

RAF COLLEGE CRANWELL



The Old Cranwellian Association
Volume 2 - 1947 to 1979



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Preface

The Old Cranwellian Association (OCA) was formed on 14 July 1926, largely at the instigation of graduates who had recently undergone officer training at the RAF College.

These ambitious young men were pioneers in every sense - military aviators in the making at a time when flight was still very much a perilous occupation; impressive young leaders, each of whom would go on to excel in their chosen profession; the high achievers who would become the very personification of the RAF's core values of *Respect, Integrity, Service and Excellence*. Despite the rigorous and strictly disciplined training regime endured for two intensive years, they had developed such an affection for their *alma mater* that they felt highly motivated to sustain their unique camaraderie by forming an "association of officers" unique to the College - *Cranwellians*.

A young Pilot Officer George Beamish - later to become a talented Irish and British Lions rugby international, the College's 11th Commandant and a distinguished Air Marshal - wrote to the College Journal Editor alerting him to the growing consensus of recently graduated cadets advocating the formation of such an association. It seems young Beamish and his fellow alumni were pushing at an open door. Within twelve months the then Commandant, Air Commodore AE Borton, brokered an inaugural meeting which agreed the purpose and constitution of the OCA. Through the medium of the College Journal magazine - very much the social medium of the College and its alumni at that time and in the decades to come - the OCA recorded its progress on maintaining contact with and between College alumni. Though contributions to the Journal waned from the 1970s, as did the Journal itself in later years, the OCA continued to support College alumni and to hold well attended Annual Reunions that maintained the bond between retired and serving Cranwellians, and the cadets undergoing their officer training. In April 2015, reflecting that the College had established itself as the single point of entry for *all* RAF officers, the members adopted a new constitution establishing the Cranwellian Association (CA), as it was to be renamed, as a registered charity.

This album depicts the story of the formation and development of the OCA. It is both chronology and reference manual constructed in three distinct volumes, reflecting the evolving officer training schemes at the College. Taking extracts from successive issues of the RAF College Journal and some OCA Meetings minutes, this album charts the progress of alumni, their careers, their sporting achievements and pastimes, their domestic lives and ultimately their passing. Their personal, unrivalled contributions to historic events (e.g. record breaking flights, air races like the Schneider Trophy, overseas conflicts such as WWII and Korean war, etc) are recognised in Journal extracts - "*Old Cranwellian Notes*" - that appeared in the majority of College Journals till 2016. We have added graduation photographs of the time, to help put faces to names - as spelt in personal records - where first mentioned in the Journal extracts.

Researching the history of the OCA has not been easy. Much of what we have collated draws fundamentally on those "*Old Cranwellian Notes*" published in College Journals between 1925 to 2016 (not inclusive) and from information on alumni held in the College archives. The fact that we have been able to make any attempt at recording the OCA's formative history is down very largely to the generosity of a number of alumni (e.g. AVM HW Heslop, Richard Hamilton, Graham Pitchfork and Mike Allistone) donating their personal copies of College Journals, and the incredible dedication and patience of Cranwellian Mike Smith (91 Entry) to convert these old Journals into FlipBooks available at <http://www.cranwell-college.life/library/journals/libraryjournals-mobile.html>. Watch out also for the embedded underlined hypertext links throughout that offer additional information on Cranwellians from other websites.

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In the main, the College Journal Extracts of “*Old Cranwellian Notes*” contain news on alumni postings, promotions, honours & awards, and marriages and deaths. Particularly in the pre-WWII years, when powered flight was still in its infancy, there were also some interesting references to other notable alumni achievements. To make this album a little easier to read and to assimilate information, we list here some of the headline features and later an index by year of Journal editions and OCA AGM minutes. The underlined slide numbers and Table’s underlined text contain hypertext links that enable access direct to the relevant slides. Each slide offers a link back to this page.

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Introduction - Volume 2 1947-1979

At the outbreak of WWII on 3 September 1939, the flight cadet officer training syllabus was abruptly suspended and replaced by basic and advanced flying training courses delivered by the swiftly formed College Service Flying Training School (College SFTS), later to be renamed 17 FTS and in 1945, when moving to Spitalgate (Grantham), replaced by 19 FTS. Some of the Pre-WWII flight cadets who had already started training were just as abruptly demoted to AC2 and transferred to the College SFTS for their flying training with no expectation of a commission; this included one AC2 AH Humphrey who, as MRAF Sir Andrew Humphrey however, was to become CDS on 24 October 1976 following two years as a very popular CAS.

Throughout WWII, the production of the College Journal not surprisingly was also suspended. By VE Day, three times as many aviators as flight cadets before the War had passed out from the College. However, with the obligatory security restrictions coupled with the 'fog of war', maintaining contact with and monitoring the progress of all alumni was virtually impossible. So, but for the succinct listings and photographs of SFTS intakes, the College had little to communicate and, observing the strict security restrictions, no legitimate need to communicate.

The resumption of officer cadet training did not occur immediately on cessation of WWII, but was progressively phased in until 45, 46 and 47 Entries graduated in 1947. We believe that some of the aircrew on the final 19 FTS courses were offered and took the option to complete a further three months "officer training" before graduating with a commission. Following a stirring Foreword from Lord Trenchard and equally robust message from Lord Tedder (CAS) - both adopting the theme that the RAF had proven itself in war, raising high expectations of the Service in peacetime with a particular focus on the College and its officer cadets - the College Journal was released from its "suspended animation", as Lord Trenchard called it.

The Old Cranwellian Association also suspended business during the war, but re-emerged sooner with the fifteenth AGM convened at the College on 15 June 1945. The sixteenth and seventeenth Ages were held at the College before the College Journal issued its first Post-WWII edition in the Winter of 1947.

So we start Part 2 of this album with the minutes of the first three Post-WWII AGMS and, from the first Post-WWII College Journal following an analysis conducted by the OCA, a "Roll Call" of Cranwellians surviving WWII. Similar to any Roll of Honour of those who did *not* survive, the output from this unique research deserves its own place in College History. Thereafter, Part 2 continues the presentation of Old Cranwellian Notes, which though more succinct than those of the 1930s, divulge some key milestones in Cranwellian history till the Flight Cadet system ended in March 1973 and the new Graduate Entry (GE) system took hold.

We have been unable, as yet, to secure copies of all Post-WWII College Journals, but offer the Old Cranwellian Notes from the Journals we have recovered. Following the pattern of Pre-WWII editions, these notes reflect the affinity that alumni still retained for their *alma mater*, and, as we shall see, address the constant evolution of officer training at the RAF College. However, to place some of the articles in context, we encourage the reader to browse our album, '*Training Transitions*', which can be accessed at <https://www.cranwellian-ian.com/alumni/ewExternalFiles/TrainingTransitions.pdf>.

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Fifteenth Annual General Meeting - 13 June 1945

OCA President, AVM Sir Charles Longcroft, in the Chair.

GENERAL MEETING
held in the
ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE ON WEDNESDAY, 13th JUNE, 1945

About 150 members were present.

Before the commencement of the meeting presentations of souvenir watches and clocks were made by Air vice-marshal Longcroft to the undermentioned members of the staff who had served on the College establishment for 25 years.
Messrs. Lager, Smokey, Young, Green, Dean, Blackburn, Harmston, Pearce.

Air vice-marshal Sir Charles Longcroft the President of the Association was in the chair.

MINUTES. The minute of the last general meeting were read and on the proposition of Air vice-marshal Boyle, seconded by Air Commodore Macfadyen, confirmed.

ACCOUNT. The accounts of the Association for the period 1/8/39 - 30/4/45 were presented to the meeting. It was proposed by Air Commodore Sinclair, seconded by Air Commodore Spencer these be passed. Carried unanimously.

COLLEGE PENSION FUND.
The Secretary explained the financial position of the college Staff Pension fund and asked that a grant of £100 be paid to that fund from O.C.A. fund in February next if necessary, to enable the next premium to be met. Proposed by Air vice-marshal Constantine, seconded by Air Commodore Bruce Bennett, this be done. This was carried unanimously.

The Secretary explained that the only income to the Pensions fund at present was the employees contributions which amount to about £45. per annum. The Pension fund had £104 in the bank at this date. If 19 F.T.S. come into the College in the near future, it is understood the trainees would be asked to contribute monthly sums to the Pensions fund and in that case the whole of the £100 would not be necessary.

The Secretary also explained the case of Mr. Merilees who was not brought into the Pensions scheme at the time of its inauguration on account of age. The O.C.A. had contributed annual sums to the Staff Pension fund on the understanding that both Merilees and Morris would benefit to the same extent as the other employees on attaining pensionable age or on discharge. Mr. Merilees had been discharged for theft and had asked for a £1/- per week pension. The college authorities had made no special provision for this as, had there been no war, it would have been in a position to pay this. The Secretary asked the meeting if they wished that a pension of £1/- per week should, for the time being be paid from O.C.A. funds. Proposed by Air vice-marshal Constantine seconded by Air Commodore V.B. Bennett, that no pension be paid from O.C.A. funds.
An amendment was proposed by Air Commodore Macfadyen, seconded by Air Commodore Sinclair that the whole matter be left in the hands of the committee, and this was passed.

TODAY'S REUNION.
The Chairman told the meeting that he had empanelled a small committee in London to decide problems as they arose in connection with the Association. The committee had decided that only the cost of drinks before dinner and the actual cost of the food and drink consumed at dinner should be paid for by O.C.A. funds. The total cost of the luncheon was being met by the Air Council. On the proposition of Air vice-marshal Constantine, seconded by Air Commodore Spencer, carried the committee's decision was confirmed.

COMMITTEE.
The following members were elected to act as the Committee for the ensuing twelve months:-

Air Commodore T.G. Pike, Chairman.
Group Captain G. Whipp.
Group Captain M.A.V. Logan.
Local Mugs

PROFESSOR M. de la Bere.
The gift of £100 made to Professor M. de la Bere on the occasion of his marriage was confirmed. This was proposed by Air vice-marshal Boyle, seconded by Air Commodore Constantine, and carried.

Group Captain Kyle proposed that Group Captain D.E. Williams, Education Officer, be elected as an associate member. This was seconded by Air Commodore Whittle, and carried.

Proposed by Group Captain Meath, that another meeting and reunion dinner be held at Cranwell within a year. This was seconded by Air Commodore Whittle, and carried.

The chairman was thanked by the meeting for coming that day, and for all his past services in connection with the Association.

*T. G. Pike
Chairman*

OCA Wedding Gift to
Rupert de la Bere



CAPTAIN RUPERT DE LA BÈRE, M.A. (Oxon), F.R.Hist.S., Diploma of Education, etc. Professor of English and History at the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, 1921 to 1938.

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OCA gifts to staff for long service to the College.

OCA £100 grant to the College Pension Fund.

Reference to 19 FTS - who had taken over flying training courses from 17 FTS, formerly the College SFTS, in 1944

Sixteenth Annual General Meeting - 15 June 1946

Air Cdre (later Sir) Thomas Geoffrey Pike, ex-J24 Entry, was the Chair in the absence of the President OCA

Minutes of an annual general meeting held in the R.A.F. College on Saturday June 15th 1946.

There were approximately 65 members present.

In the absence of the President, the chair was taken by Air Commodore Pike.

The minutes of the last general meeting were read and on the proposition of A/Cdre Atcherley, seconded by G/Capt T.C.Dickens, confirmed.

The accounts for the year ended 30th April 1946 were presented by the Secretary. Proposed by A/Cdre Akerman, seconded by G/Capt King-Lewis these be passed. Carried unanimously. The meeting considered that the Association was in a very satisfactory position financially.

COLLEGE STAFF PENSION FUND
The Secretary explained the position as regards the payment of the next premium in February next. After discussion it was proposed by A/Cdre Hawtrey that the Secretary be empowered to pay whatever is necessary from O.C.A. funds to meet this premium. This was seconded by A/Cdre G.R.Beamish and carried.

O.C.A. TIE
The Secretary informed the meeting that the stock of ties was now exhausted and that Messrs Burberrys were unable to supply any more at present. It was proposed by A/Cdre Franks that Messrs Lewin be asked if they could supply ties. G/Capt Fringle seconded this proposition and added that Messrs Forsyths of Regent Street be also approached. G/Capt Willetts proposed an amendment that no further purchases be made until times became more normal. This was seconded by G/Capt Jones.

On a show of hands the original proposition was carried. It was proposed by G/Capt King-Lewis, seconded by A/Cdre Akerman, that the present rule regarding the sale of this tie be adhered to, i.e., that ties should be sold only by the Secretary. This was carried.

PROPOSED BOOKLET.
The Chairman informed the meeting that a booklet was now in the hands of the printers showing the graduates of the R.A.F. College alphabetically and also by terms. The booklet will show present rank, honours and awards and casualties. The booklet will also contain a Roll Of Honour of ex-cadets killed in flying accidents. The members present were asked to send their address to the Secretary in about two months time to enable him to post a copy to them. It was also suggested that a permanent address might be left that day with the College hall porter by those members present.

PRESENTATION - A.C.M. SIR ARTHUR LONGMORE
The meeting was informed that A.C.M. Sir Arthur Longmore has expressed a wish of making a presentation to the College of a book of memories. This book would be in vellum similar to the book in the Main Hall and would contain the names of all ex-cadets killed in flying accidents and during the last war both before graduation and after. It was decided that a letter be sent to A.C.M. Longmore from this meeting thanking him for his gift.

OCA funding of Staff Pensions

RoH and Cadet Record Booklet

Longmore Book of Memories

PRESENTATIONS TO THE R.A.F. COLLEGE.

A/Cdre Atcherley stated that he had been in touch with Air Marshal Sir John Baldwin, who was the Chairman of a Committee dealing with the distribution of pictures of the last war. A/Cdre Atcherley asked that a selection committee of ex-cadets be formed for the acquiring of suitable pictures for the College and suggested that the Committee should consist of the Chairman of the O.C.A. local committee and five others representative of all Commands of the R.A.F. The voting resulted in the under-mentioned being elected to serve on this Committee:-

BOMBER COMMAND. A/Cdre Boyle DA A. OBEAFC
FIGHTER COMMAND. G/Capt Peel JRA. ABO APLC.
COASTAL COMMAND. G/Capt Francis G. ABO APLC.
FLYING TRAINING, } A/Cdre G.R. Beamish O. OBE.
TRANSPORT. }
Balloon }
T.T. & STAFF DUTIES. A/Cdre Pelly OBR. OBE.

HONORARY AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Proposed by A/Cdre Akerman seconded by G/Capt Wallace that Air Marshal Sir John Slessor be invited to Honorary Membership.

Proposed by G/Capt Carter, seconded by A/Cdre Beamish, that the Rev. Jagoe, Chaplain in Chief, be invited to Associate Membership.

Both these propositions were carried unanimously. A discussion ensued on the present Rules regarding Honorary and Associate membership. It was proposed by A/Cdre Hawtrey, seconded by G/Capt King-Lewis, that no further elections to Honorary and Associate membership be made and that, in future, membership of the Association be strictly confined to graduates of the College.

G/Capt Willetts proposed an amendment that only Honorary members be elected in future. This was seconded by G/Capt Grierson.

G/Capt Cecil-Wright proposed that the present Rule stands. This was seconded by A/Cdre Beamish and on a vote, carried.

LOCAL COMMITTEE.

The undermentioned were elected to serve on the local committee:-

A/Cdre Pike. G/Capt Peel. G/Capt T.C. Dickens.
A/Cdre Hawtrey. S/Ldr Bird. A/Cdre Atcherley.

A vote of thanks to the Secretary was proposed by G/Capt Dickens. This was seconded by A/Cdre Atcherley and carried.

It was proposed by A/Cdre Hawtrey, seconded by G/Capt Peel, that a present be given to the Secretary as a mark of appreciation for his work on behalf of the Association during the last 11 years. This was carried unanimously. It was left to the Local Committee to decide as to the value and form the presentation should take.

A/Cdre Atcherley informed the meeting that the late Professor de la Bere had bequeathed to the College a silver cigar box and a valuable Stuart goblet. On his own initiative he had forwarded to Mrs de la Bere a photograph of the late Prof framed in a silver frame suitably inscribed as a memento from the Members of the Association. The cost of the frame was about £6 and he asked if the members wished to identify themselves with this gift. It was unanimously decided that the frame be paid for from Association funds.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND.
After discussion it was decided that the sum of £520 shown on the balance sheet as due to the Scholarship Fund be put back to Capital Account and the Scholarship Fund be abolished. A/Cdre Beamish proposed that as an interim arrangement an annual sum of £25 be placed at the disposal of the Commandant for the purpose of assisting a needy cadet who enters the College. He also proposed that the matter be gone into by the local committee and the subject re-considered at the next general meeting. This was seconded by G/Capt King-Lewis and carried.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed.

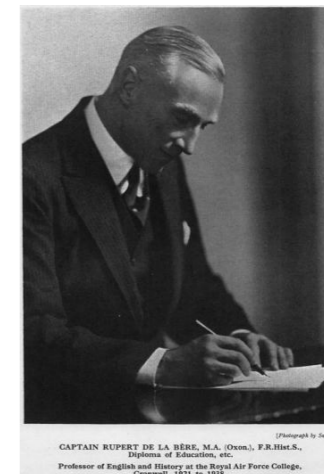
Thomas Geoffrey Pike
Chairman

De La Bere bequeathes gift for College

OCA Scholarship Fund abolished

Old Cranwellian Association - Income and Expenditure account for the 12 months 1/5/45 to 30/4/46.

Expenditure	£.	s.	d.	Income	£.	s.	d.
College Jubilee	£530.	19.	7	Members subscriptions	358.	1.	0
Less receipts	266.	10.	1	Profit on ties		17.	0
Conans - records	26.	0.	0	Interest invested funds	62.	19.	0
College Staff Pensions Fund	25.	0.	0				
Telephone, postages, cheque book	2.	2.	1				
A. Merilees - grant	25.	0.	0				
Income Tax	37.	0.	0				
Wreaths - A/Cdre Bryant, R. de la Bere	7.	0.	0				
Scholarship Fund	30.	0.	0				
Dep Property	2.	10.	0				
To Balance sheet	2.	14.	5				
	421.	16.	0		421.	16.	0
Balance Sheet at 30th April 1946							
Liabilities	£.	s.	d.	Assets	£.	s.	d.
Scholarship Fund	520.	0.	0	Cash at Bank current	269.	10.	7
Cap a/c at 1/5/45	£2153.	1.	4	Cash in hand	1.	4.	11
add I & E a/c	2.14.	5		Invested			
	2155.	15.	9	War Stock	500.	0.	0
				Defence Bonds	500.	0.	0
				Trustee Savings Bank	1005.	7.	9
				Ties on hand	16.	0.	0
	2675.	15.	9		2675.	15.	9



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Seventeenth Annual General Meeting - 14 June 1947

President OCA, AVM Longcroft, took the Chair

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH, 1947

There were approx 80 members present.

The chair was taken by the President of the Association, Air Vice Marshal Sir G.A.H. Longcroft.

Before the commencement of business, the Chairman stated he would like to take the first half of item No 6 on the Agenda regarding an amendment to Rule 8.c. He was of the opinion that this Rule, which states "The chair at a general meeting shall be taken by the President of the Association, if he is present, etc., etc" should be amended to read "The Chair shall be taken by the Chairman of the local committee if he is present, etc., etc" and he therefore proposed that this Rule be amended accordingly. The proposition was seconded by G/Capt Peel and carried. Air Vice Marshal Longcroft then vacated the Chair which was occupied by A/Cdre Macfadyen.

MINUTES The minutes of the previous annual general meeting were read and on the proposition of A/Cdre Hudleston, seconded by G/Capt Wrigley, signed.

ACCOUNTS. The accounts for the period 1st May 1946 - 30th April 1947 were submitted to the Meeting. It was proposed by G/Capt T.C. Dickens these be passed. This was seconded by G/Capt King-Lewis and carried.

CIVILIAN STAFF PENSION FUND. The Chairman explained the position of this Fund and stated that as the Government Insurance Scheme did not commence until July 1948 some more premium would have to be paid. On the proposition of A/Cdre Boyle, seconded by G/Capt Cecil-Wright and carried, the Secretary was instructed to make up from O.C.A. funds the amount necessary to pay the next premium, due in February 1948.

O.C.A. TIE. The Chairman informed the Meeting that efforts had been made to obtain supplies of O.C.A. ties from sources other than Burberrys but without success. An order had been placed with Burberrys for 6 dozen ties and delivery has been promised by next Autumn.

BOOKLET OF GRADUATES OF THE R.A.F. COLLEGE The Meeting was informed that booklets had been sent by the Hon Secretary to all members of the Association. The Chairman stated he would like it recorded in the minutes the great help we had received from the Air Ministry in the preparation of this booklet.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION The question of eligibility for membership of the Association was brought forward. After discussion it was decided that the Rules regarding full membership and Honorary membership remain unaltered. On the proposition of G/Capt J.B. Wallis, seconded by G/Capt T.C. Dickens, and carried unanimously, it was decided that Associate Membership be limited to a total of 35 at any one time.

OCA funding of Staff Pensions

RoH and Cadet Record Booklet



PRESENTATIONS TO THE R.A.F. COLLEGE

The Chairman referred the members present to the list of gifts made to the R.A.F. College during the last year, as published in the annual report of the Committee.

A bequest of the sum of £100 had been received from the executors of the late R. de la Bere and this sum had been placed in the general funds and earmarked for some suitable object at a future date.

LOCAL COMMITTEE.

The following were elected to serve on the local committee for the ensuing twelve months:-

A/Cdre R.L.R. Atcherley.	G/Capt J.R.A. Peel
S/Ldr D.W. Steventon	W/Comdr G.W. Petre
S/Ldr F.R. Bird	G/Capt T.C. Dickens.

COLLEGE SPORTS FUND (CADETS)

A/Cdre Atcherley explained to the Meeting the difficulty he was experiencing in obtaining suitable gear for the College sports teams. He stated that the Treasury had not yet agreed that certain necessary items in connection with the cadets sports activities such as provision of gear, m/t, etc be met from public funds. Pending the decision of the Treasury on this matter he asked that a grant of £300 be made from O.C.A. funds to the Cadets Sports Fund. He stated that £150 was for the provision of gear and clothing and £150 for the purchase of a boat for the Rowing Club.

A/Cdre Hudleston stated that any grant made should be used to benefit the cadets personally and not to pay for items which should rightly be a charge on public funds.

A/Cdre Atcherley then proposed that a grant of £300 be made to the Cadets Sports Fund. This was seconded by A/Cdre Hawtreay.

G/Capt T.C. Dickens proposed an amendment that a grant of £150 and a loan of £150 be made, the loan to be converted to a gift if the Treasury decision regarding payment for items now under review should be an adverse one. This proposition was seconded by G/Capt Cecil-Wright. 23 members voted for the original proposition for a grant of £300 and 40 members voted for the amendment, a grant of £150 and a loan of £150, the amendment was therefore carried.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Lord Tedder, had been invited to and had accepted Honorary Membership of the Association

A vote of thanks to the Secretary was proposed by Air Chief Marshal Longmore. This was seconded by A/Cdre Boyle and carried.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed.

R.L.R. Atcherley
Chairman.

OCA contribution to College Sports Fund - £150 grant and £150 Loan

OLD CRAWFELLIAN ASSOCIATION - Income and Expenditure Account for the four months ending 30th April 1947.

Expenditure	E. S. D.	Income	E. S. D.
J. Owens - Record clerk	4. 0. 0	Interest invested funds	6. 0. 0
College Staff Pension Fund	140. 0. 0	Gift. Moore late R.A.S. la Bere	100. 0. 0
Postages	8. 12. 11	Members subscriptions	146. 5. 0
Horton - printing	19. 12. 11	To balance sheet	22. 0. 10
	201. 3. 10		304. 5. 10
Balance sheet at 30th April 1947			
Liabilities	E. S. D.	Assets	E. S. D.
Memorial Fund ex-cadets	3. 9. 0	Cash at Bank current	304. 9. 8
Sundry creditor - Horton	150. 6. 8	Cash in hand	1. 5. 8
Capital a/c at 1/1/47	22731. 14. 7	Invested funds	
deduct I & S a/c	52. 0. 10	25% Def Bonus	2500
	2679. 13. 9	3% do	900
		Trustee S. Bank	1026. 19. 7
		Ties on hand	5. 6
		Payments in advance. College House	100. 0. 0
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	2833. 0. 5		

Hon Secretary

Audited and found correct and certified that the provisions of R.R. & A.C.I.'s para 1346 have been complied with.

.....President

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

WE have had such limited news of the whereabouts and movements of Old Cranwellians that we have found it impossible to present these notes in their pre-1939 form. Instead we have prepared a list of all Cranwellians still in the Service (we think so, at least, and apologize for any omissions), showing their appointments and ranks as at mid-October, 1947. The list cannot pretend to be either comprehensive or entirely correct since many officers were, at the time of compilation, in between postings. Further, our apologies are humbly offered for any errors in rank. Acting ranks fluctuate so much that it is quite impossible, at the moment, to get them all correct.

Our thanks are due to Group Captain F. R. Drew, C.B.E. (D.D.P.2), for his very willing assistance with the compilation of the list.

The Editor will be grateful for individual corrections and amendments and for any news of future postings or ranks. Such information will be recorded in future issues of the notes.

Old Cranwellians are reminded that Mr. J. H. Lager (who is still our Honorary Secretary and as cheerful and helpful as ever) was responsible for compiling, in booklet form, a list of all graduates of the College. The booklet includes a Roll of Honour and has a foreword by Marshal of the Royal Air Force The Viscount Trenchard. Copies are still available free to those members who have not received one, and may be obtained on application to the Honorary Secretary.

Reference to pre-1939 Notes will show that it was rare indeed to find mention of any Old Cranwellian of the exalted rank of Wing Commander, and we believe that none of senior rank to Wing Commander existed. It is with pride and pleasure that we record that there are now 46 Cranwellians of Air rank.

A successful and most enjoyable Old Cranwellian Reunion was held in the College on 14th June in spite of appalling weather which made flying well-nigh impossible. Unfortunately, the cricket and tennis matches arranged for the afternoon had, for the second successive year, to be cancelled, but the weather failed to damp the spirits of the hundred Cranwellians who attended the General Meeting and dinner.

The President of the Association, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Charles Longcroft, was present, and the guest of honour for the evening was Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder, who pleased everyone by accepting Honorary membership of the Association. Air Commodore D. Macfadyen presided at the dinner.

