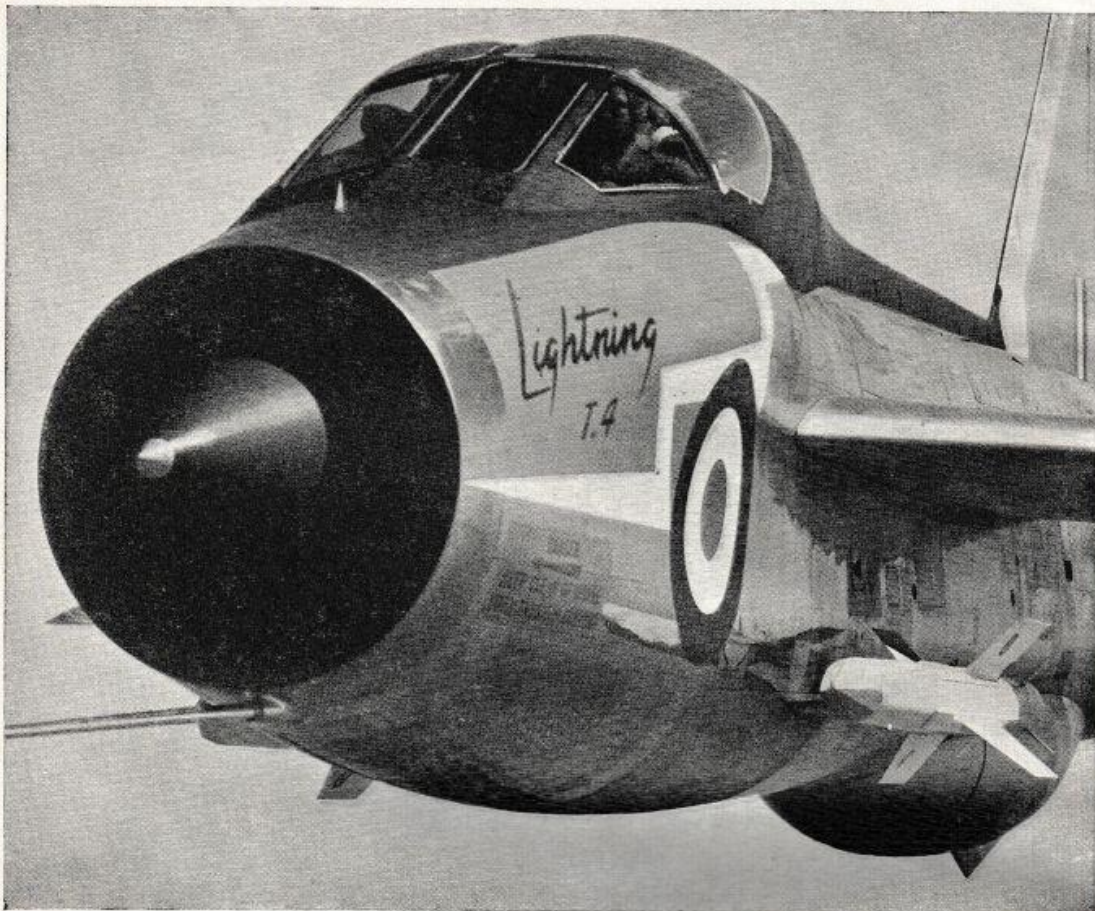


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EDITORIAL

This country is not Communist and does not wish to be Communist. The latter fact would seem proven by the existence of democratic processes whereby the political transformation could take place if the citizens so desire it. If Communism is to come to this country therefore, it must come by a non-democratic process. On this point Moscow and Peking are agreed. Originally also, both agreed that the non-democratic process should be force of arms, but now Russia has had second thoughts.

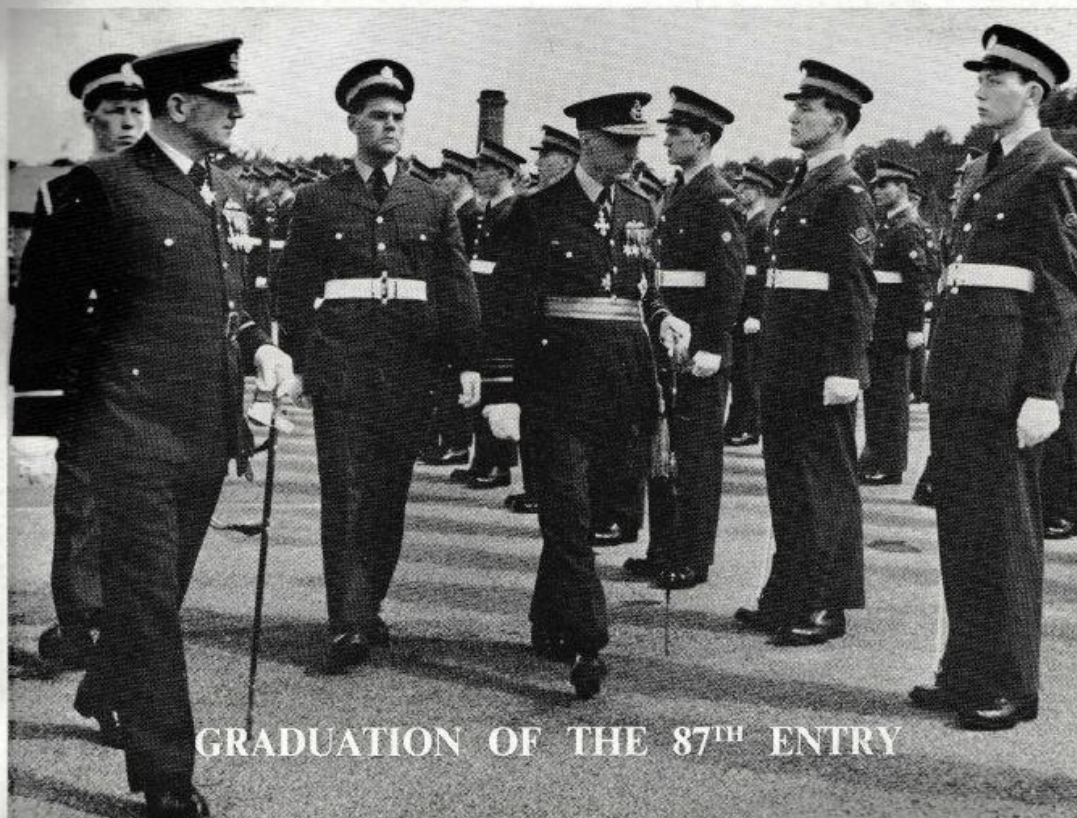
Why? For the sticking-out-a-mile reason that the deterrent deters. The West has dissuaded Russia from proselytism by war. Russia tells China 'We are deterred' and publicly proclaims the success of this country's policy. The present difference of opinion between Russia and China is an obvious admission of the validity of the deterrent, at a time when a considerable body of organised political opinion in this country seeks to deny the validity, by unilateral disarmament.

Russia hesitates now about conversion by war and bowdlerises Lenin in justification.

The reason is that Russia has much to lose, including forty years of industrialisation and a divorce from feudalism. China has nothing to lose, least of all, population, for which, in callous materialism, she is quite willing to invoke nuclear annihilation as the selective, in lieu of statutory birth control. Thus, when the residues are inspected after a nuclear war, and man-power is the only commodity, China will have a head start. With this, Russia is not impressed. We have deterred Russia, and Russia seeks to deter China. It would seem that we have, to some extent, converted Russia to our way of thinking.

In spite of this achievement we, in this country, are invited to abandon the technological pressure which brought it about and disarm unilaterally. How then do we resist the mechanized blandishments of Russia's vast superiority in conventional weapons, and the rent atom of the red star? Does neutrality mean that we have built an atom-proof dome and that the only elements of 'fall-out' are domestic? We are involved in this debate as members of a Service, and as citizens. We owe it to ourselves to give it deep thought.

