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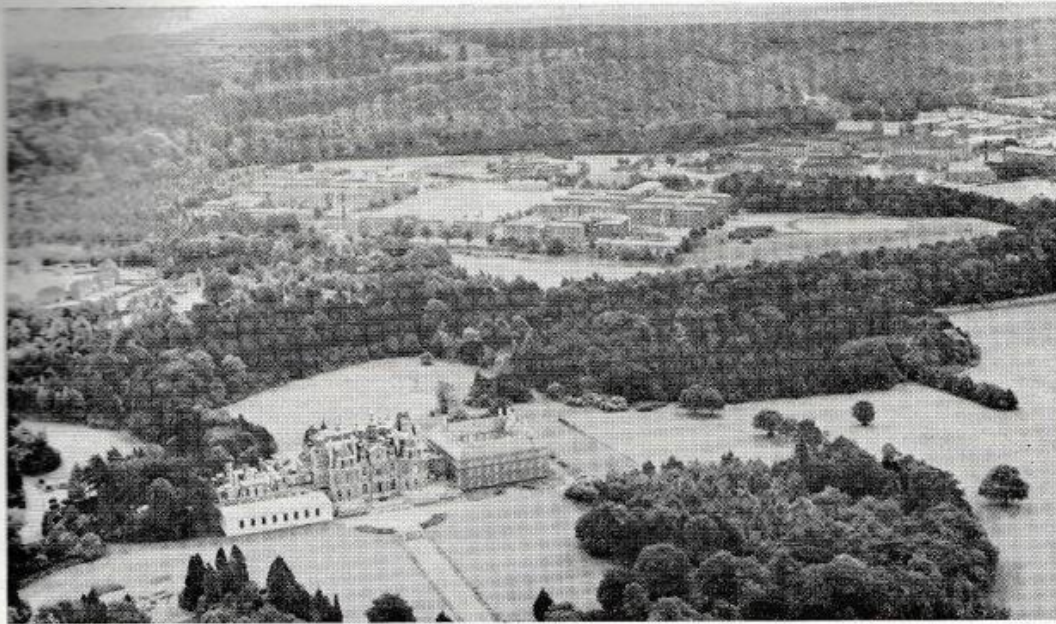


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EDITORIAL

It was not until the assistant editor began to send out his reminders about reports for this issue that we realised just how many staff changes there have been at Halton during the past few months. This has resulted in rather shorter reports than usual on some activities; we hope that new holders of office will make up for these next term. Among those who have left are several of the magazine staff, Fg.Off. Dimmer, sports editor, Fg.Off. Tily, assistant secretary of the Halton Society, Fg.Off. Goodfellow, distribution manager, and Mrs. Butler, editorial assistant. We thank them for all the hard work they put in and wish them well. Just as we go to press the assistant editor, Mr. Beacon, has announced that he too is leaving shortly: his efforts over the last six issues have been invaluable; our gratitude and good wishes go with him.

But, perhaps appropriately enough, it is not only Halton's 'Hansard' that is suffering changes. Our Government, having recently moved into a new 'Whitehall', has also attracted the attention of the postings branch. The Commandant, Air Commodore B. Robinson, C.B.E., is going to the Ministry of Aviation at the end of the term, and on behalf of all personnel of Royal Air Force, Halton, we

should like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and to express our best wishes for his future success and happiness. Similar wishes go too with Gp.Capt. Brice, who is leaving to command Royal Air Force, Innsworth, and Wg.Cdr. Porter, who is going to Headquarters, Coastal Command. We express special wishes and thanks to Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Brice and Mrs. Porter, who have all done so much for the Station. We welcome as Commandant Air Cdre. D. M. Strong, A.F.C., who comes to Halton from Royal Air Force, Germany, where he has been S.A.S.O.

We thank the Old Haltonians who have responded to our appeal for contributions to this issue and ask all Old Haltonians for their continued support. Our ambition to publish an authoritative article on the Space Age has at last been realised and we are particularly pleased that it has been written by an Old Haltonian, Wg.Cdr. J. I. R. Bowring, O.B.E. Articles on decimal coinage and insecticides help to keep us right up to date, and we even have a reference to the Robbins report.

Once again we wish all our readers, contributors and advertisers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



GRADUATION OF THE 96th ENTRY

The 96th Entry graduated on 31st July 1963. The Reviewing Officer was Sir John Hunt, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.G.S., Director of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

The Reviewing Officer was accompanied by Air Marshal Sir Alfred Earle, K.B.E., C.B., Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Technical Training Command, Air Vice Marshal J. K. Rotherham, C.B., C.B.E., Air Officer Commanding No. 24 Group, Air Commodore B. Robinson, C.B.E., Commandant, Group Captain R. C. Fordham, C.B.E., Senior Training Officer, Group Captain H. H. Mayoh, Principal Education Officer, Wing Commander J. E. Boden, Officer Commanding Technical Training Wing, Wing Commander G. Bates, D.F.C., A.F.C., Officer Commanding Senior Entries, and Squadron Leader E. J. Griffiths, Officer Commanding No. 1 Apprentice Wing.

Parade Detail

The parade was commanded by F.S. A/A A. R. Thomas.

Parade Adjutant	C/A/A J. R. Howe
Parade Warrant Officer	C/A/A J. S. Morgan
Colour Bearer	S/A/A J. M. Duff
Colour Warrant Officer	
Colour Escort	C/A/A R. L. Wilson L/A/A D. Sinclair L/A/A T. D. Taylor A/A G. L. Purvis
Colour Orderly	
Escort Squadron Commander	S/A/A D. C. Denham
No. 1 Flight Commander	C/A/A T. R. Adcock
No. 2 Flight Commander	C/A/A R. A. Winter
No. 2 Squadron Commander	S/A/A J. H. Porter
No. 1 Flight Commander	C/A/A J. Lewis
No. 2 Flight Commander	C/A/A A. D. J. Mackie
Apprentice i/c Supporting Entry	S/A/A P. M. Boreham
Drum Major Pipe Band	
Drum Major Brass Band	C/A/A R. J. Small A/A A Wadsworth

The Commandant's Report

In the Burnett Gymnasium after the Parade the Commandant began his speech by welcoming the Reviewing Officer and also the new Air Officer Commanding No. 24 Group, Air Vice Marshal Rotherham, who was attending his first Halton Graduation.

