

No. 1 SCHOOL OF TECHNICAL TRAINING
ROYAL AIR FORCE



PASSING-OUT PARADE
of the
105TH ENTRY
OF AIRCRAFT APPRENTICES
201ST ENTRY
OF CRAFT APPRENTICES
AND
304TH ENTRY
OF ADMINISTRATIVE
APPRENTICES

HALTON

3rd AUGUST 1966

THE QUEEN'S COLOUR

The Queen's Colour was presented to No. 1 School of Technical Training by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at a Parade held at Royal Air Force Halton on July 25th 1952.

APPRENTICE TRAINING

No. 1 School of Technical Training RAF Halton provides a three year course for training of Apprentices in the trades of Aircraft Technician, Airframe Fitter, Engine Fitter, Electrical Fitter (Air), Instrument Fitter (Navigation) and Dental Technician.

A two year course provides for the training of Aircraft Fitters (Airframe), Aircraft Fitters (Propulsion) and Aircraft Fitters (Electrical).

Administrative Apprentices are trained for one year in the trade of Nursing Attendant.

The inception of the Aircraft Apprentice Scheme by the late Marshal of the Royal Air Force, the Viscount Trenchard, GCB, OM, GCVO, D.S.O. DCL, LLD, dates back to February 1920, and in March 1920 No. 1 School of Technical Training was formed. Since that date over 29,000 Apprentices have been trained at Halton, almost 6,000 ex-Halton Apprentices have gained commissions during their service and many of these have reached Air Rank. Today, training at Halton are also Apprentices of the Royal Malaysian Air Force together with Apprentices from other Commonwealth countries.

The 105th Entry of Aircraft Apprentices arrived at Halton on 18th September 1963 and will proceed to selected Royal Air Force Stations and Units as Corporals, Junior Technicians and Senior Aircraftmen.

The 201st Entry of Craft Apprentices arrived on 1st September 1964 and will be posted to selected Royal Air Force Stations as Junior Technicians and Senior Aircraftmen.

The 304th Entry of Administrative Apprentices arrived on 7th September 1965 and will be posted to RAF Hospitals and Stations as Senior and Leading Aircraftmen.

PROGRAMME

10.15 hrs. The Reviewing Officer arrives at Station Headquarters.

10.15 hrs. Visitors should be seated in the enclosure on the parade ground.

10.30 hrs. Arrival of the Reviewing Officer at Henderson and Groves Parade Ground.

11.30 hrs. Visitors should be in their seats in the Burnett Gymnasium for Prize Giving and Addresses.

11.45 hrs. Arrival of the Reviewing Officer at Burnett Gymnasium for Prize Giving.

12.45 hrs. Lunch will be provided in No. 1 (A) Wing Dining Rooms for those Guests of Apprentices who hold lunch tickets.

14.15 hrs. Reviewing Officer meets Apprentices awarded Cadetships and Commissions, and their Parents, in the Officers Mess, Halton House.

13.45 hrs. to 15.30 hrs. The School will be open to visitors and the following are places of interest which visitors are invited to inspect:--

WORKSHOPS--where specimens of work done by Apprentices will be on show.

SCHOOL--where the laboratories, the Trenchard Library and classrooms will be open.

MEDICAL TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT -- where the trade training of Nursing Attendants is given.

WET WEATHER PROGRAMME -- In the event of inclement weather, the "Passing Out Parade" will be cancelled and the time of the Prize-Giving Ceremony brought forward.

Visitors are therefore requested to be seated in the Burnett Gymnasium by 10.30 hours.

REVIEWING OFFICER

Air Marshal
M. K. D. PORTER, CB, CBE, FRAeS, MIEE.
Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief
Maintenance Command

The Reviewing Officer will be accompanied by

Air Vice-Marshal B. ROBINSON, CBE
Air Officer Commanding No. 24 Group

Air Commodore A. C. DEERE, DSO, OBE, DFC.
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, CBE
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, MVO, OBE, BEM
Officer Commanding No. 3 Apprentice Wing

Squadron Leader V. A. GOUGH, AFC
Officer Commanding No. 1 Sqn. No. 1 Apprentice Wing

THE PARADE PERSONNEL

The parade is under the command of Flight Sergeant Apprentice D. T. Bills. Other N.C.O. Apprentices are subordinate Commanders. Entries on parade are the 105th, 106th, 201st, 202nd and 304th.

Parade Adjutant	...	...	...	Sgt.App. T. E. Duggan
Parade Warrant Officer	...	...	...	Cpl.App. P. A. Theobald
Colour Bearer	...	...	...	Sgt.App. C. Cruse
Colour Warrant Officer	...	...	...	Cpl.App. K. A. Bull
Colour Escort	...	...	}	Cpl.App. A. J. Dear
				Cpl.App. R. Collins
Escort Squadron Commander	...	...	...	Sgt.App. I. Sloss
No. 1 Flight Commander	...	...	...	Cpl.App. P. V. Lejeune
No. 2 Flight Commander	...	...	...	Cpl.App. D. W. Fisher
No. 2 Squadron Commander	...	...	...	Sgt.App. M. Nield
No. 1 Flight Commander	...	...	...	Cpl.App. T. F. Newey
No. 2 Flight Commander	...	...	...	Cpl.App. J. M. Ward

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

THE PARADE—TIMINGS

March On

At 10.10 hrs. the Parade marches on to the markers.

The Queen's Colour

With the Parade in review order, the Colour and Escort march on.

Spectators stand and salute or uncover.

Arrival of Reviewing Officer

At 10.30 hrs. the Reviewing Officer is escorted to the dais and received with a General Salute.

Spectators stand but do not salute or uncover.

