novice show jumping this summer. Training is now taking place also, at Burdon's farm, under the watchful eye of Mrs Bunyard.



ACpl Gould, Burma Platoon, riding 'Trail' at Burdon's Farm stables.



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Dressage seat equitation is a relatively new class offered at dressage shows. Unlike a dressage test, the horse's gaits are not judged, although the horse's frame is taken into consideration by the judge, but rather it is the rider who is evaluated. Also, instead of a single competitor in the ring, there are several riders in the ring at one time.

The rider is judged on a proper classical position. This includes evaluating leg position, seat, hands, balance, and rhythm. The rider is to be relaxed and not interfere with the horse's movement, but able to make full use of all riding aids. The rider and horse should have unity, and the rider should use the aids correctly and efficiently.

In addition to the classical Olympic events, the following forms of competition are seen. In the United States and Canada they are referred to as "English riding", to contrast them with western-style riding :

- Hunt seat or Hunter classes judge the movement and the form of horses suitable for work over fences. A typical show hunter division would include classes over fences as well as "Hunter under Saddle" or "flat" classes (sometimes called "hack" classes), in which the horse is judged on its performance, manners and movement without having to jump. Hunters have a long, flat-kneed trot, sometimes called "daisy cutter" movement, a phrase suggesting a good hunter could slice daisies in a field when it reaches its stride out. The over fences classes in show hunter competition are judged on the form of the horse, its manners and the smoothness of the course. A horse with good jumping form snaps its knees up and jumps with a good bascule. It should also be able to canter or gallop with control while having a stride long enough to make a proper number of strides over a given distance between fences.
- Eventing, show jumping, and dressage, described under "Olympic disciplines," above are all "English" riding disciplines that in North America sometimes are loosely classified within the "hunt seat" category.
- Saddle seat, is a primarily American discipline, though has recently become somewhat popular in South Africa, was created to show to best advantage the animated movement of high-stepping and gaited breeds such as the American Saddlebred and the Tennessee Walker. Some Arabians and Morgans are also shown saddle seat in the United States. There are usually three basic divisions. Park divisions are for the horses with the highest action. Pleasure divisions still emphasis animated action, but to a lesser degree, with manners ranking over animation. Plantation or Country divisions have the least amount of animation (in some breeds, the horses are flat-shod) and the greatest emphasis on manners.
- Show hack is a competition seen primarily in the United Kingdom, Australia, and other nations influenced by British traditions, featuring horses of elegant appearance, with excellent way of going and self-carriage. A related event is Riding Horse.

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The tail of the same patrol. APte Simspon, APte Ball and ALcpl Heaps

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Article Courtesy of "The Thunderbolt" College Magazine – Circa 1984

HORSE RIDING

Officer in Charge Mr P Heap

Riding in the College reached its highest level during the Summer Term 1983, thanks mainly to the efforts of Major Bunyard REME, who put in a lot of hard work to make the sport succeed. The Apprentices were able to ride at Sandhurst on Thursday afternoons and at Burdons Farm stables, run by Mrs Bunyard, on Tuesdays.

All of the apprentices progressed sufficiently to enable them to successfully complete a simple course of jumps.

Also during the Summer Term, the club helped out as course builders and jump judges at a small riding competition organized by Major and Mrs Bunyard. The WRAC driver that day, Pte McKenna, now the Apprentice College Commanding Officer's driver, won a rosette for jumping the course without any faults.

Unfortunately for the club, Major Bunyard was posted in September and his wife decided to give up running the stables. This meant that the club was only able to ride once a week at the RMAS Saddle Club.

On Tuesday afternoons a course in stable management has been started to give confidence in handling horses and some basic instruction in looking after them. The apprentices can now clean out the boxes and make new beds, feed and water, groom, rug up and clean and look after saddlery.

Naturally the apprentices prefer the riding lessons in the indoor school where they are beginning to master the horses and show who is the boss. (At first this was usually the horse). Some have already managed small jumps without falling off and most have managed some basic dressage movement.

All in all the sport is still popular and unfortunately numbers have to be restricted to the number of horses available.

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Ever sat watching the parade for the Queen's birthday and admired the skills of both the horses and their riders? Ever wondered where training for such events originates? Well, read on to find out about the gruelling training courses, dedication and sheer talent needed to become one of this elite band of horsemen and women. The Army School of Equitation is part of the Defence Animal Centre based in Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. Along with the Equine Division, the site is shared between the Army School of Farriery, The Services Veterinary Hospital and The Canine Division. The school comprises of 150 stables, an indoor riding school, menage, cantering track, jump lanes and a 60 fence cross-country course along with 240 acres of grazing.

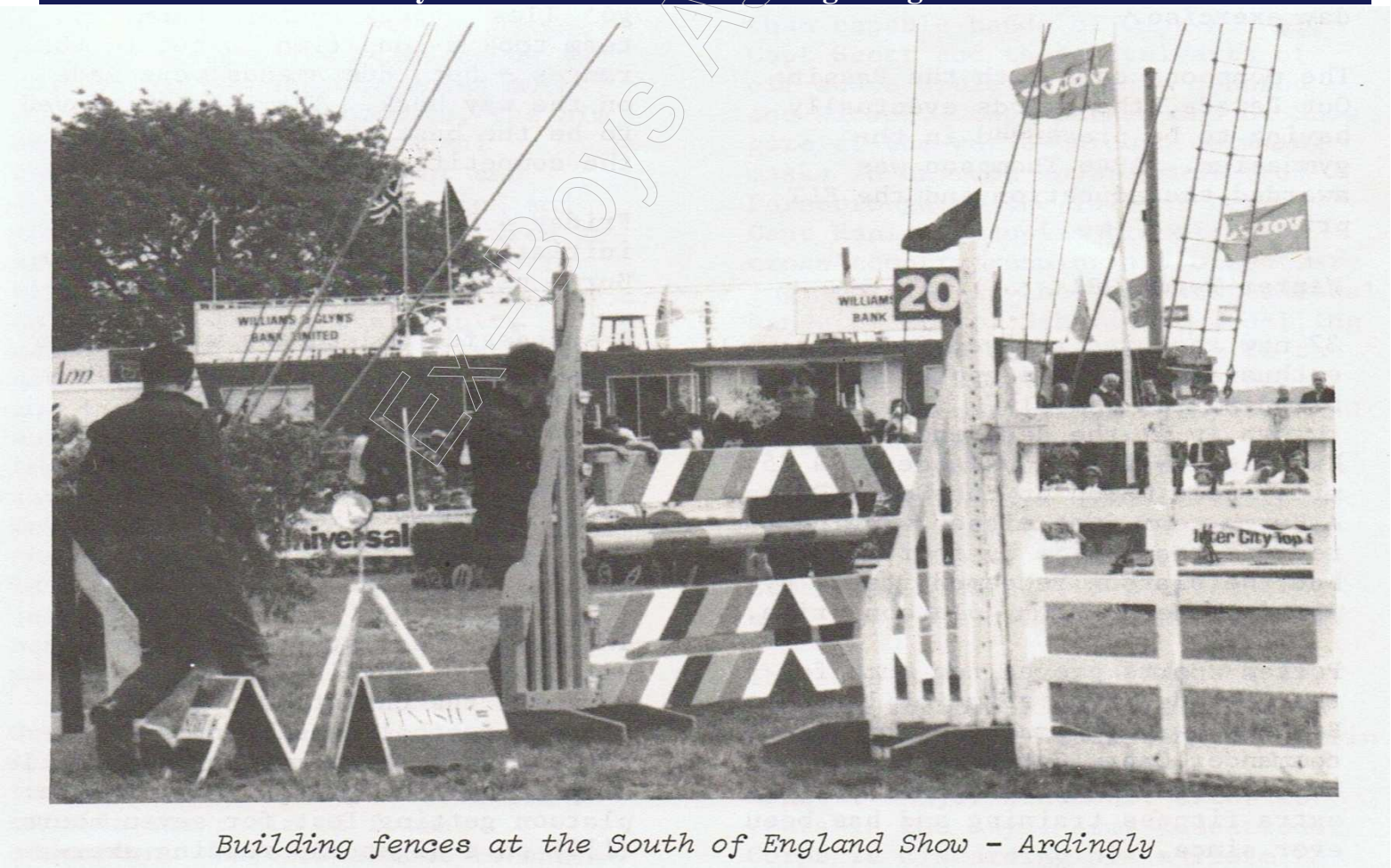
There is an Equitation Officer and former member of the Kings Troop Royal Horse Artillery and he is the man in charge of the activities at the School of Equitation. Although the main objective is to provide equitation training for the mounted units within the London District (The Kings Troop Royal Horse Artillery, The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment and The Household Division make up the mounted units of the British Army - about 400 horses in total) the School provides equitation training for other members of the Armed Forces too.