Outlining the Reviewing Officer's career, the Commandant said that Sir John Hunt was commissioned from Sandhurst in 1930 in the King's Royal Rifle Corps. Much of his service in the Army was overseas in India, the Middle East and Europe, and included command of the 11th Indian Infantry Brigade from 1944—1946. But it was as leader of the first successful expedition to Mount Everest in 1953 that Sir John is best known.

The Commandant referred to the work of Sir John as Director of Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme—in which Halton is very active—and pointed out that he had recently led expeditions to the Caucasus and the Pamirs in the U.S.S.R. and, in conjunction with the National Association of Youth Clubs, had taken parties of D.E.A.S. Gold Award holders to Greenland and to the Pindus Mountains in Greece. Halton was very grateful that Sir John could spare the time to be with us on this occasion.

Before giving his report on the 96th, the Commandant welcomed the many parents present and thanked them for their help in bringing their sons' apprenticeship to a successful conclusion.

On induction in September 1960 the strength of the Entry was 212. Of this number only two had been discharged as unsuitable for training.

Technical Training. 190 apprentices took the final Trade Test examination in the mechanical, electrical and instrument trade groups, and all but one qualified as Junior Technicians with an average mark of 71.7%. The Entry included the second intake of Dental Technicians. One was transferred to a skilled trade at an early stage of training; the remaining 8 graduated as Junior Technicians.

Educational Training. The Entry, with a good record of educational attainment, kept up the sound standard of performance which has become established at the school. In the final examination in Educational subjects the Entry achieved an overall average mark of 62.92%. In the G.C.E. at 'O' level there were 293 subject entries and the pass rate of 75.8% was the second highest ever to be gained by

Halton entrants in these examinations. In the extent of its participation in external examinations the 96th Entry was outstanding. Over 90% of the Entry entered for one or more subjects in the G.C.E. and 55% for the City and Guilds Examination. 24 members of the Entry obtained the O.N.C. in Mechanical Engineering, and 17 in Electrical Engineering.

General Service Training. In sport the Entry made a very good contribution. L/A/A Beavan represented the R.A.F. at boxing; L/A/A Murray represented Technical Training Command at boxing, and was Command champion at his weight; A/A Sekula was a member of the R.A.F. Colts Rugby XV, and L/A/A Marshall represented Technical Training Command in Athletics. Of the Entry 34 were awarded School colours. In the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, three Apprentices, C/A/A Adcock, L/A/A Woodland and A/A Ley, gained Gold Awards, and seven others gained Silver Awards. The Commandant made special mention of the work that C/A/A Adcock had put into the D.E.A.S. The Entry was undeterred by the severe weather at the beginning of the year which rather curtailed normal sporting activities, and responded to the challenge by playing hockey on the ice, sledging on the snow covered slopes of Mansion Hill, and by trips to Streatham Ice Rink. They displayed a high degree of initiative and energy during this period, if not too much skill.

The 96th Entry made an excellent contribution to Halton's life, including solid support of the bands—18 members having been in the Pipe band and 18 in the Military Band. In developing their robust constitutions the members of the Entry consumed in three years at Halton 60,800 lbs. of meat, 234,100 lbs of potatoes, 23,850 gallons of milk and 20,451 eggs.

Special Service Attainments. Three Apprentices were awarded cadetships: F.S. A/A Thomas to Cranwell, and S/A/A Denham and C/A/A Ledsham to the R.A.F. Technical College, Henlow. Four Apprentices graduated as Substantive Corporals and no fewer than 130, or 66% of the Entry, qualified for accelerated promotion, including 2 Dental Technicians. This figure has been surpassed by only one other Entry.

After completing his report on the 96th Entry, the Commandant spoke to the School staff, both service and civilian.

'Any technical school anywhere can impart the academic knowledge and technical skills required by a Technician, but at Halton a young man learns something more. And he learns it unwittingly from you, as he passes through the Workshops, Schools and the Wing. It is a compound of the qualities which exist in a good team. Some of it rubs off on him, and he has it for life—the spirit of Halton.'

In conclusion the Commandant congratulated the 96th on a successful start to their careers, and exhorted them to live up to the fine tradition of those who had passed through Halton before them.

The Reviewing Officer's Address

Sir John Hunt opened his address by saying how honoured he was to be asked to Halton as Reviewing Officer at the Graduation of the 96th Entry. He admitted in the same breath to feeling 'darned uncomfortable' in his own uniform while other Services wore sensible collars. As an ex-serviceman, now civilian, he had not been sure how to dress for the occasion; his family had insisted that he should not shame them by wearing his bowler hat, and he had wondered if he could still get into his uniform. The Commander-in-Chief's comment had been: 'Uniform, and hang everything on!', and Sir John confessed that at least one gong he was wearing had, according to protocol, no business to be there.

Having presented the prize-winners with their awards, Sir John congratulated all those who had not won prizes for, he said, the real merit was in endeavour, and he was sure they had had a jolly good try. He then congratulated the parents, the Mums and Dads who looked so decorative and nice, and who were so proud of their sons. Speaking as the father of four girls he said that whenever one of them achieved distinction he always congratulated himself. But for the parents, he claimed amidst laughter, the graduating entry would not be there at all. The Reviewing Officer recalled how, during his three years at H.Q. Central Command, Europe, at Fontainebleau, he and his wife had attended a prize-giving at their daughters' school. Unaware that their daughter had won a prize, they had sat demurely in the back row, musing on the strange composition of the stage party. Beside the headmistress there were several serious gentlemen in sombre attire, and a most conspicuous vacant chair. To his astonishment,

Sir John heard his name called to fill this seat of honour, for it is the custom in France to honour the fathers, and on receiving a prize his daughter had to kiss him on both cheeks. Sir John, who was wearing tweeds and flannels, was greatly embarrassed by the platform proceedings, especially as he was kissed on the cheeks not once, but nine times!

Referring to his earlier, somewhat disparaging remarks on uniform, Sir John then spoke of it in different vein: one quarter of life spent in a society leaves imprints of that society on one's actions and sentiments. Today's fine drill and turnout had made Sir John feel sentimental, and he had felt an urge to clap. But that wouldn't have done. It was, however, permissible and indeed good to look back. He had been reminded of his first passing out parade at Sandhurst, and of countless ceremonial occasions since. Sir John hoped that thirty-five or forty years on the entry too would look back on their service careers and the years after, not with regret and not in anger, but with pleasure and satisfaction at a good life.