The Editor apologises for an error which appeared in an advertisement in the Summer issue, indicating that the firm of Hatch, Mansfield and Co. Ltd., were proprietors of Whipsnade Park. These two organisations have no connection at all.



GRADUATION OF THE 87TH ENTRY

The Graduation Parade of the 87th Entry of Aircraft Apprentices at Halton took place on the Henderson and Groves Parade Ground on 27th July, 1960. The Reviewing Officer was Air Marshal Sir Edward Chilton, K.B.E., C.B., Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Coastal Command. He was accompanied by Air Vice-Marshal J. Marson, C.B., C.B.E., Air Officer Commanding No. 24 Group, Air Commodore T. N. Coslett, C.B., O.B.E. Commandant of No. 1 School of Technical Training, Group Captain S. G. Taylor, Senior Training Officer, Group Captain D. M. B. Pitt, M.B.E., Principal Education Officer, and Wing Commander J. P. Ford, A.F.C. Officer Commanding No. 2 Apprentice Wing.

The Parade was under the command of Warrant Officer Apprentice J. E. Tunnah. The following N.C.O. Apprentices were subordinate commanders:—

Parade Adjutant	C/A/A J. S. Thackray
Parade Warrant Officer	L/A/A P. J. Cull
Colour Bearer	S/A/A J. R. F. Creamer

Colour Warrant Officer	C/A/A D. K. Green
Colour Escort	C/A/A T. J. Draper
	C/A/A F. C. East

Colour Orderly	L/A/A M. Stow
Escort Squadron Commander	S/A/A B. W. Brien

No. 1 Flight Commander	C/A/A B. Sharley
No. 2 Flight Commander	C/A/A L. G. Sutton
No. 2 Squadron Commander	S/A/A B. Morrison

No. 1 Flight Commander	C/A/A N. M. Hall
No. 2 Flight Commander	C/A/A W. B. Russell

Standard Bearers	C/A/A M. J. Field
	S/A/A D. R. Skill

Apprentice i/c Supporting Entry	S/A/A P. J. Morrison
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Drum Major Pipe Band	L/A/A W. J. Crump
Drum Major Brass Band	A/A E. S. Brackstone

The entries on parade were the 87th and 88th.

The Commandant's Report

The Commandant gave his report on the 87th Entry's progress through Halton at the Prize-giving in the Burnett Gymnasium after the Parade. Having worked with Air Marshal Sir Edward Chilton the Commandant found personal pleasure in welcoming him as Reviewing Officer. Sir Edward who was commissioned from Cranwell in 1926 was concerned in his early service career with reconnaissance and navigational duties and he became an Air Master Navigator. In 1943 and 1944 he was C.O. of R.A.F. Chivenor where he was responsible for conducting action against U-boats, and, with this experience, he was chosen to plan anti U-boat operations in support of D-Day. After a series of appointments ranging from Air Command South East Asia in 1944 to Deputy Commander-in-Chief (Air) Allied Forces Mediterranean, Air Marshal Chilton became Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Coastal Command in June 1959 and Commander-in-Chief Maritime Air Forces Eastern Atlantic and Channel Commands. Outside the service Sir Edward finds recreation in sailing and deep-sea fishing. He is also fellow and Vice-President of the Institute of Navigation.

Since its induction the 87th Entry diminished from 366 to 212 Apprentices. However, the total wastage of 154 Apprentices does not represent a total loss to the service as 68 Apprentices were transferred to a lower level of training and 47 were transferred to junior entries. The remaining 39 were discharged for medical and technical reasons or by purchase. To reduce this wastage a scheme of supervised evening study has been introduced for the junior entries and an incentive for greater effort, by way of increased opportunity for accelerated promotion has been instituted for graduating Apprentices. Also the great effort of the training staff to cut down wastage is bearing fruit with the 90th Entry onwards.

The Entry maintained a fair standard. 60 Apprentices were promoted to N.C.O. rank and justified the confidence placed in them. In sport 36 Apprentices became members of school representative schemes and 33 of them were awarded school colours. The Entry helped

Halton to win the Rugby, Soccer, Shooting, Cross-Country Running, Badminton and Fencing championships competed for by all youth schools in the Royal Air Force.

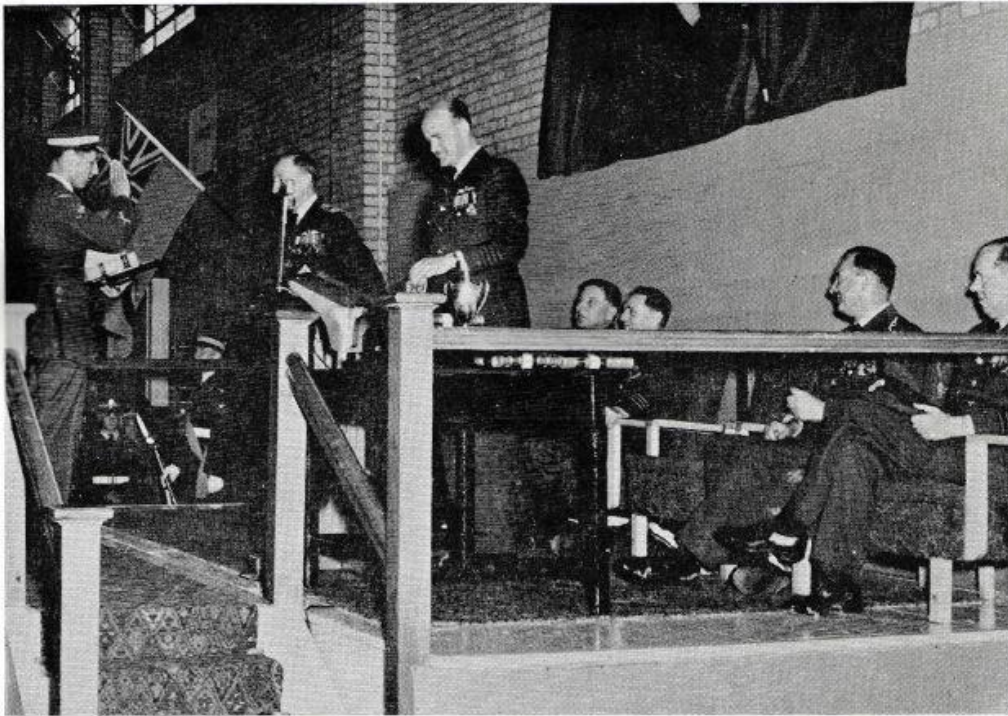
The 87th Entry can be proud that of the 237 British and one foreign Apprentices who sat the final trade training examination, not one failed. The 49th Entry in 1947 was the last to attain a 100% result. The Commandant was particularly pleased with the Armament fitters as this was their fourth consecutive 100% achievement.

The average mark in the final education examination was 60.8 which though slightly higher than that of the preceding Entry is still only in the middle range of the School educational results. 40 Apprentices obtained Class 'A' passes and none failed. The Ordinary National Certificate in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering was awarded to 42 Apprentices. Six Apprentices sat the G.C.E. at 'A' level in Mathematics. At 'O' level 209 Apprentices entered for 262 subjects and obtained 144 subject passes. To date there were one first class and two second class passes in the City Guilds examination and a further 87 Apprentices have entered for the intermediate examination and 33 for the final.

Four Apprentices were graduating as Substantive Corporals, ten qualified for accelerated promotion to Corporal Technician after one year and 98 qualified for Corporal Technician after two and half years.