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Abrams, W. G. (W.C.)	...	H.Q., 19 Group.
Aitkens, I. L. B. (S.L.)	...	Air Attaché, Rome.
Akerman, W. J. M. (A.Cdre.), C.B.E.	...	Air Officer i/c. R.A.F. Record Office.
Allen, J. E. (W.C.)	...	Awaiting posting.
Allinson, N. S. (A.Cdre.), C.B.	...	Director of Operational Training, Air Ministry.
Anness, L. H. (S.L.), A.F.C.	...	70 Maintenance Unit.
Ap Ellis, P. R. (S.L.)	...	H.Q., 12 Group.
Arbuthnot, T. J. (G.C.)	...	Returning from India.
Armitstead, J. R. (A./W.C.), D.F.C.	...	202 Squadron, R.A.F., N.I.
Arney, J. W. (W.C.)	...	236 O.C.U.
Atcherley, R. L. R. (A.Cdre.), C.B.E., A.F.C.	...	Air Officer Commanding, R.A.F., Cranwell.
Atkins, A. R. (W.C.)	...	D.R.D.M., Ministry of Supply.
Atkinson, C. F. (W.C.)	...	H.Q., M.E.D.M.E.
Baines, C. E. J. (G.C.)	...	Air Attaché, Santiago.
Balden, D. W. (W.C.)	...	H.Q., M.E.D.M.E.
Bale, P. W. (G.C.)	...	H.Q., Coastal Command.
Balean, P. B. (S.L.)	...	R.A.F. College, Cranwell.
Ball, A. H. W. (S.L.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	...	A.H.Q., East Africa.
Bandon, The Earl of (A.Cdre.), C.B., D.S.O.	...	Commandant, Royal Observer Corps.
Bangay, R. J. M. (W.C.), D.F.C.	...	A.H.Q., Ceylon.
Banthorpe, E. (W.C.)	...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Butterworth, A.C.F.E.
Barclay, R. A. C. (W.C.), A.F.C.	...	B.C. Air, Japan.
Barnard, J. O. (A./W.C.)	...	D.D.T., Nav., Air Ministry.
Barrett, G. G. (G.C.), C.B.E.	...	Directing Staff, Joint Services Staff College.
Barthold, B. (W.C.)	...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Cammeringham.
Bax, A. R. G. (W.C.)	...	R.A.F. Station, Locking.
Bayley, J. W. (W.C.), M.B.E.	...	S.M.20, Air Ministry.
Bayne, D. W. (G.C.)	...	D.D.S.T.I., Air Ministry.
Beadon, C. V. (S.L.), D.F.C.	...	A.C.A.S. (T.R.), A.M.U., P.P., Air Ministry.
Beaman, W. R. (W.C.), O.B.E.	...	H.Q., 41 Group.
Beamish, C. E. St. J. (G.C.), D.F.C.	...	S.A.S.O., H.Q., 23 Group.
Beamish, G. R. (A.Cdre.), C.B., C.B.E.	...	Director of Weapons, Air Ministry.
Beardsworth, G. B. (A./A.Cdre.), C.B.	...	Director of Servicing and Maintenance, Air Ministry.
Becker, B. H. (W.C.)	...	R.A.F. College, Cranwell.
Beisiegel, W. K. (G.C.)	...	Recently Air Attaché, Buenos Aires.
Bennett, D. E. (W.C.)	...	R.A.F. Station, Abingdon.
Bennett, H. T. (G.C.)	...	H.Q., Transport Command.
Bentley, A. M. (W.C.), O.B.E., A.F.C.	...	A.H.Q., R.A.T.W., Rhodesia.
Beresford, T. B. de la P. (W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	...	H.Q., Reserve Command.
Beresford-Peirse, F. C. de la P. (G.C.)	...	Student, Joint Services Staff College.
Beringer, W. (S.L.)	...	242 Squadron, 47 Group.
Bett, A. P. (G.C.)	...	Air Attaché, Bogota.
Bevan-John, D. R. S. (S.L.)	...	Student, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Bicknell, C. C. (W.C.)	...	236 O.C.U.
Biggs, F. D. (W.C.)	...	R.A.F. Liaison Officer with No. 2 Region.
Bird, F. R. (S.L.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	...	R.A.F. College, Cranwell.
Blackford, P. F. (A./S.L.)	...	204 A.F.S., Inspector duties.
Blount, J. H. L. (S.L.), D.F.C.	...	R.A.F. Station, Upwood.
Blunt, S. L. (G.C.)	...	S.O.A., Iraq.
Bonham-Carter, D. W. F. (G.C.), D.F.C.	...	Director of Civil Air Ops., Ministry of Civil Aviation.
Bower, L. W. C. (G.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	...	R.A.F. Liaison Officer, Maxwell Field, U.S.A.A.F.
Boxer, H. E. C. (A./G.C.)	...	B.A.C., Washington, D.C.
Boyce, C. D. C. (G.C.), C.B., C.B.E.	...	D.D. Ops. (B), Air Ministry.
Boyle, D. A. (A.Cdre.), C.B., C.B.E., A.F.C.	...	Assistant Commandant, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.

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Brake, K. S. (G.C.)	Commanding I.A.N.S., Topcliffe.
Breese, J. C. (S.L.), D.F.C.	H.Q., Coastal Command.
Broad, H.P. (W.C.), C.B.E., D.F.C.	H.Q., R.A.F. Delegation, Greece.
Brook, W. A. D. (A.Cdre.), C.B.E.	Director of Policy, Air Staff, Air Ministry.
Brookes, H. H. (G.C.), D.F.C.	S.A.S.O., Iraq.
Brotherhood, W. R. (G.C.)	S.P.S.O., Headquarters, Supreme (Air) India.
Broughton, C. (A./G.C.)	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Feltwell.
Brown, J. R. (G.C.)	Commanding 61 Maintenance Unit.
Brown, L. F. (A./G.C.)	D.D.O.R.(E.), Air Ministry.
Buchanan, T. M. (W.C.)	Supernumerary, 5 P.D.C.
Buften, H. E. (W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C.	Supernumerary, 5 P.D.C.
Burges, G. (W.C.), O.B.E., D.F.C.,	R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Burne, T. R. (S.L.), D.S.O., A.F.C.	Commanding 1 Squadron, 11 Group.
Burns, R. M. (S.L.)	53 Squadron, 46 Group.
Burrough, R. J. (W.C.), D.F.C.	Commanding 511 Squadron, 47 Group.
Burwood, H.P. (W.C.)	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Duxford.
Calnan, T. D. (W.C.)	R.C.A.F. Staff College, Toronto.
Cannon, L. W. (G.C.), C.B.E.	Imperial Defence College.
Carr, P. E. A. (S.L.)	A.R.F.3, Air Ministry.
Carr, T. H. (G.C.), D.F.C., A.F.C.	Non effective, sick.
Carter, N. (A.Cdre.), D.F.C.	Director of Organization (Forecasting and Planning) Air Ministry.
Carter, R. A. C. (W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	R.A.F. Del., Washington, D.C.
Carter, R. H. (G.C.), D.S.O., O.B.E., D.F.C.	D.D.T.C. (Air), Air Ministry.
Carver, A. C. P. (A./G.C.)	Air Attaché, Madrid.
Cary, B. M. (W.C.)	R.A.F. Station, Wittering.
Casement, P. R. (A./S.L.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	R.A.F. Station, Amman.
Cator, F. R. (G.C.), C.B.E.	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Changi, A.C.F.E.
Cecil-Wright, J. P. (A./G.C.)	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Negombo, Ceylon.
Chacksfield, B. A. (W.C.), O.B.E.	D.D.P.3, Air Ministry.
Chamberlain, G. P. (A./A.Cdre.), C.B., O.B.E.	Seconded to Ministry of Civil Aviation.
Champion, B. R. (F.L.)	E.A.A.S., 25 Group.
Child, J. (S.L.)	H.Q., 66 Group.
Chilton, C. E. (G.C.), C.B.E.	D.D. of Navigation, Air Ministry.
Chilton, P. C. (S.L.), D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C.	H.Q., M.E.D.M.E.
Chorlton, J. A. (W.C.), O.B.E.	320 Maintenance Unit, India.
Clark, H. D. (S.L.)	O.F.3, Air Ministry.
Clayton, G. A. V. (W.C.), D.F.C.	Directing Staff, R.A.F. Staff College, Bulstrode.
Clifford, G. R. M. (A./G.C.)	S.O.A., 24 Group.
Coates, K. R. (A./G.C.)	H.Q., Bomber Command.
Coats, R. (G.C.)	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Bridgnorth.
Cobbe, R. C. (S.L.), D.S.O.	A.H.Q., India.
Cocks, A. H. W. J. (W.C.)	Empire Radio School, Debden.
Coggle, C. K. J. (G.C.)	Commanding 2 A.N.S., Middleton St. George.
Collingwood, C. J. (A./G.C.), O.B.E., D.F.C.	S.O.A., 4 Group.
Combe, A. N. (A./G.C.), A.F.C.	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Hemswell.
Combe, G. (A.V.M.), C.B.	S.A.S.O., H.Q., M.E.D.M.E.
Constantine, H.A. (G.C.), C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.	Imperial Defence College.
Cook, J. F. (S.L.)	43 Group.
Cook, P. W. (S.L.)	14 Squadron, 2 Group.
Coombes, M. W. (F.L.)	62 Group.
Corbally, E. J. (G.C.)	Returning from A.C.F.E.
Coslett, T. N. (G.C.), O.B.E.	D.D.T.T. (Mech.), Air Ministry.
Coulson, L. (W.C.)	S.O.A., 19 Group.
Coulson, S. P. (W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	S.P.S.O., A.H.Q., Levant.
Councill, R. B. (A./G.C.)	S.O.A., 43 Group.
Cox, H. F. (W.C.), A.F.C.	T.O.2, Air Ministry.

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Cribb, P. H. (S.L.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	Supernumerary, 5 P.D.C.
Croce, F. E. (W.C.)	25 Group.
Crocker, L. (G.C.)	Student, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Crosbie, J. L. (W.C.)	R.A.F. Station, Calshot.
Cruwys, G. E. (S.L.)	Not known.
Cundall, H. J. (S.L.), D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C.	H.Q., Reserve Command.
D'Aeth, N. H. (A.Cdre.), C.B.E.	Commandant, Air Navigation School.
Darbishire, R. S. (W.C.)	President, Selection Board, North Weald.
Dark, A. E. (G.C.), C.B.E.	British Mission, Japan.
Darling, V. C. (W.C.), O.B.E.	R.A.F. Station, Ein Shemer.
David, E. H. M. (G.C.), O.B.E.	Commanding 7 S.F.T.S., Kirton-in-Lindsay.
Davies, A. D. (A./A.Cdre.), C.B.E.	Director of Manning, Air Ministry.
Davies, E. B. C. (W.C.)	R.A.F. Station, Marham.
Dawson, P. W. (W.C.)	A.F.L.3, Air Ministry.
Dawson, W. L. (A.Cdre), C.B., C.B.E.	Air Officer Commanding, A.H.Q., Levant.
Desmond, T. J. (G.C.)	M.O.S./25, Air Ministry.
Dickens, C. W. (G.C.), C.B.E.	S.A.S.O., A.H.Q., Levant.
Dickens, T. C. (G.C.), C.B.E.	S.A.S.O., 1 Group.
Disbrey, W. D. (G.C.), C.B.E., A.F.C.	12 S. of T.T.
Dixon, D. F. (W.C.)	A.H.Q., B.A.F.O.
Donkin, P. L. (W.C.), D.S.O.	Air Historical Branch, Air Ministry.
Dowding, D. H. T. (F.L.)	R.A.F. Station, Defford.
Drew, F. R. (G.C.), C.B.E.	D.D. of P.2, Air Ministry.
Drury, F. S. D. (G.C.), A.F.C.	Student, Joint Services Staff College.
Dudgeon, A. G. (W.C.), A.F.C.	H.Q., A.C.F.E.
Duke-Woolley, R. M. B. B. (W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	Liaison, Turkey.
Dyer, J. M. O. (S.L.), D.F.C., A.F.C.	R.A.F. College, Cranwell.
Earle, A. (G.C.), C.B.E.	Directing Staff, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Easton, J. A. (A./A.Cdre.), C.B.E.	Foreign Office.
Eayrs, D. J. (G.C.), C.B.E., D.F.C.	Inter-Service Military Exchange Committee.
Edwards, M. B. (A./G.C.), O.B.E.	D.D. Photos (Ops.) Air Ministry.
Eeles, H. (A./G.C.), C.B.E.	Military Staff Committee of United Nations.
Elkington, J. F. D. (A./S.L.)	R.A.F. Station, Turnhouse.
Elsdon, T. A. F. (S.L.), O.B.E., D.F.C.	205 Group, M.E.D.M.E.
Emsen, R. H. E. (G.C.), C.B.E., A.F.C.	E.A.A.S., Manby.
Evans, D. R. (A./G.C.), C.B.E., D.F.C.	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Defford.
Evans, G. H. D. (A./W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	R.A.F. Selection Board.
Eveleigh, G. C. (A./G.C.), O.B.E.	R.A.F. Delegation, Washington, D.C.
Eversfield, H. M. T. (W.C.)	S.O.A., H.Q., B.F., Aden.
Fairtlough, G. K. (G.C.)	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Leuchars.
Falconer, C. L. (A.Cdre.), C.B.E.	Air Officer Commanding R.A.F., Northern Ireland.
Fegan, A. F. (F.L.)	Nicosia.
Field, R. C. (G.C.)	S.A.S.O., Central Photographic Establishment, Benson.
Finch, E. S. (G.C.)	H.Q., Flying Training Command.
Finlay, D. (W.C.), O.B.E.	Student, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Ford, R. J. A. (G.C.)	S.A.S.O., R.A.F. Delegation, Greece.
Foster, F. R. (W.C.)	R.A.F. Station, Stradishall.
Francis, G. (G.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	S.O.A., 38 Group.
Franks, J. G. (A.Cdre.)	Director of Armament Development, Ministry of Supply.
Fraser, B. A. (W.C.)	H.Q., M.E.D.M.E.
Freebody, W. L. (A./A.Cdre.), C.B.E., A.F.C.	A.M.T.S. (Manpower Economy Committee).
Fressanges, F. J. (A.Cdre.), C.B.	Director of Operations, Air Ministry.
Frogley, R. T. (W.C.), D.F.C.	P.A.4(a), Air Ministry.
Fuller-Good, J. C. F. (G.C.)	Commanding, R.A.F. Station, Wilmslow.
Garbett, H. N. (S.L.), D.F.C.	Schools Liaison Officer.
Garnons-Williams, M. H. (G.C.)	No. 1 P.H.U., 28 Group.

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Gaskell, R. C. (A./G.C.)	...	D.D. Ops. (M.) Air Ministry.
Giles, C. J. (W.C.)	...	D.T.T., Air Ministry.
Gillmore, A. D. (A.Cdre.), C.B.E.	...	Director of Postings (A.), Air Ministry.
Gomez, P. S. (W.C.), C.B.E.	...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Hassani.
Goodman, N. G. (G.C.), C.B.E.	...	C.S.O., H.Q., Technical Training Command.
Gore, C. W. (G.C.), O.B.E.	...	Supernumerary, 5 P.D.C.
Gosnell, R. J. (W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	...	H.Q., Fighter Command.
Grant, J. B. (A./W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	...	R.A.F. Delegation, Washington, D.C.
Grant, S. B. (S.L.), D.F.C.	...	1 (P.) R.F.U.
Gray, K. (W.C.)	...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, El Hamra.
Grierson, C. K. (G.C.), C.B.E.	...	Directing Staff, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Grindon, J. E. (W.C.), D.S.O.	...	1332 H.C.U., Dishforth.
Groves, H. M. (G.C.)	...	President No. 2 S.S. Selection Board, Air Ministry.
Grundy, E. M. F. (G.C.), O.B.E.	...	Student, Joint Services Staff College.
Hackforth, P. O. W. (S.L.)	...	H.Q., Technical Training Command.
Haig, D. D. (S.L.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	...	P.S.O. to A.O.C. in C., H.Q., Flying Training Command.
Haigh, J. G. (F.L.)	...	A.F.L. (6) (A.), Air Ministry.
Haile, J. E. T. (S.L.)	...	Supernumerary, 5 P.D.C.
Hallifax, N. D. (S.L.)	...	Not known.
Hallings-Pott, J. R. (G.C.), C.B.E., D.S.O., A.F.C.	...	D.D. Ops. (A.D.) Air Ministry.
Hamblin, R. K. (G.C.), C.B.E.	...	S.O.A., 90 Group.
Hamilton, M. B. (G.C.)	...	India, pending repatriation.
Hammond, A. V. (G.C.), O.B.E.	...	R.A.F. Mission to Australia and New Zealand.
Hanafin, D. P. (W.C.), D.F.C., A.F.C.	...	C.B.E., Marham.
Hancock, G. N. (G.C.), C.B.E.	...	C.S.O., B.A.F.O.
Hanlon, T. J. (W.C.)	...	T.I.C.U., Bircham Newton.
Harding, E. C. (W.C.)	...	H.Q.B.C., Japan.
Harding, N. C. (W.C.), D.F.C.	...	T.O. 3, Air Ministry.
Harris, S. H. V. (G.C.)	...	S.O. (A.) A., Ministry of Supply.
Hatfield, D. B. (W.C.)	...	H.Q., Bomber Command.
Hatfield, P. R. (S.L.), D.F.C.	...	209 Squadron, A.C.F.E.
Hatton, J. F. (S.L.)	...	H.Q., Technical Training Command.
Hawtrej, J. G. (A.Cdre.), C.B.E., A.D.C.	...	Director of Intelligence (Operations), Air Ministry.
Hayes, G. W. (G.C.), O.B.E.	...	Air Attaché, Cairo.
Heard, C. M. (G.C.), C.B.E.	...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Negombo.
Heath, M. L. (G.C.), O.B.E.	...	D.D. Weapons 1, Air Ministry.
Heath, P. (W.C.)	...	H.Q., Maintenance Command.
Hebdøen, W. S. (G.C.)	...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Amman.
Heber-Percy, J. (A./G.C.)	...	Air Attaché, The Hague.
Heycock, G. F. W. (A./G.C.), D.F.C.	...	B.A.F.O., Communications Wing.
Hobbs, H. J. (W.C.)	...	Student, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Hobson, W. F. C. (G.C.)	...	G.C. Plans, H.Q., M.E.D.M.E.
Hodges, L. M. (A./W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	...	Directing Staff, Joint Services Staff College.
Hodgson, E. A. (G.C.), C.B.E.	...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Dishforth.
Hogan, H. A. V. (G.C.), D.F.C.	...	D.D.F.T., Air Ministry.
Holgate, J. B. (S.L.), D.F.C.	...	H.Q., Bomber Command.
Holland, R. H. (S.L.), D.F.C.	...	Commanding 56 Squadron, 11 Group.
Holmes, J. A. (A./W.C.), D.F.C.	...	T.I.C.U., Bircham Newton.
Horner, T. Q. (W.C.)	...	D. of Nav. (Air/Sea Rescue), Air Ministry.
Howard-Williams, P. I. (S.L.), D.F.C.	...	Assistant Air Attaché, Chungking.
Howell, E. M. T. (W.C.)	...	S.M. 14, Air Ministry.
Hoy, W. (A./W.C.)	...	12 Group.
Hudleston, E. C. (A.Cdre.), C.B., C.B.E.	...	Air Ministry, for duty with Defence Research Policy Committee.
Hughes, P. A. (S.L.), D.F.C.	...	Naval Liaison.
Humphrey, A. H. (S.L.), D.F.C., A.F.C.	...	H.Q., 106 Group.
Humphreys, H. Y. (W.C.), D.F.C.	...	Student, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Hunt, A. W. (G.C.), C.B.E.	...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Thorney Island.
Hutton, W. H. (G.C.), C.B.E.	...	S.A.S.O., A.H.Q., Ceylon.

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Huxham, G. H. (G.C.)	...	C.S.O., H.Q., Flying Training Command.
Ingle, W. H. (W.C.)	...	Student, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Inness, W. I. C. (W.C.)	...	D.D. of P.I, Air Ministry.
Iremonger, J. H. (A./W.C.), D.F.C.	...	H.Q., Fighter Command.
Jackson, I. C. (W.C.), D.F.C.	...	Commanding, 51 Maintenance Unit.
Jackson, V. B. J. (G.C.)	...	Vice-President, R.A.F. Selection Board.
Jeffries, R. K. (W.C.), O.B.E.	...	D.D.T. Arm. (T. Arm.I) Air Ministry.
Jenkins, H. A. (S.L.), D.F.C.	...	A.H.Q., Hong Kong.
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Macdonnell, A. R. D. (W.C.), D.F.C.	...	H.Q., Flying Training Command.
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Martin, R. F. (S.L.), D.F.C.	R.A.F. Station, Farnborough.
Mason, A. J. (W.C.), D.F.C.	205 Squadron, A.C.F.E.
Mason, N. W. F. (G.C.)	Returning from West Africa.
Mathias, L. (W.C.)	R.A.F. Station, Upwood.
Mavor, L. D. (W.C.), A.F.C.	R.A.F. Station, Fairford.
Maynard, N. M. (S.L.), D.F.C.	4 Group.
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Miller, A. W. D. (W.C.)	H.Q., 42 Group.
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Mutch, J. R. (G.C.), C.B.	32 Maintenance Unit.
Nelson, E. D. M. (A./G.C.)	Commanding, R.A.F. Station, Fayid.
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Niblett, K. W. (G.C.), D.F.C.	R.A.F. Station, Manipur.
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Nichols, W. T. H. (G.C.)	S.A.S.O., 27 Group.
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O'Grady, C. C. (A./G.C.)	H.Q., Transport Command.
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 Warburton, J. (G.C.) ... H.Q., 11 Group.
 Warcup, P. E. (W.C.) ... R.A.F. Station, Coningsby.
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 Wheatley-Smith, T. R. N. (S.L.) ... 48 Squadron, A.C.F.E.
 Wheeler, D. E. B. (W.C.), D.F.C. ... O.R. 6, Air Ministry.
 Wheeler, H. N. G. (W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C. ... R.A.F. Station, Changi, A.C.F.E.
 Whitehead, J. (G.C.) ... Commanding R.A.F. Station, Chivenor.
 Whittle, F. (A.Cdre.), C.B.E. ... Technical Adviser to Controller of Supplies (Air), Ministry of Supply.
 Whitworth, J. N. H. (W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C. ... Supernumerary, India.
 Wickham, P. R. W. (S.L.), D.S.O., D.F.C. ... A.H.Q., Ceylon.
 Wicks, F. F. (G.C.), O.B.E., D.F.C. ... Zonal Affairs Staff, B.A.F.O.
 Widdows, S. L. (A./G.C.), D.F.C. ... Directing Staff, Royal Naval College, Greenwich.
 Wightman, W. T. F. (W.C.), D.F.C., A.F.C. ... Commanding 65 Reserve Centre.
 Williams, D. W. (W.C.), C.B.E. ... A.H.Q., Levant.
 Williams, M. F. D. (A./G.C.), D.S.O. ... Commanding 135 Wing, B.A.F.O.
 Willis, C. V. D. (W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C. ... C.S.E., Watton.
 Wills-Sandford, W. R. (G.C.) ... Commanding R.A.F. Station, Swinderby.
 Wilson, L. D. (S.L.), D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C. ... 5 P.D.C.
 Wilson, R. C. (G.C.) ... R.A.F. Station, Upwood.
 Wisher, H. G. (W.C.) ... R.A.F. Station, Stradishall.
 Wood, B. A. C. (W.C.), D.F.C. ... O.R. 4, Air Ministry.
 Worrace, J. (A./G.C.), D.F.C. ... H.Q., Transport Command.
 Worstall, W. R. (G.C.), O.B.E. ... 205 Group, M.E.D.M.E.
 Worthington, F. R. (A./G.C.) ... H.Q., Bomber Command.
 Worthington, G. L. (A.Cdre.), C.B.E. ... H.Q., A.C.F.E.
 Wright, A. R. (S.L.), D.F.C., A.F.C. ... Ops. A.D. (1), Air Ministry.
 Wright, C. J. (W.C.) ... R.A.F. Station, Manby.
 Wrigley, H. B. (G.C.) ... Northern Signals Area, 90 Group.
 Wykeham-Barnes, P. G. (W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C. ... A.D.T. (Plans), Air Ministry.
 Yarde, B. C. (G.C.) ... Commanding R.A.F. Station, Gatow.
 Yonge, J. V. (W.C.) ... Supernumerary, H.Q., Technical Training Command.
 Young, B.P. (S.L.), O.B.E. ... Manning (3), Air Ministry.
 Young, N. (W.C.) ... R.A.F. Station, Boscombe Down.
 Yule, R. D. (S.L.), D.S.O., D.F.C. ... Supernumerary, A.C.F.E.

Eighteenth Annual General Meeting - 24 July 1948

Air Cdre Richard Llewellyn Roger Atcherley, ex-S22 Entry, and President OCA, AVM Sir Charles Longcroft, shared the Chair

GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 24TH, 1948
There were about 70 members present.
The Chair was taken by A/Cdre Atcherley supported by the President of the Association, A.V.M. Sir Charles Longcroft.

MINUTES. The minutes of the previous general meeting were read and on the proposition of A/Cdre Pike, seconded by W/Cmdr Gosnell, signed.

ACCOUNTS The balance sheet and accounts for the period 1st May 1947 - 30th April 1948 were presented by the Secretary. A/Cdre Macfadyen proposed the accounts as presented be passed. This was seconded by G/Capt Lywood and carried unam.

STAFF PENSIONS FUND.
The Chairman and Secretary explained the Pensions Scheme to the meeting. The Chairman stated that he wished the members present to decide if the Scheme was to continue in view of the employees concerned now being fully covered for retirement pensions under the National scheme. The annual premium needed to pay for the cover was £200. Of this £200 the employees contributed £40 the balance being paid from O.C.A. funds. Only eleven of the total of 70 domestic staff employed in the College were in the College Pensions Scheme. A/Cdre Beamish said that the members of the O.C.A. must do all they can to hold and benefit these old servants, G/Capt David suggested the scheme be widened to take in the whole of the domestic staff of the College. If the expense entailed was too great he suggested that a new fund be started called a "College Staff Retirement grants to be made by the O.C.A. which would enable staff, graduated proportionately to the number of years they had served in the College. After further discussion, A/Cdre Lord Bandon proposed that the ~~scheme~~ scheme be closed at the end of the present premium year. Also that a fund as suggested by G/Capt David be opened for the benefit of all members of the College domestic staff and that this fund be started by a grant from O.C.A. funds of £150. A/Cdre Pike seconded this proposition and said that gratuities should not be given for less than 10 years service and that the O.C.A. Committee operate the fund. The proposition was carried unanimously.

MR. MARIS - HALL PORTER
The Chairman then explained the position regarding Mr Maris who retired last April after 21 years service as Hall Porter at the College. He said that Mr Maris was not included in the Pensions Scheme at its inception on account of the expense involved due to the age of Mr Maris. Sum had been given from O.C.A. funds to the Pensions Fund with the proviso that those old servants not included in the Scheme should receive similar treatment regarding pensions on retirement as those in the Scheme. Mr Maris had been given a gratuity of £10 and had been paid £1 per week pension to a total of £9 from O.C.A. funds. He now asked the meeting to pass these payments and for a proposition regarding future payments. It was proposed by G/C David, seconded by G/C P. Jones that the sums already be paid be passed and that Mr Maris should be paid the sum of £1 per week from O.C.A. funds during his lifetime. This was carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES
Draft copies of the Rules of the Association had been circulated to all members and the Chairman that these Rules be ratified by the Meeting. A/Cdre Macfadyen suggested that Rule 8 which states that the President of the O.C.A. should be a Commandant or ex-Commandant of the College be altered to read "Should be an ex-cadet and a member of the Association". This suggestion was adopted and S/Ldr Dyer proposed that the Rules be passed. This was seconded by G/Capt Jones and passed.

HONORARY AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.
On the proposition of A/Cdre Beamish, seconded by G/Capt D.J.P. Lee, and carried unam Air Marshal Sir Leslie Hollinghurst was made an Honorary Member of the Association. The Committee then submitted the names of P. Johnson, (Director of Studies) Wing Cmdr Fulton and Kermode (Senior Tutor) for election to Associate membership. A/Cdre Lord Bandon that they all three be elected to Associate Membership. This was seconded by G/Capt Kyle and carried unam.

COMMITTEE FOR ENSUING YEAR.
The undermentioned officers were elected to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year:-
A/Cdre Atcherley, G/Capt Oliver, W/Cmdr Petre, S/Ldr Steventon and S/Ldr Stephens (all at Cranwell)
G/Capt Dru Drury (Manby) G/Capt T.C. Dickens (Bawtry) G/Capt David (Syerston).

COLLEGE JOURNAL.
It was proposed by A/Cdre Lord Bandon and seconded by A/Cdre Macfadyen that copies of the College Journals as issued be sent to all Honorary Members of the Association the cost to be met from O.C.A. funds. This was carried.

EQUIPMENT AND SECRETARIAL WING - DIGBY
After discussion regarding the eligibility for membership of the Association of the Asst Commandant and Flight Cadets of the above Wing of the College it was proposed by A/Cdre Lord Bandon, seconded by G/Capt David, that no action be taken on this matter for another year when the position of this Wing of the College would be more clarified. This was carried unam.

SPORTS & TEAMS AND PHOTOGRAPHS
The Asst Commandant (G/Capt Oliver) informed the Meeting that a number of sports and teams photographs were missing and asked the meeting for assistance from O.C.A. funds towards the cost of their replacement. He explained that they were already committed to the extent of £50 and that Gale and Polden's estimate to supply a complete framed set of the missing photographs was £210. It was proposed by A/Cdre Lord Bandon that a grant of £210 be made from O.C.A. funds to meet Gale and Polden's account. This was seconded by G/Capt Peel and carried unam.