This age of ours, called so many things, was often referred to as the Space Age, a thought-provoking title which appealed to technologists operating above the surface of the earth. Sir John understood that the Royal Air Force, often considered the most go-ahead and forward-looking of the three Services, had recently appointed an officer in charge of Space. This was, in Sir John's opinion, a big assignment! He had recently met the Russian astronaut, Yuri Gagarin, and had asked him whether in a few years time man would land on the moon—Sir John's interest being that there were mountains on the moon! Gagarin replied that it was feasible that in ten years time this would have been done.

For the great majority of us, however, thoughts of space travel were useless flights of fancy. Our own space problems would be those of increasing crowding of the earth, caused by growing population and transport. In China alone there was an increase in population of 15 million a year. In our own country infant mortality rates were down, there were more old folk, and a recent report had stated that by the year 2010 there would be standing room only in Great Britain. Such problems of space, said Sir John, were as challenging, full of opportunities and real as any problems of outer space.

Sir John then spoke of the greatest asset on this side of the Iron Curtain: freedom. Freedom to think, to act within reasonable limits, and to express ourselves. Quoting Albert Schweitzer, who had said 'Men have fought for freedom and now do not know how to handle it', Sir John urged an enjoyment of freedom, and a determination to be worthy of it. He spoke of the great issue facing the world today, that of democracy or dictatorship, and of the fitness of society to govern itself. Who would deny, he asked, that signs were here in Great Britain to justify the dictum of Schweitzer and the cynicism of Communists. The world of today was in many ways disappointing, and he urged his audience to be not bystanders, but constructive critics, and so aim to make a better society; to be political in the sense that they read not just the sensational press, but the serious papers also, to think deeply on what they read, and then to form their own opinions. 'You must have your own views'.

A Trade Union official had recently said that the big problem of the second industrial revolution was how human beings could keep apace and ahead of the huge technological and scientific advances being made and yet retain their better selves. Sir John's advice was to watch the play carefully from the stalls, not to be dazzled by the decor, and not to let stage effects blind them to a bad performance. Then, when ready, they should leave the stalls and take the stage themselves.

The Queen once spoke of the need, in this age, for a special sort of courage, not the kind needed in the heat of battle but the kind that enabled us to stand up for what we know to be right and honest, to show the world that we were not afraid of the future. 'Have the courage of your convictions', said Sir John. 'Be active both as professional airmen and professional civilians, and so play an important part in the moulding of a new and virile society'.



The Prize Winners

96th ENTRY—PRIZE WINNERS

CADETSHIPS

F.S. A/A A. R. THOMAS (General Duties Branch)
S/A/A D. C. DENHAM (Technical Branch)
C/A/A N. R. LEDSHAM (Technical Branch)

WINNERS OF AIR MINISTRY PRIZES—96th ENTRY

HIGHEST IN ORDER OF MERIT, ALL SUBJECTS
C/A/A A. W. BURTON

HIGHEST IN ORDER OF MERIT, EDUCATIONAL SUBJECTS
First Prize: C/A/A A. W. BURTON
Second Prize: S/A/A D. C. DENHAM

BEST 'SET TASK' GENERAL STUDIES
L/A/A T. D. TAYLOR

HIGHEST IN ORDER OF MERIT GENERAL SERVICE EFFICIENCY
First Prize: F.S. A/A A. R. THOMAS
Second Prize: S/A/A J. M. DUFF

HIGHEST AVERAGE FOR PRACTICAL FITTING OVER THREE-YEAR COURSE
A/A J. F. FREEMAN

BEST TRADESMEN IN TRADE STANDARDS TRADE TEST

AIRFRAME FITTER 1st	A/A S. L. W. MEYERS
AIRFRAME FITTER 2nd	A/A E. A. BURTON
ARMAMENT FITTER	A/A J. F. FREEMAN
ELECTRICAL FITTER (Air)	C/A/A R. L. WILSON
ENGINE FITTER	S/A/A D. C. DENHAM
INSTRUMENT FITTER (Gen.)	C/A/A A. W. BURTON
INSTRUMENT FITTER (Nav)	L/A/A R. N. SUTTON
DENTAL TECHNICIAN	A/A/ D. A. W. JEFFRIES

WINNERS OF SPECIAL PRIZES—96th ENTRY

MONSIGNOR BEAUCHAMP MEMORIAL PRIZE

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

Winner:—S/A/A D. C. DENHAM

CREBBIN-ROBINSON CUPS

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

Winner:—Mechanical Trades: L/A/A R. A. SLACK

Winner:—Electrical and Instrument Trades: C/A/A R. L. WILSON

ELLIOTT MEMORIAL PRIZE

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

Winner:—A/A/ S. L. W. MEYERS

QUINTON MEMORIAL TROPHY

On 13th August, 1951, Flight Lieutenant J. A. Quinton sacrificed his life in saving an A.T.C. Cadet when both were flying in an aircraft which was involved in a mid-air collision. For this supreme act of gallantry Flight Lieutenant Quinton was posthumously awarded the 'George Cross'. As a mark of esteem all A.T.C. Cadets at that time subscribed one penny per head so that the Quinton Memorial Trophy and replica could be presented to the best all round ex-A.T.C. Cadet graduating with each Entry at Halton.

