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## Introduction and Welcome

Dear Members,

A very warm "**HELLO**" from our Founder and Chairman Mr. 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 Twentieth (XX) Ex-Boys' Association and **Summer** Edition Newsletter for 2014.

As our regular and observant readers will know, it is was our intention to produce two Newsletters (**Summer** and **Winter**) per annum, with a publication in June and December of each year. However, it has recently been decided to combine the two Newsletters and produce one Annual Newsletter for the benefit of all members. This **Summer** 2014 Ex-Boys' Association Newsletter, provides a further format to reach its members in addition to our extensive and ever expanding (thanks to George Tether) website. This annual publication – *of which will be of the same quantity and quality as membership have been used to* – will now be published half way through the year, publication date will be annually and in the month of June and definitely before the most excellent and eagerly awaited Reunion.

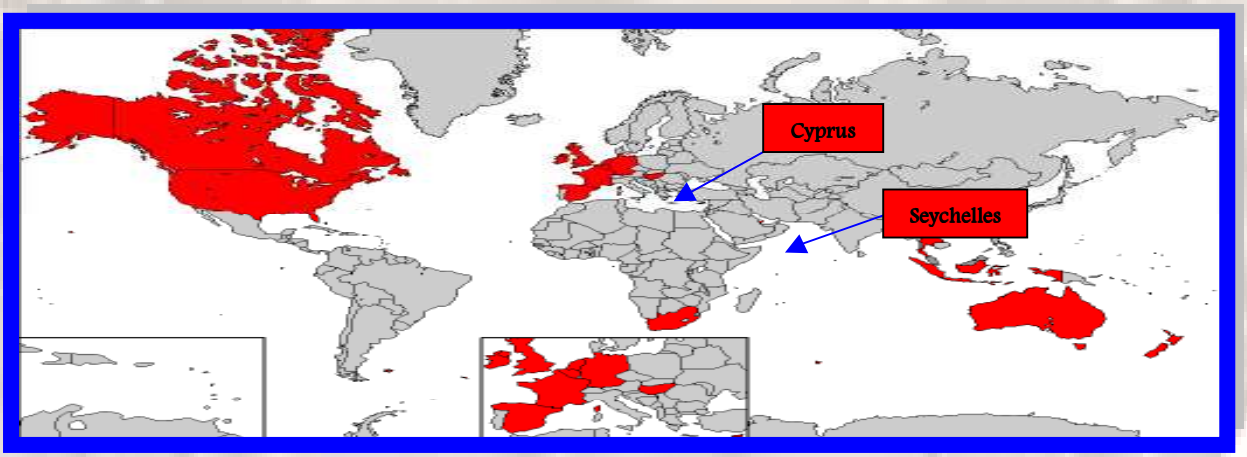
Please send an article on any subject associated with our respective Corps' - readers will be interested. The RAOC, REME and RCT Ex-Boys' Association website and accompanying Newsletters are excellent platforms for members to stay in touch with each other. An awful lot of work – *all voluntary* – goes 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.

Important details concerning our Reunion are also in this Summer's Newsletter, so please take a good look!

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 **700th** Member during the month of April 2014! This is great news and should be welcomed by all!




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 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 simple but effective telephone call.

# What's Inside?

In this particular Edition of the RAOC, REME and RCT Ex-Boys' Association Newsletter, you will find the following interesting subjects associated with our respective Corps. As the Editor of the Newsletter, I am always on the look out for items of copy, be it Rifle Shooting at Bisley or an items of kit, perhaps a Wall Shield or the Lee Enfield Rifle. Anyway, below are screen captures of this Summer's Newsletter and all for your edification and delight!



eBay is a great source of items and memorabilia associated with the RAOC, REME and RCT.

You can often find excellent photographs and information (not often correct though!) on items/lots that Sellers are auctioning off.

As with any purchase on-line, caveat emptor!




There are pages associated with the RAOC Gazette and the Magazine of the Colleges.

*"The Thunderbolt"* etc.

All the Journals we have are on-line and ready to be viewed!

# What's Inside?



The ever-popular military Wall Shields article where members of the Association can display their Wall Shields that they were presented with upon leaving the Army or a Unit etc.

This particular article provides an opportunity for members to send in a picture and perhaps an article with regards their Wall shield that is languishing around their loft or study!

***"Go on – send a picture in!"***

There is the Book Review Section covering several books associated with the RAOC, REME and RCT.

This section of the Newsletter allows Members to send in either their own work or a recent book that they have read.

***"Go on – send a Book review in!"***






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 ideally suited for those new members whom have recently joined the Ex-Boys' Association.

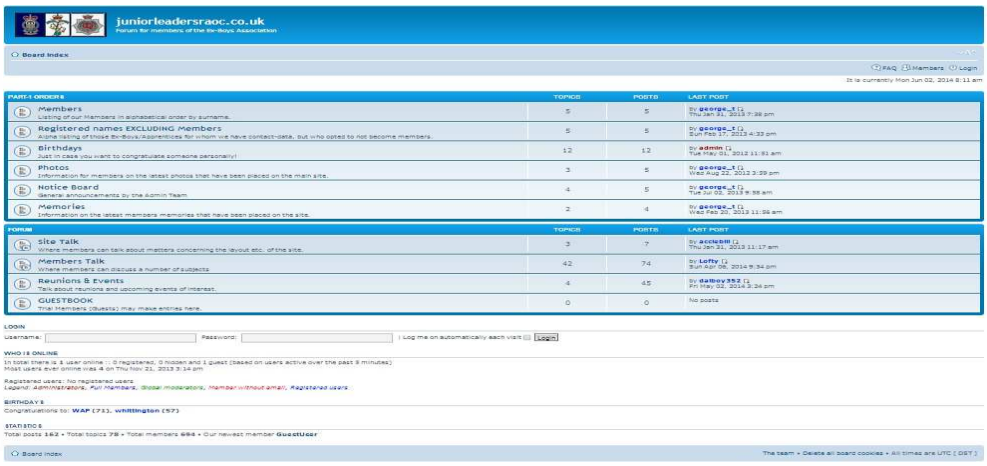
For example, the Association Forum; Membership Numbers; New Members; Reunion Notices; information pertaining to the various Associations of the RAOC, REME and RCT; The Thunderbolt Magazine and perhaps finally, items for sale within the Association Regimental Shop.



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 now 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". A point of interest regarding the website, we often receive requests for the re-sending of access details (password/username), where that persons e-mail address has changed and the Army Number is omitted. We cannot send access-details - ***for reasons of security*** - unless the Army Number is supplied. You need not necessarily use the website-form, an informal mail will suffice but please remember, the Army Regimental number **MUST** be there

The Forum for members is not only easy to navigate but it also 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 and an explanation as to what is a Forum!




The FORUM for members of the Ex Boys' Association R.A.O.C. R.E.M.E. & R.C.T.

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

George Tether has also 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 |

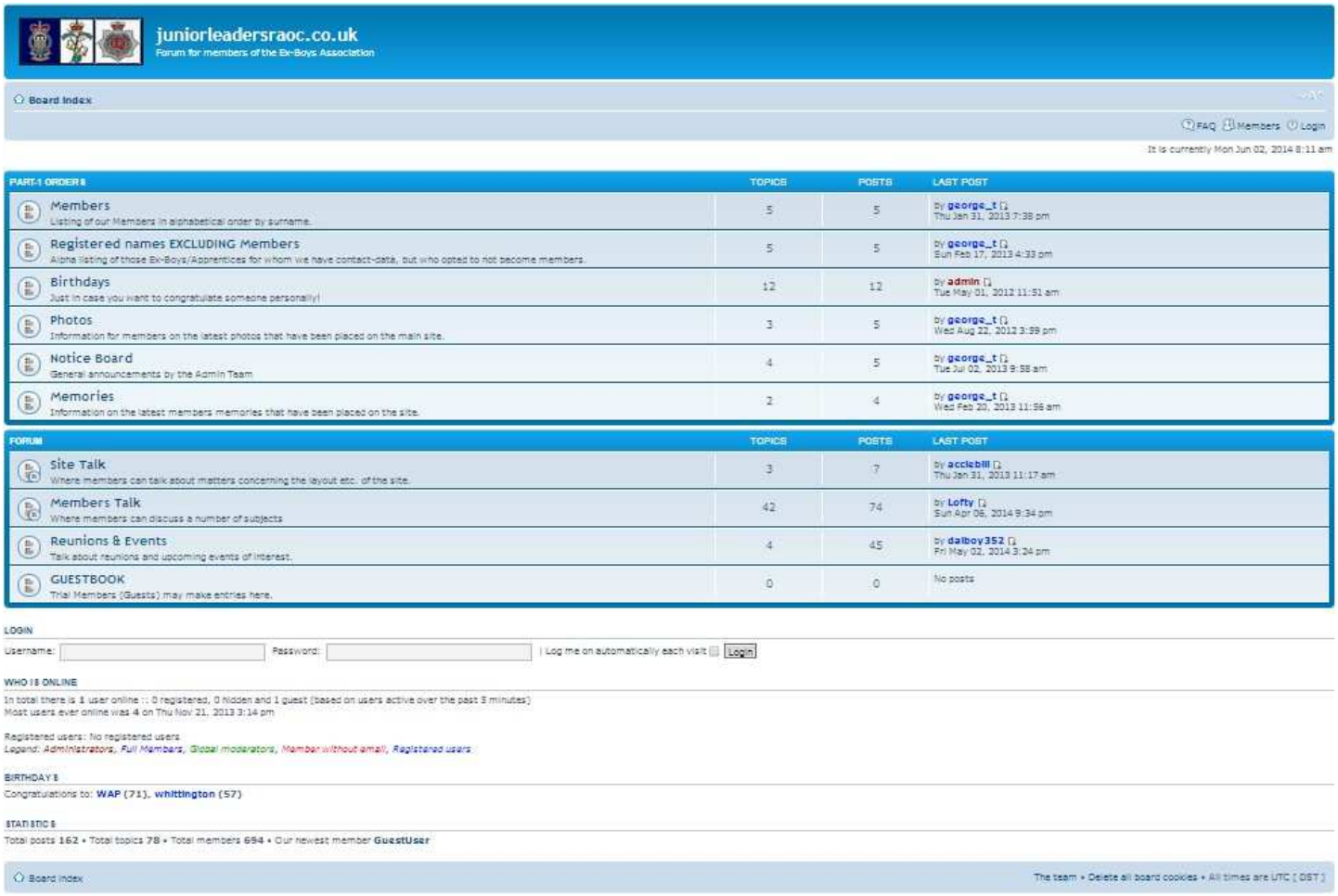
**A**n **Internet forum** or **Message Board**, such as the RAOC, REME and RCT Ex-Boys' Association, is an online discussion site where people can hold conversations in the form of posted messages.They differ from chat rooms in that messages are at least temporarily archived. Also, depending on the access level of a user or the forum set-up, a posted message might need to be approved by a moderator before it becomes visible. Forums have a specific set of jargon associated with them; e.g. a single conversation is called a "thread".