ANNUAL RE-UNION DINNER
Owing to the smallness of the number of members who would be dining that night the Commandant asked the meeting to consider inviting some of the senior flight cadets to dinner. He said he would like Lord Tedder and Sir Leslie Hollinghurst to feel that a good representation of members were there to meet them. He suggested that if the meeting agreed to inviting cadets that night they should retire after the health of the King had been drunk. After discussion it was proposed by A/Cdre Beamish that the senior term cadets be invited to dinner for this occasion and was not to be regarded as a precedent. This was seconded by A/Cdre Pike. The voting resulted in the proposition being carried with a few dissentients.

MED M.E. H.Q. RE-UNION.
The Chairman read a letter which had been received from G/Capt Pearce of H.Q. Med.M.E., regarding a re-union of O.C.A.'s serving in the Middle East. The letter requested that some financial assistance might be given from O.C.A. funds towards the cost of future similar functions. It was proposed by G/Capt Bonham-Carter that no financial aid be given to jamborees of this nature but that the participants pay their own expenses. This was seconded by G/Capt Cannon and carried.

O.C.A. TIES
The Secretary explained the position regarding the supply of the Association tie. He had been in communication with the N.A.A.F.I. who stated they could supply silk ties at 20s/6 each or artificial one at 12s/11 each on a minimum order of 40 dozen ties. It was proposed by A/Cdre Lord Bandon and seconded by A/Cdre Pretty that no action be taken on this letter. Carried unam.
on behalf of the members
A/Cdre Pike thanked the Chairman and Secretary for the work they had done in the past year.
There being no other business the meeting was declared closed.

V. A. Beamish
Chairman.
23/7/1949.

OCA funding of Staff Pensions

Mr Maris' Pension

OCA contribution to Sports Photo Recovery - £210 Grant

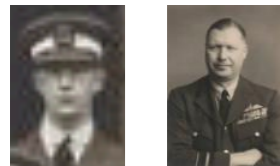
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Akerman Boyle



Hudleston Mills



Revington Spencer



Bader Broughton



Heath Hebden



Lloyd McIntyre



Moore Mutch



Shirley



Watt

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

THE Old Cranwellian Reunion was held at the College on 24th July. For the first time since the war weather conditions were ideal, and the afternoon cricket match was watched by large numbers of Old Cranwellians. Tea was available under the trees on the west side of the Orange, and most pleasant it was. The Old Cranwellian resident at Cranwell little realizes how quickly these trees are growing and how welcome their shade can be.

Nearly one hundred Old Cranwellians attended the dinner in the evening. Air Marshal Sir Leslie Hollinghurst was guest of honour, and many distinguished Old Cranwellians were present. After dinner, speeches were made by Air Marshal Hollinghurst, Lord Tedder, Air Commodore R. L. R. Atcherley and Group Captain E. M. H. David. The guest of honour accepted Honorary Membership of the Association.

It was a pleasure to welcome our President, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Charles Longcroft, to the Reunion.

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The following Old Cranwellians are now resident at the College: Air Commodore R. L. R. Atcherley, Group Captain J. O. W. Oliver, Squadron Leaders M. M. Stephens (September, 1938), I. N. MacDougall, J. M. O. Dyer, A. A. J. Sanders (April, 1939), and D. W. Steventon. In addition, the following are serving at Cranwell: Group Captain E. J. Corbally, Wing Commander G. W. Petre and Squadron Leader T. R. N. Wheatley-Smith (September, 1939).

Squadron Leader M. M. Stephens has taken over A Squadron in the College from Squadron Leader F. R. Bird.

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The following have been elected Associate Members of the Association: P. Johnson, Esq., O.B.E., Director of Studies, Group Captain A. C. Kermode, O.B.E., Senior Tutor (A.S.E.), and Wing Commander F. F. Fulton, O.B.E., Senior Tutor (H.).

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Congratulations are offered to Group Captain Kermode on his promotion. Unfortunately, he will now be leaving the College to take over the Educational Services in the Far East. His departure will be a very serious loss to us all, for no one could have the well-being of the flight cadet more at heart.

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The occasion of the visit of Their Majesties The King and Queen and Princess Margaret came near to being another Old Cranwellian Reunion. The list of those who accepted the invitation is given below. All must have been impressed by the ceremony of the Presentation of the Colour and by the bearing of the Cadet Wing and its high standard on parade.

The acceptances were:

Air Vice-Marshals

Sir Charles Longcroft, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., D.L.
A. E. Borton, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., D.L.
C. W. Weedon, C.B., C.B.E.



Stratton F/C R Coats F/C Cpl TC Dickens



Breese F/C Cpl HW Cafferata

Group Captain Hogan (January, 1929), who as D.D.T.F. has so long been responsible for guiding our steps, came to a recent guest night with his successor, Group Captain Selway (September, 1927). Another visitor was Squadron Leader P. B. Balean, who was in search of furniture for the bar of his Reserve Headquarters in Derby.

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Many members are enquiring about Association ties. None are at present available, although a supply is expected by mid-1949. When available, purchases can be made through Mr. Lager.

Surnames only for those cadets who have already appeared in Volume 1

Air Commodores

W. J. M. Akerman, C.B.E.
D. A. Boyle, C.B., C.B.E., A.F.C.
W. A. D. Brook, C.B.E.
F. J. Fressanges, C.B.
E. C. Hudleston, C.B., C.B.E.
G. H. Mills, C.B., D.F.C.

Group Captains

D. A. R. S. Bader, D.S.O., D.F.C.
C. Broughton.
R. Coats.
T. N. Coslett, O.B.E.
E. H. M. David, O.B.E.
T. C. Dickens, C.B.E.
E. S. Dru-Drury, A.F.C.
M. L. Heath, O.B.E.
W. S. Hebden.
H. A. V. Hogan, D.F.C.
K. P. Lewis.
C. R. D. L. Lloyd, O.B.E.
M. Lowe, C.B.E.
R. V. McIntyre, D.F.C.
R. C. Mead, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C.

Wing Commanders

D. R. S. Bevan-John.
H. P. Broad, C.B.E., D.F.C.
R. J. Gosnell, D.S.O., D.F.C.
E. M. T. Howell.

Squadron Leaders

P. ap Ellis.
P. Balean.
J. C. Breese, D.F.C.
A. Ferris.

Pilot Officers

H. W. Cafferata.
D. B. D. Hamley.
A. K. McGrigor.
J. W. Morrice.

C. B. R. Pelly, C.B.E., M.C.
N. A. P. Pritchett.
A. P. Revington, C.B.E.
G. R. C. Spencer, C.B.E.
H. D. Spreckly, O.B.E.
Sir Frank Whittle, K.B.E., C.B.
G. R. Worthington, C.B.E.

A. D. Messenger, C.B.E.
C. S. Moore, O.B.E.
J. Mutch.
J. R. A. Peel, D.S.O., D.F.C.
K. J. Powell, D.F.C.
J. D. T. Revell.
D. N. Roberts, O.B.E., A.F.C.
T. U. C. Shirley, C.B.E.
G. D. Stephenson.
J. A. C. Stratton, O.B.E.
W. P. Thomson, D.F.C.
M. D. Thunder.
W. H. N. Turner, D.F.C.
J. B. M. Wallis, O.B.E.
C. A. Watt.

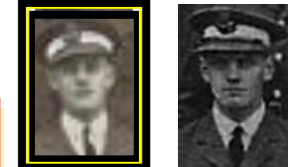
R. C. Keary.
H. C. Parker.
C. T. Weir, D.F.C.

L. M. Hodges, D.S.O., D.F.C.
R. B. Morison, D.F.C.
A. R. Wright, D.F.C., A.F.C.

H. R. W. Morris.
M. M. J. Robinson.
L. S. R. Smith.
R. L. Tavanyar.



It was a great pleasure to have a visit this term from Group Captain Arjan Singh (September, 1938). He is now in the Directorate of Training at New Delhi and he came in the interests of our Indian counterpart. We heard with interest in Earl Mountbatten's lecture that the next in succession to Air Marshal Sir Thomas Elmhirst is an Old Cranwellian, Air Commodore S. Mukerjee (September, 1930).



Brook Fressanges



Pelly Pritchett



Whittle Worthington



Coslett Dru Drury



Hogan Lewis



Mead Messenger



Peel Roberts



Thunder Wallis



F/C HD Spreckly



F/C Cpl LM Hodges



F/C Cpl HRW Morris



F/C Sgt LSR Smith

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F/C Sgt RL Tavanyar

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Surnames only for those cadets who have already appeared in Volume 1

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

ONE has often wondered what sort of person produced the Old Boys' section in school and college journals. I have always imagined that he is the kind of chap whom one avoids like the plague, whose uninterrupted conversation revolves around the golden age of the good old days, when life was harder, but better, when wine was stronger, and laughter louder, and when cadets were *cadets*, sir!

These reflections are beginning to make me feel a little shifty, and I am determined that next time this column will be a "wonderful opportunity"—but for someone else, not me.

It would be helpful if there was some record of what news is wanted by Old Cranwellians. The activities of the College are well reported, and you can see that life, in spite of austerity, is much as it was. In fact, the cadets seem to get around, going places and seeing things, even more than we did ourselves. There is, however, very little news of the doings of Old Cranwellians other than bald announcements, which are little more than a P.O.R. A few articles would make a great difference.

After the war we produced a list showing the rank, location and decorations of survivors. This, no doubt, led to a flood of D.O. correspondence aimed at those who held the more influential posts. It probably did more good for our Association than any pseudo-literary padding round a few titbits of information, which are never as interesting as they should be, since the writer would be hunted down and slain if he revealed the truth. There does seem to be a case for an Old Cranwellian list, produced annually.

PERSONALITIES

Serving at Cranwell:

Air Commodore G. R. Beamish (1924).

Group Captain E. J. Corbally (1929).

Group Captain J. O. W. Oliver (1931).

Wing Commander G. W. Petre (1938).

Squadron Leaders I. N. MacDougall (1939), J. M. O. Dyer (1940), H. A. Jenkins (1940), T. R. N. Wheatley-Smith (1940), B. R. Champion (1940).

Recently posted away:

To Hullavington: Squadron Leader D. W. Steventon (1939).

To Western Union: Squadron Leader M. M. Stephens (1939).

To Ballykelly: Squadron Leader A. A. J. Sanders (1940).

OTHER NEWS

Air Commodore H. E. Nowell (1925) is now serving with the British Joint Services Mission in Washington.

Air Commodore G. W. Hayes (1924) is Air Attaché at Cairo.

Group Captain A. D. Messenger (1931) has been posted from Brampton to Amman.

Group Captain W. F. C. Hobson (1930) has returned from Egypt and is now at the Air Ministry.

Wing Commander B. H. Becker (1933) left the College last December and is now at Changhi, Singapore.

Air Commodore A. G. Bishop is still enjoying life at Nairobi.

The Right Reverend J. A. Jagoe is now Bishop of Bermuda.

A painting of Air Vice-Marshal R. L. R. Atcherley, by Cuthbert Orde, now hangs on the College stairs. We wish him the best of luck in his new post in Pakistan.

Old Cranwellian Association ties are still unobtainable.

A reunion of Old Cranwellians took place at H.Q., Mediterranean and Middle East, on 11th February, 1949, and was attended by the following:

Air Vice-Marshal G. Combe; Air Commodore G. W. Hayes; Group Captains P. W. Bale, C. W. Dickens, H. A. V. Hogan, W. H. Kyle, H. G. Leonard-Williams, S. S. Murray, J. Mutch, E. D. M. Nelson, G. I. L. Saye and W. R. Worstall; Wing Commanders C. F. Atkinson, H. P. Burwood, S. P. Coulson, H. F. Cox and T. A. F. Elsdon; Squadron Leader H. C. Randall.

Group Captains W. H. Kyle (1929) and G. D. Stephenson (1930) have been appointed air aides-de-camp to the King.

Squadron Leader J. A. Armistead (1938) is now liaison officer at R.M.A. Sandhurst.

Squadron Leader R. C. L. Parkhouse (1940) is at Pembroke Dock.

Squadron Leader A. R. T. Beddow (1939) commands a fighter squadron at Odiham.

Congratulations to Pilot Officer A. B. Stinchcombe (1949) on his marriage.

Pilot Officers P. R. Sanderson and J. M. Robertson (1949) appeared for Cranwell in the finals of the inter-station small-bore competition. With their assistance Cranwell won.

Critical spectators on the occasion of the passing-out parade of No. 46 Entry were Pilot Officers G. M. Hermitage and J. W. Morrice (1948).

Several sons of Old Cranwellians have been shown round the College (possible additions to the growing list of second-generation cadets). We might breed an interesting type in a few hundred years. The details are best left to your imagination.

The date for the reunion is 23rd July.

TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS

The limited amount of space available in this number has involved the holding over of some contributions and the heartless pruning of many which we print.

We ask our contributors to forgive this discourtesy and to continue the welcome flood.

CONTEMPORARIES

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of many contemporaries. Space does not permit an individual acknowledgment.

F/C Cpl GM Hermitage

F/C Cpl JW Morrice

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Beamish



Corbally



Oliver



Nowell



Hayes



Hobson



Becker



F/C Sgt GW Petre



F/C IN MacDougall



F/C BR Champion



F/C MM Stephens



F/C Cpl DW Steventon



Leonard-Williams



Worstall



Atcherley



Combe



Bale



Dickens



Kyle



Murray



Nelson



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Nineteenth Annual General Meeting - 23 July 1949

Air Mshl Sir Charles Longcroft, OCA President, took the Chair.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SATURDAY, JULY 23RD 1949.

There were about 70 members present. The Chair was taken by Air Cdre Beamish, supported by the President of the Association, Air Vice Marshal Sir Charles Longcroft.

MINUTES The minutes of the last General Meeting were read and, on the proposition of Air Cdre Fressanges, seconded by Air Cdre Cannon, signed.

ACCOUNTS The accounts for the twelve months ended 30th April 1949 had already been circulated to Members. The Hon Secretary explained the present financial position of the Association to the meeting who considered the Association to be in a good financial position. Air Cdre Pike proposed the accounts be passed. This was seconded by Air Cdre P. Jones and carried unam.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS The Chairman informed the Meeting that the Committee wished to bring forward the names of Wing Cdr Pryor (Chief Flying Instructor) and Group Capt Seymour (Asst Commandant Equipment & Secretarial Wing) for election to Associate membership of the Association. The Chairman said that both these Officers had done a great deal for the cadets and he considered they were both very worthy of Associate membership. There were 21 Associate Members and the maximum at any one time was 35 therefore we were well below the number allowed by the Rules. It was proposed by A.V.M. Boyle that they both be offered Associate Membership. This was seconded by Air Cdre Fressanges and carried unanimously.

STAFF GRATUITY FUND. The Chairman informed the Meeting that in accordance with the decision taken at the last General Meeting the College Staff Pensions Fund Scheme had been terminated. All the members of the Staff who were covered by the Scheme had drawn cash surrender values in lieu of paid up pensions at the age of 65. Also, in accordance with the decision taken at the last General Meeting a new fund had been started styled "The Old Cranwellian Association College Domestic Staff Gratuity Fund" with a grant of £150 from O.C.A. funds. The balance of £19/3/2 left on the old Pensions Fund had been placed to the credit of the new Fund. The Chairman placed before the Meeting the Committee's suggestions regarding the administration of this Fund. The Committee suggested that a grant of £10 be given on retirement after 10 years service with a further £1 for each 5 years service beyond ten. After discussion it was proposed by Group Capt Wallis that the gratuity be £10 at the end of 10 years service and £1 per year for each year's service beyond 10. This was seconded by Wing Cdr K. Gray. Air Cdre Hawtrey proposed that the gratuity be £10 after 10 years service, £1/10/0 per year for service between 10 and twenty years, and £2 per year after 20 years service. This was seconded by A.V.M. Dawson. Air Cdre Hawtrey's proposition was carried by a majority vote. Group Capt Hedden said the possibilities of covering these payments by an insurance policy should be explored. To augment the income of the Association to meet future charges on this Fund the Meeting decided that a drive be made to enrol all those ex-cadets who were not now members of the Association.

COMMANDANT'S FUND FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF NEEDY CADETS

The Chairman informed the Meeting that of the £25 per annum allowed to the Commandant for the assistance of needy cadets, £16 had been spent in the year under review by his predecessor. Two cadets had been assisted who spent their leave on a skiing holiday and the Chairman felt that this was one of the objects the Members intended where help should be given. He would like the Meeting's views on this. The Meeting confirmed that the fund was intended, not only to assist a cadet who was in low financial circumstances, but to help him to carry out sports and sporting activities which would benefit him in his Service career. The matter was left in the Commandant's hands entirely, to decide how the annual grant should be spent for the best interest of cadets.

EQUIPMENT AND SECRETARIAL WING - DIGBY

The eligibility of Cadets of the Equipment and Secretarial Wing Digby, for membership of the Old Cranwellian Association was discussed at great length. The Chairman gave the Meeting his views for and against such inclusion. He stated that the matter should be decided at this Meeting as the first of the E & S Wing Cadets would be graduating next April. G/Capt David, A/Cdre Hawtrey A/Cdre N. Carter, A/Cdre Worthington, A/Cdre Fressanges, and A.V.M. Dawson all spoke in support of the E & S Wing Cadets being allowed to become members of the O.C.A. on graduation. A.V.M. Boyle said we should welcome them whole-heartedly as members. After further discussion the Meeting unanimously agreed that the cadets of the E & S Wing, Digby, should be eligible for membership of the Association so long as the present arrangements hold and so long as that Wing is an integral part of the Royal Air Force College.

PORTRAIT FUND.

The financial position of the College Portrait Fund, inaugurated by A. A. Acherley, was read to the Meeting by the Chairman, who stated that no further portraits were contemplated in the near future. Owing to having to provide name plates for the portraits, the fund was overdrawn to the extent of £11/6/3. The Chairman asked that this sum be paid from O.C.A. Funds. A/Cdre Hawtrey proposed that this be passed. This was seconded by Group Capt David and carried nem con. The Chairman also informed the Meeting that a painting by Seago of A. A. Acherley had been hung in the College. This, with the frame, had cost £55/0/0, a very modest sum for this artist's work. He asked the Meeting to sanction this charge being paid from O.C.A. funds to which the Meeting agreed unanimously.

COLLEGE JOURNALS.

The Chairman stated that in future three College Journals would be published annually to cover the activities of each term. This would entail a larger expenditure from O.C.A. funds for those Journals sent to Members. The income of the Association was roughly £500 per annum and the foreseen expenditure would be about £560. The Association would either have to draw on capital or raise the annual subscription. The Members would appreciate that during the war years no services were given in return for their subscriptions. Capital was steadily built up during those years. After discussion, it was proposed by A/Cdre Fressanges, seconded by G/Capt David, that for the time being the annual subscription of £1 be continued. This was carried unam.

GUESTS AT THE ANNUAL RE-UNION DINNERS.

The Meeting decided to limit the number of guests at the annual dinner to 12. A/Cdre the Earl of Bandon said it should be kept in mind to ask people from outside the Services as Guests of honour at future dinners.

COMMITTEE.

The following were elected to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year:-

Air Cdre Beamish. Chairman
Group Capt Oliver
Group Capt Parselle
Wing Cdr McDonnell
Group Capt Corbally
Sqd Ldr Breeze.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Air Cdre the Earl of Bandon said he would like the name of Group Capt D. Jillings brought forward next year for election to Associate Membership. A.V.M. Boyle expressed the thanks of the Members to the Hon Secretary for his work during the past year.

There being no other business the Meeting was declared closed.

A. V. M. Boyle
Chairman.

Staff Pension Funding ends as war pensions introduced - New Domestic Staff Gratuity Fund

Journal Funding increased - Click Graphic to access Journals

Year	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929
1920	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published
1921	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published
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1924	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published
1925	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published
1926	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published
1927	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published
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1929	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published
1930	No Publication During War Years									
1931	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published
1932	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published	Published
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OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		for the twelve months ending MAY, 1949 - 30th APRIL, 1949.	
Expenditure.		Income.	
Grants to Cadets - Commandant's Fund	£ s. d.	Members' subscriptions	£ s. d.
Loss on stocks, King's 1922	16 0 0	Interest on invested funds	433 10 0
Annual re-union, 1948	162 3 9	Loss on year to Balance Sheet	56 9 0
Printing and Stationery	30 21 6		
Mr. Mars - grants	53 0 0		
Postages	17 17 1		
Telephone	11 4 4		
Mr. Cowan - Cadet records	24 0 0		
Mr. Capps - College servant - Special grant	3 7 0		
College Journals to members	149 4 0		
Income Tax	29 12 0		
Wealth - late A/Cdre L. K. Barnes	2 6 9		
Gale & Padden - replacement sports photographs	210 0 0		
College Domestic Staff Benevolent Fund	150 0 0		
	£862 18 3		£862 18 3
BALANCE SHEET AT 30th APRIL, 1949.			
Liabilities.		Assets.	
Memorial Fund, ex-cadets	£ s. d.	Cash at Bank	£ s. d.
Sundry Creditor - Mr. Cowan	5 2 0	Cash in hand	115 9 1
College Domestic Staff Benevolent Fund	150 0 0	Invested.	
Capital £ c at 1/1/48	£499 1 5	3 1/2% Deb. Stock	200 0 0
Deduct I. & E. a/c above	362 0 3	3% Deb. Bonds	400 0 0
	£128 1 2	3% Gov. Loan	300 0 0
		Trustee Savings Bank	771 6 7
	£287 3 2		£2873 5 2

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Air Vice-Marshal
Charles Alexander Holcombe Longcroft
 CMG, DSO, AFC
 1st College Commandant
 OCA President

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

THE reunion was held this year on 23rd July. It was a perfect day, and the cadets defeated the Old Cranwellians' cricket team. The match was played on the Orange.

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Slessor; Air Vice-Marshals Sir Charles Longcroft, Mills and Weedon; Air Commodores the Earl of Bandon, Pike, Carter, Fressanges, Brookes, Gillmore, Hawtrey and Cannon; and Padre McHardy were among those officers who were able to come to the reunion.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Ralph Cochrane, K.C.B., K.B.E., A.F.C., was the guest of honour at dinner that night, and accepted an invitation to become an Honorary Member of the Association.

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Group Captain R. G. Seymour, who, until he was posted to Headquarters, Technical Training Command, was the Assistant Commandant of the Digby Wing; and Wing Commander R. J. P. Prichard, who was the Chief Flying Instructor, and is now with D.D.A.F.L., in the Air Ministry, have been made Associate Members of the Association.

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Wing Commander A. R. D. MacDonell (1934) has taken over the job of Chief Flying Instructor. Squadron Leader J. M. O. Dyer (1940) has handed C Squadron over to Squadron Leader J. C. Breese (1937) and joined the staff at the C.F.S.

Group Captain G. D. Stephenson (1930) has been appointed C.B.E. He is the Commandant of the C.F.S.

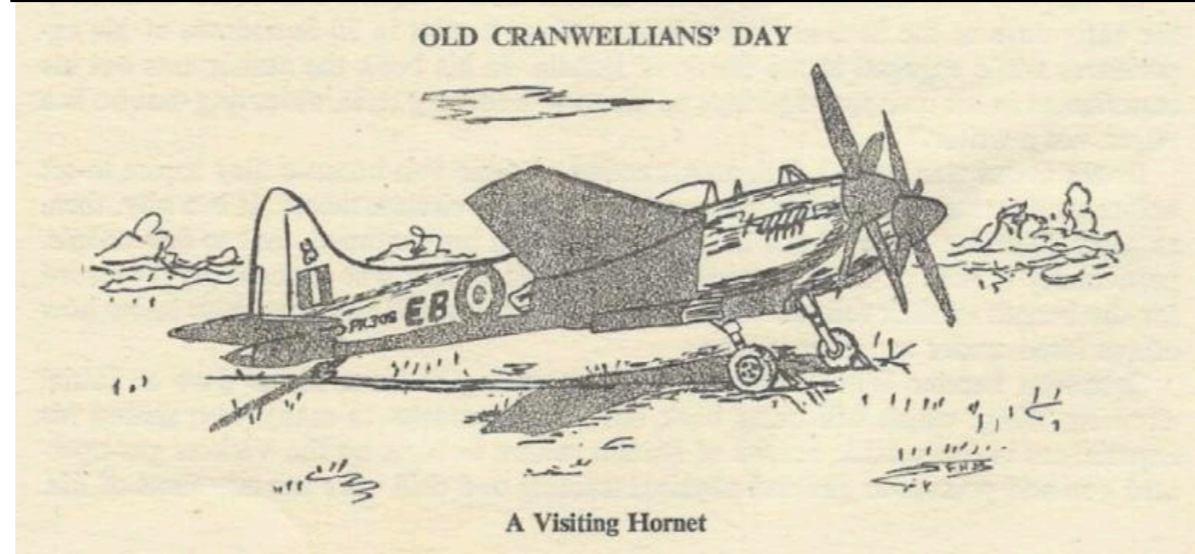
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Wing Commander H. N. G. Wheeler (1937) is returning to this country from Singapore. We congratulate him on adding the O.B.E. to his colourful chest. Wing Commander K. F. Mackie (1937) has been posted to Fayid.

Group Captain R. Clayton (1934), Group Captain M. K. D. Porter (1932), and Wing Commander T. Calnan (1936) are on the directing staff of the Andover Staff College.

Group Captain T. C. Dickens (1926) is starting a tour of duty in the United States. The Atlantic Pact was cemented by the wedding of Pilot Officer J. E. Dawes (1949) in Copenhagen. Skoll!

We very much regret to record the deaths of Pilot Officers R. F. Read and A. J. L. McFarlane, both of No. 46 Entry, who lost their lives in flying accidents this summer.



Lord Bandon



Pike



Carter



Brookes



Gillmore



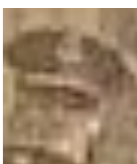
Hawtrey



Cannon



MacDonell



F/C JMO Dyer



Wheeler



Mackie



Porter



Calnan



F/C JE Dawes



F/C RF Read



F/C AJL McFarlane

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Marson



Pretty



Wall



Panton



F/C PR Hatfield



Finlay



F/C Cpl DRS Bevan-John



F/C RC Cobbe



F/C Cpl JH Iremonger

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

NEW YEAR HONOURS

WE wish to congratulate the following officers who received Honours in the New Year List:

C.B.—Air Vice-Marshal C. B. R. Pelly, C.B.E., M.C.; Group Captain J. O. W. Oliver, D.S.O., D.F.C.

C.B.E.—Air Commodore J. Marson; Air Commodore W. P. G. Pretty, O.B.E.; Group Captain E. H. M. David, O.B.E.

O.B.E.—Group Captain A. Wall; Wing Commander A. D. Panton, D.F.C.

A.F.C.—Wing Commander P. R. Hatfield, D.F.C.

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HALF-YEARLY PROMOTIONS

Congratulations on their promotions to:

Air Vice-Marshal G. R. C. Spencer, C.B.E., A.O.C. R.A.F. Gibraltar.

Air Vice-Marshal F. J. Fressanges, C.B., Imperial Defence College.

Group Captain D. Finlay, O.B.E.

Group Captain A. Wall, O.B.E.

Wing Commanders D. R. S. Bevan-John; R. C. Cobbe, D.S.O.; J. H. Iremonger; C. B. F. Kingcome, D.S.O., D.F.C.; C. W. McN. Newman, D.F.C.; A. D. Mitchell, D.F.C., A.F.C.; S. P. Coulson, D.S.O., D.F.C.

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Air Commodore D. M. Roberts is now Commandant of the P.C. Selection Board at Ramridge House.

Air Vice-Marshal W. L. Dawson has been posted as an Instructor to the Imperial Defence College from the School of Land/Air Warfare.

Air Vice-Marshal G. Combe has been appointed President of the Ordnance Board, Ministry of Supply. He was S.A.S.O., H.Q., Middle East Air Force.

Air Commodore L. W. Cannon has left the Staff College and taken over the Directorate of Organization (establishments).

Air Vice-Marshal T. G. Pike has been appointed to command No. 11 Group, Fighter Command. He was a student at the Imperial Defence College.

Congratulations to Wing Commander P. H. Cribb, D.S.O., D.F.C., on his marriage to Miss V. J. Peniston.

We congratulate also Flying Officers H. W. Cafferata and G. M. Hermitage on putting Promotion Examination B firmly behind them, the first post-war Cranwellians to do so.

