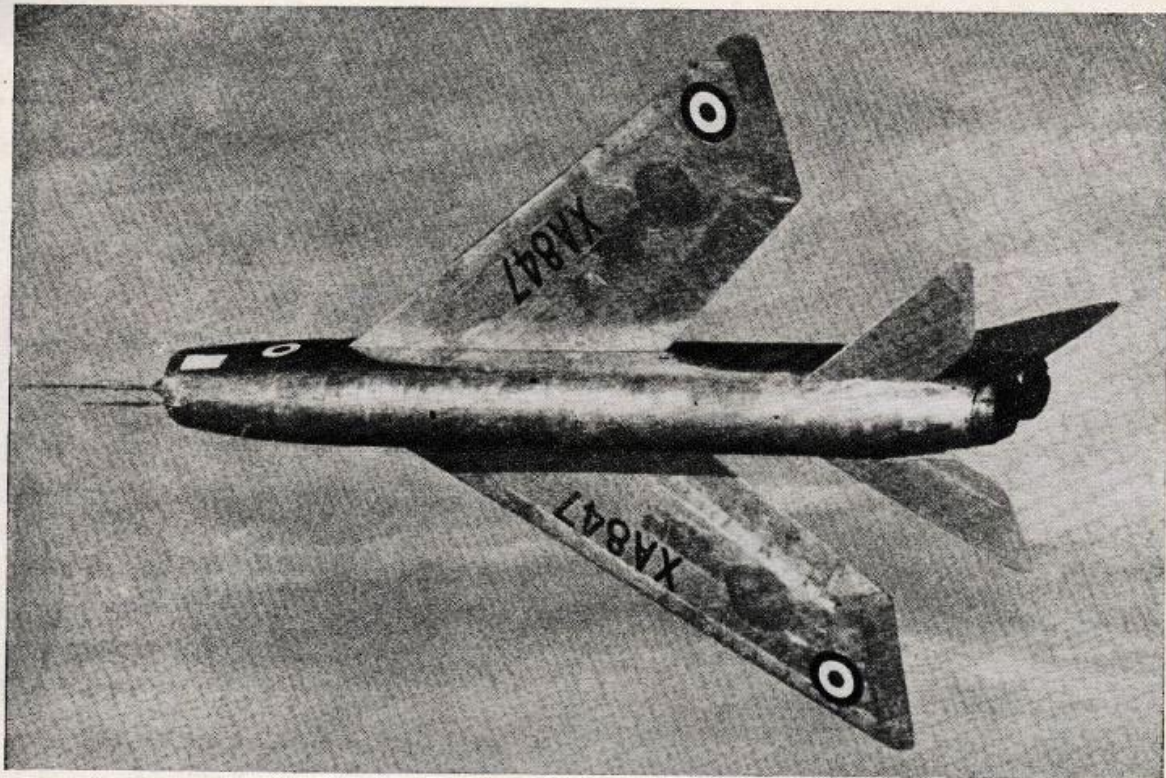


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## EDITORIAL

IT is easy to think that inflation is a political abstraction. One's own desire for more money to deal with the higher prices of things seems remote from economists' talk of wage-price spirals. It is not easy to convince anyone that the economy of a magazine such as ours can be affected by inflation. The printer who pays higher wages to his workers and higher transport costs and more for materials knows it. The advertiser knows it when a more expensive pay-roll makes it harder to find money for advertising. The magazine business staff know it as costs go up and potential advertisers become harder to find. The reader knows only that he has to pay an extra sixpence for the same amount of reading matter. Whether this is why sales of the last issue went down by several hundreds it is hard to say. It could be a seasonal drop, in some mysterious way connected with summer weather and leave: we certainly hope that this is the case, for we cannot afford to become involved in a spiral of our own in which with every drop in sales the price goes up and with every increase in price the sales go down. We have had to increase the price once (for the first time in six years) and we do not want to have to do so again.

That it may be a seasonal drop is indicated (one can hardly say 'happily' in the circumstances!) by the fact that contributors for the Old Haltonians Section are also much fewer this time. We make a double appeal, then. We ask, firstly, that every effort should be made to bring sales nearer the 4,000 mark, which means selling over 500 more. Clearly, many of our readers cannot sell the magazine for us, but perhaps they can at least communicate our position to those of their Old Haltonian acquaintances who have let their subscriptions lapse. In the second place we repeat the hope of the Hon. Sec. of the Old Haltonians that Old Haltonians at home and abroad will put pen to paper and regale us with news and stories of their respective stations.

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In the body of the Magazine it is recorded that two bronze heads of the late Viscount

Trenchard have been obtained for Halton. This is news which will be greeted enthusiastically by all Haltonians, both past and present. It is particularly fitting that the head which is to stand in the Trenchard Library of Apprentice Schools should be purchased by the subscription of past and present Apprentices and educational staffs. It is not expected that there will be any lack of support for this idea. Donations may be sent to the Administrative Officer, Apprentice Schools. So far, present Apprentices have contributed about £35.

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In the Summer issue it was reported that S/A/A Bridson of the R.N.Z.A.F. had been awarded a cadetship to the Technical College at Henlow, subject to confirmation by the authorities. We are pleased to be able to report the confirmation of the cadetship. However, the cadetship was not merely confirmed, but Air Ministry have taken the unusual step of waiving the fees for Bridson's entire training at Halton in view of the very high standard which he achieved. These fees would normally have been paid by the R.N.Z.A.F. In addition, when Bridson leaves Henlow he will be an officer in the R.A.F.

This is altogether a fine achievement for the beginning of his career; we wish him luck and similar success for the future and hope that his example will prove an inducement to others to set their sights high.

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An examination of the archives of the Magazine has revealed gaps spanning 1926, and the late war years. We should be grateful to anyone who made good this deficiency.

We have also received an enquiry about a Halton Magazine Song Book which, it is said, was published in 1926 or 1927. We have no record of this and would welcome any relevant information. If there was such a book, we should be interested to see a copy.

## GRADUATION PARADE OF THE 78<sup>TH</sup> ENTRY



The Inspection

**T**HE Graduation Parade of the 78th Entry of Apprentices at Halton took place on the Henderson-Groves Parade Ground on July 31st, 1957. The Reviewing Officer was Air Chief Marshal Sir Ronald Ivelaw-Chapman, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., Vice-Chief of the Air Staff. He was accompanied by Air Marshal Sir George R. Beamish, K.C.B., C.B.E., Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Technical Training Command; Air Vice-Marshal H. D. Spreckley, C.B., O.B.E.,

Air Officer Commanding No. 24 Group; Air Commodore E. D. McK. Nelson, C.B., Commandant of No. 1 School of Technical Training; Group Captain A. K. Hunter, O.B.E., Senior Training Officer, No. 1 School of Technical Training; Group Captain E. A. Stockwell, Principal Education Officer, No. 1 School of Technical Training, and Wing Commander A. A. Pedder, Officer Commanding No. 1 Apprentice Wing.

The Parade was under the command of Flight Sergeant Apprentice R. P. Hallam, of the 78th Entry. The other N.C.O. Apprentices who were subordinate commanders were :

Parade Adjutant S/A/A R. J. Rolph-Dickinson  
 Parade Warrant Officer S/A/A F. C. Thompson  
 Colour Bearer S/A/A M. J. T. Williams  
 Colour Warrant Officer S/A/A E. W. Madge  
 Colour Escort S/A/A L. H. Ringer  
 S/A/A J. W. Courchee  
 Colour Orderly C/A/A T. W. Orchard  
 Escort Squadron Commander F.S/A/A J. V. Maude  
 No. 1 Flight Commander S/A/A A. J. Bailey  
 No. 2 Flight Commander S/A/A J. A. Mills  
 No. 2 Squadron Commander S/A/A P. Le Jeune  
 No. 1 Flight Commander S/A/A L. E. Pinder



Inspecting the Band

No. 2 Flight Commander S/A/A H. Walker  
 N.C.O. i/c Ensign C/A/A P. A. Mansbridge  
 Standard Bearers C/A/A D. E. Cubberley  
 C/A/A R. W. Kirk  
 Apprentice i/c Supporting Entry C/A/A L. E. Hurse  
 Drum Major, Military Band A/A A. J. Clay  
 Drum Major, Pipe Band A/A J. Squires

The Entries on Parade were the 78th and 79th.

