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PASSING OUT PARADE

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RAOC APPRENTICES COLLEGE PASSING OUT PARADE

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WELCOME TO THE COLLEGE

On behalf of the RACC Apprentices College, I wish to extend a warm welcome to all the visitors here at the Spring Term Passing Out Parade. I know many of you will have travelled considerable distances to be here with us to-day, and I can assure you that your support is greatly appreciated by both Apprentices and Permanent Staff.

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

I hope that you will enjoy the Spring Term Passing Out Parade to-day, and that you will take advantage of the availability of the Permanent Staff to discuss your son's progress and any aspects of the military career about which you are unclear.

On behalf of the College staff, I would like to wish parents and Term Leavers the very best in the future, and thank you for being here to-day, when the RACC Apprentices College is on parade for your, and your son's, enjoyment.

KE CURTIS
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

TO-DAY'S INSPECTING OFFICER

MAJOR GENERAL PH LEE MBE BSc C Eng FIMechE jssc psc

Major General Pat Lee was born in Torquay in 1929 and educated at The King's School, Canterbury. He joined the Army in March 1947 and after six months service in the ranks, he entered the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, as an officer cadet in the second post-war intake. He was commissioned into REME in December 1948 and subsequently attended a degree course at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham, graduating in 1952 with BSc Honours Degrees in General Science and Special Physics. He subsequently served in Malaya and then in Hong Kong as OC LAD of 7th (Queen's Own) Hussars. In 1957 he returned to the United Kingdom and became second-in-command of 16 Parachute Workshop REME during which time the unit made operational or emergency moves to Malaya, Cyprus and Jordan.

Major General Lee attended the 1960 course at the Staff College, Camberley. Following a three year appointment as a GSO2 in the War Office (SD4), he was awarded the MBE in 1964. He subsequently commanded 16 Parachute Workshop REME and took part in an operational move to Cyprus. He attended a course at the Joint Services Staff College, Latimer, in 1966 and for the next twenty months served in the Ministry of Defence as Military Assistant to the Master General of the Ordnance during which time he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

He was appointed a GSO1(DS) at the Staff College, Camberley, in 1968 and in 1970 he moved to BAOR as CREME 2 Division. He was promoted to Colonel in 1972 and became Colonel A/Q at Headquarters 1(BR) Corps. He subsequently served as Deputy Commandant SEME at Bordon and as a member of the REME Manpower Review Committee.

Major General Lee was promoted to Brigadier in 1976 and for the next two and a half years served as the Commandant of the REME Training Centre at Arborfield. He returned to

BAOR as Commander 23 Base Workshop REME for a short period before being appointed Director General of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering on 19 December 1979.

Major General Lee is married with a son and married daughter. His interests include the history of the Roman Empire, industrial archaeology and railways. He is a Chartered Engineer, Fellow of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers and Member of the British Institute of Management.

PROGRAMME - DRY WEATHER

0950 hrs - All spectators to be seated.

0955-1020 hrs - Recruits Demonstration and Corps of Drums Display.

1020-1125 hrs - Passing Out Parade, Prizegiving and Presentation of Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

1130-1200 hrs - Parents meet Company and Platoon staff:

A Company - Sports Club
B Company - Pop Inn Club

1200-1315 hrs - Lunch.

PROGRAMME - WET WEATHER

0955 hrs - Guard of Honour in the Gymnasium.

1010 hrs - Physical Training Demonstration by Recruits.

1025 hrs - Prizegiving and Presentation of Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

1035 hrs - Inspecting Officer's Address to Term Leavers

1045 hrs - Parents meet Company and Platoon staff:

A Company - Sports Club
B Company - Pop Inn Club

1200-1315 hrs - Lunch.

In the case of inclement weather, a shortened form of the Parade will take place in the College Gymnasium. It is regretted that as seating capacity is limited, priority will be allocated to parents of the Term Leavers. All Apprentices are required to attend.