The School is also responsible for arranging remounts (new Equine recruits) and providing rest and recuperation for all horses owned by the Ministry of Defence. There can be 260 horses at grass at any one time, with as many as 80 arriving or leaving the same day. The main Equine course is the Advanced Military Equitation Course, which qualifies riders as Military Riding instructors (approximately Assistant Instructor level). The course runs from April to September, and is made up of twelve experienced junior ranks or young officers from the Kings Troop or Household Cavalry.

It is a very demanding course, the first six weeks are dedicated to improving general riding and stable management skills, with not a spare moment in the day. Once students reach the required standard, they are taught to break-in and bring on young horses. Horses are backed, ridden away in the basic paces, jumped and introduced to traffic - all in 12 weeks! In the last two months, students teach civilians in the evenings, giving them valuable experience in preparation for the military instructional exam at the end of the course.

This is not the end of the road either. Two years later, all riders must return for an upgrading course and only then can they become fully qualified B1 Military Riding Instructors (approximately equivalent to Intermediate Instructors). The staff compete successfully both nationally and internationally in all disciplines. Most summers, the School hosts the whole of the Royal Tournament Jumping Competitions where there will be over 180 horses on site for the week, together with numerous personnel. It is an exciting but very demanding and expensive prospect.

Photo courtesy of "The Thunderbolt" College Magazine – Circa 1982



Building fences at the South of England Show – Ardingly

Members of Burma Platoon "…..*Building fences at the South of England Show – Ardingly…..*"

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Further to the Book "To The Warrior His Arms" by Brigadier Frank Steer, with the formation of the Royal Logistic Corps (RLC) in April 1993, this was the last occasion that the Commander (Supply) Royal Army Ordnance Corps (C (s) RAOC) carried out a mounted duty in support of the Major General Commanding, The Household Division.

Interestingly, his name will be last of twelve to be inscribed on a special Corps Infantry Pattern Sword along with his twelve RAOC Redressers with dates of service, which is worn on official duties.

The title of this post, is now Commander Supply, Royal Logistic Corps and as a consequence, a revised Cavalry Sword has been duly commissioned to celebrate and follow in the tradition.



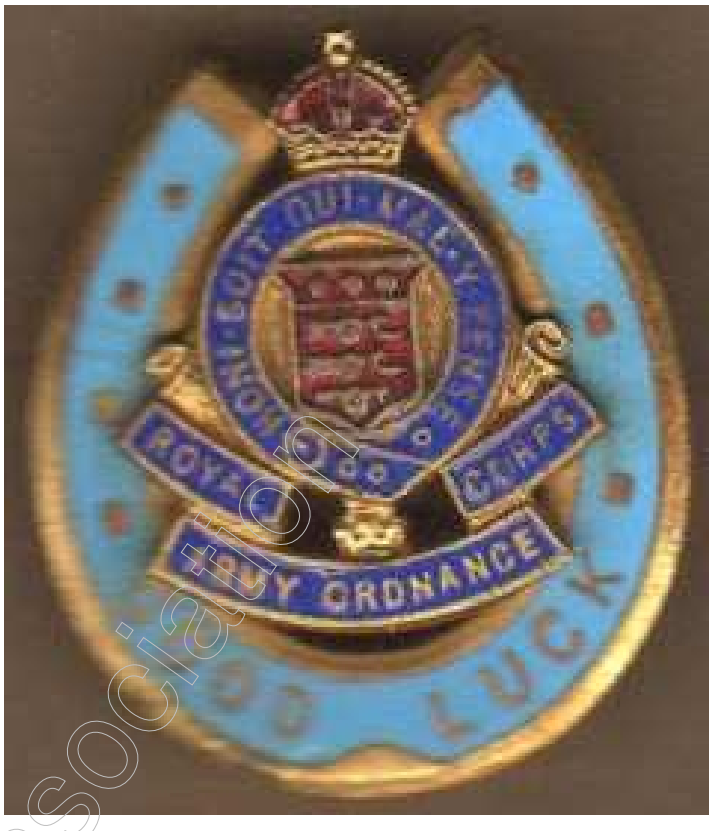
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Pictured: Lt. Col. Richard Bird RAOC

Please note the Brass RAOC Badge on the horse
Measuring approximately 13.5 cms! Editor's personal collection!

