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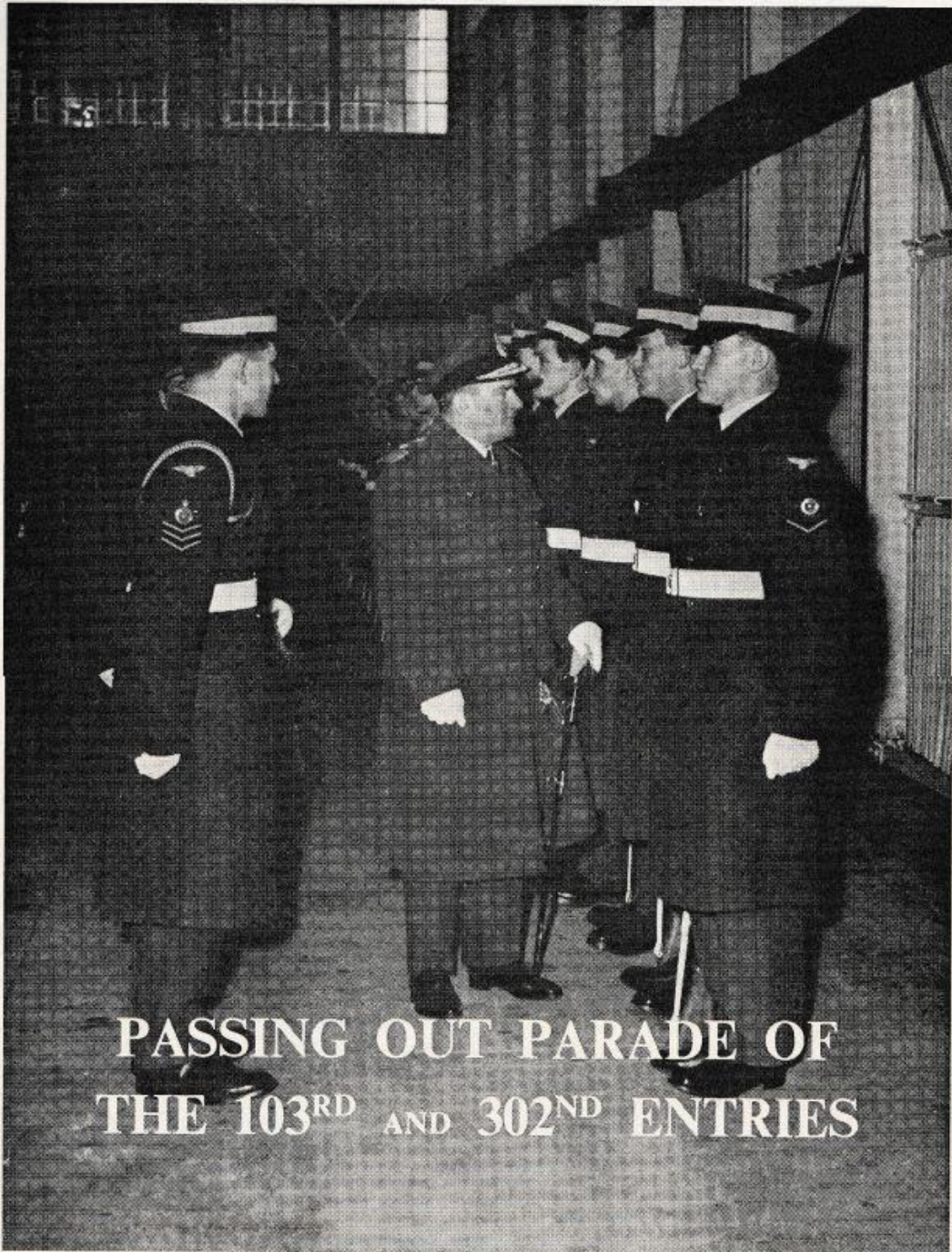
## EDITORIAL NOTES

One of the more enjoyable and perhaps exciting aspects of Service life is the opportunity for change. Every two or three years—and even more frequently for some—a posting notice initiates a move which brings in its train all the expectancies and uncertainties associated in the mind with new surroundings, new acquaintances and, above all, with the new section workmates. These changes, created by that band of unknown men in the long corridors of the Ministry of Defence, have their repercussions not only on the individual but also on all the sections within the Unit's community. For example during the past few months the Magazine has witnessed no less than three changes of editorship. In the last issue Sqn. Ldr. Edwards paid tribute to his predecessor, Sqn.Ldr. Geoff Porter, and now in this production the Magazine says farewell to John Edwards who leaves Halton for the sunshine of North Africa. Inevitably, changes in the editorship make indelible marks on any journal, but the Magazine now rests on strong foundations, built through the tireless efforts of Geoff Porter and John Edwards. From this secure base it is hoped to produce a magazine providing interest and appeal to both present and past Haltonians.

Change of leadership is not merely confined to the Magazine. This term Halton bids adieu to Air Commodore D. M. Strong, C.B., A.F.C., who has been Commandant of the School since December 1963. Air Commodore Strong is departing not only from Halton but is leaving the Royal Air Force after thirty years of service. If any serving officer has witnessed changes in aviation than it can be said that Air Commodore certainly has. He commenced his flying career on Hawker Harts and completed it by commanding a V-bomber station. His own operational skills as a bomber pilot during the Second World War were, however, unfortunately curtailed in autumn 1941 when he was shot down over western Europe and so spent the remaining four years of the war as a prisoner.

Always an active player and supporter of Rugby Football, Air Commodore Strong has taken a very personal interest in every form of sport whilst Commandant at Halton, and he had the pleasure of watching Halton Rugby XV win the Royal Air Force Station Cup.

Air Commodore Strong has been responsible in his final tour for putting into effect some radical changes in apprentice training. He leaves the Service before he can see the full impact of these changes. However, Air Commodore Strong will be living in the vicinity and we hope that he will become a frequent welcome visitor to the School to see the fruits of his endeavours. We wish him, his wife and family every success in the future.



PASSING OUT PARADE OF  
THE 103<sup>RD</sup> AND 302<sup>ND</sup> ENTRIES

On the 17th December, 1965, the Pass-Out Parade of the 103rd Entry of Aircraft Apprentices and the 302nd Entry of Administrative Apprentices took place at Royal Air Force Halton.

#### THE REVIEWING OFFICER

was

Sir WALLACE KYLE, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C.

Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Bomber Command

The Reviewing Officer was accompanied by

Air Marshal Sir DONALD R. EVANS, K.B.E., C.B., D.F.C.

Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Technical Training Command

Air Vice-Marshal B. ROBINSON, C.B.E.

Air Officer Commanding No. 24 Group

Air Commodore D. M. STRONG, C.B., A.F.C.

Commandant, No. 1 School of Technical Training

Group Captain C. V. G. USHER

Senior Training Officer, No. 1 School of Technical Training

Group Captain H. H. MAYOH

Principal Education Officer, No. 1 School of Technical Training

Group Captain D. S. GRANT

Officer Commanding, Medical Training Establishment

Wing Commander D. A. FLINT

Officer Commanding Technical Training Wing

Wing Commander W. T. BUSSEY, M.V.O., O.B.E., B.E.M.

Officer Commanding, No. 3 Apprentice Wing

Squadron Leader V. A. GOUGH, A.F.C.

Officer Commanding, No. 2 Apprentice Wing

#### THE PARADE DETAIL

The Parade was under the command of Flight Sergeant Apprentice R. A. Peele. Other N.C.O. Apprentices were subordinate Commanders. Entries on parade were the 103rd, 104th, 105th, and 302nd.

