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Apprentices College

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PASSING OUT PARADE

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RAOC APPRENTICES COLLEGE PASSING OUT PARADE

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WELCOME TO THE RAOC APPRENTICES COLLEGE

To all visitors may I extend a warm welcome to the RAOC Apprentices College.

I know that the majority of visitors are parents of those Apprentices about to leave the College for adult service. To those parents I express my gratitude and appreciation for the support that they have given my staff and I during the past three or four terms. I wish parents and term leavers alike the very best of good fortune in the future.

The Apprentices remaining at the College are still within a curriculum that includes military training, education in support of trade, external leadership and physical training. Like those passing out to-day, it is our hope that the aim of the College will be fulfilled and that they too assume appointments as senior non-commissioned officers. Many will reach warrant rank, and some will be commissioned.

So, welcome again to the College. Members of my permanent staff are on hand to discuss any aspects of a military career and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for being here to-day, when the Apprentices College of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps is on parade for your benefit and enjoyment.

N S Bruce

NS BRUCE
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

TO-DAY'S INSPECTING OFFICER

MAJOR GENERAL M CALLAN

Major General Michael Callan was born at Woolwich on 27 November 1925 and was educated at Devonport High School and Farnborough Grammar School, Hampshire.

After enlisting in the Hampshire Regiment at the age of 17½, he was commissioned into 1st KGV's Own Gurkha Rifles on 1 October 1944, and served in India, Burma, French Indo-China and Sulewesi between 1944 and 1947. After leaving the Indian Army in 1947 he rejoined the British Army in 1948 and was re-commissioned on 1 April 1949 into the RAOC. He has served in various staff and regimental appointments in UK, Kenya, Malaysia/Singapore and the USA. He attended the Staff College, Camberley, in 1957 and the Joint Services Staff College, Latimer, in 1964.

His recent appointments include:

Col AQ HQ Land Forces Hong Kong 1970-71
DDOS (Brigadier HQ DOS) 1972-73
Student Royal College of Defence Studies 1974
Commander Rhine Area 1975 - September 1976

Major General Callan was appointed Director of Ordnance Services in the rank of Major General on 18 October 1976 and assumed the new title of Director General of Ordnance Services on 4 April 1977 on the formation of the Logistic Executive (Army).

He was married in August 1948 and has two sons aged 25 and 20. His hobbies include golf, gardening, sailing and 'do-it-yourself'.

PROGRAMME

1000 hrs	Acceptance Parade - Berlin Platoon.
1035 hrs	All spectators to be seated.
1045 hrs	Passing Out Parade and Inspecting Officer's Address.
1130 hrs	Corps of Drums Display.
1145 hrs	Gymnastic Display.
1200 hrs	ELT and Education Branch Static Displays.
1230 hrs	Lunch after which the Senior Platoon disperses.
1400 hrs	Other Apprentices disperse.

WET WEATHER PROGRAMME

1000 hrs	Acceptance Parade - Berlin Platoon - College Drill Shed.
1100 hrs	Passing Out Parade in College Drill Shed.
1130 hrs	Corps of Drums Display on Parade Ground.
1145 hrs	Gymnastic Display in College Gymnasium.
1200 hrs	ELT and Education Branch Static Displays.
1230 hrs	Lunch after which the Senior Platoon disperses.
1400 hrs	Other Apprentices disperse.

NOTE TO PARENTS:

Coffee may be purchased throughout the morning in the College NAAFI Restaurant. Requests for boys to accompany parents home by private car before the dispersal times indicated should be made direct to the Apprentice's Platoon or Company Commander. Your co-operation in being seated by the appropriate time will be appreciated.

