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WINTER TERM PASSING OUT PARADE

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RAOC APPRENTICES COLLEGE PASSING OUT PARADE

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WELCOME TO THE RAOC APPRENTICES' COLLEGE

Your being here to-day means that you have taken the opportunity offered to see something of the RAOC Apprentices College, both on and off the parade ground.

On the parade ground itself you will see the very last parade of those Apprentices of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and Intelligence Corps who have served their time at the College. Now, fully trained, they are to enter into the world of the adult soldier, many of them to do so in stations overseas.

Those that remain behind are still within a curriculum that includes military training, education, external leadership and physical training. Like those passing out to-day, 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. It is hoped that you will visit the Prize-Giving after the Parade. After lunch you are invited to tour the Education Wing to see the many facilities available to our Apprentices, or perhaps watch the film show in the College Cinema, located in the NAAFI building.

Members of my Permanent Staff are to hand to discuss an Apprentice's life in the College, and to answer any questions you have.

Thank you for being here to-day, when all the RAOC Apprentices College is on parade for your benefit and enjoyment.

PHJ VICKERY
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

TO-DAY'S INSPECTING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR ALLAN TAYLOR, KBE, MC

Lieutenant General Sir Allan Taylor was born in Surrey and was educated at Fyling Hall School, Whitby.

He joined the Westminster Dragoons, Territorial Army, in 1938 and was commissioned into 10 Royal Tank Regiment in April 1940 in which he served as both Troop Leader and Squadron Leader. He commanded a squadron of 7 RTR in North West Europe from June 1944 and was awarded the Military Cross that December. He was subsequently wounded and evacuated home in April 1945.

After the war, Major Taylor served with 6 RTR. In 1948 he went to the Staff College, Camberley, and afterwards became GSO 2 in 56 (London) Armoured Division. After a short spell back with 6 RTR he was appointed Brigade Major of 20 Armoured Brigade in Munster, Germany. In 1954 he returned to the Staff College as an instructor.

After instructing at the Staff College, he returned to Regimental Duty for five years as a Squadron Leader with 1 RTR in Hong Kong in 1957, as Second-in-Command 5 RTR at Catterick in 1959 and then as Commanding Officer 5 RTR. Following the amalgamation of 5 RTR and 8 RTR in 1960, Lieutenant Colonel Taylor took command of 3 RTR in Detmold, Germany.

In 1962 Colonel Taylor was appointed Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General Headquarters 1 Division in Germany, followed by a year as Commandant of the RAC Gunnery School, Lulworth.

In 1964 Brigadier Taylor assumed command of the Berlin Brigade Group until attending the Imperial Defence College in 1967.

In January 1968 Major General Taylor assumed command of 1 Division in Verden, Germany. In January 1970 he became commandant of the Staff College at Camberley and in March 1972 he was promoted Lieutenant General on becoming General Officer Commanding South East District. He was knighted in June 1972.

In January 1973 he took over as Deputy Commander-in-Chief United Kingdom Land Forces from Lieutenant General Sir Frank King. At the same time he was appointed a Colonel Commandant of the Royal Tank Regiment.

Lieutenant General Sir Allan Taylor is Chairman of the Committee examining Army Regular Officer Training (CAROT).

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, A Company on the right, commanded by Apprentice Company Sergeant Major SA Wooldridge RAOC, and B Company on the left commanded by Apprentice Sergeant ST Lonnen RAOC. The Parade Commander is Apprentice Regimental Sergeant Major THW Crawford REME.

THE FORM OF THE PASSING OUT PARADE

1. The Band and 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 Apprentice Regimental Sergeant Major reports to the Inspecting Officer.

