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WELCOME TO THE RAOC APPRENTICES COLLEGE

Being here today means that you have taken the opportunity offered to see something of the RAOC Apprentices College.

Today is our annual open day, and also the Passing Out Parade for the two platoons of senior apprentices. You will see the very last parade at the College of those apprentices of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and Intelligence Corps who have completed their training. They are about to enter the world of the adult soldier, many of them going to stations overseas. Some leave us for further specialised training within their own Corps.

Those that remain behind are still within a curriculum that includes military training, education, external leadership and physical training. Like those passing out today, it is our hope that those still with us will eventually reach non-commissioned rank; many should reach warrant rank, and there will be a few to go through to hold a commission.

So, welcome to the College. If you are the parent of a new recruit, it is hoped that our pageant will give you an idea of the many aspects of life at the Royal Army Ordnance Corps Apprentices College. You will be aware of what your son has already accomplished, and you will see the many activities which he has still to look forward to during future terms. Members of my permanent staff are to hand to discuss any questions you may have.

To-day is the last occasion when I shall, at a Passing Out Parade, be Commanding Officer. Regretfully, I am due for posting in February 1976. Parents may wish to note that from that time the College will be commanded by my successor, Lieutenant Colonel NS BRUCE RAOC. To all here to-day, thank you for your support and the very best of good fortune for the future.

PHJ VICKERY
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

TO-DAY'S INSPECTING OFFICER

MAJOR GENERAL PATRICK JOHN O'BRIEN MINOGUE

Major General Patrick John O'Brien Minogue was born at Derby in 1922, and was educated at Dane Court Preparatory School and Brighton College.

He began his Army career in 1940 and was commissioned to the Indian Army in August 1942. In February 1947 he transferred to the East Surrey Regiment. In 1951 he transferred to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and between 1953 and 1955 served in BAOR. He attended the Staff College in 1956 and then appointed GSO2 at the end of the course. In May 1960 he became DAA & QMG Liaison, Washington, until April 1962 in the local rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In November 1962 he moved to COD Chilwell but was detached to HQ British Forces Cyprus in January 1963 on the General Staff.

He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in February 1965 and assumed the appointment of ADOS in HQ DOS. He also served with HQ 3rd Division AA & QMG ADPS from 1967 to 1969 when promoted to Colonel and became Col AQ (ADP) in HQ Strategic Command. Between 1969 and 1971 he worked in PS10 as AAG and in January 1971 was promoted to Brigadier and assumed the appointment of Inspector RAOC. In May 1973 he assumed the appointment of Commandant Central Ordnance Depot, Bicester, until August 1975 when he relinquished this appointment on promotion to Major General and took command of Base Organisation RAOC.

He is a Member of the British Institute of Management, a Fellow of the British Computer Society and a Fellow of the Institute of Work Study Practitioners.

He is married with two daughters and a son, who is a serving officer with the Royal Army Medical Corps. His elder daughter was commissioned in the WRAC and his younger daughter is married to a RAF officer. He plays most sports, in particular cricket, shooting and sailing, in which he is known nationally and internationally.

THE PASSING OUT PARADE AND PAGEANT

This morning the College is to present a Pageant, depicting the progress of an Apprentice through the various stages of his military training, hobbies and sporting activities, from his first day to his last day at the College.

At the end of the Pageant, the Senior Apprentices Platoons are to form up in front of the saluting dais. The Parade Commander is Captain AP HADEN RAOC, College Adjutant.

THE FORM OF THE PASSING OUT PARADE

1. The Senior Platoons march on to the parade ground and take up their positions.

2. The Inspecting Officer arrives at the saluting base.

3. The Senior Platoons present arms and the band play the General Salute. (Spectators are requested to stand during the General Salute; Officer spectators do not salute.)

4. The Parade Commander reports to the Inspecting Officer.

5. The Inspecting Officer inspects the Passing Out Platoons.

6. The Passing Out Platoons march off the parade ground.

PROGRAMME FOR PASSING OUT DAY

1020 hours	All spectators are to be seated.
1030 - 1120 hours	The Pageant and Passing Out Parade.
1130 - 1145 hours	Band Concert in the Gymnasium prior to Prizegiving.
1150 hours	Prizegiving in the Gymnasium.
1230 hours	Lunch.

