Army Apprentices College
Royal Army Ordnance Corps



Parade Programme

7th December 1985

THE ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS
APPRENTICES' COLLEGE

PASSING OUT AND DISBANDMENT PARADE

Saturday 7th December 1985

INTRODUCTION BY COMMANDING OFFICER

I would like to welcome all our visitors to the College and thank you for the efforts you have made to get here, many of you having travelled long distances.

To-day marks the End of an Era. To-day's parade is both the Passing Out Parade for all those Apprentices who have completed their training here and the disbandment parade for the unit. For over 60 years the RAOC has had its own junior training unit. That Era has now come to an end; when we march off the square at the conclusion of the parade it will be for the last time. On 1 January 1986 we amalgamate with the Junior Leaders' Regiment RCT to form a new unit - the Junior Leaders' Regiment RCT/RAOC at Colerne in Wiltshire.

As to-day marks the End of an Era so too does it mark the beginning of two new ones. Firstly, it marks the beginning of the adult service careers of the nearly 150 Apprentices who are passing out to-day. In the audience are many ex-boy soldiers who have risen to influential posts in the Army. I wish to-day's graduates as much success in their careers. It also marks the beginning of the new training era in which we will be co-operating with our sister Corps the RCT. We all wish that venture success.

As we march off to the strains of Auld Lang Syne I would ask you all to cast your minds back over the past 60 successful years of junior training in the RAOC, and look forward to many more years of success in our new enterprise.



M L C JIGGENS
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

PARADE INSPECTING OFFICER

Major General G B Berragan, Director General of Ordnance Services

Major General Gerry Berragan was born in Carlisle on 2 May 1933. During his early childhood he lived in India before his parents returned to England and settled in York.

He was first commissioned into the REME in 1954 and after a tour with the 7th Hussars in Hong Kong he transferred to the RAOC in 1956; he has since served in UK, Belgium and Germany.

In 1966, following a tour with the TA Parachute Brigade, he attended the Army Staff College and subsequently the National Defence College in 1972/73. His appointments in the rank of Major included DAQMG HQ Northern Ireland, OC 4 Guards Brigade OFP and DAAG AG9. As a Lieutenant Colonel he served as CRAOC 3 Division and AQMG HQ Northern Ireland.

On promotion to Colonel in 1978 he was appointed Colonel Ord 1 in HQ DGOS and this was followed by promotion to Brigadier in 1980 as Commandant COD Chilwell. Following the closure of the depot in March 1982, he attended the Senior Course at the Henley Management College prior to becoming Commandant COD Bicester. His final appointment as a Brigadier was as Director of Supply Operations (Army), which he assumed on 24 June 1983, a date well remembered for the historic fire at COD Donnington. He attended the International Defence Management Course in the United States in 1985.

Major General Berragan was appointed Director General of Ordnance Services on 2 September 1985. He and his wife, Anne, have three sons and live in their own house in Hungerford in Berkshire.

His active interest in sport includes sailing, skiing and an enthusiastic if not very skilful game of tennis. Other interests include home computing. He is Chairman of Army Gliding and Admiral of RAOC Sailing.

PROGRAMME

1.	All spectators are asked to be seated.	1415 hours.
2.	Parade.	1430 - 1615 hours.
3.	Tea in Dettingen Restaurant.	1630 - 1730 hours.
4.	Parents meet Company and Platoon Staff.	1630 - 1730 hours.
5.	Parents of Major Prizewinners to meet the Inspecting Officer in Dettingen Restaurant.	1630 - 1730 hours.

THE PARADE

The College will parade by Platoons and be commanded by **Lieutenant Colonel M L C Jiggens RAOC**, the Parade Commander. The format of the parade is as follows:

a. The parade marches on to the Main Square, Blackdown Barracks.

b. The Officers join the parade.

c. The parade is handed over to the Parade Commander.

d. The parade marches past the War Memorial Blackdown Square. The Commander RAOC Training Centre takes the salute as the parade leaves Blackdown Barracks.

e. The parade marches through Deepcut village where the Mayor takes the salute and marches on to the Main Square, Dettingen Barracks.