In conclusion Air Commodore Coslett pointed out that the high positions of trust and responsibility achieved by many past Apprentices revealed the wisdom and foresight of the founder of the apprentice scheme, Lord Trenchard. The commissions, honours and awards obtained in the past by those who worked hard, irrespective of their backgrounds, indicate the possibilities lying before the Apprentices of the 87th. Addressing himself to the graduates themselves, the Commandant bade them uphold the good name of Halton in the R.A.F. and wished them good luck and a happy and successful career.

The Commandant then called upon Air Marshal Chilton to present the prizes.



Air Marshal Sir Edward Chilton K.B.E., C.B., Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Coastal Command

Address by the Reviewing Officer

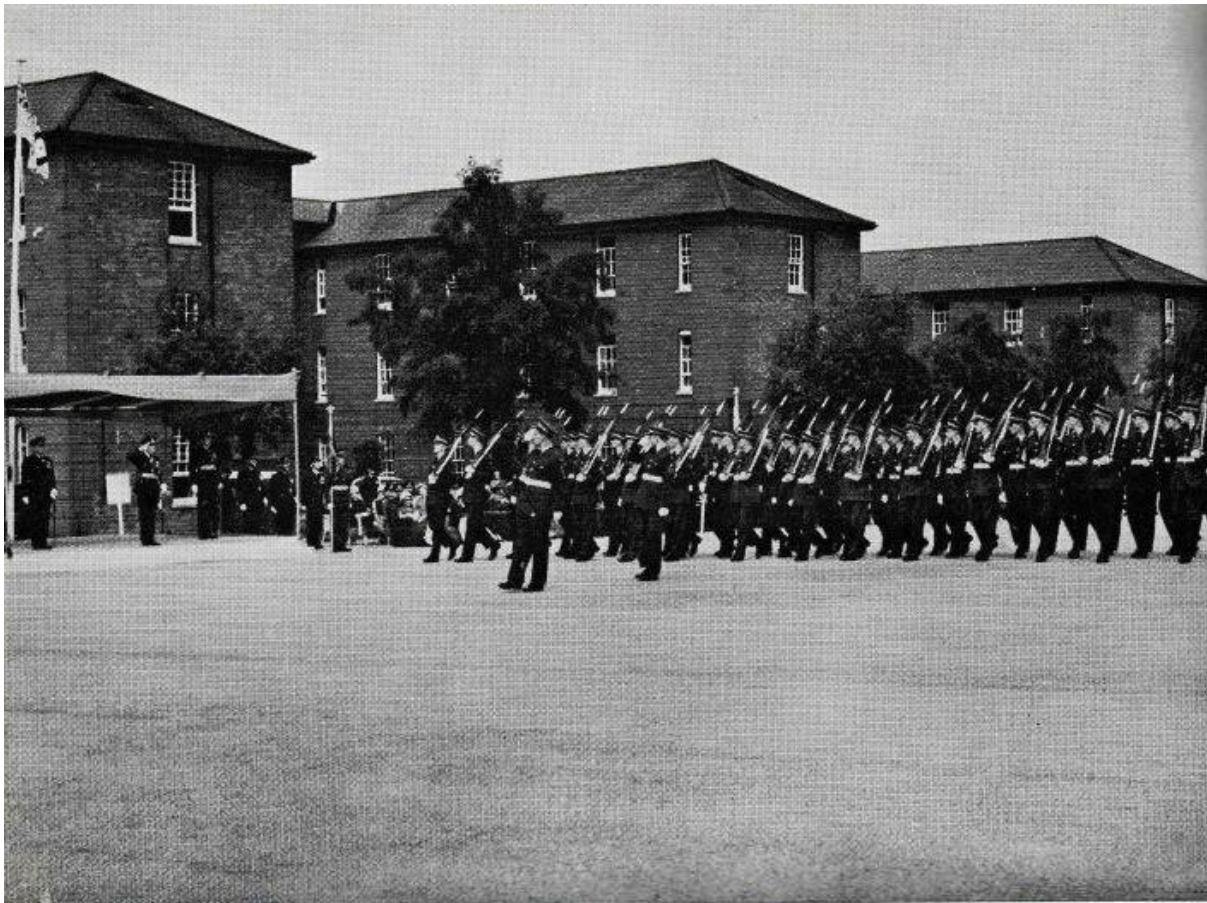
The Reviewing Officer lightened the account of his career by recalling that as a cadet he had been a practical joker, but he cautioned the 87th not to play pranks on their C.O. A.O.C., or A.O.C.-in-C. Claiming nervousness on the platform Sir Edward likened his condition to a swan swimming against a strong current—serene on the surface but agitated underneath. He felt that a Reviewing Officer should say something worthy and memorable, regretting that although he remembered every detail of his own graduation from Cranwell, including his wearing a new fangled device called a parachute, he could recall nothing of his Reviewing Officer's speech.

A graduation day is pleasurable not only for the Apprentices but also for their instructors who had worked so hard to get them of the right calibre, and their parents who had sacrificed so much for their children. It is now

up to the Apprentices to prove that the efforts of parent and instructor had not been wasted. The Apprentices, now qualified tradesmen, would have to learn to adapt themselves to practical jobs and team work. Adaptability and independence of action in more mundane matters make a man valuable to the Royal Air Force.

From his own career, Sir Edward realised that every week brought a valuable lesson of experience. Education does not end at Halton. The ex-Apprentice must continue to learn his job. He would profit from knowing other people's work, from travel and from reading. He should learn to analyse and reason why. He should distinguish good from bad, useful from useless and make himself reliable, for his work would involve the safety of aircrew lives and expensive equipment.

That the service offers great opportunity to Halton men is shown by the high proportion



Part of the March Past

(one sixth) Old Haltonians who have been commissioned. Of this great number there is one Air Marshal, seven Air Vice-Marshals and over twenty Air Commodores including the shining example of the Commandant. There are hardships in the service but these are compensated by the ever-improving hospital and

housing facilities.

In conclusion Sir Edward complimented the Entry and especially the band on the success of their parade. He praised the 87th for being a good all round Entry and thanked the A.O.C. and the Commandant for inviting him to the Parade.

87th ENTRY — PRIZE WINNERS

COMMANDANT'S PRIZE (for Parade Commander)
W.O./A/A J. E. TUNNAH

MONSIGNOR BEAUCHAMP MEMORIAL PRIZE (for the best all-round Apprentice)
L/A/A I. Y. FEW

PIONEER TROPHY (for the highest marks in all Technical Training Subjects)
L/A/A I. Y. FEW

CREBBIN-ROBINSON CUP (for the best Trade Standards Practical Fitting Test)
A/A A. APPLEBY

ELLIOTT MEMORIAL PRIZE (presented by the Royal Aeronautical Society for the highest marks in English and General Studies)
A/A A. J. PHILLIPS

QUINTON MEMORIAL TROPHY (for the best ex-A.T.C. Cadet)
L/A/A M. STOW

AIR MINISTRY PRIZES

HIGHEST IN ORDER OF MERIT, ALL SUBJECTS
L/A/A I. Y. FEW
HIGHEST IN ORDER OF MERIT, EDUCATIONAL SUBJECTS
FIRST PRIZE: L/A/A I. Y. FEW
SECOND PRIZE: L/A/A J. J. WITTON
THIRD PRIZE: A/A W. CONVERY
BEST 'SET TASK', GENERAL STUDIES
A/A A. J. PHILLIPS
HIGHEST IN ORDER OF MERIT, GENERAL SERVICE EFFICIENCY
FIRST PRIZE: W.O./A/A J. E. TUNNAH
SECOND PRIZE: C/A/A W. B. RUSSELL
THIRD PRIZE: L/A/A F. J. POWELL
HIGHEST AVERAGE FOR PRACTICAL FITTING OVER THE THREE YEAR COURSE
A/A A. APPLEBY