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We very much regret to record that Flying Officer L. S. R. Smith has been killed in Malaya. His squadron commander, Squadron Leader E. D. Crew, D.S.O., D.F.C., writes:

"Laurie Smith was posted to No. 45 Squadron in October, 1948, and quickly became a most valuable influence in it. His tragic death, which occurred while making a forced landing in a jungle clearing near Seremban, Malaya, shortly after leaving

the target on his fifty-second sortie against Communist bandits, was a severe loss to the Service, to his Squadron and to his friends, of whom I was very glad to be one.

"One year in an officer's first posting is not long enough to assess his prospects of reaching high rank, but there is no doubt that he had many of the qualities which would in due course have fitted him for it. He was able to combine great determination, purpose and energy with charm and good nature. His mind was very quick and clear, and his outlook more mature than his twenty-two years. His initiative, both on and off duty, was strong, and his power of leadership very well developed. He wrote well, and his conversation was always amusing, intelligent and most enjoyable.

"He played all team games with skill and spirit, and was a most attractive player to watch. At College he was Captain of Hockey and a Cricket Colour. When he was Cadet Under-Officer of A Squadron, it was Champion Squadron. He was Secretary of the Society, and passed out fifth of his term.

"Although he died so young, he was at least able to prove himself the very finest type of young officer and a great credit to the College, of which I know he was so proud."

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OLD CRANWELLIAN DINNER IN THE FAR EAST

In October, 1949, a proposal was made at Headquarters, Far East Air Force, that an Old Cranwellian Association Dinner should be held in the Far East. A preliminary survey indicated that there were some twenty Old Cranwellians distributed over an area of about one and a half million square miles; a few of these were in Ceylon, Siam, Hong Kong and Shanghai, but the majority were concentrated in Malaya and Singapore. It was therefore decided to hold the dinner in Singapore and to rely on "out-station" members finding it necessary to visit that colony on duty or on leave at the right time. The fact that this hope proved groundless was not so much due to lack of ingenuity on the part of Old Cranwellians concerned as to the baleful influence of Mao-Tse-Tung.

Between October and 10th December, the date selected for the dinner, there were, of course, several arrivals in and departures from the Far East of Old Cranwellians, but on Saturday evening, 10th December, seventeen of them dined together in the Adelphi Hotel, Singapore, and were honoured by the presence of the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Air Force, Air Marshal F. J. Fogarty, C.B., D.F.C., A.F.C. A list of those present is shown below.

Air Vice-Marshal R. L. R. Atcherley, C.B.E., A.F.C. (September, 1922—July, 1924).

Air Commodore W. A. Opie (February, 1921—December, 1922).

Group Captain J. L. F. Fuller-Good (September, 1921—December, 1923).

Group Captain J. R. Mutch, C.B. (September, 1924—December, 1926).

Group Captain J. Whitehead (September, 1928—June, 1930).

Group Captain A. C. Kermode, O.B.E. (Staff, 1938-39, and 1946-48).

Group Captain E. A. Healey (September, 1920—August, 1922).

Wing Commander G. A. Mills (January, 1932—December, 1933).

Wing Commander R. C. Keary (September, 1927—July, 1929).

Wing Commander B. H. Becker (September, 1931—July, 1933).

Squadron Leader P. de L. Le Cheminant, D.F.C. (November, 1938—December, 1939).

Flying Officer M. M. J. Robinson (April, 1947—April, 1948).

Flying Officer M. F. Aldersmith (F.T.S., September, 1945—June, 1946).

Flying Officer J. E. Williams (F.T.S., August, 1945—June, 1946).

Flying Officer G. W. Stroud (F.T.S., September, 1945—June, 1946).

Flying Officer D. A. Harker (F.T.S., February, 1947—March, 1948).

Flying Officer J. A. Ryan (F.T.S., September, 1945—June, 1946).

After the dinner, "The King," and "The R.A.F. College," Air Commodore E. A. Opie welcomed the C-in-C. as guest of honour and remarked on the happy circumstances that had made possible the presence of Air Vice-Marshal R. L. R. Atcherley, C.B.E., A.F.C., the first ex-Cranwell cadet to have become Commandant of the R.A.F. College. He had landed in Singapore that morning on his way back from Australia to Pakistan, where he is at present Chief of the Air Staff of the Royal Pakistan Air Force. Air Marshal Fogarty and Air Vice-Marshal Atcherley, in their replies, recalled certain incidents when the former had been Senior Air Staff Officer of Flying Training Command and the latter was Commandant at Cranwell. Everyone then dispersed to various forms of entertainment in the city of Singapore.

It is intended to make this an annual event, and it is to be hoped that next year the political situation in the Far East may be somewhat quieter, which will enable a larger gathering of Old Cranwellians in the Far East to take place.

IN MEMORIAM

ALASDAIR SETON HAMILTON BLACK



Alasdair Black came to Cranwell from Radley, joining with No. 49 Entry in September, 1947. He soon made his mark in the Junior Entries and earned the second-term appointment of Leading Cadet. His attractive character developed in the atmosphere of the College. He was diligent and promising in his work and in flying, and was a keen athlete, representing the College in rowing and Rugby. He was Captain of Boats. His favourite sport was ski-ing, at which he was an expert, and it is largely through him that we have an active Ski-ing Section in the College.

In his final term he was promoted Flight Cadet Sergeant. On 6th January, 1950, a flying accident brought to a tragic end the career of a man in whom was the promise of an outstanding officer, a charming and loyal friend.

Sic itur ad astra.



Cribb



F/C Cpl CBF Kingcome



F/C Cpl AD Mitchell



F/C Cpl CWM Newman



F/C SP Coulson



Dawson



Opie



Fuller-Good



Whitehead



Healey



Keary



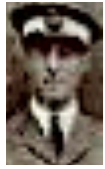
F/C P de Le Cheminant



U/O MMG Robinson

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Sinclair



Bonham-Carter



Parselle



Beisiegel



Lapsley



Gore



Leigh



F/C Cpl MFD Williams



Burrough

OLD CRANWELLIANS NOTES

It has just been announced that the Commandant, Air Commodore G. R. Beamish C.B., C.B.E., has been appointed A.O.C. Iraq. Air Commodore L. F. Sinclair, G.C. C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., will succeed him at the end of the term as Commandant at Cranwell.

Much will be written elsewhere of Air Commodore Beamish's pride in Cranwell his devotion to it and the achievements of his tenure of command. As President of the Old Cranwellian Association he has shown his great enthusiasm. He has taken every opportunity of promoting the good of the Association. By inviting members to the College and encouraging them to know personally the present generation of cadets, he has instilled a sense of unity between the pre-war and post-war members. This feeling of unity was inevitable while, without break in continuity, each cadet on leaving knew personally those two years ahead of him and behind him. The war years, however might have left a tendency to division, but for the efforts of the President.

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We offer congratulations to the six Old Cranwellians who received honours and awards on the occasion of the King's Birthday:

C.B.—Air Vice-Marshal R. L. R. Atcherley, C.B.E., A.F.C. (1924); Air Commodore A. P. Revington, C.B.E. (1921); Group Captain D. W. F. Bonham-Carter D.F.C. (1921).

C.B.E.—Group Captain T. A. B. Parselle (1931).

O.B.E.—Group Captain W. K. Beisiegel (1927).

A.F.C.—Wing Commander J. H. Lapsley (1937).

It was a pleasure to see among the highest Service honours the elevation of Air Chief Marshal The Hon. Sir Ralph A. Cochrane, K.C.B., A.F.C., Honorary Old Cranwellian, from K.B.E. to G.B.E.

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The JOURNAL would like to make these Notes a thrice-yearly Personal Occurrence Report that would keep all Old Cranwellians informed of the news of their contemporaries. In this hope the first issue after the war published as complete a posting list as possible. But the initiative in P.O.R. lies with the officer, and our expectations of a steady flow of amendments have not been fulfilled.

It would be most helpful if Old Cranwellians would develop the good habit of sending a postcard to the Editor to tell him of their major news, not limiting it to posting but including marriage and paternity and other major crises. We scrutinize honours lists and promotion lists with searching eyes that nevertheless too often miss an Old Cranwellian name.

In our list of those promoted on 1st January, we were guilty of several omissions. For these we apologize and belatedly congratulate:

Air Vice-Marshal F. J. Fressanges, C.B. (1923).

Air Vice-Marshal G. R. C. Spencer, C.B.E. (1920).

Air Commodore C. W. Gore (1921).

Group Captain R. H. A. Leigh (1931).

Group Captain M. F. D. Williams, D.S.O. (1931).

Wing Commander R. J. Burrough, D.F.C. (1934).

With Admiral Sir John Edeleston, K.C.B., C.B.E., Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Fleet, attending as guest of honour, the third annual reunion dinner of Old Cranwellians in the Middle East was held at R.A.F. Station, Ismailia, on Friday, 12th May. We are very grateful to Wing Commander H. F. Cox (1937) for sending us an account of this, but, unfortunately, the JOURNAL had gone to press when it reached us, and the following notes had already been printed.

Of a total of forty graduates of the Royal Air Force College now serving in the Middle East, twenty were present, and the number included three pilot officers—the first of the post-war R.A.F. College graduates to come to the Middle East.

Besides Admiral Edelsten, other specially invited guests were the Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Air Force, Air Marshal Sir John W. Baker; the Inspector-General of the Royal Air Force, Air Marshal Sir Hugh Saunders; Rear-Admiral I. M. R. Campbell, D.S.O., Senior British Naval Officer, Middle East; Air Vice-Marshal F. W. Long, Senior Air Staff Officer, M.E.A.F.; and Wing Commander A. J. Hicks, Station Commander, R.A.F., Ismailia.

Air Commodore H. A. Constantine, Senior Air Staff Officer, No. 205 Group, the senior Old Cranwellian in the Canal Zone, and Chairman of the reunion dinner, introduced Admiral Sir John Edelsten, and in his address outlined the main events which had taken place at the R.A.F. College during the past year. He also welcomed the three pilot officers to the Middle East.

In reply, Admiral Edelsten recalled that he had worked with the R.A.F. in the Eastern Mediterranean in 1941 and 1942, and declared that the co-operation between the Royal Navy and the R.A.F. had always been excellent.

The Admiral proposed a toast to the R.A.F. College.

Our photograph shows seventeen of the Old Cranwellians who were present at the reunion. They are (back row, left to right): Wing Commander H. F. Cox, Pilot Officer P. M. Worthington, Group Captain A. G. Powell, Group Captain P. W. Bale, Pilot Officer H. A. Caillard, Group Captain M. K. D. Porter, Wing Commander H. T. Burwood, Wing Commander E. F. Wain, Pilot Officer P. V. Pledger; front row, left to right: Group Captain A. D. Messenger, Group Captain J. Mutch, Air Commodore G. P. Chamberlain, Air Commodore H. A. Constantine, Air Commodore G. W. Hayes, Group Captain W. H. Kyle, Group Captain H. A. V. Hogan, Group Captain B. A. Fraser. Group Captain R. C. Wilson, Wing Commander K. P. Mackenzie and Wing Commander K. F. Mackie were also present, but missed the photographer.

The next reunion dinner will be held at Ismailia in May, 1951.



OLD CRANWELLIANS NOW SERVING IN THE MIDDLE EAST (See Old Cranwellian News)

THE appearance of a new Air Force List prompted a little research into the present status of some of our senior members. There are in the List forty-seven Old Cranwellians of substantive Air rank. The List admits the existence of nine more as Acting Air Commodores, but there may, of course, be others holding acting rank. The number of Air Officers as a whole is about equivalent to that of members surviving in the Service from Entries before 1923. If this suggests that it may yet be a long way from the Junior Entry at Cranwell to substantive Air rank, we should add that Air Vice-Marshal Hudleston entered the College in 1927.

There are ten substantive Air Vice-Marshals and six Air Commodores with the acting rank of Air Vice-Marshal. The senior Old Cranwellian Air Officer, Air Vice-Marshal C. W. Weedon, is in the Technical Branch and was in the Naval element of the first Entry to Cranwell. Another Air Officer of the Technical Branch, Air Vice-Marshal G. Combe, comes next. The senior in the General Duties list, Air Vice-Marshal W. L. Dawson, was also in the first Entry, in the School element, as were Air Vice-Marshals G. H. Mills and W. A. D. Brook, who follow him.

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Old Cranwellians command the Royal Pakistan Air Force, British Forces in Aden, Air Forces in Malta and Hong Kong and the Rhodesian Air Training Group. At the Air Ministry are two Directors-General (of Manning and Technical Services), and two Assistant Chiefs of the Air Staff (Policy and Technical Services), and the Directors of Armament, Organization, Flying Training and Manning are from Cranwell. Air Officers from Cranwell are Air Attachés at Cairo and Peking. In the Commands they hold senior staff posts—those of S.A.S.O., A.O.A. or S.T.S.O.—at Bomber, Fighter, Coastal and Reserve Command Headquarters and in the Far East Air Force. Old Cranwellians command Groups in Bomber, Fighter, Coastal, Flying Training, Transport and Reserve Commands and in British Air Forces of Occupation, Germany.

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We deeply regret to report the death of Flying Officer A. K. McGrigor (No. 45 Entry) and of Pilot Officers M. B. Le Poer Trench, R. W. Jenkins, R. W. M. Dixon and R. J. Claridge. Our sincere sympathy goes to the relatives of these officers.



F/C Cpl AK McGrigor



U/O MB Le Poer-Trench



F/C Cpl RW Jenkins



F/C Cpl RWM Dixon



F/C Sgt RJ Claridge

Three more Old Cranwellians are now serving at Cranwell and one has left to fly Meteors. Squadron Leader P. I. Howard Williams (1940) has taken over the post of Administrative Wing Adjutant from Squadron Leader T. R. N. Wheatley-Smith (1940), who has returned to flying duties. Squadron Leaders P. W. Cook (1939) and D. T. M. Lumsden (1939) have taken over the new Prentice and Harvard squadrons.

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Chamberlain



Constantine



Powell



F/C Sgt HA Caillard



Burwood



U/O EV Pledger



Cox



Fraser



Wilson



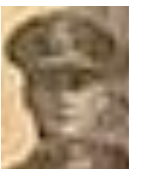
MacKenzie



F/C PI Howard-Williams



F/C Cpl PW Cook F/C DTM Lumsden



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Twentieth Annual General Meeting - 22 July 1950

AVM George Robert Beamish, ex-F23 Entry, took the Chair.

Cadet List Update

GRADUATION LIST

The Chairman gave the reasons why a new list of graduates of the College should now be published. G/Capt Oliver stated that the proposed new list would contain the names of all those who were trained at Cranwell both before and after the 1939/45 war, Officers who graduated and are now serving in Branches other than the G.D.Branch, or who may have been commissioned into other Services. The list would also contain much other valuable information such as results of games versus other Service Colleges, and a list of "Champion" and "King's Squadron". It was proposed to have 500 copies printed which would cost approx £120, that is 5s/- per copy. The Chairman asked for the support of the Association in this project as the whole of the cost of production may not be recovered. A.V.M.Pike proposed that the provision of the new lists should be backed by Association Funds. This was seconded by A.V.M.Boyle and carried unanimously.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The Committee submitted the names of G/Capt D.Lungair. Asst Commandant, E & S Wing, Digby
G/Capt R. H.Cleverly. Mess Secretary, R.A.F.College.
F/Lt D.M.Clause. Adjutant, R.A.F.College
F/Lt W.J.Bangay.M.B.E., Director Of Music,R.A.F.College.

for election to Associate membership. It was proposed by A.V.M.McFadyen that these four officers be offered Associate Membership of the O.C.A. This was seconded by G/Capt D.J.P.Lee and carried unam.

COMMITTEE.

The undermentioned were elected to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year:-

Air Cdre Sinclair.	Chairman.
G/Capt Oliver	
G/Capt Corbally	<i>Lord Luffham</i>
S/Ldr J.C.Breese	
G/Capt Stowell	<i>Baroness</i>
G/Capt Heber-Percy	
F/O Cafferata.	<i>Harwell</i>

W/Cmdr Hackforth asked that the names of ex-cadets who are serving in the vicinity of Cranwell be shown in future annual reports. It was decided that this be done.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed.

A Sinclair
Chairman.

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Annual General Meeting held on Saturday July 22nd 1950

There were about 90 Members present.

The Chair was taken by A.V.M. Beamish.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last general meeting were read and on the proposition of A.V.M.Pike, seconded by A.V.M.Boyle, signed.

ACCOUNTS.

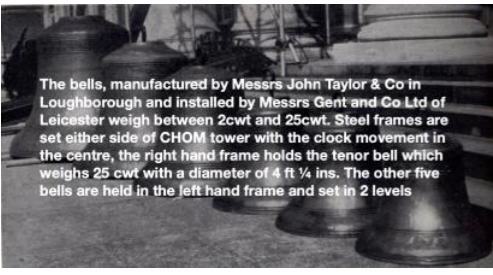
The Chairman stated that a copy of the accounts and balance sheet had been circulated to all Members. The Chairman explained certain items on the balance sheet and said he thought the funds of the Association were in a healthy state. It was proposed by A/Cdre Jordon that the accounts as presented be passed. This was seconded by A.V.M. Brook and carried.

MEMORIAL TO EX-CADETS

The Chairman said that he thought the time had come when steps should be taken to provide a memorial to those ex-cadets who gave their lives in the 1939-45 war. Members would see from the Annual Report that the suggestion of the Committee the form the Memorial should take was the installation of an hour striking mechanism and chimes in the clock tower of the College. A suitable plaque would be placed in the Main hall recording the form of the Memorial. It was intended in the first instance to couple the provision of chimes with a chapel in the College, by the conversion of one of the lecture rooms. Permission was asked for this encroachment. This was given with the proviso that the proposed chapel could only be furnished on a temporary basis and anything placed therein would have to be of such a nature that it could be removed to a new Station Church when this was built. As the building of such a church may not take place for many years the Committee decided to submit to this General Meeting the scheme of the chimes alone. Group Capt Corbally explained the details of the bells and mechanism and the estimated total cost which is £2500. The Chairman informed the Meeting that of the replies received from Members who were not present to-day, 87% were in favour of the scheme. The Chairman then asked the Members present for their remarks and suggestions. A discussion took place at which A.V.M.Pike, W/Cmdr de la Poer Beresford, G/Capt Beisiegel and A/Cdre P.Jones spoke against the proposal giving their views as to other forms the memorial might take. G/Capt Pirie, G/Capt Gosnell, A.V.M.Boyle and A.V.M.Brook spoke in favour of the proposed scheme. The Chairman then asked the Meeting if he could put the proposal that the provisions of chimes etc should be the form the memorial should take. This was permission was given and on being put to the vote was carried by a considerable majority.

The Committee on Sunday, July 18th 1950 to discuss & arrange the details of the Agenda for presentation at the Annual Meeting.

A.V.M. Beamish. Chairman.
G/Capt Corbally.
S/Ldr J.C. Breese.
S/Ldr J.C. Breese.
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The bells, manufactured by Messrs John Taylor & Co in Loughborough and installed by Messrs Gent and Co Ltd of Leicester weigh between 2cwt and 25cwt. Steel frames are set either side of CHOM tower with the clock movement in the centre, the right hand frame holds the tenor bell which weighs 25 cwt with a diameter of 4 ft 1/4 ins. The other five bells are held in the left hand frame and set in 2 levels

RoH Chimes - £2500

Chapel



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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

OLD CRANWELLIAN REUNION

THE reunion was held this year on 26th July. Many ex-cadets were able to come to Cranwell, and this year was notable for the exciting forms of air transport used by the younger members, as opposed to the more usual Ansons and Proctors of the older generation.

The weather was not cold enough to spoil the cricket match, which was won again by the cadets in spite of the efforts of Air Vice-Marshal Beamish before the match to rouse a powerful team, and on the field. However, with our membership increasing each year, the problem of finding a sound team is becoming easier, and our prospects more hopeful.

As usual, the annual general meeting was held after the cricket match, and those members who were unable to attend will be able to read of the business done in the next annual report.

We were privileged to have the C-in-C., Fighter Command, Air Marshal Sir Basil Embry, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., as our guest of honour for dinner, and he has accepted honorary membership of the Association.

Also it is with great pleasure that we announce the following new associate members:

Group Captain D. Lumgair, Assistant Commandant of the Equipment and Secretarial Wing.

Group Captain R. H. Cleverly, P.M.C. of the College, since the reopening.

Flight Lieutenant D. M. Clause, sometime Flying Instructor, Adjutant, Junior Entries, and College Adjutant.

Flight Lieutenant W. J. Bangay, M.B.E., College Bandmaster, who has recently achieved his fiftieth passing-out parade.

AWARD

We offer congratulations to Wing Commander D. Wykeham-Barnes, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.F.C., on his award of the United States Air Medal for operations in Korea.



F/C PG Wykeham-Barnes

PROMOTIONS

The following promotions were announced on 1st July, 1950:

To Air Vice-Marshal.—G. R. Beamish, M. H. D'Aeth and T. G. Pike.

To Air Commodore.—G. P. Chamberlain, C. E. Chilton, J. Marson and G. I. L. Save.

To Group Captain.—K. W. Niblett, J. N. H. Whitworth, W. R. Brotherhood, W. G. Abrams, D. R. Shore, E. C. Harding, N. T. Bennett, J. P. Cecil-Wright, E. D. McK. Nelson, D. J. P. Lee and D. Finlay.

To Wing Commander.—W. Pitt-Brown, P. H. Cribb, E. A. Johnston, H. J. Cundall, T. C. Murray, D. W. Steventon, R. C. Rotherham, S. B. Grant, J. R. Armitstead, H. N. Garbett, M. M. Stevens and D. D. Haig.

CRANWELL STAFF

Since the last issue of these notes there have been a number of changes among the Old Cranwellian members of the staff.

Air Vice-Marshal Beamish has handed over the College and chairmanship of the O.C.A. Committee to Air Commodore L. F. Sinclair.

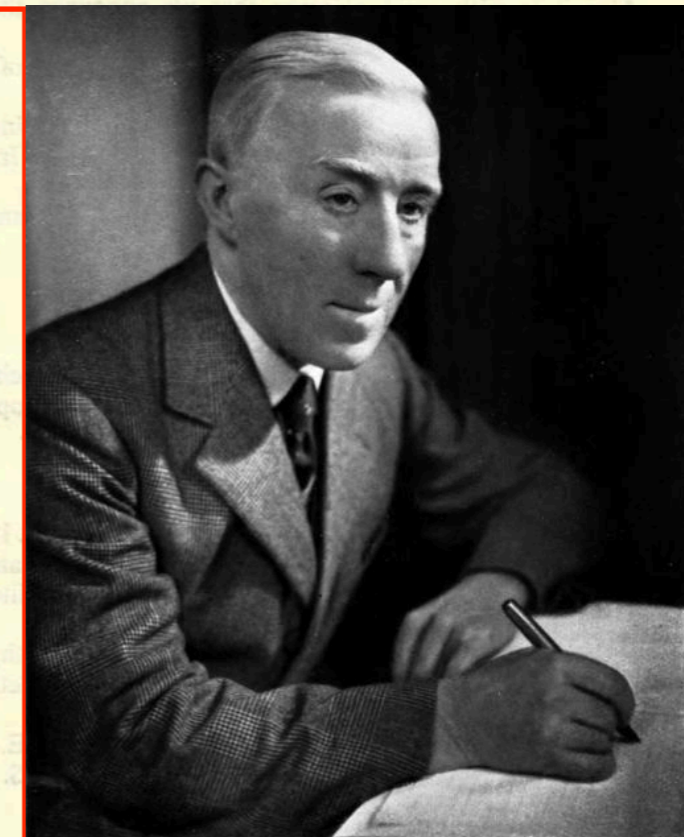
Group Captain E. J. Corbally has taken over North Luffenham, and Group Captain Heber-Percy is now Group Captain Executive.

Squadron Leader I. N. MacDougall has joined the staff of the Air Attaché in Paris, and Squadron Leader A. R. Wright is now a member of the War Studies team at Cranwell.

Finally, Flight Lieutenant D. B. Hamley, of No. 45 Entry, has been posted in as a Q.F.I. and has the privilege of being the first post-war graduate to join the staff.

We have just learned that Harry Lager will retire from the Civil Service early next year at the age of 65. However, we are not to lose him completely, since he has agreed to carry on as Secretary of the Association.

He has asked me to add a postscript to these notes for the benefit of members wanting new ties. The price of the Association tie has now risen to 18s. 2d.



J. H. S. LAGER, ESQ., M.B.E.



Chilton



Niblett



Whitworth



Brotherhood



Abrams



Ross-Shore



Harding



F/C Cpl SB Grant



F/C Cpl DBD Hamley



F/C Sgt JR Armistead



F/C HN Garbett



F/C DD Haig



U/O J Heber-Percy



F/C Cpl AR Wright



Bennett



Cecil-Wright



F/C Sgt DJP Lee



F/C W Pitt-Brown



Johnston



F/C EA Cundall



F/C Sgt RC Rotherham

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

We extend congratulations to those officers who were awarded decorations in the New Year Honours List:

- Air Force Cross.*—Wing Commander P. G. Wykeham-Barnes, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.F.C. - see also previous page
- C.B.*—Air Vice-Marshal W. A. D. Brook, C.B.E., D. MacFadyen, C.B.E., and T. N. McEvoy, C.B.E., and Air Commodores C. E. Chilton, C.B.E., and W. L. Freebody, C.B.E., A.F.C.
- C.B.E.*—Air Commodores P. Jones and W. A. Opie, and Group Captains E. J. Corbally and E. J. Lainé, D.F.C.
- O.B.E.*—Group Captain A. Pyke and Squadron Leader A. H. Humphrey, D.F.C., A.F.C.

PROMOTIONS

We congratulate Air Marshal C. W. Weedon, C.B., C.B.E., on his appointment as C.T.S.S., and on being the first Old Cranwellian to achieve the Acting Rank of Air Marshal. Other Old Cranwellians whose promotions were announced in the January List were as follows:

- Air Vice-Marshal.*—G. E. Nicholetts, C.B., A.F.C., T. N. McEvoy, C.B.E., and R. L. R. Atcherley, C.B., C.B.E., A.F.C.
- Air Commodore.*—D. W. F. Bonham-Carter, C.B., D.F.C., H. E. Nowell, C.B., O.B.E., T. C. Dickens, C.B.E., D. N. Roberts, O.B.E., A.F.C., B. C. Yarde, C.B.E., R. L. Phillips, C.B.E., and G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley, C.B.E.
- Group Captains.*—D. I. P. Macnair, W. P. Sutcliffe, D.F.C., C. R. D. L. Lloyd, O.B.E., L. G. Levis, P. L. Donkin, C.B.E., D.S.O., R. J. Gosnell, D.S.O., D.F.C., R. A. C. Carter, D.S.O., D.F.C., H. P. Broad, C.B.E., D.F.C., E. E. Vielle, O.B.E., C. T. Weir, D.F.C., B. A. Chacksfield, O.B.E., C. Broughton, D. G. Stokes and A. Pyke.
- Wing Commanders.*—D. O. F. Lumsden, D.F.C., L. D. Wilson, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., A. J. Payn, M.B.E., J. E. Preston, T. N. Stack, P. A. Hughes, D.F.C., R. F. Martin, D.F.C., A.F.C., J. B. Holgate, D.F.C., M. D. Lyne, A.F.C., P. L. Chilton, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., W. Hoy, D.F.C., R. A. L. Morant and R. D. Williams.

CRANWELL STAFF

Wing Commander.—C. H. Beamish.

POSTINGS F/C Cpl DOF Lumsden Williams

Group Captain J. O. W. Oliver, C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C., has finished his long tour as Assistant Commandant, and has been appointed S.A.S.O. to No. 2 Group in B.A.F.O. The post-war College will seem a different place without him. He came to Cranwell over three years ago, and in spite of all his other activities he was able to take a very great interest in the Old Cranwellians Association, and in particular making the Annual Reunion a success each time.

We wish to welcome Group Captain W. H. Kyle, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.D.C., who has taken over as Assistant Commandant, and will therefore become a member of the committee of the O.C.A.

Wing Commander J. B. Grant, D.F.C., has been posted to Cranwell as Chief Flying Instructor from Ternhill.

Air Commodore N. A. P. Pritchett is now Air Officer Commanding No. 67 Group and Senior Royal Air Force Officer in Northern Ireland. We regret that we overlooked the appointment in a previous issue of the JOURNAL, and offer our congratulations, no less sincere for being belated, to Air Commodore Pritchett.

Group Captain T. C. Dickens, O.B.E., has returned from the United States, and is now Deputy A.O.A. at Fighter Command.

