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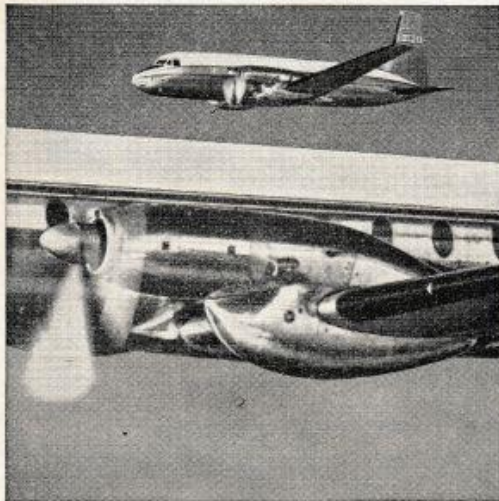
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## EDITORIAL

For over two years Sqn.Ldr. Panting edited the Halton Magazine. The enthusiasm, initiative and flair which he brought to this task is evidenced by both the high standard and the sound commercial basis of the magazine. We offer him our sincere thanks and wish him a happy posting at Headquarters Transport Command.

Arriving in Halton in glorious weather when the Apprentices were enjoying the summer break I was impressed by its beauty and tranquility. I am told that even old Old Haltonians cannot remember a finer summer, which lasted until mid-October, when cricket was still being played in perfect conditions, except for those last overs in semi-darkness. Long before then, however, the illusion of peace had been dispelled, for this term is one of the most hectic and important in the history of Halton. It has seen the arrival of the first entries of Technician Apprentices (107th Entry), of Craft Apprentices (201st Entry) and Administrative Apprentices in the trade of Nursing Attendant (301st Entry)—how strange those entry numbers ring to the 'old hands'. It finds the newly returned Medical Training Establishment providing courses for officers, airmen and airwomen, as well as apprentices. It will end with the passing-out of the 100th Entry.

Rumour has it that the problems associated with these changes were not the cause of near panic induced in some staff members. Yet reports state that the Accountant Officer drew from the bank an amount of money for the craft Apprentices' pay parade far in excess of what the numbers warranted; that the officer i/c W.R.A.F. resigned the service; that the N.A.A.F.I. manager hurriedly restocked his cellar with the finest wines; that station police are checking all cars, especially the driving seats and wheel discs!! We hope to provide in our next issue an explanation of these events in an article from a member of the 201st Entry— Bond (007).

In this issue the Secretary makes a strong plea for contributions to the 'Old Haltonians' section of this magazine. We reinforce this request, and ask Old Haltonians also to submit articles for publication in the general section of the magazine. So many of the activities in which you are involved—routine squadron life, special servicing tasks, important sporting events, expeditions, operational duties—are of interest to your old colleagues and serving apprentices alike, so please do not be restrained by false modesty.

Finally, to all our readers, contributors and advertisers we send our best wishes for a festive Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.



## PASSING OUT OF 99<sup>TH</sup> ENTRY

The 99th Entry passed out on the 29th July 1964. The Reviewing Officer was Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Huddleston, G.C.B., C.B.E., A.D.C., Commander, Allied Air Forces Central Europe. He was accompanied by Air Marshal Sir Donald R. Evans, K.B.E., C.B., D.F.C., Air Officer Commander-in-Chief Technical Training Command, Air Vice Marshal J. K. Rotherham, C.B., C.B.E., Air Officer Commanding No. 24 Group, Air Commodore D. M. Strong, C.B., A.F.C., Commandant, Group Captain R. C. Fordham, C.B.E., Senior Training Officer, Group Captain H. H. Mayoh, Principal Education Officer, Wing Commander J. E. Boden, Officer Commanding Technical Training Wing and Squadron Leader B. L. Collings, Officer Commanding No. 2 Apprentice Wing.

### Parade Detail

The parade was commanded by F.S. App. A. Rattigan.

Parade Adjutant	Cpl.App. M. W. Aspell
Parade Warrant Officer	Cpl.App. A. B. C. Davies
Colour Bearer	Sgt.App. D. Grant
Colour Warrant Officer	Sgt.App. W. A. Beastall
Colour Escort	Cpl.App. L. G. Archer Cpl.App. S. K. Lewis
Colour Orderly	Air.App. B. A. Rope
Escort Squadron Commander	Sgt.App. G. R. Swift
No. 1 Flight Commander	Cpl.App. E. A. Perry
No. 2 Flight Commander	Cpl.App. I. P. Derry
No. 2 Squadron Commander	Sgt.App. J. E. Battams
No. 1 Flight Commander	Cpl.App. M. Murray



No. 2 Flight Commander  
 Cpl. App. C. J. Thompson  
 Standard Bearers  
 Ldg.App. T. L. Price  
 Ldg.App. P. J. Belshaw  
 Apprentice i/c Supporting Entry  
 Sgt.App. A. K. Fletcher  
 Band Sergeant Brass Band  
 Sgt.App. T. M. Stiles  
 Drum Major Brass Band  
 Air. App. D. Livings  
 Pipe Major Pipe Band  
 Ldg.App. D. F. Tapley  
 Drum Major Pipe Band  
 Ldg.App. M. A. Boyd

### The Commandant's Report

The Commandant said, 'I would like to begin by giving our Reviewing Officer a very special welcome. Air Chief Marshal Huddleston is Commander of the Allied Air Forces Central Europe. He has had a most distinguished career and his more recent important appointments have included those of Vice-Chief of the Air Staff 1957-1962, and Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Transport Command 1962-1963. We are therefore greatly honoured by his presence here today.