Parade Adjutant	...	...	Cpl.App. P. R. Slawson
Parade Warrant Officer	...	...	Ldg.App. R. E. Craig
Colour Bearer	...	...	Sgt.App. D. Cockram
Colour Warrant Officer	...	...	Cpl.App. G. R. McMenemy
Colour Escort	...	...	Ldg.App. D. G. Avery
			Ldg.App. W. A. Davidson
Escort Squadron Commander	...	...	Sgt.App. K. Dillon
No. 1 Flight Commander	...	...	Cpl.App. S. S. Keen
No. 2 Flight Commander	...	...	Cpl.App. T. A. Starbuck
No. 2 Squadron Commander	...	...	Sgt.App. B. R. Neal
No. 1 Flight Commander	...	...	Cpl.App. J. S. Forbear
No. 2 Flight Commander	...	...	Cpl.App. J. A. Dillon

The Brass and Pipe Bands were Voluntary Bands composed entirely of Apprentices.



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### THE COMMANDANT'S REPORT

Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle, Commander-in-Chief, Air Officer Commanding, Ladies and Gentlemen—

It is with great pleasure that I welcome our Reviewing Officer today. Air Chief Marshal Kyle is Commander-in-Chief of Bomber Command and was Vice Chief of Air Staff before that. He is no stranger to Halton; he was Commander-in-Chief of Technical Training Command from 1959 to 1962. In 1961 he reviewed the Passing Out Parade of the 89th Entry and we are all delighted that he has been able to come again today.

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

Now I turn to my report on the Apprentices passing-out today. This is a unique occasion in that we have two Entries passing-out together for the first time in the long history of Halton. Until September 1964, Halton trained Aircraft Apprentices only, on a three year course. In future Halton will train Aircraft Technician Apprentices for 3 years, Craft Apprentices for 2 years and Administrative Apprentices for 1 year. This innovation means that, in addition to the aircraft trades we now train Nursing Attendant Apprentices in the Medical Trade Group. But at present we still have four entries of the original Aircraft

Apprentices under training and one of them, the 103rd, is passing-out today, together with the 302nd, the second of the Nursing Attendant Entries to be trained here. I would like to emphasize that, although they have been at Halton for one year only, the 302nd Entry have lived up to the traditions and pattern of Halton training set over the past 40 years, and today two Entries of Halton Apprentices are passing-out at the end of their training.

### **Report on 103rd Entry of Aircraft Apprentices**

#### **Wastage**

I begin with my report on the 103rd Entry. The Entry started training in January 1963 with a strength of 179 R.A.F., 8 Malaysian and 2 Rhodesian Apprentices. A few of these have fallen by the wayside throughout training, some being medically unfit and others being found unsuitable. Our two Rhodesian Apprentices returned home at the beginning of November leaving 177 apprentices passing-out today.

#### **Technical Training**

177 Apprentices of the Entry were presented for the final Trade Test examination; 9 qualified as substantive Corporals and, with five exceptions, the others qualified as Junior Technicians; the remaining 5 qualified as Senior Aircraftmen. The average mark achieved—69.9%—maintains the high standard set by previous Entries. Five Apprentices (2.8% of the Entry) gained distinguished passes; this achievement is worthy of special note because the honours were shared by all trades.

#### **Education Training**

On the education side the basic requirement for successful completion of an apprenticeship is to pass the Final Examination in educational subjects. 178 Apprentices sat this examination. The average mark of 63% and the proportion of Class A passes (25% of the Entry) is very high; only one failed.

Those who were considered to have the ability were given an advanced course in educational subjects leading to the award of an Ordinary National Certificate in Engineering. 78 members (44% of the Entry) have qualified.

Entirely voluntarily, 86 Apprentices entered for City & Guilds of London Institute examination and achieved a pass rate of 81%; this is much above the National average.

Also voluntarily, 150 Apprentices took one or more subjects in the General Certificate of Education. Two gained Advanced Level Certificates. At Ordinary Level, out of 336 subjects entries there were 263 passes, giving an excellent pass rate of 78½%. Altogether, this Entry has achieved commendable educational results.

#### **General Service Training**

The third main part of the Halton Apprenticeship is concerned with General Service Training. This aims at producing young men who are fit to be members of Her Majesty's Armed Forces. It is therefore concerned with developing character, physical fitness, qualities of leadership and comradeship. Games, drill and life in the Wings are the important features here.

At sport the Entry has done well. During the first year of training they became the first Entry to win the Cock of the Walk Trophy for Inter-Squadron Sport in two successive terms. To date 37 Apprentices have been awarded School Colours. A number of Apprentices have represented Technical Training Command and ten have been members of R.A.F. Junior teams. In addition to the normal games such as rugby, cricket and football, members of the Entry have successfully taken part in such sports as equitation, sailing and the Devizes/Westminster Canoe race. In June 1965 six members of the Entry successfully completed a 60 mile trek across Dartmoor in the Ten Tors expedition. In company with another patrol of Halton Apprentices they were the first members of the R.A.F. ever to complete the Senior Ten Tors.

Among this record of successful endeavour the 103rd Entry have not overlooked the needs of those less fortunate than themselves. They have subscribed generously to many

appeals for charity. Together with members of other entries they have given parcels of Christmas food and groceries to elderly people in the neighbourhood.

The standard of drill has been satisfactory and the Entry has played a full part in ceremonial occasions throughout their training. Between February and June 1964 they provided Halton's Guard of Honour, and 125 members of the Entry have lined the route in London on four State visits. 100 members of the Entry marched in the processional party at Sir Winston Churchill's funeral.

The voluntary Apprentice Bands have been well supported by the 103rd Entry. Thirteen belong to the brass band, 14 are members of the pipe band and seven are members of the Corps of Trumpeters. These bandsmen have taken part in many ceremonial functions including the Royal Tournament, the Bath Tattoo and the Lord Mayor's Show. In the Inter-Wing Pipe Band Competition the Entry has twice provided the entire band representing No. 2 (A) Wing and individual members have won a number of competitions. Worthy of special mention is Cpl. App. Rattray who in August this year became the first apprentice to win the Silver Pipes award on three successive occasions.

An important aspect of training is the promotion of selected Apprentices to N.C.O. rank so that they may gain experience of carrying responsibility and assist in the day to day running of the School. Because of changes in the training scheme the 103rd have, for two terms, provided all the N.C.O. Apprentices in 2 Wing and 47 have reached N.C.O. rank.

#### **Special Service Attainments**

Six Apprentices of the Entry have been selected for Cadetships—Peele, Neal and Dillon J. in the General Duties Branch, Peele and Neal as Pilots, J. Dillon as Navigator; Slawson and Starbuck in the Technical Branch and K. Dillon in the Equipment Branch. The two Dillons are brothers. This is the first occasion on which two brothers have been awarded cadetships on passing out from Halton. Two other Apprentices have been selected for training leading to commissions—Cockram in the General Duties Branch as Pilot and Forbear in the Technical Branch.

#### **Conclusion**

To conclude my report on the 103rd Entry I would like to say that they have settled down well to Service life and to training at Halton and they have made excellent contributions to all Apprentice activities.

Now let me turn to the 302nd Entry, also passing out today.

#### **Report on 302nd Entry of Administrative Apprentices**

##### **Wastage**

This Entry of Administrative Apprentices started training in January 1965 with a strength of 25. Since then two have been discharged as unsuitable for training and 23 are passing-out today.

##### **Trade Training**

All 23 were presented for the final Trade Test examination and qualified as Senior Aircraftmen.

##### **Education**

On the educational side all members except one passed the Intermediate Examination with an average mark of 66% which is a good result. All but four members of the Entry qualified for exemption from the R.A.F. Education Test Part 1 by virtue of gaining over 50% in examinations for Arithmetic, English, R.A.F. History and Geography.

The Entry worked hard and made good progress thus obtaining very good results in their Final Education Examinations in September. Of 23 candidates all, except one, passed. At this stage, a further Apprentice gained exemption from the R.A.F. Education Test Part 1 leaving only three members who did not qualify and who must now do so under the



General Education Scheme at their new stations. I should mention that exemption from the Education Test Part 1 means that those so qualified are not required to take the educational element of the promotion examination to Corporal.

#### **General Service Training**

On the General Service Training side, the Syllabus for one year Administrative Apprentice training only allows one week of Initial Training instead of the three weeks allowed for longer courses. In spite of this, they have worked hard at drill and reached a good standard.