A discussion forum is hierarchical or tree-like in structure: a forum can contain a number of subforums, each of which may have several topics. Within a forum's topic, each new discussion started is called a thread and can be replied to by as many people as so wish. Depending on the forum's settings, users can be anonymous or have to register with the forum and then subsequently log in in order to post messages. On some forums, users do not have to log in to read existing messages.

A forum consists of a tree like directory structure. The top end is "Categories". A forum can be divided into categories for the relevant discussions. Under the categories are sub-forums and these sub-forums can further have more sub-forums. For example, Photos, New Members, New Features, Memories, General and Birthdays etc. The *topics* (commonly called *threads*) come under the lowest level of sub-forums and these are the places under which members can start their discussions or *posts*. Logically forums are organised into a finite set of generic topics (usually with one main topic) driven and updated by a group known as *members* and governed by a group known as *moderators*. A *post* is a user-submitted message enclosed into a block containing the user's details and the date and time it was submitted. Members are usually allowed to edit or delete their own posts. Posts are contained in threads, where they appear as boxes one after another. The first post starts the thread; this may be called the TS (thread starter) or OP (original post). Posts that follow in the thread are meant to continue discussion about that post, or respond to other replies; it is not uncommon for discussions to be derailed.

Posts have an internal limit usually measured in characters. Often one is required to have a message of minimum length of 10 characters. There is always an upper limit but it is rarely reached – most boards have it at either 10,000, 20,000, 30,000, or 50,000 characters. Most forums keep track of a user's postcount. The postcount is a measurement of how many posts a certain user has made. Users with higher postcounts are often considered more reputable than users with lower postcounts. Some forums have disabled postcounts in the hopes that doing so will reduce the emphasis on quantity over quality of information.

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



# Membership Numbers





| Date | Membership Numbers | Membership History of the Ex Boys' Association |
|---|---|---|
| July-13 | 689 | Wimbledon brought Membership to **689** Members "*New Balls*!" |
| Aug-13 | 690 | The magic **690** appeared, another 10 and we have 670! |
| Sep-13 | 690 | Membership to **690** as a result of recent passing of members |
| Oct-13 | 690 | A cold and wet October brought **690** Members |
| Nov-13 | 691 | Armistice Day brought Membership to **691** |
| Dec-13 | 691 | Santa Claus will hopefully deliver some more members for the Association |
| Jan - 14 | 692 | January nationwide flooding and a Membership Number of **692** |
| Feb - 14 | 693 | Valentine's Day brought Membership to **693** Members |
| Mar - 14 | 698 | The March Hare ran away with **698** Members |
| Apr - 14 | **700** | April Showers brought a Membership Number of **700** |
| May - 14 | 700 | The FA Cup Final brought a loss to Hull City but a Win to us! |

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# New Members on Parade

William Smith MURRAY (REME) - Watts 1970-71
Roy EDDINGTON - Berlin 1984-85
Trevor Robert BOYCE - Steevens 1959-61
Michael John FRYER (REME) - Baker 1957-58
Brian WICKS - Parsons 1961-63643
David Alexander DEWAR - Horne 1972-74
Derek CATTERALL - Baker 1970-72
- Maj. Gen. David Leslie Burden
Keith Jervis JONES - Brunei 1978-79
William CHAMBERS - 1968
Robert Walter CHARLTON - Cutforth 1973-74
Colin James WESTWOOD - Watts 1965-67

Michael TIPPER - Mulcahy 1962-64
William John EGBEARE (REME) - Tope 1958-60
Ian FOSTER - Anguilla 1976-77
Graham PYE - Arakan 1975-76
Michael John WHITE (REME) - Rowcroft 1969-70
Michael Ian BARR - Hill 1962-64
Alan Michael VANSTONE - Steevens 1965-67
Alan James JENSEN - Parson & Body 1964-66
Andrew Thomas CARR - Steevens 1971-73
Raymond John Edward (Jim) BOND - Gordon 1964-66
David BURKILL (REME) - Cutforh 1971-73
Raymond Howard DICKENS - Boys Training Wing 1946-47
Terry JENNIANS - Burma 1976-78

Clive Edmund CALOW - Watts 1962-64
Fergus KIDD - Parsons 1966-68
Edwin Allan LARRARD – Watts 1967-69
Stanley TRACEY (REME) – Parsons 1974-75
Ronald CHAPMAN – Hill/Rowcroft 1969-71
John Anthony GAUNT – Parsons 1959-60
Nicholas DOHERTY – Swiney 1975-76
Malcolm William JACQUES - Steevens 1963-65
Barry James QUIGLEY – Steevens 1964-66
Martin John Kenward – 1965-68
Clayton Edward MARQUAND - Body and Haslar 1953-55

# New Members on Parade

Peter GIBSON – EBTW 1947-48
Leslie Stewart FREEMAN - 1955-57
Christopher Michael FUDGE (REME) – Rowcroft 1958-60
Michael LAMB – Balaclava 1980-81
Paul GARDINER – Williams 1969-72
Mark Ivan SMITH – Anguilla1978-79
Alan Neil THOMSON - Body 1962-64
Tim Paul GILLETT – Alamein – 1979-80
Keith Michael REED – Parsons – 1960-162

Denzil Francis Adrian COWDRY – 1952
William Owen COLE – 1983-86
Colin Alexander Den-McKay – 1970-71
Dave REYNOLDS – Balaclava 1985-85
Charles Lawrence SINISTER – Body 1959-61
Gene Arthur Harry GIBLETT – Hill 1960-62
Keith William Alfred MUSK – Body 1958-60
Martyn Trebert (REME) – Brunei 1979-80

Ian James Rome (REME), Burma 1975-76
Charles Richard Bowden, Gordon 1970-72
Paul Christopher Smith, Baker 1970-72
Denis Coate, Rowecroft, Body & Hill 1969-71
Donald Bruce Robertson, Permanent-Staff Berlin/Balaclava 1982-84

John Meurig Harding, Mulcahy 1960-63
Michael Dennis Richards, Sweeny 1975-76
David John Michael Parry, Baker 1954-56
Robert Leo Masters, Permanent Staff 1963
Roger Brian Kershaw, Parsons 1966-67
Simon Wooldridge Swiney 1972 –1974
Peter Anthony Wells Cutforth 1973 – 1974
Ivan Arathoon Mulcahy 1963 –1965

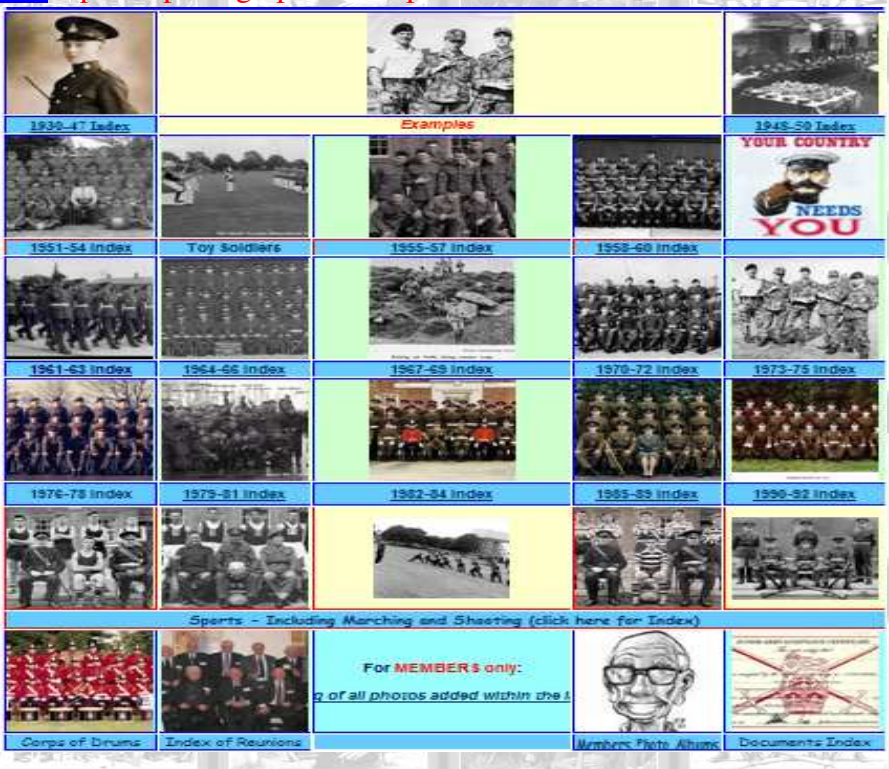
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Robert John Whitley 1972-74
Gerry David Crow Arnhem 1977-78
Dean Marcus Hale Parsons 1970-72
Jack Frost Mathew 1972-74

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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!!**




## 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 Tether, 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

RAOConLine http://www.raoconline.com

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

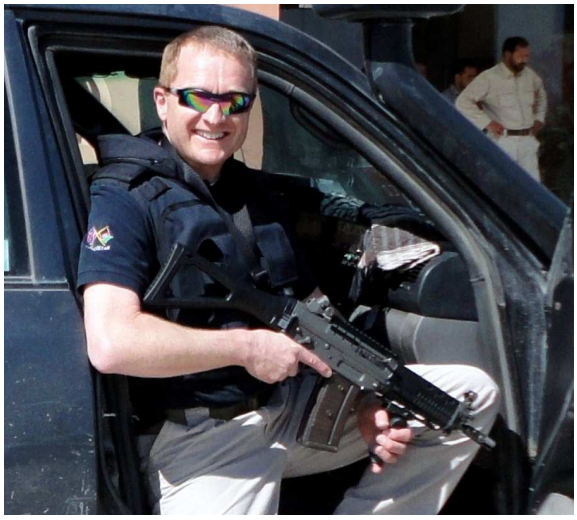
If you are not already a member, perhaps you should consider RAOConLine who will put you in touch with the nearest Branch of the RAOC Association and perhaps former comrades in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

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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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## Committee Information

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 indicated that he would be relinquishing this role at the end of 2011; however no one has come forward to indicate a willingness to carry on this valuable and worthwhile side of our business.

