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Final Report - 83rd Entry

Strength

1. The major feature of the Entry is its ^{small} size relative to that of Entries immediately preceding and succeeding it. The present strength is 147 compared with an original strength of 228. 77 have obtained N.C.O. and L.A.A. ranks, which brings one to the next characteristic of the Entry - the high ratio of N.C.O. Apprentices to those not appointed.

N.C.O. and Leading Apprentices

2. The introduction of the N.C.O. Apprentices three day course this term has probably done much to raise the standard of the N.C.O. and L.A.A. It has made them more aware of their responsibilities and more capable of fulfilling them. Certainly the general consensus of opinion is that N.C.O. Apprentices have proved capable and trustworthy, setting a good example in bearing, discipline and co-operation, and working hard to keep up a high standard of morale and Esprit-de-Corps. Some have been well above average.

Drill

3. The standard of drill has been well up to average, but it has lacked the drive and enthusiasm needed to reach higher standards. Some N.C.O. Apprentices have stood out on account of their bearing and word of command.

Discipline

4. The general standard of discipline has been most satisfactory. A good standard has been shown by the N.C.O.'s, and the others members have set a fair standard to the junior entries.

Co-operation

5. Co-operation in flights and squadrons has been good in most instances, and cheerfulness has been a prominent feature in this respect.

Technical and Academic Training

6. 20 Class 'A' passes were achieved in this final schools examinations.

Ground Combat and Defence Training

7. Range Qualifications :- These are summarised below

	Rifle	Bren
Marksman	10 members.....	91
1st Class	27 "	19
2nd Class	43 "	6
Failures	50 "	13
Non-Fire	39 "	40
	<u>169</u>	<u>169</u>

General Service Training

8. Generally the Entry is above average. The final examination has not yet taken place.

/9. Active

Active and Passive Defence Examinations

9. The average mark obtained was 14/20. This was better than the average of the last two entries.

Physical Training, Organised Games and Swimming

10. A high standard was achieved in this realm. The Entry as a whole was hard working and keen, and the following statistics, viewed in relation to the size of the Entry, shows it to be well above average.

Schools colours awarded	21
Schools representatives in organised games	41
Swimming proficiency certificates	76

Bands

11... The Entry was well represented in both the military and pipe bands. L.A.A. Walker of NO.2 Wing was pipe major for two terms and was the Champion Piper and winner of the Silver Pipes.

Halton Society

12. Although several members of the Entry took leading places in the various activities of the Halton Society in the first two years of their training, representation fell off greatly in the final year.

Conclusion

13. The "Weeding Out" processes of the Entry during this course of training have been extraordinarily effective. The personal calibre and behaviour of the graduates are first rate by ordinary human standards, and, by comparison with the standards achieved by other Entries, both recently past and currently undergoing training, the 83rd Entry is well above average all round.

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