BEST TRADESMEN IN TRADE STANDARDS TRADE TEST

AIRFRAME FITTER 1st	A/A M. C. EDDYVEAN
AIRFRAME FITTER 2nd	A/A R. G. BLACK
ARMAMENT FITTER 1st	L/A/A I. Y. FEW
ARMAMENT FITTER 2nd	L/A/A P. G. HISCOX
ELECTRICAL FITTER (Air)	A/A B. C. CONNOLLY
ENGINE FITTER 1st	C/A/A J. J. WITTON
ENGINE FITTER 1st	C/A/A J. J. HENDERSON
INSRUMENT FITTER (Nav.)	A/A J. F. HARTLEY
INSRUMENT FITTER (Gen.)	A/A A. MARGETTS

87th ENTRY SPORTS AWARDS**School Colour Awards**

ATHLETICS	
L/A/A V. W. BAKER	1958/59/60
L/A/A V. R. DRIVER	1958/59/60
L/A/A R. R. WALDRON	1959
BASKETBALL	
A/A K. J. BROWN	1959
C/A/A N. M. HALL	1959/60
A/A E. A. WILLIAMS	1959/60
BOXING	
L/A/A P. J. CULL	1959/60
A/A T. TURNER	1958/59
CRICKET	
A/A L. R. COLLIS	1958/59/60
A/A E. B. PRICE	1958
A/A R. H. WIGLEY	1958/60
CYCLING	
A/A W. CHAPMAN	1959/60
A/A J. R. McMANUS	1959/60
L/A/A D. J. PARKS	1959/60
A/A R. M. SKELTON	(Capt. 1959/60) 1959/60
CROSS COUNTRY	
L/A/A V. R. DRIVER	1959/60
A/A J. V. HANNAVY	(Capt. 1959/60) 1959/60
FENCING	
C/A/A P. W. A. KELLY	1959/60
C/A/A W. B. RUSSELL	1959/60
A/A J. I. WILKIE	1959/60
HOCKEY	
A/A J. J. McKEE	1959/60
L/A/A F. J. POWELL	1959/60
RUGBY	
L/A/A V. W. BAKER	1959/60
A/A A. C. EDMONDS	1959/60
C/A/A A. N. GRIMES	1959/60
L/A/A B. B. STITCHBURY	1959/60
SOCCER	
C/A/A M. R. BREALEY	1958/59/60
A/A F. GILPIN	1959/60
A/A A. LEE	1959/60
L/A/A P. A. MONK	1959/60
C/A/A A. NEWBOWN	1959/60
SWIMMING/WATER POLO	
S/A/A B. MORRISON	1959
TENNIS	
A/A R. C. FOGGO	1960
L/A/A D. THOMPSON	1960

87th ENTRY POSTING LIST

(in order of merit)

Few, I. Y.	Leuchars	Hutchins, T. R. J.	Waddington
Witton, J. J.	Duxford	Appleby, A.	Conningsby
Hiscox, P. G.	St. Mawgan	Smith, A. K.	Leuchars
Convery, W.	Stradishall	Gilpin, F.	Duxford
East, F. C.	Substantive Corporal	Warner, J. A.	Wattisham
Stow, M.	Scampton	Williams, E. A.	Cyprus
Russell, W. B.	Upwood	Causey, L. M.	Bassingbourn
Evans, B.	Substantive Corporal	Monk, P. A.	Thorney Island
Hartley, J. F.	Scampton	Pearson, D.	Syerston
Henderson, M. C.	Honington	Colk, P. A.	West Raynham
Tunnah, J. E.	Gaydon	Rennie, A. S.	Cyprus
Brien, B. W.	Substantive Corporal	Richardson, W. H.	Cyprus
Black, R. G.	Colerne	Cox, M. S.	Duxford
Connolly, B. C.	Substantive Corporal	Murray, E. D.	Leuchars
Birch, F. J.	Upwood	Nicholson, A. G.	Cottesmore
Hannavy, J. V.	Leuchars	Wikie, J. I.	Waddington
Eden, A. A.	Cyprus	Merry, A. J.	Waterbeach
Copping, D. A.	Vailey	Reavley, D.	Dishforth
Phillips, A. J.	Benson	Parks, D. J.	Duxford
Thomas, D.	Middleton St. George	Achilles, J. C. P.	Conningsby
Rawlins, L. W.	Leconfield	Baker, B.	Cyprus
Haynes, R. M.	Scampton	Restorick, D. L.	Singapore
Stitchbury, B. B.	Gibraltar	Turner, T.	West Raynham
Driver, V. R.	Coningsby	Burton, H. H.	Waddington
Caple, D. G.	Marham	Riley, R.	Dishforth
Vince, L. R.	Syerston	Thackray, J. S.	Leconfield
Smith, R. W.	Marham	Hawkins, I. E.	Colerne
Carrell, P. C.	Chivenor	Acott, R. D.	Oakington
Williams, J. M.	Cottesmore	Tilsley, I. S.	Little Rissington
Waddoups, G. A.	Marham	Cull, P. J.	Leuchars
Price, C. T.	Finningley	Hall, N. M.	Dishforth
Heaton, R. E.	Benson	Stephens, D.	West Raynham
Wallace, P.	Cottesmore	Mitchell, A. J.	Leeming
Herve, H. J.	Cranwell	Wells, A. R.	Manby
Dove, M.	Gibraltar	Harding, S. J.	Coltishall
Kenmare, M.	Cottesmore	Crosby, B. J.	Conningsby
Campbell, M.	Middleton St. George	Head, D. R.	West Raynham
Brown, K. J.	Wattisham	Marker, T. J.	Duxford
Bowdrey, R.	Syerston	Mills, R. B.	Stradishall
Andrew, D.	Leeming	Williams, P. I.	Chivenor
Draper, T. J.	Leeming	Fincham, G. M.	Waterbeach
Reynolds, A. J.	Dishforth	Miller, J. A.	Bassingbourn
Smedley, C. F. E.	Leconfield	Webb, M. J.	Leconfield
McRae, W. D.	Cranwell	Sellers, P. V. S.	Leconfield
Duffield, J.	Singapore	Piper, C.	Wattisham
Thompson, M. R.	Waterbeach	Crapp, J. C.	Topcliffe
Frewin, L. C.	Scampton	Raiseborough, R. T.	Middleton St. George
Davies, D. S.	Leeming	Baker, V. W.	Colerne
Turner, I. R.	Wattisham	Reynolds, H. W.	Singapore
Bunce, T. N.	Scampton	Martin, B. A.	Leconfield
Eddyvean, M. C.	Waterbeach	Pink, B. J.	Bassingbourn
Little, M. G.	Duxford	Ferrier, A.	Singapore
Roberts, R.	Cyprus	Grimes, A. N.	Colerne
Thomson, D.	Cottesmore	Hall, P. W. A.	Waddington
Margetts, A. F.	Chivenor	Lawrence, A. J.	Gibraltar
Picksley, G. W.	Coningsby	Guest, R. L.	Coningsby
Owen, D. C.	Kinloss	Foggo, R. C.	Hong Kong
Crowther, J. S.	Scampton	Roberts, R. E.	Honnington
Excell, P. D.	Little Rissington	Brealey, M. R.	Waddington
Crawford, M. J.	Hong Kong	Vamplew, S. H.	Upwood
Sutton, L. G.	Leeming	Lee, A.	West Raynham
Morrison, B.	Bassingbourn	Harmsworth, D. C.	Finningley
Green, D. K.	Abingdon	Myies, D.	Leuchars
Roberts, E.	Scampton	Dunlop, J. E.	Leeming
Price, E. B.	Leconfield	McManus, J. R.	Manby
Murphy, M. D.	Singapore	Murray, A. H. F.	Leuchars
Brown, C. R.	Little Rissington	Wykes, T. V.	Dishforth
Stoneman, D. P.	Waddington	Davison, P. P.	Gibraltar
McCaughy, P.	Oakington	Gore, M. F.	Finningley
Kelly, P. W. A.	Finningley	Chapman, W.	Leeming
Belsey, S. R.	West Raynham	Brandwood, K.	Stradishall
Falkinder, T. C. J.	Middleton St. George	Neal, E. D.	Waddington
Turner, B.	Waddington	Daniel, A. D.	Thorney Island
Powell, F. I.	Singapore	Peel, G. H. J.	Lindholme
Creamer, J. R. F.	Dishforth	McKee, J. J.	Kinloss
Selby, R. J.	Lindholme	Waldron, R. R.	Scampton
Chapman, D. S.	Little Rissington	Newbown, A.	Nicosia
Finlayson, J. C.	Waddington	Hawker, M. F.	Malta
	Marham	Gayton, D. A. G.	Gibraltar
	Colerne	Beacock, J. H.	Waddington
	Leeming	Johns, B.	Chivenor
		Dumbill, J. C.	Scampton