THE PASSING OUT PARADE

The College will parade by Platoons with the Senior Platoons on the left as you face the parade ground. The Parade will be commanded by Captain PJ TAYLORSON RACC, the College Adjutant. The format of the parade is as follows:

a. The Parade marches on.

b. The Parade is handed over to the Adjutant.

c. Officers join the Parade.

d. The Inspecting Officer takes up his position on the saluting dais.

e. 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.)

f. The Parade Commander reports to the Inspecting Officer.

g. The Inspecting Officer inspects the Senior Platoons.

h. The Parade marches past in quick time.

j. Display of Arms Drill by Senior Platoons.

k. Presentation of Prizes and Long Service & Good Conduct Medal.

l. The Parade stands at ease for the Inspecting Officer's Address.

m. The Senior Platoons march off.

n. The remainder march off in quick time.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC BY THE RAOC STAFF BAND

Occasion	Music	Composer
March On	Steadfast and True	Teike
General Salute	Cavalry Brigade	Anon
Inspection	E Viva Espana Annies Song Tie a Yellow Ribbon Bright Eyes The Longest Day Prince of Wales	
March Past	76 Trombones Hey! Look me Over Ride of the Valkyries	Wilson Coleman
Quick March	Will You Not Come Back Again Pentland Hills	
March Off	The Village Blacksmith (Regimental March RAOC)	Arr Beat
	Lillibulero (Regimental March REME)	Plater

THE STAFF BAND OF THE ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS

The music to-day is played by the Staff Band of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Originally this band was formed from volunteer RAOC Depot soldiers in 1921. In 1922 the nucleus of the present Corps Band was formed with the addition of 16 musicians mostly from the 3rd Battalion The Rifle Brigade.

In January 1939 the Band was officially recognised as an established Staff Band of the British Army and Bandmaster HC JARMAN was appointed as Director of Music. In 1953 the Band moved to Blackdown.

The present Director of Music is Major T GRIFFITHS MBE who joined the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment as a band boy in 1946. As a musician with this Regiment he served in Egypt, Jordan, Malaya and Germany. In 1971 he was commissioned and in 1974 was appointed Director of Music to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

The Band carries out an intensive programme of parades, concerts, dances and many forms of official functions. In recent years they have toured Germany, the Far and Middle East, West Indies, and Central and North America.

AWARD OF THE LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

TO 24002279 ACTING SERGEANT LEACH PC RAOC

Sergeant LEACH was enlisted into the Royal Army Service Corps in February 1964. After completion of his basic training, he was posted to 21 Company Royal Army Service Corps. In 1965, when the Royal Army Service Corps was re-badged to form the Royal Corps of Transport, Sergeant LEACH transferred to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps but continued to serve with 21 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport.

During 1967, he was on an operational tour in Aden with 60 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport and was awarded the General Service Medal for South Arabia, and was also promoted to Lance Corporal. He was posted in 1968 to 3 Division where he worked with the Ammunition Platoons until April 1971. During this tour, he was promoted to Corporal.

Sergeant LEACH then moved to the Ordnance Depot in Cyprus until 1973 when he returned for a three year tour with the Central Ammunition Depot at Kineton. Midway through this posting, he married his wife Anne. His next move was to Dusseldorf where his two children were born. He returned to the United Kingdom in April 1979 and was posted to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps Apprentices College where, in January of this year, he was granted the rank of Acting Sergeant.

Throughout his career in many countries, Sergeant LEACH has given reliable and loyal service. During his time at the College, he has set a very good example to his junior soldiers and, with his wife, has taken an active part in unit life.

A loyal and hard working non-commissioned officer, Sergeant LEACH has given sixteen years of unblemished service and is awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal with gratuity.

