

No. 1 SCHOOL OF TECHNICAL TRAINING
ROYAL AIR FORCE



GRADUATION
of the
83rd ENTRY
of Aircraft Apprentices

HALTON

MARCH 25th, 1959

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 Halton on July 25th, 1952.

APPRENTICE TRAINING

Apprentices are trained at Halton in the advanced trades of Airframe Fitter, Armament Fitter, Electrical Fitter (Air) Electrical Fitter (Ground), Engine Fitter (Servicing), Instrument Fitter (General) and Instrument Fitter (Navigation).

The inception of the Aircraft Apprentice Scheme by the late Marshal of the Royal Air Force, The Viscount Trenchard, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., D.S.O., D.C.L., LL.D., dates back to February, 1920, and in March, 1920, No. 1 School of Technical Training was formed. Since that date Halton Apprentices have gained over 4,000 commissions and 2,600 awards.

Today, trainees at Royal Air Force Halton include Apprentices of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, the Royal Ceylonese Air Force, Royal Rhodesian Air Force, the Burma Air Force, the Venezuelan Air Force and Royal Air Force apprentices from Commonwealth countries. Apprentices at Halton are divided into three Wings distinguishable by different colour cap bands—No. 1 Wing, Red; No. 2 Wing, Blue; and No. 3 Wing, Orange.

The 83rd Entry of Aircraft Apprentices arrived at Halton on 23rd April, 1956. They will proceed to selected Royal Air Force Units on the 6th April, 1959, as Corporals and Junior Technicians.

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 the prize distribution and addresses.

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

13.00 hrs. Lunch will be provided for guests of Apprentices in No. 2(A) Wing Institute.

13.30 hrs. to 17.00 hrs. The School will be opened 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, until 15.00 hrs.

SCHOOLS—where the laboratories, the Trenchard Library and classrooms will be open, until 15.00 hrs.

STATION CINEMA—opens at 18.30 hrs.

REVIEWING OFFICER

Mr. G. R. LAKING,

Acting High Commissioner for New Zealand

The Reviewing Officer will be accompanied by
Air Marshal SIR ARTHUR W. B. McDONALD, K.C.B., A.F.C.
Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Technical Training Command

Air Vice-Marshal J. MARSON, C.B., C.B.E.

Air Officer Commanding No. 24 Group

Air Commodore T. N. COSLETT, O.B.E.

Commandant of No. 1 School of Technical Training

Group Captain S. G. TAYLOR

Senior Training Officer, No. 1 School of Technical Training

Group Captain E. A. STOCKWELL

Principal Education Officer, No. 1 School of Technical Training

Wing Commander C. W. McN. NEWMAN, D.F.C.

Officer Commanding No. 3 Apprentice Wing

THE PARADE — PERSONNEL

The Parade is under the command of Warrant Officer Apprentice R. B. Thomson (R.N.Z.A.F.), 83rd Entry. Other N.C.O. Apprentices are Subordinate commanders. Entries on parade are the 83rd and 84th.

Parade Adjutant	Sgt.App. E. J. Knoops
Parade Warrant Officer	Sgt.App. F. G. Harvey
Colour Bearer	Sgt.App. P. V. Pile (R.Rhod.A.F.)
Colour Warrant Officer	Sgt.App. A. J. Gassner (R.Rhod.A.F.)
Colour Escort	{ Sgt.App. C. J. Carey Sgt.App. A. B. Kitchingman (R.N.Z.A.F.)
Colour Orderly	Cpl.App. P. Wildish
No. 1 Escort Flight Commander	Sgt.App. C. D. Lewis
No. 2 Escort Flight Commander	F.Sgt.App. K. A. R. Butcher (R.N.Z.A.F.)
No. 3 Escort Flight Commander	F.Sgt.App. G. L. Cameron (R.N.Z.A.F.)
Standard Bearers	{ Sgt.App. C. Strike Sgt.App. D. J. G. De Kock (R.Rhod.A.F.)
Apprentice i/c Supporting Entry	Sgt.App. G. Pitcher
Drum Major Pipe Band	Air.App. V. G. Lorriman
Drum Major Brass Band	Cpl.App. D. D. Cargill

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

Visitors 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.