### THE COMMANDANT'S REPORT

After the Parade the guests assembled in the Burnett Gymnasium for the Prize Giving. The Commandant began by welcoming the Reviewing Officer, Air Chief Marshal Sir Ronald Ivelaw-Chapman, Vice-Chief of the Air Staff, and Lady Ivelaw-Chapman. The Air Chief Marshal had last reviewed a Graduation Parade at Halton in July 1954, when the 68th Entry passed out, and the Commandant was proud to be able to announce that the Flight Sergeant Apprentice who was top of the Entry on that occasion, F.S/A/A Enright, had, on the previous day, achieved distinction by gaining the Sword of Honour, the Queen's Medal, the Groves Memorial Prize and three other prizes at Cranwell. The Commandant then welcomed the parents, relatives and friends of the members of the 78th Entry, and extended a special welcome to Colonel Aubiniere, who commands a French Apprentice School at Rochefort.

Next the Commandant surveyed the Entry's career at Halton. In September 1954 the Entry began with a strength of 306. Forty-five Apprentices were relegated from earlier entries, and 156 left the entry by relegation discharge, or transfer to a lower trade level, leaving a total of 195 Apprentices who were graduating. All these were R.A.F. Apprentices.

The Entry's performance in trade training was slightly above average, and the Apprentices had benefited by the improvement of training equipment during the three years. On the other hand they had been disturbed by building repairs and alterations in the workshops, and by changes and instability in ad-



F.S./A/A Maude is congratulated by the V.C.A.S.  
(Air Ministry Photograph)

ministration resulting from different arrangements of organisation.

In educational training the Entry achieved an average mark of 56% in all subjects, only the 72nd Entry having equalled this since 1952. No Apprentice failed to complete his training through failing to attain the required educational standard. F.S./A/A Maude gained an A1 Pass with an average mark of 85%. 44 Apprentices (20% of the Entry) were awarded Ordinary National Certificates, and although the full results of the City and Guilds examinations had not been received, the Commandant was able to announce that

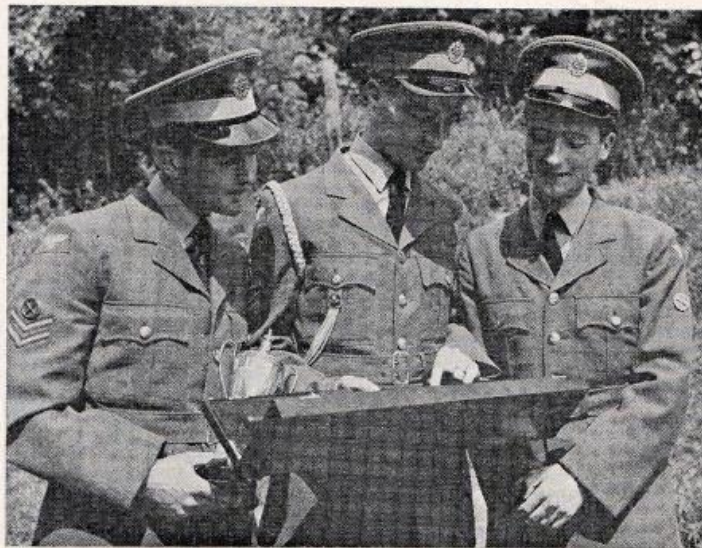
one Apprentice had gained a First Class Pass in the final examination in Aircraft Electrical Maintenance.

The Commandant referred to the morning's parade to illustrate the Entry's high standard of discipline and General Service Training, and added that the standard of the N.C.O. Apprentices had been higher than usual. Their Ground Combat training was above average.

The Entry had been prominent in sport, gaining 68 places in school teams and 30 colours in various sports. F.S./A/A Hallam had represented the R.A.F. at pole-vaulting in the 1956 Inter-Services Athletic Championships. The Commandant then mentioned some of the many fine achievements of the school in all branches of sport, and attributed these not least to a "will to win" and "esprit de corps" which he hoped to see handed on to successive entries.

In the voluntary bands and in Church activities the Entry had participated fully.

Six members of the Entry had graduated as substantive corporals, and eight would qualify for accelerated promotion to Corporal Technician after one year. Three members of the Entry were awarded Cadetships, F.S./A/A Hallam being awarded a Prize Cadetship at



Prizewinners

Cranwell, and F.S/A/A Maude and S/A/A Proctor both gaining cadetships at Henlow.

Summarising the Entry's achievements, the Commandant congratulated them on their fine performances, and wished them success and happiness in their Service career.

Finally the Commandant wished the Reviewing Officer every happiness on relinquishing his post as Vice-Chief of Air Staff to take up the appointment of Director of Resettlement.

The Commandant then asked Air Chief Marshal Sir Ronald Ivelaw-Chapman to present the prizes.

#### **ADDRESS BY THE REVIEWING OFFICER**

The Reviewing Officer thanked the parents, relatives and friends of the 78th Entry for their attendance at the Graduation, and congratulated the parents on choosing such a career for their sons. He outlined service life and the atmosphere in which the airmen

could be inspired to become reasonable members of the British community.

Next the Reviewing Officer congratulated the instructors and staff on their efforts, assuring them that Halton products were welcomed wherever they went.

Addressing the Graduating Entry, the Reviewing Officer said that their performance on parade had been up to Halton standard, this being the highest praise he could bestow. They were entering the R.A.F. proper at one of the most interesting junctures in the history of military aviation, and they would see, and take part in, very many changes. They would have opportunities for overseas service which should be taken because of the valuable experience which could be obtained in this way.

Lastly Air Chief Marshal Sir Ronald Ivelaw-Chapman offered his best wishes to the Entry and urged them to be ever conscious of, and inspired by, the fact that they had elected as their career the service of Her Majesty the Queen.

### **78th ENTRY CADETSHIPS**

**A Prize Cadetship in the General Duties Branch**

has been awarded to

F.S/A/A R. P. Hallam

and

**Cadetships in the Technical Branch**

have been awarded to

F.S/A/A J. V. Maude and S/A/A C. T. Proctor

#### **PRIZE-WINNERS**

**Monsignor Beauchamp Memorial Prize (for the best all-round Apprentice)**

F.S/A/A J. V. Maude

**Pioneer Trophy (for the highest marks in all Technical Training Subjects)**

F.S/A/A J. V. Maude

**Crebbin-Robinson Cup (for the best Trade Standards Practical Fitting Test)**

C/A/A G. B. Noyon

**Elliott Memorial Prize (presented by the Royal Aeronautical Society for the highest marks in English and General Studies)**

A/A W. J. Wooldridge

**Quinton Memorial Trophy (for the best Ex-A.T.C. Cadet)**

F.S/A/A J. V. Maude

#### **AIR MINISTRY PRIZES**

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

F.S/A/A J. V. Maude

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

First Prize: F.S/A/A J. V. Maude

Second Prize: A/A M. G. Tyler

**Best "Set Task," General Studies**

L/A/A I. C. Hudson

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

First Prize: S/A/A L. E. Pinder  
 Second Prize: S/A/A B. Melhuish

**Highest Average for Practical Fitting over Three Year Course**

A/A D. Shorter

**Best Tradesmen in Trade Standards Trade Test**

Airframe Fitter 1st	L/A/A B. Clewlow
Airframe Fitter 2nd	C/A/A L. A. J. Hitchman
Armament Fitter	A/A M. G. Tyler
Electrical Fitter (Air)	A/A R. I. Chaplin
Electrical Fitter (Ground)	A/A N. E. Keay
Engine Fitter 1st	FS/A/A J. V. Maude
Engine Fitter 2nd	C/A/A R. W. Kirk
Instrument Fitter (Nav.)	A/A A. J. Collins
Instrument Fitter (Gen.)	A/A R. W. Jesson