THE RAOC APPRENTICES COLLEGE - STAFF LIST

COLLEGE HEADQUARTERS

Commanding Officer	- Lt Col KE CURTIS RAOC
Second in Command	- Maj E CHAMPION RAOC
Adjutant	- Capt PJ TAYLORSON RAOC
Padre	- Rev MR RYALL RAChD
Regimental Sergeant Major	- WO1 (RSM) BA HOSBAND RAOC
Chief Clerk	- WO2 (SQMS) A PURVIS RAOC
G Clerk	-

HQ COMPANY

College Training Officer	- Capt EG WALCROFT RAOC
Asst College Training Officer	- WO2 (CSM) TJ MILLER RAOC
Training Clerk	- Sgt CJ WARD RAOC

TRAINING WING

Skill at Arms	- SSgt MA BLOOMFIELD RAOC
External Leadership Training	- SSgt HJ GREEN RAOC
	- Sgt LC THWAITES RAOC
	- Sgt J EDWARDS RAOC
Physical Training	- SSI R MATHER APTC
	- Cpl NR LANGTON RAOC
	- Cpl S HAWKINS REME
	- Cpl JT RUSCOE RAOC
	- Lcpl D WOOLLASTON RAOC
Military Training	- Sgt RG HOWELL REME
	- Sgt DJ FOX RAOC
	- Sgt AW INDER REME
	- Cpl R BULLON REME
	- Cpl SG JENKINS REME
	- Cpl TJ WATSON REME
	- Cpl R CLARKE RAOC
	- Cpl TJ HLADKIJ RAOC
	- Cpl W GIBSON RAOC
	- Lcpl D CONSTABLE RAOC

Projectionist & Aids Store	- Lcpl TI EVANS RAOC

BURSAR'S DEPARTMENT

Bursar	- Maj (Retd) GHW NEAL
WRVS	- Miss P RIDDELL
SRN	- Sister P WALKER

ADMIN WING

Admin WO	- WO2 (SQMS) D NOLAN RAOC
Admin Corporal	- Cpl P CONEY RAOC
Armoury	- Cpl S HARPER RAOC
Provost	- Sgt JM CLARKE RAOC
	- Cpl J HAZELDINE RAOC
	- Lcpl M HOLT RAOC

CATERING

Kitchen Manager	- SSgt D HALE ACC
	- Sgt ST LARKIN ACC

A COMPANY

Officer Commanding	- Maj IF MILLS REME
Second-in-Command	- Capt JK HARDCASTLE RAOC
Company Sergeant Major	- WO2 (CSM) RJ FINCH RAOC
Arnhem Platoon	- Capt JK HARDCASTLE RAOC
	- Sgt RJ KEOGH RAOC
Arakan Platoon	- Lt DC INSHAW RAOC
	- SSgt NP BOTFIELD RAOC
Anguilla Platoon	- Lt WD OLDHAM RAOC
	- Sgt RS GATLEY RAOC
Aden Platoon	- Lt CF NISBET RAOC
	- Sgt R REYNOLDS REME
Alamein Platoon	- Lt GP MOORE REME
	- Sgt SP BRADLEY REME

Ardennes Platoon	- Capt DD MATHESON REME
	- Sgt EC LEACH RAOC

B COMPANY

Officer Commanding	- Maj TA GLEN RAOC
Second-in-Command	- Capt ANB JELLY RAOC
Company Sergeant Major	- WO2 (CSM) JN ROBERTSON RAOC
Bruneval Platoon	- Lt S SHEPHERD RAOC
	- Sgt JW STARKEY RAOC
Brunei Platoon	- 2Lt JES REDWOOD RAOC
	- Sgt D CARLIN RAOC
Berlin Platoon	- Capt TI BUNYARD REME
	- Sgt DM BEVAN REME
Burma Platoon	- Lt BN GROVES RAOC
	- Sgt P RITCHIE RAOC
Balaclava Platoon	- Lt IB BIDDLE REME
	- Sgt CJ TAYLOR REME

EDUCATION WING

Senior Education Officer	- Maj DG EDWARDS RAEC
Instructors	- Maj GD BEAUMONT RAEC
	- Capt P SCOTT RAEC
	- Lt AD BARNES RAEC
	- Lt ML BOTT RAEC
	- Lt RM MANUEL RAEC
	- Lt B FLAHERTY WRAC
Civilian Instructors	- Mr WE SMITH
	- Lt Col (Retd) S SCHOFIELD
	- Wg Comd (Retd) PW HOPE
	- Maj (Retd) G FORREST
	- Maj (Retd) GB LANE
	- Mr MF JOHNSON
	- Mr W WADDINGTON
	- Mr JF WATSON
	- Mr P HEAP

