Royal Army Ordnance Corps
Apprentices College



WINTER TERM PASSING OUT PARADE

Wednesday 12th December 1973

RAOC APPRENTICES COLLEGE
PASSING OUT PARADE
12th DECEMBER 1973

List of Contents

Welcome to the RAOC Apprentices College	3
Today's Inspecting Officer	4&5
Principal Appointments in the College	6&7
The Passing Out Parade	8
The Form of the Passing Out Parade	9
Programme for Passing Out Day	10
Roll of Senior Apprentices Passing Out	11
Major J H Rose RAOC	12
Lieutenant R Rook RAOC	12
Lieutenant R R Stuart RAEC	13
WO2 E S Garner RAOC	13
Major J M C Kimmins RAOC	14
Lieutenant C C Burrow RAOC	14
A/CSM P F Wall REME	15
Music to be played at the Passing Out Parade	16
Music to be played at Prize-giving	16

THE COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Today's Inspecting Officer, Lieutenant General Sir Terence McMeekin, KCB, OBE, talks to some Apprentices at the 1973 Aldershot Show.

WELCOME TO THE RAOC APPRENTICES' COLLEGE

We welcome you to the RAOC Apprentices' College on the occasion of our Passing Out Parade and plan to show you something of the work we do.

You are invited to visit any part of the College and to meet members of the Permanent Staff to discuss points and problems you may have concerning your son or relative.

We have on display a number of exhibits showing part of the range of hobbies in which Apprentice Tradesmen can participate.

Our curriculum includes education, military training, external leadership and physical training. We endeavour to produce Apprentice Tradesmen who are potential Non-Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers and Commissioned Officers of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and Intelligence Corps. Our aim is to pass them out of the College with the highest possible standard of military trade and educational qualifications.

We hope that you have an enjoyable day in the College.

P H J VICKERY
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

THE INSPECTING OFFICER

Lieutenant-General Sir Terence McMeekin KCB OBE

Terence Douglas Herbert McMeekin was born in September 1918 in Shanghai, China, son of the late Herbert William Porter McMeekin of Cogry, County Antrim. He was educated at King William's College, Isle of Man, and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, from which he was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in August 1938.

After war service in Malta and in North Africa and Sicily with the 8th Army when he was mentioned in despatches, he became Brigade Major, Royal Artillery 1st Airborne Division at the end of 1944 and later served as a battery commander in 6th Airborne Division in Palestine in 1945/46.

Following a staff course in gunnery, he became an instructor at the School of Artillery, Manorbier, from 1947 to 1950; he then served in Germany in 3rd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery and later on the staff. He attended the Joint Services Staff College in 1955 and, after further service in Germany with the 5th Regiment Royal Horse Artillery, was appointed AA and QMG in Hong Kong from 1958 to 1960.

His command of the 29th Field Regiment followed, both in Britain and in the Kuwait operation; he later converted this regiment into a Commando Regiment RA - the Army's first Commando unit since their disbandment at the end of the war. He was posted to the School of Artillery, Larkhill, as Chief Instructor Tactics from 1962 to 1964 with the rank of Colonel; and then promoted to Brigadier to command the 28 Commonwealth Infantry Brigade Group in Malaysia in October 1964, when it was engaged in dealing with the Indonesian confrontation.

He was Director of Public Relations (Army) at the Ministry of Defence from March 1967 to May 1968 and in July 1968 he became General Officer Commanding 3 Division, with the rank of Major General.

In September 1970 he took over as the last Commandant of the Joint Services Staff College. When this closed in August 1971 he was responsible for launching, in its place, our new National Defence College, becoming its first Commandant.

At the begining of December 1972, General McMeekin became General Officer Commanding South East District, Aldershot, with the rank of Lieutenant General.

General McMeekin became an Officer of the Order of the British Empire in January 1960, a Companion of the Order of the Bath in January 1972 and in January 1973 he became a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath.

He is married and has three children. His home is at Beverstone near Tetbury in Gloucestershire and his mother, Mrs J K McMeekin, lives in Farnham, Surrey.

THE RAOC APPRENTICES COLLEGE - STAFF LIST

Commanding Officer	Lieutenant Colonel P H J VICKERY RAOC
Adjutant	Captain A H WILSON-ING RAOC
Bursar	Captain (Retd) W PLAYLE
Regimental Sergeant Major	WOI (RSM) N DORNING RAOC
Chief Clerk	WO2 (SQMS) E S GARNER RAOC

TRAINING WING

Chief Instructor	Major C BROGDEN RAOC
Training Officer	Captain I F SHARP RAOC
OIC External Leadership	Captain J T KEATING RAOC
OIC Senior Apprentices Platoon	Lieutenant C N DYER RAOC
WO IC Organisation	WO2 (CSM) P D PHEASANT RAOC
WO IC Physical Training	WO2 (CSMI) D W E BRIDGES APTC
Platoon Sergeants	Sgt M TYERMAN RAOC
	Sgt F M PREECE RAOC