**78th ENTRY POSTING LIST (in order of merit)**

Maude, J. V.	Valley	Brown, D. P.	Idris (North Africa)
Tyler, M. G.	Awarded Technical Cadetship	Letchford, C. W. G.	231 O.C.U. Bassingbourne
Kirk, R. W.	Promoted Substantive Corporal	Money, J. G.	232 O.C.U. Gaydon
Orchard, G. W.	Singapore	Wooldridge, W. J.	C.F.S. Little Rissington
Ramsden, G.	Northweald	Hunter, C.	B.C.B.S. Lindholme
Proctor, C. T.	Promoted Substantive Corporal	Jackson, P. B.	Singapore
Chaplin, R. I.	Ternhill	Kiddell, D. E.	5 F.T.S. Oakington
Boxall, D. F. S.	Promoted Substantive Corporal	Prickett, B.	Singapore
Hatcher, A. V. L.	Cyprus	Trender, R. D.	5 F.T.S. Oakington
Parr, D. G.	Henlow	Mills, J. A.	Hucknall
Easthorpe, M.	Awarded Technical Cadetship	Conn, C. R.	Singapore
Hoyle, P. C.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Knight, B. R.	Singapore
Phillips, N. B.	West Malling	Melhuish, B.	Singapore
Crossland, R. S.	Promoted Substantive Corporal	Guy, R. J.	Colerne
Lawn, J. F.	Singapore	Noyon, G. B.	Singapore
Jupp, A. G.	Biggin Hill	Baines, B.	Wittering
Courchec, J. W.	Promoted Substantive Corporal	Dumbleton, J. A.	Odiham
Cluse, G. R.	Gibraltar	Mack, A. J. R.	Leuchars
Glossop, J. D. J.	Singapore	Bough, S.	Singapore
Holland, J.	Wittering	Clake, B.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Hallam, R. P.	B.C.B.S. Lindholme	Cox, M. F. J.	Singapore
Miller, E. L.	C.F.E. West Raynham	Barker, J.	2nd T.A.F.
Wyatt, A. J.	Singapore	Howell, A. D.	Singapore
Hodge, R. D.	Wyton	Barnes, D. A.	Singapore
Luke, D. J.	Benson	Castle, J. A.	Singapore
Lyall, G. S.	231 O.C.U. Bassingbourne	Brickell, R. J.	Singapore
Tyndall, D. H.	Coltishall	Clewlow, B.	Aldergrove
Millington, G. H. B.	Awarded Prize Cadetship	Jones, W. A.	Singapore
Williams, A. G.	Honnington	Smith, T.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Pinder, L. E.	Malta	Luscombe, B.	Singapore
Booth, G.	228 O.C.U. Leeming	Williams, K. G.	Waddington
McKeever, J.	Honnington	Collins, A. J.	Marham
Smith, T. M.	Waddington	Prentice, R. D.	Dishforth
Fennimore, J.	B.C.B.S. Lindholme	Stent, J. M.	Upwood
Rowland, P.M.	8 F.T.S. Swinderby	Harper, C. F. J.	Singapore
Knight, F. G.	Wyton	Kitchin, F. D.	B.C.B.S. Lindholme
Thompson, F. C.	R.A.F. College Manby	Franklin, J. C.	Wyton
Trim, R. L. C.	2nd T.A.F.	Middleton, A. B.	Singapore
Hill, B. J.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Pycock, D.	Waddington
Davies, I. J.	C.F.E. West Raynham	Shipp, P.	2 A.N.S. Thorney Island
Longley, E.	Marham	Hauxwell, M.	Singapore
Milner, D.	Wattisham	Gifford, B. S.	Singapore
Keay, N. E.	2nd T.A.F.	Jesson, R. W.	Duxford
Mansbridge, P. A.	Ballykelly	Knight, E. G.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Rolph-Dickinson, R. J.	Promoted Substantive Corporal	Burden, R. A.	Coltishall
Shorter, D. H.	2 A.N.S. Thorney Island	Williams, E.	Wyton
Roberts, D. O.	Coltishall	Rumsby, R. T. A.	Singapore
Harper, R. B.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Mellor, R.	Aldergrove
Smith, E. J.	2nd T.A.F.	Walker, H.	R.A.F. College Cranwell
McManus, T. P.	Singapore	Crowe, I. M.	Honnington
Ringer, L. H.	Leuchars	Bates, R.	Singapore
Hitchman, L. A. J.	Singapore	Dew, J. E.	Wyton
Sheehan, D. B.	El Adem (North Africa)	Cubberley, D. E. O.	Leuchars
	Gibraltar	Loxton, F. J.	Malta
	Cyprus	Boothby, A. R.	Singapore
		Corner, R. W.	Singapore
		Saunders, A. G.	Singapore
		Welch, K. M.	Waterbeach
		Betts, B. W.	32 M.U. St. Athan
		Sarginson, T. S.	32 M.U. St. Athan
		Swirles, E.	Binbrook



Poulter, J. F. C.	8 F.T.S. Swinderby	Riddell, R. W.	8 F.T.S. Swinderby
Mendham, A. K.	232 O.C.U. Gaydon	Cox, D. T.	West Raynham
Savill, N. W.	Cyprus	Rogers, A. R.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Madge, E. W.	Singapore	Hamment, M. J.	Singapore
Hudson, I. C.	Singapore	Creek, B. D.	5 F.T.S. Oakington
Armstrong, T. W.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Dunstan, L. E.	Singapore
Jones, H. R.	Cranwell (R.A.F. College)	Muncer, A. J.	Cranwell (R.A.F. College)
Hutchinson, M. J.	5 F.T.S. Oakington	Gardiner, P. M.	Dishforth
Partridge, D. A.	Marham	Gaskell, A.	Singapore
Upjohn, C.	Singapore	Kerthead, J. G.	2 A.N.S. Thorney Island
Thornton, M. W.	Singapore	Westerhoff, B. W.	Singapore
Kelly, N.	Flying College Manby	Sweet, G. S.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Cave, R. P.	Singapore	Bailey, A. J.	Singapore
Hudson, R. S.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Harris, D. A.	Singapore
Stone, M.	Singapore	Hodgson, N.	228 O.C.U. Leeming
Rawkins, K. E. J.	Wyton	Jamieson, B. S. C.	Waddington
Royl, L. E.	Manby (Flying College)	Abbott, J.	Singapore
Le-Jeune, P.	Malta	Clark, D. G.	Singapore
Leighton, B. F.	Flying College Manby	Bowyer, A. W.	Aldergrove
Budge, D. M.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Larkin, R. W. D.	Malta
Berry, M. G.	Singapore	Watts, T. H.	8 F.T.S. Swinderby
Reynolds, B. J.	Marham	Forder, B. A. C.	Marham
Harry, G. V.	229 O.C.U. Chivenor	Edmonds, M. R.	Singapore
Bernhardt, A. R.	Singapore	Brown, G.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Thorrington, B. W.	Cyprus	Calcraft, M. A.	Singapore
Thomas, G. H.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Champion, T. K.	Honnington
Kent, J. C.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Hutchings, R. S.	231 O.C.U. Bassingbourne
Harvey, B. C.	Singapore	Whitebread, M.	Singapore
Marricott, B.	8 F.T.S. Swinderby	Cox, M.	Singapore
Richardson, L. C.	Ballykelly	Brewer, M.	Cyprus
Archer, A. A.	2nd T.A.F.	Archer, R. C.	Singapore
Elliott, M.	Singapore	Murphy, T. J. B.	Cyprus
Chattin, I. E. L.	Manby (Flying College)	Butler, D. M.	Duxford
Wyatt, H. L.	Cyprus	Clay, A. J.	Wittering
Cooper, J. B.	Waddington	Bishop, V. J.	St. Mawgan
Adams, S. J. E.	Singapore	Cane, B. G.	Upwood
Cook, E. J. P.	5 F.T.S. Oakington		

**The following ex-76th Entry Apprentice also qualified as Junior Technician:**

Jerrold, P. H. 2nd T.A.F.

