Royal Army Ordnance Corps
Apprentices College

SUMMER TERM
PASSING OUT PARADE

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 Summer 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.

The Passing Out Parade is extraordinary in that we are saying farewell to the permanent staff and apprentices of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, who after a long association with the College, are moving to Arborfield. We wish them all the best of luck in the future.

I hope that you will enjoy the Summer 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 career about which you are unclear.

On behalf of the College staff, I would like to wish the parents and term leavers the very best for the future and thank them 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

MAJOR GENERAL W L WHALLEY

Our present Director General of Ordnance Services was born in Redcar in Yorkshire on 19 March 1930. He joined the Corps as a National Serviceman in 1948 and was commissioned in 1952. During the early years of his career Major General Whalley saw service in Malaya during the Emergency, in Salisbury and at the Ministry of Defence.

After attending Staff College in 1962, Major General Whalley served in BAOR as Commander Royal Army Ordnance Corps 1st Armoured Division and in the United Kingdom at the Ministry of Defence before returning to BAOR to serve in its Headquarters as Assistant Director of Ordnance Services (Plans).

As a Brigadier, Major General Whalley served at Andover as Deputy Director General of Ordnance Services and in Germany as Deputy Director of Ordnance Services 1st British Corps, and then as Director of Ordnance Services/Commander Supply BAOR. Major General Whalley assumed his present appointment in March this year.

Major General Whalley has always taken a keen interest in sports and has continued his avid interest in boxing by way of his Chairmanship of Army Junior Boxing. He plays golf, tennis and badminton and his other interests include such diverse activities as home computing, cabinet making, bridge, music and photography.

Major General Whalley is married and has his own house in Farnborough. He has one married daughter with two children who live in South Africa.

PROGRAMME - DRY WEATHER

0945 hours - All spectators to be seated.

1000-1025 hours - Recruits Demonstration and Corps of Drums Display.

1025-1140 hours - Passing Out Parade, Prizegiving and Colour Party Ceremony.

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.

1040 hours - Inspecting Officer returns the Colours to the REME Colour Party.

1050 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 Platoons on the left as you face the parade ground. The Parade will be commanded by Captain G A Hazlewood 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 Platoons.

k. Presentation of prizes.

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

m. The Inspecting Officer returns the Colours to the REME Colour Party.

n. The Colour Party and Senior Platoons march off in slow time.

o. The remainder march off in quick time.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC BY THE RAOC STAFF BAND

March On	Holyrood
General Salute	Cavalry Brigade
Inspection	Figaro Superman Hey Look Me Over Teach the World to Sing
March Past	Voice of the Guns Sons of the Brave
Advance in Review Order	British Grenadiers
March Off Seniors	Scipio Will Ye No Come Back Again? Auld Lang Syne REME Corps March
March Off	RAOC Corps March Old Comrades

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 G A HAZLEWOOD RAOC
Padre	Rev A J SMITH RAChD
Regimental Sergeant Major	WO1 (RSM) S BRIERLEY MBE RAOC
Chief Clerk	WO2 (SQMS) M R BARON RAOC

HQ COMPANY

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

TRAINING WING

College Training Officer	Capt P R KNOLL RAOC
External Leadership Training	Sgt J EDWARDS RAOC
	Sgt J E TARWACKI RAOC
Military Training	Sgt C A CASTILLO RAOC
	Sgt P A WELLS 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 N A PILKINGTON RAOC
	Cpl C W STARBUCK RAOC
	Cpl A E FRANKLIN RAOC
	LCpl H RICHARDS REME

CATERING

Kitchen Manager	SSgt D C RUSSELL ACC
	Sgt B HARRADINE ACC

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

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
Alamein Platoon	Lt D NEWELL RAOC
	Sgt C D CHRISTOPHER RAOC
Ardennes Platoon	Lt J R A LANCASTER RAOC
	Sgt D R BROCK RAOC
Arakan Platoon	Lt J C D SMITH RAOC
	Sgt J A COOK RAOC
Aden Platoon	2Lt J M GILBERT RAOC
	Sgt J W BURNS 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
Admin NCO	Cpl R C DUNNE RAOC
Balaclava Platoon	Lt D J F P HAYNES REME
	2Lt M CHALLINOR RAOC
	Sgt D B ROBERTSON RAOC

Burma Platoon	Lt L J MALIN RAOC
	Lt P R SADDLETON RAOC
	Sgt H C JONES RAOC
Benghazi Platoon	Lt A M GREEN RAOC
	Sgt M T MAGUIRE REME
Berlin Platoon	Lt R S ELWELL RAOC
	Sgt D CARLIN RAOC

EDUCATION WING

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

RAOC TERM LEAVERS

Supply Controllers

COX D C
DICKSON I W A
HANNON G P
KING L J
McLAUCHLAN S A
MEPHAM A C
NUNN A K J
STURROCK D A
WIGLEY A
WRIGHT R M
YOUNG P D

Staff Clerks

ADAMS P J
ANDREWS J D
BURNS R S
COCKBURN K J
EDMONDS M A
FRAY P T
POWELL A S
SPOKES N
STANDALOFT S L
VOLWERK L W
WILKINSON A N

Supply Specialists

BLABER M O
BULLEYMENT M I
CONNOLLY F
FLOYD S P
FROST R P
GEORGE D R
GREEN P E
HAMILTON K J
HENRY G
McDOUGALL J A
McPHERSON D E
NEWMAN S F
PATON A
RATTRAY K J
SAXTON P D
SHAW K A

REME TERM LEAVERS

Electricians

ALPS M A
LAW R D
LUMSDEN J
MURPHY R L
RAWLINS L J

Clerks

EARLE R S
GLOVER C P
MOORE J R
NAYLOR J
NICHOLSON A K
OWEN P M
TAYLOR N S

Storemen

ANDREWS R C
ATKINS P E
BOSTOCK M J
DAVIES R A
DUNCAN I
HOLLAND M 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 ELECTRICAL AND 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 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 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.

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.