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

g. 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.)*

h. The Parade Commander reports to the Inspecting Officer.

j. The Inspecting Officer inspects the Parade.

k. Presentation of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

l. The parade marches past in quick time.

m. The parade advances in review order.

n. The parade stands easy for the Inspecting Officer's address.

o. The College drums are piled.

p. The College flags are draped on the drums and the Padre will give a blessing.

q. The parade marches past the drums and Inspecting Officer in slow time and the parade marches off.

r. Please remain in the stands until the Inspecting Officer has left the square.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

March On	Great Little Army	Alford
General Salute	Cavalry Brigade	Traditional
Inspection	Copacobana	Manilow
	Christmas Yuletide March	Bashford
	Bugler's Holiday	Anderson
	World of Sport	Osborn
March Past	The RAOC Apprentice	Price
	RAOC Corps March	arr Beat
Advance in Review Order	British Grenadiers	Traditional
Draping of Flags	Sunset	Traditional

March Past in Slow Time	Scipio	Handel
	Auld Lang Syne	Traditional
	Golden Spurs	Rhodes

The march 'The RAOC Apprentice' was specially composed by the Director of Music RAOC Staff Band, Captain D E Price, psm, RAOC, at the invitation of the Commanding Officer to commemorate the disbandment of the RAOC Apprentices College in December 1985.

THE STAFF BAND OF THE ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS

The music today 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 D E Price, psm, RAOC.

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 M L C Jiggens BSc MBIM RAOC
Second-in-Command	Maj R H Farey MBIM RAOC
Chief Instructor	Maj J J Brown RAOC
Adjutant	Capt W O Cole RAOC
Padre	Rev D G Bailey CF
Regimental Sergeant Major	WO 1 (RSM) S Brierley MBE RAOC
Chief Clerk	WO 1 (SSM) D Gosling BEM RAOC

Amalgamation Implementation Team

Project Officer	Lt D A H Gibbons RAOC
Project SNCO	Sgt C Rhodes

A Company

Officer Commanding	Maj D R Marks RAOC
Second-in-Command	Capt S P Wilson BSc RAOC
Company Sergeant Major	WO 2 (CSM) W L Rice
Ardennes Platoon	Lt L M Hayward RAOC
	Sgt C A Beddows
Arnhem Platoon	Lt N C B Wilkes RAOC
	Sgt M J Barry
Aden Platoon	Lt T J Ness RAOC
	Sgt C D Christopher
Arakan Platoon	2Lt T M J Fisher RAOC
	Sgt N A Willis

B Company

Officer Commanding	Maj N N Wylde QGM RAOC
Second-in Command	Capt A D Farrow BSc RAOC
Company Sergeant Major	WO 2 (CSM) E E Blunn
Berlin Platoon	Lt L H Watkins RAOC
	Sgt G A Beveridge
Benghazi Platoon	2Lt A N E Salmons RAOC
	Sgt P R Silcox
Balaclava Platoon	Lt C Rushworth RAOC
	Sgt A Edwards

HQ Company

Officer Commanding	Maj R H Farey MBIM RAOC
Company Sergeant Major	WO 2 (CSM) P D Fellowes
Training Clerk	LCpl A T Simpson

Training Wing

External Leadership Training	SSgt J E Tarwacki
	Sgt C W Starbuck
Military Training	SSgt J A Cook
	Sgt R D Rainey
	Sgt P A Wells
	Sgt J J Hutchinson
Physical Training	WO 2 (QMSI) J F Graham
	Cpl K T McCarter
	Cpl G G E Morgan
	LCpl C A Ellis

Catering

Kitchen Manager	SSgt L E Brearey
	Sgt P R Haslett

Administrative Wing

Admin Officer	Lt Col (Retd) G R Davison MBE
WRVS	Mrs J Wakeling
SRN	Sister P Walker SRN
Provost	WO 2 (BSM) F Shaw
CQMS/Armoury	SSgt A J Jones
	Sgt M D Palmer

Education Wing

Senior Education Officer	Maj M J McManus MA MLitt RAEC
Instructors	Capt D G Ellis RAEC
	Lt P R Simms BSc WRAC
Civilian Lecturers	Mr P Heap BA
	Mr M F Johnson BA
	Mr W J McShea BSc

Supernumerary

Lt N I Astley RAOC - RCC

2Lt C P Dawson RAOC - RCC

2Lt A J Goodman RAOC

2Lt P G Scoley RAOC - JLR RCT

Mr J F Watson - JLR RCT

Sgt B K Shaw - JLR RCT

Sgt L T Rusbridge - JLR RCT

Cpl G W James - JLR RCT

THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel M L C Jiggens BSc MBIM RAOC

Lieutenant Colonel Jiggens joined the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in 1963 and on leaving there in 1964 immediately saw service with 19 Ordnance Field Park in Borneo. From 19 OFP he went to command 31 Army Youth Team, responsible for liaison with youth organisations in Oxfordshire and parts of Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Northamptonshire and Gloucestershire.

Following that post he read for an honours degree in Management Sciences at Manchester University and then moved to Hong Kong as Adjutant of the RAOC in the Colony.