I would also like to say a word of welcome to parents. I am sure many of you will have visited the School before, but today sees the climax of your son's Halton training. We all realise here that your help and encouragement have made an important contribution to the successful completion of his apprenticeship. Therefore, I welcome you all and thank you all.'

### Review of 99th Entry

The Commandant then reported on the 99th Entry as follows:—

'Now I turn to my Report on the 99th Entry. The Entry started in September 1961 with a strength of 193, and since then the number has fallen by 14 to 179. Of these 14, 11 have been lost to the R.A.F. by apprentices being discharged on medical grounds, by purchase or as unsuitable for training. Two apprentices were transferred to a lower level of training elsewhere and one was recoured to a later Entry. The actual loss to the R.A.F. is a wastage rate of 6.1% which is a little higher than recent Entries.

### Technical Training

One hundred and seventy-nine Apprentices of the 99th Entry were presented for the Final Trade Test Examination and, with four exceptions, all qualified as Junior Technicians. The average mark achieved was 69.9% which maintains the high standard set by previous intakes.

### Education Training

On the Educational side of the basic requirement of an apprenticeship is the Final Examination in Educational Subjects. Success in this examination gives exemption from the R.A.F. Educational Tests for promotion to Corporal and Sergeant. Of the 99th Entry, 172 Technical Apprentices took this examination and achieved an average mark of 62.2%; 36 of them gained Class 'A' passes. Seven Dental Apprentices also took their final examination and four gained Class 'A' passes. Their average mark was 70%.

Those Apprentices who were considered to have the necessary ability were given an advanced course in Educational Subjects leading to the award of an Ordinary National Certificate. Altogether 43 members of the 99th Entry qualified for this certificate which is awarded by the Institute of Mechanical and Electrical Engineers, and is nationally recognised.

On an entirely voluntary basis 144 Apprentices entered for one or more subjects in the G.C.E. at 'O' level. Out of 265 subject entries there were 216 subject passes, giving a very good pass rate of 81.3%. Three Apprentices took 'A' level Mathematics but the results are not yet known. All extra study that was needed to prepare for these examinations was done by the candidates in their own time.

Once again on a voluntary basis to gain extra technical qualifications, 71 Technical Apprentices and 7 Dental Apprentices entered for the City and Guilds of London Institute examinations. All the Dental Apprentices passed both their intermediate and final examinations and two of them—Hillary and Burnell—gained distinguished passes in the final examination. This is an excellent result because this national examination is normally taken by men aged about 26 who have had anything up to 10 years' experience, and in previous years only a maximum of three distinguished passes have been gained through-



out the country. Results for the Technical Apprentices are not yet known.

Members of the 99th Entry were educationally well qualified on arrival at Halton and, as you can see, they have made full use of all opportunities to extend these qualifications by voluntary effort.

#### **General Service Training**

The third main part of the Halton apprenticeship is concerned with General Service Training. This is designed to produce young men who are fit to be members of Her Majesty's Armed Forces, to become leaders, and non-commissioned officers. Physical fitness, qualities of leadership and comradeship, sport, drill and life in the Wing are the important features here.

In the field of sport the 99th Entry has a good all-round record, and a number of first-class individual sportsmen. Woolridge has represented the Royal Air Force in both athletics and cross-country running, and is on the reserve list for the Olympic Games in Tokyo. Clancy and Thurlow have represented the R.A.F. at swimming. Davies and Wright have been members of the R.A.F. Colts XV. Robinson is a member of the R.A.F. Pentathlon team. Battams boxed for the Junior R.A.F. team in the Inter-Service Championships. Cole is a member of the Command Water Polo team, and Mitchell a member of the Command Basketball team. In 1963 the Entry Full Bore Shooting Team—Perry, Thompson, Kerry, Evans and Rattigan—won the R.A.F. Youth Cup and came second in the Command Competition. Also in 1963 nine members of the Entry gained 2nd place in the Devizes to Westminster canoe race. In the Ten Tors Expedition in 1962 the Entry team was the only Halton team to finish, gaining 5th place out of 100 teams. Apart from these impressive individual successes the Entry has gained 41 school colours; 30 members of the Entry have had gliding instruction and 12 of these have made solo flights. Kerry has obtained his silver 'C' certificate for gliding and Perris has obtained his Private Pilot's Licence. In the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, three members of the Entry—Snook, Ashby and Copplestone—have gained Gold awards and 15 have gained Silver awards.

The standard of the Entry's drill has always

been well above the average of the Wing. On the first three State Visits at which Halton supplied the R.A.F. route-lining contingent, 4 of the 13 flights were manned by the 99th Entry. In addition they provided the Guard of Honour for the visit of the Secretary of State for Air to No. 1 School of Technical Training in 1962.

The 99th Entry has made an outstanding contribution to the voluntary bands. The Leading Drummers of the Brass and Pipe Bands, the Drum Major of the Pipe Band, and the Leading Piper and the Trumpet Major of the Corps of Trumpeters are all members of the Entry. In all 24 Apprentices of the Entry are members of the bands.

#### **Special Service Attainments**

One Apprentice of the Entry—Rattigan—has been selected for a Cranwell Cadetship in the Equipment Branch. Five other Apprentices have been selected for training leading to Direct Entry Commissions: Thompson and Coldrey in the G.D. Branch as Pilots, Swift and Perry in the G.D. Branch as Navigators, and Archer in the Technical Branch. Seven are passing out as Substantive Corporals and 42, i.e. 23.5% of the Entry, have qualified for accelerated promotion to Corporal.

