



**Royal Army Ordnance Corps**  
**Apprentices College**

**SUMMER TERM**  
**PASSING OUT PARADE**

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## THE RAOC APPRENTICES COLLEGE - STAFF LIST

### COLLEGE HEADQUARTERS

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Commanding Officer        | - Lt Col KE CURTIS RAOC     |
| Second in Command         | - Maj E CHAMPION RAOC       |
| Adjutant                  | - Capt PJ TAYLORSON RAOC    |
| Padre                     | - Rev MR RYALL RACHD        |
| Regimental Sergeant Major | - WO1 (RSM) BA HOSBAND RAOC |
| Chief Clerk               | - WO2 (SQMS) A PURVIS RAOC  |

### HQ COMPANY

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| College Training Officer      | - Capt EG WALCROFT RAOC    |
| Asst College Training Officer | - WO2 (CSM) TJ MILLER RAOC |
| Training Clerk                | - Sgt CJ WARD RAOC         |

### TRAINING WING

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Skill at Arms                | - SSgt MA BLOOMFIELD RAOC |
| External Leadership Training | - SSgt HJ GREEN RAOC      |
|                              | - Sgt LC THWAITES RAOC    |
|                              | - Sgt J EDWARDS RAOC      |
| Physical Training            | - QMSI R MATHER APTC      |
|                              | - Cpl NR LANGTON RAOC     |
|                              | - Cpl S HAWKINS REME      |
|                              | - Cpl JT RUSCOE RAOC      |
|                              | - Cpl S WOOLLASTON RAOC   |
| Military Training            | - Sgt TJ HLADKIJ RAOC     |
|                              | - Sgt RG HOWELL REME      |
|                              | - Sgt DJ FOX RAOC         |
|                              | - Sgt AW INDER REME       |
|                              | - Cpl R BULLON REME       |
|                              | - Cpl SG JENKINS REME     |
|                              | - Cpl TJ WATSON REME      |
|                              | - Cpl R CLARKE RAOC       |
|                              | - Cpl W GIBSON RAOC       |
|                              | - Cpl D CONSTABLE RAOC    |
| Projectionist & Aids Store   | - Lcpl TI EVANS RAOC      |

## BURSAR'S DEPARTMENT

Bursar  
WRVS  
SRN

- Maj (Retd) GHW NEAL  
- Miss P RIDDELL  
- Sister P WALKER

### ADMIN WING

Admin WO  
Admin Corporal  
Armoury  
Provost

- WO2 (SQMS) D NOLAN RAOC  
- Cpl P CONEY RAOC  
- Cpl S HARPER RAOC  
- Sgt JM CLARKE RAOC  
- Cpl J HAZELDINE RAOC  
- Cpl JG DIXON RAOC  
- Lcpl MA HOLT RAOC

### CATERING

Kitchen Manager

- SSgt D HALE ACC  
- Sgt ST LARKIN ACC

### A COMPANY

Officer Commanding  
Second in Command  
Company Sergeant Major

- Maj IF MILLS REME  
- Capt TI BUNYARD REME  
- WO2 (CSM) RJ FINCH RAOC

Arnhem Platoon

- Capt RAC ECCLES RAOC  
- Sgt RJ KEOGH RAOC

Arakan Platoon

- Lt DC INSHAW RAOC  
- Sgt DF HAMPTON RAOC

Anguilla Platoon

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- Sgt RS GATLEY RAOC

Aden Platoon

- Lt WP OLDHAM RAOC  
- Sgt R REYNOLDS REME

Alamein Platoon

- Lt GP MOORE REME  
- Sgt SP BRADLEY REME

Ardennes Platoon

- Lt KG MARSHALL RAOC  
- Sgt EC LEACH RAOC

B COMPANY

Officer Commanding - Maj TA GLEN RAOC  
Second in Command - Capt ANB JELLY RAOC  
Company Sergeant Major - WO2 (CSM) JN ROBERTSON RAOC

Bruneval Platoon - Lt A SHEPHERD RAOC  
- Sgt JW STARKEY RAOC

Brunei Platoon - 2Lt JES REDWOOD RAOC  
- Sgt D CARLIN RAOC

Berlin Platoon - Lt MJ KNIGHT RAOC  
- Sgt DMJ ROOKE RAOC

Burma Platoon - Lt ASJ BOOTH REME  
- Sgt S SQUIRES REME

Balaclava Platoon - Lt IB BIDDLE REME  
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Benghazi Platoon - Lt S PARRY RAOC  
- Sgt JH WOODCOCK RAOC