Below are a selection of horse themed RAOC Brooches – courtesy of ebay





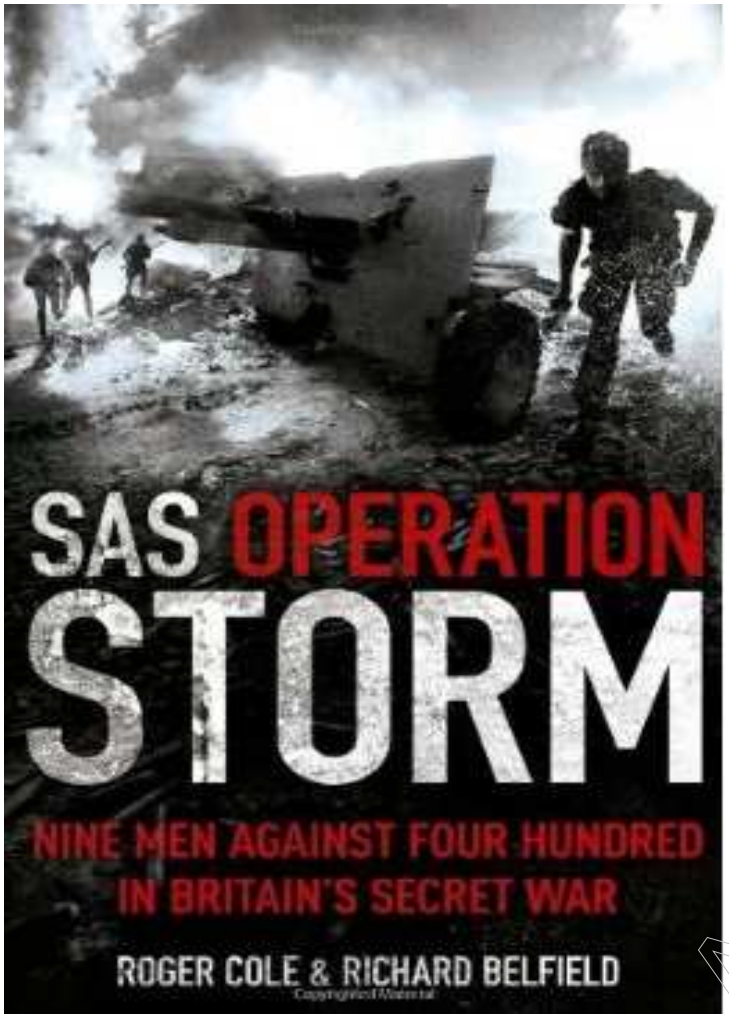




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Book Review



- **Hardcover:** 320 pages
- **Publisher:** Hodder & Stoughton (18 Aug 2011)
- **Language** English
- **ISBN-10:** 1444726951
- **ISBN-13:** 978-1444726954
- **Product Dimensions:** 23.6 x 16 x 3.6 cm

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Synopsis

SAS OPERATION STORM is the inside story - told by those who took part - of the greatest secret war in SAS history. The tipping point, Mirbat, South Oman, 19 July 1972 is one of the least known yet most crucial battles of modern times.

If the SAS had been defeated at Mirbat, the Russian and Chinese plan for a communist foothold in the Middle East would have succeeded, with catastrophic consequences for the oil-hungry West.

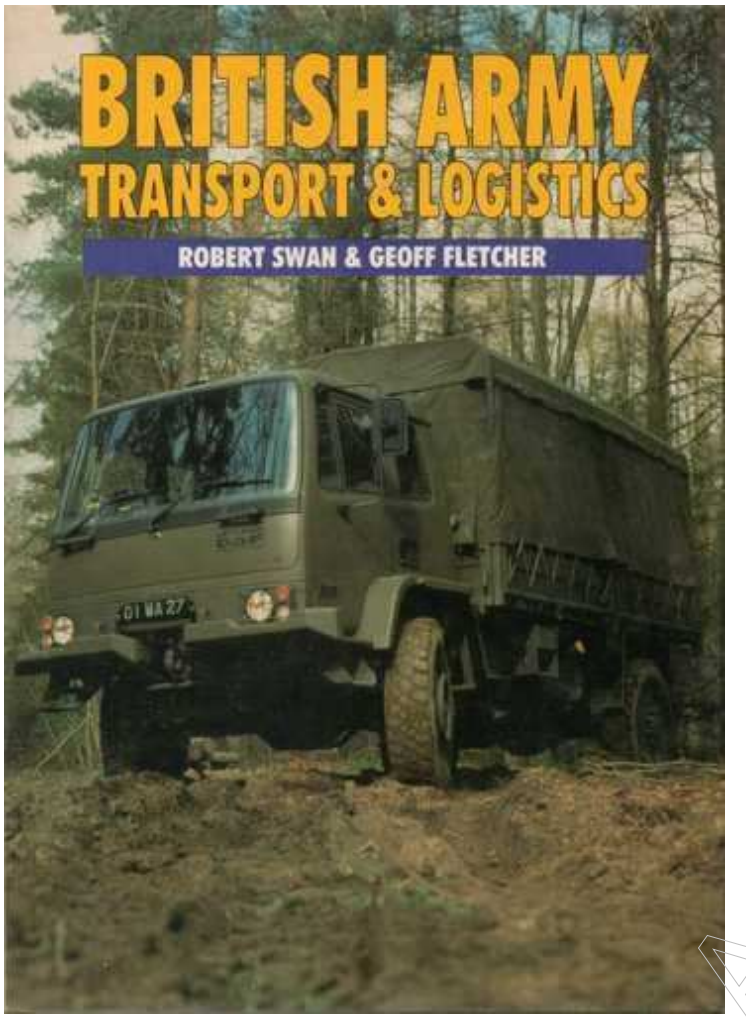
SAS OPERATION STORM is a page-turning account of courage and resilience. Mirbat was a battle fought and won by nine SAS soldiers and a similar number of brave local people - some as young as ten years old - outnumbered by at least twenty-five to one.

Roger Cole, one of the SAS soldiers who took part and writer Richard Belfield have interviewed every SAS survivor who fought in the battle from the beginning to the end - the first time every single one of them has revealed their experience. SAS OPERATION STORM is a classic story of bravery against impossible odds, minute-by-minute, bullet-by-bullet.

Roger Cole was born in 1944. He joined the **Royal Army Ordnance Corps** (**RAOC**) in 1964, his first posting being to Germany. In 1968 he passed his SAS selection course and joined B Squadron, 22 SAS in Hereford. He did various tours in classified areas, including Dhofar, Oman. He returned to the RAOC in 1977. He has served with the British Army in Germany, Cyprus and the Falkland Islands. He retired from the army in 1986.

Richard Belfield is an award-winning television producer/director, author and playwright. His television programmes have won prizes on both sides of the Atlantic. As well as "*Terminate With Extreme Prejudice*" he is the author of "*Can You Crack the Enigma Code?*" He is a Director of Fulcrum TV.

Book Review



- **Hardcover:** 128 pages
- **Publisher:** Ian Allan Publishing; (31 Oct 1991)
- **Language** English
- **ISBN-10:** 071101986X
- **ISBN-13:** 978-0711019867
- **Product Dimensions:** 23.8 x 17.6 x 1.4 cm

Synopsis

This book delivers what it says on the front cover.

