Royal Army Ordnance Corps
Apprentices College

SPRING 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 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.

To-day is also my last Passing Out Parade as Commanding Officer. I would like to thank all parents, guardians and friends, both past and present, for the support they have given me and my permanent staff. Your support is a necessary element to ensure the apprentices get the maximum from their stay. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tour at the College and have been impressed by the standard of the apprentices to date. Working with apprentices is certainly invigorating, satisfying and gives one a sense of achievement. I trust that you will give the same support to my successor.

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 his military career about which you are unclear.

On behalf of the College staff, I would like to wish everyone present a Happy Easter. 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

PERSONALITIES

TO-DAY'S INSPECTING OFFICER - BRIGADIER P W E ISTEAD OBE GM

Brigadier Istead enlisted into the Army on 3 January 1952. He was commissioned into the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in 1956 and has since served in a variety of posts both inside the Corps and on the staff.

He is currently serving in the Ministry of Defence as Director of Administrative Planning.

COMMANDING OFFICER - LIEUTENANT COLONEL D M PUTT RAOC

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.

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 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.

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 Platoon 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 Platoon.

k. Presentation of prizes.

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

m. The remainder march off in quick time.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC BY THE RAOC STAFF BAND

March On	Namur
General Salute	Cavalry Brigade
Inspection	Amparito Roco Downtown Boom Bang a Bang Buglers Holiday
March Past	Red Cloak Fetch Felix
Advance in Review Order	British Grenadiers
March Off Seniors	Royal Standard Will Ye No Come Back Again? Auld Lang Syne
March Off	Bond of Friendship RAOC Punjaub

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 Capt R G Swift who first joined the Army as a pianist and clarinettist with the Royal Engineers Staff Band at Aldershot in 1960.

He was selected to attend the Student Bandmasters' Course at the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, in 1972. On graduation he won eight major awards and was appointed Bandmaster to the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, with whom he served for five years in Paderborn, West Germany.

In 1979 he returned to Kneller Hall where he served for two years as the School Bandmaster. He was commissioned as Director of Music, The Light Division, in 1981 and was based in Winchester with the Headquarters Staff. In November 1983 he received his present appointment as Director of Music, The Royal Army Ordnance Corps Staff Band.

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 D G BAILEY 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 A BALL RAOC
External Leadership Training	SSgt J E TARWACKI RAOC
	Sgt D E WILSON RAOC
Military Training	SSgt J EDWARDS RAOC
	Sgt C A CASTILLO RAOC
	Cpl D A BURNS RAOC
	Cpl D P P FREE RAOC
	Cpl A G HARWOOD RAOC
	Cpl R D RAINEY RAOC
	Cpl C W STARBUCK RAOC
Physical Training	WO2 (QMSI) E MARTIN APTC
	Cpl A E FRANKLIN RAOC
	Cpl K T McCARTER RAOC
	Cpl R M McDONALD RAOC
	Cpl N A PILKINGTON RAOC

CATERING

Kitchen Manager	SSgt D E COATS ACC
	Sgt B HARRADINE ACC

ADMINISTRATIVE WING

Admin Officer	Lt Col (Retd) G R DAVISON MBE
WRVS	Miss P ELLICE
SRN	Sister P WALKER SRN
Armoury	Cpl B W LUXTON RAOC
Provost	WO2 P J WISE LSL

A COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Maj R G GINN RAOC
Second in Command	Capt B J JOHNSON RAOC
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 (CSM) D M J ROOKE RAOC
Alamein Platoon	Lt M C SIMPSON RAOC
	Sgt C D CHRISTOPHER RAOC
Ardennes Platoon	Lt J R A LANCASTER RAOC
	Sgt D R BROCK RAOC
Arnhem Platoon	2Lt J M DOUGLAS RAOC
	Sgt J A COOK RAOC
Aden Platoon	2Lt J M GILBERT RAOC
	Sgt P A WELLS RAOC
Arakan Platoon	2Lt N I ASTLEY RAOC
	Sgt R C DUNNE RAOC

B COMPANY

Officer Commanding	Maj P A FLANAGAN RAOC
Second in Command	Capt R S ELWELL RAOC
Company Sergeant Major	WO2 (CSM) T I LONG RAOC
Balaclava Platoon	Lt L H WATKINS RAOC
	Sgt D B ROBERTSON RAOC
Burma Platoon	Lt L J MALIN RAOC
	Sgt H C JONES RAOC

Benghazi Platoon	2Lt N C B WILKES RAOC
	Sgt C J TURPIN RAOC
Berlin Platoon	2Lt C P DAWSON RAOC
	Sgt D CARLIN RAOC

EDUCATION WING

Senior Education Officer	Maj M J McMANUS RAEC
Instructors	Capt J M CHADWICK WRAC
	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

BROWN M J
CUNNINGHAM T
FLEMING J A
HAWTHORNE M J
SHAW A K
SHAW M L
SHAW T
SWINNEY K S
WHITTEN A E

Staff Clerks

COOPER D A
JONES R
LAWIE W M
PENMAN A
STEEL D R

Supply Specialists

CORK P
CRAWFORD N D
DOHERTY J P
EDWARDS W
FRIEL N
FULLER K S
GALLIERS D J
GLEGHORN C J
GREGORY A D
HOPKINS N O
HICKMAN P
HOLLANDS D
McKINNEY R
McMURTRIE K
NARAINE P M
PRATT D R
RIDLER A R
TALBOT J A
VINT O E
WILSON R I
WILDMAN M J
WOODWARD K

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 recognised. 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.