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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 COLLEGE

On behalf of the RAOC Apprentices College, I wish to extend a warm welcome to all the visitors here at the Winter 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 Winter 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 his military carrer about which you are unclear.

On behalf of the College staff, I would like to wish everyone present both a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. To the parents and Term Leavers, the very best for the future and thank you for being here to-day, when the RAOC Apprentices College is on parade for you, and your son's, enjoyment.

D M PUTT
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

TO-DAY'S INSPECTING OFFICER - BRIGADIER H G BROWN

Brigadier Harry Brown was born in Brussels in 1934 and was educated in England, Belgium and Germany. Before enlisting as a National Serviceman with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in 1954 he spent 18 months with the German engineering firm Robert Bosch GmbH in Stuttgart and Hildesheim and was awarded a Diploma in management and practical engineering.

He was commissioned in July 1955 and served six years with the British Army of the Rhine during which he took part in the Port Said operation in 1956, followed by a period of service in Cyprus. Since transferring to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in 1962, Brigadier Brown has served as 2IC of an Infantry Brigade Ordnance Field Park, as Staff Captain (Ordnance) of HQ 3rd Division and as an Instructor at the RAOC Officers' School. He attended the Staff College Camberley in 1967 after which he was appointed DAA & QMG of HQ 19 Infantry Brigade. Six months as the Ordnance Officer UNFICYP in 1970, was followed by a tour in the Ministry of Defence, from where he was posted on promotion as CRAOC Corps Troops in Bielefeld. In 1975 he joined Ministry of Defence Central Staffs, responsible, inter alia, forthe joint services logistic aspects of the withdrawals from Singapore, RAF Gan, Mauritius and the West Indies. In 1977 he attended the Senior Officers' War Course at Greenwich, from where he went to MOD Stanmore as AAG AG9 until December 1979. For 1 year, 1980, he held the appointment of Col Ord Org and Plans HQ BAOR, before returning to London to attend the Royal College of Defence Studies during 1981. He now holds the appointment of Assistant Chief of Staff G1/G4 HQ UKLF at Wilton near Salisbury, Wilts.

Brigadier Brown is married and has 2 children. He has a son of 21 who is at university and a daughter of 16 at school. He is interested in archaeology and horticulture. Also when he has the time he enjoys playing golf and tennis.

PROGRAMME - DRY WEATHER

0945 hours - All spectators to be seated.

1000-1030 hours - Recruits Demonstration and Corps of Drums Display.

1030-1140 hours - Passing Out Parade and Prizegiving.

1145-1215 hours - Parents meet Company and Platoon staff:

A Company - Pop Inn Club
B Company - Kon Tiki Club

1215-1345 hours - Lunch

PROGRAMME - WET WEATHER

1000 hours - Guard of Honour in the Gymnasium.

1010 hours - Physical Training Demonstration by Recruits.

1025 hours - Prizegiving.

1035 hours - Inspecting Officer's Address to Term Leavers.

1045 hours - Parents meet Company and Platoon staff:

A Company - Pop Inn Club
B Company - Kon Tiki Club

1200-1315 hours - 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 Platoon on the left as you face the parade ground. The Parade will be commanded by Captain J S Kerr RAOC, 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. The 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 Platoon.

h. The Parade marches past in quick time.

j. Display of Arms Drill by Senior Platoon.

k. Presentation of prizes.

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

m. The Senior Platoon marches off.

n. The remainder march off in quick time.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC BY THE RAOC STAFF BAND

March On	The Army Apprentice
General Salute	Cavalry Brigade
Inspection	Soldiers Chorus from Faust Preobrajensky The Last Farewell Tie a Yellow Ribbon
March Past	Hill and Sea Voice of the Guns
Advance in Review Order	British Grenadiers
March Off Seniors	Will ye no Come Back Again? Auld Lang Syne
March Off	REME Corps March RAOC Corps March Hands Across the Sea

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 H C JARMAN was appointed as Director of Music. In 1953 the Band moved to Blackdown.

The present Director of Music is Captain R S PARKER who joined the Wiltshire Regiment in August 1957 and the Duke of Edinburgh Royal Regiment after amalgamation in 1959. In 1968 he attended a Student Bandmaster Course at the Royal Military School of Music Kneller Hall and was appointed Bandmaster to the 2nd Royal Regiment of Fusiliers in 1970. In 1976 he was appointed Bandmaster to the Queens Division at Bassingbourne and on commissioning as Director of Music to the Prince of Wales Division in 1977. Captain PARKER is a keen hockey player and a qualified hockey umpire.

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.

THE RAOC APPRENTICES COLLEGE STAFF LIST

COLLEGE HEADQUARTERS

Commanding Officer	Lt Col D M PUTT RAOC
Adjutant	Capt J S KERR RAOC
Padre	Rev A J SMITH RAChD
Regimental Sergeant Major	WO1 (RSM) S BRIERLEY MBE RAOC
Chief Clerk	WO2 (SQMS) M R BARON RAOC
G Clerk	Cpl P A RHODES RAOC

HQ COMPANY

Chief Instructor/OC	Maj G M ASHCROFT RAOC
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 (CSM) D J FRANKLIN RAOC
Training Clerk	Sgt K M NICHOLSON RAOC

