



THE
GRADUATION PARADE
FOR
No 93 INITIAL OFFICER
TRAINING COURSE

THE
ROYAL AIR FORCE
COLLEGE
CRANWELL

THE
GRADUATION PARADE

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The Royal Air Force College

When Lord Trenchard established the Royal Air Force College at Cranwell in 1920, it became the first air academy in the world. Thus, on the site of the old Royal Naval Air Service airfields, HMS Daedalus, the Royal Air Force, now just two years old, could begin to train its nucleus of permanent officers.

Between the Wars Cranwell was transformed, as the modest huts of the 1920s gave way to more permanent buildings, most notably the magnificent College Hall, completed in 1933. This expansion continued with the building of the Anglican Church of St Michael and All Angels to replace the historic hangar church, followed in the 1960s by Whittle and Trenchard Halls.

It is a great honour for the College to have Her Majesty The Queen as its Commandant-in-Chief, and The Queen's Colour is carried on all ceremonial occasions. In June 1970 the College celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary, when Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, attended a parade to mark the occasion.

Since 1947, when only pilots were trained at Cranwell, many changes have taken place including at one time the training of Navigators, Supply, Secretarial and Royal Air Force Regiment officers. At present the College has relinquished all specialist training except Supply and Engineering. The arrival of the College of Air Warfare from Manby in 1974 has further expanded the training commitments of the Royal Air Force College. In addition, pilot training is carried out at Cranwell by one of the 3 Basic Flying Training Schools.

In 1970 the three-year Flight Cadet courses were replaced by the Graduate Entry Scheme which lasted until 1978. Under this scheme, all entrants to the College were university graduates who then undertook a one-year course of officer and specialist training. The first entry of graduates arrived on 1st September 1970, and His Royal Highness Wing Commander The Prince of Wales was awarded his Wings and graduated with this entry. Since the closure of the Officer Cadet Training Unit at Henlow in 1980 all officers have received their initial officer training at the Royal Air Force College.

Cranwell is proud of its history and tradition, but it must also be up-to-date in outlook and training methods, accepting the many changes that accompany the dynamic development of air power.

Today's parade is the culmination of eighteen weeks of intensive initial officer training, and all the officers graduating today can be justly proud of their achievement in being awarded the Queen's Commission. As in the past, the Royal Air Force College produces a junior officer who, with experience and further training, may reach the highest ranks in the Service.

Air Officer Commanding and Commandant
of the
Royal Air Force College Cranwell

Air Vice-Marshal E H Macey OBE

Assistant Commandant

Air Commodore T W G Carlton FBIM MRAeS

Director of Department of Initial Officer Training

Group Captain J M Curry

FLYPAST

by

Flying Training School

Officer Commanding Group Captain T G Thorn AFC MRAeS

MUSIC

by

THE BAND OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE CRANWELL

Director of Music: Flight Lieutenant R E Wilkinson LRAM ARCM RAF

Prize Winners of the Graduating Course

THE SWORD OF MERIT

Awarded to the RAF cadet who, during Initial Officer Training, has demonstrated outstanding ability, leadership and other officer qualities and potential for further development.

Officer Cadet J D Uren

THE HENNESSY TROPHY AND PHILIP SASSOON MEMORIAL PRIZE

Awarded to the RAF or WRAF cadet who, during Initial Officer Training, has proved to be the best all round cadet, other than the Sword of Merit winner.

Officer Cadet K W Barlow

THE BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION TROPHY

Awarded to the RAF, WRAF or Foreign and Commonwealth cadet who has attained the highest marks for professional studies on the course.

Officer Cadet I Rillie

OVERSEAS STUDENTS PRIZE

Awarded to the Foreign and Commonwealth cadet who has produced the best overall performance in leadership, officer qualities and professional studies on the course.

Officer Cadet A K J Al-Zidjali

Parade Executives

PARADE COMMANDER

Officer Cadet M R Chappell

PARADE ADJUTANT

Officer Cadet D J Uren

PARADE WARRANT OFFICER

Warrant Officer D W Pike

COLOUR BEARER

Pilot Officer P Southern

COLOUR OFFICER

Pilot Officer J Symons

ESCORTS

Pilot Officer S Ludlow

Pilot Officer B O'Loughlin

REVIEWING OFFICER'S ESCORTS

Officer Cadet B F James

Officer Cadet D A Watts

GRADUATING SQUADRON

No 1 Flight Commander

Officer Cadet R Matthews

No 2 Flight Commander

Officer Cadet R Hodgson

SUPPORT SQUADRON

No 1 Flight Commander

Officer Cadet S D McVickers

No 2 Flight Commander

Officer Cadet D B Keefe

No 3 Flight Commander

Student Officer A E Bateman BSc WRAF

No 4 Flight Commander

Officer Cadet D M C Booth

The Ceremonial

THE PARADE MARCHES ON

At 1043 the Parade will march on.