RAOC TERM LEAVERS - SPRING TERM 1980

Supply Specialists

BOEHM MA
BOYD R
BURNS RB
DRURY KA
FORD DA
IZZARD TR
KNIBBS MC
LONG DA
MAZZONE G
SALES AJ
WANE DA

Staff Clerk

ATKINSON EJ
BRASH AS
CALDER DR
DAY AC
MARSHALL KJ
REED DC
ROY A

Supply Clerk

UPTON LG

REME TERM LEAVERS - SPRING TERM 1980

Vehicle Mechanics

ACHEW IH
BARKES CB
EDWARDS G
GILES GA
GRUNDY S
HIRST TR
LINSTEAD KP
MATHIE MG
PATERSON AJ
PAUL DM
POOLE G
ROSE DG
SARGENT N
TAYLOR GN
WATLING EJ
WEIR CHB
WOOLLEY S

Electronic Technician

HORNER AK

Gun Fitter

CAMPBELL AH

Vehicle Electrician

HARGROVE IP

Recovery Mechanics

GILLETT TP
HOY AJ
WALKER WGT
SMITH RI

Storemen

DOUGAN P
GREENWOOD AH

Clerks

WILLIAMS AE
NESBITT GF
LUMLEY P

Metalsmith

MUMFORD GD

Driver

STEEDEN L

To be notified

KING JE

COLLEGE PERSONALITIES

LIEUTENANT COLONEL KE CURTIS MBIM RAOC - COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Kerry CURTIS assumed the appointment of Commanding Officer of the College on 7 September 1978.

He joined the RAOC as a National Serviceman during January 1957. After basic training at Portsmouth, he became an RAOC Clerk and subsequently saw service in BAOR, Belgium and Singapore rising to the rank of Sergeant before returning to the United Kingdom for commissioning during 1965.

Since that time he has served in BAOR, United States of America and in the United Kingdom. During his service he has been honoured to receive a Commander-in-Chief's BAOR's commendation for brave conduct and was mentioned in despatches for service in Northern Ireland. On the academic side, he has attended the Advanced Quartermasters Course in America, and for subsequent study was admitted as a Member of the British Institute of Management.

Lieutenant Colonel CURTIS has always taken an active interest in sport as an organiser and player. He is currently Secretary of the Army Lawn Tennis League, and an active Royal Yacht Association Instructor. He has represented his Corps at Tennis, Hockey and Sailing.

He has served in the College on two previous occasions as College Training Officer and as a Company Commander, and was therefore delighted to return and command the College.

Lieutenant Colonel CURTIS is married with three children aged 20, 18 and 13, and lives locally.

COLLEGE PERSONALITIES

MAJOR TA GLEN - OFFICER COMMANDING B COMPANY

Major TA GLEN was born in Corby, Northamptonshire, and attended Corby Grammar School. At the age of 17 he joined the Territorial Army as a Signalman in a Parachute Signals Company. After a year in the Territorial Army, he was selected for the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, and commissioned into the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. After service in Germany and the Junior Leaders Battalion RAOC, he went to Manchester University where he obtained a degree in Management Sciences.

After service in Germany and Belgium, he attended the Long Armour/Infantry Course studying Armoured Fighting Vehicle technology. As a result of this course, he was posted to Vehicle Sub Depot Monchengladbach in Germany where he commanded the Vehicle Company. Major GLEN arrived from Berlin where he held a staff appointment.

Major GLEN married in 1969 whilst serving with the Junior Leaders Battalion RAOC. His wife is also from Corby and they have two sons - Mark aged 10 and Sean aged 9. He enjoys all outdoor pursuits, especially rock climbing, hill-walking and ski-ing.

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 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 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.

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 RCT 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.