Winner:—C/A/A R. L. WILSON

SHOOTING

C/A/A T. R. ADCOCK 1962/63
 L/A/A L. F. CARTWRIGHT 1962/63
 S/A/A J. M. DUFF 1962/63
 L/A/A C. R. WOODLAND 1962/63

SOCCER

A/A J. BALDWIN 1962/63
 A/A S. N. CHALMERS 1962/63
 A/A B. CHAPMAN 1962/63
 A/A P. J. FRANKLIN 1962/63
 A/A T. MARTIN 1962/63
 A/A D. E. MAUDSLEY 1961/62-62/63

SQUASH

L/A/A C. H. MARSHALL 1962/63

SWIMMING

A/A P. FOUSERT 1963
 C.A.A. J. R. HOWE 1962/63
 C/A/A N. R. LEDSHAM 1963
 A/A W. MOBBS 1963
 A/A R. D. MUNN 1963
 A/A M. B. WATTS 1962/63

LAWN TENNIS

A/A W. MATHEWS 1962/63
 A/A D. E. MAUDSLEY 1962/63

96th ENTRY POSTING LIST (in order of merit)

Burton A. W.	Coleerne	Prior M. E.	617 Sqn. Scampton
Denham D. C.	Technical Cadetship Henlow	Buckland R.	229 O.C.U. Chivenor
	Substantive Corporal	Woodland C. R.	Ballykelly
Withers A. F.	C.F.T.S. Acklington	Hood L. J.	C.F.S. Little Rissington
Slack R. A.	West Raynham	Bourke R. R.	Leconfield
Wilson R. A.	543 Sqn. Wyton	Moie R. P.	Benson
Ledsham N. R.	Technical Cadetship Henlow	Purvis G. L.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Adcock T. R.	232 O.C.U. Gaydon	Arnott D. P.	Ballykelly
	Substantive Corporal	Matthews W.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Sutton R. N.	Lynham	Beavan A. J. P.	Lynham
Simpson D. R.	111 Sqn. Wattisham	Howe J. R.	55 Sqn. Honington
Williams K. J.	139 Sqn. Wittering		Substantive Corporal
Meyers S. L. W.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Greenwell D.	A.E.S. Topcliffe
Perry D. F.	232 O.C.U. Gaydon	Sharratt G. W.	57 Sqn. Honington
Burge M. C.	232 O.C.U. Gaydon	Wilcox P. A.	3 F.T.S. Leeming
Morgan J. S.	Lynham	Meacham R. W.	Ternhill
Cooper A. P.	27 Sqn. Scampton	Withey J. McK.	C.F.T.S. Acklington
Howes A. P.	Coltishall	Sinclair D.	Abingdon
Grewcock D.	15 Sqn. Cottesmore	Brown M. R.	Lynham
Millard I. J.	32 M. U. St. Athan	Castle G. D.	Lynham
Thomas A. R.	G.D. Pilot Cadetship, Cranwell	Hempsall G. K.	Ballykelly
	Substantive Corporal	Franklin P. J.	Lynham
Cartwright L. F.	232 O.C.U. Gaydon	Knight G. A.	2 A.N.S. Hullavington
Freeman J. F.	232 O.C.U. Gaydon	Rouse J. G.	Lynham
Edwards L. W.	Lynham	Mobbs W.	C.F.S. Little Rissington
John S. B.	2 A.N.S. Hullavington	Evans P.	Lynham
Bishop W. E.	41 Sqn. Wattisham	Smith M. H.	111 Sqn. Wattisham
Burden E. A.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Bell J. A.	3 F.T.S. Leeming
Booth J. M.	Leconfield	Boulby B.	15 Sqn. Cottesmore
Atkinson J.	Binbrook	White M. S.	Lynham
Lewis J.	Coleerne	Knights M. B.	Honington
Veltman D. R.	Ternhill	Garford R. G.	3 F.T.S. Leeming
Hadley J.	139 Sqn. Wittering	Joel R. H.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Chapman B.	3 F.T.S. Leeming	Nicholls, W. G.	90 Sqn. Honington
Boydland I. A.	Lynham	Maddock J. D. C.	85 Sqn. Binbrook
Metcalf A. D.	214 Sqn. Marham	McKeeman H. M.	Lynham
Boswell J. M.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Barnett D. B.	Uxbridge
Dawson J.	Middleton St. George	Etherington J. T.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Taverner P. J.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Frost A. E.	7 F.T.S., Church Fenton
Murray D. E.	2 A.N.S. Hullavington	Lightfoot D. J.	617 Sqn. Scampton
Woodrow D. R.	Lynham	Banyard J. W.	Ballykelly
Brown P. J.	Lynham	Cheeseman L. D.	C.F.S. Little Rissington
McMurray S. C.	Lynham	Trewin P. T.	Uxbridge
Smith R. J.	Lynham	Poutney M. J.	543 Sqn. Wyton
Martin D. I.	57 Sqn. Honington	Kely M.	42 Sqn. St. Mawgan
Gilbert J. B.	A.S.W.D.U., Ballykelly	Rann G. M.	55 Sqn. Honington
Haworth A.	115 Sqn. Cottesmore	Holmes P. A.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Martin J. R.	Lynham	Lloyd B.	2 F.T.S. Syerston
Honnor J. R. L.	3 F.T.S. Leeming	Asquith F.	Binbrook
Griffiths H.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Apps R. M.	7 F.T.S. Church Fenton
Gibbons, L. L.	Uxbridge	Duff J. M.	Kinloss
Jeffries D. A. W.	Uxbridge	Harper I. M.	227 Sqn. Scampton
Owens E. B.	Benson	Baker H. J.	Ballykelly
		Marshall C. H.	617 Sqn. Scampton

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APPRENTICE WING NOTES

No. 1(A) WING

THE STAFF

The Wing has witnessed several changes of staff since the Summer Edition. Firstly we welcome Sqn.Ldr. E. J. Griffiths as O.C. the Wing; he has come from R.A.F. Digby. Secondly Flt.Lt. E. A. H. Hines, who was a Q.F.I. at the London University Air Squadron, has taken over command of No. 3 Squadron. Thirdly we now boast a Wing Adjutant, Fg.Off. D. Morgan, who has recently escaped from R.A.F. Spitalgate. Last but not least, (almost a stop press item) Fg.Off. M. Dicken, ex 5001 Squadron, Cyprus, has taken on the formidable task of Deputy O.C. No. 1 Squadron; this is quite a numerical come down. On the debit side we are sorry to say goodbye to Sqn.Ldr. F. R. Jones who has been posted to Royal Air Force High Wycombe as S. Ad. O. and Flt.Lt. E. Roberts, who has been posted to R.A.F. Little Rissington. Also posted is Sgt. Elliott, who has the good fortune to be spending the winter this year in the Mediterranean. He has been posted to R.A.F. Luqa. They all take with them our good wishes and the invitation to keep in touch.

The 96th Entry

The 96th Entry finished their final term by getting down to some really hard studying. They did, however, still find time for a day trip to the sea and another Canoeing Expedition. This time all the energy was used up, canoeing and not crocodiling.