HEADQUARTER COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Major D W HANCOCK RAOC
Padre	Reverend J C VERNON CF
WRVS	Miss E JONES WRVS

A COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Major J H ROSE RAOC
Training Captain	Captain M J DUFF RAOC
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 (CSM) W GODWIN RAOC
Platoon Commanders	
Gordon Platoon	Lieutenant R G BOWMAN REME
Mulcahy	Lieutenant R A C ECCLES RAOC
Steevens Platoon	Lieutenant J R HUGHES RAOC
Swiney Platoon	Lieutenant L M WOOD RAOC
Valon Platoon	Lieutenant G COX RAOC
Platoon Sergeants	Sgt B C KESSON RAOC
	Sgt M J KNIGHT RAOC
	Sgt T F GREEN RAOC
	Sgt R G ANDERSON RAOC
	Sgt R PARSONS Int Corps

THE RAOC APPRENTICES COLLEGE - STAFF LIST (Continued)

B COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Major J M C KIMMINS RAOC
Training Captain	Captain M R BEER REME
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 (CSM) G K MAULE RAOC
Platoon Commanders	
Watts Platoon	Lieutenant N C SMITH RAOC
Horne Platoon	Lieutenant R J JORDAN RAOC
Mathew Platoon	Lieutenant C C BURROW RAOC
Rowcroft Platoon	Lieutenant M BLATHERWICK RAOC
Cutforth Platoon	Lieutenant R ROOK RAOC
Platoon Sergeants	Sgt W GARDNER RAOC
	Sgt S C BONTA RAOC
	Sgt A H ROWLANDS RAOC
	Sgt A D McINTYRE RAOC
	Sgt R DOUGLAS RAOC

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Senior Education Officer	Major H W RICHMOND RAEC
Instructors	Major G H W NEAL RAEC
	Captain E J CHILDS RAEC
	Lieutenant C J MARTINDILL RAEC
	Lieutenant A G THOMAS RAEC
	Lieutenant G A PAGE RAEC
	Lieutenant R R STUART RAEC
	Lt Col (Retd) S SCHOFIELD
	Major (Retd) G J FORREST
	Wing Commander (Retd) P W HOPE
	Mr E SMITH
	Mr W JOHNSON
	Mr J WATSON
	Mr W J WADDINGTON
	Mr A C F LEGG
	Mr P HEAP

THE PASSING OUT PARADE

The Parade comprising 8 Platoons, is under the command of Apprentice Regimental Sergeant Major SC Turner, RAOC. The Senior Apprentices Platoon, commanded by A/CSM PF Wall is positioned in front of the Saluting Dais. The remainder are drawn up in the following order as seen left to right from the spectators stand.

No 1 Platoon	Steevens	A/CSM HOLROYD
No 2 Platoon	Swiney	A/Cpl ROE
No 3 Platoon	Valon	A/Cpl MARSON
No 4 Platoon	Gordon	A/Sgt TURNER
No 5 Platoon	Watts	A/Sgt RILEY
No 6 Platoon	Cutforth	A/Cpl O'ROURKE
No 7 Platoon	Mathew	A/Cpl McMILLAN
No 8 Platoon	Rowcroft	A/Sgt MOFFATT

By kind permission of the Director of Ordnance Services the Band of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps will play at the Parade and later at the Prize-giving.

THE FORM OF THE PASSING OUT PARADE

1. The Corps of Drums march on.

2. The Corps of Drums give a display of marching and playing.

3. The Corps of Drums march off.

4. A PT display is given.

5. The Band and College march on to the Parade Ground and take up their positions.

6. The Inspecting Officer arrives at the Saluting Base.

7. The College presents arms and the Band play the General Salute. (Spectators are requested to stand during the General Salute, officer spectators do not salute.)

8. The Apprentice Regimental Sergeant Major reports to the Inspecting Officer.

9. The Inspecting Officer inspects the Passing Out Platoons.

10. The College marches past in slow and then quick time.

11. The Passing Out Platoons march off the Parade Ground, whilst remainder of parade present arms.

12. The remainder of the College and the Band march off the Parade Ground.

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 11.30 a.m. This would assist in organising the seating arrangements.

DRY WEATHER PROGRAMME FOR PASSING OUT DAY

1000	All spectators to be seated please.
1000	College Corps of Drums Display.
1010	PT Display.
1020	March On of Parade.
1030	The Passing Out Parade.
1100 - 1145	Band Concert in the Gymnasium prior to Prize-giving.
1145	Prize-giving in the Gymnasium.
1215	Hobbies Exhibition in Drill Shed No 2.
1230	Lunch.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER

1015 - 1115	Band Concert in the Gymnasium prior to the Prize-giving. During this period the Inspecting Officer will inspect the Passing Out Platoons in Drill Shed No 1 which is unfortunately too small to accommodate spectators.
1115	Prize-giving in the Gymnasium.
1145	Hobbies Exhibition in Drill Shed No 2.
1230	Lunch.