NOTE TO VISITORS

After the Parade, coffee may be purchased from the NAAFI Restaurant. Would you please ensure that you are seated in the Gymnasium by 11.20 a.m. This would assist in organizing the seating arrangements.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC TO BE PLAYED AT THE PASSING OUT PARADE

March On	Children of the Regiment
General Salute	Cavalry Brigade
Inspection	Magic Flute Grenadiers Slow March
General Salute	Cavalry Brigade
March Off	Soldiers of the Queen RAOC March

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC TO BE PLAYED AT THE CONCERT FOLLOWING THE PARADE

Cecilia

My Fair Lady

Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head

Bacharach and David

Peanut Vendor

Man of La-Mancha

COLLEGE LEAVERS - WINTER TERM 1975

STAFF CLERK RAOC

A/Lcpl ASTBURY DM
A/Lcpl BINGHAM R
A/Pte FRAMPTON DH
A/Pte MIDDLETON PA
A/Lcpl O'HARA GN

TECH CLERKS RAOC

A/Pte CROWHURST AD
A/Sgt DAGNALL KT
A/Sgt EADES CN
A/Pte EDWARDS JA
A/Pte GREEN JF
A/Lcpl HESLING GG
A/Pte HEYNES SE
A/Pte LOWRIE MA
A/Lcpl O'HARA GP
A/Lcpl PERCIVAL M
A/Lcpl PRATT PH
A/Sgt TAYLOR JR
A/Pte WELLS PR

CLERK REME

A/Pte CURTIS NS
A/Pte FAIRLIE SR
A/Sgt MULHOLLAND DJ
A/Lcpl SHEARER PJ
A/Cpl SMITH PW

STOREMAN REME

A/Lcpl BURNLEES WGG
A/Lcpl McILWAINE SW

STOREMAN RAOC

A/Pte ABBOTT BA
A/Lcpl ARCHIBALD MG
A/Pte AUSTIN PJ
A/Pte BAMFORD SA
A/Lcpl BUTTERY GW
A/Pte CHERRY DL
A/Pte FRANCIS DA
A/Pte HALL DM
A/Pte HAMBLIN MR
A/Pte HAWKEN TH
A/Pte HODBY SP
A/Pte JACKSON PB
A/Sgt JEPSON IK
A/Pte JONES JRF
A/Pte LAWRENCE SI
A/Pte LAWTON IN
A/Cpl McGAUGHEY AR
A/Pte MILLER AR
A/Pte NELLIST CL
A/Pte PURVES JR
A/Pte RAW G
A/Pte RICHARDS MA
A/Sgt ROFF LG
A/Pte ROSS PJ
A/Lcpl RYAN KP
A/Sgt SHELDRICK CJ
A/Lcpl SMITH MI
A/Lcpl STANDING SD
A/Pte VARKER IF
A/Lcpl WILSON JS

CLERK INTELLIGENCE CORPS

A/Pte BARNES BK
A/Sgt DENWOOD RB
A/Pte FERGUSON JJ
A/Lcpl GOSNEY A
A/Sgt MARSHALL RD
A/Lcpl MASTIN SJ
A/Lcpl ROWLES NW

POTENTIAL REME TRADESMEN

A/Lcpl AISBITT DJ
A/Pte AUSTIN MH
A/Pte BARLEY RI
A/Lcpl BROWN IK
A/Pte CENTER J
A/Pte DALE LJ
A/Pte GRIFFITHS KM
A/Pte LEWIS WN
A/Lcpl MACKAY J
A/Lcpl McMILLAN JF
A/Pte MURPHY TR
A/Lcpl PARSONSON SR
A/Lcpl PIKE JG
A/Pte ROBERTS ND
A/Pte SANDERS-FOX K
A/Sgt SHELTON JL
A/Pte SMITH JJER
A/Pte SMITH RC
A/Pte STEERE WW
A/Pte STEWART CW
A/Pte VINCENT BP
A/Lcpl WOODS WJA

THE RAOC APPRENTICES COLLEGE - STAFF LIST

Commanding Officer	Lt Col PHJ VICKERY RAOC
Adjutant	Captain AP HADEN RAOC
Bursar	Captain (Retd) W PLAYLE
Regimental Sergeant Major	WO1 (RSM) N DORNING RAOC
Chief Clerk	WO2 (SQMS) ES GARNER RAOC

