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AND

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RAOC APPRENTICES COLLEGE PAGEANT AND PASSING OUT PARADE
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WELCOME TO THE RAOC APPRENTICES COLLEGE

On behalf of the RAOC Apprentices College, I wish to extend a warm welcome to all visitors to the Winter Term Pageant and Passing Out Parade. I know that many of you have travelled a considerable distance to be here with us today, and I wish to assure you that your support is greatly appreciated by the Apprentices and the Permanent Staff.

The Apprentices who are passing out today have completed a rigorous training which should benefit them admirably for a successful career in the Army. It is the aim and hope of this College that the Apprentices who pass out successfully will, in due course, assume appointments as Senior non-commissioned Officers. Many have the capability, and will be provided with the opportunity, to reach warrant rank and some to be commissioned.

I hope that you will enjoy today's Pageant and Passing Out Parade, and that you will take advantage of the availability of the Permanent Staff to answer any questions that you may have about the Army, the College or your son's progress.

On behalf of the College staff, I wish parents and term leavers all the best for the future, and to all I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

N S Bruce

NS BRUCE
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

TODAY'S INSPECTING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR HUGH BEACH KCB OBE MC MA MSc

Lieutenant General Sir Hugh Beach was born in London on 20 May 1923. He was educated at Winchester College and Cambridge University (Peterhouse).

He joined the Royal Engineers in August 1941, serving in the ranks until being granted an Emergency Commission in November 1942. He was granted a Regular Commission in January 1946. He served as a junior officer in a Field Squadron from November 1942 until May 1943 when he was then appointed as an Instructor to 140 Officer Cadet Training Unit. There he stayed until joining a Field Squadron of 7 Armoured Division in April 1944. He went to France in June 1944, was wounded and returned to England. Having recovered, he joined 6 Airborne Division in May 1945 and on appointment as Staff Officer Royal Engineers to 1 British Airborne Corps went to India.

He remained in South East Asia until August 1946 during which time he served in Java as second in command of an Independent Field Squadron and as Adjutant to the Commander Royal Engineers, 23 Indian Division. He then returned to the United Kingdom to attend a number of courses culminating in a 1st Class Honours Degree in Mechanical Sciences at Cambridge in June 1949. From the 1953 course at Camberley he gained his psc and in January 1954 was appointed GSO2 at the War Office Military Operations Branch. Completing a normal tour in January 1956 he then went back to regimental duty commanding a Field Squadron in BAOR until December 1957. He attended the Joint Services Staff College and gained his jssc in August 1958. His next appointment was as DAA & QMG 24 Infantry Brigade in the Middle East and in East Africa from August 1958 to October 1960. He was appointed Commandant of the Cambridge University OTC where he stayed until April 1963 when he returned to the Directorate of Army Staff Duties at the War Office, this time as a GSO1. Leaving the War Office in October 1965 he became Commander Royal Engineers to 2 Division until July 1967. From then on until December 1968 he served as Colonel GS at the Staff College Camberley.

In December 1968 he was appointed to command 12 Infantry Brigade in Osnabruck, Germany. From this appointment he gained a Defence Fellowship, studying at Edinburgh University until December 1971 when he was promoted Major General and appointed Director of Army Staff Duties at the Ministry of Defence. As a result of his published thesis he was awarded the symbol df and a Master of Science degree in Social Sciences.

He was Commandant of the Staff College from April 1974 to December 1975.

He has one daugher (Rosemary) and three sons (David, Michael and John). He is a keen sailor with a special interest in double-hulled craft, and also enjoys ski-ing.

He was awarded the Military Cross in March 1945 and the OBE in January 1966.

In January 1976 he was awarded the KCB and in the same month was appointed Deputy Commander-in-Chief United Kingdom Land Forces. He is also Colonel Commandant of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and of the Royal Pioneer Corps.

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 Apprentice Platoons are to form up in front of the saluting dais. The Parade Commander is Captain DM CHISEM 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 dais.

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 to be seated.
1030-1130 hours	The Pageant and Passing Out Parade.
1135-1150 hours	Band Concert in the Gymnasium prior to Prizegiving.
1200 hours	Prizegiving and Service of Dedication in the Gymnasium.
1250 hours	Lunch.

NOTE TO VISITORS

1. After the Parade would you please ensure that you are seated in the Gymnasium by 1125 a.m. This would assist in organizing the seating arrangements.

2. Because of shortage of space in the Gymnasium we can seat only those parents of term leavers and prizewinners. Other parents may obtain a cup of coffee from the Kon Tiki Club or NAAFI Restaurant after the parade.