#### **Conclusion**

To conclude my report I would like to say that the 99th Entry have set a very good precedent in all aspects of training and life at Halton. They have maintained a high standard of discipline and general conduct, and the N.C.O. Apprentices have exercised good control with only minimum assistance from the staff. They have demonstrated commendable 'esprit de corps' on a number of occasions and have been cheerful, generous and spirited in their application to work, sport and recreation.

Before I finish I would also like to say a word to the School's staff, service and civilian alike. The 99th Entry and their parents must surely be grateful to you today; so for them and for myself I thank you.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all members of the 99th Entry on successfully completing their training. The name of Halton stands high throughout the Service because of the magnificent contribution your predecessors have made both in war and peace. You must aim always to live up to this fine tradition,



but I must stress that your future progress depends entirely on your own efforts. Your training has been good, but only you as individuals can make the best use of it when you leave here. I wish success and happiness to you all.

I will now ask Air Chief Marshal Huddleston to present the prizes.'

#### **The Reviewing Officer's Address**

The reviewing officer opened his address by saying that this was the second time he had been honoured by being asked to review the Passing-Out Parade. He continued:—

'Much has happened since that time. There has been vast technical progress with weapons, aircraft and electronics.

The numerical strength of the R.A.F. has slightly diminished, but its responsibilities have greatly increased. Its striking power is greater than ever before and the operational deployment of the Army, Navy and Air Force itself is dependent on it.

What does this mean to you here today?

It means that you are entering a Service upon whose ability and readiness the security of the nation primarily depends. This trust can only be honoured if the men serving in the Royal Air Force achieve and maintain the highest standards.

You may have wondered sometimes why Halton has insisted on the high standards which are traditional to it.

It is not a whim of the Commandant or his staff or a question of "bull".

It is simply that the Commandant knows, as all of us in the Service know that we can only do our job and only get the very best out of the equipment we possess, if we put everything we individually have into it.

The equipment you will be working with is expensive and complex. It is required to function in any conditions at any time.

Operationally, the Royal Air Force works to time factors measured in seconds. With machines flying at high sub-sonic and super-

sonic speeds, errors measured in anything other than seconds can spell disaster. Equally with our bomber aircraft armed with nuclear weapons, with our transport aircraft carrying up to 150 men, or our maritime aircraft searching for missile-carrying submarines, or our ground attack aircraft providing support for the Army in a critical situation, it is of vital importance that the equipment and weapons systems function perfectly.

Whether or not this can be done will depend on your work and skill and that of the men with you.

You have therefore a most important and responsible task ahead of you.

You will find it intensely interesting, and I am sure you will take as much pride as the men already in the Service in fostering and improving the high traditions built up by those who have passed out of Halton before you.

From what I have said you may think all I am concerned with is work. This is far from the case.

You will find endless facilities available for developing whatever personal interests you may have—games, travel, education, or hobbies.

Make full use of these, and you will find your life not only very full, but happy.

Today you become full members of a great Service. I congratulate you on your achievements as apprentices, and on your turn out and precision on parade this morning.

Her Majesty the Queen and the nation—which does not merely mean the Government, but your parents, relations, girl friends and acquaintances, and all the men and women you see in the street—rely on you to protect them in time of any emergency. The fact you have volunteered to join the Royal Air Force shows you are willing to do this; the successful completion of your training here ensures you are able to accept this responsibility. I am sure you will successfully meet it, and the best of luck to you in doing so.'

## **99th ENTRY—PRIZE WINNERS**

### **CADETSHIPS**

F.Sgt.App. A. RATTIGAN

### **COMMISSIONS**

Sgt.App. G. R. SWIFT

Cpl.App. L. G. ARCHER

Cpl.App. E. A. PERRY

Cpl.App. C. J. THOMPSON

Ldg.App. M. J. M. COLDREY





Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Huddleston, G.C.B., C.B.E., A.D.C., Commander Allied Forces Central Europe presenting the Quinton Memorial Trophy to Cpl.App. I, P. Derry.



**WINNERS OF ROYAL AIR FORCE PRIZES—99th ENTRY****Highest in Order of Merit, All Subjects**

Cpl.App. L. G. ARCHER

**Highest in Order of Merit, Educational Subjects**

First Prize: Cpl.App. L. G. ARCHER

Second Prize: Air.App. J. JAQUES

**Best "Set Task" General Studies**

Air.App. P. R. THURLOW

**Highest in Order of Merit General Service Efficiency**

First Prize: Sgt.App. J. E. BATTAMS

Second Prize: Cpl.App. M. MURRAY

**Highest average for Practical Fitting over Three-year Course**

Air.App. E. J. HIGGINSON

**Best Tradesmen in Trade Standards Trade Test**

Airframe Fitter 1st	Air.App. P. G. WHITE
Airframe Fitter 2nd	Cpl.App. M. MURRAY
Electrical Fitter (Air) 1st	Ldg.App. M. J. M. COLDREY
Electrical Fitter (Air) 2nd	Air.App. D. E. ROBSON
Engine Fitter	Ldg.App. P. J. BELSHAW
Instrument Fitter (Gen)	Air.App. K. L. ROBBINS
Instrument Fitter (Nav.)	Cpl.App. C. J. THOMPSON
Dental Technician	Air.App. J. HILLARY

**Commandant's Prize**

F.Sgt.App. A. RATTIGAN

**WINNERS OF SPECIAL PRIZES—99th ENTRY****Monsignor Beauchamp Memorial Prize**

The late Monsignor Beauchamp was Principal Roman Catholic Chaplain for the Royal Air Force and for almost 20 years Roman Catholic Chaplain at Halton. On his death a fund was raised to provide among other presentations a book prize to the best all round Apprentice passing out with each Entry.