The Entry has shown up well at sport. Members have represented the Wing in throwing the javelin, played soccer for the Schools Minors Team and rugby for the Schools Colts team.

The 302nd Entry shared a very successful Summer Camp with the 303rd Entry at Ashbridge in July. Their activities at camp included bridge building, using ropes and poles to demonstrate their knowledge of knots, lashings, initiative tests, Field Casualty Training, and a two-day walking and map-reading exercise. There was no doubt that the camp was successful and enjoyed by all and many of the Entry expressed their regret at having to return to the normal routine of day to day training. A great deal of self confidence and maturity was gained by all during their spell under canvas.



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Cpl. App. P. R. Slawson receives his prizes from Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle

### Conclusion

To conclude my report I would like to say that this Entry, too, has settled down well to Service life and training at Halton. They have worked hard throughout their stay and have generally reached a good standard.

Before I end, I must say a word of thanks to the School's Staff, Service and Civilian alike. This I must do on behalf of both passing-out entries. I feel sure that the 103rd and 302nd Entries and their parents are extremely grateful to you.

Finally, I wish to congratulate all members of the 103rd and 302nd Entries on the successful completion of their training. The name of Halton stands high throughout the Service because of the magnificent contribution your predecessors have made both in war and peace. I have no doubt that you will endeavour to maintain the highest standards and tradition of the Royal Air Force, but I must stress that your future progress depends entirely on your own efforts. Your training has been good but only you, as individuals, can make the best use of it when you leave here. I wish success and happiness to you all.

I will now ask Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle to present the prizes.

### THE REVIEWING OFFICER'S ADDRESS

As the Commandant has told you this is the second time that I have been the Reviewing Officer on this very important occasion and I have also watched with a good deal more than passing interest many other similar parades both here and at other training establishments. What the Commandant did not tell you is that this is the last occasion that he will appear here as Commandant. He was recounting a series of successes which I am sure all of you will agree are quite remarkable and something to be very proud of and I think perhaps it is appropriate, and I think you would wish me to thank him on your behalf, for what he has done towards that. A Commandant's day consists of 24 hours looking after the people here and I think you will agree he has done it very well.

So consequently I am an old hand at this game and I speak with some authority when I tell you, the assembled company, and the graduating entries in the main, that I think you will not wish these proceedings to be prolonged. You have finished your training. You have made your final day and you have every right to be released to enjoy a bit of leave and then get on with the job. I have congratulated you all on your achievements.

However, there are one or two things that should be said and so you will have to wait for a moment or two and be patient. The first of these is about the Royal Air Force. This is the Service which both of you, the graduating entries I am talking to, have joined and in which you are about to take a full part and I hope, to make a very real and enthusiastic contribution. There is no need for me to sing the praises of the Royal Air Force. Its record when it was called upon to perform and show its worth during the war speaks for itself, but what I do want you to understand is that this proud record results from the combined efforts of every member of the Royal Air Force. It is not produced by a few or a particular section. It is produced by the large majority of all parts of the service—flying, technical and administrative. It is true and regrettable that it is sometimes degraded to a very small extent by a very small minority but there are bound to be bad examples in any society. I am sure that you will resolve not to be part of that very small minority but that is not good enough. You must resolve to give yourselves satisfaction, pleasure, and indeed pride, by contributing positively to the part played by the large majority because this must be a live thing and it won't flourish unless it is fed with enthusiasm, with skill and with self-sacrifice.

Now you will have heard a good deal and read a good deal about Defence reviews and the changes which will be necessary to meet defence in scientific and technical fields—changes that might result from a diminishing commitment. These changes might even

apparently mean a smaller operational front line or operational strength I should say, but what I can assure you with some authority is that this will not in any way mean a reduction in the power or importance of the front line or in the Royal Air Force as a whole. Quite the reverse. What there will be changes in is a very great increase in the responsibility which you people, who are now part of it, must share, making sure that the very complex weapons and systems should be utilised to their fullest advantage. It may be that as a result of these changes we might have fewer overseas bases. This is a pity. I am sorry from your point of view because it will tend to mean that you will have rather less of the very interesting and exciting tours abroad, and I can assure you they are. But what I hope you will remember, because I have a feeling that these changes might be promulgated in the Press and give the wrong impression, is that we can with air power send it half way across the world very quickly and at very short notice. We can transport our soldiers over great distance with reinforcements when they are needed quickly and we can bring very intensive forces to bear if necessary with a very small force—very few aircraft. These are very positive machines. They have got to be made to earn their keep and we must all, and you particularly, must play your full part in keeping them serviceable and so I must ask you to resolve to do your utmost whatever the frustrations may be, and believe me you will find them, you must resolve to do this because only in this way will you have the satisfaction as an essential being and part of an organisation.

To the Administrative Apprentices I would say this. The Royal Air Force has for a lifetime been blessed with a very fine medical service. This is partly due to good facilities which are not overstretched. It is also due to a wonderful association between civilian specialists and consultants, but like everything else it is also due to the men and women who make up that medical service and I hope you will be proud of your association with it and make your own personal contribution to its efficiency. To all of you who are going properly into the Service today I offer my very best wishes for a happy and a very filling life in the Royal Air Force. To one who is about to go out, to you who are just about to come in, I can thoroughly recommend it in every wonderful aspect but only on the assumption that you are prepared to make your own personal positive contribution to the Service.

If I may just make a brief remark to the parents and relatives who are here today, all of whom I am sure are extremely proud of this occasion. The Commandant has welcomed you and thanked you for your help and I would like to join him, but I want to add that I hope you will pass to other people, your views on the training your sons receive here and the conditions in which they serve. I hope you will have a good look round while you are here. If I may say so there is far too much denigration of the youth of this country these days. We in the Royal Air Force on the contrary find that with a little guidance, with a little persuasion, a little discipline perhaps, we have a first class and a very good body of men and women. You parents can be the Royal Air Force's best ambassador and I hope you will act when the opportunity comes to you.

Finally, the parade—it was purely bad luck that the weather should be like it is because I know only too well what a great deal of work it involves in working up for the occasion when you can demonstrate your proficiency at drill, but in spite of the fact that you yourselves will agree with what I say, I repeat, bad luck but nevertheless, congratulations on what you did this morning. It was extremely difficult in that small hangar. Particularly I would like to congratulate the Parade Commander who handled a difficult situation extremely well.

Well, that is all I have to say to you. I congratulate you now on a job well done and my very best wishes to you for the future, which I am certain that you will enjoy.

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(Photo: Keystone Press Agency)

The prize winners of the 103rd Entry of Aircraft Apprentices  
and the 302nd Entry of Administrative Apprentices

### PRIZEWINNERS

#### CADETSHIPS — 103rd ENTRY

Cadetships have been awarded to:—

F.Sgt.App. R. A. Peele	...	...	General Duties Branch
Sgt.App. B. R. Neal	...	...	General Duties Branch
Cpl.App. J. Dillon	...	...	General Duties Branch
Cpl.App. P. R. Slawson	...	...	Technical Branch
Cpl.App. T. A. Starbuck	...	...	Technical Branch
Sgt.App. K. Dillon	...	...	Equipment Branch

#### COMMISSIONS — 103rd ENTRY

Apprentices selected for commissions are:—

Sgt.App. D. Cockram	...	...	General Duties Branch
Cpl.App. J. S. Forbear	...	...	Technical Branch