**Bill has kindly agreed to carry on searching for "Lost Pals" and assisting in reuniting old friends but is adamant that he will give up doing this by the time the August 2014 Reunion takes place and definitely at the end of the year (2014).**

Having carried out this role out for many years now - 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 and make, the 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.

An interest in Family History and the use of a Family History search programme would be an advantage. Bill would be willing to help anyone taking over this 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.**



# RAOC Association



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

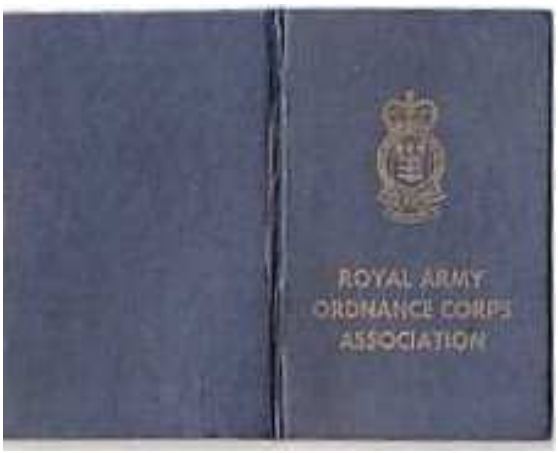
If you would like further information, please contact the RAOC Secretary at the following address:-

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# Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

The aim of the REME Association are:-



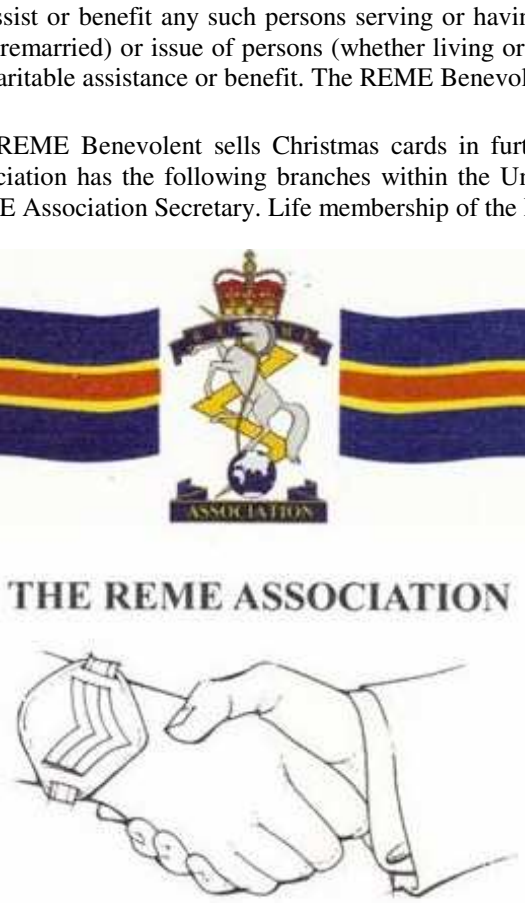
- To foster the esprit-de-corps and well being of the Corps.
- To keep those who have served in or with REME in touch with one another with a view to keeping alive a spirit of comradeship.
- To establish links between the serving and ex-Service members of the Corps with a view to helping the former during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

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# 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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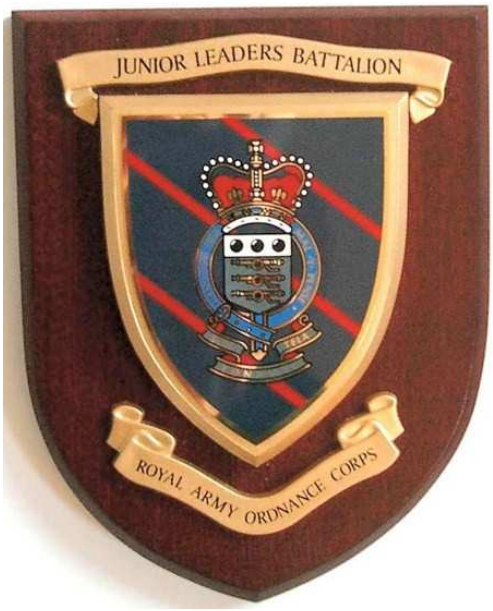
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## RAOC Ex-Boys' Association Wall Plaques

Our Founder and Chairman, Mr. Paul Jones has commissioned 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.

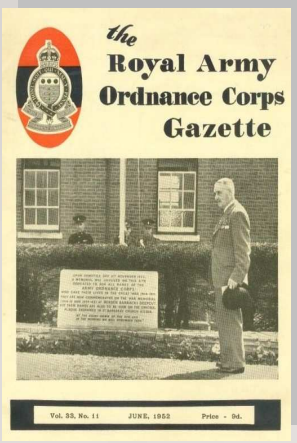







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## THE RAOC GAZETTE










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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Members of the Ex Boys' Association may be interested and delighted to know that we are now – *thanks in particular to members of the Ex-Boys' Association, Ron Richardson and Mike Comerford* – in possession of a fine collection of College Magazines known as **The Boy Soldier** and **The Thunderbolt**. Please note the new donations from Charlie Cannings – superb reading!

Moreover, a recent addition to the library of the Ex-Boys' Association is from Jon Ayres (REME) – A December 1976 Edition along with a Passing Our Parade brochure. These generous donations from Charlie and Jon make for useful reading and for catching up on memories. More importantly, they provide for an enormous amount of historical information on Ex Boys and Permanent Staff, as well as a large number of photos and stories that provide an insight into what life as a Boy/Junior Leader/Apprentice was like.

We now have almost the complete set of Thunderbolt Magazines Issue 1 to 13; we have to thank Charlie Cannings for sending us a large number of these valuable Magazines. These Thunderbolts together with three from the 1960's and two copies of the Boy Soldier from the 1950's provides an historical and detailed insight into life as a "Boy Soldier". Moreover, they provide a multitude of photos, stories, Passing Out records, Permanent Staff listings that are invaluable.

It is doubtful that set of Magazines such as these exists for online reading - we urge members to visit the site and take time to look through them. Some of these are quite large in size (PDF) and may take time to open - so be patient.

Please contact Adrian Hayward-Wills or George Tether in the first instance via the Contacts Page.





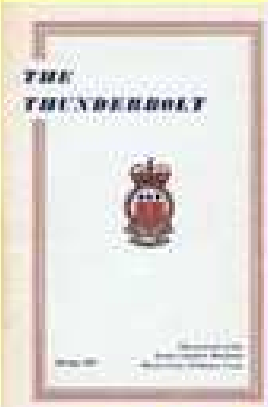




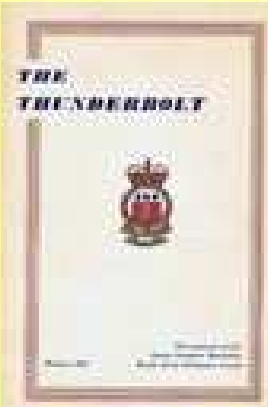
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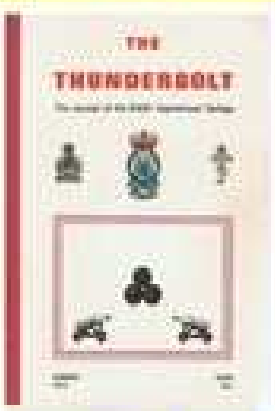

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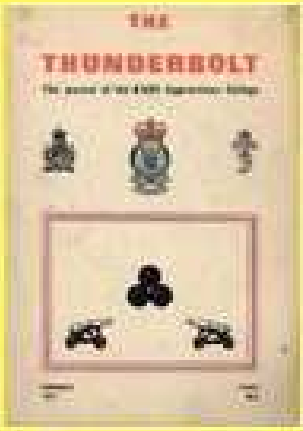

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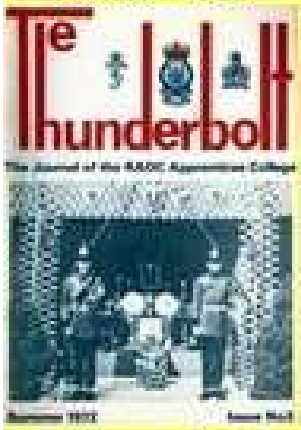

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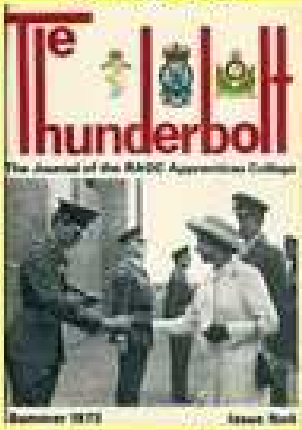

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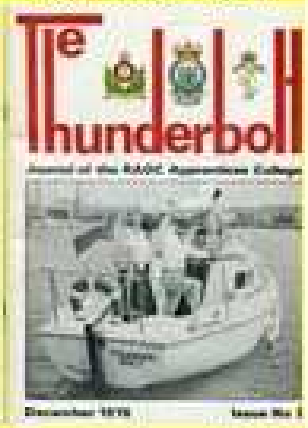

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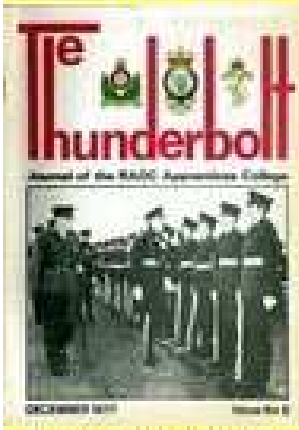

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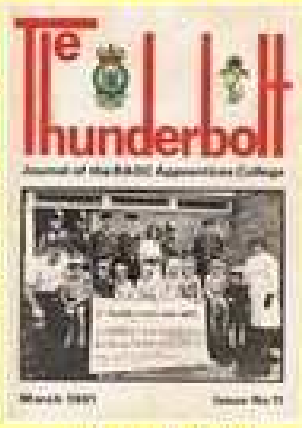

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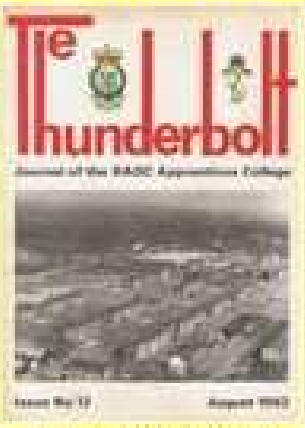