Winner—Ldg.App. G. M. J. SHEERIN

**Pioneer Trophy**

Presented by the Royal Flying Corps and Royal Naval Air Service Ex-Boys Association to the Apprentice who obtains the highest marks in all technical training subjects at the final examination of each Entry.

Winner—Ldg.App. M. J. M. COLDREY

**Crebbin-Robinson Cups**

At the 1936 Model Engineering Exhibition held in London certain examples of basic exercises carried out by Apprentices at Halton were on display. These exhibits were admired by a Dr. Robinson and a Mr. Crebbin who kindly offered a Cup for the best Trade Standards Practical Fitting Test at the Final examinations of each Entry. In December, 1960, a second Cup was provided from School funds. One Cup is now awarded for the best Trade Standards Practical Fitting Test in Mechanical Trades and the other for the best Trade Standards Practical Fitting Test in Electrical and Instrument Trades.

Winner—Mechanical Trades: Air.App. B. T. HAWARD

Winner—Electrical and Instrument Trades: Cpl.App. C. J. THOMPSON

**Elliott Memorial Prize**

Mr. R. D. Elliott was Sir Alan Cobham's ground engineer during his many flights to India and South Africa in the early 1920's. In 1926 Mr. Elliott was killed during the first England to Australia flight. In 1927 a Memorial Prize was awarded by the Royal Aeronautical Society to be presented to the Apprentice who gained the highest marks in English and General Studies at the final examinations of each Entry.

Winner—Sgt.App. J. E. BATTAMS

**Quinton Memorial Trophy**

On 13th August, 1951, Flight Lieutenant J. A. Quinton sacrificed his life in saving an A.T.C. Cadet when both were flying in an aircraft which was involved in a mid-air collision. For this supreme act of gallantry Flight Lieutenant Quinton was posthumously awarded the "George Cross". As a mark of esteem all A.T.C. Cadets at that time subscribed one penny per head so that the Quinton Memorial Trophy and replica could be presented to the best all round ex-A.T.C. Cadet passing out with each Entry at Halton.

Winner—Cpl.App. I. P. DERRY

## 99th ENTRY SPORTS

### SCHOOL COLOUR AWARDS

<b>Athletics</b>						
	A.A. Bowles, J. A.	...	...	...	...	1964
	A.A. Bowyer, A. D.	...	...	...	...	1964
	A.A. Greetham, S. E.	...	...	...	...	1964
	A.A. Kosh, M. C.	...	...	...	...	1964
	L.A.A. Robinson, D. W.	...	...	...	...	1964
	L.A.A. Wooldridge, D.	...	...	...	...	1964
<b>Basketball</b>						
	A.A. Mitchell, B. C.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
<b>Boxing</b>						
	S.A.A. Battams, J. E.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
	A.A. McKee, D. A.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
<b>Canoeing</b>						
	A.A. Proctor, P. J.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
	A.A. Bailey, D. J.	...	...	...	...	1963
	A.A. Davies, M. T.	...	...	...	...	1963
	S.A.A. Grant, D.	...	...	...	...	1963
	A.A. James, R.	...	...	...	...	1963
	A.A. Murray, M.	...	...	...	...	1963
	A.A. Price, T. L.	...	...	...	...	1963
	A.A. Tomes, M. F.	...	...	...	...	1963
	A.A. Viney, J. M. .H.	...	...	...	...	1963
<b>Cricket</b>						
	A.A. Rowe, D. C.	...	...	...	...	1964
	S.A.A. Swift, G. R.	...	...	...	...	1964
<b>Cross Country</b>						
	L.A.A. Coldrey, M. J. M.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
	A.A. Dixon, J.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
	L.A.A. Wooldridge, D.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
<b>Fencing</b>						
	A.A. Carvell, C. J.	...	...	...	...	1963
<b>Hockey</b>						
	L.A.A. Barker, A.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
	A.A. Dauncey, D. A.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
	A.A. D'Souza, S. J.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
<b>Rugby</b>						
	C.A.A. Beastall, W. A.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
	A.A. Bowyer, A. D.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
	C.A.A. Davies, A. B. C.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
	L.A.A. Lewis, N.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
	L.A.A. Spencer, R.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
	A.A. Wight, D. S.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
<b>Soccer</b>						
	A.A. Bogg, C.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
	A.A. Grant, I. D.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
	A.A. Knowling, C. C.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
	A.A. Rajotte, P. L.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
<b>Swimming</b>						
	A.A. Clancy, M. J. T.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
	A.A. Cole, D. P.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
	C.A.A. Lewis, S. K.	...	...	...	...	1963/64
	A.A. Thurlow, P. R.	...	...	...	...	1963/64

## 99th ENTRY POSTING LIST

(in order of merit)