The Entry had a good preview of their Graduation parade with a dress rehearsal on Old Haltonians' Day. The build up to the parade was disappointing but suddenly hundreds of old boys arrived, just in time for the March On.

The remainder of the term went quickly with midnight bangers, 'Operation Blushing Waters', and ghost radio programmes. The grand finale came with a wonderful Graduation Dinner followed two days later with a really first class Graduation Parade. This was a fitting summary to their years at Halton, and I'm sure they all left feeling justly very proud of themselves.

It is fitting to mention here that the remains

of their Entry fund, over £100, is being donated to the Oxford Famine Relief Fund.

We hope that the Entry will keep in touch with Halton, though we trust that their news will be less unpleasantly eventful than that received from Jnr.Tech. Sutton, who, with A/A Jayakody (102nd), sustained unpleasant injuries when the taxi in which they were riding was wrecked at Weyhill on 16th August.

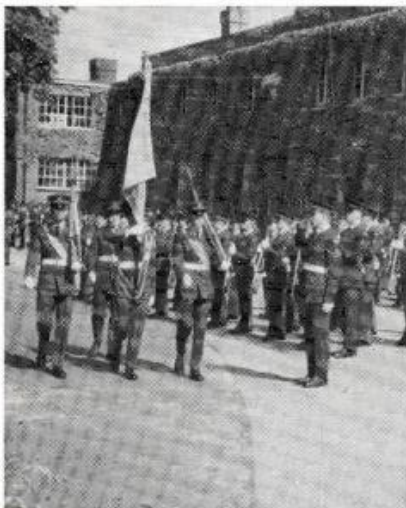
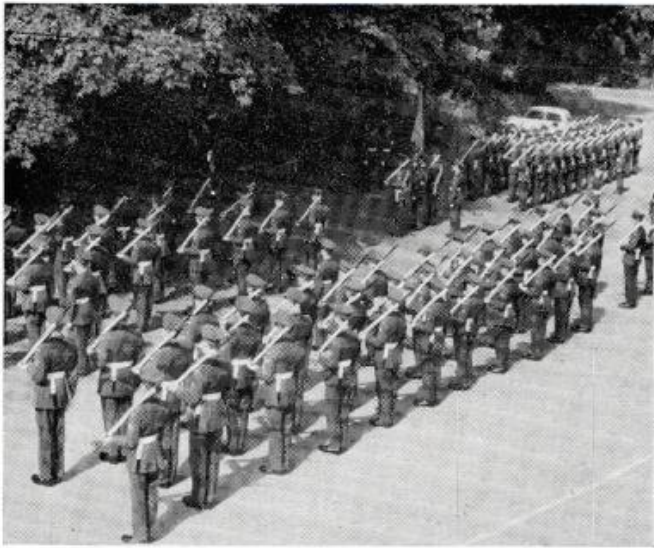
The 98th Entry

The Entry wish to welcome Fg.Off. M. Dicken to their Squadron. Their happy smiling faces are not a vain effort to replace the Mediterranean sun which Fg.Off. Dicken is missing, but to announce that they have no longer to line the route along Whitehall. In the sporting field they continue to do as well as their small numbers will allow. Special mention is made of a few stalwarts—on the rugby field—McAlister, Joy and Davison, and at soccer, Kabluczenko, Folliard, Allardyce and Thom. C/A/A Parker had the misfortune to break his nose in the close contest against 15 'Teddies', who were in fact the St. Edward's School, Oxford, rugby team. We hope he has a speedy recovery.

100th Entry

The Entry have concentrated mainly on the notorious schools progress exams, and so there is little to report on Entry activities. The following individuals of the Entry have however excelled themselves and are to be congratulated on their efforts. In the Pipe Band Simpson and Glencross qualified as first class pipers. In the Halton shooting championship Ayres won the prize for the best Apprentice and came second in the station, while Crowe won the range prize. Cunningham has represented the R.A.F. at Water Polo and Manning will shortly be taking part in the R.A.F. Horse riding championships at R.A.F. Cranwell. The following have also proved to be regular members of the Schools rugby teams: Hathaway, Mather, Sinfield, Turnbull, Hla, Jenkins, Francis, Morgan and Holling.

Another achievement worthy of mention is that of Lloyd and Gutteridge who travelled home on Summer leave by canoe from Tring to Regents Park.



The Graduation Church Parade of the 96th Entry, the first to be held in the new St. George's Church

tions to F.S. A/A Barski on his appointment to that exalted rank and we wish him well in leading the 97th Entry through the next few weeks until graduation. We also wish the entire entry every success in graduation and their future careers in the Royal Air Force.

No. 3(A) WING

Since the last edition of the Halton Magazine we have had the occasion to welcome to the Wing Sqn.Ldr. S. W. Sills, D.F.M., who arrived from Allied Forces Centre Europe, to relieve Sqn.Ldr. Jackson as Commanding Officer of No. 3 Squadron. Sqn.Ldr. Jackson has left the Wing on posting to R.A.F. Feltwell. Our best wishes go with him.

Birthday Honours

Our congratulations are extended on this occasion to F.S. Norris of the Wing P.F.O.'s staff, and to Sgt. Day of No. 2 Squadron on the award of A.O.C.'s commendations.

Congratulations are also extended to A/A Weallens of the 103rd Entry on his completion of the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award standards. This is the first time that a Gold Award has been attained by an Apprentice whilst still in the Junior Wing. It is understood that there are at least two others also in the 103rd who are on the verge of completing the series—we may yet complete the 'hat trick' and really make history.

The major ceremonial event in the Wing since the last publication was the 'pass-on' parade of the 102nd Entry. The parade was once again combined with an open invitation to the parents of the Entry. The day was very well blessed with sunshine (that yellow stuff so infrequently seen this year), and this together with the three hundred parents (the ladies in their summer finery) set the scene well. The reviewing officer, Gp.Capt. R. C. Fordham, C.B.E., was able to express satisfaction with both the standard of drill and turnout. The Wing band, resplendent and glittering as ever, tended to steal the show towards the end of the parade by doing an unexpected 'lap-of-honour' whilst the Entry marched off unescorted. Interviewed afterwards, the Drum Major, A/A Golder, explained 'I thought the C.O. said 'March past', not 'march off': shades of the A.O.C.'s parade obviously!