Davis, C. P.	Lindholme	Mann, D. H.	Coningsby
Diglock, M. E.	Cottesmore	Goodwin, A. R. P.	Malta
Coombes, R. J.	Waddington	Franks, H. C.	Middleton St. George
Edmonds, P. R. W.	Wattisham	Barklamb, E. J.	Lindholme
Osby, J. A.	West Raynham	Gilbert, D.	Coningsby
Skelton, R. M.	Stradishall	Lowndes, R. S.	Aden
Smith, K. P.	Wattisham	Leeks, G.	Dishforth
Stephenson, M.	Thorney Island	Parker, W. J.	Little Rissington
Collins, P. B.	Cyprus	Elliot, K. W.	Cyprus
Collis, L. R.	Coningsby	Watkinson, J. R.	Honington
Bean, R. T.	Bassingbourn	Conlin, J. E.	Waterbeach
Sharley, B.	Cottesmore	Hooker, R. A. E.	Waterbeach
Turnbull, G. A.	Middleton St. George	Fermor, P. R.	Singapore
Gibbs, C. B.	Singapore	Field, M. J. E.	Finningley
Watts, D. C.	Coltishall	Dobson, I.	Wattisham
Hilton, T.	Leeming	Whayman, R. V.	Bassingbourn
Ketchion, J. H.	Leuchars	Duncan, J.	Leeming
Brook, T. V.	Middleton St. George	Stewart, R. G.	Ballykelly
Haslam, M. F. V.	Waterbeach	Dyer, J.	Finningley
Edmonds, A. C.	Cyprus	Galloway, W. G.	Leconfield
Wigley, R. H.	Leconfield	Barnes, B. W.	Leeming
Ridge, T. H.	Leeming	Wigmore, A. C.	Finningley
Atkinson, I.	Coltishall	Martin, H. J. W.	Cyprus
Urry, M. W.	Duxford	Hogarth, D. W.	Leeming
Lawrence, C. C.	West Raynham	Borley, F. W. I.	Honington
Ludlam, C. R.	Finningley	Constable, B. J.	Waterbeach
Robbie, W. A.	Dishforth	Cruse, B. E.	Aden
Moss, A. E.	Duxford	Wright, P. F.	Scampton
Foster, A. E.	Linton on Ouse	Duffy, K. B.	Singapore
Archer, M. J. E.	Duxford	Hyde, J. H.	Singapore
Oddie, R. B.	Singapore	Bateman, J. D.	Singapore
Corber, A. T.	Benson	Milne, H. R.	Leeming
Jones, J. E.	Leeming	Brys, J. M. E.	Leeming
Leonard, B. J.	West Raynham	Honey, A. J.	Waterbeach
Irwin, A. C.	Ballykelly	Celis, O. J.	Passed to qualified standard
Parham, J.	Singapore		
Bowyer, D. B. D.	Upwood		
Smith, M. F.	Honington		
Stratley, P. A.	Colerne		
Nash, G. A. H.	Leconfield		
Atkins, H.	Cyprus		

The following Apprentices ex-86th Entry also qualified as

Junior Technician

Skill, D. R.	Coningsby
Dent, P. B.	C.S.E. West Raynham

The time will come when thou shalt lift thine eyes,
 To watch a long drawn battle in the skies,
 While aged peasants, too amazed for words,
 Stare at the flying fleets of wondrous birds.
 England, so long the mistress of the sea,
 Where winds and waves confess her sovereignty,
 Her ancient triumphs yet on high shall bear,
 And reign the Sovereign of the conquered air.

Translated from Gray's 'Luna Habitatis'

Cambridge 1737

CURRENT EVENTS

No. 1 (A) WING

Looking back on the Summer Term our Wing achievements have been high in the sporting field and in the Band Competition. Although we did not have the glamour of the graduating entry during this term, the Wing was responsible for the Summer Camp held at Penhale in Cornwall.

Nos. 1 and 3 Squadrons went to camp during the second two weeks of May and in Mid-June, while the 91st Entry from No. 2 Wing went in the intervening weeks

The emphasis of the camp was on physical activity and there were some who were glad to return to the comparative quiet of Halton when their 12 days were completed. They however, were in a small minority and the general level of fitness achieved was good, and some of the times recorded on the 10, 20 and 45 mile marches were really up to marathon standard. Other activities were bridge-building, raft-construction and cliff-climbing, and these provided a pleasant outlet for skills acquired in workshops and elsewhere.

In addition, the sands of Holywell Bay were used as a sports area and more energy was expended in softball, football and training for athletic events, and in the sea many had their first lessons in handling a dinghy in rough water. All this activity naturally produced large appetites which the Catering Staff barely managed to assuage, but even so, the local cafés were well patronised on the few liberty evenings. It is rumoured that the Corner Cafe is to be greatly enlarged, if it is decided to camp at Penhale again next year.

Apart from blisters and a few minor injuries which always occur on outdoor activities, the health record was very good and all concerned benefitted from the open-air life, even if the suntan was not quite as dark as some would have liked.

As we promised in the last issue of the magazine, No. 2 Wing were forced to hand over the B.K. Trophy at the end of last term. We won both the Senior and Junior cricket, the swimming and shooting, No. 2 Wing beat us in athletics and tennis and the final score, when all was added up, was 68 points to No. 1 Wing and 52 to No. 2 Wing.

Our most resounding success was in the band contest and for the first time our Wing took all prizes. The 88th Entry is to be congratulated on taking all the individual prizes and much of our success was due to the ability and experience of the bandsmen and trumpeters of this Entry.

June has seen some turnover in the Wing permanent staff and we were sorry to lose Fg.Off. T. R. Morgan who has now taken up an appointment in Technical Training Command. We extend our congratulations to Fg.Off. Morgan and Flt.Lt. Dymond on their marriages. To both couples we wish all happiness and success in the future. Plt.Off. J. D. Skinner arrived from R.A.F. Spitalgate as Fg.Off. Morgan's relief. During the Summer leave Fg.Off. B. E. Morgan the Wing P.F.O. was posted to the Parachute Instructors' Course at R.A.F. Abingdon and his replacement is Plt.Off. W. B. Turnbull who arrived from R.A.F. Jurby. At the beginning of the Autumn Term Flt.Lt. W. T. Owen who commanded 'B' Flight, No. 1 Squadron was posted to R.A.F. Tangmere. Sgt. Bird, that staunch Flight N.C.O. of No. 3 Squadron, 'C' Flight was posted to R.A.F. Akrotiri, in Cyprus. We wish all success to our former officers and N.C.O.s in their new posts and extend a warm welcome to the new arrivals.