**The following ex-77th Entry Apprentices also qualified as Junior Technicians:**

Paice, K. A.	232 O.C.U. Gaydon	Goffin, J. E.	Singapore
Newbold, R.	Wittering	Matthews, P. B. J.	8 F.T.S. Swinderby

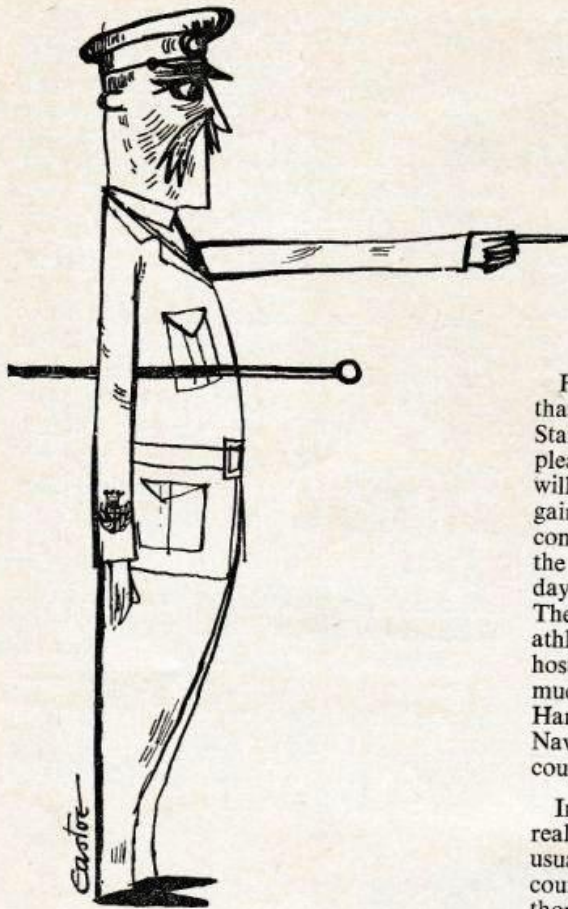
**The following Apprentices qualified as Junior Technicians:**

Lamb, B. F.	Marham	Williams, M. J. T.	Wittering
Smale, J. P.	Singapore		

## 78th ENTRY SPORTS AWARDS

### SCHOOL COLOUR AWARDS

<b>Athletics</b>		L/A/A Barnes, D. A.	1956, 1957
F.S/A/A Hallam, R. P.	1954, 1955, 1956, 1957	S/A/A Thompson, F. C.	1956, 1957
A/A Castle, J. A.	1957	A/A Jesson, R. W.	1956, 1957
<b>Basket Ball</b>		<b>Rugby</b>	
C/A/A Trender, R. D.	1956, 1957	S/A/A Dew, J. E.	1956, 1957
A/A Berry, M. G.	1956, 1957	S/A/A Madge, E. W.	1956, 1957
<b>Boxing</b>		A/A Thomas, G. H.	1956, 1957
A/A Newbold, R.	1956	<b>Swimming</b>	
<b>Cricket</b>		A/A Wyatt, H. L.	1956, 1957
C/A/A Cluse, G. R.	1956	<b>Soccer</b>	
A/A Trotter, M.	1957	A/A Lamb, B. F.	1956, 1957
C/A/A Evans, R. G. H.	1957	C/A/A Smith, T. M.	1956, 1957
<b>Cross Country</b>		A/A Westerhoff, B. W.	1956, 1957
S/A/A Pinder, L. E.	1956	A/A Sweet, G. S.	1956, 1957
C/A/A Ramsden, G.	1956	C/A/A Welch, K. M.	1956, 1957
A/A Stevenson, A.	1957	<b>Shooting</b>	
A/A Hoyle, P. C.	1957	A/A Bowery, J. W.	1957
L/A/A Kiddell, D. E.	1957	<b>Fencing</b>	
<b>Hockey</b>		A/A Adams, S. J. E.	1956, 1957
A/A Harris, D. A.	1956, 1957	A/A Luscombe, B.	1956, 1957
A/A Armstrong, T. W.	1956, 1957		



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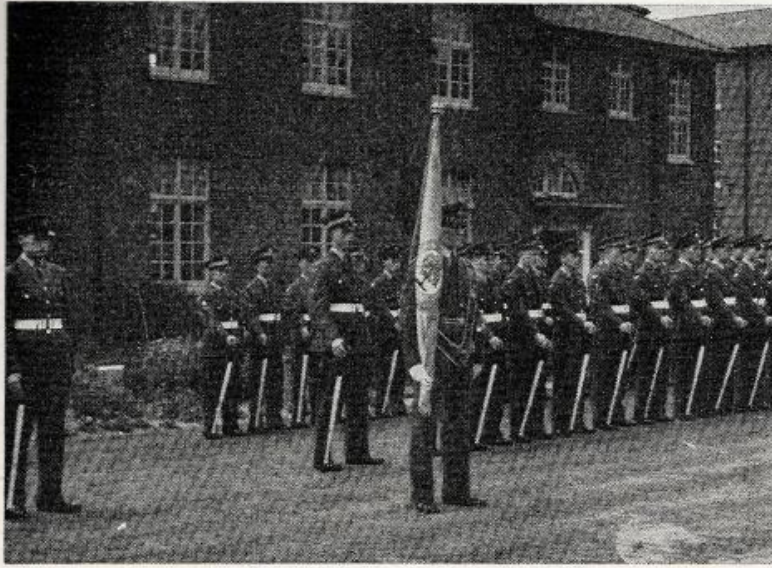
AT the time of writing these notes the majority of our readers will be settling back into the old routine after Summer Leave, which this August was the longest for many years. Not a few will be hopefully looking ahead to the good things this Autumn term is likely to bring forth and it is more than likely that some fellows, even now, are looking as far ahead as Christmas. Come what may, it is the writer's task at the moment to bridge the gap of thirty days' leave and try to recall some of the highlights of our Summer, 1957.

## CURRENT EVENTS

First and foremost, one can confidently say that this was No. 1 Wing's Athletics Year. Starting with our own very successful and pleasant Wing meeting, everyone at Halton will remember how our athletes went on to gain, for the second year running, a most commanding lead, both Junior and Senior, in the B.K. contest held on that glorious Saturday morning prior to the Mid-Summer break. Then followed a whole series of inter-schools athletics meetings when No. 1 Wing played hosts to the visiting teams and contributed much in beating the Army Apprentices from Harrogate, Chepstow and Arborfield, the Navy boys from H.M.S. Figgard and our counterparts from R.A.F. Locking.

In May and June, when the weather was really kind, our Summer Camp was held as usual at R.A.F. Woodvale and from all accounts the time there was well spent and thoroughly enjoyed by the 81st, 82nd and 83rd Entries who attended. Many thanks are extended to Sqn.Ldr. Stirling and Flt.Lt. Yule of No. 3 Wing for the smooth running of the arrangements and for relieving the boys, at long last, of the tiresome six miles march each way to and from Tring railway station.

Neither should our appreciation go unrecorded for the good work put in on our behalf by the Station Directing Staff. Among many changes which have taken place recently to see that the aspiring (not necessarily perspiring) Apprentice is given a fair deal, surely the introduction of rank pay and the privilege of wearing civilian clothes by L/A/As and



Guard of Honour for the Duchess of Kent

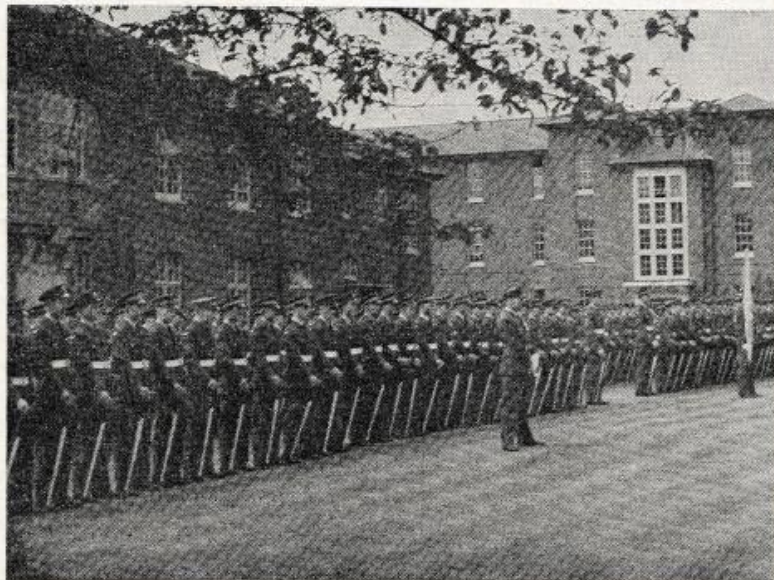
above when off duty are two factors of major importance. Whether or not their introduction will create the desired incentive to make the effort, it will mean, at least, that the Halton Apprentice can become an L/A/A with a difference now.