TRAINING WING

Chief Instructor	Major J LYLE-CARTER RAOC
OIC External Leadership	Captain C MORTON RAOC
WOIC Organization	WO2 (CSM) JM ELLSMOOR RAOC

ADMIN WING

Officer Commanding	Lieutenant JG GRIFFIN REME
Padre	Reverend AC STOCKBRIDGE
WRVS	Miss E JONES WRVS

A COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Major JH ROSE RAOC
Training Captain	Captain AP BYLES RAOC
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 (CSM) JT FOSTER RAOC

PLATOON COMMANDERS

Senior Platoon	Lieutenant JC WILLIAMS REME
Arakan Platoon	Lieutenant MF FOX REME
Aden Platoon	Lieutenant PR HANLON RAOC
Alamein Platoon	Lieutenant RJ KNIGHT RAOC
Arnhem Platoon	Lieutenant T TAYLER RAOC
Swiney Platoon	Lieutenant JP HOPKINSON RAOC

PLATOON SERGEANTS	Sergeant J BENNETT RAOC
	Sergeant CA PROVERBS RAOC
	Sergeant JR DAVIES Int Corps
	Sergeant JD LEE REME
	Sergeant AH ROWLANDS RAOC
	Sergeant JF KREFT RAOC

B COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Major HD LUCAS RAOC
Training Captain	Captain AT BETTANEY RAOC
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 (CSM) GK MAULE RAOC

PLATOON COMMANDERS

Hill Platoon	Lieutenant PA BALL RAOC
Body Platoon	Lieutenant GW PATON RAOC
Benghazi Platoon	Lieutenant JD HART RAOC
Balaclava Platoon	Lieutenant JS LAMB RAOC
Blenheim Platoon	Lieutenant PB LINNEY REME
Burma Platoon	Lieutenant J PAYNE REME

PLATOON SERGEANTS	Sergeant MA O'MALLEY RAOC
	Sergeant TJT FLOWERS RAOC
	Sergeant DG HARDSTAFF RAOC
	Sergeant PM CARRICK RAOC
	Sergeant SC BONTA RAOC
	Sergeant JAG EARL REME

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Senior Education Officer	Major PA EASTON RAEC
Instructors	Major GD BEAUMONT RAEC
	Captain RR STUART RAEC
	Lieutenant BF KANE RAEC
	Lieutenant C MANVELL RAEC
	Lt Col (Retd) S SCHOFIELD
	Major (Retd) GJ FORREST
	Wg Comd (Retd) PW HOPE
	Mr E SMITH
	Mr W JOHNSON
	Mr J WATSON
	Mr WJ WADDINGTON
	Mr P HEAP

PERSONALITIES LEAVING THE COLLEGE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL PHJ VICKERY RAOC

Lieutenant Colonel PHJ Vickery assumed command of the RAOC Apprentices College in May 1973, succeeding Lieutenant Colonel R Mathews. Lieutenant Colonel Vickery joined the Army as a national serviceman in 1949, and served with the RA and RAEC before joining the RAOC in 1953. He came to the College from BAOR, and has also served with the British Defence Liaison Staff in Australia.

During his period of command he has witnessed great change, the most significant of which has been the effects of the raising of the school leaving age. Apprentices now spend three or four terms at the College, whereas previously they attended for up to two and a half years. There are no longer apprentice Regimental and Company Sergeant Majors, and permanent staff now take part in Passing Out Parades, which are commanded by the College Adjutant. Although military drumming continues as a hobby, the Corps of Drums no longer fulfils external engagements. A new display of marching and rifle drill, however, is being developed. Overall, to meet the challenge of giving the best possible military education in the shortest space of time, major changes have been made in the College organisation and training programme. The best traditions of the College, however, remain, and the present strength of around 400 boys will be constant for the foreseeable future.

Lieutenant Colonel Vickery returns to BAOR to assume the appointment of Commander Royal Army Ordnance Corps Rhine Area. His successor, in February 1976, will be Lieutenant Colonel NS Bruce RAOC. It is certain that all visitors here to-day would wish to join with the permanent staff and apprentices of the College in wishing Lieutenant Colonel Vickery and his family the very best of future good fortune.

PERSONALITIES LEAVING THE COLLEGE

MAJOR JH ROSE RAOC

Major ROSE joined the RAOC Apprentices College in October 1973 after a tour in BAOR. He was commissioned into the RAOC in 1955 after passing out from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. His service has taken him to Germany, Malta, Malaysia and Belgium.