## WINNERS OF ROYAL AIR FORCE PRIZES—103rd ENTRY

### Highest in Order of Merit, All Subjects

Cpl.App. P. R. Slawson

### Highest in Order of Merit, Educational Subjects

First Prize: Cpl.App. P. R. Slawson

Second Prize: Air.App. R. E. Searle

### Best "Set Task" General Studies

Cpl.App. J. A. Dillon

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

First Prize: F.Sgt.App. R. A. Peele

Second Prize: Sgt.App. B. R. Neal

### Highest average for practical fitting over three-year course

Cpl.App. P. R. Slawson

### Best Tradesmen in Trade Standards Trade Test

Airframe Fitter	...	...	...	Air.App. D. Murphy
Electrical Fitter (Air) 1st	...	...	...	Ldg.App. P. R. Coate
Electrical Fitter (Air) 2nd	...	...	...	Air.App. T. A. Milne
Engine Fitter	...	...	...	Cpl.App. P. R. Slawson
Instrument Fitter (Gen)	...	...	...	Air.App. M. J. Bossy
Instrument Fitter (Nav)	...	...	...	Cpl.App. R. Dent

## WINNERS OF SPECIAL PRIZES—103rd ENTRY

### Monsignor Beauchamp Memorial Prize

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

Winner—Cpl.App. P. R. Slawson

### Pioneer Trophy

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

Winner—Cpl.App. R. Dent

### Quinton Memorial Trophy

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

Winner—Cpl.App. P. R. Slawson

### **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:**

Cpl.App. P. R. Slawson

**Winner:—Electrical and Instrument Trades:**

Cpl.App. S. S. Keen

### **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—Ldg.App. I. P. Johnston

## **PRIZE WINNERS — 302nd ENTRY**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE APPRENTICES**

#### **NURSING ATTENDANTS**

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

Ldg.App. D. W. Gatherer

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

Ldg.App. D. W. Gatherer

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

Ldg.App. D. W. Gatherer

#### **Highest in Order of Merit in Final Trade Examination**

Admin.App. L. Weeks

## 103rd ENTRY — SPORTS

## SCHOOL COLOUR AWARDS

**Athletics**

S.A.A. Carhart, J. E.	...	...	...	1964
C.A.A. Frame, C. S.	...	...	...	1965
L.A.A. Mawson, R.	...	...	...	1964
A.A. Wales, C. J.	...	...	...	1965
A.A. Weallans, G. R.	...	...	...	1965

**Badminton**

A.A. Leong, Y. C.	...	...	...	1965
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**Basketball**

A.A. Lim Mah Hooi	...	...	...	1964
A.A. Smith, M. B.	...	...	...	1963/64/65

**Canoeing**

A.A. Armitage, I. A.	...	...	...	1964
A.A. Baldwin, T.	...	...	...	1964
C.A.A. Bromley, J. R.	...	...	...	1964
A.A. Griffin, J.	...	...	...	1964

**Cricket**

S.A.A. Johnson, N. B.	...	...	...	1965
A.A. Myers, J. W.	...	...	...	1965

**Cross Country**

A.A. McKenzie, J.	...	...	...	1963/64/65
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**Fencing**

A.A. Bell, J.	...	...	...	1965
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**Gymnastics**

C.A.A. Pearson, N. J.	...	...	...	1965
A.A. Procter, R. W.	...	...	...	1965
A.A. Wales, C. J.	...	...	...	1965

**Hockey**

A.A. Houston, B. C.	...	...	...	1965
A.A. Lewry, M. G.	...	...	...	1965
A.A. Taulbut, A. T.	...	...	...	1965

**Pentathlon**

A.A. Wales, C. J.	...	...	...	1965
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**Rugby**

A.A. Batt, P.	...	...	...	...	1965
C.A.A. Bromley J.	...	...	...	...	1965
S.A.A. Neal, B. R.	...	...	...	...	1965
C.A.A. Parr, A.	...	...	...	...	1965
F.S.A.A. Peele, R. A.	...	...	...	...	1965
L.A.A. Watts, M. H. F.	...	...	...	...	1965
A.A. Weallans, G. R.	...	...	...	...	1965

**Sailing**

A.A. Born, A. R.	...	...	...	...	1965
S.A.A. Maxwell, F. T. T.	...	...	...	...	1965

**Soccer**

A.A. Gallagher, W. J.	...	...	...	...	1965
L.A.A. Mawson, R.	...	...	...	...	1965
A.A. Mole, J.	...	...	...	...	1965
A.A. Mooney, J.	...	...	...	...	1965
C.A.A. Pearson, N. J.	...	...	...	...	1965
A.A. Sheehan, K. P.	...	...	...	...	1965
L.A.A. Shevells, A. A.	...	...	...	...	1965
A.A. Taylor, J. R.	...	...	...	...	1965
L.A.A. Worth, C. A. R.	...	...	...	...	1965

**Squash**

A.A. Jones, C. G.	...	...	...	...	1965
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**Swimming**

A.A. Bayes, C. R.	...	...	...	...	1964/65
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**Table Tennis**

A.A. Houston, B. C.	...	...	...	...	1964
A.A. Taylor, J. R.	...	...	...	...	1964

**Tennis**

L.A.A. Adams, D. M.	...	...	...	...	1965
A.A. Beale, N. J.	...	...	...	...	1965

**Ten Tors**

S.A.A. Cockram, D.	...	...	...	...	1965
C.A.A. Dent, R.	...	...	...	...	1965
S.A.A. Dillon, K.	...	...	...	...	1965
A.A. Lewry, M. G.	...	...	...	...	1965
L.A.A. Watts, M. H. F.	...	...	...	...	1965



## 302nd ENTRY — SPORTS

## SCHOOL COLOUR AWARDS

## Athletics

Ad.A. Denny, P. N. ... .. 1965

## Rugby

Ad.A. Conlon, M. J. F. ... .. 1965  
 Ad.A. Denny, P. N. ... .. 1965  
 L.Ad.A. Gatherer, D. W. ... .. 1965  
 Ad.A. Noon, R. ... .. 1965  
 Ad.A. Robinson, M. G. ... .. 1965  
 Ad.A. Trew, P. L. H. ... .. 1965  
 Ad.A. Weston, C. M. ... .. 1965

## 103rd ENTRY POSTING LIST

Slawson, P. R.	Technical Branch Cadetship Substantive Corporal	O'Rourke, S. Woodhouse, M. J.	Lyneham 1 A.N.S. Stradishall
Peele, R. A.	Cadetship G.D. Branch (Pilot) Substantive Corporal	Goodhew, R. C. Starbuck, T. A.	5 F.T.S. Oakington Technical Branch Cadetship Substantive Corporal
Dent, R.	Scampton	Murphy, D.	Wittering
Searle, R. E.	Lyneham	Pearson, D. M.	229 O.C.U. Chivenor
Dillon, J. A.	Cadetship G.D. Branch (Nav.) Substantive Corporal	Arnold, D. C. Dillon, K.	Scampton Equipment Branch Cadetship Substantive Corporal
Murnan, M. K.	Scampton	Pearson, N. J.	Marham
Coate, P. R.	Lyneham	Bossy, M. J.	2 F.T.S. Syerston
Forbear, J. S.	Direct Entry Commission Technical Branch Substantive Corporal	Stannard, M. J.	Marham
Keen, S. S.	Abingdon	Palmer, D. G.	111 Sqn. Wattisham
Milne, T. A.	Waddington	Thistlethwaite, W.	Finningley
Quantick, D. J.	Benson	Cawthorne, T. R.	Wittering
Kettle, P. K.	242 O.C.U. Thorney Island	Neal, B. R.	Cadetship G.D. Branch (Nav.) Substantive Corporal
Frame, C. S.	229 O.C.U. Chivenor Substantive Corporal	Reay, T. W.	Northern Comm. Sqn Topcliffe