Another highlight of the Summer Term was, of course, the honour of the visit by H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent, who came to review that splendid body of men, the Buckinghamshire Police, in celebration of their Centenary Year. No. 1 Wing, being the Co-ordinating Wing, very willingly carried out the necessary tasks required of them and the 79th Entry provided an excellent Guard of Honour for the occasion.

The Clerk of the Weather was much more favourably disposed towards the 78th

Entry's Graduation Day than was the case a year ago for that of the 75th. The day was a pleasantly fine one, the drill was good and over 1000 guests were seated to view the inspection carried out by the Reviewing Officer, the Assistant Chief of the Air Staff. Our good wishes go with all those who successfully graduated and especially to C/A/A R. W. Kirk, Engine Fitter of No. 2 Squadron, who gained the substantive rank of Corporal.

Recalling recent changes in our Wing staff we extend greetings to the newcomers, who are Flt.Lt. Crowley from recruiting, Edinburgh, and Flt.Lt. G. L. Wilkinson from the Middle East, who both join No. 1 Squadron. We also welcome Flt.Lt. L. R. Swain, who has recently joined No. 2 Squadron from Chivenor, Devon. A number have, of course, departed: we wish the very best of luck to Flt.Lt. Hamilton (No. 1 Squadron), Fg.Off.



Guard of Honour for the Duchess of Kent

H. Aldridge (Equipment) and Plt.Off. D. Molony (No. 2 Squadron), all of whom have left the R.A.F. to take up a civilian's way of life, and to Sgts. Whiteford, Davidson and Poore, all of No. 2 Squadron, who have been posted to Singapore, Bridgnorth and the Admin. Wing, Halton, respectively.

Finally, the whole Wing will no doubt join in wishing Padre Methven a fond farewell. He left England with his family bound for

Australia on 2nd August. In his place we welcome most heartily Padre S. Bennett from

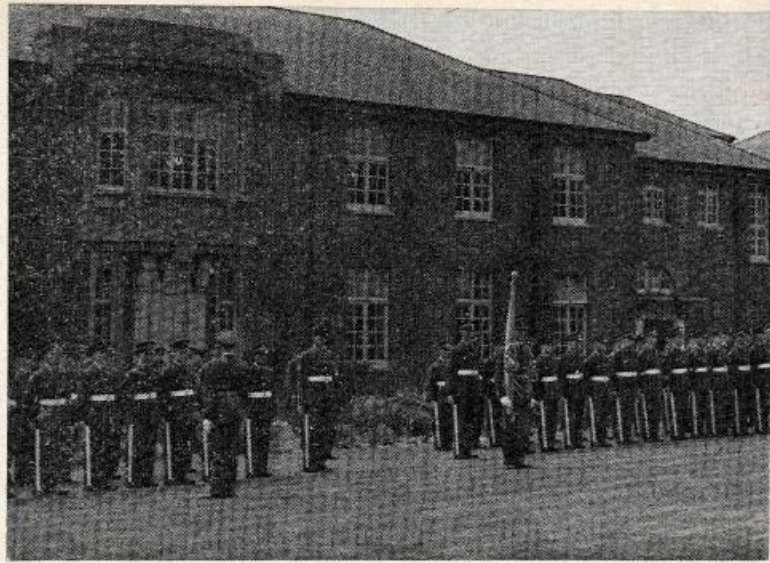
2nd T.A.F., who will without doubt adequately fill the gap left by his predecessor.

#### NO. 2(A) WING

For the first time in many years the term 'flaming June' could be used in its original, non-ironical sense. Last June will long be remembered, particularly by those who took part in sporting activities.

The Summer Term brought us a fair number of changes. Notable among these was the departure of our Commanding Officer, Wing Commander F. H. Stubbs, A.F.C., D.F.M., who left us to become President of the Selection Board at R.A.F. Uxbridge. We wish him every success in his new post. At the same time we extend a hearty welcome to his successor, Wing Commander R. A. Millward, O.B.E., D.F.C., from R.A.F. Uxbridge. Sqn.Ldr. F. E. E. Truscott, M.B.E., has left us for Training Wing and Sgt. Hadley has gone to No. 3 Wing. We wish them farewell and welcome among our newcomers Sqn.Ldr. H. C. Taylor from Maintenance Command H.Q., Flt.Lt. W. B. Bailey from Seletar and Flt.Lt. G. Wollerton from Aden.

So far as sporting items are concerned, the outstanding event was unquestionably the winning of the Barrington-Kennett Trophy for the Summer Term. The margin was narrow but it was no less a worthy victory for all that.



The extraordinary thing about athletics is that year after year new records are created. Although we were second in the B.K. Athletics some outstanding performances are worth noting: A/As Sharples and Mills raised the standing record for the high jump and F.S/A/A Hallam set a standard for the pole vault that is unlikely to be surpassed for a very long time. The Higgins Trophy has aroused greater interest in athletics than any other award. Its chief merit, that it enables the non-star athlete to make his contribution to the winning side, has made many of the youngsters realise after a few attempts that they are better than they thought.

The finals of the B.K. Swimming provided moments of real excitement but despite considerable effort on the part of the Wing team we were only able to secure second place in both the Junior and Senior Competitions. C/A/A Eadon is to be congratulated on securing the highest number of points for the individual Senior Diving.

For the Tennis team the season proved to be a very successful one. They beat No. 1 Wing 3-0 and No. 3 Wing 6-3. A/A Turner, the captain, and his team are to be congratulated on their victory.

Possibly because of good weather the Summer Camp appeared to be more enjoyable than usual. The 81st, 82nd and 83rd Entries all agreed that this essentially practical form of training has a great appeal for the majority of young men. An extension of Summer Camp to include resource and initiative exercises might be worthy of consideration.

Once again No. 2 Wing succeeded in winning the Pipe Band and Pipe Major Competition. The turnout as usual was well up to the high standard we have come to expect and the whole band is to be heartily congratulated.

### NO. 3(A) WING

Postings in and out of Halton still continue with amazing rapidity. One has hardly said 'hello' to a newcomer when it is time to say 'cheerio' and to prepare oneself to meet yet one more transient body. It is to be hoped that a more settled permanent staff will soon be with us.

During the Summer Term we said *au-revoir* to Wing Commander P. Peters, O.B.E., D.F.C., who was posted after only a short stay to a Joint Services Staff Course. We wish him well and thank him for his fine efforts on our behalf. The new Wing Standing Orders will remind us that Wing Commander Peters passed this way.

Wing Commander C. W. McN. Newman, D.F.C., succeeded Wing Commander Peters. We welcome him sincerely to the Wing and hope that he will find his stay happy and worth while.

No. 1 Squadron not only had a change in Flight Commanders but also underwent a minor operation in that 'B' Flight was amputated and the flesh, sinews and muscle were scattered throughout the remainder of the Wing. No. 1 Block, once its home, has now risen to the dizzy heights of housing Technical Wing N.C.Os.

Flt.Lt. J. Bates, the oldest officer inhabitant of the Wing, is, at the moment of writing, awaiting a posting back into flying. May all his landings and future postings be good ones.

To the 78th Entry, now graduated, we offer our congratulations and our best wishes for their future careers. In particular we congratulate F.S/A/A Hallam on winning the Prize Cadetship to Cranwell, and L/A/A Clewlow and A/A Keary for being the best tradesmen in the Trade Standards Tests for Airframe and Electrical Fitters (G).