He assumed the appointment of Officer Commanding A Company in 1973, succeeding Major FLM FOY RAOC, and through his Company has seen over four hundred boys pass out to adult service.

Major ROSE has made his mark at the College particularly in the sporting field. He was a member of the RAOC Training Centre hockey team which reached the final of the Army Cup in 1974. He has also represented the RAOC at tennis and gained his Colours at that sport.

He has an abiding interest in athletics and 'A' Company as a result have won the Inter Company Challenge Cup for the past two years. He had officially retired from running but found himself anchoring the 4 x 100 metres squad yet again. His influence in athletics has stretched far afield as he has been Secretary of South East District Athletics, Cross Country and Tug-of-War for the past year whilst organising the same for the RAOC Training Centre for two years.

He leaves the College to take up the appointment of DADOS (Stores and Vehicles) Ordnance Services, HQ NEARELF Cyprus.

COLLEGE PERSONALITIES

MAJOR J LYLE-CARTER RAOC

Major LYLE-CARTER was commissioned in 1960 from Mons Officer Cadet School. His first posting was to 625 Ordnance Depot in Cyprus. After six months he joined 3 Ordnance Field Park and remained with this unit until its disbandment in 1963. After a tour at Central Ammunition Depot, Bramley, he was posted again to an Ordnance Field Park, this time number 12 in Osnabruck, Germany, where he stayed until 1966.

From 1966-68 he was a student at the School of Ordnance and in 1968 joined 3 Base Ordnance Depot in Singapore. In 1970 he was posted to HQ 3rd Commando Brigade, Royal Marines and exercised in Malaya and Borneo. In 1971 he went to Bangla Desh as part of the British flood relief team and operated the air heads at Dacca, Chittagong and Patuakalli.

In 1972 he became DADOS HQ Commando Forces in Plymouth and was with amphibious forces in Norway, Cyprus, Malta, Crete and Turkey. During 1973 he was posted to HQ 4 Division in BAOR.

In September 1975 he assumed the appointment of Chief Instructor and Second in Command of the RAOC Apprentices College from Lieutenant Colonel MJH CONNOLLY RAOC.

He is married with two children. His interests include climbing, ski-ing, antiques, music, farming and DIY.

RECIPIENTS OF LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS

To-day the Inspecting Officer is to present two of these medals. The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal demands high standards of a soldier. Not only must a recipient have served for at least 18 years, but during that time his conduct must have been such to be graded irreproachable.

WO2 (SQMS) DL BARRON RAOC

A Salisbury man and son of a RASC Warrant Officer, WO2 BARRON enlisted as a Junior Leader RASC in 1957 and entered man service in 1960. The following five years found him first in Germany with NATO HQ and then seconded to the Trucial Oman Scouts in the Persian Gulf. He transferred to the RAOC in 1965 on disbandment of the RASC. In 1967, while serving in Singapore, he was joint leader of a Malayan party on a jungle and river expedition in North Malaya. After Singapore, WO2 BARRON was seconded to the Gurkha Transport Regiment. He went to Germany in 1969 and returned to the United Kingdom in February of this year to take up the appointment of Chief Clerk in the Ministry of Defence (Directorate of Army Staff Studies).

WO2 BARRON is married with two children.

SGT F REID REME

Sgt Frank REID joined the College as a weapon training instructor on returning from BAOR in June of this year. He first saw military service in the RAF, enlisting for three years before transferring to REME in April 1958. Since then he has served overseas in Germany, Singapore and Malaya.

A Carlisle man, Sgt REID married in 1960 and has two sons.

A HISTORY OF THE ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS

Today the Royal Army Ordnance Corps is a highly developed part of the British Army, being responsible, in brief, for the receipt, storing and issuing of thousands of different types of stores required by the Army. Such stores range from hand tools to guided missiles, food to ammunition, petrol to radar equipment. Additionally, specialist services such as printing, bakeries and laundry services are provided.

As a military body, the Corps dates back little more than a century. However, ordnance services as such have their origins in the 15th century; the first recorded holder of the appointment Master General of Ordnance being in 1414. His function primarily was the storing and supplying of war-like stores. Following the sweeping Army reforms of 1855 came the forerunner of the RAOC with the formation of the Military Store Department, under a Director of Stores. In 1893 the department was redesignated the Army Ordnance Department and Corps.