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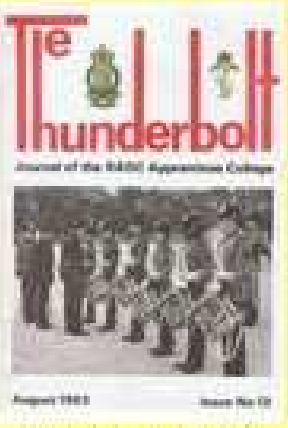

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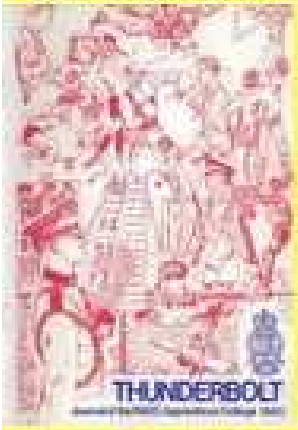

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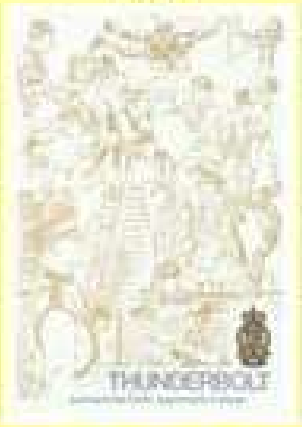

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## Newsletter General

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

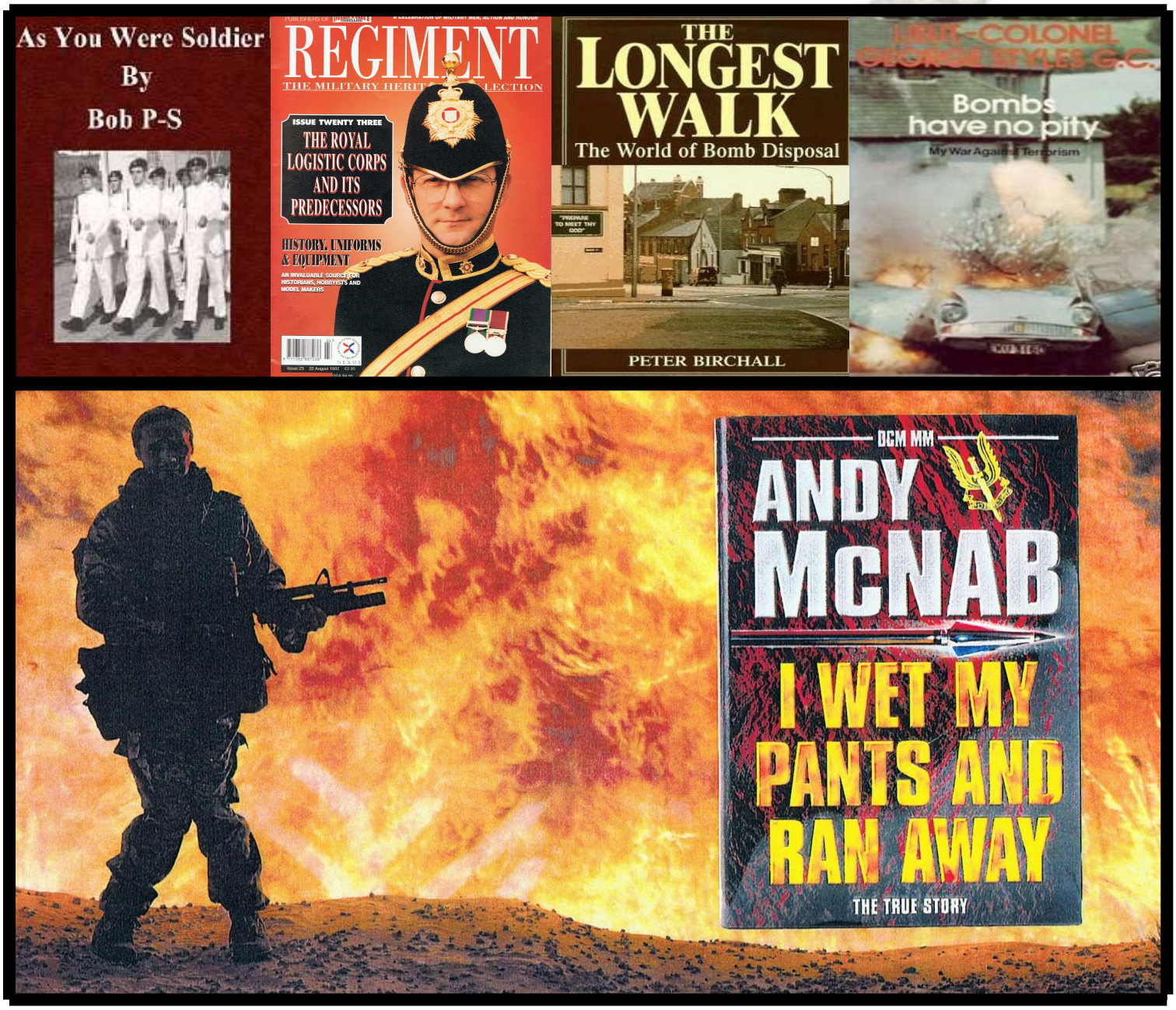
This particular section entitled "***Book Review***" includes reviews on relevant RAOC, REME and RCT books, both recently published and out-of-print books and perhaps members' own books that they have written and would like to be given a wider audience. Furthermore, where possible, this section will 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 may include the following books - apart from the Andy McNab SAS one!



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## *EX BOYS' ASSOCIATION*





This is the **final** Bugle Call for all members of the RAOC. REME and RCT Ex-Boys' Association to get their Annual Leave Passes ready and primed for the 5th, yes 5th Biennial Reunion, which is to be held at the Holiday Inn, Coventry on Saturday 16th August 2014!

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 5th Bi-Annual Ex-Boys' Association Reunion!





# Warning Notice

**Ex Boys' Association Reunion Dinner**
http://www.juniorleadersraoc.co.uk

## Saturday 16th August 2014

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

**Date:** Saturday 16th August 2014

**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 Thursday 26th June 2014.
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 2014 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 2012 event early booking in 2014 will be essential.*

**Reservations:**

- *A total of 100 rooms, for Saturday Night, will be on hold for Members until 30th June 2014, following that date any remaining rooms will be available for Non-Members.*
- *Any unreserved rooms will be handed back to the Hotel on 18th July 2014*
- 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 2014 those on the Reserve List may be allocated any Dinner places remaining.

Room Reservations must be made before 21st July 2014 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**
and 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 £40.00 (GBP)

Time by taxi: Approx 30-40 mins

Train Charge (one way): Approx £9.00 (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 £20.00 (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 £18.00 (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: **024 7658 7420/1** (Emma or Cheryl)
email: reservations-coventrym6@ihg.com

**Best time to ring is 09:00 Hrs – 16:30 Hrs Monday – Friday**
**otherwise your call will be diverted to Central Reservations - who may not be aware of this event)**

Please note **ALL** costings and distances are **approximate** and should be clarified by members!

# 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 keep sending those Wall shields in!! Please contact Adrian Hayward-Wills (Newsletter Editor) in the first instance












# 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.

Five 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 – well worth a visit!"













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## Introduction

We, the Admin Team, feel it is necessary to ask all our members to consider the future direction of "our" website and in particular the "Forum".

It was at the behest of a number of members some years ago that we created a Forum and it was hoped that it would be used extensively by members to post their memories, seek lost pals, discuss their Houses & Platoons, offer up names to faces on photos, advise on corrections, make suggestions etc.

Sadly, the Forum is underused to put it mildly.

Many of our members are also members of RAOConLine (ROL) and have used this sister site to some degree. However we did have a dedicated Forum Thread on that site which has, along with many other threads, been removed. Posts on ROL regarding the Ex Boys are now merged under the RAOC Forum and are very difficult to locate or follow.

## Discussion

**OUR FORUM BOARD** provides a dedicated home for members to participate in all and any discussions.

Forum posts are archived, easy to find and are specific to the XBA. For example:-

### PART-1 ORDERS

"**MEMBERS"** (We have added this new Forum) Shows the – **Name – Corps – Years - House/Platoon**, of our members. This will allow you to locate individuals more easily.

"**BIRTHDAYS**" (We have updated this Forum) Now lists all members in the month in which their birthday occurs – if yours is not there please let a George have your DOB.

**"PHOTOS"** Information advising Members of the latest photos placed on the main site.

**"NOTICE BOARD"** General announcements by the Admin Team

**"MEMORIES"** Information listing the latest entries, by members, placed on the main site.

**FORUM**

**SITE TALK** Talk about matters concerning the site layout.

**Feedback & Suggestions -** Suggestions on improving not only the website but also the Forum are welcomed.

**Photos** - Can be placed here (they will also be put into the Photo Albums if not already there)

**News -** Latest news for you or about you; our members

**MEMBERS TALK** - Where members can discuss a number of subjects

**Memories -** Enter and talk about your memories of life in Boy's school.

**Reunion & Events** - Talk about reunions and upcoming events of interest. This Forum is there for **you:**

Want to organise a mini-reunion and seek members to attend
Inform Members of your own arranged reunion and offer invites to join you
Inform members of how your own recent reunion went down.
Comment on the XBA Reunions.

**Lost Pals -** Active search and assistance for tracing lost pals

**Obituaries -** If you know of anyone who has passed away, then please inform us here. If you have any photos or other memories that you would like to place on the "Roll of Honour" photo-gallery on the main site, then please complete the form, which can be accessed from the main site.

**Platoon/House Talk -** Where members of a Platoon can meet in the quiet room

This Forum **now has dedicated threads** for each Platoon/House so that members can"banter" about their "home" and talk about individuals and events.

**Association Newsletter -** Announcements and banter related to our Newsletter.

**Life after Boy's School -** Talk about your postings and experiences after leaving Boy's School. If we see any names of interest on any Forum that we do not have contact details for we will endeavour to locate the individuals.

**Market place -** Want to buy or sell something? Why not try here? Members should be aware that whilst we have almost 700 members we have contact details for a total of almost 2000. Perhaps the lost pal you seek is one of those?

**General Topics -** Anything not covered somewhere else.

## Conclusion

We urge you to give serious consideration to participating in the Forum as it is a sounding board for development, a meeting place for members and also insures the future of our Association and the website.