Cockram, D.	Direct Entry Commission G.D. Branch (Pilot) Substantive Corporal	Callus, P. A.	Cottesmore
Song Tiam Swee	Repatriated	Laslett, P. A.	Wittering
Gobbitt, C. E.	Abingdon	Houston, B. C.	Finningley
Bagden, P. R.	Abingdon	Miller, G. R.	Lyneham
Anderson, R. W.	Scampton	Adams, D. M.	Scampton
Davidson, W. A.	Scampton	Rawden, A. W.	Scampton
Craig, R. E.	30 M.U. Sealand	Proctor, K. W.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Raja Baharrudin	Repatriated	Armitage, I. A.	226 O.C.U. Coltishall
Evanson R. W.	Ternhill	Lloyd, J. G.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Gamble, R.	Wittering	Liew Yin Chuan	Repatriated
Hey, M.	2 F.T.S. Syerston	Guy, S. M.	Scampton
Bromley, J. R.	Lyneham	Warburton, K. I.	Scampton
Smith, N.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Chaplin, A. J.	Wittering
Taylor, J. R.	Waddington	Mawson, R.	Wittering
Fair, C. R.	229 O.C.U. Chivenor	Bowden, D. G.	Lyneham
Owen, G.	Lyneham	Hope, G. E.	Finningley
Sanders, R. M.	Benson	Peden, B. A.	226 O.C.U. Coltishall
Shevels, A. A.	1 F.T.S. Linton-on-Ouse	Markwell, G. D.	30 M.U. Sealand
Eades R.	Northern Comm. Sqn. Topcliffe	Weallans, G. R.	Cottesmore
Born, A. R.	Cottesmore	Hamilton, A. M.	Wittering
Beale, N. J.	Lyneham	Bannister, K.	Scampton
Griffith, C. A.	Lyneham	Hayes, G. R.	2 F.T.S. Syerston
Mole, J.	1 F.T.S. Linton-on-Ouse	Horton, R. E.	Lyneham
Hay, J. C.	Benson	Perks, E. T.	Finningley
Sturges, I. N. A.	Waddington	Francis, T. G.	32 M.U. St. Athan
McKenzie, J.	Waddington	Barrett, J. C.	Watton
Patterson, M. D.	Scampton	Plenty, B. E.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Hawkins, L. W.	229 O.C.U. Chivenor	Cottle, M. R.	Ex-102nd Entry
Wales, C. J.	Cottesmore	Davis, A. W. G.	Scampton
Jones, C. G.	Wittering	Post, D.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Flitter, R. E.	230 O.C.U. Finningley	Lewry, M. G.	74 Sqn. Leuchars
Horne, M. E.	Finningley	Ince, P. H.	85 Sqn. Binbrook
Hughes, R. J.	Wittering	Cooper, V. C.	Watton
Avery, D. G.	30 M.U. Sealand	Cameron, W. W. B.	111 Sqn. Wattisham
McCartney, G.	Scampton	Wilson, K.	1 F.T.S. Linton-on-Ouse
Parr, A.	Ballykelly	Ball, R. J.	Scampton
Kay, C. W.	Scampton	Baldwin, T.	30 M.U. Sealand
Dowdeswell, W.	Waddington	Lamming, N. C.	Cottesmore
Loh Meng Chiew	Repatriated	Barracough, T.	Scampton
Bristow, R. J.	Lyneham	Edgeley, C. R.	Abingdon
Worth, C. A. R.	Lyneham	Dartnall, J. E.	Lyneham
Morris, I. R.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Sheehan, K. P.	Scampton
Broughton, J. R.	Wittering	Johnston, I. P.	30 M.U. Sealand
Collard, A. C.	30 M.U. Sealand	Jennings, H. C.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Mathers, D. J.	Lyneham	Lim Mah Hooi	Repatriated
Hastings, J. B.	Scampton	Garden, L.	30 M.U. Sealand
Watts, M. H. F.	Lyneham	Lomas, D. H.	30 M.U. Sealand
Nuttall, K.	30 M.U. Sealand	Milsom, P. C.	1 A.N.S. Stradishall
Maxwell, F. T. T.	Abingdon	Bolton, P. J.	Scampton
McMenemy, G. R.	Lyneham	Smith, M. B.	Kinloss
Bullen, F. C. N.	Lyneham	Burn, K. D.	Wittering
Batt, P.	Cottesmore	Leong Yew Chew	Repatriated
Simmonds, A. M.	Wittering	Wilson, A. E.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Taulbut, A. T.	Lyneham	Howitt, A. M.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Bath, M. C.	Lyneham	Lace, G. J. G.	Watton
McCormack, J. E.	Cottesmore	Bayes, C. R.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Lister, J. F.	B.C.B.S. Lindholme	Arruffin Bin Othman	Repatriated
Kennedy, I. T.	Wittering	Martin, C. R.	111 Sqn. Wattisham
Davis, R. C.	30 M.U. Sealand	Griffin, J.	Scampton
Myers, J. W.	Scampton	Matthews, R. N.	Watton
Jordan, J. R.	Waddington	Rogers, L. J.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Collins, P.	Scampton	Barber, G. A.	Watton
		Mooney, J.	30 M.U. Sealand

Angus, B.	30 M.U. Sealand	<b>Lee, B. G.</b>	Scampton
Beswick, G. R.	30 M.U. Sealand	Davey, M. E.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Cowsill, A. R.	30 M.U. Sealand	Gallagher, W. J. P.	30 M.U. Sealand
Mount, C. G.	32 M.U. St. Athan	Lacey, C. D.	32 M.U. St. Athan
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Bell, J.	1 A.N.S. Stradishall	Knight, A. R.	Cottesmore
Rattray, G.	Finningley	Hodgson, M. D.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Stephenson, B. M.	Ballykelly	Grant, R. J.	32 M.U. St. Athan
Patheyjohns, A.	4 F.T.S. Valley		
Aloysius J. Surin	Repatriated		
Lee, R. A. C.	Abingdon	Carhart, J. E.	
Stevenson, J. F.	Finningley	Johnson, N. B.	
Turkhud R. I. A.	Finningley		

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Weeks, L.	R.A.F. Hospital Wroughton	Watson, S. W.	R.A.F. Hospital Halton
Coghlan, P. V..	R.A.F. Hospital Wroughton	Perrett, M.	R.A.F.. Hospital Nocton Hall
Riley, J.	R.A.F. Hospital Wroughton	Charlesworth, N. K.	R.A.F. Hospital Ely
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## SCHOOL NOTES - MISERY TERM

The weather has been unusually vicious, providing a topic for animated discussion other than the pay-rise. A haggard of masculine Miss Reads peered anxiously out of frost thickened windows to see if their charges would safely arrive. Alas, they always did.

Arrivals included Sqn.Ldr. Gates, from Cranwell. Already he has assumed the drawn, ulcerated expression befitting anyone in charge of Messrs Lambe, Gandy, and Thomas. Flt.Lt. Terrett, in the meantime, quietly shed most of his timetable and embarked on a Perry Mason career, touring the Courts Martial. Flt.Lts. Spragg and Peart-Jackson came to teach Mathematics: Flt.Lt. Pettman joined the Repulsion department, and vanished from view.

Tired of conjecturing what the Drawing people do with all their spare time, Viv Jenkins sabotaged the time table and fled to Cranwell, to join John Kerr. John Edwards left for El Adem, but missed his plane, so presumably is still paddling his canoe, and Jerry Swan, as good-natured as ever, left protestingly for Locking.

A hushed and reverent silence greeted the pay award. For once there would be some-

thing left after tax. People took new interest in 'Autocar'; Bill Pottle brought his machine on to the road; a haze of optimism obscured the facts that influenza was busy striking down the staff, but not enough of the pupils, and that the Easter leave would be short.

Dozens and dozens of new set tasks were wearily read by the officially literate. (The mind boggles at the thought that an apprentice is really obsessed by 'The Extraction and Purification of Aluminium', so much so as to write 3000 mis-spelt words about it.)

The rumours had their brief lives. It was suggested that the pay-rise was to be spread over two, four and, by one cynic, ten years; had Sqn.Ldr. Ellis driven into the lorry to escape the marking; had the P.Ed.O. really bought a yacht; was Wg.Cdr. Forth being transferred to the Royal Navy; was Sqn.Ldr. Kinder Russian—the uniform seemed to suggest it. But in the absence of denial these vapours dispersed: we shall never know what Mr. Thomas did say to Monty at El Alamein or where Bernard Davis has his smock laundered. Perhaps the Summer term will provide a few of the answers.