Band - Support Squadron "Cavalry of the Clouds" - Alford
Graduating Squadron "COLLEGE MARCH" - Sims

THE QUEEN'S COLOUR IS MARCHED ON

With the Parade in Review Order and at the "Present Arms" the Queen's Colour for the Royal Air Force College is marched on.

Spectators stand and salute or uncover for the duration of the "Present Arms"

Band - "POINT OF WAR"
"LINCOLNSHIRE POACHER" - Traditional

THE ARRIVAL OF THE REVIEWING OFFICER AND THE FLYPAST

At 1100 the Reviewing Officer arrives at the west end of the College Hall Parade Ground. As the Reviewing Officer is escorted to the dais there will be a flypast of Jet Provost Mark 5A aircraft.

Band - "FANFARE"

Spectators stand as the Reviewing Officer arrives and remain standing until the Inspection begins.

THE GENERAL SALUTE

The Parade receives the Reviewing Officer with a General Salute.

Band - "GENERAL SALUTE" - Sims

Spectators do not salute or uncover.

THE INSPECTION

The Reviewing Officer inspects the Graduating Squadron

Band - "PAGEANTRY" - Stanley
"REVIEW" - Bonnissau

Spectators sit during the Inspection.

THE MARCH PAST

The Graduating Squadron with the Queen's Colour, marches past in Review in slow and quick time.

Band - Slow March "SUPERNA PETIMUS" - Sims
Quick March "HOLLYROOD" - K J Alford
Quick March "ROYAL AIR FORCE MARCH PAST" - Davies/Dyson
Quick March "ACES HIGH" - Goodwin

Spectators stand and salute or uncover as the Queen's Colour passes their immediate front.

THE ADVANCE IN REVIEW ORDER

The Parade advances in Review Order, halts and presents arms in a General Salute.

Band - "ADVANCE IN REVIEW ORDER"
"GENERAL SALUTE"

At the General Salute spectators stand but do not salute or uncover.

THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The Reviewing Officer presents the awards to the Graduating Squadron.

Spectators sit during the Presentation.

THE ADDRESS BY THE REVIEWING OFFICER

THE QUEEN'S COLOUR AND THE PARADE MARCH OFF

The Queen's Colour for the Royal Air Force College marches off.

Band - "POINT OF WAR"
"LINCOLNSHIRE POACHER" - Traditional

Spectators stand and salute or uncover for the duration of the Present Arms.

The Graduating Squadron then marches off in slow time.

Band - Slow March "AULD LANG SYNE" - Traditional

Spectators remain standing but do not salute or uncover.

The Support Squadron marches off.

Band - Quick March "COLLEGE MARCH" - Sims

The Reviewing Officer departs and the Parade ends.

Spectators remain standing until the departure of the Reviewing Officer.

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

After the Parade, guests are transported to St Michael and All Angels Church for the Service of Dedication which will begin at 1205. Guests are requested to be seated by 1159.

GRADUATION LUNCHEON

After the Service of Dedication guests return to College Hall Officers' Mess for pre-lunch drinks which will be followed at 1320 by the Graduation Luncheon.

COURSE PRESENTATION

At 1515 the Graduating Cadets will give a Course Presentation in Whittle Hall Lecture Hall. The 'R' Squadron Graduating Cadets hold their Course Presentation in Whittle Hall Room No 64 at 1500.