COLLEGE LEAVERS - WINTER TERM 1976

STAFF CLERKS RAOC

A/Pte CARROLL J
A/Pte GRANT GW
A/Pte HARVEY K
A/Pte HODGSON E
A/Pte KEELTY CJ
A/Lcpl MACDONALD S
A/Pte TILLEY WM
A/Sgt WALKER PM

TECH CLERKS RAOC

A/Sgt BATTY MK
A/Pte BENJAMIN PE
A/Pte BLOOMFIELD SJ
A/Pte BRAY PE
A/Lcpl BROADBENT RV
A/Pte BROCKIE J
A/Sgt BUCKLEY A
A/Lcpl BUSH CN
A/Lcpl FRAME J
A/Pte GAMMON RJ
A/Pte GODBOLD SP
A/Pte HOWES KJ
A/Cpl IZZO KAE
A/Pte LORD GT
A/Pte MELLOR I
A/Pte MUNRO JS
A/Pte NAIRN R
A/Pte PYE G
A/Pte RAFFERTY MA
A/Lcpl REES SJ
A/Pte SCOTHERN PN
A/Lcpl SMITH KD
A/Pte SMITH RA
A/Pte SNELL JH
A/Pte STALKER SD
A/Pte STAINTHORP M
A/Cpl TAYLOR PA
A/Lcpl TRESSLER D
A/Pte WHITEHEAD WM
A/Pte WICKHAM G
A/Pte WILSON MJ
A/Pte WILSON PJ
A/Pte WYNNE DJ

STOREMEN RAOC

A/Pte ARTYM PJ
A/Pte BAUGHEN GA
A/Pte BUCHAN J
A/Pte CAMERON RS
A/Pte CAREY N
A/Pte CARPENTER IJC
A/Pte CARSON J
A/Pte CLAPTON BC
A/Pte COMBES PL
A/Pte CORNFORTH IM
A/Lcpl COWLEY CD
A/Pte CULLETON MS
A/Pte DAVIES AP
A/Pte DAVIES DA
A/Lcpl DENVIR DJJ
A/Pte DOCHERTY WT
A/Pte DUNCAN N
A/Lcpl FAZAKERLEY N
A/Pte FIELD JM
A/Lcpl FLEMING DA
A/Pte GRANT RA
A/Pte JACKSON DC
A/Pte KINCAID CD
A/Lcpl KING PJ
A/Pte LEWIS W
A/Lcpl LOVETT N
A/Pte LOWRIE CM
A/Pte MACGREGOR RCC
A/Lcpl MAYO C
A/Cpl McMILLAN PJ
A/Pte MOFFAT BT
A/Pte MORTON LK
A/Pte NEATE RJ
A/Lcpl PARKIN SP
A/Pte PATTISON JR
A/Pte PAYNE IC

A/Pte PEEBLES MJ
A/Pte POWELL GJ
A/Pte PUGH PJ
A/Pte RANCE JF
A/Cpl RENNIE WM
A/Lcpl REYNOLDS PJ
A/Pte ROBERTS CH
A/Pte SAYERS SJ
A/Lcpl SHARPE IM
A/Pte SILVER AJ
A/Pte STEWART GD
A/Pte TAAFFE DL
A/Pte TAYLOR SE
A/Lcpl TILLEY TE
A/Lcpl TIPTON EDJ
A/Pte WILSON A
A/Pte WILSON BR
A/Pte BLACK R
A/Pte BURGESS T

POTENTIAL REME TRADESMEN

A/Pte BERNARD SJ
A/Pte COX TD
A/Pte CUMMINGS RP
A/Pte DOHERTY K
A/Pte EWERS SP
A/Pte HAILSTONE MK
A/Lcpl HEXTALL MC
A/Pte IHLE K
A/Lcpl MACDONALD AD
A/Pte MARCHI PP
A/Lcpl McBRIDE AT
A/Pte McCOLL RM
A/Pte POLLARD SJ
A/Pte PRICE W
A/Lcpl ROSS PA
A/Pte ROSTRON DT
A/Sgt SMITH KR
A/Lcpl SUTTIE A

CLERKS INTELLIGENCE CORPS

A/Pte BOYLE DS
A/Lcpl CLARK RL
A/Sgt DALY MP
A/Cpl FAWCETT JM
A/Cpl McBURNEY D
A/Lcpl STOREY RP
A/Lcpl TOWNSEND
A/Pte WATTS TR
A/Sgt WHEATER JC

STOREMEN REME

A/Pte KEMP KM
A/Pte PATTISON BR

CLERK REME

A/Pte SMITH MA

THE RAOC APPRENTICES COLLEGE - STAFF LIST

Commanding Officer	Lt Col NS BRUCE RAOC
Adjutant	Captain DM CHISEM RAOC
Bursar	Captain (Retd) W PLAYLE
Regimental Sergeant Major	WO1 (RSM) JT FOSTER RAOC
Chief Clerk	WO2 (SQMS) CE FEAR RAOC

TRAINING WING

Chief Instructor	Major RT ARLISS RAOC
OC Training Wing	Lieutenant T TAYLER RAOC

ADMIN WING

Officer Commanding	Captain JG GRIFFIN REME
Padre	Reverend AC STOCKBRIDGE RAChD
WRVS	Miss P RIDDELL WRVS

A COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Major RA MABY RAOC
Training Captain	Captain AP BYLES RAOC
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 (CSM) BN BRACE RAOC