Inspection

The Reviewing Officer inspects the 105th, 201st and 304th Entries.

March Past

The 105th, 201st and 304th Entries will march past by Flights in column, and return in close column of Flights.

Spectators stand as the Colour passes, and salute or uncover.

Advance—Review Order

The Parade advances in review order and presents arms in a General Salute.

Spectators stand but do not salute or uncover.

The Queen's Colour and 105th, 201st and 304th Entries march off.

Spectators stand, salute or uncover and remain so until the Colour Party wheels away from the dais to withdraw with the Entry to the rear of the parade ground.

Departure of Reviewing Officer.

Spectators are requested to remain standing until the Reviewing Officer departs.

CADETSHIPS

Cadetships have been awarded to:—

F.Sgt.App. D. T. Bills	... ..	General Duties Branch
Cpl.App. K. A. Bull	... ..	General Duties Branch
Sgt.App. T. E. Duggan	... ..	General Duties Branch
Cpl.App. P. V. Le Jeune	... ..	General Duties Branch
Ldg.App. L. G. Poulter	... ..	General Duties Branch
Sgt.App. C. Cruse	... ..	General Duties Branch
Sgt.App. V. R. Denwood	... ..	Technical Branch
Sgt.App. I. Sloss	... ..	Technical Branch
Cpl.App. N. P. Goodwin	... ..	Technical Branch
Cpl.App. B. Wakely	... ..	Technical Branch
Cpl.App. B. J. Webb	... ..	Technical Branch
Cpl.App. E. Pettigrew	... ..	Equipment Branch

COMMISSIONS

Apprentices selected for commissions are:—

Cpl.App. R. Collins	... ..	General Duties Branch
Ldg.App. G. P. Brown	... ..	General Duties Branch
Cpl.App. D. J. Young	... ..	General Duties Branch
Cpl.App. A. J. Dear	... ..	General Duties Branch
Cpl.App. E. G. Gill	... ..	General Duties Branch
Ldg.App. A. A. Timbers	... ..	General Duties Branch
Cpl.App. D. W. Fisher	... ..	Technical Branch
Cpl.App. B. J. Nelson	... ..	Technical Branch
Cpl.App. C. B. McDowell	... ..	Technical Branch

WINNERS OF ROYAL AIR FORCE PRIZES—105th ENTRY

Highest in Order of Merit, All Subjects

Winner:—Sgt.App. V. R. Denwood

Highest in Order of Merit, Educational Subjects

First Prize: Sgt.App. I. Sloss

Second Prize: Sgt.App. V. R. Denwood

Best 'Set Task' General Studies

Cpl.App. C. B. McDowell

Highest in Order of Merit, General Service Efficiency

First Prize: F.Sgt. D. T. Bills
Second Prize: Sgt.App. I. Sloss

Highest average for practical fitting over three-year course

Winner:—Air App. J. Hills

Best Tradesmen in Trade Standards Trade Test

Airframe Fitter	...	...	...	Air App. R. Hepple
Electrical Fitter (Air)	...	...	...	Cpl.App. M. J. Brooks
Engine Fitter	...	...	...	Cpl.App. E. Pettigrew
Instrument Fitter (Nav)	...	...	...	Air App. D. Crowe
Dental Technician	...	...	...	Ldg.App. C. J. Webb

PRIZE WINNERS—201st ENTRY

Highest in Order of Merit, All Subjects

Winner:—Cpl.Cft.App. D. J. Robinson

Highest in Order of Merit, Educational Subjects

Cpl.Cft.App. D. J. Robinson

Highest in Final Trade Test

Aircraft Fitter (Airframes)	...	Cpl.Cft.App. D. J. Robinson
Aircraft Fitter (Propulsion)	...	Ldg.Cft.App. J. P. Barrett
Aircraft Fitter (Electrical)	...	Ldg.Cft.App. L. J. Newbury

Highest in Order of Merit, General Service Efficiency

Cpl.Cft.App. B. W. Jones

Highest in Workshop Proficiency

Cpl.App. P. Hart

Highest in Liberal Studies

Cft.App. M. R. Akerman

PRIZE WINNERS—304th ENTRY

Highest in Order of Merit, All Subjects

Admin.App. M. J. Burrows

Highest in Order of Merit, General Service Efficiency

Admin.App. T. Burton

Highest in Order of Merit, Educational Subjects

Admin.App. R. A. Jeffries

Highest in Order of Merit in Final Trade Examination

Admin.App. M. J. Burrows

WINNERS OF SPECIAL PRIZES—105th 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:—Sgt.App. V. R. Denwood

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. M. J. Brooks

Crebbin-Robinson Cups

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

Winner:—Mechanical Trades:

Air App. J. Hills

Winner:—Electrical and Instrument Trades:

Cpl.App. B. J. R. Nelson

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. L. G. Poulter

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: --Sgt.App. V. R. Denwood

Corner Memorial Cup and Prize

On the 25th April 1942, in pursuance of his duties as Flying Personnel Medical Officer to R.A.F. Fighter Command, Group Captain H. W. Corner, AFC, MD, FRCP, was shot down while flying his own Spitfire in a daylight sweep over occupied France. So died a gallant highlander whose keen and critical mind, whose whole being, had been devoted and dedicated to looking after the men who fly. In his memory the Corner Memorial Cup and Prize has been presented by Air Commodore D. Stevenson, MBE, MD, to be awarded annually to the Medical Apprentice most outstanding in leadership, example and all-round effort.

Winner:

1965 SAC D. R. Neeham. (formerly L.Ad.A. 301st Entry)

1966 SAC D. W. Gatherer (formerly L.Ad.A. 302nd Entry)