A member of No. 48 Entry, P. J. Bardon, is now dropping supplies to the troops in

O.C.A. TIES

Harry Lager has a new stock of ties, which now cost 19s. 11d., which includes the cost of registered post.

YACHTING

The College has chartered the 50-square-metre yacht *Lerche* from the R.A.F. Yacht Club for the whole of the 1951 season to give the flight cadets cruising experience during the spring and summer leave periods. If any Old Cranwellian would like to sub-charter the yacht at a very reasonable fee during the Summer Term (5th May to 28th July), or would be prepared to skipper a summer cruise, would he please write to Major I. H. Battye, at the College? The *Lerche* has five berths, a good engine, and is fully equipped. She is at Warsash on the Hamble.

AN APPEAL

I have been writing these notes for over a year now and it seems to me that, apart from an account of the Annual Reunion in the Winter Notes, I am not putting in anything really interesting. The Spring and Summer Notes are chiefly congratulations to those Old Cranwellians who have been decorated or promoted. By the time the JOURNAL is published this is old news. The remainder of the Notes is made up of items from the newspapers, your letters to Harry Lager, from the posting of Old Cranwellians to and from Cranwell, and the valuable accounts of reunions in the Middle East and Far East.

I think that members of the Association would be interested in the more personal things, such as any unusual activities, postings, marriages, etc. Therefore, if you know of anything, please mention it when you write to Harry Lager.



F/C Cpl D McAfee



F/C DJ Muff



F/C Cpl AS Lee



F/C Cpl G Copping

We deeply regret to report the deaths of Flying Officers D. McAfee and D. J. Muff and of Pilot Officers A. S. Lee and G. E. Copping. Our sincere sympathy goes to the relatives of these officers.



Stack



F/C PA Hughes



F/C RF Martin



F/C Cpl JB Holgate



F/C MD Lyne



MacFadyen



McEvoy



Freebody



Jones



Lainé



Pyke



F/C AH Humphrey



Nicholetts



Broad



Vielle



Chacksfield



Stokes



F/C Cpl AJ Payne



Preston



Stack



F/C PA Hughes



F/C RF Martin



F/C Cpl JB Holgate



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Donkin



Gosnell

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THERE is likely to be a splendid gathering of Old Cranwellians on the occasion of the graduation of No. 53 and No. 4 (Equipment and Secretarial) Entries on 1st August, when H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth will be taking the salute. Most of those from pre-war entries will be witnessing a post-war graduation parade for the first time. Comment will not be reserved; the older generation will not have to put their claims of prowess to the test as they have had to do at the annual cricket match (statistics will not be published). The London reunion should prove to be a happy sequel to the summer's occasion. Many will find the travelling easier and the place convenient for continuation training for the festive season.

It was fortunate that the final decision on the form of the old Cranwellian Association Memorial did not have to be taken until after the plan to build a chapel in the College building had been approved. That the memorial should consist of the altar and altar silver for the chapel is so fitting that all have welcomed the decision. It only remains for each of us to see what can be done to answer our Chairman's appeal and ensure that this memorial should be of the finest quality.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

We extend congratulations to those officers who were awarded decorations in the King's Birthday Honours List:

C.B.—Air Vice-Marshal N. H. D'Aeth, C.B.E.

C.B.E.—Air Commodore H. H. Brookes, D.F.C., and Group Captains W. M. C. Kennedy and M. F. D. Williams, D.S.O.

O.B.E.—Wing Commander C. D. Milne, D.F.C.;

also Wing Commander P. G. Wykeham-Barnes, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C. who was awarded the Air Medal (United States) on 27th May- see previous two pages

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations are extended to the following Old Cranwellians, whose promotions were announced in the July List:

Air Vice-Marshal.—R. B. Jordan, C.B., D.F.C., A.D.C., N. S. Allinson, C.B., A. D. Gillmore, C.B.E., and H. L. Patch, C.B.E.

Air Commodore.—G. W. Hayes, O.B.E., J. L. F. Fuller-Good, C.B.E., J. R. Hallings-Pott, C.B.E., D.S.O., A.F.C., R. C. Field, J. N. T. Stephenson and W. P. G. Pretty.

Group Captain.—P. W. Bale, M. H. Rhys, A.F.C., K. R. Coates, W. T. F. Wightman, D. Michell, A. C. P. Carver, S. J. Marchbank, O.B.E., J. D. Melvin, O.B.E., and G. N. Hancock, C.B.E.

Wing Commander.—I. N. M. Macdonald, F. R. Bird, D.S.O., D.F.C., J. H. L. Blount, D.F.C., T. P. Seymour, The Hon. D. H. T. Dowding, T. R. Burne, D.S.O., A.F.C., A. M. Ruston, D.F.C., I. N. MacDougall, D.F.C., R. D. Yule, D.S.O., D.F.C., P. de L. Le Cheminant, D.F.C., A. H. Humphrey, O.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., I. R. Campbell, A.F.C., and P. R. Casement, D.S.O., D.F.C.

NEWS

Air Vice-Marshal A. D. Gillmore (entered Cranwell, 1923) is the first ex-Cranwell flight cadet to become Commandant of the Royal Air Force Staff College. He arrived at Bracknell on 18th June from 64 Group.

Air Vice-Marshal R. L. R. Atcherley (1922) has recently returned from his post as C-in-C., Royal Pakistan Air Force, and has taken up his new appointment as A.O.C., No. 12 Group. In friendly rivalry will be Air Vice-Marshal the Earl of Bandon (1923), the new A.O.C., No. 11 Group.

Since our March edition went to press, Air Vice-Marshal D. A. Boyle (1922) has been appointed A.O.C., No. 1 Group. He joined Group Captain R. A. T. Stowell (1925) (S.A.S.O.) and Wing Commander P. L. Cilton (1938), who was one of his more able pupils when he was C.F.I. here. He has already added to this band of talent by appointing Flight Lieutenant J. W. Morrice (1947) his P.A.

Our best wishes go with Group Captain G. H. Huxham (1920) on his retirement on 1st April. Group Captain Huxham was a member of No. 1 Entry and as far as can be ascertained has no intention of retiring from the O.C.A.

Air Commodore J. R. Mutch (1924) has been seconded to the Royal Pakistan Air Force with his headquarters at Mauripur. His brother, Air Commodore John Mutch (1926) is A.O.C., St. Athan, with Group Captain N. C. Walker (1928) and Wing Commander W. R. Beaman (1927).

Group Captain A. E. Dark (1926) is with the United Kingdom Service Liaison Staff, Melbourne, Australia.

Wing Commander K. Gray (1931) is Royal Air Force Commander and Senior Liaison Officer at Royal Air Force Sealand.

Squadron Leader J. C. Breese (1936) has escaped almost unscathed from the idiosyncracies of the flight cadets who have been flying from No. 2 Squadron these past twelve months. He is now at Headquarters, No. 54 Flying Training Group. His former pupils will miss his steady encouragement and, with the rest of the College, his quiet humour. As writer of these notes for two years he will be pleased to know that several Old Cranwellians have rallied to his cry for news and have reported their own and others' doings to Harry Lager when sending in their subscriptions (or not, as the case may be).

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Flying Officer T. R. Gush (1947) who has returned to the United Kingdom from No. 8 Squadron, Aden. The squadron still retains Flying Officer L. Y. Dickson (1946), Flying Officer J. C. Atkinson (1947) and Flying Officer E. N. Barrington-Reinganum (1947).



U/O TR Gush



F/C LG Dickson



F/C JC Atkinson



F/C Cpl EN Barrington-Reinganum

EXTRA DRILLS

We presume it was obligatory for all officers taking part in the Colour Presentation Parade in Hyde Park on 20th May to be attached to Royal Air Force, Henlow. How else could seven Old Cranwellians have arrived there for extra drills? Our congratulations to those who took part on a most memorable occasion.



Kennedy



Milne



Jordan



Allinson



Patch



Stephenson



Rhys



Coates



F/C FR Bird



F/C Cpl JHL Blount



F/C TP Seymour



F/C DHT Dowding

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F/C INM Macdonald



Walker

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THIS is the reunion season. Harry Lager found this to be so when looking for suitable surroundings in which to hold the meeting and reunion of the Old Cranwellian Association on 24th November. Unfortunately we are unable to report the reunion as this edition of THE JOURNAL went to press before it was held.

Members of the Association have been showing gregarious tendencies all through late summer and autumn. Aircraft arrived at Cranwell from far and wide on 1st August bringing Cranwellians who wished to extend a loyal greeting to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth. On 7th September the Cranwellians serving in Coastal Command met for a discussion and lunch at Eastbury Park. On 23rd November a reunion was held at Ismailia, with Air Commodore N. Carter (entered Cranwell 1921) in the chair.

The reunion, at Eastbury Park, was at the personal invitation of Air Vice-Marshal G. E. Nicholetts (1921), the S.A.S.O. of Coastal Command. A meeting was held before the lunch to discuss various items. It was a delightful opportunity for both Cranwell and Coastal Command topics to receive an airing. It was generally agreed that a greater Cranwell representation in the Command should be encouraged.

Those attending were:

Air Vice-Marshal G. E. Nicholetts (in the chair).

Air Vice-Marshal G. R. C. Spencer (1920), R.A.F., Mount Batten.

Air Commodore A. D. Davies (1921), R.A.F., Northwood.

Group Captain A. V. Hammond (1923), R.A.F., Northwood.

Group Captain T. Q. Horner (1929), R.A.F., Northwood.

Group Captain L. P. Moore (1925), R.A.F., Northwood.

Group Captain K. W. Niblett (1927), R.A.F., Mount Batten.

Group Captain W. H. N. Turner (1929), R.A.F., Calshot.

Wing Commander H. E. C. Boxer (1933), R.A.F., St. Eval.

Wing Commander P. R. Hatfield (1936), R.A.F., Northwood.

Wing Commander L. M. Moore (1936), R.A.F., Northwood.

Wing Commander J. E. Preston (1937), H.M.S. Indomitable.

Wing Commander A. M. Ruston (1938), R.A.F., St. Mawgan.

Wing Commander T. N. Stack (1937), R.A.F., Northwood.

Squadron Leader J. F. Cook (1936), R.A.F., Mount Batten.

Squadron Leader A. E. Fegan (1939), R.A.F., Calshot.

Squadron Leader M. C. Raban (1938), R.A.F., Northwood.

Squadron Leader A. A. J. Sanders (1939), R.A.F., St. Mawgan.

Squadron Leader A. R. Wright (1938), R.A.F., Cranwell.

Flight Lieutenant A. B. Stinchcombe (1947), R.A.F., St. Eval.

Flying Officer E. F. Hemming (1947), R.A.F., Aldergrove.

Flying Officer F. R. Lockyer (1948), R.A.F., Aldergrove.

Flying Officer B. G. Rendle (1947), R.A.F., St. Eval.

Flying Officer M. W. R. Shore (1947), R.A.F., Aldergrove.

Flying Officer D. H. Williams (1947), R.A.F., St. Mawgan.

Flight Lieutenant R. L. Tavanyar (1946) and Flying Officer R. MacA. Furze (1947) of Binbrook, and Flight Lieutenant A. B. Stinchcombe (1947) and Flying Officer B. G. Rendle (1947) of St. Eval, gave a kindly welcome to eight members of this term's senior entry when they paid visits of a few days to one or other of these stations. The cadets came to take a sample of squadron life and to see what it takes to fly a Canberra, a Lincoln, or an M.R. Lancaster. They were not disappointed.

NEWS

An apology is due to Air Vice-Marshal L. W. Cannon (1923) and to Air Commodore J. N. T. Stephenson (1926) for our claim, made in the June 1951 JOURNAL, that Air Vice-Marshal A. D. Gillmore (1923) is the first ex-Cranwell flight cadet to become Commandant of the Royal Air Force Staff College. He is the first Commandant of the Staff College at Bracknell, but Air Vice-Marshal Cannon was appointed Commandant of the Staff College, Andover, on 3rd January 1949, and so was the first ex-Cranwellian to become Commandant of either Staff College. Air Vice-Marshal Cannon is now C-in-C. the Royal Pakistan Air Force. He was followed at Andover by Air Commodore Stephenson. At present both Staff Colleges have Cranwellians as Commandants.

We now claim another first on behalf of Wing Commander R. T. Frogley (1935) and Wing Commander A. H. Humphrey (1939). The Royal Air Force has flown over the North Pole before, but in July 1951 the first Old Cranwellians in the Lincoln Aries from the Royal Air Force Flying College, Manby, captained by Wing Commander Frogley and with Wing Commander Humphrey a member of the crew, flew over the Pole again on a training flight from Ireland to Alaska.

Much news has been sent from the Flying College for these notes. The first course, now graduated, included:

- Wing Commander D. P. Hanafin (1932)
- Wing Commander S. P. Coulson (1935)
- Wing Commander P. R. Hatfield (1936)
- Wing Commander A. D. Mitchell (1936)
- Wing Commander D. D. Haig (1939)
- Wing Commander W. Hoy (1938)
- Wing Commander R. T. Frogley

The second course, which finishes in February, 1952, includes:

- Wing Commander R. F. Martin (1937)
- Wing Commander A. H. Humphrey

Air Commodore A. P. Bett (1924) is Air Officer Commanding No. 54 Group at Benson. His Senior Air Staff Officer is Group Captain F. W. Stannard (1927), and Squadron Leader J. C. Breese (1936) is a member of his Air Staff.

Group Captain J. O. W. Oliver (1929) has recently taken command of Royal Air Force, Kabrit, where Flying Officer P. M. Worthington (1947) is also stationed.

Group Captain D. I. P. Macnair (1929) is at the Defence Services Staff College, India.

Group Captain E. D. MacK. Nelson (1931) has recently taken command of the Photographic Reconnaissance Unit at Benson.

Flight Lieutenant G. M. Hermitage (1946) is Weapons Officer at Wattisham.

Flight Lieutenant C. M. Bruce (1946) and Flight Lieutenant J. E. Y. King (1947) are serving at the Central Fighter Establishment, West Raynham.

Flying Officer L. I. A. Taylor (1947) is Navigation Officer at Biggin Hill.

Flight Lieutenant P. C. Skinner (1947) and Flight Lieutenant J. M. Robertson (1947) are serving with No. 72 Squadron at North Weald.

Flying Officer M. G. Waudby (1947) and Flying Officer R. J. Spiers (1947) are serving with No. 247 (Fighter) Squadron, and Flight Lieutenant P. R. Sanderson (1946), Flying Officer C. P. Francis (1947) and Flying Officer C. H. Walker (1947) are serving with No. 54 (Fighter) Squadron, all at Odiham.

On 1st August Flying Officer Waudby and Flying Officer Spiers made the journey from Odiham to Cranwell in under fifteen minutes in a Meteor 7. This is the first claim for a point-to-Cranwell speed record.

Our best wishes go with Air Commodore J. Rhys-Jones (1923), Group Captain F. G. Cator (1921) and Group Captain J. P. Cecil-Wright (1929) on their retirement. Group Captain Cator now resides at Bronllys Castle, Talgarth, Breconshire. Group Captain Cecil-Wright joins his father as joint managing director of the Warne Wright Group; his home address is Foxderton, Lockey Square, Barnet Green, Worcestershire.

We deeply regret to report the death of Wing Commander D. W. Steventon (1938), who was Squadron Commander of 'B' Squadron at the College in 1948; also of Flying Officer P. F. Keeling and Flying Officer P. G. Nickoll, who entered the College in September,

1947; and of Pilot Officer R. D. Jones and Pilot Officer N. R. L. Saunders, who entered the College in May, 1948. We offer our sincere sympathy to the relations of these officers.



F/C Pl PF Keeling

F/C Pl PG Nickoll

F/C Sgt RD Jones

F/C Sgt NRL Saunders



Davies



Hammond



Horner



LP Moore



Turner



Boxer



JF Cook



F/C MC Raban



F/C AF Fegan



F/C EF Hemming



F/C BG Rendle



F/C Sgt R McA Furze



F/C Pl AB Stinchcombe



F/C Sgt FR Lockyer



F/C DH Williams



Frogley



Hanafin



F/C W Hoy



Bett



Stannard



F/C Pl CM Bruce



U/O JEY King

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Twenty-first Annual General Meeting - 24 November 1951

AVM George Robert Beamish, ex-F23 Entry, took the Chair.

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held in the Holborn Restaurant, London, on Saturday, November 24th, 1951.

There were about 80 members present.

The Chair was taken by Air Commodore Sinclair.

The Chairman apologised for not holding this Meeting at Cranwell. The reason for this was on account of the extra work involved by the visit of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth in the summer. Due to this it had not been found possible to fix a suitable date for the Meeting to be held in the College this year.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the last General Meeting were read and on the proposition of Air Marshal Weedon, seconded by Air Vice-Marshal Boyle, signed.

ACCOUNTS

Copies of the Accounts for the fifteen months ended 31st August, 1951, had been circulated to all Members. It was proposed by Air Vice-Marshal Combe that the accounts as presented be passed. This was seconded by Air Vice-Marshal Jordan and carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) O.C.A. Memorial

The Chairman started off by informing the Meeting that the Shell Group had presented the College with the Bells. He said the Association's thanks were due to M.R.A.P. Sir John Salmond and Group Capt. Douglas Bader for all the help they had given in this matter. He then went on to say that a firm decision had been reached on the O.C.A. memorial, and that it would take the form of the Altar, Reredos and Altar Silver. As a result of further appeals which had been made, we now had over one thousand pounds, which was sufficient for our needs. The drawings of the Altar and Reredos were on view, but the designs for the Altar Silver had not yet been approved. He hoped that the memorial would be ready by mid-summer.

(b) Graduation List

The Chairman informed the Meeting that there had been insufficient time to prepare the new Graduation List. He thought, however, that there was a possibility that we might be waiting our money as there had been such a small response from Members who had been circularised. Air Vice-Marshal Boyle proposed that we should go ahead with preparing and printing the list. This was seconded by Air Vice-Marshal Combe and carried by a large majority.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The Chairman read the rules of the Association governing the election of Associate Members. He stated that there were at present 25 Associate Members and the Rules allowed 35 at any one time. Owing to the College numbers increasing, he suggested that for next year the Rule be altered to allow the election of 5 Associate Members instead of 3. The following names were presented by the Committee for the Meeting's approval for election to Associated membership:-

Sqn. Ldr. R.B. Cole - late C.F.I.
 " " R. Weighill - Squadron Commander "B" Squadron
 " " H.O.C. Webbe - " " "C" "

SECRETARY

The Chairman stated that owing to the imminent retirement of the Hon. Secretary last March he had asked him to continue as Secretary of the O.C.A. for another year and had promised him the sum of £100 for so doing. The Secretary had agreed to this and he asked for the Meeting's approval for this arrangement. It was proposed by Air Marshal Weedon and seconded by Air Vice-Marshal Jordan that this approval be given. This was carried unanimously.

The Chairman then stated that Mr. Lager would be prepared to continue as Secretary for the sum of £100 per annum. The Chairman wished to know the views of the Meeting. It was proposed by Air Vice-Marshal Macfadyen that Mr. Lager should continue to be Secretary and that we should pay him £100 a year. This was seconded by Air Vice-Marshal McEvoy and was carried unanimously.

RE-UNION DINNER

A discussion ensued as to the future venue for the holding of the Annual Re-union and Dinner. As previously explained, the Chairman stated that this year had been an exceptional one owing to the Royal visit and he asked the Meeting to say where they wished the event to be held in the future, London or Cranwell. If it was the Members' wish that it take place at Cranwell he would be delighted to make the necessary arrangements. Air Vice-Marshal Combe proposed that the annual Re-union and Dinner be held annually in the College. This was seconded by Air Vice-Marshal Boyle and carried unanimously.

SIDE DRUMS FOR COLLEGE BAND

The Chairman informed the Meeting that a new set of side drums had been purchased by the College Band at a cost of £200. He thought that the Association might like to identify themselves with this purchase by the giving of a donation from their funds towards the cost. The ensuing discussion showed that the Meeting had very little enthusiasm for this suggestion and the matter was not proceeded with.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The following were elected to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year:-

Air Commodore Sinclair
 Group Capt. Kyle
 Group Capt. Heber-Percy
 F/O Hamley (29 votes)
 F/O Standen (27 votes)
 Group Capt. Lewis (26 votes)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

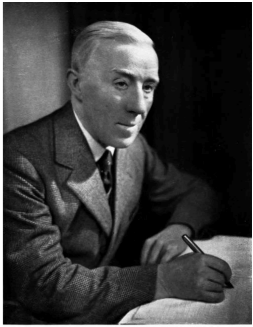
Sqn. Ldr. Bales suggested that the invested funds of the Association be looked into with the idea of obtaining a bigger interest yield such as by investing funds in commercial ventures. It was pointed out that by regulations, non-public funds surplus monies could only be invested in Government securities or securities backed by the Government.

It was suggested by two members present that Members attending future dinners be charged the full cost and not merely table money. The money thus saved by the Association could be used for the benefit of College servants. They were informed that College servants were already provided for by Association funds. The Meeting was of the overwhelming opinion that the present arrangement be not altered.

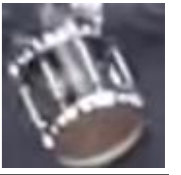
There being no other business, the Meeting was declared closed.

Chairman
Secretary

£100 pa to fund extension of Hon Sec's services, in the absence of a replacement



Request for OCA to fund College Band drums - rejected



RoH Chimes

Cadet List Update — approved



OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION - Income & Expenditure Statement for the 15 months ended 31st December 1951.

EXPENDITURE	G. N. S.	MEMBER	G. N. S.
Cheque book	12. 0. 0	Members subscriptions	417. 3. 0
Mr Best - Records	12. 0. 0	Interest Invested Funds	20. 3. 0
Mr H. P. - pension & Ann. box	19. 0. 0		
Telephone calls	18. 17. 0		
Stationery & Printing	6. 14. 5		
Postages	25. 0. 0		
Secretary - honorarium (Balance)	27. 11. 0		
Income tax	1. 14. 3		
Sports expenses	2. 14. 0		
Bank charges	161. 11. 2		
Annual re-union dinner	128. 13. 9		
College Journals	6. 11. 10		
Gale & Felden - addressograph	53. 16. 3		
to Balance sheet	161. 6. 0		
			638. 6. 0
<u>BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st December 1951.</u>			
LIABILITIES	G. N. S.	ASSETS	G. N. S.
Bank of England	136. 5. 7	Cash at Bank current	3030. 2. 4
College Journals	140. 0. 0	Cash in hand	8. 15. 4
College Booklet a/c	2059. 13. 11	Invested	
Memorial Chapel a/c	172. 6. 8	£ 500	
Staff Gratuity Fund	1110. 15. 6	£ 400	
O.C.A. Memorial Fund		£ 500	
Capital a/c 1/2/51	8194. 3. 3	£ 500	
add. I & S a/c	55. 16. 3	Trustees Savings Bank	1630. 16. 3
		to Balance sheet	54. 0. 0
	537. 11. 8		3030. 16. 3
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			3084. 16. 3
			54. 0. 0
			3138. 16. 3

United and found correct and certified that the provisions of R.O.A. A.O.I's para 13.6 have been complied with.

.....Secretary.

.....President.

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Surnames only for those cadets who have already appeared in Volume 1



Lane



Grundy



Read



Shaw



Wood



Lynch-Blosse



F/C V Rees



F/C HC Randall



F/C AHW Ball



F/C HA Jenkins



F/C NM Maynard



OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

EIGHTY Cranwellians assembled for the Annual General Meeting and Reunion at the Holborn Restaurant, London, on 24th November. A beautiful scale model of the whole area and buildings that the expanded College will occupy within a year or two was on display. This attracted a variety of comments from both older and younger members.

At the meeting the Chairman, Air Commodore L. F. Sinclair (entered Cranwell 1926), explained the model and described the alterations being made to the College to enable it to hold up to four hundred cadets. He then announced that the bells for the Tower would be presented by the Shell Group; Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Salmond and Group Captain Douglas Bader (1928) were both closely associated with this gift. The O.C.A. Memorial itself will consist of the altar, reredos and altar silver for the Chapel.

Three officers who had done much to promote the interests of the College whilst serving at Cranwell were elected Associate Members of the O.C.A.: Squadron Leader R. B. Cole, D.F.C., A.F.C., who was Adjutant of the Junior Entries in 1949, and who subsequently, for a year, was Deputy Chief Flying Instructor; Squadron Leader Weighill, D.F.C., who commanded 'B' Squadron; and Squadron Leader H. D. C. Webbe, who is Officer Commanding 'C' Squadron. Other names were put forward, but the rules of the Association limit the elections to three each year. These will be considered for election again next year.

Not long ago it looked as if the Association was to lose the services of Harry Lager, who has been Hon. Secretary and yarn spinner to Old Cranwellians of all ages since 1936. He is retiring from his official position on the College staff this March, but the Chairman was able to announce that he will be continuing

as Hon. Secretary indefinitely. This glad news was much applauded, to Harry's embarrassment.

The Chairman explained why it had been necessary to hold this meeting and reunion in London for the first time since before the war. He asked whether future reunions should be held in London or at the College. There was little doubt about the views of those present. There could be no more appropriate place than the College. The 1952 Annual General Meeting will be held at Cranwell on Saturday, 21st June. On the following day the Memorial Chapel will be dedicated by the Right Reverend The Bishop of Lincoln.

The Committee for the following year was then elected:

Air Commodore L. F. Sinclair (1926), A.O.C., Cranwell (Chairman); Group Captain W. H. Kyle (1928), Cranwell; Group Captain J. Heber-Percy (1928), Cranwell; Group Captain L. G. Levis (1931), Cranwell; Flight Lieutenant D. B. D. Hamley (1947), Cranwell; Flying Officer M. H. Standen (1948), Cottesmore.

Flight Lieutenant Hamley is the first post-war Cranwellian to serve on the Committee, and Flying Officer Standen the first Cranwellian from the Equipment and Secretarial Wing.

At the dinner the President, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Charles Longcroft called to mind some of the happenings at Cranwell during the first days of the College. Later, when the Chairman was describing how the original 1916 huts were now being pulled down, there were some echoes of regret. Nevertheless, for the nostalgic there is the model of the College as it was during the nineteen twenties still on view in the entrance hall of 'A' and 'B' Squadrons. The President welcomed the night's

guest of honour, Air Marshal Sir Thomas M. Williams, K.C.B., O.B.E., M.C., D.F.C. In his reply Sir Thomas did not touch on the sordid realities of today, but retold several stories, to our great amusement, at the expense of a few of the most senior Cranwellians present.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

We extend congratulations to those officers who were awarded decorations in the New Year Honours List:

G.B.E.—Air Chief Marshal Sir Leslie Hollinghurst, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.F.C. (Honorary Member).

K.B.E.—Air Marshal C. W. Weedon, C.B., C.B.E. (1920).

C.B.E.—The Reverend Canon L. Wright (Associate Member) and Group Captain C. Broughton (1930).

A.F.C.—Wing Commander W. Pitt-Brown, D.F.C. (1936).

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations are extended to the following Cranwellians whose promotions were announced in the January List:

Air Vice-Marshal.—The Earl of Bandon, C.B., D.S.O. (1923); J. G. Hawtrey, C.B.E. (1920); and E. C. Hudlestone, C.B., C.B.E. (1927).

Air Commodore.—J. Warburton (1922); J. B. M. Wallis, O.B.E. (1924); W. H. Hutton, C.B.E. (1926); D. W. Lane, C.B.E. (1927); and E. M. F. Grundy, O.B.E. (1926).

Group Captain.—G. J. L. Read, D.F.C. (1929); R. H. Shaw, D.F.C. (1930); R. C. Keary (1927); B. A. C. Wood, D.F.C. (1932); and W. F. Beckwith, O.B.E. (1935).

Wing Commander.—E. H. Lynch-Blosse (1935); V. Rees, D.F.C. (1936); H. C. Randall, D.F.C. (1937); A. H. W. Ball, D.S.O., D.F.C. (1939); H. A. Jenkins, D.F.C. (1940); and N. M. Maynard, D.F.C., A.F.C. (1940).