The 105th

Having said good-bye to the 102nd we have also welcomed the 105th, and whilst by the time this issue is published they will be comparatively old hands, they are at the time of

writing in the midst of their A.B.C. training—two weeks of denim clad. 'one-pause-two' shouting Apprentices whilst the number watching from side lines increases daily as new unbroken boots take their toll!

Wing Band

Apart from the lap of honour on the occasion of the 102nd's pass on parade, the band has continued to perform very successfully under the direction of Sgt. Cooke.

On the 17th June, the band provided a corps of trumpets (A/A's Blackley, Turner, Hibbert, Grainger, Allen, Dunn, Alsop, Quait, and Lewis) to play at the première of the film 'Hud'. Amongst the well known personalities present on this occasion were Lord and Lady Attlee, Mr. Peter Sellers, and Patricia Neal (Star of the film).

The band performed very creditably in the band competition at the end of last term, and although no prizes were won, A/A's Golder (drum major) and Grainger (trumpeter) were particularly commended.

Silver badges have been awarded to the leading piper, A/A Rattray, the leading trumpeter, A/A Bromley, and the leading drummer, A/A Flitter.

Cock 'O' the Walk

The end of term Cock of the Walk championships (cricket, softball, volleyball and tennis) were played off on the last day of term and ended in a somewhat surprising result. Hitherto it has been customary for so long as records show for the senior Entry in the wing to win this competition, presumably because they are that much older and have been playing together as a team that much longer. Alternatively, it has been suggested that 'Junior Entries' just dare not beat their exalted seniors. However, on this occasion, the intermediate Entry (103rd) romped home by 3 points. The final results were No. 1 Squadron (103rd) 18 points, No. 3 Squadron (102nd) 15 points, and No. 2 Squadron (104th) 3 points.

Wing Sports Day

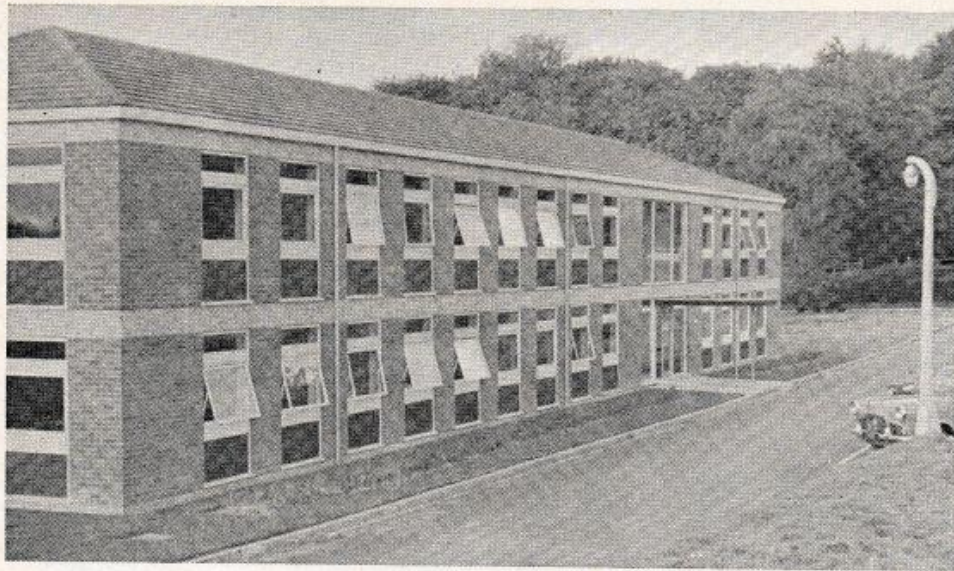
The Wing athletics meeting for this year was held in the station stadium in early July and as a result, No. 1 Squadron (103rd) won the youth trophy, and No. 3 Squadron (102nd) the junior competition. There were, needless to say, many good individual contenders, who will no doubt prove worthy contestants for eventual places in the School team. Among those worthy of note were:

SCHOOL NOTES

It is not without our usual, and well founded, apprehension that we approach yet again the autumn term. The illumination of the signs warning that 'Troops and Children' cross at Main Point heralds the long drag up to Christmas and beyond before the light spring evenings reappear. The sly association implied by the notices raises the question as to which group, if either, Apprentices belong. While those in Schools have very definite views on this, some highly comical, you will excuse your correspondent from taking sides, since should his identity be disclosed to Apprentices before bonfire night

As the trees become bare we can glimpse with not a little envy the splendid new S.H.Q. building. Much as we would like similar improvement here, inspired leaks from the Robbins Committee indicate that we are not immediately to be raised to University status and we must remain satisfied with old 'red-brick' (and wooden hut) schools for a little longer. 'It is the quality and not the quantity of square head bashing that counts in the long run'.

However we are undismayed and are considering all that is new in education and applying and adapting the best of the ideas. We have in a previous issue referred to the pilot TV Scheme. Many of the staff are now wholly sold on the idea. The summer series of demonstrations on 'the aerodynamic characteristics of the cricket ball' by Drs. Worrell and Dexter were particularly popular. Additionally, unlike a well-known novelist, we have found no difficulty in unifying our 'two cultures'. The new Broadened Training Scheme has been relatively well received by the engine and airframe fitters of the 99th 100th and 101st Entries. Briefly they have been introduced to the wonders of A.C. theory and its application by many interesting and ingenious experiments. This has had repercussions in other departments. In particular one mathematics instructor found it uncanny for an engine fitter apprentice to ask what the mean value of $\sin \theta$ was over 0 to 2μ radians. The advent of electro-mechanical devices has indeed wrought a revolution in thinking undreamed of before.