Finally – we on the admin team are not getting any younger and the future of the site will surely rest on "younger blood lines".

New and younger admin staff will be needed in due course, so if you are interested and feel you may have skills that would help us – please contact a member of the admin team so we can have a chat.





# Know Your

# Field Service Cap



An article by Adrian Hayward-Wills

From 1868 to 1902, the Glengarry was adopted as the undress cap for most British units for daily duties and *'walking out dress'*. A similar design was adopted in 1937 and called the Field Service Cap – this article is about that item of headwear.

In the British Army, a khaki cap, described in a 1937 amendment to the Dress Regulations for the Army as *"similar in shape to the Glengarry"* was introduced as the Universal Pattern Field Service Cap and saw extensive service during World War II.

An early example of a khaki Field Service Cap circa 1937









Since the introduction of the beret, the forage cap has become more of an officer's accessory to be worn in barrack dress (as an alternative to khaki Service Dress cap). However, many units allowed ORs to adopt this style of headwear. Indeed, whilst I served at the Headquarters of Fwd Ord Depot Dulmen 1983 – 1985, HQ Staff were allowed/issued to wear said Side Cap – I still have mine!! They are tailored in regimental colours and have become quite a rarity with the introduction of Combat Soldier '95 uniform (which as you know, serves as both Barrack and Combat Dress).

In the Royal Air Force, a blue-gray forage cap (or chip bag hat) of an identical style remains widely worn with both working dress and flying suits. They are predominently worn by flight crew.To go with the Battledress a new Field Service (FS) side cap was issued. This form of headdress had been worn by certain people and units since the Boer War (1899-1902). Between the wars the FS cap had been worn in regimental colours

The BD pattern of the FS cap was issued in khaki cloth and could easily be folded flat and slid under the epaulette or stored away. It was worn as part of BD in Barracks and sometimes during active service.

Other formations, for example the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS), Home Guard, Air Transport Auxiliary and Auxiliary Fire Service, also sported the FS cap. A coloured form of the FS was privately purchased by officers and other ranks. They were made in regimental or corps colours. Also in different qualities from basic cotton to fine moleskin fabric with embroidered bullion and coloured thread badges for officers and the normal metal badge for the other ranks



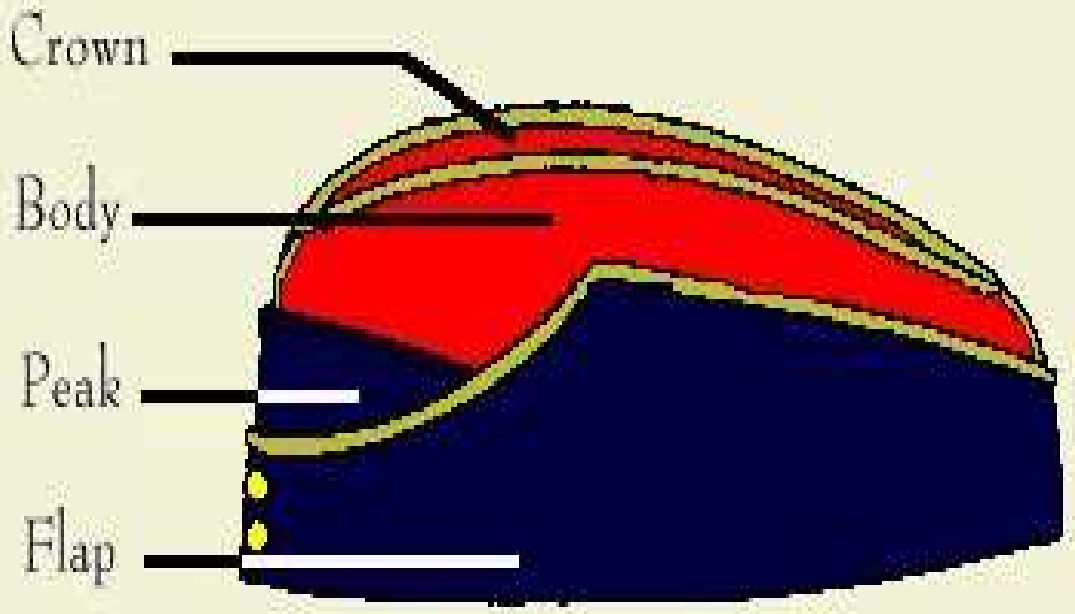








# Elements of the Coloured Field Service Cap




Piping can be found on the crown, on the front and back seams, around the peak and on the flap

A garrison cap, garrison cover, wedge cap, flight cap, side cap, forage cap or overseas cap is a foldable cap with straight sides and a creased or hollow crown sloping to the back where it is parted. batik fashion It is a variant of the Glengarry, being distinguished by a lack of tartan or check trim, toorie and ribbons typical of the original. It has been associated with various military forces from the World War I era to the present and various youth organizations. A convenient feature of this cap is that when the owner is indoors and no coat-hook is available on which to hang it, it can be easily stored (by folding it over the belt or, unofficially tucking it into an epaulette.)

The field service cap was originally adopted Army-wide in the late thirties but often replaced in by the khaki beret. The Coloured Field Service Cap was a variant permitted for private purchase and worn only when off duty. These were done in the colours of the regiment or corps of the wearer.

It is properly worn *"on the right side of the head, centred front and back, with the front edge of the cap 2.5 cm (1 in.) above the right eyebrow."* Cap badges are worn on the left side, with the centre of the badge 6.5 cm (2-1/2 in.) from the front of the cap centred between the flap and the top seam. The cap worn by general officers is embellished with gold piping.

Between 1944 and 1962 this headdress was worn by most branches of the French Army in a wide variety of colours, which normally matched those of the kepis historically worn by the particular branch or regiment. At the end of the Algerian War the bonnet de police, was replaced by the beret for most units. In the modern French Army the bonnet de police is still worn by the 1st Regiment of Spahis in the historic bright red of this branch. The French bonnet de police has a different origin than that of the Glengarry.

The French headdress originated as a long, pointed bonnet with a pompon at the end of the trailing crown (resembling the English nightcap). The rim of the cap was folded upward. Originally the pompon hung down at the back between the soldier's shoulder blades; subsequently the cap became shorter and the tail hung near the soldier's ear. By the mid-nineteenth century the bonnet de police had become a true flat cap with no trailing crown. Instead, the pompon dangled from a short cord sewn onto the rim in front of the bonnet de police, hanging above the soldier's right eye.

A fine example of an RCT Officer’s Side Cap



## A veritable selection of Side Caps!



In the U.S. armed forces it is known as a garrison cap, campaign cap (not to be confused with campaign hat, a distinct form of headgear), flight cap, garrison hat, fore-and-aft cap, envelope cap or overseas cap and also the flat hat. When first issued to U.S. "doughboys" in World War I, the hat was called the "overseas cap" as it was only worn by troops in France who were given the French type forage cap as they did not have their campaign hats. The overseas cap could be stored easily when the helmet was being worn. A blue overseas cap was adopted post war by the American Legion. The hat largely disappeared between the wars except for the Air Corps, Paratroopers and Armoured Force.

In 1943, the General Service cap (GS) replaced the FS cap in most army units. The Pioneer Corps kept the FS cap. The GS cap was a cross between the Scottish Tam o Shanter and the beret. It took a lot of material to make the cap and was very unpopular with the troops who had to wear it. Making the GS look smart was very difficult if not impossible. Also at this time it was also issued with a plastic cap badge which could not have helped make the cap presentable.



An early Royal Electrcial and Mechanical Engineers Side Cap (KC)



A later excellent example Royal Electrcial and Mechanical Engineers REME Side Cap (QC)



When inclement weather was encountered, the sides could be simply unhooked and pulled down to cover the ears and the forward flap tucked under the chin.

Below is a scan taken from the Summer Edition of the college magazine "The Thunderbolt" showing the then Commanding Officer of the Apprentices College, Lt.Col. P.H.J Vickery RAOC (with his side hat) presenting a trophy to A/Pte Richardson




Please note the Intelligence Corps Cap Badge on this particular **Thunderbolt**! Any stories!





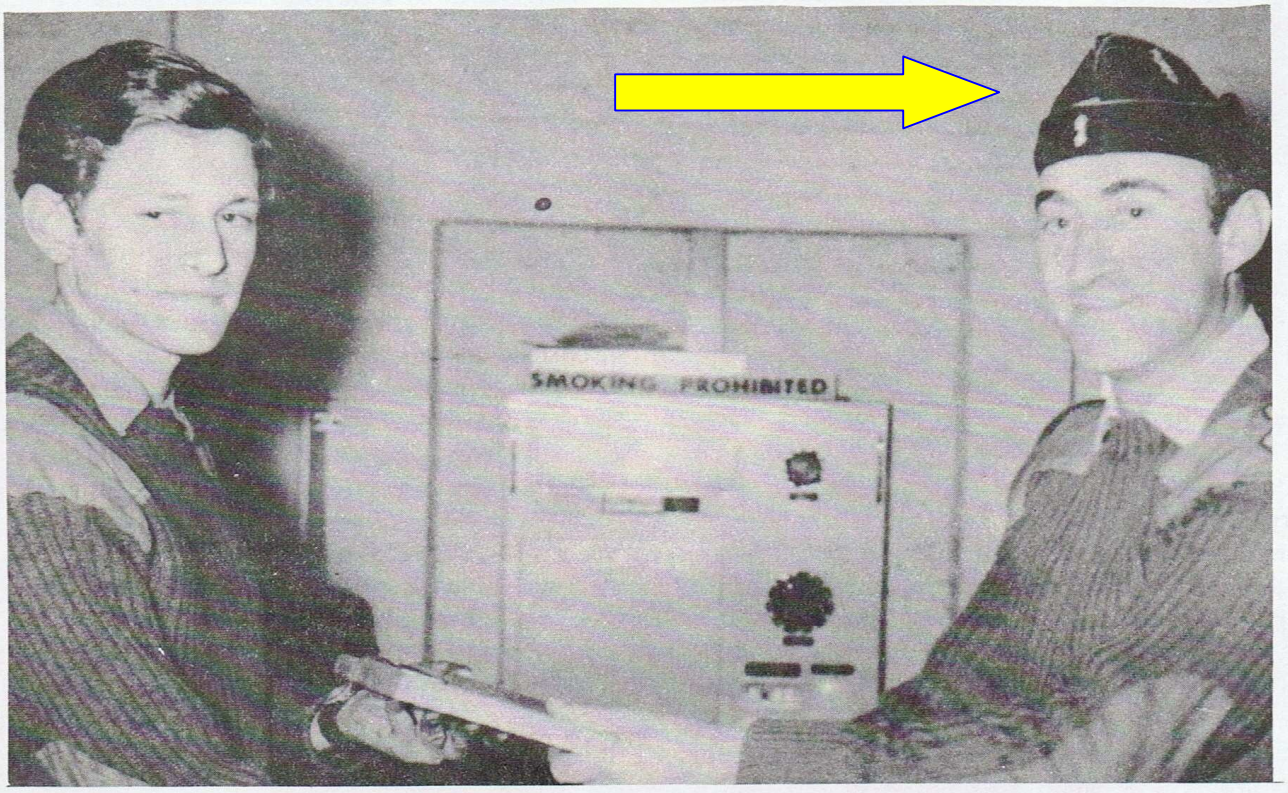


## Inter Platoon Small-Bore Shooting Final

The Inter Platoon Small-Bore Shooting Final was held on 4 April 1974. Swiney Platoon started as favourites and gained a sizeable advantage after the first detail. With some more excellent shooting in the final detail Swiney clinched the Championship. The scores were as follows:

| Swiney | | Cutforth | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wooldridge | 142 | Fox-Russell | 141 |
| Reeby | 144 | Lowry | 99 |
| Richardson | 155 | Harris | 152 |
| Draper | 172 | Craig | 124 |
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The Inter Platoon Shield was presented to A/Pte Richardson by the Commanding Officer.