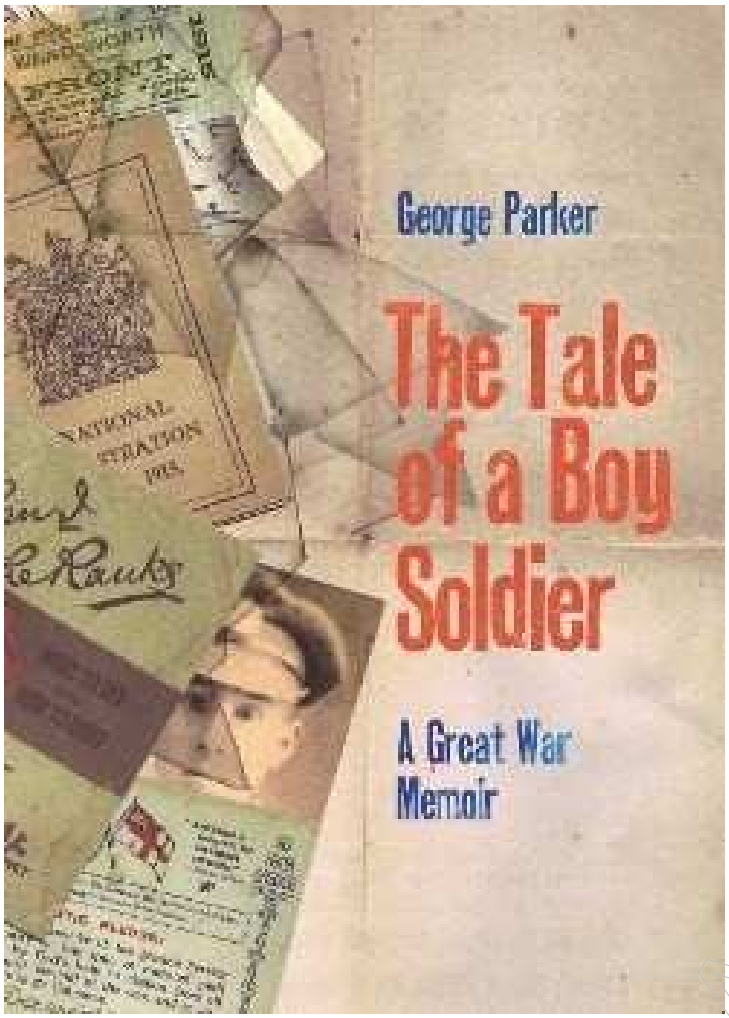
British Army Transport and Logistics is an up to date history of Army Vehicles and Logistics.

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.

Unfortunately, there aren't many books about the RCT or the RASC or even Logistics etc so this detailed book makes an ideal starting point to your library of books associated with the history motor transport.

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Book Review



- Paperback: 72 pages
- Publisher: Queenspark Books
- Language English
- ISBN 978-0904733433

Synopsis:

George Parker was born into poverty in Brighton in 1898 and joined up to fight in the First World War at the age of just 15. He fought in the trenches in both Ypres and on the Somme and although wounded, survived the horrors of the 'war to end all wars'.

In 1969 George wrote this memoir which provides us with a first-hand account of life in Brighton before the First World War and, in particular, of life for a young soldier in the trenches.

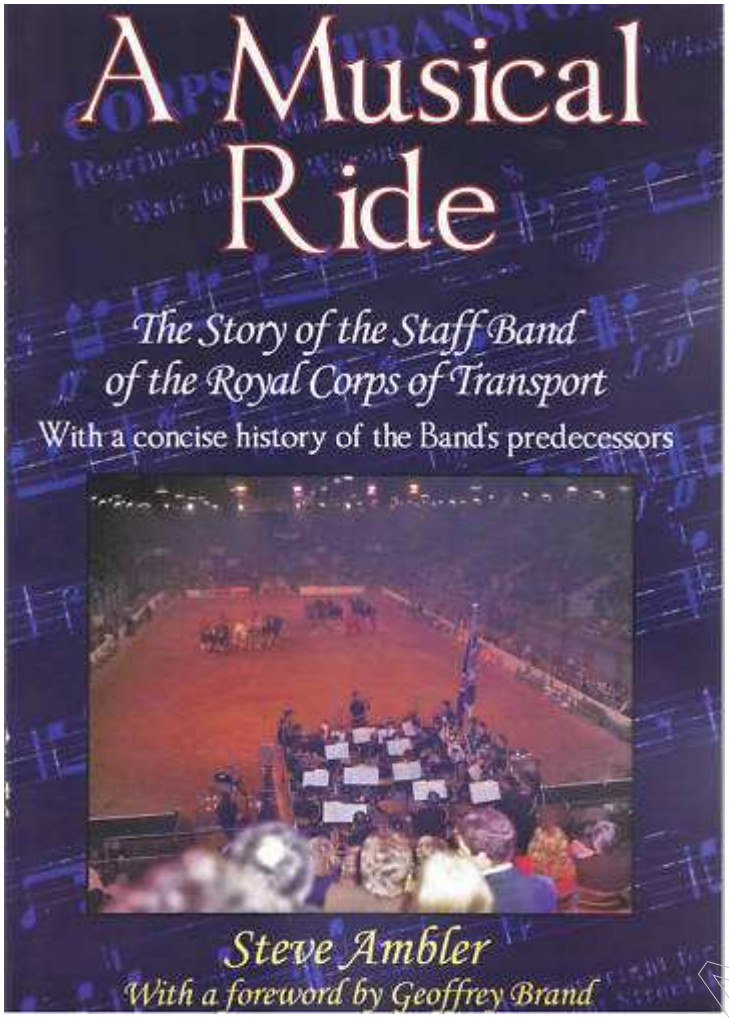
From the Publisher:-

This book was first published in 2001.

Due to popular demand, it is republished and now re-edited with some additional photographs, to help us remember and commemorate the ending of the First World War.

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Book Review



- Paperback: 135 pages
- Publisher: MRA Publishing 18th September 2010
- Language English
- ISBN 0955185416
- Product Dimensions: 29.7 x 21 x 1 cm

Synopsis:

The Story of the Staff Band of the Royal Corps of Transport.

For those who appreciate the immense significance of music and musicians in a military setting.

This book is full of fascinating detail, liberally illustrated with photographs and other supportive memorabilia. It qualifies under the "hard to put down" category.

This is a wonderful book: It is not just for the enthusiasts of military bands. There is something for everybody, fascinating details, amusing stories and anecdotes. You really get a feeling for what life is like in a British Military Band.

It is very well written, the author tells his story with great skill. The illustrations are numerous and they bring the book to life.

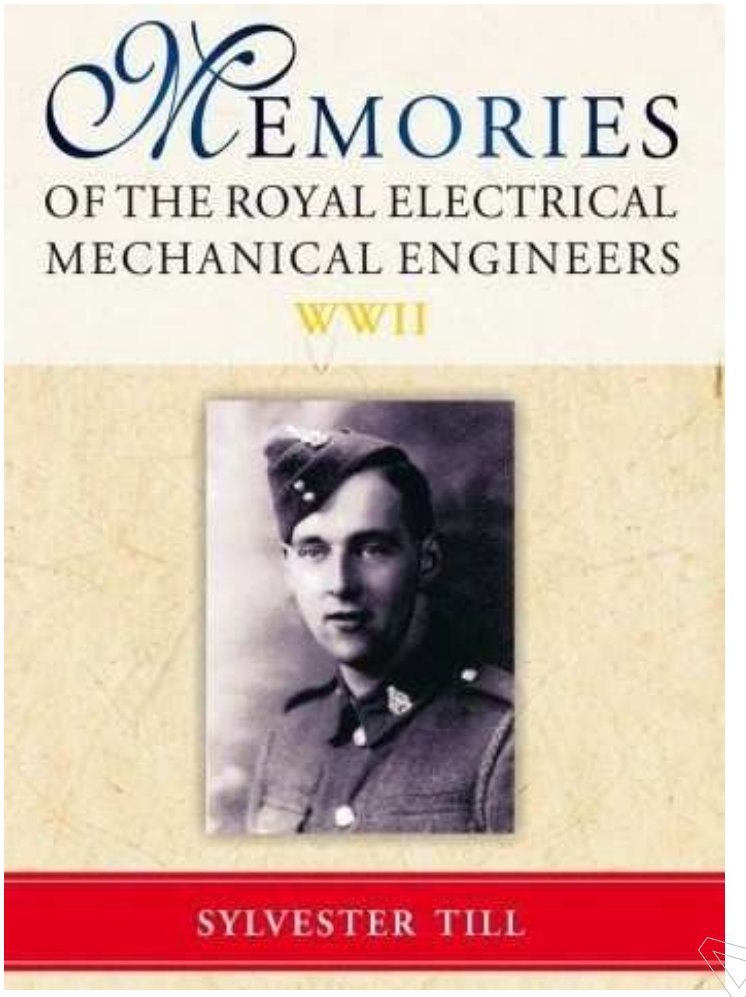
The foreword is by Geoffrey Brand, one of the world's leading brass band conductors who actually served his national service in this band.