Directing Staff Officers of the Graduating Course

Wing Commander Cadets

Wing Commander T R Cohu



Officer Commanding 'D' Squadron

Squadron Leader D J C Crombie BA

'D' Squadron Training Officer

Flight Lieutenant T A Quest

'D' Squadron Adjutants

Flight Lieutenant B A Chown

Flight Lieutenant M H Humphrey

'D' Squadron Flight Commanders

No 1 Flight	Flight Lieutenant F J Hanford
No 2 Flight	Flight Lieutenant D A Steven
No 3 Flight	Flight Lieutenant S C Wood
No 4 Flight	Flight Lieutenant C R Nelson MA
No 5 Flight	Flight Lieutenant M Crocombe
No 6 Flight	Flight Lieutenant D J Hawkins
No 7 Flight	Flight Lieutenant S M Wiles BEd WRAF
No 8 Flight	Flight Lieutenant S Livingstone BSc WRAF
No 9 Flight	Flight Lieutenant G R Scarborough BEd WRAF
No 10 Flight	Flight Lieutenant M Humphrey
No 11 Flight	Flight Lieutenant R E Richards
No 12 Flight	Flight Lieutenant G A Walsh
No 13 Flight	Flight Lieutenant S Gale BSc
No 14 Flight	Flight Lieutenant I A Currie

'D' Squadron SNCOs

Flight Sergeant P Kane

Flight Sergeant N J McIvor

Officer Commanding 'R' Squadron

Squadron Leader P S Herbertson

'R' Squadron Deputy Squadron Commander

Flight Lieutenant P J Drissell BSc

'R' Squadron Flight Commanders

Flight Lieutenant A C Major BTech CEng MRAeS

Flight Lieutenant J N Middlewick BEd DPhysEd

Flight Lieutenant S A L Stenning

'R' Squadron SNCO

Flight Sergeant A B Davies

Graduating Student Officers and Officer Cadets

General Duties Branch (Pilot)

Graduating as Flying Officer

Student Officer P D Howarth
Student Officer C P Mallinson

Graduating as Pilot Officer

Student Officer S M Hammond BSc
Student Officer D K White
Student Officer T S Wilks BSc

Graduating as Acting Pilot Officer

Officer Cadet N F Atkinson
Officer Cadet K W Barlow
Officer Cadet P Carlton
Officer Cadet K J Daulby
Officer Cadet G D W Delve
Officer Cadet F J Everall
Officer Cadet M Frost
Officer Cadet E Gaudion
Officer Cadet R Hodgson
Officer Cadet C M A Holliday
Officer Cadet P Humphreys
Officer Cadet R F James
Officer Cadet J M Knapman
Officer Cadet R J Lawson
Officer Cadet A T McGlone
Officer Cadet P McLean
Officer Cadet R Matthews
Officer Cadet A S Mewes
Officer Cadet J P Noble
Officer Cadet J G Parker
Officer Cadet C A Poppleton
Officer Cadet A P Smith
Officer Cadet J D Uren
Officer Cadet M J Vagg
Officer Cadet P S Waghorne
Officer Cadet J M L Walker
Officer Cadet N P D Ward

General Duties Branch (Navigator)

Graduating as Flying Officer

Student Officer D J Heard
Student Officer C J S Platts BSc

Graduating as Pilot Officer

Officer Cadet P J McEwen
Student Officer A P Myers BSc
Officer Cadet N G Russell
Student Officer C B Wilson BSc

Graduating as Acting Pilot Officer

Officer Cadet R Atkinson
Officer Cadet A S Daws
Officer Cadet G A Winwright

General Duties Branch (Ground) - Fighter Control

Graduating as Flying Officer

Officer Cadet J Ross

Graduating as Pilot Officer

Student Officer G A Daniels BA WRAF
Student Officer S P Robinson BA

Graduating as Acting Pilot Officer

Officer Cadet D A Crompton
Officer Cadet R M Dinsley
Officer Cadet C L Mallinson WRAF
Officer Cadet C M Rowntree
Officer Cadet J P Saddington
Officer Cadet N K Taylor
Officer Cadet J Ticehurst WRAF
Officer Cadet K G Walton

General Duties Branch (Ground) - Air Traffic Control

Graduating as Flying Officer

Officer Cadet N E A Topley

Graduating as Pilot Officer

Student Officer P J Cox BA WRAF

Graduating as Acting Pilot Officer

Officer Cadet D J Attewell
Officer Cadet R E L Carpenter WRAF
Officer Cadet H R Lane WRAF
Officer cadet J M Van Driessen WRAF

Engineer Branch

Graduating as Flying Officer

Officer Cadet C Emerson
Officer Cadet K B Hodge
Student Officer A S Jones BSc
Officer Cadet R B Parlett
Student Officer C Rapley
Officer Cadet I Rillie
Officer Cadet D C Swinyard
Officer Cadet C L Walder
Officer Cadet D A Watts
Officer Cadet J E Whitbread

Graduating as Pilot Officer

Student Officer C I Marrison
Student Officer M J Mavin
Student Officer N C Wood BSc