At Christmas the Senior Entry to graduate is the 88th Entry of No. 2 Squadron. The Squadron Commander, Sqn.Ldr. G. W. Spiers is in the process of handing over his command to Sqn.Ldr. McGrath, and is taking up a post in the Aviation and Medical Department at

Farnborough. In his previous post, Sqn.Ldr. McCrath commanded R.A.F. Helston. He is not a newcomer to Halton as this is his third tour. He originally started with the 19th Entry and from 1953 to 1956 was O.C. Armament Squadron.

Squadron Leader Miller, the Officer Commanding No. 1 Squadron, 92nd Entry, has recently been notified of his selection for the Staff College Course at R.A.F. Bracknell, commencing in January and our congratulations are extended to him on his selection.

No. 2 (A) WING

The habitual foulness of the English weather reasserted itself this Summer, and the depressing spectacle of white-flannelled figures clutching bats and rackets, scurrying to shelter under dripping trees, once more was seen.

However in between the showers, the Wing did and aspired to do many things, and finished off the Term with the successful graduation of the 87th Entry, intact. The Entry achieved a complete pass in Finals Schools examinations and in the Final Trade Test, an unparalleled feat within the memory of the longest serving personnel at Halton. The Graduation Day was fortunately fine, and the parade did the weather justice. Afterwards the prizegiving, and one could see on one or two faces perhaps a little wistfulness to think that it was all coming to an end, and perhaps it wasn't such a bad old place after all. However nostalgia was the least apparent emotion at the Graduation Dance in the evening! Rather than single out any individuals in what was a good all-round Entry we congratulate them all on a successful graduation, and wish them the best of luck as they leave Halton's cloistered calm for the bustle of operational stations at home and abroad.

The Barrington-Kennett Trophy is temporarily residing with the 'other' Wing, but is expected to return to the fold very shortly. The Wing started well by winning the athletics, and also won the tennis fairly easily. However the

shooting and cricket teams lost, and all depended on the final event in the competition, the Swimming Gala. Despite several good individual performances, the team lacked all-round strength and was beaten. Well done No. 1 (A) Wing! No. 1 (A) Wing showed us what cool cats they are with the bagpipes, drums and brass in winning the band competition again.

The 91st Entry were lucky with the weather for their Summer camp at Penhale, and returned with a healthy tan, a queer skipping gait designed to avoid as much contact with the ground as possible, and sotto voce comments about 'sore dogs', and 50 mile forced marches'.

Flight Lieutenant J. Eynon left at the beginning of the term for the rather damp environs of Manchester, and was replaced by Flying Officer C. D. Drew, as the No. 2 (A) Wing Adjutant. Flight Lieutenant R. Green came up from Station Headquarters to savour the sometimes doubtful pleasure of Flight Commanding. Yet another Officer recently returned from the U.S.A. joined the Wing as a Flight Commander, Flying Officer C. D. Quinton, replacing Flight Lieutenant J. Cresswell.

We extend good wishes and thanks to those who have left, and a welcome to the newcomers. In this connection, welcome to the 93rd Entry, who are now with us and settling down in their new surroundings.

The Autumn Term is once more here, and the number of shopping days to Christmas is already limited. We will have a little more leisure this term to observe with interest the preparations across the square for another graduation. However there is much afoot, a Barrington-Kennett Trophy to be regained, comings here and goings there. Everyone is looking forward to an energetic and productive term.

No. 3 (A) WING

The long summer term begins and ends a blissful four weeks' rest, and then another term

begins. Soon the autumnal shades will be with us again and patriotic Wing-cultivated leaves will turn old-gold and strew the paths of Vallambrosa. 3 Wing trudges silently along, doing, we all fervently hope, a useful if not spectacular job; taking the raw materials from their hearths and homes, shaping them into a more acceptable form, and then despatching them to the factories of the Henderson/Groves combine for finishing and polishing.

Raw material, it seems, is getting more difficult to find, judging by the size of the diminutive 95th, which numbers 120 and which is surely the smallest Entry that has arrived for many years at Halton. However, Sqn.Ldr. Perioli's 'little boys' seem to have settled down quite well and have already creditably acquitted themselves in the world of sport.

On the other end of the scale the 93rd have departed, leaving the 3 Squadron lines deserted, and, we hope, enforcing some Junior Wing spirit into No. 2 Wing. Their 'passing-on' parade, officered by themselves (with the 3 Squadron staff looking impotently on) came up to the high standard expected of them. We now look forward to the 96th Entry arrival, the strength of which, as usual, remains one of the Air Force's, and Cardington's best-kept secrets.

In addition to this normal high turn-over of Apprentices the 'new look' in officer staff has been completed. Flt.Lt. John Yule and Flt.Lt. Chris Holbrook both decided to leave us the same day, the former becoming a Recruiting officer in the Preston area, and the latter to a flying post at Locking. Fg.Off. Bob Thomas, after a four year spell at Halton, duly went to Sylt in Germany where his expectations of sunny beaches were sadly disillusioned by the realisation that typical English Summers are not restricted to England. Finally Flt.Lt. Brian Wanstall leaves us in September to go to C.F.S. at Little Rissington. Our very grateful thanks go to all four of these stalwarts who served the Wing so well, and our best wishes are extended to them in their new appointments. At the same time, we welcome into the fold their replacements; Flt.Lt. Allan from F.E.A.F. who is normally to be found at Wing events with about £200 pounds worth of camera equipment, Flt.Lt. Coleman who is currently (as Gardens officer) engaged in

clipping the C.O.'s favourite grass plot, Plt.Off. Stubbs, who as a leading Scout member threatens everyone with a wicked looking sheath knife, and Flt.Lt. Roberts whose last tour of duty (in No. 1 Wing) lasted two days.

The Apprentice Club (N.A.A.F.I. to our older readers), is really taking shape in its new form. Although no major structural changes envisaged in the original bold scheme will be carried out, the amenities of the club have been extended and improved. We now boast a record player and (mirabile dictu) some records. The records were chosen by the Apprentices themselves and cover quite a variety of music. The 'squares' are apparently back into fashion. Thanks to the generous support given to us by Station personnel irrespective of creed or Wing, we have accumulated books to form quite a sizeable nucleus of a Wing library. Add to this a television theatre and the normal amenities of billiard tables and table-tennis, and we feel we have both something to offer the new Apprentice and something to show to the intending Apprentice. Perhaps however the most useful feature of all has been the formation of an Apprentice Committee to assist in the running of the Club for the benefit of its members. This exercise in responsibility and Service democracy has so far paid handsome dividends.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme continues to be well activated in the Wing. The major event of last term was undoubtedly the Derbyshire expedition which took place between 23-26th June. 30 Apprentices volunteered or were impressed by Flt.Lt. Taylor who was assisted by Fg.Off. Jenkins, Flt.Lt. Kenworthy and six N.C.O.'s. Night stops were made in various parts of the Peak District, the first camp being placed strategically near to the 'Snake Inn', the only pub for miles and miles!

The weather was quite good, thirty Apprentices duly qualified for the expedition section of the D.E.A.S. 'Silver' Award, and Flt.Lt. Kenworthy was awarded the Cook's Cross 1st Class.

The Derbyshire expedition was, as it happened, also a preliminary test for far greater things to come—the expedition to

Norway, which is being reported upon elsewhere in this edition.

On slightly less ambitious lines, local expeditions have been taking place, using the 94th Entry, at the week-ends. The only constant thing about these trips has been the bad weather.

3 Wing Sports notes naturally cover sport but mention must be made here of the increasing responsibility which the Junior Wing is assuming towards Schools representa-

tion. On re-organisation, the sports horizon of this Wing was limited to the functions of training and coaching in the major sports. Now, with the advent of separate Junior and Senior competitions in the Apprentices' and Boy Entrants' Sports Championships, the Wing will be asked to provide the vast majority of Junior team positions. An early example of this trend was the fact that the Youth team representing Halton at the McEwan Athletics competition at St. Athan on the 25th June was found entirely from (3)A Wing.