It was signed by the author and the First Edition copies, were limited to a run of 150! I think there are still 149 still on eBay!!!!!!!!!!

Don't miss it!

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Book Review



- Paperback: 144 pages
- Publisher: Stamford House Publishing (2007)
- Language English
- ISBN-10: 190498567X
- ISBN-13: 978-1904985679
- Product Dimensions: 19.6 x 14.2 x 1 cm

Synopsis

Gives insight into a side of wartime that's not often remembered but we should be reminded that without the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers the machinery of war would have ground to a halt. This book presents memoirs that remind us that true friendship, spirit and a sense of humour can survive the greatest atrocities of war. Memories of the Royal Mechanical Engineers is an anecdotal account of Sylvester Till's time served with the REME during the Second World War.

It is a tale told with humour, full of amusing and sometimes sad anecdotes about himself and his compatriots in the various places that he served, such as Iraq and Egypt, and his eventual journey home to England at the end of the war. The book will strike chords with any of the soldiers who served in and survived WWII or their families.

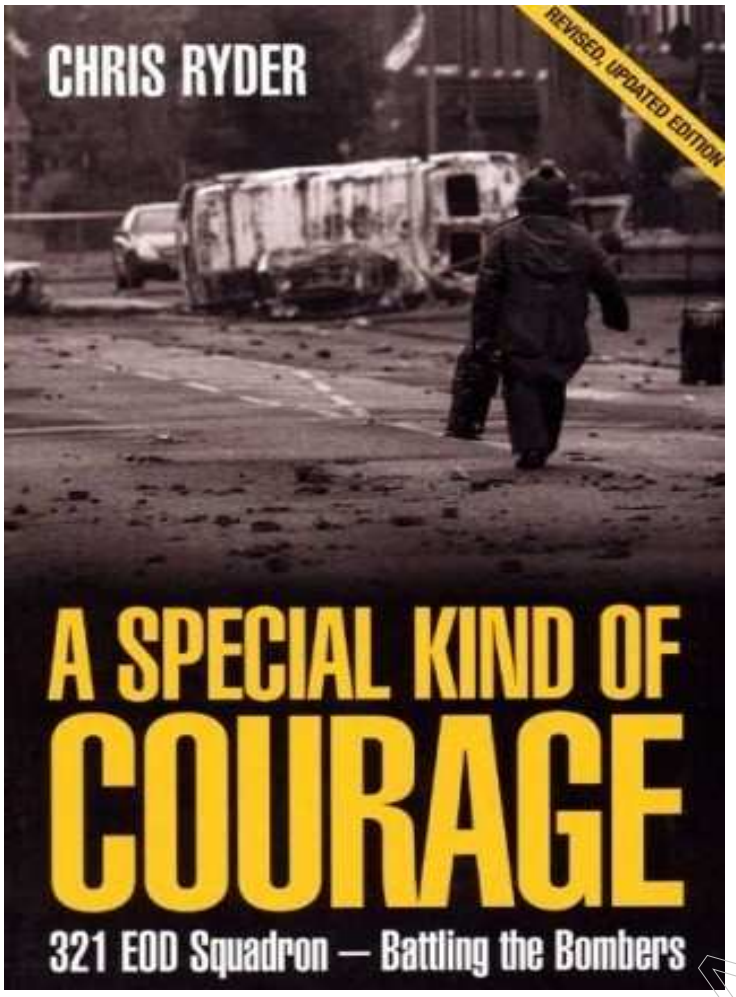
It is informative, interesting and very readable. It is a book that will appeal to anybody who is interested in WWII from the perspective of a serving soldier. Sylvester Till was bought up in Freckleton and conscripted into the army in 1939. He was placed with what was then the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and then transferred into the REME in 1941. He served in the REME until his demob in 1946, returning to Freckleton, where he then married a local girl, and went back to his old job at KV Burlingham Caravans, where he was employed as a vehicle builder before his conscription.

During most of this journey Till and his comrades had no idea where they were heading. The answer was Iraq, where Till spent the next two years, despite an Army rule that stated that nobody should serve for more than 18 months in the country (due to the heat). Although much of the book concentrates on life within the army, we do see how the British soldiers felt about the Iraqis, and get some idea of how they behaved.

This a short but interesting book that provides an interesting look at daily life in the British Army during the Second World War, well worth reading.

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Book Review



- Paperback: 352 pages
- Publisher: Methuen Publishing Ltd - (2006)
- Language English
- ISBN-10: 0413775674
- ISBN-13: 978-0413775672
- Product Dimensions: 19.6 x 12.8 x 2.4 cm

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Synopsis:

321 EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Squadron was posted to Northern Ireland at the outset of the Troubles, to provide bomb disposal expertise. Since then it has answered over 50,000 'bomb scare' calls, over 5,500 of them to deal with actual devices. It is impossible to estimate the number of lives, or value of property, saved by its work. But, the cost is clear.