5. The Inspecting Officer inspects the Passing Out Platoons.

6. The Passing Out Platoons march off the Parade Ground.

7. The Band march off the Parade Ground.

PROGRAMME FOR PASSING OUT DAY

1020	All spectators to be seated.
1030	The Passing Out Parade and Pageant.
1125-1140	Band Concert in the Gymnasium prior to Prize-Giving.
1140	Prize-Giving in the Gymnasium.
1230	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	Golden Spurs Sound of Silence Magic Flute E Viva Espana
General Salute	Cavalry Brigade
Quick March	Imperial Echoes
March Off in Slow Time	Auld Lang Syne
Band March Off	RAOC Corps March

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

Minute Man

Spanish Gypsy Dance

Simon and Garfunkel

Music of the Minstrels

Oliver

La Reve Passe

STAFF CLERK RAOC

A/Pte Allan JB
A/Pte Berwick AJ
A/Pte Blackburn CP
A/Pte Broughall JV
A/Pte Brown JW
A/Pte Cowman AJ
A/LCpl Crighton R
A/LCpl Frodsham AR
A/Pte Hale RN
A/Pte Johnson IPL
A/Sgt King DR
A/Pte Lampert S
A/Pte Pritchard AL
A/Pte Studholme D
A/LCpl Woodrow A
A/CSM Wooldridge SA

TECHNICAL CLERK RAOC

A/Cpl Charlton RW
A/Pte Jones W
A/LCpl Low RE
A/Pte Manning MJ
A/Sgt McMillan DT
A/Pte Paton C
A/Pte Reeve RJ
A/Pte Roylance NP
A/Pte Whittington CM

STOREMAN RAOC

A/Pte Ash GD
A/Pte Blackett MV
A/Pte Carlile GHM
A/Pte Carter SJ
A/Pte Casey TJ
A/Pte Chapman A
A/Pte Collins DC
A/Pte Cone MC
A/Pte Crawford I
A/Pte Drabble PJ
A/Pte Duncan AJ
A/Pte Goodwin JM
A/Pte Green PM
A/LCpl Holmes DC
A/Pte Jackson GC
A/Sgt Lonnen ST
A/Sgt Mackey AW
A/Pte Markham AD
A/Pte McDougall TDM
A/Pte Milner SE
A/Pte Noden D
A/LCpl Oliver J
A/LCpl Rees NG
A/Pte Richards P
A/LCpl Rowley DA
A/Sgt Russell PP
A/Pte Servante MS
A/LCpl Smith P
A/LCpl Stray HR
A/LCpl Tumilson MS
A/Pte Wedlock RHJ
A/Pte Weissgerber JJ
A/Pte Whitley RJ
A/Pte Wilson DE

REGIMENTAL DUTIES RAOC

A/Sgt Wells PA

CLERK REME

A/Pte Allsop PR
A/Pte Braddock CE
A/RSM Crawford THW
A/Pte Gloster PA
A/Pte Hall SG
A/LCpl Lowry RJ
A/Pte Malbon CM
A/LCpl Matthews CP
A/LCpl McFarlane SR
A/Pte Palin KG
A/Pte Palmer PR
A/Pte Sandow FJ
A/Sgt Smith GM
A/Pte Smith AF
A/Pte Wood SR

STOREMAN REME

A/LCpl Atkin SG
A/Pte Baptist DJ
A/Pte Borrett PB
A/Pte Daniels K
A/LCpl Drew MJ
A/LCpl Fleming KW
A/Pte Fox-Russell MH
A/LCpl Jeffrey DM
A/Pte Jenkinson IP
A/Pte Jobson KJ
A/Pte Johnson DP
A/Pte Keast AC
A/LCpl Lynch GJ

STOREMAN REME (Contd)

A/LCpl Mason SR
A/Pte Pattison J
A/Pte Pritchard SR
A/Pte Rennie I
A/Pte Palmer PRMS
A/LCpl Roe AD
A/LCpl Sinnott JB
A/LCpl Taylor FR
A/Pte Watkins D
A/Cpl Woodall CS
A/LCpl Wootley TD

CLERK INTELLIGENCE CORPS

A/Pte Ballentine JA
A/Sgt Littlewood G
A/Pte Whiteoak R

THE RAOC APPRENTICES COLLEGE - STAFF LIST

Commanding Officer	Lieutenant Colonel PHJ Vickery RAOC
Adjutant	Captain AH Wilson-Ing 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 MJH Connolly RAOC
OIC External Leadership	Captain CN Dyer RAOC
WOIC Organization	WO2 (CSM) PD Pheasant RAOC