A great proving ground for the Ordnance Services came with the 1914-18 war, and after severe testing their services were fully recognized. In November 1918 the Department and Corps were amalgamated and granted the title "Royal", and the RAOC as such was in being.

During the Second World War the RAOC operated world-wide and from a seriously under-established body grew into a highly efficient organization which by the end of hostilities numbered 8,000 officers and 130,000 men.

Since the War the Corps has continued to give invaluable service; there has been re-organisation and with the disbandment of the Royal Army Service Corps in 1965 took over the supply functions of that Corps. Full advantage has been taken of modern techniques. Computers are widely used in stock control and the Corps pioneered the introduction of work study in the Army.

The RAOC faces an enormous logistical task, demanding high standards of administrative skill, technical and military knowledge from all ranks.

A HISTORY OF THE ROYAL ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

In the days of the bow and arrow every soldier was expected to maintain his own weapon and make his own ammunition. Indeed, the Assize of Arms of 1181 made this a legal requirement.

With the invention of gunpowder it became necessary for a separate authority to look after the 'engines of war' and the manufacture of ammunition. This led, through numerous stages, such as the employment of regimental artificers, to the formation of what we now know as the Royal Engineers, Royal Artillery, Royal Signals, Royal Corps of Transport (formerly The Royal Army Service Corps) and the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

In the 1914-18 War, mechanical transport and wireless communications were first used on a large scale, and with the introduction of the tank, the Royal Tank Corps was formed. At this stage the RE, RA, R Sigs, RASC and RTC, all had their own repair organisations, with the RASC being responsible for most of the remaining technical equipment. This unsatisfactory situation was partially remedied in 1926 when the RAOC took over the responsibility for the repair of the majority of the Army's MT and Fighting Vehicles, though not for the vehicles and specialist equipment of the RE, R Sigs and RASC.

The vast increase in the quantity and complexity of military technical equipment at the start of the Second World War, and the shortage of qualified technical personnel in the Army at that time, finally brought things to a head. On 1st October 1942 the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers was formed, with Major General Sir Bertram Rowcroft as its Director.

The new Corps did not immediately undertake responsibility for ALL equipment maintenance and repair, since some of the other technical Corps still looked after their own equipment. Since that time, however, this responsibility has been handed over to REME in a number of phases.

In 1945 the strength of the Corps stood at 160,000, that is, equivalent to the total strength of the whole British Army in 1974. The current Corps strength is approximately 15,000 military personnel with an additional 16,000 civilians working for REME establishments.

In 1958 the Army Air Corps was formed and the task of servicing the Army's aircraft also fell to REME.

During the period 1964-68 further shifts in responsibility took place, so that REME now undertakes, with minor exceptions, all inspection, modification, repair and recovery of the Army's mechanical, aeronautical, electrical, electronic and optical equipment beyond the capacity of the troops who operate it.

A HISTORY OF THE INTELLIGENCE CORPS

The Intelligence Corps traces its origins back to the Boer War at the turn of the nineteenth century. Prior to this military intelligence had been conducted on a makeshift basis as and when it was required.

After hostilities had ceased against the Boers the Corps was disbanded only to be reformed upon the outbreak of the 1914-18 war. Due to political pressures the Corps was once more disbanded at the end of the war.

The previous pattern was maintained for in 1939 the Corps was once more hastily reformed, and has remained continually in existence to this day. On 15th July 1940 His Majesty, King George VI, approved the formation of the Intelligence Corps and this approval was notified in Army Order 112 dated 19th July 1940 - a historical date in the history of the Corps.

Having proved its capabilities during the 1939-45 war the Corps has continued to serve in all conflicts involving the British Army since that time. To name a few: Korea, Malaya, Kenya, Borneo, Cyprus, Aden and of course Northern Ireland.

The badge of the Intelligence Corps is a 'United' Rose, surmounted by a crown and flanked by laurel leaves. It rests on a scroll inscribed "Intelligence Corps". The rose is the mark of silence and trustworthiness, the laurels denote victory and the crown signifies allegiance to the monarch.

The motto of the Corps is "Manui Dat Cognitio Vires", or "Knowledge Gives Strength to the Arm".