Finally we welcome the newcomers of the 87th Entry, whose road lies ahead of them. May we be forgiven if we make one exhortation and say to them, "Put your backs into it; excellence is the only thing that counts and for the Royal Air Force of the future the best will be only just good enough."

In his place we welcome Flt.Lt. P. Jenner, A.F.C., who by this time should have the Halton routine fairly well taped. No doubt the urge to fly is still strong with him and, who knows, he may be saying farewell to the Wing before long.

Flt.Lt. J. Yule now has control of the Initial Training Flight, where his thoroughness, good humour and general efficiency should stand him in good stead. Plt.Off. R. Northway, whom he replaces, will have left the service by the time of publication. Although he disagrees wholeheartedly with National Service he has been a tower of strength in the Wing. Good luck to him during his next 'tour,' Oxford University, where he intends studying English.

To 'B' Flight, No. 3 Squadron, we welcome Flt.Lt. R. Simpson who has also taken over the Wing Stores. May his loan cards always be correct and the Flight prosper under his guidance.

Among the N.C.Os we lost Sgts. Hay, Prescott, Turner and Davis and welcomed in their stead F.S. Challoner, Sgt. Hadley and Sgt. Watson. Rumour has it that W.O. Lee is also on his way, so it may be that by publication time we shall have a new 'Wobbly O' installed in Headquarters, No. 3(A) Wing.

In the Passing Out of the 78th Entry, whilst the Wing had its share of failures we still had the highest number of prizewinners. We offer

our congratulations to F.S/A/A J. Maude and S/A/A C. Proctor who were awarded Cadetships to the Technical College, Henlow. Congratulations are also due to S/A/A Thompson, C/A/A Orchard and L/A/A Boxall who passed out as corporals. These fine achievements prove that hard work has its rewards and are a magnificent example to all Apprentices.

The Autumn Term is with us; boxing, soccer, hockey, basketball and rugby are in full swing. We hope that the Wing will

prove itself in all games and maintain its good name for sportsmanship on the field.

The 86th Entry should by now be firmly established in the Wing—and may even be looking down their noses at the 87th, newly arrived and just finding their feet. The 79th are approaching the end of their time at Halton: we extend to them our best wishes, hoping that they will find their future work in the Service rewarding and will prove that Halton trained airmen can be relied upon at all times.

## TECHNICAL TRAINING WING HEADQUARTERS

Since the last issue of the magazine there has been quite a change of Orderly Room staff. Cpl. Aurelius, S/A/Cs Rickwood and Martin and L/A/C Shipp have left the Service and we wish them every success. We welcome S/A/C Sohl, L/A/Cs Boughton and Scoular and A/C Tooms.

Technical Training Wing were successful in winning the Station Athletic Cup by quite a large margin with L/A/C Boughton and S/A/C Sohl of the Orderly Room contributing to this success. L/A/C Boughton was in the final of the 220 yards A.A.A. Championships at White City and also represented the R.A.F. in the Inter-Service Championships.

## TECHNICAL TRAINING WING

### AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING SQUADRON

We have said farewell to Sqn.Ldr. 'Mike' Gaire who has been O.C. of the Squadron for two years plus, on his retirement from the Royal Air Force. He has been a tower of strength both in the Squadron and in his second love, the Apprentice bands. All wish him well in civvy street. It is rumoured that certain Apprentices now consider it reasonably safe to adopt D.A. hairstyles.

We welcome in his stead Sqn.Ldr. F. E. E. Truscott, M.B.E., who is no stranger to us as he has been Commanding No. 1 Squadron, No. 2 Wing for some time. It is hoped his tour with us will be a happy one.

### Airframe Fitter Flight

W.O. Ponting, who had been with us for three years has received his marching orders, and taken himself away to Middle Wallop (oftimes known as 'Centre Punch'). Here, we understand he has been lent to the Army to open up a School for the conversion of M.T.

fitters to Aircraft tradesmen. We have seen him once or twice since and he tells us that the job is arduous but nevertheless interesting.

We welcome in his stead W.O. Varty, an ex-Apprentice, who has come from Changi. He has settled down very quickly into the rather strange routine of Halton and assures us that he is going to enjoy his stay.

We have said farewell to F.S. McNughton who is now an Officer Cadet at Jurby. We understand that on arrival, he was immediately ordered a haircut. This information will, no doubt, give satisfaction to certain Apprentices. Cpl. Drake also left about the same time for Swinderby.

Sgt. Jones, also an ex-Apprentice, has been posted in as an instructor. We wish him a very pleasant stay.

Members of the staff have undertaken rather complicated alterations to our larger lecture rooms, and the resultant four neat smaller rooms will undoubtedly be conducive to improved instruction.

We offer congratulations to Sgt. Aspinwall on his marriage and also to all the many fathers who have been presented with offspring. We may not be able to reach the top of the Cricket table for this term, but we will certainly beat the record for the 'Baby' stakes.

Our congratulations go to A/A McLean of the 80th Entry, who is to receive the Instructors Progress Shield in the near future.

Finally, we have said farewell to the 78th, who have always had a good reputation with us, and we wish them every success in their careers as they leave for the wide open spaces.

### Engine Fitter Flight

The 78th Entry have departed and in the last issue, we strongly advised this Entry to make full use of the remaining time at Halton. We fear that some things were left too late as the results were not so good as they should have been. There were twelve failures and this should be noted by Junior Entries.

There is, however, a brighter side to the picture, for the Crebbin Robinson Cup comes back to the Flight by the efforts of C/A/A C. B. Noyon. Congratulations. F.S/A/A Maude not only scooped several prizes but also finished up top of the Entry and has been awarded a Technical Cadetship.

Changes have occurred in the instructional staff. W.O. Williams has gone to Leeming where he is now playing about with Meteors and Javelins. We were sorry to see him go and sincerely wish him luck in the future. With the arrival of W.O. McIntyre, we have exchanged Mr. Williams' "by Damn" for a sense of humour which could only emanate from the Emerald Isle. We wish him the happiest of tours here and if, later on, his successor hails from north of the Border, we will have gone round the U.K. for our W.Os. Other postings out were F.S. Dimond, who was awarded the B.E.M. in Her Majesty's Birthday Honours List, Sgt. Hebbard, who is now in Australia, Ch.Tech. Sloan and Ch.Tech. Smart. On the other hand we have had several postings in. These are F.S. Clegg, F.S. Wellington, Sgt. Ware, Sgt. Gray, Ch.Tech. Dickins, Ch.Tech. Watkins, Snr.Tech. Paley and Snr.Tech. Lawrence. They all appear to be settling down comforta-

bly and assimilating the Halton atmosphere. On the civilian side we have received from Weeton Mr. Turner, Mr. Bowes, Mr. Robson and Mr. Adams. They are having difficulty in finding houses but we hope this problem will soon be solved. Altogether, the Instructor situation is a lot easier than it was a few months ago and this will undoubtedly be reflected in subsequent results.

The machine tools (vintage models) which were in No. 3 Bay for thirty years have been removed and we are moving the Propeller and Power Plant phases into there. Classrooms are being constructed and the floor is to be resurfaced. Definitely a move in the right direction.

The 79th have returned from the Airfield for their Final Revision. Time is short and must be used to the full. We must hope for a 100% Graduation.

## ELECTRICAL AND INSTRUMENT SQUADRON

### Electrical Fitter Flight

The summer term just ending has not produced many changes in the training, but there are one or two matters which should be noted.

Integrated training, although it is still producing many teething troubles, headaches and loss of hair, is now well under way. At the time of writing, the 83rd Entry have reached their 50th and the 84th their 37th week of training, so we are expecting big things from these and subsequent entries.

Development of the new phases associated with integrated training has forged ahead, not without some setbacks, due to lack of equipment etc. It is hoped that the new electronic centre will be completed in the not too distant future and this of course will bring many improvements to that aspect of training.