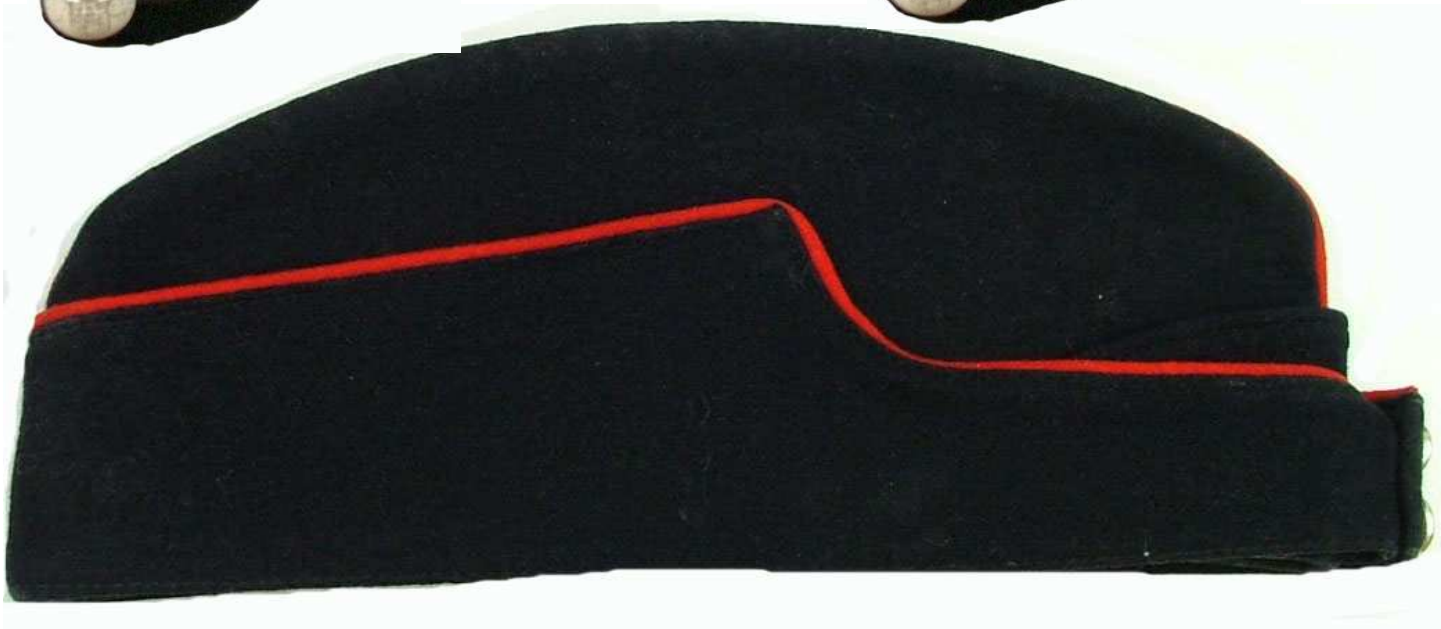

*The Commanding Officer presents the Small Bore Trophy to A/Pte Richardson, captain of the Swiney Platoon team*

An excellent example of an RAOC Side Cap – Mine!!

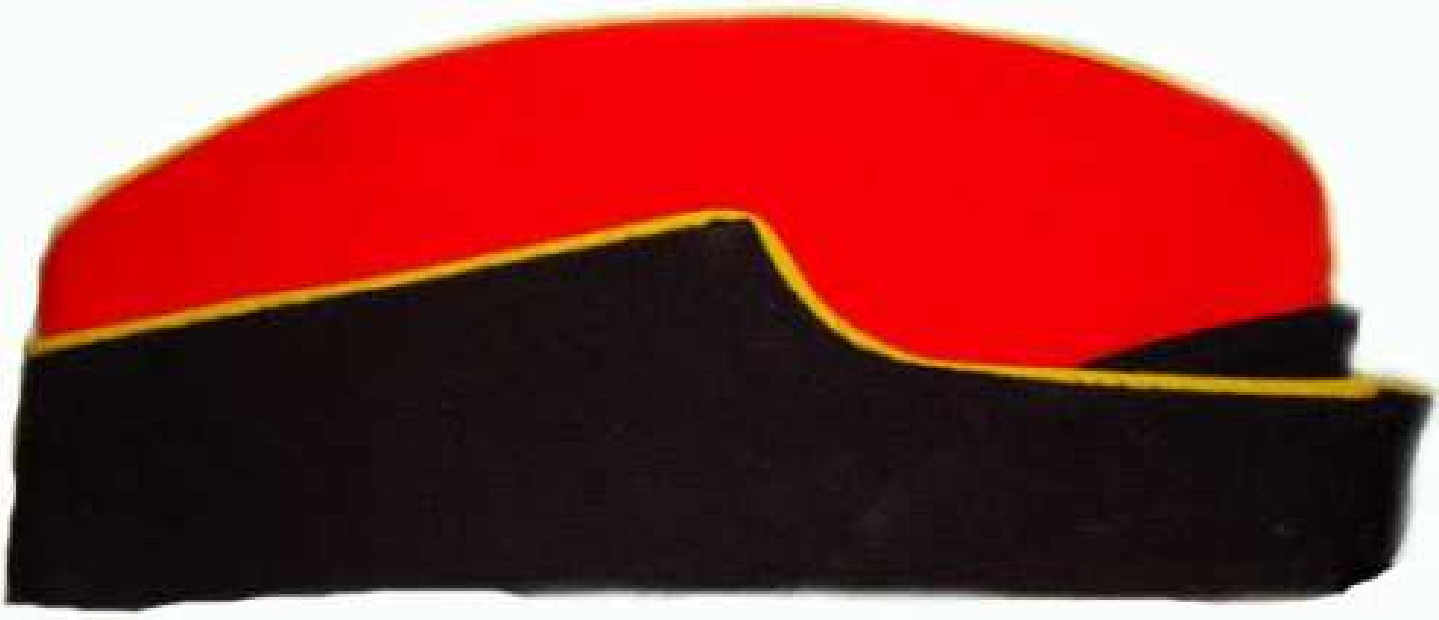




















An unusual Cap used in Malay, in particular 223 BOD - (KC)




A **Songkok** is a traditional Malay cap in the shape of a truncated cone, almost always made of black or embroidered felt, cotton or velvet. It is widely worn in Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Brunei, the southern Philippines and southern Thailand, mostly among Muslims. It is sometimes called as peci in some parts of Indonesia and kopiah in Mindanao. It is ordinarily worn with the traditional outfit for Malay men.

It is also worn by male Malays in formal situations such as wedding feasts, funerals or festive occasions such as the Muslim Eid ul-Fitr and Eid al-Adha and came to be associated with Islam in Malaysia. However in Indonesia, it is worn as part of the local dress and is also worn by non-Muslims.

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According to one Brunei newpaper account, the Songkok became a norm in the Malay archipelago around the 13th century with the coming of Islam in the region. It originated from the fez of the Ottoman Turks which is the predecessor to the songkoks in the Southeast Asian archipelago. In Malay literature, the word "songkok" is mentioned in Syair Siti Zubaidah (1840). The Malay Regiment have been using the songkok as part of their uniform since under British rule.

In Malaysia and Indonesia, the Songkok has become the national headdress with secular nationalist connotations made popular by Sukarno. In Malaysia, traditional Malaysian men's attire consists of a songkok, shirt, matching pants, and waist wrap that is called a baju melayu. In a Dewan Undangan Negeri or in Dewan Rakyat, a member is required to wear the Songkok in order to comply with the dress code of the assembly.

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## DOS VISITS THE MALAYSIAN ORDNANCE COR

ON 7TH MAY, Major General Payne, during his tour of RA units in FARELF, was able to make a 'side' visit to Ku Lumpur and to spend a few hours with the Malaysian O nance Corps.

On arrival at the Kuala Lumpur international airport t DOS was met by a representative of the British High Co missioner in Malaysia and by the DOS Malaysian Arm Forces, Colonel J. P. F. Abbott. As it was a Sunday the D was able to enjoy a pleasant drive from the airport to Ba Garrison, passing through the rapidly growing suburb of Petali Jaya and to see something of the University of Malaya's n buildings. On arrival at Batu he was taken to the Office Mess to meet a large gathering of Malaysian Ordnance Cor Officers and their wives and representatives of other arms a services of the Malaysian Armed Forces. The Band of t Royal Malay Regiment played on the lawn and gave an exc lent rendering of the Corps March as the General arrive After meeting many old friends amongst the seconded RA Officers, General Payne was able to meet and talk with ma of the Malaysian Officers.