THE MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

As this is a Halton Society Activity, a sporting activity and a Wing activity, the Editor was baffled on the choice of positioning. As the empty space turned up here, here it is.

With the move into new premises in the Halton Society building, has come an amalgamation of Nos. 1 and 2 Wing's Aeromodelling Clubs, and No. 3 Wing has been given a separate clubroom just along the passage.

The Summer months have, as usual, produced a great deal of activity among the aeromodellers with the usual run of successes and disappointments for the contestants in the various events.

On June 18th, a party of twelve from the amalgamated clubs travelled together with the brass band, to Felsted School to give a flying display at the school fete. On arrival it was found that no barriers had been erected but the 'fliers' managed to give a very impressive display without inflicting injury upon any of the spectators.

The British National Championship provided another outlet for the enthusiasm of a number of members, but there was some disappointment caused by a slip-up in the entries, at Command level. In spite of this, all who went appeared to have a good time.

Once again Halton Airfield was the choice for the Northern Heights Gala, on June 26th. From early the previous evening, cars and caravans started to appear in the vicinity of

the airfield, and by the time the gala officially opened, the enthusiasts had arrived in thousands. As seems to be their usual practice the organisers had chosen one of the few days of summer weather.

A coach full of Apprentices and the models (aircraft of course) travelled to Royal Air Force Debden for the R.A.F. Championships which were won by A/A Funnell who was honoured by having his photograph in the Aeromodeller and various other journals. Halton also regained the Apprentice and Boy Entrant Shield after having lost it to R.A.F. Locking last year.

A selected few of the Apprentices acted as officials and time keepers at the World Power Championships at Cranfield. Not only did they render great assistance to the organisers but they also learned a lot from some of the World's best.

With the evenings closing in and the Winter approaching at an alarming rate, activities will be confined to the clubrooms and Apprentices will be building up even better models for next Summer. This should please occupants of certain married quarters who don't appear to appreciate the sport.

TECHNICAL TRAINING WING

WING HEADQUARTERS

This term has seen the departure of Fg.Off. G. W. Leaney, who has been Technical Training Wing Adjutant for the past three years, to Royal Air Force, Idris, North Africa. This was Fg.Off. Leaney's first appointment as an Officer, and it brought about his return to Halton after an absence of twenty-three years, having graduated with the 24th Entry in 1934. We, and the tennis enthusiasts, will miss him and we wish him and Mrs. Leaney a happy overseas tour.

Re-organisation in the Wing resulted in the break-up of the Aircraft Engineering Squadron into Airframe Fitter Training Squadron and Engine Fitter Training Squadron; entailing the transfer of Flt.Lt. J. Martin from Airframes to Engine Training, and with great regret, the loss of Flt.Lt. Kenworthy to the Administrative Wing, to take up a new appointment as Officer Commanding Station Engineering Squadron.

The proportion of N.C.O's taking and successfully passing promotion tests is very high, and is an indication of the level of instruction and knowledge that they are passing on to the Apprentices.

AIRFRAME FITTER SQUADRON

Yes! We are no longer a Flight, having achieved Squadron status under a recent reshuffle involving the old Aircraft Engineering Squadron. Sqn.Ldr. K. Chambers is our first Squadron Commander, having graduated from the old Workshops to the New.

The Autumn term opened with its usual depletion of Instructor Staff. Snr.Techs. Ruth and Jones have gone to warmer climes and Wallace to the possibly colder one of civilian life. Regrettably, we lost yet another instructor when Mr. Weedon, after some twenty-five years as an Air Apprentice Instructor, passed on during the Summer Recess. All will be sorely missed, having contributed much to the sum total of knowledge acquired by aspiring Air Apprentices.

Replacements in the form of Sgt. Cassie, Snr.Techs. Lane and Wilde and Cpls. Lewis and Butler are as yet non-effective, I.T.C. or man-management courses having claimed them for varying periods.

With frenzied zeal W.O. Varty seeks the re-orientation of his flock to meet the changing scene—a laudable effort in spite of the saying that 'No-one ever conquers Halton'. Like China it 'absorbs' anyone who dares to try.

Creeping slowly but surely to the end of their Halton training, the 88th Entry will, we trust, copy the example of a hundred per cent. pass set by the 87th.

The latest official order claiming for Intensified Oral Practice is one which is acclaimed by all (except possibly by the Apprentices themselves!). It is warmly welcomed as a most necessary prerequisite to both Inter and Final examinations. To say that we are keeping our fingers crossed would be an understatement, but the recent 100% success achieved by the Airframe Fitters has given every one renewed encouragement.

ENGINE FITTER SQUADRON

At last we are now a Squadron, and can now hold up our heads with the Armourers! The Halton grapevine has rumoured further changes in our hierarchy, but we must wait and see.

The cramming of the 87th Entry was fully justified by the hundred per cent obtained. These lads are now starting to make their way in the Royal Air Force and we wish them every success. Good luck chaps and keep your end up.

Further streamlining of the staff has been necessitated by the retirement of three of our civilian instructors, Messrs. A. Cox, E. Paine and H. Payne. It is rumoured that the two latter can still be found in their usual haunts; something to do with gardens and 'Flowers' . . . By the time this is in print we will have lost Mr. Roe also. We wish them all the best of luck

and full enjoyment of the well-earned rest years.

The strange-sounding language emanating from the lower end of the shop is due to refugees from the great fire who have been accommodated by this Squadron, which has once again proved that it can put up with most things, even Instrument Fitters, but we have a 'Gaza Strip' to protect us from too much contamination.

We welcome W.O. Carpenter from Henlow and hope that he enjoys his stay with us, and is housed by the time this goes to press. We hear that W.O. McIntyre is having fun with housing in Malta.

The 'Electrics' phase of Broadened Training is now 'fait-accompli' and we eagerly await the Proteus development. Newly marrieds on Courses?

With the Christmas term facing us, the 88th Entry now start their final grooming. We hope to achieve as good or better results than the 87th Entry.

ELECTRICAL AND INSTRUMENT SQUADRON ELECTRICAL FITTER FLIGHT

The Summer Term was a very successful one with a rewarding hundred per cent graduation of the Electrical Fitters of the 87th Entry. They are to be congratulated on this success, and it is hoped that their efforts will encourage remaining Entries to repeat this performance.

The 96th Entry are joining us at the time of writing and the 95th are already on the first rungs of the ladder. May both these Entries retain their initial enthusiasm throughout the ensuing three years.

The Second Year Progress Prize, due to the 90th Entry for the Summer term, gave a considerable amount of work to the selection committee, as there were a number of possible winners in this Entry, and after due consideration the choice fell on A/A Britland, to whom deserved congratulations are offered.

Congratulations also to Snr.Tech. Walker on obtaining the H.N.C., to Mr. Lacey and Mr.

Crowther on obtaining the O.N.C., to Cpl.Tech. Walker on his successful visit to the T.S.T.S. at R.A.F. Melksham, and to Cpl. and Mrs. Walton on their recent effort at R.A.F. Halton (8lbs. 14ozs. is a local record).

Welcome is extended to Cpl. Phillips from Germany, Cpl. Harrison from R.A.F. Lyndholme, Cpl. Shopland from Changi and Cpl. Gates from R.A.F. Lyneham and we hope that their stay at Halton will be a happy and interesting one.

The Staff Summer dance was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended (a result which is quite commonplace for any activity organised by our energetic committee), and we are looking forward to further excellent fare during the coming months.