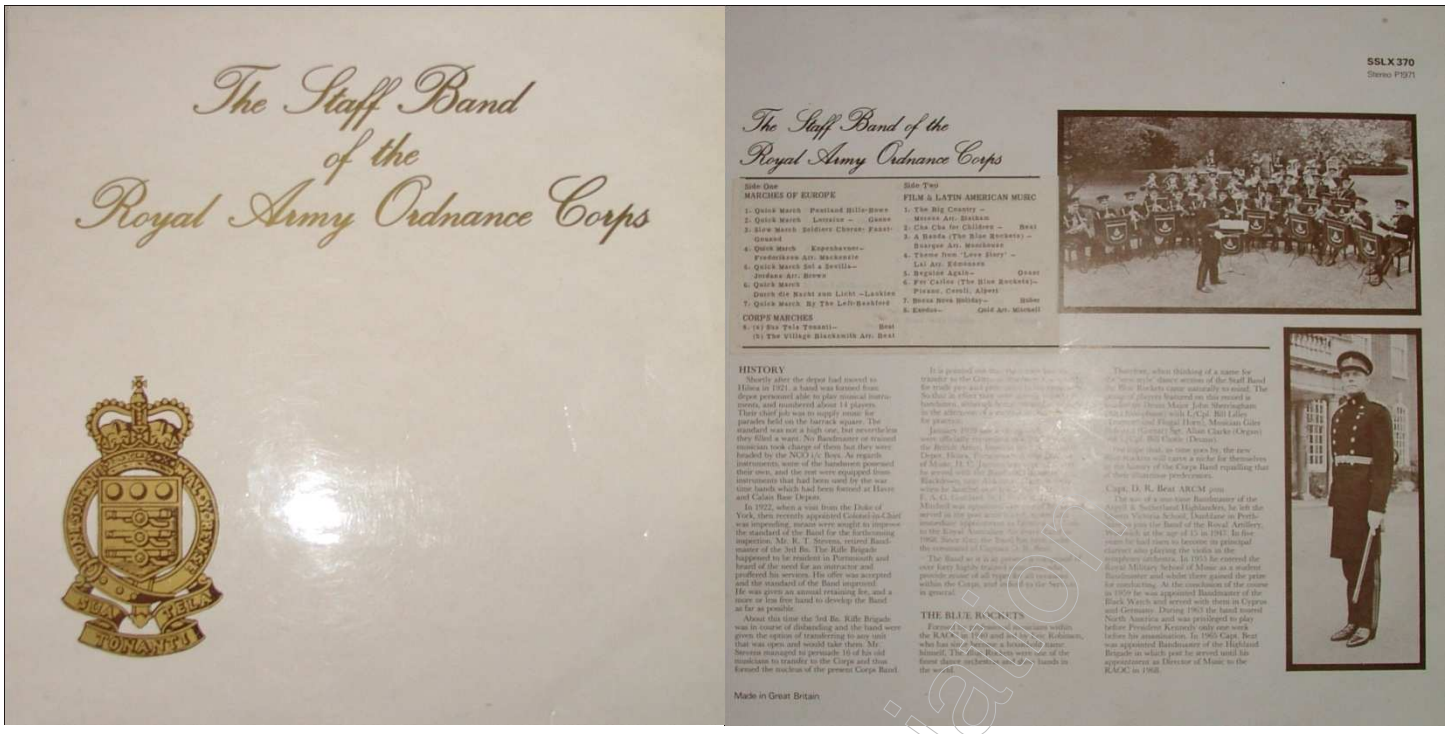
Conspicuous courage is an essential qualification and 321 EOD is the most decorated unit in the entire British Army. Its members have been awarded 2 George Crosses, 29 George Medals and 281 other medals for outstanding gallantry, many posthumously. As peace emerges in Northern Ireland, 321 EOD is now ready to tell its story for the first time.

Written with its full co-operation, "*A Special Kind of Courage*" traces the history and development of bomb disposal and the use of explosives by terrorists; the human courage and techniques used to counter it; and the international dimension - how violent revolutionary groups abroad, such as ETA in Spain, copied the methods of Irish terrorists.

It describes how 321 EOD's pioneering devices - notably the remote-controlled 'wheelbarrow' - have been exported around the world, earning it a global expertise that is sought by many other nations facing the threat of terrorism.

"Ryder has a vast knowledge of the Northern Ireland conflict and brings it to bear with unusual clarity" - The Times

Music Review



This particular LP was recorded in 1971 under the musical directorship of Capt. D.R Beat RAOC. It rightly includes the following Marches – Sua Tela Tonanti and the Village Blacksmith. It also includes tracks from The RAOC Blue Rockets. A Dance Orchestra Band consisting of members of the RAOC Staff Band!

There are several Quick Marches from Europe and music from film and Latin American music. For example, the theme from "Love Story.

Background to the RAOC Staff Band, in 1922, a retired Bandmaster of the 3rd Battalion The Rifle Brigade was asked to develop the Band into a more organised form. Mr Stevens negotiated the transfer of 16 musicians form other bands in order to raise the standard of music.

In 1939, the RAOC Staff Band was officially recognised as a Staff Band of the British Army and Bandmaster H C Jarman was appointed as Director of Music. In 1968, Captain Beat was appointed Director of Music to the RAOC in 1968 and this recording was produced some three years after his appointment.

The Staff Band at the time of this recording carried out an intensive programme of Parades, concerts dances and many other forms of Official Functions. With tours in German and the Far and Middle East, West Indies and Central and North America, the RAOC Staff Band got some travelling in!

As previously noted, this particular Album/LP has the Corps tune "*The Village Blacksmith*", which from memory, can be used as a Quick March at the regulation infantry rate of 120 paces (a rate of marching 120 paces, each of 30 in. (76.2 cm) in a minute or it can be adapted as a Slow March at the regulation infantry rate 65 paces to the minute as the occasion demands!

I am of the opinion - *having looked at the photograph carefully* - that the photograph of Capt. Beat on the back of the LP is taken outside the Sgt's Mess Apprentice College Deepcut, where several Corps of Drums pictures have been taken over the years!

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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. Indeed, we can even place a photo on the website when its your Birthday!

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**











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Top to Bottom:- Bob Walker, Philip Wall and Ted Taylor

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 it's 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!

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Vacancy One

Ex Boys and 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 2011, at the very latest, he will relinquish this voluntary work. Having carried out this role out for over 6 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 all our other Admin roles, this is a voluntary position.

If you are interested and wish to discuss this valued and important position in more detail, please email Bill Chamberlain, 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.

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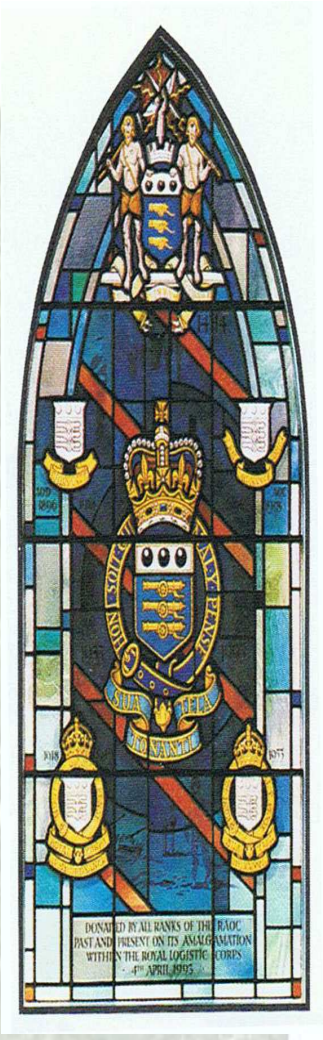




The Last Post and Obituaries

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.