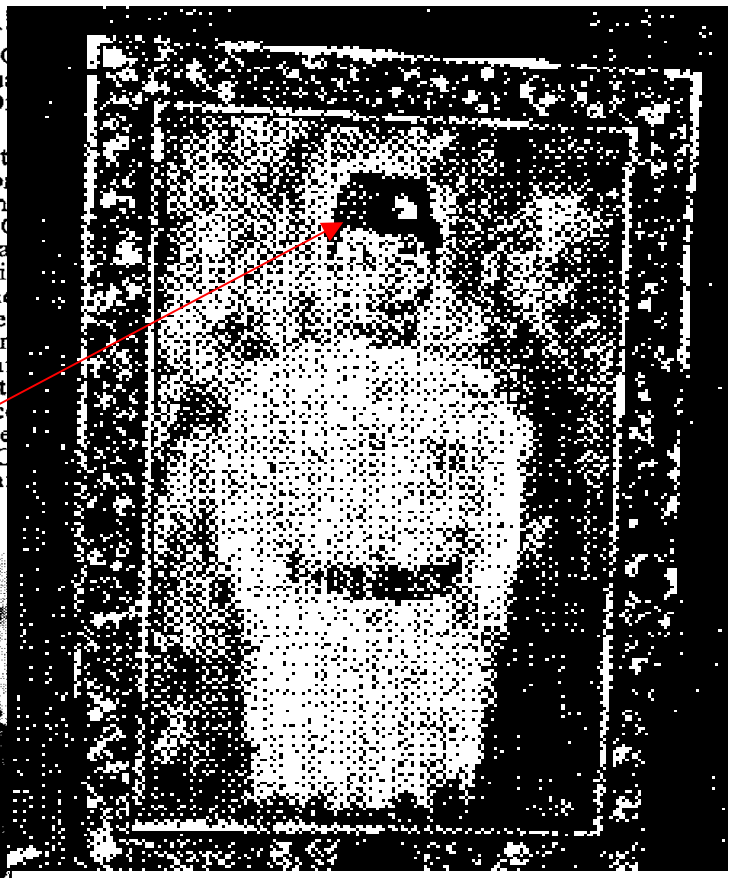


*Photo Century Photos*

**The DOS presents the painting to the Malaysian Ordnance Corps.**

The highlight of the DOS's visit was his presentation on behalf of the RAOC, of an oil painting of a soldier of the Malaysian Ordnance Corps to the Officers of the MOC. The presentation was to mark the very close ties which have grown up between the two Corps over the years. The painting was the work of a local artist. The cost was met jointly by subscriptions from past and present RAOC Seconded Officers and from RAOC Corps funds. It is planned that the picture will hang in the Batu Officers' Mess.

In accepting the painting on behalf of the MOC, Lt.-Colonel Dorairaju thanked General Payne and all Officers of the RAOC for their gift and said that it would long serve to remind them of their many friends in the RAOC. General Payne was then presented with a Malaysian Ordnance Corps tie and shield. The presentation was completed by the Royal Malay Regiment Band playing both the RAOC Corps March and the March of the MOC.



Later in the afternoon General Payne paid a visit to the Batu Garrison Sergeants' Mess, where he met Malaysian and Seconded WOs and Sergeants and their wives and enjoyed taking tea with them before departing to Malaya District to continue his tour of RAOC units.

Although the DOS's visit was truly a flying one of only a few hours it left a lasting impression on the Officers and Men of the Malaysian Ordnance Corps and strengthened the ties between the two Corps.

For those interested in statistics it is interesting to note that over 70 RAOC Officers and 60 RAOC WOs and NCOs have served on secondment with the Malaysian Armed Forces.

**RAOC Gazette Extracts have been collected by the Ex-Boys' Association and are produced with the kind permission of the RLC/RAOC Museum and the RAOC Association**

Royal Army Ordnance Corps Side Cap (KC)



An early Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (CEME) Side Cap (KC)



Another Royal Corps of Transport Side Cap (Officers)



An early Canadian Royal Army Ordnance Corps Side Cap (CRAOC) (KC)



Canadian Royal Army Ordnance Corps Officers' Side Cap (QC)



## Other Fine Examples

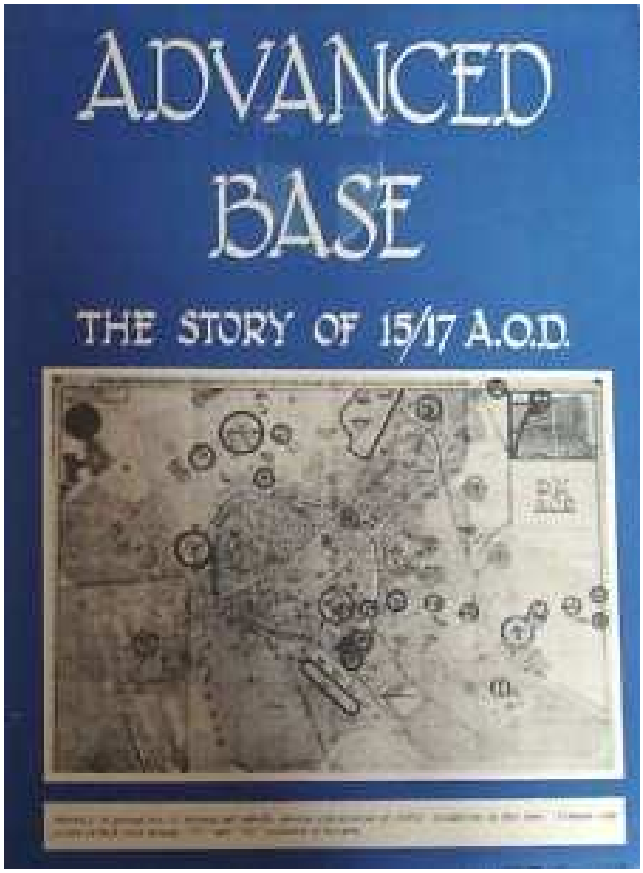






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## Book Review




## Synopsis

A fully illustrated record of the Combined Advanced Ordnance Depots, Nos. 15, 16, 17 in the Advanced Base of the B.L.A.
*from the introduction by Brig. J. G. Denniston, Director of Ordnance Services 21st Army Group (Jan 1944 - May 1945)*:

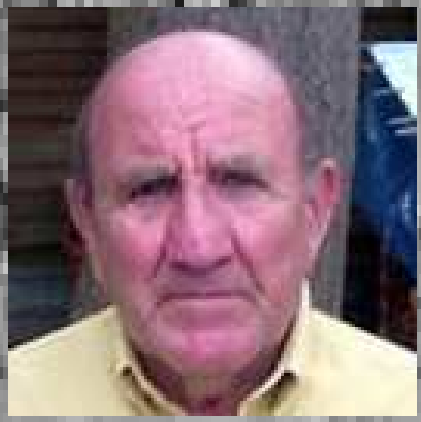
This organisation was the "Heart" which pumped the "Blood" of maintenance of Ordnance Stores to the units of 21 Army Group. It is a record of which the Royal Army Ordnance Corps may well be proud.

- The Plan
- Early Days and Organisation
- The Depots in Detail –
- A Photographic Tour - inc. Signals, Armaments and Engineer Stores, Gun Parks, 15 Stores Transit Depot, R.S.D. Boot Repair
- Some Operational Lessons
- Vital Statistics

## Old Codger's – Photo Gallery

This is a Bugle Call for RAOC, REME and RCT 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 - 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.

| In Boys' Service | In the Army | In Retirement |
|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |
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**Top to Bottom:-** George Tether, Ted Taylor, Ben Ridley

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

**In Boys' Service** **In the Army** **In Retirement**



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

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

## Lost Pals

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

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

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

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

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








## Ex Boys and Lost Pals (1)

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 2014, at the very latest, he will relinquish this voluntary work. Having carried out this role out for over 8 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




## Public Relations Administrator (2)

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

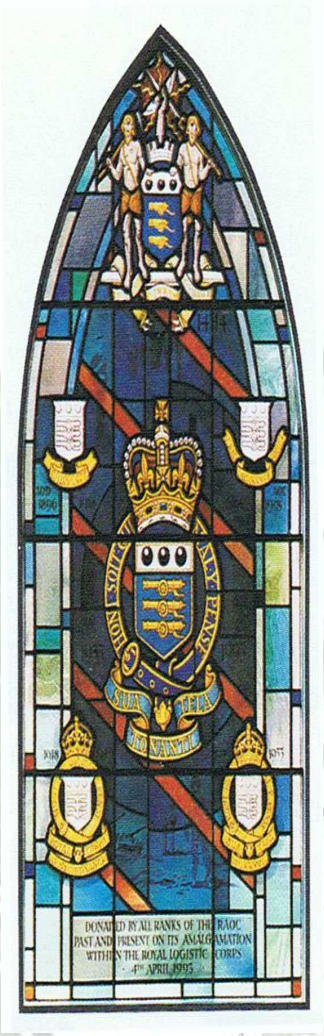
For the Last Post details contained within this Newsletter, the Ex-Boys' Assocation, are dependent on information from either relatives or Ex-Boys themselves. Please forgive any inaccuracies or omissions that have perhaps been quoted from memory.

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 an entry associated with the Boys' Service, is the late David Bowhay, late RAOC, who sadly passed away in 2009.

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.