The traditional cricket match, between the Instrument Flight and ourselves ended in a win for the Electrical Flight by an innings and 7 runs. There was one period when we were heavily challenged by Cpl. Chalkley whose 'sole' destroying bowling is responsible for the suggestion that next years' match should become a benefit for W.O. Chub, who, having put heart and 'sole' into the battle, ended up in stockinged feet.

All the members of the Flight take this opportunity of extending the Season's greetings to all past members, both staff and Apprentices.

INSTRUMENT FITTER FLIGHT

This term has seen much progress by those refugees from the five damaged parts of Bays 8 and 9, Old Workshops, who had to be rehabilitated in new quarters.

Considerable praise is due to all concerned and to the Station Equipment Section in particular for their part in meeting our demands for replacement items quickly. At one time the Instrument Flight corridors were literally jammed with packing cases and we are still busily reconstructing our demonstration and practical instruction rigs from the equipment supplied.

The Flight is now bursting at the seams and we are eagerly looking forward to the rebuild-

The menace of mud recedes further as the new kerbing is completed on the road between hangars and Flying Control. The top three inches of this road have now been removed and transferred to the park near the main gates. We are promised a new surface on all roads at the airfield in the very near future. In the past, Airfield staff could count on an occasional harvest of mushrooms; now however, the supply is almost nil—(Saddle Club please note). Ch.Tech. Thomson now carries the burden of Schedule Servicing training, and into his shoes, at the Airfield Control, has stepped Sgt. Francis, who with his flare for sign-writing, should find plenty of scope.

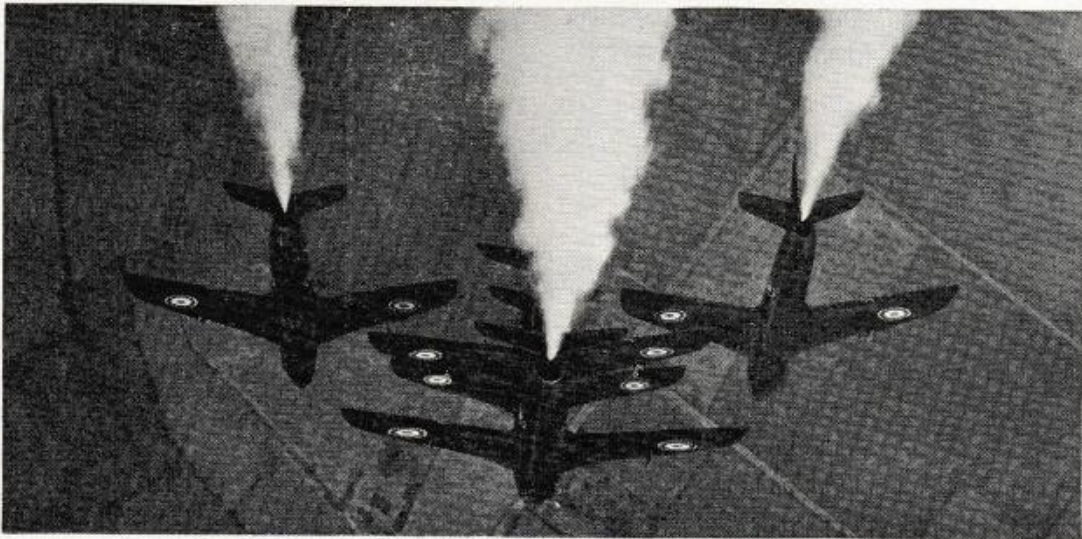
Shortly a Shackleton will be included in the training programme and will increase the scope of practice, especially for Armament and Instrument Fitters. We feel that this aeroplane, being officially known as a 'Maritime' type should go into No. 3 Hangar which, because of large gaps in the roof, quite frequently resembles Lake Windermere. An-

other Comet and a Canberra are also anticipated by wishful thinkers. At Farnborough recently, some reference was made to the need to reduce the noise of engines in jet aircraft. We at Halton, will welcome any results of research in this field, as the noise is a positive ogre to instruction on occasions. It is suspected that the first moves towards noise abatement are being planned.

We said of the 87th Entry that they had never had it so good. They certainly appeared to make the best of it—all securing a pass at the Final Examinations.

The Airfield Trophy for this Entry was secured by L/A/A Rawlins, L.W., the runner up being L/A/A Crawford U. V., (both Airframe Fitters).

Ch. Tech. McFarlane and Ch.Tech Hutton have left for Melksham, with our best wishes. We welcome Sgt. Kingston from Little Rissington, Sgt. Young from Colerne, Cpl. Rodgers from Lyndholme, and Cpl. Wilson from Malta.



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SCHOOL NOTES

Summer and the long vacation are already distant memories and the 89th Entry is now the senior Entry in Schools. Their popularity with the staff is in direct proportion to the measure of their intelligence and maturity.

On the staff side the normal high rate of movement continues and during the last term many officers have made their final parting from Schools and its happy inmates. Preservation of a status quo is perennially difficult.

National Service Motors held its last directors' meeting, closed all its accounts, we hope, and went into final liquidation. This is a sore blow to all car-owners on the staff. Now that Flying Officers White and Oliver have gone, no competent car-men remain, and the A.C. Room has lost its colourful Rootes-Group-repair-shop atmosphere. The existing car enthusiast, Mr. Votier, one-time jet pilot, now a civilian instructor, spends his spare time testing the durability of car tyres at high speed. 'Burn-em-up-Bill', one of the rubber merchant's best friends, has become a prominent figure in the Halton Racing car club.

Flying Officer Eddie Gold left hurriedly for Henlow at the end of last term, shortly after his marriage. Even the news of his posting didn't impair the wide grin he has worn since this happy event—that is, until he heard that there were seventy on the waiting list for quarters there. Also on the newly married list are Flying Officer Duncan and Flying Officer Pilkington. Since his marriage Alec Duncan has tended to forget, his Scots ancestry and has even become generous with his cigarettes; surely only a temporary aberration. Flying Officer Pilkington on the other hand, who spent his honeymoon in Paris, has almost given up smoking and verily is but a shadow of his former self.

Now on his way to Australia is 'Tie me Kangaroo Down' Jim Freeman, one-time officer *i/c* Cross words and tall stories. The post-card he sent us from Bombay showed the

majestic facade of the new University there, since discovered, in fact, to be the General Post-Office. This brings us to Flying Officer Marcus Harding whose name should be vaguely familiar to his former pupils. He has been known to appear elusively in the Trenchard library and although he says he is going to work for the Post-Master General, many of us feel this is only a cloak for his real activities which will involve M.I.5. Certainly his Pimpernel like qualities would have endeared him to all secret agents of repute. 'Post Early for Christmas this year' preferably in October just to be on the safe side.

Flight Lieutenant Gates is due to leave the Service in October and intends to take an active part in the brewing industry. He has recently been attending a course on the subject in London and his continued good progress can be judged by the increasing roll in his gait, and the fact that he took first place in the whole country in the final exams of the course.

Postings in have been numerous recently. Perhaps Air Ministry have realised the gap that is fast growing in School's venerable walls needs more than ivy to fill it. Mr. Thomas, a former education officer, has joined the General Studies Staff as a civilian. His reputation for erudition and loquacity has ensured him a warm welcome in the common room.

Flight Lieutenant James was posted in to fill an important vacancy in the Rigger team and the Maths department. His first action was to organise a message board for the Common Room, an item that has been wanting for some time. This is a sure sign that he will make his mark here. Flying Officer Beckett has joined the Gliding and Drawing departments and Mr. J. S. Nicholson has swelled the ranks of civilians who are fast increasing in strength among the instructional staff. Flying Officer T. Jones has joined the General Studies Section with revolutionary plans for the use of visual aids. One hopes he does not find the rest of us too reactionary.