'the splendid new S.H.Q. building'

This term there are probably more staff changes than usual to record. Wg.Cdr. A. E. Druett, formerly Senior Education Officer of Basic Studies (Elec/Inst.), left us in September to study at a theological college. We wish him well both in his studies and in his subsequent vocation. Sqn.Ldr. Meats, after a very short sojourn, has left us for Uxbridge. He has put in tremendously hard work with the athletics teams, and we congratulate him on their successes. The Engineering Drawing Department suffered a temporary near-annihilation on the posting of that unbeatable trio, Fg.Offs. Beckett, Brown and Dimmer. Fg.Off. Beckett is now chasing thermals in Cyprus, while the other two, along with Fg.Off. Trew of Aerodynamics, have gone to Henlow for a spot of electrics. We welcome Fg.Offs. Doling and Saunders in their places. The Mathematics Department has lost Fg.Off. Tily, the Botvinnik of Halton, to Henlow, and Flt.Lts. James and Peart-Jackson (Keeper of the Magnilog Tables, an office no whit less illustrious than that of Keener of the Field) to Aden, and has gained Fg.Off. Kerr. Other recent arrivals are Flt.Lt. Andrews (Electrical) and Flt.Lt. Pottle and Fg.Off. Newman-Sanders (Mechanics). Flt.Lt. Condie, of the Engines Department, one of our oldest inhabitants, leaves for Weeton at the end of term, and will be replaced by Flt.Lt. Thomas. Yet another to leave will be Mr. Nicholson of the Maths Department, whom we congratulate on gaining his M.Sc. degree and on his appointment to a lectureship at Henlow. At the end of the term the E. and G.S. Department will be losing Flt.Lt. Mace, whom we congratulate on his success in both the Method II open competition for the Senior Branch of the Foreign Service and the Supplementary Over-age competition for the Senior Branch of the Foreign Office, an outstanding achievement. Congratulations too to Mr. Beacon on securing an appointment by the seaside at Worthing College of Further Education: he will have the leisure to enjoy his environment to the full, for his gain in leave entitlement amounts to a full four years over the remainder of his working life.

Of the civilian staff we say farewell to Mrs. Butler, a frequent contributor to the magazine, and a veritable Ashkenazy of the mathematical typewriter; she has gone to join her husband at Weeton. We welcome Miss Mac-

Dougall, our new tracer, who replaces Miss Narramore, now in Cyprus.

We wind up this issue of school notes by congratulating F.S. Barfoot on the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, and, as we go to press, we are delighted to hear that Mr. Barnes, the senior scientific assistant in Schools, has been awarded the Imperial Service Medal, which will be presented to him by Air Marshal Sir Alfred Earle, K.B.E., C.B., on his farewell visit to Halton as A.O.C.-in-C on 12th November.

Obituary

It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of two devoted servants of Halton, Mr. C. Pring and Mr. H. Rolfe.

Mr. C. Pring

Mr. Charles Pring, chief steward at the Officers' Mess, died suddenly at his home in Wendover on Saturday, 12th October, 1963, at the age of 62. He had worked at Halton House since 1927, except for service in the R.A.F. in the Second World War. Countless officers will remember Mr. Pring with gratitude, for he worked unstintingly for the good of the Mess: he was always kindly and helpful and nothing was too much trouble for him. He will be sadly missed. To Mrs. Pring and her daughter we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mr. H. Rolfe

Mr. Harry Rolfe, head cleaner in Schools, died at the Tindal General Hospital on Monday, 14th October, 1963, aged 76. He had been very ill for some weeks.

Mr. Rolfe first worked at Halton in the days of the de Rothschilds when he was employed as a chauffeur. When Halton House and the estate was taken over by the R.A.F. he worked at first for A.M.W.D., and had been in Schools for over thirty years. Pleasant and gentle in character he was a very conscientious and careful worker. He was full of interesting reminiscences of the old days at Halton and will be greatly missed. To his sister, Mrs. Marshall, and to his brother we extend our deepest sympathy.

TECHNICAL TRAINING WING

AIRFIELD TRAINING SQUADRON

The past term at the Airfield Training Squadron has again been one of change—with the retirement of Sqn.Ldr. Chiverton, we welcome back to Halton Sqn.Ldr. Aviss, of the 16th Entry. He arrived to take over almost at the same time as the A.O.C. on his annual inspection. The Airfield Staff managed to cope with both.

Apparently the only things that do change at the Airfield are the aircraft and faces. This is borne out by the fact that the Georgian buildings and multi-seater open air conveniences are still in use. The latter should really be called 'inconveniences'.

The 97th Entry are now concluding their training at the Airfield in preparation for their graduation examinations in December. Good luck to them.

The second Vulcan aircraft is expected any day now; as a matter of fact it has been for the past 12 months. Speculation on its arrival increased at the end of July when a group of vehicles and workmen appeared in the middle of the Airfield. Alas, it wasn't a crash and salvage party or runway construction gang, but merely for Airfield surface renovation and mushroom cultivation. The present Vulcan is resplendent in its new coat of paint, for which Cpl. Hanby is to be congratulated, especially when one considers that this work was done in the open air during the so called Summer.

We've said goodbye to Mr. Henderson, better known as the 'Pilot of the Cockpit Classroom', after 32 years at Halton and we are shortly to say farewell to Snr.Techs. Hodgson, Soulsby and Mouat all on posting, and Snr.Tech. Watson on retirement.

ELECTRICAL TRAINING FLIGHT

We welcome the 104th Entry to carry on the traditions and bid a cordial farewell to the 96th Entry as they journey into the big wide world of the Royal Air Force. Here's wishing both the 'newcomers' and the veterans every success in their careers.

The gliding fraternity will be sorry, no doubt, at the loss of Mr. George (or Brian) Webster who has finally broken all connections with the R.A.F. An ex N.C.O. and Civvy Instructor, he has now been swallowed up in 'Civvy Street'. We wish him all the very best of luck.

Ch.Tech. Ted Weaver and his trusty pipe are now perfuming the air at Swanton Morley; we wish him and his family good luck for the future.

During the term an ex Halton Apprentice who graduated as an S.A.C. paid us a visit, and was asked to put his views on their efforts to some of those at present under training. He impressed upon the Apprentices that by not trying as hard as he could have done he estimated he had lost at least £100 in pay. So those who are fed up with the daily round of up and down the slopes of the Chilterns—take note!

Footballers please note: our correspondent has been told by Chiefy Mac and Andy (who has thrown those sticks at last) that we are trying (nay going) to be top of the League again. The train robbers may have got what they wanted up the line from Cheddington, but no one will take the cup from Bay 7 this season.

Finally we must offer a hearty welcome to Cpls. Howson and Ward R. (another one!) to our Section and hope their stay with us will be an enjoyable one.