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## APPRENTICE WING NOTES

### No. 1 (A) WING NOTES

#### 105th Entry

The autumn term was number seven for the 105th Entry and their first in 1(A) Wing. They had been preceded by their good reputation, and they soon settled down to justify it.

In November the entry was to hear of the death of Mrs. Emma Oates. On her 105th birthday they had presented her with several gifts. Now a wreath was sent in their name.

During the term the 105th had four ceremonial commitments—two off and two on the station. The two 'away fixtures' were the Battle of Britain parade in Banbury and the Lord Mayor's Show in London. Both were successful and enjoyable and, as usual, on the day the entry pulled out all the stops. In London they certainly put most of the other marching contingents to shame. The two commitments on the station were not so successful. The route lining preparation came to an anti-climax, for its associated state visit was postponed. Then the entry were not needed for their square lining on the day of the 103rd pass-out because the wet weather drove the parade indoors.

In sport and hobbies the 105th have been especially busy. They have been involved in almost every useful activity that goes on at Halton. They make up the greater parts of many of the wing, school and station sports teams, and it was noticeable that 1(A) Wing won the B.-K. trophy this term.

Here are some of the entry's activities: twenty out of the thirty school rugby players; five in the station hockey; four in the station soccer; five in the station cross-country; four in the swimming; twenty in the parachuting; two in the B.-K. boxing; two in the B.-K. shooting; one road walker for the station; one station table tennis player; a large part of the station gymnastics team; twenty-five pipe and brass bandmen.

Radio Halton also got much of its working support from its 105th members—A.A.s Toy, Vaughan, Wright, Orr and Soothill and L.A.A. Styles—whose efforts are much appreciated.

Towards the end of the term Christmas brought quite a burst of activity. The entry designed and had printed its own Christmas card, and almost a thousand were sold. Each one bore the entry's well known Viking emblem, this time in a festive mood and surrounded by the ingredients for a fine party.

The Wing Christmas Concert was held in the N.A.A.F.I. and here the 105th were again prominent. C.A.A. Bills and L.A.A. Bull did the organising, with much help from Sgt. Stevens. All the acts except two came from the 105th as did the able compère, A.A. Soothill. 105 took the prizes for the best acts and a surprised Soothill was among the winners.

Also at Christmas the entry arranged an outing to the circus at Olympia for the children from Bledlow Home. Coaches and refreshments were provided and A.A.s Evan-son, Sanders, Webb and Wood delayed the start of their leave to act as hosts. The entry has since heard that the children thoroughly enjoyed it all.

Finally the promotion parade brought Christmas presents for a few. The coveted rank of S.A.A. was reached by C.A.A.s Bills, Cruse and Sloss; L.A.A.s Duggan, Goodwin, McDowell and Webb and A.A. Pettigrew became C.A.A.s; and the new L.A.A.s were A.A.s Brooks, Brown, Hogg, Nelson, Poulter, Timbers and Wakely. They all did very well in an entry where the competition is so keen.

1966 brings for the 105th the peak of schools and workshops activity and the competition for the various prizes and honours. If they live up to expectations they should have the greatest record of achievement of any entry at Halton.

#### 202nd Entry

Once again there have been some Staff changes; Fg.Off. L. C. M. Ambler, B.E.M., departed at the end of September to Warton. The Entry wish him every success in his new appointment. F.S. F. D. Cattle arrived from Weeton on the 1st October 1965 and took over the post of N.C.O. i/c Entry vice W.O. Lenz.

Sgt. G. Mitchell joined the Squadron from 'down the hill' as N.C.O. i/c B. Flight.

During the early part of the term, C.A. Weindling was transferred to the 109th Entry, No. 3 Apprentice Wing, to continue training as a Technician Apprentice. The end of term brought two major events which mark the Entry's progress through No. 1 S. of T.T., firstly, the examinations for the incentive pay award, due after completing a years training, and secondly, the potential leading apprentice course: the first promotions for the Entry are due in January 1966.

Again the Entry have done well in the various fields of sport. The notable successes were:

#### **Boxing**

The Entry were well represented in the B.-K. Competition by C.As. Playle and Fortune and they also took part in the Lord Wakefield's Tournament: C.A. Playle won his fight in the Sigrist Competition and later helped Technical Training Command to beat Bomber Command, C.A. Stuart was unfortunate to loose his bout in the Sigrist Competition but deserves credit for an excellent performance. Both Playle and Fortune have been awarded their School Colours for their keenness and ability in the ring.

#### **Canoeing**

The canoeists have been taking part in a number of races at Pangbourne. C.As. Dixon and Blane were awarded their School Colours for their part in a race against the Marines. The Entry have now won 14 sets of School Colours and it is hoped that this figure will be improved before long.

#### **Scouting**

C.As Morgan, Meehan and Wherry of the Halton Air Scout Troop, took part in Ralph Reader's 'Gang Show'. They also enjoyed a dinner party with other members of the cast after the successful completion of the show.

#### **Christmas Dinner**

The normal festive Christmas Dinner took place in No. 1(A) Wing Mess and the Entry showed their appreciation to W.O. Burr in the customary manner. After the dinner a concert was staged in Henderson N.A.A.F.I. The Entry contribution was well received by all, the theme was 'Manners', the scene being set around the N.C.O. A.A. table in the Mess!

## No. 3 (A) WING NOTES

### **Preface**

This was another busy term for all members of the Wing with T.V. appearances, Battle of Britain ceremonies, examinations, passing out parades, and culminating in many Christmas festivities and charitable works. The majority of the news on the events mentioned above will appear under the various Entry headings so we can safely pass on to staff changes within the Wing during the winter term.

In August Sgts. Munnery and Evans joined the P.F.O.s staff and in October W.O. Pummery arrived to take over the duties of Wing Warrant Officer; in December Sgt. Farrell and Cpl. Rogers also joined the Wing Staff and we welcome all these people to 3(A) Wing and hope that they will enjoy their tours of duty with the Halton apprentices. As for departures, we were sorry to see Sqn.Ldr. Cooper marching down the hill to S.H.Q., but as he is keeping a weather eye on 'the loot' there is a feeling of relief amongst his former apprentices who feel that their financial affairs are in good hands! Sgt. Hodgson is now basking in the sun at Seletar, Singapore, and Cpl. Goddard has returned to S.H.Q. By the time these notes appear in print your present writer should be safely in Butterworth, Malaya, but he hopes to keep in touch with the Wing activities by receiving a copy of the Halton Magazine three times a year.

### **106th Entry**

The Entry were particularly prominent in all fields of training, sport and social activities during the winter term partly because they are now the senior entry on No. 3(A) Wing and partly because they are numerically and otherwise superior to their contemporaries. After the delights of the summer leave the Entry soon entered into the swing of things by providing a large contingent to march through Aylesbury on the occasion of the annual Battle of Britain parade. At the same time, they were present in large numbers at the Songs of Praise Service for Battle of Britain held at St. George's Church, which was televised by the B.B.C. For the period from the 15th to the 18th September, C.A.As Brumpton and Foster

and L.A.A.s Haysom and Desai of the Entry were detached to Biggin Hill to look after the engine static display stand which was open to the public on Battle of Britain Day—they enjoyed themselves tremendously and presented an excellent image of the Royal Air Force to the general public.

It was during September that a valued member of the staff left to go on a linguist's course—this was Cpl. Ferrier who had been with 'A' Flight for a long time and had done sterling work on the Wing by organising the table tennis tournaments and originating and encouraging the volley-ball competitions which proved to be so popular with the apprentices. We wish him the best of luck on his course and for his future career in the Service.

During October there were many promotions within the Entry and congratulations are extended to L.A.A.s Hodgson, Foster, Bowden, Brumpton, Andrews and Joyner who reached the dizzy heights of corporal apprentice. Congratulations are also extended to the following Apprentices of the entry who were promoted to Leading Apprentice on the 18th October—Ham, Hadwell, Hardwick, Baldwin, Davis, Davies, Neo and Whitmore (Drum Major).