The first of several new aircraft expected for the E. & I. Squadron has arrived and is now housed in the bottom end of Bay 6. This aircraft, a complete Hunter, should put more realism into the practical side of training.

There have been numerous changes in the staff since the last edition; Fg.Off. Jamieson, our very active Flight Commander, is leaving us shortly for a long awaited electronics course at Henlow. We wish him every success in his studies of electron movement.

Ch.Tech. Hider has left us for the great out-back—watch those wallabys Ron, and the best of luck.

Snr.Tech. Hyde who has been with us many a year, has gone over to the other side and is now at T.S.T. at Melksham. We hope to see something of him on Final T.S.T.S.

Other members of the staff who have left are Sgt. Smith to Kirkham, Cpl. McKinlay to Weeton and an internal posting of Cpl. Ryan to Station Workshops.

We would like to welcome Sgt. Ashley, Cpl. Evans and Cpl. Hart to the fold, hoping their stay will be a long and enjoyable one.

Although there was a slightly higher failure rate than was anticipated, the 78th Entry have done well in their graduation examinations, with the highest ever O.N.C. success. We wish them luck on the commencement of their active careers.

Note should be made of two promotions in the hierarchy; congratulations to Sgt. Connelly and Snr.Tech. Clarke.

### **Instrument Fitter Flight**

With the approach of the Summer Holidays, the feeling of this flight is one of relief, for this term has been one continual struggle with the heat and the shortage of instructors.

It is disappointing to note that no start has yet been made with the construction of the Electronics Centre in Bay 8 but it is hoped that by the next issue of the magazine this project will be complete.

Much has been written about Mr. J. H. Connelly elsewhere in this issue but, at the time of going to press, it is learned that he has been awarded the Imperial Services Medal and our congratulations go out to him.

Mr. P. Stewart is leaving the flight at the end of the term to take up an appointment

at the Aylesbury Technical School. We wish him every success in this new venture.

It is with profound regret that we are about to say goodbye to Cpl. Scott, a National Serviceman, who has done a really worthwhile job among us. Wherever he may go he carries with him our best wishes.

Congratulations are due to Ch.Tech. Lane. Snr.Tech. Garlick and S/A/C Jones on their recent examination successes.

As was intimated in the last issue we sadly said cheerio to W.O. Rymills shortly after the beginning of the term, at the end of his Royal Air Force career. For a brief three weeks he was replaced by W.O. Sarbut who left us for the O.C.T.U. at Jurby. We trust that W.O. Sarbut will graduate successfully and wish him good luck in his future career.

It would be untoward not to mention Fg.Off. Jamieson who, although not a member of the Flight, has been in the Squadron for a number of years, and is going to Royal Air Force Technical College on 1st September. All the best, Jamie.

To the 87th Entry we say 'Welcome' and to the 78th Entry we say 'Good Luck.' The final results of the latter entry were, to us, most disappointing; but we have done our best to find lots of excuses for them!!

### **ARMAMENT TRAINING SQUADRON**

There has been considerable upheaval of late in the Armament Squadron during the re-equipping of the Squadron with a Hunter aircraft. This modernisation has been long awaited and the removal of the Meteor 8, after a relatively short but valuable existence passed almost unnoticed and certainly without regrets.

We have suffered the inevitable losses and reinforcements of the instructional staff. A familiar figure in the Basic Workshop, F.S. Cawley has left us for Bassingbourne and his place has been taken by F.S. Tomlinson to whom we wish every success. Ch.Tech Lyons has gone to St. Athan and Cpl.Tech. Brown to Aden. We congratulate the latter on his appointment to his first operational post and wish him every good fortune. A



warm welcome is extended to two new arrivals, Ch.Tech. Aubrey and Sgt. Clayton.

The 78th Entry are now scattered to the four winds and we wish them every success in their careers. A great future surely lies ahead of them in the R.A.F. in this Atomic Age.

Considerable improvement has lately taken place in the extent and scope of the 'Armament Information Service' and great pride is now taken in the array of pictures on the walls of the workshop depicting all aspects of Service life. A great deal of ribald comment has been received from other sections over this 'picture gallery' but we feel that the Armament Squadron has scored a direct hit. It has come to our notice that the instructional staff have a variation of the main theme, and are preparing a Rogues Gallery of those Apprentices who incur their displeasure, for display in the Instructors' common room.

Ch.Tech. Kneen who recently joined the staff is to be congratulated on the award of a certificate of merit on the S.T.O.M. course.

The Armament Squadron was once more well represented at Bisley by a team led by Sqn.Ldr. Markey. Our congratulations go to Ch.Tech. Foot who, as a result of his performance, was selected to represent the Command.

Finally we would like to welcome the 86th and 87th Entries and hope that they will achieve an even higher standard than their forerunners.

#### AIRFIELD TRAINING SQUADRON

To add to our versatility we have been hosts to three film units, two of which were engaged on instructional films of our own asking. Local resources provided most of the material, from wardrobe, character actors, to impersonations and even stunt men.

The wail of 'why are we waiting' continues from the Mosquito Servicing hanger; especi-

ally ironical is the Canberra sitting on the tarmac outside the same hanger making the movement of Mosquitos so much more difficult.

There were few tears shed at the 'breaking up' of the Lincoln and Buckmaster aircraft, but a little apprehension at the news that they might be replaced by a Beverley.

With the readjustments to the instructional programme settling down nicely we have had to contend with several changes in staff; Ch.Tech. Sprout left the supervisory chair for Cyprus, Ch.Tech. Williams (A) and Snr. Tech. Garrett for Maintenance Units, Sgt. Taylor (674) for a Guided Weapon Unit and Sgt. Ware on exchange to the Engine Fitter Flight. As replacements, we extend a warm welcome to Ch.Tech. McFarlane and Snr. Tech. Jones from our neighbouring M.U. at Bicester and Cpl.Tech. Jones from the Engine Fitter Flight.

The Maintenance and Flying Flights have incurred an even greater turnover; we have lost Jnr.Tech. Davies to an Instructional post at Cosford, Cpl. Dodds, Cpl. Perry, S/A/Cs Brown, Chappell, Corkhill, Mansell and Walton on return to civilian life. We welcome Sgt. Green to complete a trio of staff pilots, Jnr.Tech. Parkinson from Kirkham, S/A/C Bowker from Malta and L/A/C Swadling from training school. We welcome L/A/C Bottomley to the clerical post vacated by ex-S/A/C/W Philpott on her marriage to ex-Cpl. De'Ath.

In addition to our acknowledged prowess at cricket we have added a Technical Training Command representative in track cycling with Jnr.Tech. Burley, and a Command Trialist with Cpl. Perryman. We feel sure that the Squadron will be able to supply some talent for representative winter games.

We wish every success to the 78th Entry and to the 79th on their impending Graduation, and to all a very happy Christmas and good fortune in the New Year.

## Apprentice Schools

EARLY last term Halton was visited by members of the Education Advisory Committee of the Royal Air Force, a body which includes distinguished members of the teaching profession and industry. They were primarily interested in Apprentice training and spent two or three days reviewing our problems and showed great interest in the work of the school generally.

In June, our annual inspection by the Air Officer Commanding, No. 24 Group took place. His visit, though brief, gave him the opportunity of seeing most aspects of educational work.

Later in June the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Technical Training Command visited Halton and came round the Schools informally to see work in progress.

At this time of the year it always falls upon us to bid farewell to officers who have completed their tours of duty in the Apprentice Schools, if not in the Royal Air Force itself. This year we have already lost not less than one-fifth of the instructional staff.

Sqn.Ldr. Dowsett has been posted away to Kirkham where he will be on familiar ground in charge of instruction in Aerodynamics. His steady leadership of the department here will be well remembered as also will his kindly disposition towards anyone whom he could help in any way.

Flt.Lt. Sadler has left the service and joined Unilever to undergo management training. He was with us for nearly three years during which time he edited the Halton Magazine most successfully.

Flt.Lt. Odell has gone to an American university to study International Relations having been awarded a post-graduate scholarship. His work here in the field of General Studies was always thorough while his contribution to other activities in the Halton Society was made with sincerity and without reserve.