COLLEGE LEAVERS WINTER TERM 1973

STAFF CLERK RAOC

A/Pte BIMSON G A
A/Pte BLANK D
A/Pte BURGIN H
A/Pte CAMMACK K
A/Cpl CLARK D
A/Pte COLE W D
A/Pte CRAWFORD B L
A/Pte DAY E
A/Pte EVANS S D
A/Pte GORDON G
A/Sgt GOWERS M C
A/Pte JONES H
A/Sgt KILBY J H
A/Pte LANE A
A/Sgt LAWRENSON B
A/Pte MAYS R A
A/Cpl MINSHULL K B
A/Pte NICHOLSON K M
A/Cpl PETERS M G
A/Pte RAE D J
A/Sgt ROBERTS K E
A/LCpl SMITH K J
A/Pte SMITH K G
A/Pte YOUNG W J

TECHNICAL CLERK RAOC

A/LCpl BARRACLOUGH S M
A/Pte BOWLES C C
A/Cpl CRAWFORD A
A/Pte FRANKLIN T R
A/Pte HENDERSON M
A/Pte JONES S A
A/Pte LOVELL J F
A/Pte OAKEY H G
A/Pte WING R W

STOREMAN RAOC

A/Pte ARDEN B
A/Pte BECK C
A/Cpl BERESFORD A
A/Pte BROCK D R
A/Pte BUDD P
A/Pte BURNS K
A/Pte CALDWELL J A
A/Pte COLE S
A/Pte DAVIS E W
A/Pte EDE P C
A/Pte EDMUNDS R H
A/Pte HALLAM K G
A/Pte HARRIS C W

STOREMAN RAOC (Cont)

A/Sgt HENDERSON F J
A/Sgt HULSE I L
A/Pte JACK S D
A/Pte JONES P
A/Sgt JONES R A
A/Pte KEMBLE M A
A/Pte KNOTTS R S
A/Pte LEATHLEY D P
A/Cpl LEIGH M R
A/Pte LOW B R
A/Pte MARSHALL J D
A/Pte McKIE P G
A/Pte McMONAGLE R
A/Pte MILLER J A
A/Pte MOSEY I
A/Pte PALMER B D
A/Pte PECKOVER M E
A/Pte SHEFFIELD A W
A/Pte SPRAGG N
A/Pte TARWACKI J E
A/Pte TRACY R
A/LCpl WILSON J T

CLERK REME

A/LCpl BANKS C W
A/Pte BROWN N A C
A/Cpl EDMONDS A
A/Pte HOLMES D A
A/Pte HOWES I D
A/Pte JONES H D
A/Pte McLEAN W
A/Pte MOSS P B
A/Pte SIM R N

STOREMAN REME

A/Pte DICKSON JMcI
A/Pte GIBB I M
A/Pte GLENN P D
A/Pte HANCOCK N J
A/Pte GOODWIN G P
A/Pte MULLAN I A
A/Pte NICHOLLS D R
A/Pte TAYLOR S
A/CSM WALL P F
A/Pte WATSON M A

CLERK INTELLIGENCE CORPS

A/Sgt McGARRY R

COLLEGE PERSONALITIES

Major J H Rose RAOC

Major Rose was commissioned from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in February 1955. A tour as a Platoon Commander in 1 Regular Training Battalion was followed by service in field force and base units in BAOR. After a tour at Northern Command Ordnance Depot, where he ran the local youth club, he was posted to Ordnance Depot Malta and thence on secondment to the Malaysian Ordnance Corps.

In 1968 he successfully completed the Long Armour Course at the Royal Armoured Corps Centre. His next tour was at 17 Base Vehicle Depot in BAOR. His last appointment was DADOS (Material) in HQ RAOC Corps Troops West at Dortmund.

He is interested in all types of sports and has represented his units at hockey, athletics and tennis.

He is married with a son and a daughter aged 12½ and 11 respectively.

Lieutenant R Rook RAOC

Lieutenant Rook joined B Company in January 1973, having spent six months in hospital recovering from a motor cycle accident incurred whilst taking part in trials in Hong Kong.

Fully recovered, he took over command of Parsons Platoon and under his leadership, they had many sporting successes in particular at cricket and football. When Parsons Platoon became Senior Apprentices at the end of the Summer Term, Lieutenant Rook was given command of the new recruit platoon, Cutforth, and they have already shown signs of repeating Parson Platoon's successes.