It was also in October that the first all-Apprentice production of 'The Long, The Short and The Tall' was staged at the Station Theatre—again the members of the 106th Entry made a vast contribution to the success of this play by providing most of the cast—A.A.s Kilminster, Olito, Tomsett, and Perry gave excellent portrayals of British 'Tommies', whilst A.A. Wong worked hard as a frightened and speechless Japanese prisoner; L.A.A. Whitmore helped to build the scenery and spent many a long hour sawing and painting.

Another activity which is keenly pursued by some members of the 106th is canoeing, and on the 25th and 26th September L.A.A.s Ham and Hardwick and A.A.s Jordan and Longbottom helped Halton to sweep the board at Pangbourne in the R.A.F. Canoe Regatta—the first of its kind—by gaining several first and numerous other prizes. Their fine successes in this pursuit has brought great credit to the Entry and is a fitting reward for the many hours of grinding training at weekends which these four Apprentices have had to endure.

The Entry boxers were rewarded with B.-K. badges in October so we extend the 'glove' to L.A.A. Hadwell and A.A.s Bannister, Corton, Fadzillah and Brown; the further victories of some of this team will be recounted in the next issue of the magazine. Another B.-K. badge for basketball was presented to L.A.A. Bell in September, and he is also to be congratulated on winning his School Colours in this sport.

On the 13th November the Entry staged their first Wing Review for the O.C. Wing with the N.C.O. Apprentices filling the executive positions for the first time—all went smoothly and the standard of the parade was very high. In the Sigrist Boxing Championships which were also held in November, A.A.s Dodds, Corton and Brown put up a creditable performance which meant they were able to take part in the Inter-Command Novices Boxing Competition which was to be held in January 1966.

It was also during the winter term that L.A.A. Desai completed his work towards the Queen's Scout Badge and he was actually awarded the badge on the 28th January 1966 at a Reception held at the Guildhall. (See article on 'Scouting Successes'.) L.A.A. Desai's home is in Nairobi and he started working for the Queen's Scout Badge in Kenya where he also gained the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme silver badge. At present he is working for the gold award and is a very keen member of the Senior Scout Troop at Halton.

The term ended in a flurry of progress examinations, charitable work, and Christmas festivities. No further comment is necessary about the progress examinations except to say that L.A.A. Neo came first in order of merit in the Entry with a overall total of 95% at Schools having achieved 100% in Mechanics, 99% in Mathematics, and 92% in Science—excellent results which deserve special mention. Another special mention is due to Sergeant Cooke of No. 1 Squadron who spent many hours organising and rehearsing the various acts which made up the Christmas Concert held after the Christmas Dinner and Draw in the 3(A) Wing Apprentices' Mess—the standards of performance were very high and both Apprentices and Staff enjoyed an excellent evening of fine food and entertainment.

The Entry have always contributed gener-



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ously to charity and the winter term was no exception, indeed, they were exceedingly generous in respect of all appeals starting with a contribution of £6.5s.3d. towards the Bucks S.S.A.F.A. on the 15th November. This was followed by a great deal of charitable work at Christmas time by both flights of the Entry. On Tuesday evening, the 14th December, it was 10s. notes all round when six Apprentices from 'A' Flight dropped in on a meeting of the Wendover Forget-Me-Not Club, at the Wendover Memorial Hall. Headed by L.A.A. Davies, the Apprentices, who included L.A.A. Bell and A.A.s Head, Dennis, Dommett and Brown, were armed with 89 ten-shilling notes, and they handed out eight to each of the old folk at the gathering. Those left over were presented to the organiser of the club, to give to the elderly who were unable to attend. After disposing of all their notes, they stayed to play games and have tea with club members. Not to be outdone, the members of 'B' Flight also collected money for the Aylesbury Children's Home, and with part of the proceeds, C.A.A. Andrews, L.A.A. Ham and A.A.s Dodds and Jordan organised an outing to Oxford where the children were taken to a pantomime. Perhaps the most fitting tribute to the Flight was conveyed in an extract from a letter sent by the Children's Officer to the Buckinghamshire County Council, which said, 'They spent an evening here, bringing with them all their Christmas trimmings and, with the children, decorated the Home. The £16 they presented us with, bought all the children a decent present, this would not have been possible without their donation. And then the crowning glory came with a visit to the pantomime at Oxford. Some of our children had never been to one before, and were not at all sure what it was they were going to see. Without the Apprentices of 'B' Flight of the 106th Entry, Christmas would have been rather bleak to say the least.' The writer of the Wing Notes, Fg.Off. R. Halpin, is proud to have been associated with such an entry for the past two years, and wishes them every good fortune and success in their final year and their future careers in the Royal Air Force.



### 107th Entry

The winter term brought the end of the Entry's first year at Halton. This was marked by the O.I. examination and also a celebration in the traditional manner. The end of the first year also brought the Entry's Parents Day; fog prevailed on the day but the weather situation was brightened by the fact that the 180 parents and guests had a marvellous time, and the day was a complete success especially as the mid-term break started on the same day!

During the term the Entry acquired several new items for their recreation room, among them a television set, many new records for its already large collection, some new pieces of furniture, and for the Flight, a new flight commander. The entry was unfortunate to lose Flt.Lt. Hymans but are very pleased that he is on the road back to flying.

During the term a team of the 107th entered the Aeronautical Society's Quiz. The entry won the competition after several hard rounds. The two people who contributed most to winning were T.A.s McIver and Gill who are the 'brains' on aeronautical matters. Another competition, this time only among the members of the entry, was the designing of an Entry Crest. The winning crest was selected by the O.C. 3(A) Wing who presented its designer, T.A. Burt, with a prize of £2.

Throughout the year the Entry has bought birthday presents for the children of St. Agatha's Church of England Home at Princes Risborough. At Christmas the Entry bought many gifts for the Home, such as fairy lights and decorations for the Christmas Tree, (donated by O.C. 3(A) Wing), sweets and candy. The gifts were purchased by Sgt. Day and members of the Entry during a very enjoyable trip 'down' Petticoat Lane. T.A. Rooke donated a very fine train set, whilst his father sent a very large parcel containing more sweets and goodies.

The Entry will continue to aid the Home until they leave Halton in 1967, when they hope to hand over this rewarding job to another Entry.

The term ended with the annual Christmas dinner and concert where the Entry was represented by quality, not quantity, in the form of T.A.s Elliott and Beesley who called themselves 'The Guitar Duo', accompanying themselves on Mexican guitars; they sang

folk songs, the highlight of which was 'The Bull Drags On', a satirical version of Donovan's 'The War Drags On', based on a Halton apprentice, and featuring the Flight N.C.O., Sgt. Day. The lyrics of this folk song were written by the performers. The song earned them first prize for the best act, and was won in the face of fierce competition.

Facing the future, the Entry is looking forward to a year as favourably accomplished as the last, and, with their determination to make the Technician Scheme a success, there is no reason why this should not be so.

On the sportsfield the Entry continue to be well represented. T.A.s George and Duguid both play regularly for the station at basketball, and Duguid has been selected to train with the R.A.F. Junior squad. On the rugby field T.A. Straw has now firmly established himself as a member of the station team. He has also been selected for an R.A.F. trial and is training hard to gain a position.

The Entry also had two representatives in the successful Wing Boxing Team, namely T.A. Jones and Straw. After a hard fight T.A. Jones was forced to retire; Straw won his fight, KOing his opponent in the first round. The 107 mark is also well and truly on the football field with T.A. Cooke winning a place in the station team, while T.A.s Addison (Capt.), Messham, Moig, Brown, Bird, Lawson, and Davies play regularly for the 'Minors'.

The entry is also represented in .22 shooting where both T.A.s Goss and Schofield have gained places in the Wing B.-K. team.