Trevor Charles Shewell (RAOC) * 26 May 1946 - †June 2005

Keith *"Les"* Kellett (RAOC) *26 February 1943 - †September 2003

Raymond John Pett (RAOC) *1949 – †25 July 2011

Rodney Frank Larkin (RAOC) *16 July 1943 – †December 2005

David Furness-Gibbon (RAOC – (Perm Staff) * 17 June 1939 - † June 2006

Leonard Archer Claughton (RAOC) *19 Jan 1927 - †Sept 1999

Peter Roger Aggett (RAOC) *21 April 1931 – †October 2006

Alan James Batchelor (RAOC) *17 June 1941 – † November 2005

Vernon E. Truss (RAOC) *11 March 1942 – †23 June 2011

Colin John W. Timbrell (RAOC) * 18 June 1937 - †August 2004

Richard James G. Hayles (RAOC) *11 June 1943 - †March 1991

Owen John James (RAOC) *16 March 1921 - †January 1997

Victor Edward Keymer (RAOC) *19 October 1936 - †December 1989



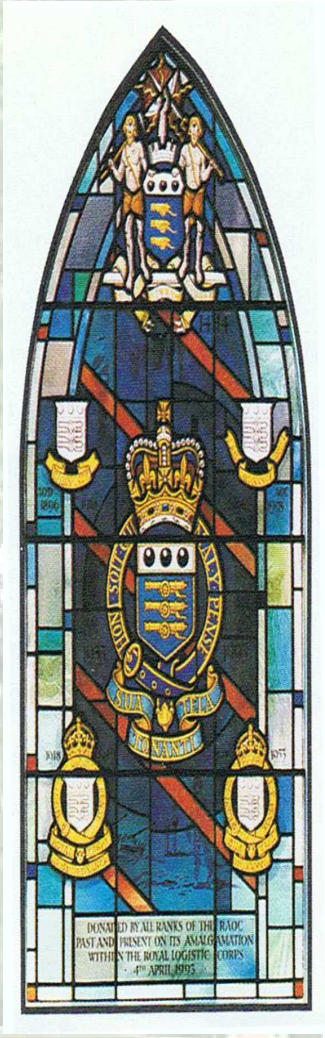
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Paul Henry J VICKERY (RAOC) *26 December 1930 - †July 1986

George William Noel DAWSON (RAOC) *1938 - †29 July 1960

Robert L "Buey" GALLAGHER (RAOC) *25 June 1943 - †11 Aug 2011

George Edward APPLEBY (RAOC) *1943 - †16th July 2011

Charles Edward SPURRIER (RAOC) *4 Nov 1940 - †Nov 2004

Douglas Jack STRODE (RAOC) *24 July 1929 - †December 1987

Eric Henry W SYMONDS (RAOC) *30 July 1930 - †September 1999

Talana Herbert E. WALTERS MM (RAOC) *2 Dec 1921 - †July 1995

Andrew Read WHITEFIELD (RAOC) *16 March 1953 - †26 Jan 1975

Derek Keith SUTER (RAOC) *13 October 1922 - †March 1988

James Crowther SYKES (RAOC) *5 December 1930 - †March 1987

Anthony William KIRK (RAOC) *4 September 1942 - †6 June 2008

Christopher R (Goucho) CLIFTON (RAOC) *1939 - †28 July 2003

John Frederick LANCASTER (RAOC) *17 April 1944 - †February 1998



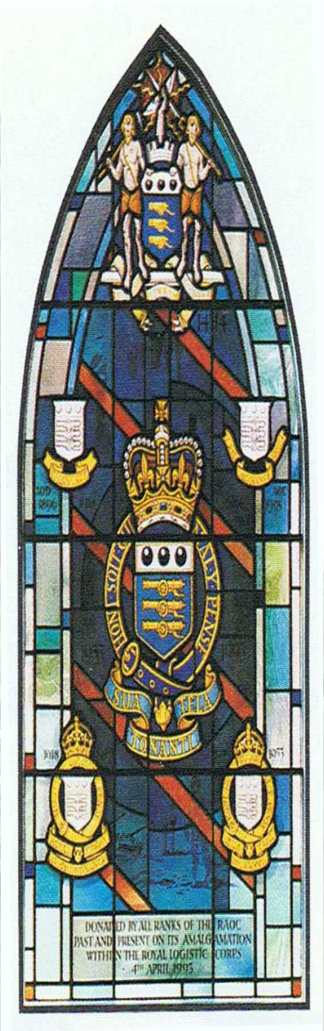
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David William BALCHIN (RAOC)*11 August 1944 - †August 2001

Patrick Joseph MARTIN (RAOC) *26 Feb 1939 - †23 Aug 2011

Albert Sydney J. RANSOM (RAOC) *13 January 1922 - †1977

Dennis GRABHAM (RAOC) *21 May 1946 - †6 November 2002

Douglas KING (RAOC) *1 September 1923 - †December

Keith KING (RAOC) *1 September 1923 - †1943

James Glendinning DICKSON (RAOC) *20 July 1929 - †Dec 1989

Thomas Lake MENSFORTH (RAOC) *13 Nov 1943 - †Feb 1998

Eric William WATERS (RAOC) *7 April 1928 - †Sept 1996

Michael John DREW (REME) *26 Aug1957 - †27 May 1976

Bobby AJ LAWRENCE (RAOC) *28 Jan 1944 - †23 May 2010

Derek Arthur SMALLPEICE (RAOC) *26 Sept 1944 - †3 April 2005

Frederick HOWLETT (RAOC) *22 March 1955 - †21 December 2001







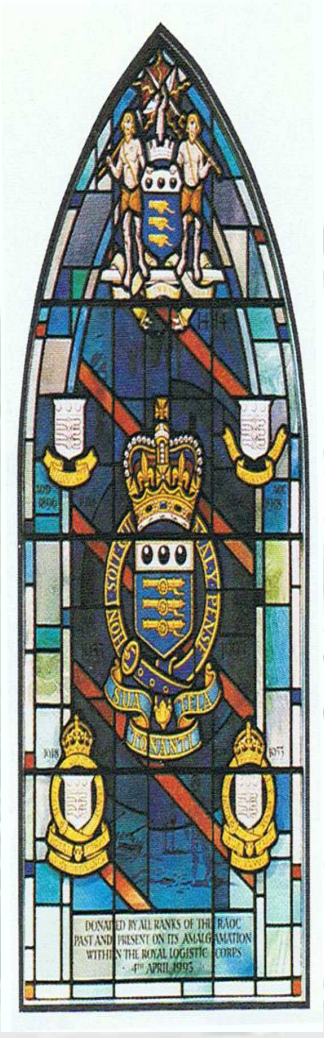
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Stan Lasiewicz (RAOC) *27 Sept 1949 – †28 April 2000

William Joseph (Bill) Leckie (RAOC) *22 Jan 1929 - †Oct 2000

Desmond Ernest Light (RAOC) *17 June 1927 - †Nov 2001

Leslie Peter Machado (RAOC) *16 Dec 1955 - †August 1994

James Hugh McLachlan (RAOC) *26 May 1926 - †October 1986

Theodore Roger McClosky (RAOC) *30 January 1928 - †June 1993

Lawson (Theo) Morse (RAOC) *15 August 1936 - †July 2006

Thomas Peter Mount (RAOC) *16 Nov 1942 - †February 1989

Bernard Leslie FFRANCE-AISTON (REME) *30 June 1942 - †1995

Donald AR Clark (RAOC Perm Staff) *?? - †27 June 2011

Ronald Conway (RAOC) *1960 - †18 April 2011

James William RIDDING (RAOC) *27 December 1926 - †1978

Gavin Alistair BEVERIDGE (RAOC) *7 April 1951 - †October 2004

John Richard SANDALL (RAOC) *27 May 1943 - †June 2006



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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.