FAR EAST O.C. DINNER

Wing Commander D. R. S. Bevan-John (1936) is the Officer Commanding, Administrative Wing, at Royal Air Force, Changi, Singapore. Not long ago he undertook the

secretaryship of the Far East Branch of the O.C.A. in succession to Group Captain R. C. Keary (1927) and has sent news of a most successful reunion held at Changi on 8th December. Nearly all Cranwellians serving with the Far East Air Force were able to attend:

Guest of Honour.—Air Marshal Sir Francis Fogarty, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C.

President.—Air Commodore W. A. Opie, C.B.E. (1921).

Secretary.—Group Captain R. C. Keary (1927).

Those present included: Air Vice-Marshal H. L. Patch (1923), Air Vice-Marshal J. G. Hawtrey (1920), Air Commodore G. B. Beardsworth (1923), Air Commodore D. W. F. Bonham-Carter (1920), Air Commodore J. L. F. Fuller-Good (1921), Air Commodore J. B. M. Wallis (1924), Group Captain R. F. Shenton (1924), Wing Commander J. W. Bayley (1933), Wing Commander D. R. S. Bevan-John (1936), Wing Commander P. de L. le Cheminant (1938), Wing Commander I. R. Campbell (1939), Wing Commander G. A. V. Knyvett (1931), Squadron Leader E. K. P. Ince (Staff), Flight Lieutenant J. E. Dawes (1946), Flight Lieutenant L. C. Swalwell (1947), Flying Officer I. S. MacPherson (1947), Pilot Officer W. F. Charles (1948), Pilot Officer P. J. G. Elton (1948) and Pilot Officer B. A. Cochrane (1948).

Before the dinner the film of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth (then the Princess Elizabeth) to the College last summer was shown. After dinner and the toasts to 'The King' and to 'The Royal Air Force College,' Air Commodore Opie welcomed the C-in-C. as Guest of Honour and reminded us that this would be the last dinner both for the Air Marshal and himself in their current tour. Air Commodore Opie has been President of the Far East Branch of the Association since its inception three years ago. He has now been succeeded by Air Vice-Marshal Patch, Air Officer in charge of Administration, Far East Air Force. In his reply the C-in-C. gave a résumé of the situation in South-East Asia at the present time, which was of great interest and value to all those present. Later, old and recent memories were

revived and, so the story goes, '... into the warm tropical night came a whisper of the icy breezes that blow across those bleak Lincolnshire wastes.'

NEWS

Air Vice-Marshal G. H. Mills (1920) has recently become Air Officer Commanding, Air Headquarters, Malaya, on the return to the United Kingdom of Air Commodore J. L. F. Fuller-Good (1921).

The A.C.A.S. (Training), Air Vice-Marshal T. N. McEvoy (1923), has a team of Cranwellians working with him—Air Commodore W. S. Hebden (1927) as Director, and as Deputy Directors Group Captain R. J. Gosnell (1930) and Group Captain P. W. Bale (1931).

Air Commodore H. A. Constantine (1926), also recently returned from the Middle East, is now Director of Intelligence (Operations) at Air Ministry.

Wing Commander R. D. Yule (1938) has left the Central Fighter Establishment to become Wing Commander Flying at Horsham St. Faith.

Wing Commander K. Gray (1931) has moved from Old Sarum to become Land/Air Warfare Officer of 66 Group Headquarters at Turnhouse.

Prince V. Svastirakse (1921), of the Bangkok Riding and Polo Club, Bangkok, is renewing his acquaintance with the College after all these years by joining the Association.

Five members of the same entry are serving together at Wattisham—Flying Officers J. A. Mansell (1948), G. B. Stockman (1948), I. E. Barr-Simm (1948), R. S. May (1948) and J. F. H. Chick (1948).

It seldom pays to try to beat the gun. In our last issue, which went to press in late October, it was stated that a reunion was held at Ismailia on 23rd November. Owing to foreign circumstances, unforeseen at the time, this reunion was not held. Flying Officer J. G. Bourn (1947) sent the news, and at the same time told of many Cranwellians now serving with the Middle East Air Force:

The P.A. to the A.O.C.-in-C. is Flight Lieutenant H. A. Caillard (1947).

With Flying Officer Bourn at Fayid are Flying Officers W. F. Knapper (1947) and R. W. Burgess (1947) and Pilot

Officer B. E. F. Faulkner (1948). At Kabrit are stationed Flying Officers P. M. Worthington (1947), J. E. Wood (1947) and Pilot Officers D. F. Bates (1948) and J. G. Pratt (1948).

Flying Officer M. McD. Harvey (1947) is at Shallufa.

Flying Officer J. A. N. Worby (1947) and Pilot Officer D. L. F. Thornton (1948) are stationed at Habbaniya.

Also serving in the Middle East are: Flying Officer H. E. Clements (1947) in Malta, Pilot Officer D. W. Lowes (1948) in Cyprus, and Pilot Officers A. R. Martin (1949), M. G. Cottingham (1948) and H. D. Furness (1948) in the Canal Area.

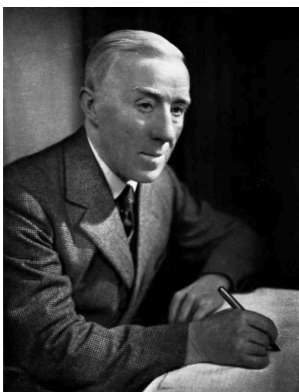
Flying Hastings aircraft of Transport Command are Flight Lieutenants T. L. Kennedy (1946) and L. L. Tuke (1947) and Flying Officers T. A. Bennett (1947), J. H. Palmer (1947), D. Wright (1947), N. Chamberlain (1947) and W. J. Herrington (1947).

Our best wishes go to Air Commodore N. A. P. Pritchett (1921) and, rather belatedly, to Group Captain E. H. M. David (1920) upon their retirement. Air Commodore Pritchett is the Secretary of the County of Lincoln Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association, and he is settling down at Mexborough House, Burton, Lincoln. Group Captain David is the Middle East representative of H.M. Forces Savings Committee, and his address is: The Command Savings Office, Montgomery House, Floriana House, Malta.

A further stock of O.C.A. ties has been obtained. The price is now £1. 0s. 8d., including the cost of registered postage.

Our thanks are due to those mentioned who have written to send news of fellow Cranwellians, and so have made the writing of these notes possible. All news is welcome.

We deeply regret to report the deaths of Flying Officer R. Pavey (1947), Flying Officer A. N. H. Heap (1947) and Flying Officer W. D. Heard (1948). We offer our sincere sympathy to the relatives of these officers.



J. H. S. LAGER, ESQ., M.B.E.



Shenton



Beardsworth



F/C IR Campbell



Bayley



F/C Cpl LC Swalwell



Knyvett



U/O GWF Charles



F/C Sgt IS Macpherson



F/C Cpl BA Cochrane



F/C Cpl PJ Elton



U/O R Pavey



F/C Sgt ANH Heap



F/C Sgt WD Heard

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F/C S Mukerjee



F/C HD Spreckley



Easton



F/C RB Morison



F/C Cpl MJ Corner



F/C RC Wood



F/C Cpl AJ Rosser



Bower



OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

THIS issue of the JOURNAL, it is planned, will be published a few days before the Dedication of the Memorial Chapel on 22nd June. It is hoped that many of the Cranwellians who can be here for the Annual General Meeting on the day before will be present for the short service in the Station Church which will be conducted as part of the Ceremonies. The bells, which will form part of the Memorial, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Croydon on Graduation Day, the 30th July.

Publication of the JOURNAL on schedule this term has allowed less time than usual for news of Cranwellians to arrive. It is our hope that much is on its way, for it is on the voluntary contributions that the interest depends.

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The Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Air Force is Air Vice-Marshal Mukerjee (entered Cranwell 1930). When visiting this country recently, he was entertained by friends of long standing at a lunch party arranged for him on 2nd April. His hosts were fellow Cranwellians of his entry twenty-two years ago: Group Captains C. Broughton, R. J. Gosnell, D. J. P. Lee and R. D. C. Lloyd.

HONOURS, AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

With apologies for the omission of their names in the last issue of the JOURNAL, the following Cranwellians are to be congratulated on honours, awards and promotions announced on the 1st January, 1952:

C.B.: Air Vice-Marsals G. R. C. Spencer, C.B.E. (1920) and L. W. Cannon, C.B.E.

(1923); Air Commodores H. D. Spreckley, O.B.E. (1924) and J. A. Easton, C.B.E. (1926, Retd); Group Captain E. D. MacK. Nelson (1931).

King's Commendation: Squadron Leader R. B. Morison, D.F.C. (1938) Wing Commander P. R. ap Ellis (1935) should have been included among the promotions to Wing Commander.

RECORDS

The Far East Air Force claims to be the first Command in which the heads of each of the three Headquarters Staffs is a Cranwellian, with Air Vice-Marshal J. Hawtrey (1920) as S.A.S.O., Air Vice-Marshal H. L. Patch (1923) as A.O.A. and Air Commodore G. B. Beardsworth (1923) as S.T.S.O.

Pilot Officer M. J. Corner (1949) writes to make a tentative claim that six Cranwellians serving in the same operational squadron will constitute a record. Pilot Officers R. C. Wood (1948), A. J. Rosser (1948) and himself are serving in No. 208 Squadron in M.E.A.F., and three more Cranwellians are daily expected. He will have to re-stake his claim if and when these three arrive. Meanwhile, are there any counter-claims?

A year ago two Cranwellians made a record 15-minute journey from R.A.F. Odiham to Cranwell in a Meteor 7. Two months ago an attempt was made by the Editor of these Notes to better this time from R.A.F. Digby to Cranwell in a Prentice 1, but a 90-degree turn after take-off, a strong beam wind and having to jockey for position unsuccessfully with flight cadets in the circuit combined to put the time up to 20 minutes! Another attempt will have to be made in a Chipmunk under more favourable conditions.

NEWS

Air Commodore L. W. C. Bower (1928) has been appointed the first Air Officer Commanding the recently reconstituted 81 Group, of Fighter Command. With him is Group Captain E. B. C. Davies (1931) as S.O.A.

Group Captain A. Earle (1928) is now Commandant of the Royal Australian Air Force Staff College.

Group Captain D. Michell (1930) has been appointed Commandant of the Central Navigation and Control School.

Group Captain D. R. S. Bader (1928, Retd) of the Shell Group, and Group Captain H. A. Purvis (1924, Retd) Chief Test Pilot, Ministry of Supply, both took the opportunity of meeting fellow Cranwellians in F.E.A.F. when visiting Indonesia and Australia recently on their separate travels.

Air Commodore G. B. Beardsworth (1923) and a fellow Cranwellian were last year seen to be building a Snipe in the back garden of the Air Commodore's quarters at Changi. It was due to set sail last April. We look forward to hearing whether Cranwellian craft and skill are ever to the fore.

Ex-cadets who have recently been posted from the College include: Wing Commander S. B. Grant (1937) from C.F.I. to No. 3 Course at the Flying College, Manby; Wing Commander H. A. Jenkins (1940) from P.1. to the Staff College, Andover; Flight Lieutenant D. B. D. Hamley (1947) from Flying Wing to C.F.S. as instructor.

Squadron Leader R. B. Cole (Assoc.), who has just completed the second Flying College course at Manby, has arrived at Chicago University to fill an exchange appointment. Squadron Leader Cole was one of the crews who flew with Wing Commander R. T. Frogley (1935) on the polar flights to Alaska, reported in a recent issue.

Wing Commander H. E. C. Boxer (1933) with the help of Flight Lieutenant A. B. Stinchcombe (1947) continues to entertain and advise flight cadets who visit St Eval

during break periods. Flying Officers R. C. B. Ashworth (1948) and H. H. J. Browning (1948) and Pilot Officers D. Jolly (1949) and J. W. Wills (1949) have recently arrived. Last Easter they renewed their acquaintance with five senior flight cadets who had been three and four entries junior to them in their day.

Flying Officer I. H. F. Walmsley (1948) is now flying P2V5 Neptunes in Coastal Command. He was one of the team which paid a visit to the United States to benefit from the accumulated experience of those who have been flying Neptunes these last three years. He has nothing but praise for Lockheeds, Hollywood, the firm's Chevrolet, Mexico and, of course, the Neptune.

Flying Officer J. N. Murphy (1948), who is the adjutant of one of the squadrons at Horsham St Faith, writes to give the Cranwellian news. Pilot Officer E. H. Leggett (1949) has newly arrived and Flight Lieutenant W. D. R. Lamb (1947) is now Intelligence Officer Eastern Sector. Flying Officer R. G. Price (1948) and Flying Officer A. R. L. Chester (1947) (who won both of the flying prizes when a cadet) are on their way to South Cerney to become Q.F.I.s. Flight Lieutenant D. B. Robinson (1946) is now at St Mawgan adding coastal to his fighter experience.

Our best wishes go with Group Captain P. W. Lowe-Holmes (1924) and Group Captain G. Francis (1925) on their retirement. Group Captain T. H. Carr (1923) has written to give his permanent address as: The Yacht *Havfruen III*, Hamble, Hampshire.

We deeply regret to report the deaths of Flying Officer I. D. S. Cunningham (1947), Pilot Officer R. L. Dimock (1948) and Pilot Officer J. B. Lightfoot (1948). We offer our sincere sympathy to the relatives of these officers.



F/C Cpl IDS Cunningham



F/C RL Dimock



F/C Sgt JB Lightfoot



EBC Davies



Earle



Purvis



Lowe-Holmes



Francis



Carr



F/C Cpl RCB Ashworth



F/C Cpl ARL Chester



F/C Cpl HHJ Browning



F/C Cpl D Jolly



F/C Sgt JW Wills



F/C Sgt IHF Walmsley



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F/C Cpl JN Murphy



F/C Cpl EH Leggett



F/C WDR Lamb



F/C Cpl RG Price



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Air Cdre Laurence Frank Sinclair GC, ex-S26 Entry, took the Chair.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 21st, 1952.

There were about 100 Members present.

The Chair was taken by Air Cdre Sinclair.

MINUTES.
The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and on the proposition of A.V.M. Dawson, seconded by A.V.M. Allinson, signed.

ACCOUNTS.
The accounts for the 8 months ended 30th April 1952 were presented to the Meeting.
Gp Capt Pringle proposed that they be passed. This was seconded by Gp Capt Parker and carried unanimously.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

(a) **Memorial Chapel.**
The Chairman explained the financial position of the Chapel. He stated that the total cost would be in the region of £5600 of which he had raised £5400 and thought this was a good effort. On the balance sheet of the O.C.A. portion of the Memorial published in the annual report the O.C.A. portion of the architects fee was inadvertently omitted. He asked the Members present to agree to pay the following sums from O.C.A. funds. £200 debtor balance on the Memorial Chapel Account, £50 for printing invitations to relatives and the forms of Service, and £25 the cost of the lunch to parents and relatives and V.I.P's on Sunday, a total of £275. A.V.M. Dawson proposed that, as the O.C.A. Funds had not made any contribution towards the cost of the Chapel, the sum of £275 be granted from Association Funds. This was seconded by Gp Capt D.J.P. Lee and carried unanimously.
The Chaplain in Chief (The Rev Canon L. Wright) who was present at the meeting as an Associate Member thanked the Commandant and the O.C.A. for creating the Chapel which he considered to be the most beautiful thing in the Royal Air Force.

(b) **Graduation Lists.**
The Chairman said that the new Graduation List was in its final stages at the printers, the response for copies up to date was 78, a most disappointing number considering the membership of the Association. The minimum number of copies had been ordered from the printers.

GRADUATION CEREMONIES.
The Chairman said that the dates of future Graduation ceremonies would be published in the annual report. Members will be welcomed at these ceremonies and should inform the Secy of the Association of their intention to be present so that seating arrangements can be made.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The following names were submitted by the Committee for consideration for election to Associate membership:-

Major W.F. Scott. U.A.A.A.F.
Sqd Ldr J.R. Pullan (Digby)
Flt Lt N.O.S. Bayley

The name of S/Ldr Ince was also brought forward from the last annual meeting. The Chairman said he would like the views of the Members present as to whether the name of S/L Ince should be considered.

Flt Lt Robinson proposed and F/Lt Walker seconded a proposition that S/Ldr Inces name should be considered for Associate membership.

Air Cdre Heard proposed that they should not go back to pick up Associate members as they would never know where to draw the line. This was seconded by Gp Capt Pringle.

On a vote being taken by showing of hands 17 were in favour of S/Ldr Inces name being considered and 25 against. The original proposition was therefore lost.

The following were therefore elected to Assoc Membership:-

Major Scott.
Sqd Ldr Pullan
Flt Lt Bayley.

COMMITTEE FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Commandant
Gp Capt E.D. Mc.A. Nelson
Gp Capt A.C. Keary
Gp Capt L. Lewis
Flt Lt R. Mc.A. Furze (Binbrook)
F/O Standen. (Cottesmore).

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed.

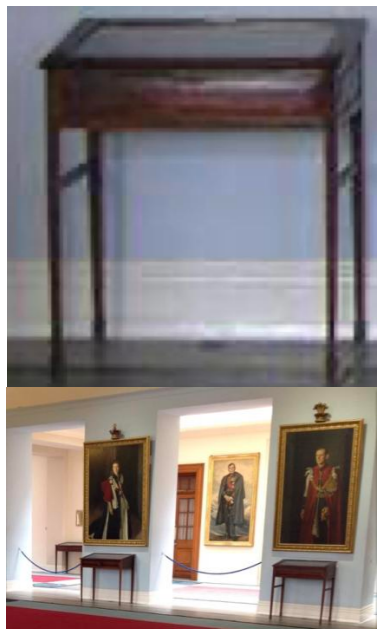
H. Lewis.
Chairman.

20.6.52



Chapel - £5,400 raised and a donation of £250 made by the OCA

Cadet List Update - almost complete



OLD GRANVILLE ASSOCIATION - Income and Expenditure account for the four months ended 30th April 1952.

RECEIPTS	£.	s.	d.	RECEIPTS	£.	s.	d.
Mr Harris - grants	17.	0.	0	Members subscriptions	256.	15.	0
College Journals to Members	95.	0.	0	Interest invested funds	1.	10.	0
Secretary	41.	13.	4	Premium conversion War Stock	7.	10.	0
Mr Best - records	0.	0.	0	Dinner sub (belated)	5.	0.	0
Printing & Stationery	7.	4.	9				
Postages	2.	15.	2				
Gale & Falden - addressograph & postages	11.	15.	1				
To balance sheet	124.	6.	8				
	308.	1.	0		308.	1.	0

BALANCE SHEET AT 30TH APRIL 1952.

LIABILITIES	£.	s.	d.	ASSETS	£.	s.	d.
College Booklet a/c	15.	0.	0	Cash at Bank current	2899.	14.	11
Memorial Chapel Fund	2011.	15.	11	Cash in hand	1.	13.	3
O.C.A. Memorial Fund	1491.	8.	0	Invested			
Domestic Staff Gratuity Fund	172.	6.	2	3% Def Stk	500		
Sundry Grs				3% Def Bonds	400		
Secy	16.	13.	4	2 1/2% Con Loan	500		
Journal	90.	0.	0	Trustee Sav Bank	1638.	16.	3
Mr Best	2.	0.	0	Ries in hand	15.	0.	0
Capital a/c 1/1/52	22047.	19.	6	Sundry Dr. G/Capt Lewis	1.	0.	0
add. I & 2 a/c	124.	6.	8				
	2172.	6.	2		2172.	6.	2
	5957.	4.	7		5957.	4.	7

Audited and found correct and certified that the provisions of R.R. & A.O.I's para 1363 have been complied with.

.....President
.....Member.

OLD GRANVILLE ASSOCIATION - Income and Expenditure account for the eight months ended 30th April 1952.

EXPENDITURE	£.	s.	d.	RECEIPTS	£.	s.	d.
Cheque book	0.	0.	0	Members subscriptions	716.	15.	0
Mr Best - records	20.	0.	0	Interest invested funds	53.	13.	0
Mr Harris - pension	30.			Premium conversion War Stock	7.	10.	0
College Journals to Members	223.	13.	9	Dinner sub (belated)	5.	0.	0
Secretary	66.	13.	4				
Printing & Stationery	25.	11.	1				
Postages	9.	12.	7				
Gale & Falden - addressograph & postages	18.	9.	11				
Telephone calls - dinner	27.	11.	0				
Income Tax	1.	14.	3				
Breakfast	2.	2.	0				
Bank charges	161.	11.	2				
Annual re-union Dinner	173.	2.	11				
To balance sheet	774.	7.	0		774.	7.	0
	207.	4.	0				

BALANCE SHEET AT 30TH APRIL 1952.

LIABILITIES	£.	s.	d.	ASSETS	£.	s.	d.
College Booklet a/c	15.	0.	0	Cash at Bank current	2899.	14.	11
Memorial Chapel Fund	2011.	15.	11	Cash in hand	1.	13.	3
O.C.A. Memorial Fund	1491.	8.	0	Invested			
Domestic Staff Gratuity Fund	172.	6.	2	3% Def Stk	2500		
Sundry Grs				3% Def Bonds	400		
Secy	16.	13.	4	2 1/2% Con Loan	500		
Journal	90.	0.	0	Trustee Sav Bank	1638.	16.	3
Mr Best	2.	0.	0	Ries in hand	15.	0.	0
Capital a/c at 1/9/51	21991.	3.	3	Sundry Dr. G/Capt Lewis	1.	0.	0
Add. Income & Exp a/c	173.	2.	11		2172.	6.	2
	5957.	4.	7		5957.	4.	7

J.H. LAKER
Secretary.

FOC For information

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Eeles



F/C MH Standen



Selway



Warcup



Hamblin



Brown



Dudgeon



Williams



F/C HD Clark



Ryley



OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

NO event could be more significant Old Cranwellian news than the ceremonies of dedication of the memorials, the Chapel of St. Michael and the Bells, which other parts of this JOURNAL record. These months have seen the culmination of long and careful planning in a memorial fitted to rank, in beauty and consecration and its own appropriateness, with the noble Chapels which Westminster and Lincoln have dedicated to other aspects of the sacrifices made by the Royal Air Force.

In the same period the tour of duty of Air Vice-Marshal L. F. Sinclair, G.C., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., as Commandant of the College has ended. The Old Cranwellian Association will gratefully remember that the achievement of the memorial Chapel was the work of Air Marshal Sinclair. His drive brought the idea to the point of positive planning; as chairman he led the committee to decision and his inspiration lies behind the satisfying design.

Air Commodore H. Eeles, C.B.E., tenth Commandant and fourth Old Cranwellian to hold that office, who took over in August, entered Cranwell in 1929. The new Assistant Commandant, Group Captain E. D. MacK. Nelson, C.B., was of the 1931 entry.

The annual Old Cranwellian reunion again became a summer affair this year after being displaced in 1951 by the royal visit. As an innovation it was held in June instead of at the end of term, and it was this that determined the date of the Dedication ceremony on 22nd June.

The cricket match was close and exciting; it resulted in a victory for the Old Cranwellians in the last over. It was followed as usual by the Annual General Meeting and the reunion dinner. About eighty Old Cranwellians attended, and the meeting ended last year's controversy about the place of the annual reunion by deciding unanimously that in future it should always be at the College. Those elected to the new committee, in addition to the Commandant

ex officio, were Group Captain E. D. MacK. Nelson (1931), Group Captain R. C. Keary (1927), Group Captain L. G. Levis (1931), Flight Lieutenant R. MacA. Furze (1947) and Flying Officer M. H. Standen (1948).



Air Marshal Sir Colin W. Weedon, K.B.E., C.B., who retired recently from the Royal Air Force, has joined Rolls-Royce, Ltd. He will be concerned with the export side of the Aero-Engine Division

Although a third of the Old Cranwellian body now consists of post-war cadets, nine out of ten of those present were of pre-war vintage. It is hoped that a better proportion of the entries from No. 45 upwards will find their way to future reunions.

The guest of honour at the dinner was the Bishop of Lincoln, who was to perform the act

of dedication on the following day. The Bishop accepted honorary membership of the Association and offered in return a speech that deserves to be remembered as a classic of sincere and graceful expression of thanks. He referred to his long-standing association with the Royal Air Force, since he had joined the Royal Flying Corps in 1916, and to the close link between his diocese and Bomber Command. He then spoke of the new Chapel and of the high example for which it stood, and said that he was happy to have the honour of making the dedication.

On the next day, at the Dedication Service in the Station Church, Old Cranwellians filled a reserved section of several rows, and six Old Cranwellian Air Vice-Marshal were present. In the Chapel itself there is seating for only forty. The President of the Association, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Charles Longcroft, was there, and one former Commandant, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, for whose beautiful Memorial Book and table a place has been designed in the Chapel. The contribution of the Old Cranwellian Association to the Chapel, the retables and the principal furnishing of the sanctuary, is described in another article.

The day of the Graduation Parade at the end of term saw the completion of the memorial scheme by the dedication of a chime of bells installed in the tower. The chime had originally been contemplated as the Old Cranwellian Association's own memorial to the fallen. The scheme was generously taken up by the Shell Group, who made a complete gift of the chime and installation. At the ceremony of dedication by the Bishop of Croydon, Group Captain D. R. S. Bader (1928) was among the directorate of the Group present. The Old Cranwellians attending were headed by their senior representative, Air Marshal Sir Colin Weedon (1920).

HONOURS, AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

The Birthday Honours List included the following awards to Old Cranwellians:

C.B.: Air Vice-Marshal H. L. Patch, C.B.E. (1923); Air Commodore A. D. Selway, D.F.C. (1927).

C.B.E.: Group Captain D. Finlay (1931).

O.B.E.: Wing Commander E. H. Lynch-Blosse (1935); Wing Commander P. E. Warcup (1934).

A.F.C.: Wing Commander J. D. Holgate, D.F.C. (1937); Wing Commander I. N. M. Macdonald (1937).

We regret that our report of New Year Honours omitted the award of the C.B.E. to Group Captain W. R. Brotherhood (1931).

We offer congratulations to the following Cranwellians whose promotions were announced in the July list:

Air Vice-Marshal H. A. Constantine, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. (1926); and L. F. Sinclair, G.C., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. (1926).

Air Commodores R. K. Hamblin, C.B.E. (1924), A. D. Selway, C.B., D.F.C. (1927), W. S. Hebdon (1927), A. Earle, C.B.E. (1928), L. W. C. Bower, D.S.O., D.F.C. 1928, W. H. Kyle, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.D.C. (1928).

Group Captains P. G. Wykeham-Barnes, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C. (1935), L. F. Brown (1929), A. G. Dudgeon, D.F.C. (1934), J. W. Bayley, M.B.E. (1933), D. W. Williams, O.B.E. (1932).

Wing Commanders H. D. Clark (1937), A. R. Wright, D.F.C., A.F.C. (1938).



This picture, taken at West Malling, shows Flying Officer Arthur Wright of No. 25 Squadron (former of 48 Entry) assisting an A.C.W. of No. 3618 County of Sussex Fighter Control Unit (R. Aux. A.F.) to adjust her helmet in preparation for a flight with him in his Vampire

NEWS

Wing Commander A. R. Wright (1938) has left the staff of the College on promotion and translation to the Ministry of Defence. The news takes high priority because he has most ably edited these Notes for the last two years. His energetic efforts to stimulate a flow of news were beginning to bear fruit and his successor hopes that the flow may continue and increase.

Flight Lieutenant H. R. W. Morris (1946) has returned to the College to become a flight commander in Flying Wing, the first post-war Old Cranwellian to do so. Three more Old Cranwellians have returned to the College as Q.F.I.s—Flight Lieutenants J. W. Morrice (1946) and J. E. Dawes (1946), and Flying Officer A. R. L. Chester (1947).

The new editor has gratefully inherited the spate of record-claims provoked by his predecessor. Air Commodore D. W. R. Ryley (1924) has pointed out that the Far East Air Force is not the only Command in which the three heads of staffs at Headquarters are all Old Cranwellians. At Headquarters Coastal Command Air Vice-Marshal G. E. Nicholletts (1921) is S.A.S.O., Air Commodore A. D. Davies (1921) A.O.A., and Air Commodore Ryley, S.T.S.O.