Stanley Ayley RAOC Boy Soldier 1934-37

Joseph W Reynolds (REME) RAOC Boy Soldier 1935-38

Charles Samuel (Sam) Perry RAOC Boy Soldier 1934-37

Roy Edward Crimp RAOC Boy Soldier 1944-47

Robert Walter Charlton RAOC Junior Leader 1973-1974

Leslie D. Greaves (MBE) RAOC Boy Soldier 1953–1956

Anthony MF Gardiner RAOC Junior Leader 1967-1969

Brian John Mitchell G.M (RAOC) Boy Soldier 1937-1939

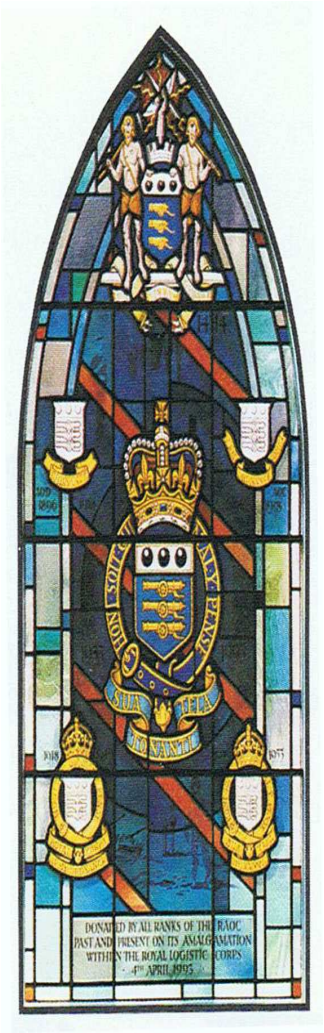
John Dorey RAOC Boy Soldier 1956-1958

Andrew Gemmell RAOC Junior Leader 1966-1969

Frederick B. Suter (PS) 1967-1968

Stanley James Procter RAOC Junior Leader 1962-1965






Brian A. Hosband WO1 (RSM) 1978 - 1983

David Smith RAOC Boy/Sgt 1955 – 1957

Antony O'shaughnessy RAOC Junior Leader 1958 – 1960

Maj. (Retd.) David W. Hancock
OC HQ Coy, RAOC Apprentices College 1973-75

Roy Anthony Coe (BEM) RAOC 1966 – 1968

Peter Eldredge RAOC Boy Soldier 1955 – 1957

Robert Reid RAOC Boy Soldier 1951 – 1953

Ian Russell RAOC Junior Leader 1970-1972

Stewart Coxe RAOC Junior Leader 1970 – 1971

Brian Arthur Cheshire RAOC Boy Soldier 1953-55

Colin T "Geordie" Horsman RAOC Junior Leader: 1965-68

Lt. Col. Eric Ridgeway
CO of the RAOC & REME Junior Leaders Battalion; 1967-69

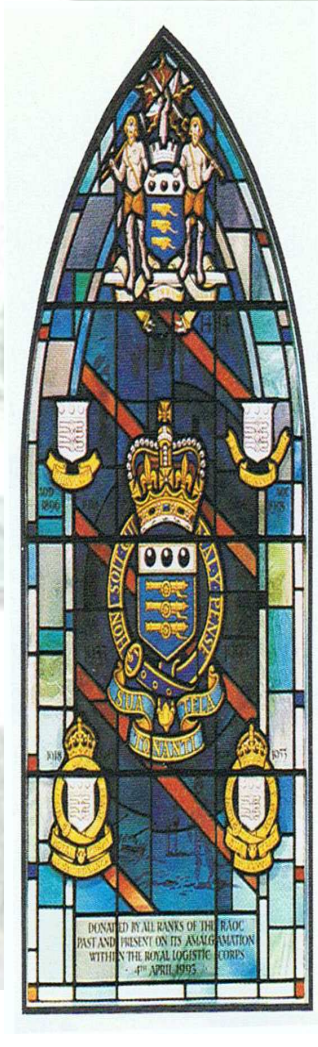
Anthony Peter Youle REME Apprentice in Burma Platoon: 1978 79

Alan Charles Smith RAOC Junior Leader 1969 - 1971









# Roll of Honour Web Page

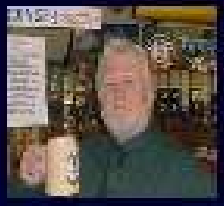
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| Permanent Staff | | | |

*Click here to listen to the LAST POST in a new and moving rendering*

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## Roll of Honour

## Junior Soldiers - A to E

**Click on the name-box for photos & any available memories or comments**
**Hover the cursor over a name for more details**

ADAMS, Ronald (Ron)
AGGETT, Peter R.
ALLEN-HAUNCEY, William H.
ALLISON, C.J.
ALMOND, Thomas (RSAVS)
ANDREWS, Edward H. G.
APPLEBY, George E.
ARCHIBALD, Ian
AVERY, Kenneth H.
AVERY, Raymond

BALDWIN, David W.
BALLANTYNE (RCT)
BASSINDALE, John (RSAVS)
BATCHELOR, Alan J.
BEECROFT, Brian G.
BEER, Philip J.
BELLROSE, Michael
BENNETT, Owen JT
BENTLEY, Derek
BEVERIDGE, Gavin A.
BINNS, Ken (Dusty)
BLAND, Gordon S.
BLOOR, Michael F.
BLYTHE, Gary
BOWHAY, David W. "Zippy"
BRADSHAW, Christopher
BRENNAN, Edward L. (Ted)
BRENNAN, William E. L.
BROADBENT, John G.
BROCKLEBANK, Gordon
BROWN, David S.
BRUNT, John (Jack)
BULLIVANT, Geoffrey (RSAVS)
BUNKER, Paul
BURGHART, Edward W.
BURGIN, Howard
BURNS, John (Jack)
BURT, Dougie
BUTLER, John (Johnny)

CAESAR, David C.
CASEMORE, David J.
CHOWN, Terry (RSAVS)
CLARK, David (RSAVS)
CLANCY, James
CLAUGHTON, Leonard A.
CLAY, Roger J.
CLEMOW, Alan
CLIFTON, Christopher R.
COLES, Leslie Charles
CONWAY, Ronald
COOLEDGE, Michael
COOPER, Benjamin S.
COPSEY, Joseph
COULTARD, Aubrey C.
CRAIGHE, Rodney
CRAISTER, Clive
CROCOMBE, David W.
CROWHURST, Stephen G.

DALY, Thomas
DAWSON, George W.AL
DEATH, Frederick W.
DELPH, Thomas H.
DICKSON, James G.
DILWORTH, John (Paddy)
DIX, Reg
DOWN, George W.
DREW, Michael J.
DUFFUS, Ian R.
DUNCAN, Graham S.

EASTLAKE, George E.
EGLINGTON, Rodney C.
EMBERSON, A.I.A.
EMBERSON, J.R.

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Family and friends are encouraged to submit photos and any personal memories of an individual's time at Boy's School, Junior Leaders or Apprentice College, for inclusion on the site






Brian and I completed our initial soldier training together in 5 platoon B company. At the time we both decided to follow the RD instructor route and completed our two month RD training together. Brian achieved a lot in his life, Best Recruit, RAOC shooting team, trained many a junior soldier, RSM, Father and in my opinion a loyal friend who never failed to cheer me up when life was difficult. Brian became one of our legendary characters.

We both served in 12 OFP. If the walls in the 94 club had ears his antics could be sold to the national news papers. We served again later on as CSM's at the Apprentices College. Sadly we lost touch when I left the Apprentices College on posting. I never witnessed Brian being down and out he always had a smile and kind word for you when you met and generally he lived for the day.

A true Corps Warrant Officer who will be missed by many.

RIP.

Bernei Brace, November 2013



Stewart R. COXE (RAOC)
*28 June 1954 - †28 July 2013



Ian RUSSELL
*2 October 1954 - †14 March 2013



Charles Samuel (Sam) PERRY
*8 November 1919 - †13 March 2007



Joseph W Reynolds (REME)
*8 October 1920 - †7 January 2012



Robert Walter CHARLTON
*17 March 1957 - †26 December 2013



Leslie D. GREAVES (MBE)
*1938 - †12 December 2013

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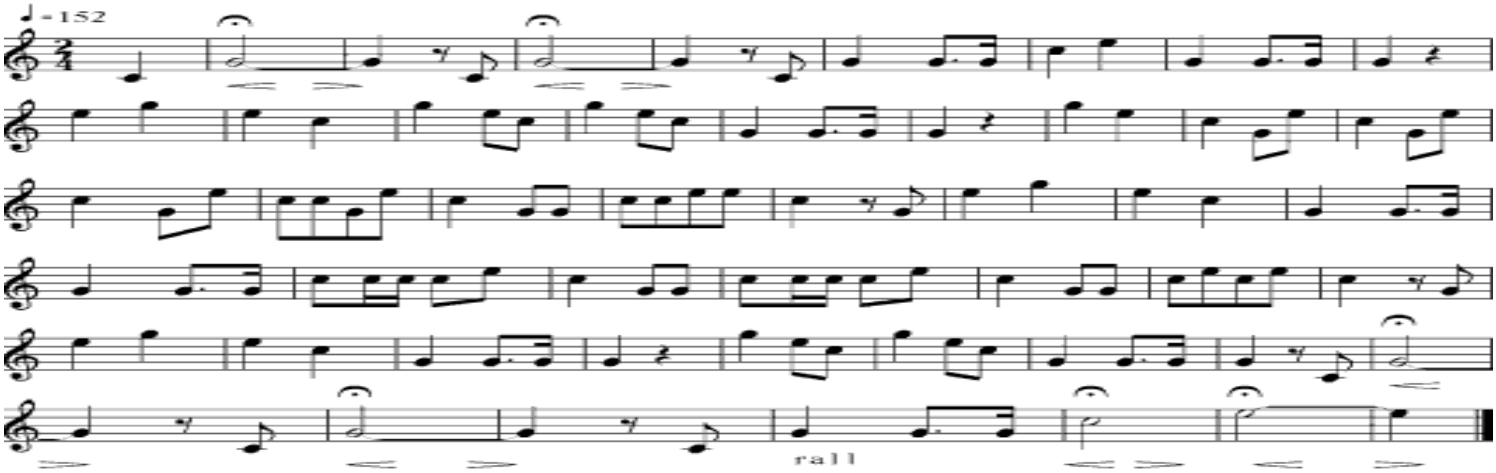
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**GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN**

## The Last Post

**D**id 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.

# The Commitee




**Rear: Dave McCarthy, Brian Wild, George Tether, Bill Chamberlain**

**Front: Paul Jones, David Burden (Patron), Adrian Hayward-Wills**

# Admin Team

If you require any assistance with regards to the Association, please feel free to contact any of the following. Contact can easily be made via the Association Website and clicking on to the Contacts Page:-




**Paul Jones**

Founder and Chairman




**George Tether**

All matters concerning the on-line-presentation of the site, Membership and the Forum




**Bill Chamberlain**

All matters concerning the location of Lost Pals and recruitment of Members for the Association

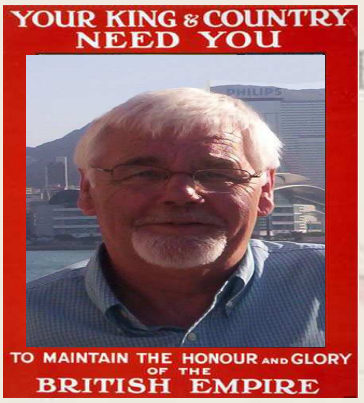
# Admin Team




**Dave McCarthy**

All matters concerning the Battalion Structure, Nominal Rolls and Passing Out Dates of Ex-Boys

ing ex-Boy's and members of permanent Staff where




**Brian Wild**

Secretary and Treasurer to the Ex Boys Association




**Adrian Hayward-Wills**

Editor of the Ex Boys' Association Newsletter

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Happy Reading!!!!

**Adrian Hayward-Wills**