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WELCOME TO THE RAOC APPRENTICES COLLEGE

To all visitors to the Summer Term Passing Out Parade I extend a warm welcome on behalf of the RAOC Apprentices College.

After two and a half years at the College this will be my final Passing Out Parade. I therefore wish to take this opportunity of thanking all the staff, Apprentices and parents for their support which has helped make this a most happy and enjoyable tour for me. I am sure you would all like to join me in wishing every good fortune to my successor, Lieutenant Colonel KE Curtis, who will already have assumed command by the beginning of next term.

To those Apprentices who are about to leave the College for adult service I wish them every success and hope that, in due course, they will fulfil the aim of the College and become senior non-commissioned officers, warrant officers and commissioned officers. To the Apprentices who will be returning to the College to continue their training, I commend to them that they take full advantage of the facilities that are available whilst here. This College can provide the foundation of a highly successful career in the Army and I shall continue to follow with interest the careers of the young men who have trained here.

I know that many of you, parents, relatives and friends of the Apprentices, have travelled many miles in order to be here to-day. I hope you will take this opportunity to discuss any aspects of a military career about which you are unclear with the members of the permanent staff. Thank you for being here to-day, when the RAOC Apprentices College is on parade for your enjoyment.

N S Bruce

NS BRUCE
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

TO-DAY'S INSPECTING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR ANTHONY FARRAR-HOCKLEY KCB DSO MBE MC
GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

Lieutenant General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley is 'the last of the veterans' among the senior officers of the Army, for many of the new generation of general officers entered the Service after the end of the Second World War. Indeed General Farrar-Hockley only saw extensive war service because he enlisted under age from Exeter School; and, similarly, because of the discrepancy with his birth certificate, he remained rather longer in the ranks as a regular soldier than many of his contemporaries. A sergeant at 17, he was commissioned before his 19th birthday into the newly formed Airborne Forces.

At 20 he was commanding a rifle company in the 6th Battalion of The Parachute Regiment having seen active service round the Mediterranean and during which he was awarded the Military Cross. Having become a regular officer in The Gloucestershire Regiment - there was then no regular Parachute Regiment - he returned to the former after service in Palestine in 1946, and was Adjutant of the 1st Battalion of The Gloucestershire Regiment in Korea. For the action in the Imjin River he was awarded the DSO as a Captain and was subsequently Mentioned-in-Despatches for his activities while a prisoner of war of the North Koreans and Chinese, from whose camps he escaped six times.

He was sent to the Staff College, Camberley, on his return and then rejoined Airborne Forces, taking part in the Port Said landing in 1956, and in counter-terrorism operations in Cyprus. He relinquished the post of brigade major of the 16th Parachute Brigade after the Jordan expedition of 1958 on posting as a chief instructor to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. In 1962 he became Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment, which he led during the Radfan operations of 1963, advancing into the Wadi Dibsan, the heart of the Radfani guerrillas. For this event he was given a bar to his DSO.

Meantime, the Army was becoming involved in operations in Borneo. Having completed his command General Farrar-Hockley was appointed principal staff officer to the Director of Operations in Borneo, remaining there until the completion of active operations in 1966, when he took command of 16th Parachute Brigade. Then followed a defence fellowship at Exeter College, Oxford, from which he became the Army's Director of Public Relations. However, he had only been in the latter post some 4 months when he was promoted Major General to be the first Commander Land Forces in Northern Ireland as urban rioting, linked with terrorism, was reaching a peak.

Prior to appointment to Northern Ireland, he had been selected to command the 4th Division in Germany, and this he took up in October 1971. After two years there he was selected to be Director of Combat Development (Army) in the Ministry of Defence: a post he held for three years.

He was selected for promotion to Lieutenant General on 12th May 1977 on appointment as General Officer Commanding South East District in succession to Lieutenant General Sir James Wilson. In the June 1977 Honours he was made a Knight Commander of the Bath.

Lieutenant General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley has published eight books, beginning with 'The Edge of the Sword', the story of the Gloucesters in Korea. His most recent, published in 1975, was 'Goughie', the biography of General Sir Hubert Gough, which was widely acclaimed in the book pages of the national press.

PROGRAMME - DRY WEATHER

0955 - All spectators to be seated.

1000 - Display by Recruits.

1045 - Passing Out Parade and Inspecting Officer's Address.

1130 - Corps of Drums Display.

1145 - Gymnastic and static displays.

1230 - Lunch after which the Senior Platoons disperse.

1400 - Other Apprentices disperse.

PROGRAMME - WET WEATHER

1030 - Display by Recruits in College Gymnasium.

1045 - Passing Out Parade and Inspecting Officer's Address in Drill Shed.

1115 - Display by College Corps of Drums on Drill Square.

1130 - Gymnastic Display in Gymnasium.

1230 - Lunch after which the Senior Platoons disperse.

1400 - 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 time 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 Platoons 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 mounts 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 Platoons.

g. The Parade marches past in quick time.