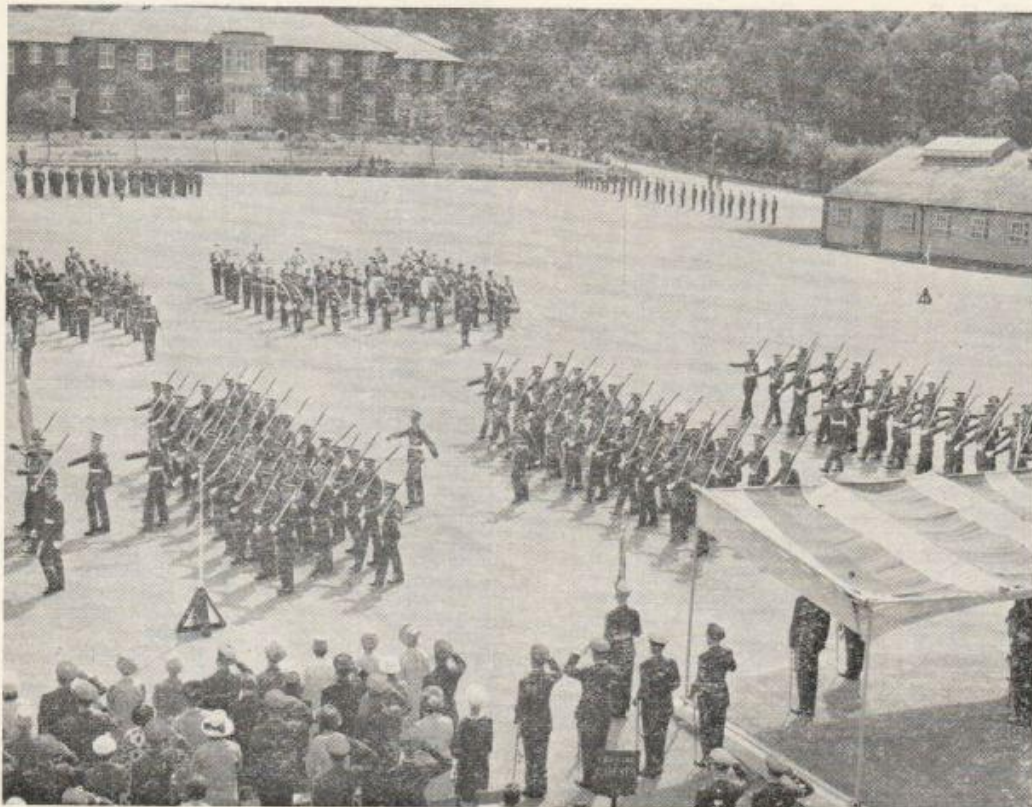
Archer, L. G.	Direct Entry Commission, Technical. Substantive Corporal	Sheerin, G. M. J. Rackham, R. D. Derry, I. P.	Abingdon 1 ANS, Stradishall Northolt
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Battams, J. E.	No. 2 F.T.S. Syerston Substantive Corporal	Beastall, W. A.	No. 4 F.T.S. Valley
White, P. G.	Lyneham	Lash, G. T.	Leconfield
Coldrey, M. J. M.	Direct Entry Commission. G.D. Pilot	Fleming, I.	No. 4 F.T.S. Valley
Bottamley, G. S.	Waddington	Fagg, B. P.	No. 543 Sqn. Wyton
Jaques, P.	Lyneham	Hillary, J.	Uxbridge
Gliddon, A. F.	242 O.C.U. Thorney Island	Gilmore, E. J.	Leconheld
Jackson, A.	Leconfield	Davies, A. B. C.	Waddington 101 Sqn. Substantive Corporal
Murray, M.	Kinloss	Bainbridge, J. W.	No. 7 F.T.S. Church Fenton
D'Souza, S. J.	Substantive Corporal No. 2 A.N.S. Hullavington	Rogers, R. T.	Wattisham
Fear, A. T.	Benson	McKee, D. A.	Chivenor
Lewis, S. K.	Abingdon	Read, E. H.	229 O.C.U. Chivenor
Bower, P. M.	No. 5 F.T.S. Oakington	Higginson, E. J.	No. 51 Sqn. Wyton
Kerry, T. F.	Coningsby	Clifton, R. J.	Northolt
Elsom, M. L.	Benson	Cooper, J. N.	Waddington
Handley, G. M.	Abingdon	Gudgeon, J. E.	Waddington
Dixon, R. T.	Binbrook	Edwards, M. G.	242 O.C.U. Thorney Island
Belshaw, P. J.	Honington	Fryer, R.	No. 44 Sqn. Waddington
Allaway, W. J.	232 O.C.U. Gaydon	Wooldridge, D.	Odiham
Joice, W. J.	226 O.C.U. Coltishall	Tomes, M. F.	Honington
Price, T. L.	Uxbridge	Trickey, C. R.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Perry, E. A.	Direct Entry Commission. G.D. Navigation Substantive Corporal	Croft, T. E.	Ballykelly
Potter, A. R.	Uxbridge	Evans, P. J.	St. Mawgan
Osborne, C. J.	West Raynham	Robinson, T. R.	Honington
Robson, D. E.	Wattisham	Roberts, A.	C.F.S. Little Rissington
Marks, T. J.	Uxbridge	Barnes, W. B. H.	Leuchars
Swift, G. R.	Direct Entry Commission. G.D. Navigation Substantive Corporal	Nicholson, G. J.	139 Sqn. Wittering
White, M. D.	Chivenor	Hubbard, P. I.	Honington
Pinnington, A.	Honington	Bowyer, A. D.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Mitchell, B. C.	Uxbridge	Tooill, K.	Finningley
Collins, D. L.	242 O.C.U. Thorney Island	Winson, G. C.	Thorney Island
Twidle, D. J.	Lyneham	Young, P. Q.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Bewick, J. T.	A.E.S. Topcliffe	Dyer, A. E.	No. 543 Sqn. Wyton
Myall, D. M.	Lyneham	Viney, J. M. H.	Uxbridge
Seaton, D. J.	Leuchars	Robbins, K. L.	No. 101 Sqn. Waddington
Thompson, C. J.	Direct Entry Commission. G.D. Pilot A.E.S. Topcliffe	Dauncey, D. A.	Honington
Dixon, J.	226 O.C.U. Coltishall	Bartlett, M. A.	St. Mawgan
Rope, B. A.	Equipment Cadetship Cranwell	Proctor, P. J.	Lyneham
Rattigan, A.	Substantive Corporal 232 O.C.U. Gaydon	Campbell, B. J.	Scampton
Morrison, J. T.	Benson	Hyde, I. D. R.	230 O.C.U. Finningley
Perris, A. J. B.	No. 2 A.N.S. Hullavington	Martin, E. A.	Odiham
Bindon, B. R.	C.F.S. Little Rissington Colerne	Aspell, M. W.	51 Sqn. Wyton
Carvell, C. J.	Thorney Island	Everest, C. J.	101 Sqn. Waddington
Barker, A.	No. 2 A.N.S. Hullavington	Funnell, S. N. G.	Marham
McBrien, C.	229 O.C.U. Chivenor	Johnson, E. G.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Copplestone, A. J.	No. 6 F.T.S. Acklington Honington	Smietana, M. W.	139 Sqn. Wittering
Winterbon, A. R.	No. 2 A.N.S. Hullavington	Coupland, P.	Coningsby
Haward, B. T.	No. 2 A.N.S. Hullavington	Thurlo, P. R.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Lindo, D.	No. 2 F.T.S. Syerton Lyneham	Buck, M.	Honington
Graham, A.	Coltishall	Hillman, C. J. C.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Johnston, T. A.		Uphill, M. B.	Scampton
Cozens, D. J.		Stiles, T. M.	Honington
Claydon, R. J.		Nagle, J. H.	55 Sqn. Honington
		Grant, D.	Honington
		Wight, D. S.	226 O.C.U. Coltishall
		Primmer, D. E.	No. 7 F.T.S. Church Fenton
		Ashby, C. T.	No. A.N.S. Stradishall
		Bailey, D. J.	32 M.U. St. Athan
		Cullen, J.	Coningsby
		Cunnell, R. D.	32 M.U. St. Athan
		Clark, P. A.	Marham
		Cooper, J. C.	Honington
		Robinson, D. W.	Scampton
		Gordon, F.	Binbrook