During his time at the College he has been the Assistant Hockey Officer and Assistant Canoeing Officer. However his main interest has been in cars and rallying and in this connection he took part in the RAC Snow White and Scorpion rallies and did very well to finish in both competitions.

He is getting married in December and he will be living at Shrivenham and Bramley while he attends the Ammunition Technical Officers' Course.

COLLEGE PERSONALITIES

Lieutenant R R Stuart RAEC

Lieutenant Stuart recently joined the Educational Staff of the College, having completed a one year Technical Teachers Course at Wolverhampton Technical Teachers Training College. Previously served in the Royal Engineers and the Royal Corps of Transport, in which Corps he completed his engagement as WOI at AG8 in Stanmore. He has taken over the teaching of Office Management, in which a recently acquired Higher National Certificate (Business Studies) should be of assistance.

He has served with the Gurkhas in Malaya and has also seen service in Germany.

Warrant Officer Class 2 (SQMS) E S Garner RAOC

WO2 Garner came to the College to take up the job of Chief Clerk at the Headquarters in October after spending the two previous years as Permanent Staff Instructor with a TAVR unit in Portsmouth.

He joined the Army in 1954, enlisting in the now disbanded Royal Army Service Corps and joined the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in 1965. His trade as Staff Clerk took him first to Norway, followed by a tour at the Ministry of Defence. After that a nine year spell of overseas tours followed, apart from a few months at Edinburgh Castle, which saw him in Germany (twice), Cyprus, Malta and the USSR. He can claim the fairly rare distinction for a serving soldier of having been to Siberia and returned, as a guest.

Married, with three children, WO2 Garner finds College life interesting and varied, and he is able to pursue his particular sport, squash.

PERSONALITIES LEAVING THE COLLEGE

Major J M C Kimmins RAOC

Major Kimmins joined the College on completion of his tour as an Exchange Officer with the United States Army in Washington DC in October 1971. He was appointed B Company Commander.

During his time in command of B Company they have won every major inter-Company and inter-Platoon sporting trophy at one time or another. They have also been to Company Camps in locations as diverse as Cornwall, Devon, Sussex, Breconshire and the Isle of Man. Smaller parties have been as far afield as exploring in Lapland, ski-ing at Aviemore and training in Cyprus.

Major Kimmins has played hockey for the RAOC Training Centre Team.

Throughout his tour at the College he has been ably supported by his wife Ann who has regularly attended College and Company activities.

Major Kimmins leaves the College on promotion to take over the command of 1 (BR) Corps Combat Supplies Battalion in BAOR.

Lieutenant C C Burrow RAOC

Lieutenant Burrow joined the College from Germany in July 1972 and he was given command of Mathew Platoon in C Company. His Platoon was transferred to B Company in May 1973.

Under his leadership his Platoon did well in several sporting competitions and they won the Inter-Platoon Tennis Championships.

Lieutenant Burrow is a keen hockey player and was Secretary of the Blackdown Swans Hockey Club for most of the 1972/73 season. He has taken part in Corps dinghy sailing competitions on behalf of the Unit. He is also keen on fishing and shooting.

He leaves the College to go on the Long Petroleum Installation Course.

PERSONALITIES LEAVING THE COLLEGE

Apprentice Company Sergeant Major P F Wall REME

Apprentice Company Sergeant Major Wall joined Cutforth Platoon, B Company, in September 1971 and together with five other Apprentices of this "vintage platoon" rose to Apprentice Warrant Officer rank. He was in fact promoted to Apprentice Lance Corporal in September 1972 and he rose through the Apprentice NCO ranks attaining his present position of Apprentice Company Sergeant Major in September 1973.

In his fourth term he attended the civilian Outward Bound School at Ashburton and did very well on the course.

He has done particularly well at sport during his time here. He swam for the College, gaining his colours in his second season. He has also been a regular member of the College Small Bore Shooting Team and he also plays football for the College 2nd XI.

On passing out he is to ply his trade as a Storeman in the REME.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC TO BE PLAYED AT THE PASSING OUT PARADE

March On	Children of the Regiment
General Salute	Cavalry Brigade
Inspection	R A Slow March Nabucco Scotia
Slow March	Grenadiers Slow March Figaro Scipio
Quick March	Semper Fidelis Imperial Echoes
Senior Guard	Auld Lang Syne
General Salute	Cavalry Brigade
March Off	Liberty Bell Eye Level
Band March Off	RAOC Corps March (The Village Blacksmith)

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC TO BE PLAYED FOR THE CONCERT PRECEDING THE PRIZE-GIVING

Television Theme	Eye Level
Tunes from	Simon and Garfunkel
Theme from	Mozart Piano Concerto
Folk Song	Dry Bones
Television Theme	Sleepy Shores
Tunes from	Bert Bacharach and Daved