THE PASSING OUT PARADE

The College will parade in 6 Platoons with the Senior Platoon on the left as you face the parade ground. The parade will be commanded by Captain DM CHISEM RAOC, the College Adjutant. The format of the parade is as follows:

a. The Parade marches on.

b. Officers join the Parade which is then handed over to the College Adjutant.

c. The Inspecting Officer arrives at the saluting dais.

d. The Parade presents arms and the band plays the General Salute. (Spectators are requested to stand during the General Salute. Officer spectators do not salute.)

e. The Parade Commander reports to the Inspecting Officer.

f. The Inspecting Officer inspects the Senior Platoon.

g. The Parade marches past in quick time.

h. The Senior Platoon fires the 'Feu de Joie'.

j. The Parade stands at ease for the Inspecting Officer's address.

k. The Senior Platoon march off.

l. The remainder march off in quick time.

In the case of inclement weather a shortened form of the Parade will take place in the College Drill Shed adjacent to the parade ground. The Senior Platoon only will parade and it is regretted that there will be room to seat only the parents of Senior Apprentices.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

The Staff Band of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps

March On	Steadfast and True
General Salute	Cavalry Brigade
Inspection	E Viva Espana Tie a Yellow Ribbon William Tell Overture Two Little Boys
March Past	76 Trombones Hey Look Me Over Voice of the Guns
Slow March	Auld Lang Syne
March Off	The Village Blacksmith - RAOC March Lillibulero - REME March

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
Training Officer	Captain WGF HAYES REME
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 (CSM) S BRIERLEY RAOC
ADMIN WING	
WO IC	WO2 (CSM) BJ BONTHUYS RAOC
Padre	Reverend AC STOCKBRIDGE RACh
WRVS	Miss P RIDDELL
A COMPANY	
Officer Commanding	Major JA CALBREATH REME
Training Captain	Captain J GRIFFITHS RAOC
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 (CSM) BN BRACE RAOC
PLATOON COMMANDERS	
Arnhem Platoon	Lieutenant MHP BUCHANAN RAOC
Ardennes Platoon	Lieutenant FT FREEMAN REME
Alamein Platoon	Lieutenant PC HARRIS RAOC
Anguilla Platoon	Lieutenant JP HOPKINSON RAOC
Arakan Platoon	Lieutenant A WARD RAOC
PLATOON SERGEANTS	
	Sergeant MTE ARNOLD Int Corp
	Sergeant CA PROVERBS RAOC
	Sergeant JF KREFT RAOC
	Sergeant BD MACRO REME
	Sergeant C WOLFE RAOC

B COMPANY

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

PLATOON COMMANDERS

Senior 'B' Platoon	Lieutenant LE BEAN RAOC
Balaclava Platoon	Lieutenant R ELLIS RAOC
Bruneval Platoon	Lieutenant CNP EMMETT RAOC
Burma Platoon	Lieutenant SD JONES RAOC
Brunei Platoon	Lieutenant DA MAJOR REME

PLATOON SERGEANTS	Sergeant PM THAYRE RAOC
	Sergeant JD WILKIE REME
	Sergeant JAG EARL RAOC
	Sergeant TE JENNIANS RAOC
	Sergeant WL RICE RAOC

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Senior Education Officer	Major PA EASTON RAEC
Instructors	Captain PJ LEWIS RAEC
	Lieutenant BF KANE RAEC
	Lieutenant C MANVELL RAEC
	Lt Col (Retd) S SCHOFIELD
	Wg Comd (Retd) PW HOPE
	Maj (Retd) R CHALLINOR
	Maj (Retd) G FORREST
	Mr MF JOHNSON
	Mr WE SMITH
	Mr W WADDINGTON
	Mr JF WATSON
	Mr P HEAP

COLLEGE LEAVERS - SUMMER TERM 1977

STAFF CLERKS RAOC

A/Pte PRS AGGETT
A/Pte R CONWAY
A/Pte DC MAXWELL

TECH CLERKS RAOC

A/Pte BP HUTCHINGS
A/Pte DA LAIGHT
A/Pte C McMULLAN

STOREMEN RAOC

A/Pte TAJ BENNETT
A/Pte PA CHESHIRE
A/Lcpl KC CROUCH
A/Pte A FORSTER
A/Pte A GEDDES
A/Pte EJ GILBERT
A/Pte HARRISON
A/Pte KC HENDY
A/Pte JE HULLEY
A/Lcpl MH WILLIAMS

