





The Royal Army Ordnance Corps Apprentices College summer camp at Torpoint, Cornwall. Rock climbing.

## R.A.O.C. Apprentices' College

## **Junior Entry**

Perhaps you are too young to join the Army as an adult? If you are between the ages of 15 and 17 you can still join the Royal Army Ordnance Corps by becoming a junior soldier. Many young men who come into the Army by this scheme rise to high ranks. In all Apprentices' Colleges great emphasis is placed upon developing leadership qualities, with the result that the majority of juniors enter upon their adult service with a flying start and already holding trade and educational qualifications.



R.A.O.C. Apprentices cross an obstacle on the Assault Course.

## For Those Who Want to Join Young

## R.A.O.C. Apprentices' College

The R.A.O.C. Apprentices College is designed to accept boys between the ages of 15 and  $16\frac{1}{2}$  years of age. Until the school leaving age is raised, the average boy spends 2 years or 6 terms in the College. The College is really an Army Boarding School where the boys are paid to attend. On arrival at the College, boys are issued with the full range of Army clothing.

The College is arranged on military lines, organized into platoons of 36 boys, each commanded by a subaltern and with a Sergeant as second in command, who are responsible for their military training and general welfare. The barrack blocks are centrally heated with internal washrooms and showers. Each block has its own Quiet Room complete with armchairs for relaxing and a television set.

Boys spend much of their time on instruction in military subjects such as tactics, weapon handling and of course drill. They continue their academic studies in the College Education Department. Sport plays an important part too. Two afternoons a week are set aside for this activity. Each type of sport is played, e.g., soccer, rugby, hockey, cricket, athletics, cross country, cycling, judo, boxing.

Hobbies evenings take place on two evenings a week and give boys the chance to try out something they may never have tried before. Some of the hobbies available are sailing, canoeing, modelling, car maintenance and pottery, to name only a few.

The college has its own Woman's Royal Voluntary Service lady who runs her own club which provides the opportunity for boys to read quietly, watch colour television or play indoor games. In addition, NAAFI provide the usual canteen and games room facilities.

Boys are most welcome to come and visit the College before joining. Parents of boys already in the College visit regularly and a special Parents' Day is organised each term.

If you require more information, visit your local Army Careers Office or write to:

The Commanding Officer, R.A.O.C. Apprentices College, Deepcut, Camberley, Surrey.