ADMIN WING

Officer Commanding	Captain JN Gunson GM RAOC
Padre	Reverend JC Vernon CF
WRVS	Miss E Jones WRVS

A COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Major JH Rose RAOC
Training Captain	Captain IF Sharp RAOC
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 (CSM) JT Foster RAOC

PLATOON COMMANDERS

Senior Platoon	Lieutenant LM Wood RAOC
Gordon Platoon	Lieutenant M Sullivan REME
Baker Platoon	Lieutenant JC Williams REME
Valon Platoon	Lieutenant DJ Walton REME
Steevens Platoon	Lieutenant PA Henwood RAOC

PLATOON SERGEANTS	Sgt D Watson RAOC
	Sgt PM Thain Intelligence Corps
	Sgt MJ Knight RAOC
	Sgt RG Anderson RAOC
	Sgt JD Lee REME

B COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Major HD Lucas RAOC
Training Captain	Captain MR Beer REME
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 (CSM) GK Maule RAOC

PLATOON COMMANDERS

Senior Platoon	Lieutenant NC Smith RAOC
Tyler Platoon	Lieutenant M Blatherwick RAOC
	Lieutenant HA Jones RAOC
Watts Platoon	Lieutenant RJ Jordan RAOC
	Lieutenant I Marshall RAOC
Rowcroft Platoon	Lieutenant JP Inman RAOC
Parsons Platoon	Lieutenant AT Bettaney RAOC

PLATOON SERGEANTS	Sgt M O'Malley RAOC
	Sgt TJT Flowers RAOC
	Sgt DG Hardstaff RAOC
	Sgt PM Carrick
	Sgt SC Bonta

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Senior Education Officer	Major PA Easton RAEC
Instructors	Major GD Beaumont RAEC
	Captain AG Thomas RAEC
	Lieutenant CJ Martindill RAEC
	Lieutenant RR Stuart RAEC
	Lt Col (Retd) S Schofield
	Major (Retd) GJ Forrest
	Wing Commander (Retd) PW Hope
	Mr E Smith
	Mr W Johnson
	Mr J Watson
	Mr WJ Waddington
	Mr ACF Legg
	Mr P Heap

PERSONALITIES LEAVING THE COLLEGE

LIEUTENANT M BLATHERWICK RAOC

Lieutenant M Blatherwick joined the College in August 1972 having completed tours in Germany, Northern Ireland and a short period as Platoon Commander in Training Company, Regimental Depot RAOC.

When the old C Company disbanded at the end of the Summer Term 1973, Lieutenant Blatherwick moved to B Company and took over Cutforth Platoon. College Sports Trophies came their way in the form of the Tennis and Cricket Shields. When Cutforth moved on as Senior Apprentices in the Summer of this year, Lieutenant Blatherwick took command of another recruit platoon - Tyler. They have already won the College Cross-Country Shield.

During his time at the College he has been involved in Rugby, Cycling, Canoeing and in charge of Athletics, Tennis, Judo and Ski-ing. The latter sport culminated in taking a party of Apprentices on a two-week ski-ing exercise in Germany in 1973. He is a motor car fanatic and this has led to groups of boys attending Stock Car racing, motor racing and the Motor Show at Earls Court. He has personally represented the Training Centre at Rugby, Athletics and Swimming.

He is leaving to join the Ammunition Technical Officers Course.

PERSONALITIES LEAVING THE COLLEGE

LIEUTENANT LM WOOD RAOC

Lieutenant LM Wood joined the College in September 1972 and was posted to the then new C Company. Prior to this he spent two years at a vehicle depot in BAOR.

On the disbandment of C Company in September 1973 he and Swiney Platoon moved to A Company where at the beginning of this term he took over Senior A Platoon.

Lieutenant Wood is a keen sportsman and has been Officer in Charge of Basketball and Athletics during his tour.

Swiney Platoon had numerous successes at College competitions, coming first at Basketball (twice), Football, .22 Shooting, Cross-Country and the March and Shoot Competition.