TRAINING WING

College Training Officer	Capt J P INMAN RAOC
External Leadership Training	SSgt W GIBSON RAOC
	SSgt L C THWAITES RAOC
	Sgt J E TARWACKI RAOC
Military Training	SSgt R P TARR RAOC
	Sgt C A CASTILLO RAOC
	Sgt D J FOX RAOC
	Cpl R C DUNNE RAOC
	Cpl M A SNELSON RAOC
	Cpl R D RAINEY RAOC
	Cpl C J RYAN REME
	Cpl G SMITH RAOC
Physical Training	WO2 (QMSI) E MARTIN APTC
	Cpl I H JOHN RAOC
	Cpl N A PILKINGTON RAOC
	Lcpl H RICHARDS REME

ADMINISTRATION WING

Admin Officer	Lt Col (Retd) G R DAVISON MBE
WRVS	Miss P ELLICE
SRN	Sister P WALKER SRN
Armoury	Cpl D A JAMES RAOC

Provost	WO2 P J WISE LSL
	Lcpl J W DUNCAN RAOC
	Lcpl D A HEWETT RAOC
	Pte V J POWERS RAOC

CATERING

Kitchen Manager	SSgt D C RUSSELL ACC
	Sgt B HARRADINE ACC

A COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Maj T I BUNYARD REME
Second in Command	Capt B J JOHNSON RAOC
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 (CSM) D M J ROOKE RAOC
Admin NCO	Cpl R BULLON REME
Alamein Platoon	Lt K N TWEEN RAOC
	Sgt D R BROCK RAOC
Aden Platoon	Capt P R KNOLL RAOC
	Sgt D R BROCK RAOC
Arakan Platoon	2Lt J C D SMITH RAOC
	Cpl S G JENKINS REME
Arnhem Platoon	Capt M J DAVIS REME
	Sgt J J C SCOTT REME

B COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Maj R N LENNOX RAOC
Second in Command	Capt P A BALL RAOC
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 (CSM) T I LONG RAOC
Berlin Platoon	Capt M R MAGINESS RAOC
	Sgt M A HOGAN REME
Brunei Platoon	Lt P R SADDLETON RAOC
	Sgt D B ROBERTSON RAOC

Burma Platoon	Capt T S MARWAHA REME Sgt D DANIEL RAOC
Benghazi Platoon	Lt A M GREEN RAOC Sgt M T MAGUIRE REME
Bruneval Platoon	Lt T L PIPER REME Sgt D CARLIN RAOC

EDUCATION WING

Senior Education Officer	Maj K E B ABNETT RAEC
Instructors	Capt A D BARNES RAEC Capt J M CHADWICK WRAC Capt C G HANLAN RAEC Capt M R MANUEL RAEC Lt J L NEWTON RAEC Lt H A C SNOW WRAC
Civilian Lecturers	Mr M F JOHNSON Lt Col (Retd) S SCHOFIELD Maj (Retd) G FORREST Mr J F WATSON Mr P HEAP Mr W McSHEA

RAOC TERM LEAVERS

Supply Specialists

ALLEN C
BAKER K J
BAKER P
BROMLEY R A
BROWN K R
CAMERON D
CLAY J K C
COLLINS P R
CRAWFORD W T G
CUMMINGS A R
DOLAN R
EDWARDS J
HUTCHINSON S M
JENKINS P S
KING P A
LAZENBY G
LEAHY J W S
McGUCKIN M
McMANUS J M
SANDY G G
SCHOFIELD P R
SHAW J L
SQUIRE A J
STEELE-TYSON M
THOMPSON P A
WILLIAMS G H

Vehicle Specialists

ASHWORTH C J
CAIRNS A N
CUMMINS D M
JELLEY D I
WILLIAMS D W

Petroleum Operator

PENN G G

Staff Clerks

ANSON J
BLAIR M R
BRIGGS S P
FORD A L
FOX M S
HARTLEY P
HAYWARD-WILLS A M
HORTOP P
SHAW P M
TOMKINS M C
VALE C R
WOOD A D

Supply Controllers

CARRIER S R
HAMLET J L
HANLEY S
HARDING S J
LETHABY S D
MARTIN W D
McLEARNON B J
MURPHY A J
POSTLETHWAITE D R
ROSS L
SIMPSON K
WILLIAMS A
WILLIAMS S D

Ammunition Technician

COWARD B M

REME TERM LEAVERS

Vehicle Electricians

DONALD J R
QUINN I
QUINN R
RUSSELL D

Recovery Mechanic

SWEENEY E A

Vehicle Mechanic

HAWKSWORTH R A

COLLEGE PERSONALITIES

LIEUTENANT COLONEL D M PUTT RAOC - COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Dan Putt was born in Leigh, Lancashire on 2nd December 1940 and was educated in Lancaster. He assumed the appointment of Commanding Officer of the College on 7th August 1981.

He joined the RAOC on commissioning from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in July 1961. Since that time he has served in Bahrein, France, Holland, Malaya, Northern Ireland and BAOR. He is a qualified Army parachutist and served in 16 Parachute Brigade.

On the academic side, he attended the Management Sciences Course at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology where he gained a Diploma.

Lieutenant Colonel Putt has always taken an active interest in sport both as an organiser and a player. At Sandhurst he was awarded the Silver Bugle as athlete of the year and subsequently gained his Army Athletic Colours when he was the Army sprint champion. He has also represented the Army and his Corps at Rugby.

He is married and lives in Deepcut.

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.

A HISTORY OF THE ROYAL ELECTRICAL AND MECHNICAL ENGINNERS

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 and RASC 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 if 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.