Davies, M. T.	Marham	Paice, R. A.	44 Sqn. Waddington
Fox, D. E.	50 Sqn. Waddington	Boon, P. R.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Hardy, H. R.	Binbrook	Foot, D. J.	Wittering
Kosh, M. C.	Honington	Upton, D. J.	Ballykelly
Morrison, J.	Kinloss	Hayman, R. C.	Waddington
James, R.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Rowe, D. C.	Ballykelly
Greetham, S. E.	Kinloss	Sankey, R. C. K.	West Raynham
Christie, M. R.	139 Sqn. Wittering	Fisher, A. H. L.	Cranwell
Burnell, J. K.	Uxbridge	Harper, T. W.	44 Sqn. Waddington
Davies, J. H.	Ballykelly	Wilmot, S. W.	32 M.U. St. Athan
McCandless, D. C.	Ballykelly	Wild, J.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Harvey, B. C.	Coltishall	Allen, R.	101 Sqn. Waddington
Auger, T. A.	Coningsby	Bogg, C.	9 Sqn. Coningsby
Parker, M. J. G.	Coningsby	Wilkinson, M.	50 Sqn. Waddington
Tapley, D. F.	Coltishall	Hargreaves, T.	Kinloss
Ross, D. J.	Wittering	Reed, R. R.	No. 4 F.T.S. Valley
Boyd, M. A.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Groves, A. W.	Coningsby
Bowles, J. A.	Ballykelly	Grant, I. D.	Kinloss
Smith, R. J.	Scampton	Campononic, R. L.	12 Sqn. Coningsby
Spencer, R.	Leconfield	Brackley, B. J.	35 Sqn. Coningsby
Hession, R. A.	No. 4 F.T.S. Valley	Clancy, T. M. J.	Leuchars
Sobotnicki, J.	Cranwell	Jackson, D.	Ballykelly
Rajotte, P. L.	90 Sqn. Honington	King, T. J.	Ballykelly
Wheeler, J. R.	West Raynham	Cole, D. P.	Leuchars
Payne, P. J.	Coningsby	Knowling, C. C.	Ballykelly
Snook, T. F.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Earl, C.	Ballykelly
Beasley, G.	Scampton	Coombe, A. P.	50 Sqn. Waddington
Wells, J. H.	West Raynham	Willetts, K. B.	Coltishall
Lewis, N.	55 Sqn. Honington	Worrall, D. M.	Leuchars
Jones, A. N.	Leconfield	Buckley, D.	Scampton





## Church of England Notes

Since the last issue we have undergone the usual Staff changes, and this is to continue into the New Year. In June the Rev. B. E. Phillips joined us from his curacy in Ross-on-Wye, and in October the Rev. C. L. Maconachie arrived here from R.A.F. Kinloss, leaving us in the delightful and abnormal situation of having four Church of England Chaplains at Halton. Not for long, unfortunately, as the Rev. E. W. Hassen is to retire from the R.A.F. shortly and will be leaving us about the beginning of 1965. We shall be sorry to see Padre Hassen go, with his Irish charm and good humour, and we all wish him well.