He returned to the United Kingdom in 1973 and saw service in Didcot and Londonderry before attending the Army Staff Course at the Royal Military College of Science and the Army Staff College, Camberley.

After the staff course he became a General Staff Officer at the Royal Armament Research and Development Establishment for two years before joining the headquarters of the RAOC in HQ DGOS. He then served as Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General for Operations in 1st Armoured Division before taking command of 91 Ordnance Company in 1983. In May 1984 he assumed his present appointment as Commanding Officer of the Army Apprentices College RAOC on promotion.

Lieutenant Colonel Jiggens is married with two children and lives in quarters near his unit in Deepcut.

TERM LEAVERS POSTED TO UNITS

Supply Specialists

APte Ballinger K C
ACpl Brocklehurst B J
APte Capel D R
APte Chance A D
ALCpl Duncan G S
APte Fendick A J
APte Frost A E
APte Grove K L
APte Harris R P
APte Hodkinson R A
APte Jackson A
APte Kirkpatrick N B
ALCpl Leatherbarrow M
APte McHugh S F
APte Mooring P D
ALCpl Nyboer A J
APte Pugh K A
APte Robinson M V
APte Rowley A S
APte Salt D M
APte Sim I S
ALCpl Winter A

APte Bennett A R
APte Burkett L S
APte Carruthers A
ASgt Cocks J A
ALCpl Eddington R
ALCpl Forrest S A
ASgt Griffiths S G
APte Harris M J
APte Heycock E J L
APte Hopewell D
APte Kirby S N
APte Latham A R
APte Lucas D J
APte Miller G J
ACpl Nash A C
APte Price R T
APte Redhead P A
APte Rooney J
APte Rutterford N P
ALCpl Sanders P
APte Wilkinson P C
ALCpl Wright J K

APte Young S R K

Supply Controllers

ALCpl Ashton S M
APte Bamforth P J
ALCpl Dulston A P
APte Green S
APte Hawkins I
APte Kniveton D
APte Lewis C
APte Martin S J
APte Nolan T K
APte Simmons J R
APte Taylor W F
ALCpl Whitehouse K

APte Baker S R
ACSM Bowerbank S
APte Fairclough M
APte Haddow D A
APte Keenan A M
APte Lavers M I
ALCpl Lima C P
ALCpl Nolan M A
ALCpl Pressey M R
APte Smith S R
APte Thompson A
APte Williamson I

Staff Clerks

ACSM Crawford S J A
ALCpl Hill D R
APte Maass J A C
APte Shear M S
APte Thomson S M
ALCpl Green D W
ASgt Jones W M
APte Reece I M
APte Tasker D N
APte Wilkinson A

Term Leavers Posted to Training Battalion and Depot RAOC for Trade Training

ALCpl Anderson D S
APte Bidmead V
APte Burrows S
ACpl Callan I A
APte Collins A P
APte Cowan S D
APte Doggett N
APte Evans R C
APte Griffiths G R
APte Guffogg D A
APte Hanslow C W
ALCpl Hayes G J
APte Jackson R C P D
APte Knight J
APte Littler C
APte Macgillivray D G
APte McLenahan T M
APte Miln D L
ALCpl Murphy J
APte Norrie C B
ALCpl Oram C J
APte Phillips I P
APte Platt M P
APte Rabbage D P
ALCpl Schooley W R
APte Stead A D
APte Talbot P M
ALCpl Turnbull N C
APte Waite J S
APte Walker A J
APte Whiley G A J
APte Wildgoose M J
APte Worth C P
ALCpl Arnold J A
APte Bowen S T
APte Caddick M
APte Cloonan N J
APte Collins R J
APte Davies J L G
APte Evans M
APte Gardner A
APte Grundy S P
ALCpl Hagen J
ALCpl Hardman C J
APte Higginbottom S C
APte Johnson P A
APte Knowles G
APte Lowton N
ACpl McDonald P
APte Medley J C
APte Murphy D P F
APte Newton J B
APte Norris K
APte Paterson A J
APte Plackett J W
APte Potts R G D
APte Robinson P R
ALCpl Scott G S
APte Street M D
APte Thorrington C A
ALCpl Vrac J S
APte Walker D
APte Watson G
APte Wield K I
APte Willoughby M G
APte Young G M

HISTORY OF THE ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS

Today 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 service 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 fore runner of the RAOC with the formation of the Military Stores Department, under a Director of Stores. In 1896 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 the RAOC took over the supply function 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 logistic task, demanding high standards of administrative skill, and technical and military knowledge from all ranks.

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