### NO. 2 SQUADRON

It was during the winter term (after the 105th Entry left,) that the Squadron changed its role to training Technician Apprentices. The 109th Entry of Technician Apprentices commenced training on the 25th October 1965 with 59 'rooks' plus four of the brighter ex-Craft Apprentices. We welcome them to the best Wing and expect to have much more to write about their achievements in the next issue of the magazine, when they will have completed a full term at Halton.

There were other changes in the Squadron with the departure of Fg.Off. Crawford who was posted to R.A.F. Germany; his replacement was Fg.Off. W. G. Marshall who com-

menced duties as Deputy O.C. Squadron on the 1st October. The present O.C. No. 2 Squadron, Sqn.Ldr. S. Sills, D.F.M., will have been posted to R.A.F. Digby as S.Ad.O. by the time this issue of the magazine reaches the public, so we all wish him good fortune and success in his new post in Lincolnshire.

#### 108th Entry

The Entry were finding their feet during the winter term so have not yet come to the fore. However, although they are small in number, two of their members have already represented the station at different sports. T.A. Wyer represented the station at basketball and T.A. Wells represented the station at soccer. It is to be hoped that we shall soon see a greater representation on the Wing from the 108th.

### NO 3 SQUADRON

In November of 1965 Sqn.Ldr. Cooper left the Squadron and took up his new appointment as Senior Accounts Officer. All the squadron would like to extend their best wishes to him and thank him for the work he did whilst up at the sharp end. Flt.Lt. Hymans leaves his post as O.C. 'C' Flight, 107th Entry, and takes over No. 3 Squadron.

#### 302nd Entry

In December the 302nd Entry passed out on a very wet day, so wet in fact that the parade had to be held in the hangar at the airfield, the first time this has happened as long as can be remembered! All of the Entry qualified as Senior Aircraftmen and their standard of drill and turnout was such that they could not be distinguished from the older and more experienced boys of the 103rd Entry, excepting perhaps, that their hair was a little shorter. For a full account of the passing out parade turn to the front pages of the magazine.

#### 303rd Entry

The entry, now eleven strong, are looking forward to their last term and their own passing out parade which will be combined with the 104th Entry on the 6th April 1966. In the field of sport, A.A. France has done extremely well in swimming and in boxing. For swimming he has represented the Wing in the B.-K. trophy, the station, the junior R.A.F., the senior R.A.F., junior Inter-

Services, senior Inter-Services, the R.A.F. v the Civil Service, and was selected to represent the Combined Services v Wales but was unable to go to this meeting owing to a broken hand caused during boxing. In his swimming he has been unbeaten except for the senior Inter-Services match when he came second.

France has boxed for the wing in the B.-K., the station in the Sigrist, and represented Technical Training Command v Transport Command and Bomber Command. All in all this is a magnificent effort on his part and he deserves every credit for the amount of hard training he has undergone over the past months. A.A. Duddy also boxed in the B.-K. and Sigrist Trophies, and in soccer, A.A. Fares has been a regular member of the Halton Minors. Fares and Guntrip hope to represent the B.-K. team in fencing next term.

#### 304th Entry

This entry arrived in September of 1965, thirty four strong, and they gained one member of the 303rd who was recruited; they also lost two members through purchase of discharge. In sport, A.A. Quincey is a regular member of the School soccer team and A.A. Mills has played for the School Minors. Linge and Bowen are both good long distance and cross country runners and are now regularly running for the School teams. A.A. Kyneston boxed for the B.-K. team and A.A. Jeffries boxed for the Scott-Paine trophy.

The 304th have settled down well at Halton and are making good progress in Schools, M.T.E. and G.S.T. periods; we welcome them and hope they will have as much success as previous entries.

### 3(A) WING SPORTS

#### Boxing

3(A) Wing was again the mainstay of boxing at R.A.F. Halton, both for the station and for the School. The season started in October with the Wing winning the B.-K. competition.

Three of the Wing boxers represented the station in the Lord Wakefield novices' competition and helped the station to finish in second place. Twenty one senior R.A.F. stations took part in the competition which took place at R.A.F. Halton in November.

The annual Sigrist Trophy boxing competi-

tion was also held at R.A.F. Halton in November and was won by the School. Five boxers from the Wing represented the School, comprising half the School team, four were winning finalists. A.A.s Brown, Dodds and Corton of the 106th Entry, and A.A. s France and Duddy of the 303rd Entry. Out of these, A.A.s Brown, Corton, Dodds and France were chosen to represent T.T. Command in the Inter-Command novices' competition and were awarded their Command Colours for boxing.

### Cross Country Running

C.A.A. Bowden of the 106th Entry was chosen to represent the Royal Air Force team in a match v Cambridge University in November, and in December again represented the R.A.F. v Midland Counties U.A.U. C.A.A. Bowden has now represented the Royal Air Force on several occasions and has done a great deal to encourage the sport at R.A.F. Halton. He has also been instrumental in getting A.A. Armstrong of the 106th Entry into the R.A.F. team where Armstrong has made excellent progress.

### Rugby

Congratulations to T.A. Straw of the 107th Entry who represented Technical Training Command at the R.A.F. Trial.

### Swimming

A.A. France of the 303rd Entry represented the Royal Air Force in the Inter-Services swimming championships in September and finished second in the 100 metres back stroke—well done!

### 3(A) WING BAND

The members of the Wing Band had another very busy term, taking part in numerous outside engagements with the Station Band, the outstanding ones being the Lord Mayor's Show and Remembrance Sunday. Trumpeters from 3(A) Wing were with the Station Corps of Trumpets at the Cenotaph in London, while the Wing supplied four trumpeters for the Remembrance Day Services at Aylesbury, two more for High Wycombe, and two for Great Missenden.

The climax of all Band activities is the contest at the end of each term, and in the winter term the contest was practically a walk-

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over for the Wing because out of 8 events it was successful in 6. L.A.A. Veitch won the Commandant's silver pipes, L.A.A. Jones the Silver Trumpet, L.A.A. Whitmore, Commandant's Drum Major, L.A.A. Bell silver side drum, with the 3(A) Wing band winning the contest, and the Corps of Trumpets winning the corps contest.

The two unsuccessful were the bass drum and tenor, but it was in each case a hard contest, the final contestants having three ties before it was decided.

A selected group played at the Wing Christmas Dinner and Concert and was well received. In all, a very satisfactory term for the musicians.

We welcome the new members to the band from the 109th Entry and, at the time of writing, these members have already shown

themselves worthy additions to the band. The bandmaster, W.O. Bailey, considers them to be a very exceptional lot of Apprentices who have made very rapid progress since they joined the band. We look forward to the end of next term to pit our skills once again, and if endeavour will triumph, we should take our share of the prizes!

We have mentioned the Pipe Band but we must not forget that some of the Apprentices in the Wing are members of the Brass Band. Although few in number, they add a lot of weight to the band, and there are still a lot of vacancies in the brass band. If any Apprentice wants to avail himself of the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument, he can contact the Wing Band N.C.O., Sgt. Cooke, No. 1 Squadron, who will be pleased to give him all the information he requires.

## HALTON MAGAZINE COVER COMPETITION

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The creative qualities of any period in history are to be judged by the variety of its artistic expression. In this mid-twentieth century the feverish pursuit of change which originated in scientific and technical development has now affected art. The need for advance has therefore forced the Magazine to seek a renewal of the style of its cover and even its internal layout. The Magazine, far from being stultified by the abstractions of technological science, thirsts for a new image and seeks ideas from the young technicians of today. Accordingly, the Magazine offers a prize of three guineas for the best design submitted by apprentices, present and past, for a new cover.

### Conditions of Entry

- 1 The cover design is to fill a rectangle  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches by 7 inches.
- 2 The design shall involve not more than two colours (excluding the background colour of the paper).
- 3 The School Crest is to be included in the design.
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- 5 Each entry shall bear on the reverse side, in block capitals, the artist's name and initials, full address, entry and personal number.
- 6 Entries shall be submitted to the Editor, Halton Magazine.
- 7 The closing date for the competition is Saturday, 11th June, 1966.