Principal events up to the time of writing have been a Confirmation Service (July 23rd) and the Passing Out of the 99th Entry (July). The Confirmation was conducted by the Bishop of Maidstone before a large congregation. There were 25 candidates, most of them Apprentices, and it was good to see how many of their parents and friends took the trouble to be present, some of them travelling very considerable distances.

We do not know what other people thought of the 99th Entry, but we certainly had many

loyal supporters among them who have been very much missed. They will also be remembered for producing two quite outstanding lesson-readers. It is a bit of an ordeal standing up before your fellow-apprentices to read the Bible, but these two did it with a confidence and maturity which is seldom matched by those who have been reading the Bible professionally for years.

The Choir is growing in numbers and improving daily in quality, under its choirmaster, Mr. Roger Meynell. At present they are giving an extra evening a week to the recording of hymns on tape. This is at the request of the Chaplain-in-Chief. It sometimes happens that Station Churches, particularly overseas, find themselves temporarily without organists. In such cases they would be able to borrow the tape, with its selection of hymns, and have the undoubted benefit of the use of the magnificent organ and choir of St. George's Church, Halton. We may say that at about 2100 hrs. on any Wednesday evening a lot of throats are sore after an hour and a half's chanting of popular hymns, and we hope that after all the time and effort that has been voluntarily given the tape will be widely used.

## SCHOOL NOTES

In spite of the assortment of contractors who have been attacking various parts of the school, we have struggled through another arduous term. The adjutant has not survived, however, poor chap, so Flt.Lt. Stables has the enviable task of making out the list of duties.

An interesting experiment was carried out recently within the school, a test of the effectiveness of programmed learning, the guinea pigs in this case being the entire 105th Entry. The results should prove interesting since some A/As are already talking very learnedly about automatic transmission for cars—a pity that the subject of the test was not one from within the school syllabus for this

would have given a very effective comparison of results. Even so, the outcome looks promising.

The appearance within the timetable of the 50 minute period has led to much discussion. At least the apprentices do not get bored during the period. The main problem seems to be time keeping—with the complications of the bell ringers' well-known accuracy for time keeping and the 'lightning' speed with which the apprentices move between rooms. Labwork, too, can prove troublesome in a single period.

The school building has received much attention of late, having had a new roof and



new flooring. The electricians have been hammering and cutting away in the new electronics lab, but do not seem to have made much progress, to the layman's eye. At long last, after a lengthy battle, the windows are being cleaned by contractors. However it seems another contractor is breaking them at a faster rate than they are being cleaned!

A staff party was held last term and was judged a success by all, so another is being arranged for this term.

There has been a great change of staff since the last school notes—perhaps the most noticeable loss was the departure of the typists to the central pool in S.H.Q. We wonder if the real reason is economy through centralization—the Junior Officers in the school are not convinced!

The library has reverted to its former self—Mr. Thomas having returned from Henlow. We wish him well in trying to teach English to his foreign pupils from north of Hadrian's Wall.

We welcome Wg.Cdr. Williams, Sqn.Ldrs.

Porter, Smith, Turner and White, Flt.Lts. Davies and Skerrett, Fg.Off. Swan, and, last but not least, Mr. Bailes from Cosford (the school, we hasten to add).

This influx of new blood is matched by the departure of Sqn.Ldr. Panting to Upavon, Sqn.Ldr. Soper to Manby, Flt.Lt. Hutchinson to Henlow, Flt.Lt. MacDonald to Borneo, Mr. Stewart to a civilian post in Carlisle. Ch.Techs Bartlett, Walker and Yates have departed whilst Sgt. Murphy was last seen 'bulling' his kit prior to a short spell at Feltwell.

The departure of 3 other senior officers is also imminent. Gp.Capt Duckett and Sqn.Ldr. Aircy are leaving for Henlow whilst Wg.Cdr. Chapman has been posted to the Youth Training Centre, Upwood.

We close the notes with another comment overheard in the common room.

'... mm ... Ah yes ... How Curious ... I see ... But tell me, What's all this business about Dining-in-nights?'

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## APPRENTICE WING NOTES

### No. 1(A) WING

Flt.Lt. B. Entwisle, O.C. No. 2 Squadron, has been promoted Squadron Leader and was posted to the Sultan of Oman's Air Force at the end of June.

Flt.Lt. B. R. Carter, posted in as O.C. No. 2 Squadron, has recently been sent to Singapore on Stand-by-Post.

Fg.Off. L. C. M. Ambler, B.E.M. was transferred from No. 1(A) Wing Adjutant to post of Deputy Officer Commanding No. 2 Squadron, in mid June.

Plt.Off. P. J. Morris has been posted in as No. 1(A) Wing Adjutant.

Fg.Off. M. J. Dicken was promoted to Flight Lieutenant after taking the J.C.S.S. course.

### No. 3(A) WING

Since the last issue of the Halton Magazine there have been quite a number of changes on 3 Wing, not only with regard to staff, but also in conditions of service. Wg.Cdr. White was able to give the Wing some very good news before they proceeded on summer leave: it is now possible to wear civilian clothes in the second term, to have one 36 hour pass in the second and third terms and to stay out until the late hour of 2359 hours in the third term—there are now more than the usual quota of 3 Wing Apprentices wandering around in a comatose state on a Monday morning! As far as staff changes are concerned, we welcome Sqn.Ldr. E. W. F. Cooper, who is now commanding the 301st Entry of Administrative Apprentices, who make up No. 3 Squadron of the Wing. We also extend a warm welcome to the 301st Entry, and 107th Entry when they arrive on the 26th October to form 'C' flight of No. 1 Squadron. Returning to personalities, we have now lost F.S. Bettell to the Plymouth Careers Advice Centre, Sgt. Hadley to El Adem and Cpl. Latham to Cyprus, and we now welcome F.S. Lamb and Sgt. Maxwell to the Wing, and

also Cpl. Callaway from St. Athan. Unfortunately both Sgt. Day and Sgt. Picken are still in hospital, but we hope that by the time this edition of the Halton Magazine appears, they will be back with us as hale and hearty as ever.