EDUCATION WING

Senior Education Officer - Maj DG EDWARDS RAEC  
Instructors - Maj GD BEAUMONT RAEC  
- Capt P SCOTT RAEC  
- Lt AD BARNES RAEC  
- Lt ML BOTT RAEC  
- Lt RM MANUEL RAEC  
- Lt B FLAHERTY WRAC

Civilian Lecturers - Mr WE SMITH  
- Lt Col (Retd) S SCHOFIELD  
- Wg Comd (Retd) P HOPE  
- Maj (Retd) G FORREST  
- Maj (Retd) GB LANE  
- Mr MF JOHNSON  
- Mr W WADDINGTON  
- Mr JF WATSON  
- Mr P HEAP

RAOC TERM LEAVERSSupply Specialists

A/Pte BEATTIE  
A/Pte BELL  
A/Pte BENNETT  
A/Cpl BOBBETT  
A/Pte BROWN  
A/Sgt BUCHANAN  
A/Lcpl COOK  
A/Pte COTTAM  
A/Pte DAVENPORT  
A/Pte DOYLE  
A/Pte EMBLETON  
A/Pte GRIFFIN  
A/Pte HALL  
A/Pte HARDING  
A/Lcpl LEWIS  
A/Sgt MALCOLM  
A/Pte MANNINGS  
A/Lcpl MURRAY  
A/Sgt NEWLANDS  
A/Pte RAMSAY  
A/Cpl RICHARDSON  
A/Cpl ROBINSON  
A/Pte SIMPSON  
A/Pte STANLEY

Supply Clerks

A/Lcpl CANAVAN  
A/Lcpl CLEMENTS  
A/Pte COSGRAVE  
A/Pte FEEHAN  
A/Pte HEAPS  
A/Pte HIBBERT  
A/Cpl PEACOCK  
A/Pte SEVILLE  
A/Pte SOUTH

Staff Clerks

A/Pte BLACKBURN  
A/Lcpl KEYMER  
A/Pte SHANKS

REME TERM LEAVERS

Potential Vehicle Mechanics

A/Pte BARTON  
A/Pte BUCKLER  
A/Pte BUTLER  
A/Pte COLBORN  
A/Pte COLLINGWOOD  
A/Cpl CORBETT  
A/Pte DAVIES  
A/Pte DUNN  
A/Pte FALLON  
A/Lcpl FITZMAURICE  
A/Pte GREENBANK  
A/Pte HAGGIE  
A/Pte HAMER  
A/Pte HANLEY  
A/Pte HARDMAN  
A/Pte HARDY  
A/Pte HOPPER  
A/Pte JARVIS  
A/Pte JOHNS  
A/Pte JOYCE  
A/Pte KINGDOM  
A/Pte MATEER  
A/Pte MCGILL  
A/Pte MEACHAM  
A/Lcpl METCALFE  
A/Pte MORTIMORE  
A/Pte NEWLOVE  
A/Pte NICHOLS  
A/Pte OAKLEY  
A/Pte OGDEN  
A/Pte OLDHAM  
A/Pte PARKER  
A/Pte PARKINSON  
A/Lcpl PORTER  
A/Pte RABBIDGE  
A/Pte RAY  
A/Pte SANFORD

A/Pte SHAKESHEFF  
A/Pte SHARPE  
A/Lcpl SHAW  
A/Pte SHETTLIE  
A/Pte SHIPTON  
A/Cpl SKELTON  
A/Cpl STOCKINGS  
A/Pte SULLIVAN  
A/Pte THOMPSON  
A/Lcpl WATTS KE  
A/Pte WATTS P  
A/Pte WHALING  
A/Pte WILSON  
A/Pte WINSTANLEY

Potential Armourers

A/Pte BARNES  
A/Pte EPPS  
A/Pte IRVINE  
A/Lcpl JONES GT  
A/Lcpl MOORE

Potential Electronic Techs

A/Pte COLLINS  
A/Pte DAWSON  
A/Lcpl TOOP

Potential Storeman

A/Pte COBB

REME TERM LEAVERS

Potential Recovery Mechanics

A/Pte PARMITER  
A/Pte ROBINSON  
A/Cpl THOMAS  
A/Pte TREBERT  
A/Lcpl TURNER

Potential Gun Fitters

A/Pte GREAVES  
A/Pte MASON

Potential Vehicle Electrician

A/Pte CAIRNS

Potential Aircraft Technicians

A/Lcpl HENRY  
A/Cpl JONES CK  
A/Pte MILBURN  
A/Lcpl MILLER  
A/Pte SMITH

Potential Vehicle Technicians

A/Lcpl ROGERSON  
A/Lcpl SPIBY

Potential Electrician

A/Pte WEIGHALL

Potential Metalsmith

A/Pte WOODCOCK

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.

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, RASC and RCT 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.