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

j. The Senior Platoons march off.

k. 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. The Senior Platoons will form the Guard of Honour. It is regretted that there will be room to seat the parents of Senior Apprentices only.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

March On	Steadfast and True
General Salute	Cavalry Brigade
Inspection	E Viva Espana Annies Song Tie a Yellow Ribbon Norma The Longest Day Prince of Wales
March Past	76 Trombones Hey Look me Over Ride of the Valkyries
Quick March	Will You Not Come Back Again Pentland Hills
March Off	The Village Blacksmith Lillibulero

THE RAOC APPRENTICES COLLEGE - STAFF LIST

Commanding Officer	Lt Col NS BRUCE RAOC
Adjutant	Captain DM CHISEM RAOC
Regimental Sergeant Major	WO1 (RSM) P MACKEY RAOC
Chief Clerk	WO2 (SQMS) R CONNELLY RAOC

TRAINING COMPANY

Chief Instructor and College Second-in-Command	Major RT ARLISS RAOC
Training Officer	Captain WSF HAYES REME
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 (CSM) S BRIERLEY RAOC
Weapon Training Instructors	Staff Sergeant R JOHNSON RAOC
	Staff Sergeant TJ MILLER RAOC
	Sergeant F REID REME
	Sergeant JAG EARL RAOC
Military Subjects Instructor	Sergeant LL COOK RAOC
External Leadership Instructor	Sergeant HJ GREEN RAOC

ADMIN COMPANY

Bursar	Captain (Retd) W PLAYLE
Admin WO	WO2 (RQMS) CD WOOLLARD RAOC
Padre	Reverend MR RYALL RAChD
WRVS	Miss P RIDDELL
Kitchen Manager	Staff Sergeant RA CONNOR ACC

A COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Major JA CALBREATH REME
Second-in-Command	Captain LP KELMAN RAOC
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 (CSM) BN BRACE RAOC

PLATOON COMMANDERS AND SERGEANTS

Aden	Lieutenant MD WOOD RAOC
	Sergeant NP BOTFIELD RAOC
Arakan	Lieutenant A WARD RAOC
	Sergeant PW WILKIE RAOC
Alamein	Lieutenant ARL JAGGERS REME
	Sergeant FJ KEOGH RAOC

Ardennes	Lieutenant FT FREEMAN REME Sergeant C WOLFE RAOC
Anguilla	Lieutenant PC HARRIS RAOC Sergeant PW DANIEL REME
Arnhem	Lieutenant ISJ CASSIDY RAOC

B COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Major E CHAMPION RAOC
Second-in-Command	Captain ME PARSONS RAOC
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 (CSM) PS SLAUGHTER RAOC

PLATOON COMMANDERS AND SERGEANTS

Bruneval	Lieutenant DA MAJOR REME Sergeant JD WILKIE REME
Balaclava	Lieutenant MG EVANS RAOC Sergeant WL RICE RAOC Sergeant GH MACK RAOC
Berlin	Lieutenant M WISE RAOC Sergeant CJ TAYLOR REME
Burma	Sergeant GI OGDEN RAOC

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Senior Education Officer	Major PA EASTON RAEC
Instructors	Captain BF KANE RAEC Captain PJ LEWIS RAEC 2nd Lieutenant B FLAHERTY WRAC
Civilian Lecturers	Mr WE SMITH Lt Col (Retd) S SCHOFIELD Wg Comd (Retd) PW HOPE Major (Retd) G FORREST Major (Retd) GB LANE Mr MF JOHNSON Mr W WADDINGTON Mr JF WATSON Mr P HEAP

COLLEGE PERSONALITIES

LIEUTENANT COLONEL NS BRUCE RAOC, COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Norman Scott Bruce assumed the appointment of Commanding Officer of the College 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 Battalion 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.

It is highly appropriate that he has been selected to be the next Commandant of the Army School of Physical Training, the first RAOC Officer to hold this appointment. The permanent staff and Apprentices of the College thank their Commanding Officer for his service and devotion to the College during his $2\frac{1}{2}$ years in command and wish both he and Mrs Bruce every success and happiness for the future.

MAJOR E CHAMPION RACC, OFFICER COMMANDING 'B' COMPANY

Major Edward Champion assumed the appointment of Officer Commanding 'B' Company on 5 May 1978.

He joined the Suffolk Regiment as a national serviceman in 1956 and subsequently transferred to 1st Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment. After six months as a civilian he enlisted into the RAOC in 1959 and served as an instructor at the RAOC School in BAOR. He completed commando training and joined 3 Commando Brigade in Singapore as a Sergeant in 1962, serving in Aden, Sarawak and Malaya until returning to the United Kingdom for commissioning in 1964. Since that time he has served in various appointments in BAOR, NEARELF and the United Kingdom. He joined the College from BAOR where he commanded 4 Armoured Division Ordnance Company.

Major Champion has taken a considerable interest in racket games both as an administrator and player. He has been Secretary and Chairman of Army Squash in Cyprus and Secretary in BAOR earning his Colours each year. He has toured Scandinavia, BAOR and the United Kingdom with the BAOR squash team.

Major Champion served as a Platoon Commander and Company Second-in-Command of B Company during a three year tour at the College. He therefore knows quite a lot about the training of boys and has two of his own who attend a boarding school locally. Major Champion and his wife were delighted to return to Deepcut and the College after spending the last seven years abroad.