### 105th Entry

The Entry has continued to demonstrate its superiority in all aspects of Service life during the summer season. The Cock of the Walk competition was duly won, by a narrow margin—probably the last which will be held in 3 Wing in the foreseeable future—and notable performances were achieved by rugged individual and team efforts. In the athletics field, A/A Cosham and A/A Theobald represented the Royal Air Force with distinction. A/As Pettigrew, Hills and Collins added to the laurels of the 105th in Swimming and Water Polo, while the cricketers performed with praiseworthy promise.

Parents' Day was a great success at the end of the term. The weather was kind and 346 parents and guests of the Entry attended from all over the country. They were not disappointed. The 105th put on a parade of very high standard, in ideal conditions, to the distinct and explicit pleasure of the parents and relations watching. The Parade was reviewed by Gp.Capt. R. C. Fordham, C.B.E.

With the advent of winter, the Entry is continuing its tradition of being 'Best alive' in all its activities. Having deprived combined wings of the distinction of having the 105th as its leading light, the Entry has commenced to set the standard for the senior Entry of 3 Wing. Both in sport and service activities, the already established reputation of excellence is being maintained and steadily improved.

Farewells—of varying nature—were said to Sgt. Hadley on his posting overseas at the end of the summer term. The arrival of winter coincided with the arrival of Sgt. Maxwell. Forecasters are undecided as to whether the



winter will be severe, with long periods of frost, or mild with sunny spells!

The attainment of a whole year's service was celebrated in 3 Wing N.A.A.F.I. on the 18th September when the 105th assembled to receive the obeisance of its younger neighbours.

Before closing these notes, special mention must be made of A/A Miles who was presented with the lapel badge for the Gold Award Standard of the D.E.A.S. by O.C. No. 3(A) Wing. Miles is the first ever pre-Halton Gold Award winner. He gained the Award while with his A.T.C. Squadron before entry to the Service. Congratulations also to A/A Cruse who was selected as Commandant's Stick Boy for July 1964.

#### 106th Entry

In the summer issue of the magazine it was noted that the 106th would have to wait until October before they could say that they were no longer 'rooks', but now that the 301st Entry has arrived, the 106th are no longer the new boys. However, they continue to maintain high standards and were able to show the A.O.C. 24 Group on his annual inspection how well they keep their barrack blocks!

The Entry also contributed greatly to the success of the 105th Entry Pass-On parade on the 25th July, 1964, by giving such able backing in the mundane matters of moving chairs and blankets, serving lunches and coffee in the dining room and directing visitors around the Wing.

Under the direction of Cpl. Calloway, the Entry are still rallying forth on Dixon's coaches to listen to and see various forms of concerts at Slough, and they recently had a big day out at the Farnborough Air Show. There are also coaches arranged for outings to London on a Sunday during the term.

Although the 106th did not win the end of term inter-squadron competition for the Cock O' the Walk Shield on the 27th July, 1964, they came very close to doing so, and are certainly improving in the sporting and athletic fields. To quote only a few examples, Apprentices Joyner, Bowden and Tomasik have represented the School at basketball; Earp and Lutkin took part in the Technical Training Command Sailing Championships during July; Neo is taking part in the

Command Table Tennis Trials; Saifurrahman is a member of the first XI hockey team; and Ogilvie, Joyner, 339 Davis, and Bowden all gained firsts in their events in the 3(A) Wing Athletic Championships held on the 16th July.

Congratulations are also due to A/A Saifurrahman who has gained the Gold Award of the D.E.A.S. and to A/A Holter who has gained the Silver. This is also an appropriate place to congratulate A/A Lutkin who was selected as Commandant's Stick Boy for the month of June.

#### Wing Sports

The summer term sports competition for the 'Cock of the Walk' Shield produced its usual exciting duel between Nos. 1 and 2 Squadrons with No. 2 Squadron just managing to hold off a strong challenge by their rivals in the cricket final to win the match and take the shield for the second successive term.

Now that we have second year Apprentices in the Wing we expect that we will soon have a larger representation in School teams than formerly. Indeed, this trend is already becoming apparent. A/As Cosham, Davis and Joyner were members of the station athletics team that won the R.A.F. inter-station cup. Sloss, Pettigrew and Collins are members of the School swimming and water polo teams. Wilkinson and Saifurrahman play for the 1st XI Hockey. Dobson has played for the 1st XV rugby and several other players from 3 Wing are on the verge of selection. On the whole, therefore, it is noticeable that we are already beginning to make a contribution to the senior school teams.

We are, of course, re-entering the Barrington-Kennett Trophy competition after a break of several years. Although we may be at a very slight disadvantage in some sports compared with the other two Wings during our first year, we are confident that we will acquit ourselves satisfactorily.

One sporting sidelight which is worth mentioning is that, as the magazine goes to press, Sgt. Hill-Jones of our P.E. section is brushing up his Japanese in preparation for a trip to Tokyo as the official coach to the British basketball team for the International Paraplegic Games. Sgt. Hill-Jones is one of several Halton P.T.I.s who have assisted as coaches and officials at the world famous