CLERKS INT CORPS

A/Cpl CSE CAPE
A/Pte JG EVANS
A/Pte SM HEAVENS
A/Pte SA MILLER
A/Pte KW HELME
A/Pte JH PIPE
A/Pte AMH WEAVER

POTENTIAL REME TRADESMEN

A/Pte PJ AITCHISON
A/Sgt A ALLEN
A/Pte J AYRES
A/Pte CTA BAMBER
A/Pte TVE BARNETT
A/Lcpl M BASSETT
A/Lcpl KJ BEILBY
A/Pte LJ BENTON
A/Pte PL BLACK
A/Pte GB BLISS
A/Lcpl AH BRODRICK
A/Pte L BROOKE
A/Lcpl ED BURLEIGH
A/Pte AJ BUSS
A/Pte P CASBURN
A/Pte MJ CHILLINGWORTH
A/Pte A CHOMLEY
A/Pte JA COLEY
A/Pte RS COPE
A/Pte MM CRAIG
A/Pte M CRESSWELL
A/Pte SP CRYANS
A/Cpl G DAVIES
A/Pte BR DAVIES
A/Sgt BJ DAY
A/Pte VH ELLIS
A/Pte AW FIELD
A/Pte JR FRIEND
A/Lcpl JM GANCARCIK
A/Cpl IM GEOHEGAN
A/Pte M GILL
A/Pte JF GODLEY
A/Lcpl ND GODWIN
A/Pte ABG GORDON
A/Pte CE GRAY
A/Pte JD GREEN
A/Pte AC GREGORY
A/Pte IL HANCOCK
A/Pte PN HANCOCK
A/Pte PC HARDING
A/Pte SP HENTHORN
A/Pte KJ HEPPINSTALL
A/Lcpl WL HOLROYD
A/Pte PA HORNE
A/Pte PA HUDSON
A/Pte NS HUGHES
A/Pte WR HUGHES

A/Pte A HUNTER
A/Pte MK JACKSON
A/Lcpl GE JOHNS
A/Pte AA JOHNSON
A/Sgt J JOHNSTONE
A/Pte AD JONES
A/Pte DM JONES
A/Pte GM JONES
A/Lcpl WLB KANE
A/Pte DW KERR
A/Pte PJ LUNT
A/Pte D MATHERS
A/Pte PWM MAXWELL
A/Pte RJ MITCHELL
A/Pte RW MOODY
A/Pte CJ MORIARTY
A/Pte AER MORTIMORE
A/Pte ME NAYLOR
A/Lcpl MW PANTHER
A/Sgt L PARKER
A/Pte RR PARKER
A/Lcpl AR PETERS
A/Lcpl DR PIPER
A/Lcpl SD RAMAGE
A/Lcpl MW REGAN
A/Lcpl C ROBINSON
A/Sgt AH SAUNDERS
A/Lcpl JG SCOTT
A/Pte RJ SKILLEN
A/Cpl DP SMITH
A/Pte MD STANCOMBE
A/Pte RB STANTON
A/Pte DC STEWART
A/Pte AG STORY
A/Pte K STOTZEL
A/Pte NP STOUT
A/Lcpl WDV STYLES
A/Pte RS TOUT
A/Pte SP TOZER
A/Pte MS TULLY
A/Pte SP TWIGG
A/Pte M VICKERS
A/Pte GC WATSON
A/Pte PC WHITE
A/Pte JE WILLIAMS
A/Pte AV WINYARD
A/Pte AD WOOD
A/Sgt JA YOXALL

A HISTORY OF THE ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS

To-day 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 Stores 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 make shift 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".

In Sep 76 it was decided that junior entrants would no longer be recruited into the Intelligence Corps and today, unfortunately, sees the last remaining Apprentices pass out. Future trainees are to be recruited directly into adult service and trained at Ashford. During the period that the Intelligence Corps Apprentices have been trained at Blackdown, many have held AT Sgt rank and have brought distinction to the College. They will be missed.