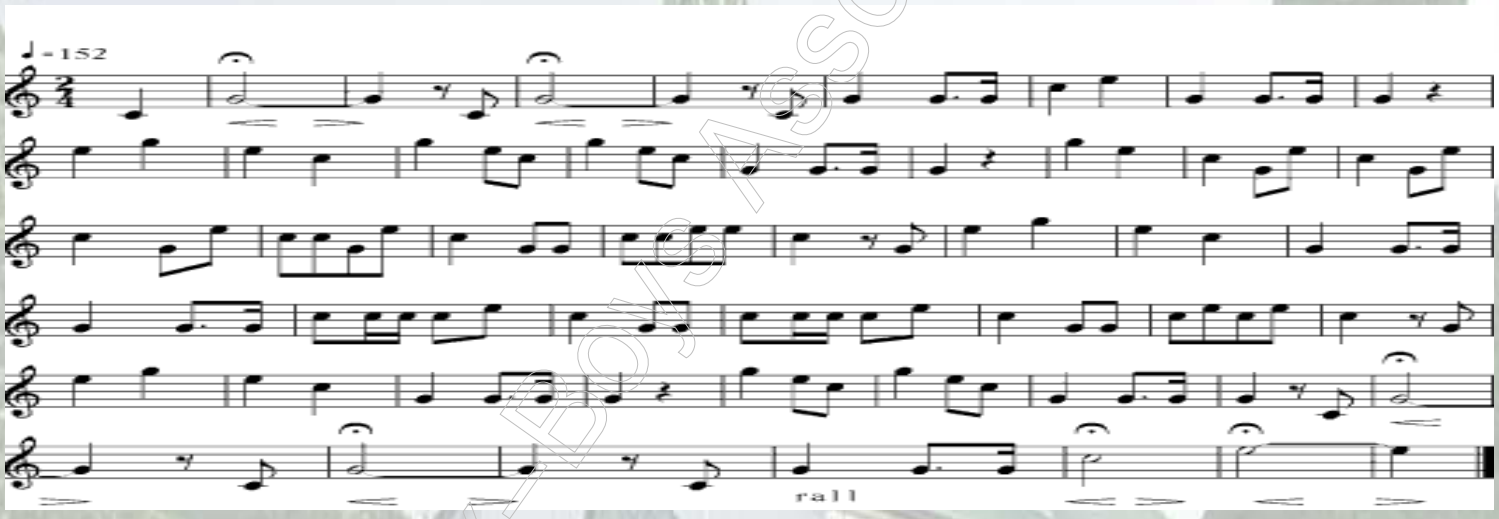
Recognised as the trusted guardians of one of the largest and fastest growing online archives of tributes in the UK, with more than one million searchable records and over 3,500 new ones being added every week; this company provides an online tribute and memorial website where you can create your own 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 passed away in 2009.

lasting tribute.co.uk
Celebrating life together

The Last Post

Did you know that "*Last Post*" is a bugle call used at Commonwealth of Nations military funerals and ceremonies commemorating those who have fallen in war. "The Last Post" is also the name of a poem by Robert Graves describing a soldier's funeral during World War I.

"Last Post" was originally a bugle call used in British Army camps to signal the end of the day. The name derives from the practice of inspecting all the sentry posts around such a camp at the end of the day and playing a bugle call at each of them. The "Last Post" was thus the last point of this inspection, and the bugle call signalling that this post had been inspected marked the end of the military day. This custom dates from at least the 17th century and originated with British troops stationed in The Netherlands, where it drew on an older Dutch custom, called Taptoe.



The Taptoe was also used to signal the end of the day but has more prosaic origin. Taptoe originated signalling the moment that beer barrels had to be shut, hence that the day had ended. It comes from the Dutch phrase Doe den tap toe, meaning "Turn the tap off" (not to be confused with "Taps" which has a similar function but different tune and origin).

During the 19th century, "Last Post" was also carried to the various countries of the British Empire. In all these countries it has been incorporated into military funerals, where it is played as a final farewell, symbolising the fact that the duty of the dead soldier is over and that they can rest in peace. Last Post is used in public ceremonials commemorating the war dead, particularly on Remembrance Day in the Commonwealth of Nations and The Netherlands (known as Veterans Day in the United States).

Since 1928, "Last Post" has been played every evening by buglers of the local Last Post Association at the war memorial at Ieper (Ypres) in Belgium known as the Menin Gate, commemorating the British Empire dead at the Battle of Ypres during the First World War. The only exception to this was during the four years of the German occupation of Ypres from 20 May 1940 to 6 September 1944, when the ceremony moved to Brookwood Cemetery in England. On the evening that Polish forces liberated Ypres, the ceremony was resumed at the Menin Gate, in spite of the heavy fighting still going on in other parts of the town.

These buglers are quite often mistaken as being from the local fire brigade; however, they are present every day representing the Last Post Committee. They are indeed members of the fire brigade and can sometimes be seen wearing the uniforms but it is not the Fire Brigade that organises "Last Post". "Last Post" was used by British forces in North America in colonial times but its function was taken over in the United States by "Taps", which has been used by the United States Army since 1862 which incidentally is a beautiful piece of music.

Ex Boys Association





Ex-Boys Association

"How sad, to hear that Trevor has passed away before I could trace him.

I had always hoped to meet him again, one day, especially at one of your Ex-Boys reunions but then again - the first one was in 2006 and he had left us by then!

Trevor was such a nice guy, never aggressive and always good for a laugh. It really is a shame, that we never kept contact after Boys School, but that was the case with all friendships in those days before the internet came. We were all too lazy to write, I guess.

See you later Trev and until then"

Rest in Peace

George Tether May 2011





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GEORGE EDWARD APPLEBY Passed away suddenly but peacefully on Saturday 16th July 2011, at Louth County Hospital, aged 68 years.

He leaves behind Elaine. George was a loving dad of Debbie and Paula, grandfather of Renee, Kieran, Callum and Giselle, father in law of Andrew and Derek.

He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.



Roll of Honour





Ex Boys Association

"I am very sad to have to report that Kac (Scouse) Martin passed away this morning. He was diagnosed with stomach cancer some months ago and recently responding to treatment. He shall always be remembered in the VS trade as a very good boxer and trainer. A real character who in my opinion had a real infectious presence who shall be sadly missed. My sincere condolences to his family"

May he Rest in Peace

Chris Keelor

"I served in Boy's School with Scouse and used to meet him at the Ex-Boys reunions.

He was a great character and will be sadly missed. my condolences to his family and friends"

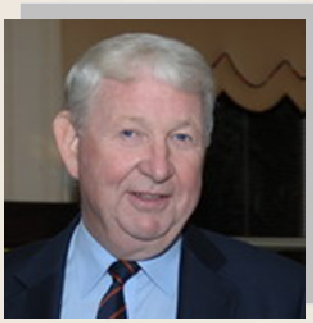
Harry Petty

"So sad to hear about Scouse
He was a gentleman and great company when we met at the Reunions".
RIP Pat

Bill Chamberlain

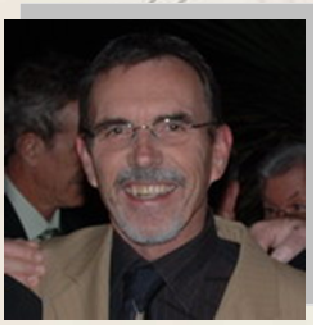
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This section is looked after by Bill, who spends many hours helping lost pals to find each other.



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All matters concerning ex-Boy's and members of permanent Staff where

their names are relevant to Nominal Roll, Battalion Structure, Intake & Passing Out Dates of ex Boy's etc

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"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

From all on the Committee



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Happy Reading!!!!

Adrian Hayward-Wills