PLATOON COMMANDERS

Ardennes Platoon	Lieutenant FT FREEMAN REME
Arakan Platoon	Lieutenant J PAYNE REME
Senior A Platoon	Lieutenant PR HANLON RAOC
Alamein Platoon	Lieutenant PC HARRIS RAOC
Arnhem Platoon	Lieutenant A MOORE RAOC
Anguilla Platoon	Lieutenant JP HOPKINSON RAOC

PLATOON SERGEANTS	Sergeant J BENNETT REME
	Sergeant CA PROVERBS RAOC
	Sergeant JF KREFT RAOC
	Sergeant NP BOTFIELD RAOC
	Sergeant BD MACRO REME
	Sergeant P THOMAS REME
	Sergeant MTE ARNOLD Int Corps
	Sergeant JR DAVIES Int Corps

B COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Major DN FURNESS-GIBBON RAOC
Training Captain	Captain MF FOX REME
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 (CSM) PS SLAUGHTER RAOC

PLATOON COMMANDERS

Barossa Platoon	Lieutenant PA BALL RAOC
Senior B Platoon	Lieutenant MHP BUCHANAN RAOC
Balaclava Platoon	Lieutenant R ELLIS RAOC
Burma Platoon	Lieutenant GW PATON RAOC/
	Lieutenant SD JONES RAOC
Bruneval Platoon	Lieutenant JS LAMB RAOC

PLATOON SERGEANTS	Sergeant PM CARRICK RAOC
	Sergeant JAG EARL RAOC
	Sergeant WL RICE RAOC
	Sergeant CD HARRIS REME
	Sergeant PM THAYRE RAOC
	Sergeant TE JENNIANS RAOC

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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

COLLEGE PERSONALITIES

LIEUTENANT COLONEL NS BRUCE RAOC, COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Norman Scott BRUCE assumed the appointment of Commanding Officer on 20 February 1976.

He joined the Corps in 1953 as a national serviceman. After basic training he became a physical training instructor, and within 9 months he had been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He decided to become a regular soldier, and was commissioned in 1958. He has held varied appointments in the United Kingdom and Far East, and came to the College from 16 Bn RAOC at Bicester, where he was Second in Command.

In describing Lieutenant Colonel BRUCE's career mention must be made of his contribution to sport. He has played rugby 31 times as a Scottish International, 40 times for Hampshire in county championship matches, and in 1959 captained the Hampshire county side. He has captained and played for the Combined Services team on numerous occasions and has toured South Africa with the Barbarians, Canada with the Scottish team and Kenya and Rhodesia with the Combined Services.

MAJOR RA MABY RAOC, OFFICER COMMANDING A COMPANY

Major MABY joined the Royal Armoured Corps as a regular soldier in 1951. He went to Eaton Hall Officer Cadet School and the RMA Sandhurst before being commissioned into the Gloucestershire Regiment in 1954. As a subaltern he saw service in Kenya against the Mau Mau.

In 1958 he went to the Parachute Brigade for a three year tour, serving in England and Cyprus. In 1961 he transferred to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and was employed both as a Captain in the Parachute Heavy Drop Company and then as Officer Commanding of a Workshops Stores Section in Malaya.

He is now in his fifth appointment as a Major. The first two were in BAOR as OIC Technical Stores Provision in 15 Advanced Base Ordnance Depot and then as Officer Commanding 49 Replenishment Park Company. A tour as Deputy Assistant Director of Ordnance Services West Midland District was then followed by being Senior Stores Officer in Composite Ordnance Depot Hong Kong.

Major MABY has been Officer Commanding A Company for a year. He has varied outdoor interests and is a keen sailor.

MAJOR DN FURNESS-GIBBON RAOC, OFFICER COMMANDING B COMPANY

Major FURNESS-GIBBON assumed the appointment of Officer Commanding B Company on 11 August 1976.

He joined the Army as a National Serviceman in 1959 and a year later went to Mons Officer Cadet School, and was commissioned into the RAOC in 1960. In 1960-61 he was seconded to the Royal West Africa Frontier Force and served in the 1st Battalion Sierra Leone Regiment as a Platoon Commander.

Major FURNESS-GIBBON transferred to the Army Emergency Reserve and then to the Territorial Army serving as a Training Officer in 52 Stores Company RAOC (TA) Wessex Division. He returned to the Regular Army in 1962 and after attending 48 Ordnance Officers Course at the School of Ordnance was posted to Ordnance Depot Aden as the MTO and subsequently served as 2IC Stores Sub Depot. In 1965 he was injured in a terrorist grenade attack on the HQ Middle East Command Officers' Mess. Major FURNESS-GIBBON has served as an ATO with CAD Longtown; as Adjutant HQ RAOC 3rd Division; ATO Edinburgh, during which time he spent 3 months in Northern Ireland on EOD duties; SATO BAOR Ammunition Inspectorate and as 2IC of 1 Sub Depot COD Bicester.