The subject of the greatest number of Old Cranwellians serving in the same squadron has produced two claims. Group Captain R. A. B. Stone (1920) writes that in No. 28 (A.C.) Squadron in Ambala in the spring of 1927 six were serving: the present Air Vice-Marshal R. B. Jordan, Air Commodores W. J. M. Akerman and V. B. Bennett, Group Captains R. A. B. Stone, E. A. Healey, and Flight Lieutenant M. W. Keeg (deceased), all of whom entered in 1920-21. This claim scores highly on present rank but loses on numbers to the second. Group Captain A. G. Powell (1931) reports that nine Old Cranwellians were serving in No. 208 Squadron in 1933-34. They were the *ci-devant* Flight Cadets A. G. Powell, T. A. B. Parselle, C. W. M. Ling, D. S. Kite, H. G. Leonard-Williams, J. Worrall, C. E. Littler, R. B. Dashker, J. R. Knights, with dates of entry

from 1928 to 1931. The first six are now Group Captains.

Most cadets on passing out from Cranwell now go to jet A.F.S.s, and there they are finding a number of Cranwellians among the instructors. At Driffield there are Flight Lieutenants A. Lang and R. G. Price (both 1947), and Pilot Officers M. M. Foster (1948) and J. M. A. Parker (1949); at Oakington Flight Lieutenant C. H. Walker (1947); at Merryfield Flight Lieutenant J. G. Burns (1946); at Middleton St. George Pilot Officer H. A. Merriman (1949).

Recent correspondence has located at West Malling Flight Lieutenant R. M. Raw (1947), Flying Officer A. Wright (1947) and Pilot Officer A. J. MacKinnon (1949); at Horsham St. Faith Flight Lieutenant J. H. G. White (1946); at Henlow Pilot Officer F. K. Mason (1948).

We offer congratulations to Flight Lieutenant C. H. Walker (1947) on obtaining a 'distinguished pass' at the Central Flying School.

Congratulations also to Wing Commander M. D. Lyne, A.F.C., and Mrs Lyne on the birth of a daughter and to Flight Lieutenant R. V. Stephenson and Mrs Stephenson on the birth of their daughter—both in August.

The new 'List of Graduates' gives full information corrected to 1952. Mr Lager still has a considerable number of copies and will be pleased to send one on receipt of 5s.

Our best wishes go to Group Captain H. M. Groves (1922) on his retirement, and to Pilot Officers J. R. E. Edmonson-Jones (1947) and K. B. Smith (1949) who have retired for medical reasons. Pilot Officer Edmonson-Jones is going to study medicine at St. Andrew's University. His address is All Saints Vicarage, Beverly Crescent, Bedford.

We deeply regret to report the deaths of Flying Officers B. A. D. Cochrane and L. J. T. O'Sullivan, and of Pilot Officers G. M. Cowper, G. S. De la Harpe and A. R. Thomas. We offer our sincere sympathy to the relatives of these officers.

Surnames only for those cadets who have already appeared in Volume 1

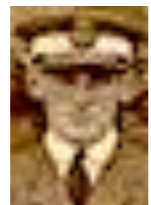
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Kite



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Littler



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Knights-Whittome



F/C A Lang



F/C Sgt MM Foster

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Mitchell



Ford



Pearce



Reynolds



Merton



Thomson



Ward



OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS, AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

The College warmly congratulates Air Vice-Marshal Sir Dermot A. Boyle, K.B.E., C.B., A.F.C. (1922) on the honour of Knighthood conferred upon him by Her Majesty in the New Year Honours List.

We extend congratulations also to the following:

C.B.: Air Commodore W. H. Kyle, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.D.C. (1928).

C.B.E.: Air Commodore F. G. S. Mitchell, O.B.E. (1920), Group Captain R. J. A. Ford (1923), Group Captain F. A. Pearce, O.B.E. (1931), Group Captain J. H. McC. Reynolds.

The following promotions were announced in the January List:

Air Vice-Marshals H. H. Brookes, C.B.E., D.F.C. (1922), L. W. Cannon, C.B., C.B.E. (1923), W. H. Merton, O.B.E. (1924).

Air Commodores D. L. Thompson, D.S.O., D.F.C. (1921), E. L. S. Ward, D.F.C. (1924), H. M. Pearson, C.B.E. (1927), C. D. C. Boyce, C.B., C.B.E. (1925), R. C. Mead, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., A.D.C. (1927), T. U. C. Shirley, C.B.E., A.D.C. (1928).



'FORE!!'

Group Captains D. H. Lee, D.F.C. (1933), J. L. Crosbie, O.B.E. (1927), H. E. C. Boxer, O.B.E. (1933), P. W. Townsend, C.V.O., D.S.O., D.F.C. (1933), P. T. Philpott, O.B.E. (1933), T. B. de la P. Beresford, D.S.O., D.F.C. (1933), J. B. Tait, D.S.O., D.F.C. (1934), S. W. B. Menaul, D.F.C., A.F.C. (1935), P. E. Stokes (1929), J. E. Kirk, O.B.E. (1932), E. M. T. Howell (1933).
Wing Commanders J. O. Barnard (1936), P. R. W. Wickham, D.S.O., D.F.C. (1937), P. W. Cook (1937).

Squadron Leader T. de T. MacDonald (1939).

The College is proud to learn of the appointment of the first two Old Cranwellians to be designated as Commanders-in-Chief. We congratulate Air Vice-Marshal G. H. Mills, C.B., D.F.C. (1920), who is Commander-in-Chief designate of Bomber Command, and Air Vice-Marshal Sir Dermot A. Boyle, K.B.E., C.B., A.F.C. (1922), Commander-in-Chief designate of Fighter Command.

The current Air Force List shows ninety-two Old Cranwellians of Air rank. Of these, three are Assistant Chiefs of Air Staff, three are Directors-General and twelve are Air Officers Commanding Groups. All three Groups of Fighter Command are commanded by Old Cranwellians.

NEWS

The annual Old Cranwellian reunion will be held on 20th June, 1953.

Wing Commander A. D. Panton, O.B.E., D.F.C. (1936) has been appointed Old Cranwellian cricket manager for the annual fixture with the College 1st XI on 20th June, 1953. He is anxious to raise a really strong team for this match and especially invites post-war Cranwellians to play.

Will all Old Cranwellians who would like to be considered for a place in the team get in touch with Wing Commander Panton as soon as possible after 1st May, 1953? The address is:

Royal Air Force Staff College,
Andover, Hampshire.

Flight Lieutenants A. B. Stinchcombe (1946), B. A. Phillips (1947) and A. Turner (1947) have returned to the College as Q.F.I.s and Flight Lieutenant L. G. Ludgate (1946) has returned as a navigation instructor. Flight Lieutenant H. R. W. Morris (1946) has been posted to C.F.S.

Group Captain F. E. Nuttall, C.B.E. (Retired) has been appointed Mess Secretary of the College. He was in 'A' Squadron from 1921-22 and has represented Great Britain in the Olympic Games as a high jumper.

Harry Lager has recently had a letter from Colonel Maididin Naqib, Senior Staff Officer, Royal Iraqi Air Force. Colonel Naqib graduated from the College in 1931; his present address is:

Royal Iraqi Air Force,
Ministry of Defence,
Baghdad, Iraq.

We hear that there are eleven post-war Cranwellians at Royal Air Force Wattisham, namely Flight Lieutenant G. M. Hermitage (1947), Flying Officers J. A. Mansell, R. G. Perry, I. E. Barr-Sim, J. F. H. Chick, R. S. May and G. B.

Stockman (1948), Flying Officer D. H. Mills and Pilot Officer N. R. C. Price (1949).

Flying Officers Mansell and Chick are going to Korea, where they will serve with the United States Air Force.

Recent correspondence has located at Seletar Flight Lieutenant D. B. Robinson (1947), Flight Lieutenant L. C. Swalwell (1947), Flying Officers W. F. Jacobs and P. J. Gidden (1948).

Flying Officer P. J. Armstrong (1948) is with a squadron in Hong Kong and Flying Officer G. W. F. Charles (1948) is P.A. to the Air Officer Commanding, Hong Kong.

Flight Lieutenant I. S. MacPherson (1947) has just completed a tour on Brigands in Singapore.

We deeply regret to report the death of Flight Lieutenant A. R. L. Chester and Pilot Officer D W. Ward. We offer our sincere sympathy to their relatives.

A report of the death of Group Captain R. H. Cleverly, Mess Secretary of the College since the war, appears elsewhere in this journal. The Old Cranwellian Association offers its deep sympathy to Mrs. Cleverly.



Stokes



Kirk



Howell



F/C PRW Wickham



F/C Cpl LG Ludgate



F/C M Naqib



F/C DW Ward



U/O RG Perry



F/C Cpl JA Mansell



F/C Sgt FE Nuttall



F/C Cpl IE Barr-Sim



F/C Sgt JFH Chick



F/C TdeT MacDonald



F/C Cpl DB Robinson



F/C Cpl WF Jacobs



F/C Sgt PJ Giddens



F/C Cpl PJ Armstrong



F/C Cpl BA Phillips



Pearson



Boyce



F/C Cpl DH Lee



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HONOURS AND AWARDS

WE congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who received Honours and Awards in the Coronation Honours List:

C.B.: Air Vice-Marshal W. H. Merton, O.B.E. (1924), Air Commodore A. D. Davies, C.B.E. (1921), Air Commodore J. Marson, C.B.E. (1924), Air Commodore T. B. Prickman, C.B.E. (1921), Group Captain D. J. P. Lee, C.B.E. (1930).

C.B.E.: Air Commodore W. E. Oulton, D.S.O., D.F.C. (1929), Group Captain C. E. J. Baines (1928), Group Captain L. Crocker (1927), Group Captain J. A. C. Stratton, O.B.E. (1926).

O.B.E.: Group Captain R. A. C. Barclay, A.F.C. (1931), Wing Commander R. C. Cobbe, D.S.O. (1936), Wing Commander R. T. Frogley, D.F.C. (1935), Wing Commander D. R. S. Bevan-John (1936).

M.B.E.: Squadron Leader D. T. M. Lumsden (1936).

A.F.C.: Flight Lieutenant T. K. Kennedy (1946), Flight Lieutenant D. Wright (1946).

The following is an extract from the London Gazette dated 6th March, 1953:

'The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished service in Malaya:

D.F.C.: Flight Lieutenant P. J. Bardon, Flight Lieutenant I. S. MacPherson.'

Flight Lieutenants Bardon and MacPherson (both 1947) are the first post-war Old Cranwellians to receive decorations.

FAR EAST OLD CRANWELLIAN DINNER, 1952

We are grateful to Wing Commander D. R. S. Bevan-John, O.B.E. (1936) for the following

account of the Far East Old Cranwellian Dinner held in December, 1952.

'The Fourth Annual Dinner of the Old Cranwellian Association (Far East) was held in the Roman Room of the Adelphi Hotel Singapore on Saturday 6th December 1952. The Association were fortunate this year in having the C-in-C FARELF General Sir Charles Keightley as guest of honour. A list of members who attended will be found below.

'The venue was changed this year from R.A.F. Changi to Singapore and it was agreed by everyone present that the Adelphi Hotel put on an excellent dinner. It was pleasant to dine in an air conditioned room, and to speculate on the temperature of the College Dining Hall at that moment.

'After dinner, and the toasts of "The Queen" and "The College" had been drunk, the President of the Association, Air Vice-Marshal H. L. Patch, C.B., C.B.E., proposed the health of our Guest of Honour. Sir Charles replied with a most excellent speech and told us that but for a disparity of marks between his results and those required as a minimum, he would have gone to Cranwell. We all felt that our loss had been very much the Army's gain.

'We then adjourned and recalled the "good old days" at Cranwell. Some of the older members were much surprised to learn that the good old days of our youngest members seemed to have been very like anyone else's "good old days"—except that the cost of living had risen. So, after old friendships had been renewed and fresh ones made, we made our farewells.'

The following were present at the dinner:

- Air Vice-Marshal H. L. Patch—Sep. '23—Jul. '25
- Air Vice-Marshal W. J. M. Akerman—Feb. '20—Dec. '21
- Air Vice-Marshal G. H. Mills—Feb. '20—Dec. '21
- Air Commodore G. B. Beardsworth—Jan. '23—Dec. '24

Group Captain R. G. Seymour—Jan. '47—Aug. '49

Wing Commander P. De L. Le Cheminant—Nov. '38—Dec. '39

Wing Commander D. R. S. Bevan-John—Jan. '36—Jul. '38

Wing Commander G. A. Knyvett—Sep. '31—Aug. '33

Squadron Leader J. G. Haigh—Aug. '40—Jul. '41

Flight Lieutenant M. G. Waudby—Jan. '47—Jul. '49

Flying Officer P. J. Giddens—Sep. '48—Apr. '51

Flying Officer W. F. Jacobs—Apr. '48—Dec. '50

Flying Officer F. R. Lockyer—Jan. '48—Jul. '50

Flying Officer P. J. Elton—Jan. '48—Jul. '50

Pilot Officer N. A. Innes-Smith—Apr. '49—Dec. '51

Pilot Officer J. H. Martin—Apr. '49—Dec. '51

Pilot Officer C. E. F. Cooper—Apr. '49—Dec. '51

Pilot Officer E. A. Peters—Apr. '49—Dec. '51

Pilot Officer M. J. D. Alderson—Jan. '49—Aug. '51.

Though this year's Reunion will have been held by the time these notes are read, it will be too late for an account to appear in this issue of the Journal.

NEWS

Korea

Ten post-war Old Cranwellians are at present serving in Korea:

Flight Lieutenants J. H. G. White (1946), I. Gordon-Johnson (1947), J. H. J. Lovell (1947) and J. A. Mansell (1947); Flying Officers J. F. H. Chick (1948), J. R. Murphy (1948) and M. G. King (1949) are attached to the U.S.A.F. Flying Officers D. A. Arnott (1948), J. L. Price (1948) and B. M. Burley (1948) are attached to the R.A.A.F., flying Meteor 8s.

Cranwell

We welcome Wing Commander I. N. MacDougall, D.F.C. (1938) on his reappearance at Cranwell this time as C.F.I. Members of Nos. 46—50 Entries will associate Wing Commander MacDougall with 'A' Site and lectures on air power.

We congratulate Flight Lieutenant J. W. Morrice (1946) upon his marriage, and Squadron Leader D. T. M. Lumsden (1936) and Flight Lieutenant J. E. Dawes (1946) upon the additions to their families.

News by Correspondence

Air Vice-Marshal W. A. Opie, C.B.E. (1921) has recently been appointed Assistant Controller of Supplies (Air) at the Ministry of Supply.

Group Captain E. S. Finch (1924) commands Royal Air Force Manston.

Group Captain D. J. P. Lee, C.B., C.B.E. (1930) has recently taken over the command of Royal Air Force Scampton. Pilot Officers J. A. Tulk and R. P. McCormack (1949) are serving in one of the squadrons at Scampton.

Wing Commander S. B. Grant, D.F.C. (1937) tells us that no less than eight Old Cranwellians are serving at Manby.

The following Old Cranwellians are stationed at Royal Air Force Gutersloh: Wing Commander M. M. Stephens, D.S.O., D.F.C. (1938), Flight Lieutenant C. M. C. Scott (1947), Flying Officers R. J. Littlejohn, S. J. Wert and J. A. MacArthur (1948), I. R. Hinde and B. Meadley (1949).

Our best wishes go to Air Commodore D. W. F. Bonham-Carter (1920) on his retirement.

We deeply regret to announce the deaths of Flight Lieutenant A. Turner, Flight Lieutenant M. C. B. Mitchell, Flying Officer O. M. Cruickshank, Flying Officer A. J. Rosser, Flying Officer K. B. Bones, Flying Officer E. W. F. Gregory and Pilot Officer G. T. R. Pitts Tucker. We offer our sincere sympathy to the relatives of these officers.

G. K. M.



F/C Sgt A Turner F/C MCB Mitchell F/C Sgt OM Cruickshank F/C AJ Rosser SF/C KB Bones F/C Sgt EFW Gregory SF/C GTR Pitts Tucker



Prickman



Oulton



Baines



F/C L Crocker



Barclay



F/C Sgt D Wright



F/C Sgt P J Bardon



F/C JG Haigh



F/C Cpl MG Waudby



SF/C NA Innes-Smith



F/C JH Martin



SF/C CEF Cooper



SF/C EA Peters



F/C Sgt M J D Alderson



F/C Cpl JH G-White



F/C Sgt I G-Johnson



F/C Cpl JHJ Lovell



F/C Sgt MG King



U/O DA Arnott



F/C BM Burley

Twenty-third Annual General Meeting - 20 June 1953

Air Cdre Laurence Frank Sinclair GC, ex-S26 Entry, took the Chair.

MINUTES OF AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY
20th JUNE, 1953 at 6.15 p.m.

The Chair was taken by the Commandant
Air Commodore H. Eeles

There were about 100 Members present

Minutes

The Minutes of the last General Meeting were read and on the proposition of Air Cdre. Kyle, seconded by Air Marshal Boyle, confirmed.

Accounts

The Chairman explained to the Meeting the reason for the loss of £346 during the last year. This had arisen through three non-recurring items as follows:-

£250 grant to Memorial Chapel
£ 25 " " " " Dedication Service cost
£100 loss on printing of Graduation Lists

Air Vice-Marshal Constantine proposed the accounts, as presented be passed. This was seconded by Air Commodore Nowell and carried unanimously.

Associate Members

The Chairman stated that the Committee did not propose to recommend any one for Associate Membership this year and asked for the Meeting's approval of this. Air Vice-Marshal Brookes proposed that the Committee's suggestion be accepted. Group Captain Parkes seconded this, which was carried without dissent.

Maintenance of Chiming Mechanism

The Chairman informed the Meeting that an annual contract had been placed for the maintenance of the chiming mechanism in the College tower. He thought that as the Chimes were part of the O.C.A. memorial to ex-cadets, the members of the O.C.A. may wish to contribute something towards the cost of this and suggested £10 per annum. Wing Cdr. S.B. Grant proposed that this sum be paid annually from O.C.A. funds. Air Vice-Marshal Beamish seconded the proposition which was carried unanimously.

Provision of Banners for Trumpets

The Chairman exhibited seven trumpets which had been acquired by him at a cost of £650 for use on ceremonial occasions. It was proposed that banners for these trumpets should be obtained and they would cost in the region of £60 each. He had already obtained the money for the trumpets from various donations from the non-public funds at Cranwell and by a donation from Flying Training Command. He asked that the O.C.A. should provide two banners. Air Marshal Boyle suggested that the Air Ministry Central Fund be approached for a contribution to the cost of the banners. The Chairman said he had not approached that Fund as there might be conditions attached to any donation they made that the trumpets could be used elsewhere than at Cranwell on ceremonial occasions. Air Commodore Kyle thought the trumpets and banners should be kept for use at the College exclusively. Air Commodore Nowell suggested that the funds of the O.C.A. provide 2 banners now and three more if necessary at a later date. The Chairman stated that this would not be necessary as

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the other three banners were already arranged for. After further discussion it was proposed by Air Commodore Kyle that the O.C.A. provide the money for two banners. This was seconded by Wing Cdr. S.B. Grant and carried without dissent.

Roll of Honour

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Roll of Honour presented by Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore was now full. The book contained the names of ex-cadets who had lost their lives from February 1920 to V.J. Day. He asked the members to provide another similar book as there were at least 40 names to be added. He had made enquiries as to the probable cost of this book which would be in the region of £30 or £40. Air Vice-Marshal Constantine proposed that a second book be obtained and the cost met from the funds of the Association. This was seconded by Air Commodore Prickman and carried unanimously.

Formation of Chapel Committee

The Meeting approved the formation of a Committee to safeguard the interests of the College Memorial Chapel. The Committee would consist of the Commandant, the Assistant Commandant, the College Chaplain, the Chaplain-in-Chief and Mr. Bond the architect who designed and carried out the work of creating the Chapel.

Brochure on Memorial Chapel

The Chairman suggested that a small brochure be printed giving the history of the formation of the Chapel and containing illustrations of the interior which had already appeared in the College Journal and Country Life. He thought this would be of great interest to parents and relatives who visited the Chapel. The estimated cost of 750 copies of such a brochure would be £36. He asked that the O.C.A. back this project. After discussion the Meeting felt there was no definite need at the moment for such a publication and on the proposition of Air Vice-Marshal Constantine seconded by Air Commodore Kyle, it was decided the matter be dropped.

Group Captain Beoker suggested the history of the formation of the Chapel be inserted in the History of Cranwell, prepared by the late Prof. de la Bere some years ago. This would form a sufficient permanent record.

Amendment of Rules

The Committee were empowered by this meeting to examine the present rules of the Association and present to the next Annual Meeting any amendments etc. they suggest should be made.

Election of Committee

It was decided that the present local Committee be re-elected en bloc.

Fg. Off. Atherton suggested that an annual Rigger match v Cadets might be arranged. It was left for the College authorities to make a note of this suggestion.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Secretary for his work during the last year. All the members present associated themselves with this proposition.

There being no other business, the Meeting was declared closed.

H. J. Kyle
Chairman.

RoH - second book to be funded by OCA. Covers Feb 20 to VJ Day, 40 names yet to be added



Chapel - history to be inserted in de la Bere's brochure of College History



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RoH Chimes - OCA agree to fund maintenance costs

OCA to fund two of the seven trumpet banners



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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

WE congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who received Honours in the New Year's Honours List:

- K.C.B.:* Air Marshal G. H. Mills (1920); Air Marshal C. B. R. Pelly (1920).
C.B.: Air Commodore L. W. C. Bower (1928); Air Commodore G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley (1926); Air Commodore H. F. G. Southey (1924).
C.B.E.: Air Commodore D. N. Roberts (1924); Air Commodore J. N. T. Stephenson (1926); Group Captain L. P. Moore (1925); Group Captain W. F. Beckwith.
O.B.E.: Group Captain P. G. St. G. O'Brien (1936); Wing Commander R. B. Councell (1926); Wing Commander L. McD. Hodges (1937).

PROMOTIONS

The undermentioned Old Cranwellians were promoted on 1st January, 1954:

- Air Marshals:* G. H. Mills (1920); C. B. R. Pelly (1920); D. A. Boyle (1922).
Air Vice-M Marshals: C. E. Chilton (1924); G. I. L. Saye (1925); J. G. Franks (1923).
Air Commodore: J. R. Mutch (1924).
Group Captains: F. H. Tyson (1930); H. E. Bufton (1935); G. F. Powell-Shedden (1935); R. M. B. Duke-Woolley (1935).
Wing Commanders: P. D. W. Hackforth (1932); D. E. Bennett (1935); J. F. Hatton (1939); A. A. J. Sanders (1939).
Squadron Leader: R. C. L. Parkhouse (1939).

APPOINTMENTS

Appointments since the last issue of the *Journal* are:

- A.V.M. G. R. Beamish (1923) to be A.O.C.-in-C. Transport Command.
 A.V.M. W. H. Merton (1924) to be C.A.S., R.N.Z.A.F.
 A.V.M. J. L. F. Fuller-Good (1921) to be A.O.C., No. 22 Group.

- A.V.M. R. L. R. Atcherley (1922) to be Head of the Air Force Staff of the British Joint Services Mission, Washington.
 A.V.M. G. E. Nicholetts (1921) to be A.O.C., No. 21 Group.
 Air Cdre J. R. Mutch (1924) to be S.T.S.O., Flying Training Command.
 Air Cdre W. L. Freebody (1924) to be S.T.S.O., Coastal Command.
 Air Cdre T. A. B. Parselle (1930) to be Commandant, R.A.A.F. Staff College.
 Air Cdre J. Marson (1924) to be Vice-President of the Ordnance Board, Ministry of Supply.
 Air Cdre C. S. Moore (1929) to be A.O.C., No. 66 Group.
 Air Cdre A. Earle (1928) to be Director of Personnel (A).
 Air Cdre G. L. Worthington (1921) to be A.O.C., No. 42 Group.
 Air Cdre G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley (1926) to command R.A.F. Halton.
 Air Cdre G. B. Beardsworth (1923) to be Director of Air Engineering.
 Air Cdre D. W. R. Ryley (1924) to be Director of Armament Engineering.
 Gp Capt K. W. Niblett (1927) to command R.A.F. Aldergrove.
 Gp Capt T. N. Coslett (1929) to Air Ministry.
 Gp Capt K. R. Coates (1927) to H.Q., No. 66 Group.
 Gp Capt A. Pyke (1930) to H.Q., F.E.A.F.
 Gp Capt J. A. C. Stratton (1926) to the staff of Allied Forces Southern Europe.
 Gp Capt W. R. Brotherhood (1931) to command R.A.F. Lindholme.
 Gp Capt M. H. Rhys (1930) to H.Q., F.E.A.F.
 Gp Capt J. D. Melvin (1933) to H.Q., Middle East Air Force.
 Gp Capt H. E. C. Boxer (1933) and Gp Capt R. H. E. Emson (1930) to Air Ministry.
 Wg Cdr P. W. Dawson (1935) to Air Ministry.
 Wg Cdr W. R. Wills-Sandford (1928) to No. 19 M.U.
 Wg Cdr G. Burgess (1934) to Seletar.

Wg Cdr D. O. F. Lumsden (1934) to H.Q., No. 22 Group.
 Wg Cdr T. Preston (1936) to Air Ministry.

NEWS

We omitted to record the fact that Flight Lieutenant G. K. Mossman (1947) had left Cranwell to join Flight Lieutenant R. G. Price (1947) on the staff of the C.F.S. at Little Rissington. They have been joined by Flight Lieutenant M. M. J. Robinson (1946).

Flight Lieutenant L. C. Swalwell (1947) has returned to Cranwell as a Cadet Wing Officer and Q.F.I.

We are always interested to hear news of those who have given long and valuable service to the College. Two such persons are Mr Maris, a former hall porter, and Mr Snoxell, the Assistant Mess Secretary until 1946. The former is at the British Legion Home at Cromer and the latter is farming in Palmerston North, New Zealand. Both send their best wishes to all those Old Cranwellians who remember them.

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We congratulate Wing Commander L. M. Hodges (1937), the officer commanding the R.A.F. Team which won the speed section of the New Zealand Air Race, and Flight Lieutenant R. McA. Furze (1947) who took third place in that section.

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We congratulate Air Vice-Marshal R. L. R. Atcherley (1922) on celebrating his 50th birthday by breaking the sound barrier at Dunsfold.

Group Captain P. G. Wykeham-Barnes (1935), who commands R.A.F. Wattisham, commanded

the Battle of Britain parade at St. Paul's Cathedral.

We congratulate Flight Lieutenants G. K. Mossman (1947), B. A. Phillips (1947) and R. H. Gidman (1948) on the additions to their families. The last two additions have made a good start in life by being christened in the College Chapel.

Flight Lieutenant G. R. K. Fletcher has successfully completed the Test Pilot's Course, and has joined Flight Lieutenant J. M. Crowley (1947) at Boscombe Down. Flight Lieutenant J. G. Burns (1947) has just started the Test Pilot's Course.

A number of Old Cranwellians are serving as flying instructors at Jet Advanced Flying Schools. Among them are Flying Officer R. J. Bannard (1949), who won the C.F.S. Trophy, and Flying Officer N. J. Glass (1949), who are both at Tarrant Rushton; Flight Lieutenant E. N. Barrington-Reinganum (1947), who is at Work-sop; Flight Lieutenant R. L. Tavanyar (1946) and Flight Lieutenant J. E. Elliot (1947), who are at Full Sutton; and Flight Lieutenant H. A. Merriman, who is at Middleton St. George.

Pilot Officers R. J. Roberts, D. R. Burles and J. R. Ayers are in the Middle East, Pilot Officers R. F. Witty and M. J. Armitage are in Germany and will shortly be joined by Pilot Officers P. Cock and G. Mumford.

We record, with deep regret, the deaths of Wing Commander J. B. Barret, Flight Lieutenants J. E. Y. King, M. W. R. Shore and M. Short, and Pilot Officers D. V. Reypert, A. C. R. Pugh, D. B. Stacey and M. P. H. Pollard. We offer our deepest sympathy to the relatives and friends of these officers.

LAST STOP

When the airship hangars on the North Airfield were dismantled in 1918, this relic of the Cranwell railway (see page 171 of the November issue of the *Journal*) was abandoned at Bristol Wood. It took four horses to drag it on its wheels to this spot, where it is finishing its days in protecting fifty chickens from the Lincolnshire climate



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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

WE congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who received honours and awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours List:

K.C.B.: Air Marshal W. L. Dawson (1920).
C.B.: Air Vice-Marshals H. H. Brookes (1922), J. G. Franks (1923); Air Commodores R. Coats (1923), E. L. S. Ward (1924).