Visitors stand but do not salute.

Inspection

The Reviewing Officer inspects the 83rd Entry.

March Past

The 83rd Entry will march past in Flights in slow time and then in quick time.

Visitors 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.

Visitors stand but do not salute.

The Queen's Colour and 83rd Entry March Off

The parade will present arms as the Colour and 83rd Entry march off.

Visitors stand, salute or uncover and remain so until the Graduating Entry have marched off.

Departure of Reviewing Officer

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

CADETSHIPS

Prize Cadetships have been awarded as follows:—

W.O.App. R. B. Thomson (R.N.Z.A.F.)—General Duties Branch

Sgt.App. D. J. Green —Technical Branch

A Cadetship in the General Duties Branch has been awarded to:—

Sgt.App. P. V. Pile (R.Rhod.A.F.)

WINNERS OF AIR MINISTRY PRIZES — 83rd ENTRY

Highest in Order of Merit, All Subjects

Sgt.App. D. J. Green

Highest in Order of Merit, Educational Subjects

First Prize: W.O.App. R. B. Thomson (R.N.Z.A.F.)

Second Prize: Sgt. App. D. J. Green

Best "Set Task," General Studies

Ldg.App. M. F. Whittingham

Highest in Order of Merit, General Service Efficiency

First Prize: W.O.App. R. B. Thomson (R.N.Z.A.F.)

Second Prize: Sgt.App. D. J. G. De Kock (R.Rhod.A.F.)

Highest average for practical fitting over three-year course

Sgt.App. F. G. Harvey

Best Tradesmen in Trade Standards Trade Test

Airframe Fitter	Cpl.App. K. E. Nicholas
Armament Fitter	Cpl.App. M. Palmer
Electrical Fitter (Air)	Sgt.App. C. J. Carey
Engine Fitter	Sgt.App. J. A. Green
Instrument Fitter (Nav.)	Ldg.App. M. J. Murphy
Instrument Fitter (Gen.)	Air.App. D. Gisborne

WINNERS OF SPECIAL PRIZES — 83rd 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:—W.O.App. R. B. Thomson (R.N.Z.A.F.)

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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. Palmer

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Crebbin-Robinson Cup

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 examination of each Entry.

Winner:—Ldg.App. F. Houvenaghel

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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 examination of each Entry.

Winner:—W.O.App. R. B. Thomson (R.N.Z.A.F.)

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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:—Ldg.App. A. Cairns

SCHOOL COLOUR AWARDS

Athletics

L.A.A. Bowron, H. A.	1957/58
S.A.A. Gassner, A. J. (R.Rhod. A.F.)	1958
C.A.A. Rogers, C. J.	1957/58

Basketball

A.A. Hambrook, B. G.	1958/59
C.A.A. King, I. D.	1958
C.A.A. Watkins, V. G.	1957/58
L.A.A. Whittingham, M. F.	1958/59

Boxing

A.A. Bowen, T. C. D.	1958/59
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Cross Country

C.A.A. Elliott, G. R.	1957/58
C.A.A. Harvey, F. G.	1958/59

Fencing

C.A.A. Bye, D. G.	1957/58
A.A. Constable, E. J.	1958/59
W.O.A.A. Thomson, R. B. (R.N.Z.A.F.)	1957/58

Hockey

A.A. Vickerman, F.	1958
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Rugby

S.A.A. Gassner, A. J. (R.Rhod.A.F.)	1958/59
C.A.A. Rogers, C. J.	1958/59

Shooting

L.A.A. Murphy, M. J.	1957
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Soccer

L.A.A. Fairclough, B. T.	1958/59
L.A.A. Verrinder, R. C.	1958/59

Swimming

S.A.A. Hovelmeier, E. L. (R.Rhod.A.F.)	1958
C.A.A. King, I. D.	1957/58
A.A. Spencer, M.	1957/58
L.A.A. Taylor, D. M.	1958