AIRFRAME FITTER SQUADRON

This section having missed one edition completely (the notes were 'lost' or packed and sent to Cyprus with Technical Wing Adjutant's kit) must now catch up events.

One loss to the Squadron on posting since last going to press has been W.O. Varty, who packed his kit for the boat trip to Malta. He will be missed by the Squadron and we wish him every happiness and success in the future. At the same time we welcome W.O. Handley to carry on the good work.

By some miracle Charlie Bailey remembered to attend his presentation ceremony before retiring. This man once left work with appalling velocity only to discover a mile or so from his abode that his cold feet were understandably so as he had forgotten his shoes. 'Cor bless my sole'. Good Luck, Charlie!

Mr. King, who had been at Halton for 37 years, retired on the 30th September. He spent many faithful years in the machine shop before giving us the benefit of his experience in the Basic Workshops. We sincerely wish both Bill and Mrs. King many years of happy retirement.

Welcome to our new arrivals Messrs. Bell, Boel, White and Maskell, and greetings to S.A.C. Mulligan, our current electrician, recently posted in from Kinloss. We trust he will find Advance Airframes Section like 'Ohm sweet ohm'. We extend a hearty welcome to you all! We are awaiting the cigars from Sgt. Taylor and Ch.Tech. Darwent who have recently each been presented with a bouncing baby boy. We wonder if this is likely to be catching.

We understand this section is intending to hold a dance in the near future and Ch.Techs. S. Payne and Hewer are trying to find the gramophone handle.

NOTICE is hereby given of the forthcoming marriage of the Progress Section to Air Publications. May all their troubles be little amendments.

To conclude on a more serious note we wish good luck to the newly graduated 96th Entry and wish every success to the 97th Entry who commence Finals T.S.T. on 2nd December. We note that this is the last of the large entries of Airframe Fitters.

INSTRUMENT FITTER FLIGHT

The 96th Entry having now left, it remains for us to congratulate them on a fine perform-


ance, this being enhanced by the record of C/A/A Burton who won several prizes. We wish them all the best in their new careers.

During last term we welcomed several new instructors to the staff, Sgts. Cumber and Clark, Snr.Tech. 'Des' Levitt, Cpl.Techs. Shepherd and Fisher and Cpl. Ness; we hope they enjoy their stay. On the debit side we lost Sgt. Reynolds to Kenya, Sgt. Davidson to civilian employment, Sgt. Owen and Ch.Tech. Chalkley (T.S.T.S.) to Ballykelly. Ch.Techs. Cooper and Featherstone have been detached to Technical Training Colleges complete with issue of black jeans and C.N.D. badges.

Congratulations to Snr.Tech. Fisher and Ch.Tech. Clayton on their recent promotions and to Sgts. Bennet and Jones, and Cpl.Tech. Harrison on the results of the latest promotion examination; also to Mr. Buchanan on being accepted as Grad. Brit. I.R.E.

During last term Mr. Warmington was awarded an A.O.C.'s commendation in the Queen's Birthday Honours List and Mr. Bowers was officially brought to the notice of the A.O.C. for good work. Congratulations to both.

Mr. Roberts has returned after a short stay in hospital; we are glad to see him fit and well again.




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The section cricket match, held on the last day of term, was played in the usual sportsmanlike manner, the Electricians winning by two injuries to nil. 'Lofty' Edgcombe was carried off and has not been seen since; we hear however that he is getting along fine and hopes to be back shortly, or should we say 'shorter'.

W.O. Slack has had a good season at tennis and may yet add another medal to his collection providing he 'keeps his head down'. There is no truth in the rumour that Ch.Tech. Clayton has given up tennis for cycling.

Finally a welcome to Fg.Off. Hardaker who arrived from Melksham on September 30th. Fg.Off. Hardaker is the new Officer i/c Instrument Fitter Flight (we understand he is a capable cricketer, so Electricians beware.)

ENGINE FITTER SQUADRON

The 96th Entry Engine Fitters finished in the traditional manner by creating a new record with their average of 75.1%. This extremely high average was due in no small measure to the team spirit amongst the Engine Fitters themselves.

Congratulations to S/A/A Denham on his award of a well deserved technical cadetship. He was also 2nd highest in Order of Merit in Educational subjects, winner of the Monsignor Beauchamp Memorial Prize and Best Tradesman in his trade.

Congratulations also to L/A/A Slack whose efforts on his practical trade test resulted in this Squadron holding the Crebbin-Robinson cup for the third consecutive time.

This year for the first time it was decided to enter an Armament or Engine Fitter Apprentice for the International Apprentices Competition. After completing several elimination tasks, the Apprentice selected was A/A Johnson (101st) Entry of this Squadron. Johnson was eventually selected in competition with Apprentices from Industry, to represent Great Britain at the competition, which this year was held in Dublin. Although he did not win a prize, Johnson's efforts were most praiseworthy. Well done!

Sqn.Ldr. R. G. Aedy leaves us for Royal Air Force Waddington. We wish him the best of luck for the future. We are assured that the spate of applications to extend tours in this Squadron is a reflection of the high morale pertaining here and is not connected with the posting of the Commanding Officer.

We welcome Sqn.Ldr. B. P. Murphy, the new Commanding Officer, who comes to us

from Headquarters Maintenance Command.

W.O. 'Chippy' Carpenter has obtained his discharge and is carrying on the good work in Aylesbury's College of Further Education. His ability to keep the training machine running smoothly was much appreciated and there are many of his friends who miss his cheerful countenance.

Welcome to W.O. Ruddick who has come straight from a flying post to the Supervisor's chair.

Ch.Tech. Mick Hunter has departed to Colerne where we hope he has settled comfortably. He has left us with several extremely useful training aids to remember him by.

Sergeant Jim Powell is off to the Labuan jungle as soon as certain transport hold-ups are cleared. He has done a first class job for this Squadron on both turbine and piston engines and finally in the Revision phase, where we are now so streamlined that the examiners are finding it almost impossible to devise questions which will bring the D/V down to that of other trades.

On the production side Snr.Tech. 'Scouse' Davies is now the extremely proud father of a daughter—well done.

Cpl.Tech. Wilson has capped five years of pretty hard work with an above average pass in the Higher National Certificate examinations—good show.

After a short spate of farewell and staff parties we must now get down to the serious business of producing even better results than those achieved so far.

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