Flt.Lt. Harris is now in industry where, we feel sure, his versatility will be rewarded. He will certainly be remembered in the Schools as the Entertainments Officer who was able to produce a wide range of popular entertainments for the Apprentices who fully appreciated his efforts.

It is not possible to mention here everyone who has left us but we wish them all happiness and good fortune, and offer them our thanks for all they did in their different fields of activity at Halton.

We welcome to the staff Sqn.Ldr. J. N. Quick who has come to take charge of the Aerodynamics Section.

It was pleasant at the end of last term to see at Halton many of the officers who have been associated with the school for a number of years. The occasion was a garden party for the Education Branch of the Royal Air Force and, although that in itself may not be entirely appropriate to these notes, it is worth recording that there were present many serving or retired education officers who have worked at Halton in the past including Air Vice-Marshal Kermode, now Director of Educational Services at the Air Ministry.

## Band Notes

DURING the Summer Term it was necessary to say farewell to Sqn.Ldr. F. A. B. Gaire, M.B.E., on his retirement from the Service. During his period as President of the Bands Committee he gave much of his time and unbounded enthusiasm to the bands. We wish him well in civilian life. In his place we

welcome the new President, Wg.Cdr. A. A. Pedder and wish him a happy and successful tour of office.

The term proved a busy one for both bands, with numerous engagements at Athletics Meetings in the Stadium, parades in

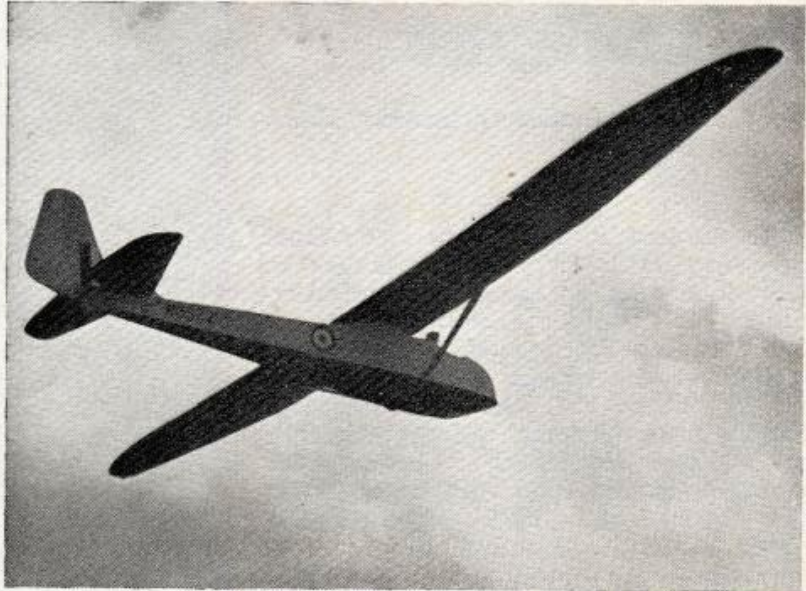
## Glider Flight

“**H**AS your flying improved much since last term?” “There wasn't really any room for improvement, was there?” . . . and with that remark, typical of one of our high powered “jet-type” instructors, gliding commenced for the 79th Entry.

However, the purpose of these notes is to review the progress of the 78th Entry. And progress it was: the number of launches rose to the record total of 374 (174 up on the previous term), and the number of solo flights was 21, made by seven Apprentices (five more than last time). The successful claimants for the British Gliding Association “A” and “B” Certificates were:

L/A/A Glossop  
C/A/A Mansbridge  
C/A/A Prickett  
S/A/A Ringer.

S/A/A Bailey  
C/A/A Ramsden  
S/A/A Bough



In fact the two sandbags, used as ballast on the solo flights, were getting so worn that someone seriously suggested to the instructor quoted above that he fill his hat full of sand and use that. This idea was later rejected when the “maximum permitted weight card” was inspected.

We now look ahead to even better results from the 79th Entry, restricted as we are, only by the number of aircraft.

## Memorial to the late Viscount Trenchard



The Unveiling Ceremony

**A**FTER he had reviewed the Graduation Parade of the 78th Entry on 31st July, and presented the prizes in the Burnett Gymnasium, the Vice-Chief of Air Staff visited the Officers' Mess, Halton House, to perform yet another ceremony. This was the unveiling of a bronze head of Lord Trenchard. The original head was commissioned by Air Vice-Marshal R. Graham when in 1945 he was Commandant of the Staff College, and the artist was Mr. A. J. Fleischmann.

The head, one of a number which were offered to Royal Air Force stations, will stand in the Officers' Mess as a permanent memorial to the man to whom the Royal Air Force owes so very much and to whom the Halton Apprentice School owes its very existence. A second head which has been obtained for

Halton will be placed, appropriately, in the Trenchard Library of the Apprentice Schools.

Before unveiling the head, the Vice-Chief of Air Staff gave a short address to assembled officers and guests. He spoke of the foresight of Lord Trenchard in founding the Apprentice Training Scheme for the Royal Air Force in 1920. Without it, he said, the Royal Air Force would not have grown and flourished as it has over the past 37 years. With the advantage of hindsight it seemed as though Lord Trenchard had at times foreseen the future with almost prophetic precision.

But it was not, he said, solely for his foresight that we honoured the memory of Lord Trenchard today. There was also his inspiration, the tremendous enthusiasm with which

he had inspired those under him. He had kept this enthusiasm alive by his frequent visits to those "elements of the Royal Air Force" which he held nearest his heart. That he had numbered Halton among these was evident from the large number of times he visited the station throughout his life. Apart from other visits he had acted as Reviewing Officer on no less than eleven occasions.

In conclusion, the Vice-Chief of Air Staff quoted from an address by Lord Trenchard:

"Believe in yourself. Believe in the Service. Each one of you must do his utmost in his particular job and make that efficient. **Without** that you can do nothing; **with** it you can do anything."

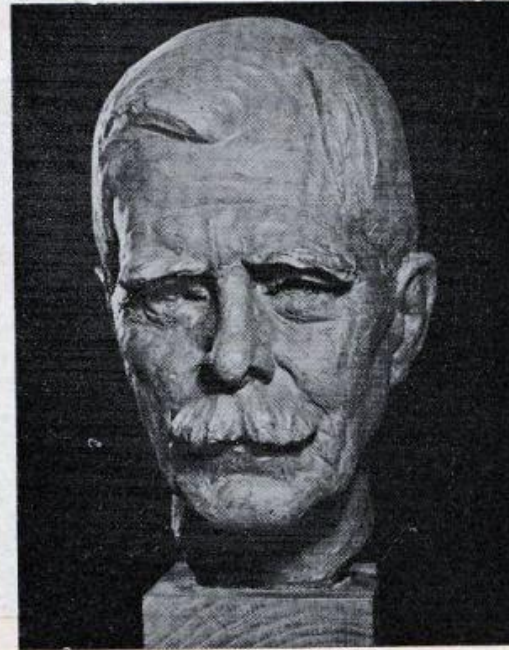
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The head obtained for the Trenchard Library of the Apprentice Schools has been bought on behalf of all who have been directly connected with the educational training of Apprentices, either as students or teachers. A silver plate on the pedestal carries the inscription:

Marshal of the Royal Air Force  
The Viscount Trenchard  
G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., D.S.O., D.C.L., LL.D.  
(1873—1956)

This head—by Arthur Fleischman—was presented in 1957 to the Trenchard Library by past and present educational staff and aircraft apprentices.

The cost of the head was £120 including the mahogany pedestal and the inscribed silver plate; of this sum, £35 has so far been subscribed by Apprentices now at Halton. It is believed that former members of the educational staff and ex-Apprentices will be eager to contribute towards the cost and the Administrative Officer of the Apprentice Schools is expecting that he will very shortly



be inundated with cheques, postal orders and other forms of legal tender. Since it is anticipated that very many ex-Haltonians will be only too anxious to acknowledge in this way the link with the late Lord Trenchard, the organisers propose that the maximum donation should be 10/- for officers and W.Os and 5/- for N.C.Os and other ranks.