WARRANT OFFICER CLASS I (REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR) P MACKEY RAOC

RSM Mackey enlisted into the RAOC on 18 March 1958 and on completion of basic training was posted to 4 Trade Training Battalion RAOC in Blackdown for employment on the Provost Staff. In January 1961 he was posted to 443 Base Ammunition Depot in Singapore and was employed there as an instructor on the Block Training Staff.

On return from the Far East in 1964 he was posted to the Station Staff Office at Dusseldorf where he ran the clothing stores. In November 1966 he was promoted and posted to the College as a Platoon Sergeant. During his tour he successfully completed a parachute course and in August 1970 was posted to 16 Parachute Brigade where he was the CQMS with the Heavy Drop Company. In 1971 while still with the Heavy Drop Company he was promoted to WO2 and for the next two years he carried out the appointment of CSM. In 1973 he was posted as the RQMS of 1 Para Logistic Regiment in Aldershot and served there until May 1977 when he was posted to Cyprus. Whilst in Cyprus he was promoted to WO1 and was then posted to the RAOC Apprentices College as the RSM in April of this year.

TERM LEAVERS - SUMMER TERM 1978

Staff Clerks RAOC

A/Lcpl BILLINGER JC
A/Lcpl HAW G
A/Lcpl SCOTT CK

Clerks REME

A/Cpl COWLEY CJ
A/Sgt FOSKETT JA

Supply Specialists RAOC

Pte BROWN KJ
A/Sgt FLEMING ES
A/Pte JOHNSON DJ
A/Pte MURDOCH GW
Pte WESTWOOD KA

Potential REME Tradesmen

Vehicle Mechanics

Pte BARKER TA
A/Pte BERNARD WW
Pte BROWN DJ
A/Pte CHESHER NS
A/Pte COATES M
A/Pte CRANKSHAW AJ
Pte DEIGHTON KD
Pte ELLIS E
A/Pte FISH IP
A/Pte GOODSON GF
A/Sgt HARWOOD DG
A/Pte HENDERSON RJ
A/Pte JENNINGS ID
A/Lcpl KEW S
A/Pte MALONE A
A/Pte McDERMOTT SR
A/Pte MINCHIN AW
A/Lcpl OSBORN JA
A/Pte PERRY AF
Pte RICHARDS MW
A/Pte ROGERS M
A/Pte STAMFORD AR
A/Lcpl TURNER MA
A/Pte WATERS AD
Pte WHITTAKER DL
Pte WILSON AJ
A/Pte WISE IG

A/Pte BEESLEY S
A/Pte BINNS SGR
Pte BURROWS KB
A/Lcpl CLARK AS
A/Pte COUBROUGH J
A/Pte DEAN AF
Pte ELLINSWORTH CA
Pte FENWICK SJ
A/Pte FOLKARD RD
A/Pte GURTON KJ
A/Pte HAWKINS BJ
A/Lcpl HUNT PJ
A/Pte JOHNSTON HR
Pte LEES KJ
Pte MATTHEWS GJ
A/Pte McRITCHIE RA
A/Pte NAGY L
A/Pte PAWSEY D
A/Pte PRESTON AC
A/Pte RODGERS RA
Pte SMITH GC
A/Lcpl TAYLOR IF
A/Lcpl WAKEFIELD SAI
A/Cpl WATKIN GE
A/Pte WILLIS AR
Pte WILSON D

Metalsmiths

Pte BEARE RP
A/Pte FLAVELL DO
A/Sgt LEWELL R
A/Lcpl COUPLAND IN
A/Lcpl GIBBS R
Pte LINGSKOG HC

Electrician

A/Sgt WEBB BW

Electronic Technicians

Pte ALI Z
A/Sgt PETTITT TJ
A/Pte WHITEHEAD MH

Aircraft Technicians

A/Cpl CRUMPTON ND
A/Lcpl PARKER MJ

Armourer

A/Pte HOARE S

Recovery Mechanics

A/Pte JONES MA
A/Pte MOONEY JP
A/Pte MITCHELL CM
A/Pte NAGY DS
A/Pte PRIESTLEY AG
A/Lcpl ROBERTS TW
A/Pte RUSSELL S
Pte SAUNDERS PDG
A/Pte WILLCOCKS SR
A/Pte WHITE JK

Instrument Technicians

A/Pte BRITTAIN AW
A/Pte MacDONALD FA
A/Pte MELLOR SP

Fitters Gun

A/Pte DICK WYS
A/Lcpl DUMBRELL M
A/Sgt DUCK NRJ
A/Lcpl STEELE C

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 organisation 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 & MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

In the 1914-18 War, mechanical transport and wireless communications were first used on a large scale. 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. In 1926 the RAOC took over the responsibility for the repair of the majority of the Army's MT and Fighting Vehicles.

The vast increase in the quantity and complexity of military technical equipment at the start of the Second World War finally brought things to a head. On 1st October 1942 the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers was formed. 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.

During the period 1964-68 a number of changes 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.