Supply Branch

Graduating as Flying Officer

Student Officer C C Wright BSc

Graduating as Pilot Officer

Student Officer G C M Harkin BA
Student Officer A N Poppe BSc

Graduating as Acting Pilot Officer

Officer Cadet J Dungate WRAF

Administrative Branch (Secretarial)

Graduating as Flying Officer

Officer Cadet P Higham
Officer Cadet J Moran

Graduating as Acting Pilot Officer

Officer Cadet P Fairbrass
Officer Cadet C M MacDonald WRAF
Officer Cadet T J Wilson WRAF

Administrative Branch (Educational)

Graduating as Flight Lieutenant

Student Officer C M Alfandary BA
Student Officer B J Holley BSc

Graduating as Flying Officer

Student Officer P J Earle BSc
Student Officer P J Reed BSc
Officer Cadet P Stanyon

Graduating as Pilot Officer

Student Officer R D Lewis BSc

Queen's Colour

Armed forces have always carried with them signs and symbols of their units and strength. In modern days these signs and symbols take the form of colours, standards and badges; within the Royal Navy, the Army and the Royal Air Force these are the outward signs of their great traditions and their loyalty to the Sovereign. The highest award which a sovereign can bestow upon any military force for distinguished service is the award of a colour.

To acknowledge the great achievements of the Royal Air Force in peace and in two World Wars, and of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Service in World War I, the late King George VI agreed to the granting of Colours for formations and establishments in the Royal Air Force. In 1947, His late Majesty expressed his wish that Colours should be presented to the Royal Air Force College, No 1 School of Technical Training at Royal Air Force Halton and the Royal Air Force in the United Kingdom. Subsequently Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II granted the award of Colours to the Royal Air Force Regiment, the Near East Air Force, the Far East Air Force, the Royal Air Force Central Flying School and Royal Air Force Germany.

Colours are always presented personally by the Sovereign, or by a person nominated to act on the Sovereign's behalf. The Royal Air Force College was granted the distinction of being the first Royal Air Force establishment to be presented with a Colour, and on 6th July 1948 His Majesty King George VI made the presentation.

A Colour presented to the Royal Air Force College by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 25th July 1960 was paraded for the last time on 30th May 1975 when Her Majesty presented the College with the new Colour. The new Colour is displayed in the dining room of the College Hall when the students are in residence. The earlier Queen's Colour and the original Colour presented by His late Majesty King George VI are laid up in the Church of St Michael and All Angels at the College.

Administrative Branch (Catering)

Graduating as Flying Officer

Student Officer T G Collett BA
Student Officer D J C Forde

Graduating as Pilot Officer

Officer Cadet S C W Scott

Security Branch (Regiment)

Graduating as Acting Pilot Officer

Officer Cadet M R Chappell

Foreign and Commonwealth Students

Sultan of Oman's Air Force

Graduating as Pilot Officer

Officer Cadet Al Hassani
Officer Cadet Al Obaidani
Officer Cadet Al Ruwahi
Officer Cadet Al Zidjali

Qatar Emiri Air Force

Graduating as 2nd Lieutenant

Officer Cadet Al Hajri
Officer Cadet Al Khowar

Bad Weather

In the event of exceptionally bad weather the Graduation Parade will be replaced by a Prizegiving Ceremony in Whittle Hall.

1000-1030 hours	Graduating cadets and guests move to Whittle Hall Auditorium.
1040 hours	All spectators to be seated in Whittle Hall Auditorium.
1050 hours	Graduating Squadron march in. Guests remain seated.
1055 hours	The Queen's Colour is marched in. Guests stand during the ceremonial.
1100 hours	The arrival of the Reviewing Officer and Commandant. Guests stand.
1102 hours	Welcoming Address by AOC and Commandant. All seated.
1104 hours	Presentation of Prizes by Reviewing Officer. All seated.
1110 hours	Reviewing Officer's Address. All seated.
1116 hours	The Queen's Colour is marched out. Guests stand during the ceremonial.
1118 hours	Graduating Squadron slow march out to "Auld Lang Syne". Guests remain seated.
1122 hours	Reviewing Officer and AOC depart stage. All stand.
1130 hours	Graduating cadets and guests are transported to St Michael and All Angels Church for the Service of Dedication which will begin at 1205 hours. Guests are requested to be seated by 1159 hours.
1240 hours	Pre-lunch drinks commence in College Hall Mess followed at 1320 hours by the Graduation Luncheon.