Lieutenant Wood himself has represented the College Permanent Staff and Training Centre at Athletics and the College Permanent Staff at Basketball. He is also a keen member of the local Drama Group, having a part in their last two productions.

He leaves here to attend the Long Petroleum Course.

PERSONALITIES LEAVING THE COLLEGE

LIEUTENANT PA HENWOOD RAOC

Lieutenant Henwood joined A Company in May 1974 after an eight month tour in Northern Ireland. He was given command of Steevens Platoon.

When Steevens Platoon became Senior Apprentices at the end of the Summer Term, Lieutenant Henwood was given command of the new Recruits Platoon, Steevens, and they have already shown signs of excelling in their military training.

During his time at the College he has been Officer in Charge of Volley Ball, Tug-of-War and Assistant Rugby Officer and Sub-Aqua Officer. He has represented the Corps and Training Centre at Rugby, Athletics and Badminton.

He is leaving the College to attend the Ammunition Technical Officers Course.

PERSONALITIES LEAVING THE COLLEGE

APPRENTICE REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR CRAWFORD THW REME

Apprentice Regimental Sergeant Major THW Crawford joined Steevens Platoon A Company in September 1972. He was promoted to A/LCpl in April 1973 and rose through the Apprentice ranks attaining his present position in June 1974.

During his time at the College he attended an Outward Bound Course at Aberdovey obtaining an excellent report.

He has represented the College at Rugby and Gymnastics and his Platoon at Football.

His immaculate turnout and bearing, coupled with his polite manner, have made him an excellent example to the rest of the College.

COLLEGE PERSONALITIES

LIEUTENANT AT BETTANEY RAOC

Lieutenant AT Bettaney joined the College in September 1974 after completing one year at Sandhurst, and then being commissioned into the RAOC in March 1974.

Lieutenant Bettaney joined the Army in 1962 as a Guardsman in the Coldstream Guards. In 1969, after seven years in Southern Command, transferred to the RAOC as a Staff Clerk. Service was spent in Colchester, Malaya and Cyprus, and he entered Sandhurst in September 1973. During his time in the Army Lieutenant Bettaney has played Rugby, Cricket, represented the Corps at Small Bore Shooting and Orienteering. He also took the Corps prize at Sandhurst for his intake and commanded the escort to the Colours, when Her Majesty The Queen presented new colours to the Academy in May 1974.

On arrival at the College he was appointed Parsons Platoon Commander, a recruit platoon of the Winter 1974 intake. The platoon won the inter-platoon College Map Reading competition at the Summer Camp in Devon.

During his short time at the College he has taken a party of recruits to a local school for mentally handicapped children and made improvements to their adventure playground.

Lieutenant Bettaney is Officer in Charge of Cycling within the College and is a very keen Small Bore shot.

COLLEGE PERSONALITIES

LIEUTENANT JC WILLIAMS REME

Lieutenant JC Williams joined the Army in 1951 as an Apprentice. On entering service with REME in 1955, he served with units in Malaya, Cyprus, Germany and Northern Ireland as an Articifer Vehicles. He was commissioned on 17 September 1974 whilst serving as a Warrant Officer Class I in Northern Ireland and joined the RAOC Apprentices College the following day.

During his Army career Lieutenant Williams has been a keen soccer player, representing his Corps several times. He now manages the College Football teams. He is also keen on most other forms of sport, particularly squash, badminton and volley ball.

His present appointment is as Platoon Commander of Baker Platoon. Lieutenant Williams is married with three sons and two daughters.

COLLEGE PERSONALITIES

LIEUTENANT PJ WALTON REME

Lieutenant PJ Walton was commissioned into REME in August 1972 after gaining a degree in Electrical Engineering. He completed one tour in Germany with 1 Field Workshops REME, and joined the College at the beginning of the Autumn term.

Lieutenant Walton is keen on mountaineering and hill walking and enjoys all forms of travel. He is Squash Officer at the College.

His present appointment is Platoon Commander of Valon Platoon.

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, 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 re-designated 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 and 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-organization 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 organizations, with the RAOC 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, and on 1 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 have 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".