C.B.E.: Air Commodore M. D. Ommanney (1922); Group Captain P. T. Philpott (1933).

O.B.E.: Wing Commanders W. I. C. Inness (1934), A. J. Payn (1936).

A.F.C.: Group Captain H. N. G. Wheeler (1935); Wing Commander H. N. Garbett (1937); Flight Lieutenants N. Chamberlain (1947), R. M. Furze (1947).

Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air: Wing Commander J. H. Ire-monger (1936); Flight Lieutenant J. G. Burns (1946).

Other Old Cranwellians whom we congratulate on awards received since the last issue of *The Journal* are:

D.F.C.: Flight Lieutenants B. J. Ball (1947), D. A. Arnott (1948).

Mentioned in Despatches: Flight Lieutenants E. V. Mellor (1948), J. W. Price (1948), D. B. Robinson (1946).

APPOINTMENTS

Appointments since the last issue of *The Journal* include:

Air Marshal F. J. Fressanges (1921) to be C.-in-C., Far East Air Force.

Air Marshal S. Mukerjee (1930) to be C.-in-C., Indian Air Force.

Air Vice-Marshal N. S. Allinson (1923) to be A.O.A., Flying Training Command.

Air Vice-Marshal J. N. T. Stephenson (1926) to be S.A.S.O., Middle East Air Force.

Air Commodore R. K. Hamblin (1924) to be Director of Postings (A), Air Ministry.

Air Commodore H. E. Nowell (1923) to be Director of Forecasting and Planning, Air Ministry.

Air Commodore A. Earle (1928) to be Director of Policy, Air Ministry.

Air Commodore D. W. Lane (1927) to be Commandant, Royal Air Force Staff College, Andover.

Air Commodore H. F. G. Southey (1924) to be Air Officer Commanding R.A.F. Element, Maritime H.Q. Chatham.

Air Commodore C. D. C. Boyce (1925) to be Air Officer Commanding, Cyprus.

Group Captain C. E. J. Baines (1928) to be Chairman of the Selection Board.

Group Captain H. P. Broad (1929) to command R.A.F. Kuala Lumpur.

Group Captain H. N. G. Wheeler (1935) to Air Ministry.

Group Captain R. J. Goswell (1930) to command R.A.F. Wildenrath.

Group Captain S. J. Marchbank (1930) to command R.A.F. Thorney Island.

Wing Commander F. R. Bird (1938) to Ministry of Supply.

Wing Commander J. F. Hatton (1939) to No. 2 School of Technical Training.

NEWS

The Royal Tour

Air Marshal Sir Claude Pelly (1920) received the accolade from Her Majesty the Queen at Aden during Her Majesty's visit on 28th April, 1954.

Wing Commander J. B. Holgate (1937) was presented to Her Majesty the Queen at Gibraltar.

Flying Officer N. A. Innes-Smith (1949) was the captain of one of the Sunderlands of the Far East Flying Boat Wing which was detached to Ceylon for escort duties during the Royal visit there. He took part in two formation salutes to Her Majesty on board S.S. Gothic.

O.C. Reunion and Dinner, F.E.A.F.

We are grateful to Wing Commander A. A. J. Sanders (1939) for an account of the O.C.A. dinner which took place in Singapore on 16th January, 1954. The C.-in-C., who was to have

been the Guest of Honour, was unable to attend. The seventeen who did attend, including Air Vice-Marshal W. L. J. Akerman (1920), Air Vice-Marshal A. D. Gillmore (1923) and Flying Officer Cooper (1950), had a most enjoyable evening during which, it is said, many tall stories were told.

Far East Flying Boat Wing

This unit is at present commanded by Wing Commander G. Burges (1934). Others serving under him are Flight Lieutenants D. B. Robinson (1946), F. R. Lockyer (1948), W. F. Jacobs (1948), R. L. T. Polgreen (1949), M. E. Dark (1949) and Flying Officers C. D. Sharpe (1950) and N. A. Innes-Smith (1949).

Miscellaneous

A guest night at Royal Air Force Andover on 27th May was the occasion for a most unusual Old Cranwellian gathering. Five officers, who had shared No. 17 Hut as flight cadets, met together to mark the occasion of the retirement of one of their number. They were Air Vice-Marshal the Earl of Bandon, Air Vice-Marshal G. R. Beamish, Air Vice-Marshal N. S. Allinson and Wing Commander A. H. W. J. Cocks, and Group Captain R. J. A. Ford, to whom we offer our best wishes in his retirement.

We congratulate Wing Commander R. F. Martin (1937) on his appointment as chief test pilot to the Gloster Aircraft Company.

Air Commodore E. M. F. Grundy (1926) is Deputy to the head of the Air Staff of the British Joint Services Mission in Washington.

Recent correspondence has located the following Old Cranwellians at Horsham St Faith: Flight Lieutenants J. H. Granville-White (1946), I. A. N. Worby (1947), G. Ball (1947), and Flying Officers F. R. Lund (1949), N. G. Wickman (1950), D. B. E. Roberts (1950), R. R. Martin (1950), J. J. Parker (1949). At Worksop Flying Officers S. M. Pack (1950), J. Hodgson and Bacon (1950) are flying instructors. Flying Officer P. L. Gray (1950) is an instructor at Oakington and Flying Officer J. R. Johnson was last heard of at Valley, also an instructor. Flying Officer P. J. Goodall (1950) is at Marham. Flight Lieutenant W. J. Herrington (1947) is A.D.C. to the A.O.C.-in-C., Bomber Command. Flying Officer B. B. Greenhalgh (1949) is at Habbaniya. Pilot Officers A. C. Whitson (1951) and W. E. Close (1951) are at Benson; Pilot Officer A. K. Coleman (1951) and D. Allison (1951) at Driffild; and Pilot Officers A. S. J. Whitwam (1951) at Middleton St George.

Congratulations to Pilot Officer J. M. Henderson (1951) on the award of a Special Distinction at the Central Flying School.

Flight Lieutenants C. M. Bruce (1946), H. W. Cafferata (1946), J. M. Crowley (1946), A. B. Stinchcombe (1946) and C. H. Walker (1947) have obtained Distinguished Passes in the Promotion Examination 'C.'

Our best wishes go to Flight Lieutenants H. M. K. Brown (1947), H. R. Radford (1948), K. J. M. Davis (1949) and, somewhat belatedly, to Flight Lieutenant D. H. Williams (1947) on their marriages.

We congratulate Group Captain T. B. de la Poer Beresford (1933), Wing Commander P. de L. Le Cheminant (1939), Flight Lieutenants E. D. Finch (1946), I. A. N. Worby (1947), R. G. Perry (1948) on the additions to their families.

Cranwell

Squadron Leader H. A. B. Porteous (1937) has returned to Cranwell as officer in charge of the stores group. Flight Lieutenants G. G. Lee (1947) and H. R. Radford (1948) are back as Q.F.Is. Flight Lieutenant J. W. Morrice (1946) has left Cranwell to be a member of the staff at Central Flying School. Group Captain L. G. Levis (1931) is leaving the Selection Board to go to Air Ministry and Group Captain C. E. J. Baines (1928) has become the Chairman of the Board.

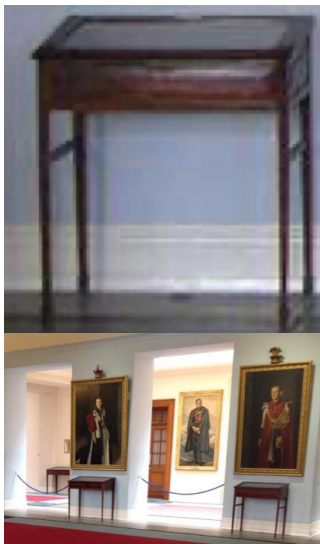
Coastal Command

We are indebted to Flight Lieutenant E. D. Finch (1946) for the following news of Old Cranwellians in Coastal Command. He himself is Chief Ground Instructor at Kinloss. Flight Lieutenant R. V. Stephenson (1946) is now in Malta and Flight Lieutenant L. G. Dickson (1946) is hoping to go to Topcliffe after completing the course at Kinloss. Pilot Officers P. D. Organ (1951) and D. W. Molesworth (1951) are stationed at Kinloss. Flight Lieutenant E. F. Hemming (1947), who was at Kinloss, has recently left there to take the course at the Central Flying School. Pilot Officers M. G. Bowyer and G. S. Turner are at Ballykelly and Malta respectively and Flight Lieutenant T. A. Bennett (1947) is A.D.C. to the A.O.C. Malta.

It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of Group Captain G. N. Hancock, Flight Lieutenants J. E. Y. King and A. Lang, Flying Officers O. M. Cruickshank and A. J. Rosser, and Pilot Officer R. F. Witty. Our deepest sympathy goes to the relatives and friends of these officers.

Twenty-fourth Annual General Meeting - 26 June 1954

Air Cdre Henry Eeles, ex-J29 Entry, took the Chair.



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OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting held on 26th June, 1954

The chair was taken by Air Commodore Eeles.

There were about 80 Members present.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous general meeting were read and on the proposition of A.V.M. The Earl of Bandon, seconded by Air Cdre. Pritchett, confirmed.

Accounts

The accounts for the twelve months ended 30th April, 1954, were presented to the meeting. After explanation of items by the Chairman, Air Cdre. Pritchett proposed that the accounts be passed. This was seconded by Group Capt. Bayne and carried unanimously.

Honorary and Associate Membership

The Chairman stated that as Major-General Griffin, Colonel Commandant of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment was the Guest of Honour at Dinner this evening, the Committee proposed that he be offered Honorary membership of the Association. This was following the usual practice. The Committee's proposal was seconded by A.V.M. Beamish and carried unanimously.

The Chairman also brought forward the case of Air Cdre. R.W.L. Glenn. Air Cdre. Glenn entered the College as a cadet but after one term was withdrawn and given a commission in another branch of the Royal Air Force. By the Association Rules he was entitled to be invited to be an Associate Member but as the case was rather exceptional he would like the Meeting's views on this. It was proposed by A.V.M. Beamish, seconded by Air Cdre. Worthington, that Air Cdre. Glenn be offered Associate membership. This was carried without dissent.

Roll of Honour

The Chairman informed the meeting that the new Roll of Honour book would be placed in the College in the near future. The estimate of the cost of the book was very much below the actual cost, which would be in the region of £80 instead of the £40 originally asked for. He asked for the Association's continued help in this matter. It was proposed by A.V.M. Sinclair that the cost of the book be met from Association funds. This was seconded by Wing Cdr. S.B. Grant and carried unanimously.

Amendment of Rules

Copies of the Rules containing the amendments as suggested by the Committee had been circulated to all Members. The Chairman asked the meeting to confirm the three major amendments which were as follows:-

The raising of the number of Associate members from 35 to 50. It was proposed by A.V.M. Sinclair that this be done. This was seconded by Group Capt. Pringle and carried.

The change in management under Rule 6. Proposed by A.V.M. The Earl of Bandon, seconded by Group Capt. Bayne that this be confirmed. Carried.

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President and Officiating Vice-President under Rule 8

To regularise the position of the present President of the Association, A.V.M. Sir Charles Longcroft, it was necessary that this Rule be altered to read "The President of the Association shall be a member of the Association" and not as formerly, "shall be an ex-cadet". It was proposed by Air Cdre. Cooper, seconded by Group Capt. Chacksfield, that this alteration be confirmed. This was carried. Also under this Rule it was confirmed that the Commandant of the R.A.F. College shall be the officiating Vice-President of the Association during his period of office. This confirmation was proposed by A.V.M. Beamish, seconded by Group Capt. Pringle and carried.

Dress for Dinners under Rule 10(v)

On the proposition of Group Capt. Chacksfield, seconded by Air Cdre. Mitchell, it was confirmed that the dress for dinners shall be dinner jackets without miniatures unless Royalty is present when the dress would be prescribed by the Committee. The Meeting decided that as the Rules as amended had been passed without any further alterations, the copies already circulated to Members should be regarded as the new book of Rules and that further copies of the Rules should not be sent to Members. This would save expense in printing costs.

College Journal

The Chairman stated that both he and the College Journal Committee had given a great deal of time and thought to the rising cost of production of the College Journal. Members would see from the statement of accounts that well over half the Association's income was being spent in covering the cost of Journals sent to Members. It had been suggested that only two copies per year be published instead of the three as at present. This suggestion had been very carefully looked into and there would be very little saving in cost as the same amount of matter would have to be published in the two issues to cover the three terms.

Air Cdre. Hamblin suggested that instead of each member getting a copy of the Journal as published, that copies be distributed to Messes and paid for from O.C.A. funds. Plt. Lt. Stinchcombe suggested the Journal Committee should try and get a firm of printers cheaper than Gale & Polden. Suggestions as to a new and cheaper kind of cover were presented to the Meeting. The Chairman stated that by adopting one of the new proposed covers the cost of the Journal would be reduced by 3d. per copy.

After discussion A.V.M. The Earl of Bandon proposed that three copies per annum be printed as at present and that the new style cover be accepted in principle, the Journal Committee to work out details and try and get the new unembossed cover as near to the original cover as possible. This was seconded by Air Cdre. Pritchett and carried. The Meeting voted in favour of the crest showing the cranes in white on a black background.

Subscriptions

A general discussion then ensued on the question of raising the income of the Association either by charging members attending the annual dinner the cost of the dinner, or raising subscriptions. Group Capt. Becker pointed out that the annual subscription of £1 had remained constant since the inception of the Association some 30 years ago and suggested that subscriptions be raised to £2 per annum to meet the present trend of higher costs. After further discussion it was proposed by A.V.M. The Earl of Bandon that subscriptions be raised from £1 per annum to 25/- per annum, all members to be circulated stating this meeting's proposal and asking them to agree to this. The final decision as to the raising of the subscription would be taken on a majority mail vote from all Members. This was seconded by A.V.M. Fuller-Good. On being put to the vote this proposition was carried.

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Election of Committee

On the proposition of A.V.M. The Earl of Bandon, seconded by A.V.M. Fuller Good, the undermentioned were elected to serve on the Committee during the coming year:-

Air Cdre. H. Eeles
Group Capt. E.D. MacK. Nelson
Group Capt. C.E.J. Baines
Group Capt. F.E. Nuttall (Retd.)
Wing Cdr. I. N. MacDougal
Plt. Lt. A.B. Stinchcombe

This was carried. Group Capt. Chacksfield stated he thought it would be better to have had some members from Stations other than Cranwell. The Chairman pointed out to Group Capt. Chacksfield the difficulty he had experienced in getting representatives from other Stations to attend Committee Meetings.

The Chairman thanked the Committee and Secretary for their work during the past year. The members present associated themselves with these thanks.

There being no other business the Meeting was declared closed.

H. Eeles
Chairman

RoH - nearly ready. [159 cadets lost pre-WWII and 331 during WWII]

College Journal's rising production costs, consuming >50% of OCA's income. Proposal to reduce issues from three to two a year rejected, but distribution reduced to messes? New, cheaper covers.

Journal Funding increased - Click Graphic to access Journals



OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION — INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
for the twelve months ended 30th April, 1954.

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Mr. Maris—pension	53 0 0	Members subscriptions	881 6 6
College Journals to Members	520 18 0	Interest invested funds	52 8 0
Old College doors	7 10 0	Sale of booklets	1 11 0
Gale & Polden — Postages and addressograph			
Journal	62 15 1		
Cheque books and stationery	2 3 9		
Mr. Best—Records ex-cadets	24 0 0		
Secretary	100 0 0		
Bank Charges	5 5 0		
Banners for Trumpets	120 0 0		
Printing	29 7 8		
Postages	10 6 0		
Annual Re-union 1953	125 11 11		
Wreaths	8 4 0		
Income Tax	31 1 0		
Chiming Mechanism College Clock—upkeep	10 0 0		
	£1110 2 5		£1110 2 5

BALANCE SHEET AT 30th APRIL, 1954.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Domestic Staff Gratuity Fund	172 6 2	Cash at Bank Current	211 17 6
SUNDRY CREDITORS—		Cash in hand	11 4
College Journal	160 0 0	INVESTED FUNDS—	
Gale & Polden	20 11 8	3 1/2% War Stock	500 0 0
Secretary	8 6 8	2 1/2% Def. Bonds	500 0 0
Capital a/c at 1/5/53	183 9 6	3% Def. Bonds	300 0 0
Deduct I. & E. a/c above	174 16 11	3 1/2% Def. Bonds	500 0 0
	1653 12 7	Trustee Savings Bank	375 7 5
	£2014 17 1	Ties in hand	1775 7 5
		Sundry Dr. Sq. Ldr. Ferris	20 0 0
			1 0 10
			£2014 17 1

Audited and found correct — J. T. McBRIDE, Sqn. Ldr. (Retd.)
MEMBER STATION AUDIT BOARD.

J. H. LAGER, SECRETARY.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

PROMOTIONS

We congratulate the following Old Cranwellians on their promotions on 1st July, 1954:
Air Vice-Marshals: J. L. E. Fuller-Good (1921); J. N. T. Stephenson (1926).
Air Commodores: H. F. G. Southey (1924); E. J. Corbally (1927); C. S. Moore (1929).
Group Captains: A. R. D. MacDonnell (1932); P. E. Warcup (1934); C. D. Milne (1935).

APPOINTMENTS

Recent appointments of Old Cranwellians include those of:
A.V.M. G. P. Chamberlain (1923) to be A.O.A. Fighter Command.
A.V.M. H. A. Constantine (1926) to be A.O.C. No. 25 Group.
Air Cdre B. C. Yarde (1924) to be Commandant General of the R.A.F. Regiment and Inspector General of Ground Combat Training.
Air Cdre W. H. Hutton (1926) to be A.O.A. Coastal Command.
Air Cdre G. W. Hayes (1923) to be A.O.C. No. 67 (N. Ireland) Group.
Air Cdre F. A. Pearce (1931) to be Director of Manning.
Air Cdre H. A. V. Hogan (1929) to be A.O.C. No. 81 Group.
Gp Capt S. L. Blunt (1926) to the department of the A.M.S.O.
Gp Capt J. B. Tait (1934) to the air staff of H.Q., M.E.A.F.
Gp Capt J. A. H. Loudon (1925) to command R.A.F. Uxbridge.
Gp Capt C. C. Morton (1930) to the air staff of No. 90 Group.
Gp Capt D. S. Kite (1931) to the technical staff of Bomber Command.
Gp Capt C. R. D. L. Lloyd (1930) to command R.A.F. West Kirby.
Gp Capt W. H. N. Turner (1929) to the administrative staff of No. 27 Group.

Gp Capt W. S. Reed (1929) to command R.A.F. Hendon.
Gp Capt W. G. Abrams (1924) to the N.A.A.F.I. Board of Management.
Gp Capt G. S. Powell-Sheddon (1935) to the department of the A.M.S.O.
Wg Cdr R. Lloyd (1936) to the department of the A.M.S.O.
Wg Cdr J. H. Iremonger (1936) to the air staff of Fighter Command.
Wg Cdr D. F. Dixon (1933) to command R.A.F. Steamer Point, Aden.

NEWS

Annual General Meeting
 About eighty members attended the meeting which took place after the annual cricket match, won this year by the College.
 Air Commodore R. W. L. Glenn was invited to be an Associate Member of the Association.
 The rules of the Association had been revised to meet changed conditions and the amendments were approved by the meeting.
 A recommendation of the Editorial Committee of *The Journal* that the existing cover should be redesigned and flat-printed throughout in order to reduce printing costs was approved.
 The accounts for the past year were explained by the Chairman and passed by the meeting. It was felt that either the subscription should be raised or that members attending the annual dinner should pay for it in order that there should be no annual deficit. The general feeling was that the subscription should be raised and the Chairman asked that members should be circularized to find out the opinion of the majority of members on this point.
 The committee for the following year is Air Commodore Lees, Group Captain Nelson, Group Captain Baines, Group Captain Nuttall (retd.), Wing Commander MacDougall, and Flight Lieutenant Stinchcombe.

Reunion Dinner

The guest of honour was Major-General Griffin, Colonel Commandant of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, who was invited to become an Honorary Member and presented with an Old Cranwellian tie to mark the occasion.
 A most enjoyable evening was spent by those who attended. Other guests included the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Croydon and the Director of Studies. Among members present were two past commandants, Air Vice-Marshal G. R. Beamish and Air Vice-Marshal L. F. Sinclair, and Air Vice-Marshal the Earls of Bandon, J. L. F. Fuller-Good and J. G. Franks.

Cranwell

Group Captain E. D. MacK. Nelson (1931) has left to take up an appointment on the Directing Staff of the Royal Air Force Staff College, Bracknell; the appointment of Assistant Commandant has been taken over by Group Captain D. H. Lee (1933).
 Also leaving Cranwell is the Station Commander, Group Captain R. C. Keary (1927), who is joining the Senior Officers' War Course at Greenwich. Group Captain D. J. Eyars (1927) has taken over command.

Associate Members

Squadron Leaders A. C. Morris (Senior Equipment Instructor), D. Roberts (Senior Ground Combat Training Instructor) and Flight Lieutenant A. T. Williams (Cadet Wing Adjutant) have accepted invitations to become Associate Members of the Association.

United States Air University

The Directing Staff of this University includes Group Captain M. W. S. Robinson (1929) and Wing Commander J. R. Armistead (1937).

Awards

The following American awards have been made to Old Cranwellians for services in Korea:
D.F.C.: Flight Lieutenants J. H. G. White (1946), J. H. J. Lovell, I. Gordon-Johnson (1947), R. Watson (1948).
Air Medal: Flight Lieutenants T. N. M. Bayne (1947), J. F. H. Chick, I. Gordon-Johnson (1947), J. H. G. White (1946), J. L. Mansell (1948), J. N. Murphy (1948), R. Watson (1948).

Erratum

An error in our last issue of these Notes made Flight Lieutenant T. Bennet (1947) the A.D.C.

to the A.O.C. Malta, whereas Flight Lieutenant D. Wright (1947) is the actual holder of the office.

From all Quarters

A number of Old Cranwellians are now stationed in Germany at the following places:
Fassberg: Flight Lieutenant D. P. English (1949); Flying Officers S. H. R. L. D'Arcy (1948), D. B. Durrant (1949), C. Crook (1950).
Oldenburg: Flight Lieutenants J. N. Murphy (1948), H. J. Ridout (1949); Flying Officers D. V. Clack (1950), J. D. B. Christey (1950), D. J. House (1950) Pilot Officer D. C. Purse (1951).
Ahlhorn: Flying Officer L. R. Davis (1950).
Jever: Flying Officer B. Watson (1950); Pilot Officer J. R. Sandle (1951).
Wildenrath: Flying Officers G. H. Burley (1950), J. L. Harrison (1950).
Geilenkirchen: Flying Officer R. Humpherson (1950).
Bruggen: Flying Officers G. A. Coatesworth (1950), J. F. B. Jones (1948).
Wunstorf: Flying Officer D. Harcourt-Smith (1948).
 The A.D.C. to Commander-in-Chief 2nd T.A.F. is Flying Officer R. C. F. Peirse (1949).
 At Malta on the flying side are Flight Lieutenant R. W. Fox (1949), Flying Officers Tabernacle (1949), D. R. Atkinson (1949), P. Bureau (1950). At the M.U. there are Flying Officers J. K. Craven-Griffiths (1949), P. J. Broad (1948) and Pilot Officer J. R. Davies (1950).
 On exchange postings with the Royal Australian Air Force are Flight Lieutenants R. B. W. A. George (1947), J. W. Price (1945) and G. J. Clayton (1948).

We are indebted to Wing Commander E. H. Lynch-Blosse (1935), who is at present serving at Changi, for the following list of Old Cranwellians serving, or about to serve, in the Far East:

Commander-in-Chief: Air Marshal F. J. Fressanges (1921).
Butterworth: Flight Lieutenants J. M. Robertson (1946), F. D. Hoskins (1949); Flying Officers G. J. Brand (1951), W. B. Topping (1950), G. H. Baker (1951); Pilot Officers A. C. Whitson (1951), W. F. Close (1951).
Changi: Air Vice-Marshal A. D. Gillmore (1923) and W. J. M. Akerman (1920). The Reverend B. Knight. Group Captains L. P. Moore (1925), A. Pyke (1930), M. H. Rhys (1930); Wing Commanders J. W. Arney (1933),

L. Rose (1933), R. A. L. Morant (1938), T. N. Stack (1937). Pilot Officers M. A. Howells (1952), B. W. Opie (1950).
Hong Kong: Air Commodore R. C. Field (1926); Wing Commanders G. V. W. Kettlewell (1935), R. T. Frogley (1935); Flying Officer B. Huxley (1950).
Kuala Lumpur: Group Captain H. P. Broad (1929); Wing Commanders B. Barthold (1935), J. C. Bevan.
Seletar: Wing Commanders G. N. D. Evans (1935), G. Burgess (1934); Squadron Leader M. C. Raban (1938); Flight Lieutenants D. B. Robinson (1946), F. Jacobs (1948), N. A. Innes-Smith (1949), R. Lockyer (1948); Flying Officers R. L. T. Polgreen (1949), M. Dark (1949), C. D. Sharpe (1950); Pilot Officer J. H. Bishop (1949).
Tengah: Group Captain D. G. Stokes (1932); Flight Lieutenants C. E. F. Cooper (1949), A. N. P. Cornish (1949).
Clark Field: Flight Lieutenant E. A. Peters (1949).

Flight Lieutenant P. C. Skinner (1946), father of the first son of a post-war Old Cranwellian, is to be congratulated on the addition of a daughter to his family. We congratulate also Group Captain J. C. Pope (1931), Wing Commander D. R. S. Bevan-John (1936) and Flight Lieutenants K. A. C. Wirdman (1949), J. M. Robertson (1946), A. B. Stinchcombe (1946) and R. H. Gidman (1947) on the additions to their families.

Our best wishes go to Flight Lieutenant F. Knapper (1947), and Pilot Officers I. H. Keppie (1952) and J. E. Tierney (1952) on the occasion of their marriages.

We regret to record the deaths of Squadron Leader A. Ferris and Flight Lieutenant B. G. Rendle. Our deepest sympathy is offered to the relatives and friends of these officers.

The following obituary has been written by Air Vice-Marshal F. C. Halahan, who was Commandant of the Royal Air Force College during Squadron Leader Ferris's time as adjutant:

'It is with great sorrow we heard of the death of Squadron Leader Ferris, Sandy Ferris, as we all knew him, was for three years the Cadet Wing Adjutant from 1927-1930.

'Sandy was a good disciplinarian and a good officer, but withal, he had a very kindly heart and a sense of humour typically Irish. His red face could be stern, but very soon cracked into

a wonderful smile, and all the cadets of his time thought him wonderful.

'He took intense interest in all the cadets' athletic efforts, and never missed a match or game from the touch-line.

'On the occasion of a St Patrick's Dinner, which we always celebrated in style, he used to obtain the service of Irish pipers in their traditional uniforms, who played Irish tunes during the meal and after. At one of the dinners, he released a little white sucking pig, after the Royal Toast had been celebrated in the usual way, and we all had great difficulty in capturing it, as he had carefully greased it all over.

'He came back to the Service in the late war, his old cheery face redder than ever, but his health prevented him from staying to the end, although he had the joy and pride of meeting again many of his cadets, who were then senior officers, and doing great things on active service.'

We also record with regret the death at the age of 81 on 25th September of W. M. Maris, whom many older Cranwellians will remember. His last years were spent at the British Legion Home at Cromer and he enjoyed good health almost to the end.

	'A'	'B'	'C'
	Sqn	Sqn	Sqn
Ferris Drill Trophy ..	8	5	2
Knocker Cup ..	7	1	4
Chimay Cup ..	6	9	3
	21	15	9

	'A'	'B'	'C'
	Sqn	Sqn	Sqn
Cricket ..	25	15	5
Rowing ..	3	15	9
Swimming ..	2	10	6
Water Polo ..	2	8	8
Tennis ..	6	2	10
Shooting ..	10	6	2
	48	56	40

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

THE following honours and awards in the New Year Honours List were received by Old Cranwellians, whom we congratulate:

C.B.: Air Commodore D. R. Evans (1930),
C.B.E.: Group Captain A. G. Dudgeon (1928),
O.B.E.: Group Captain H. E. Bufton (1936),
A.F.C.: Flight Lieutenant R. M. Raw (1947).
 The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Services in the Air: Squadron Leader J. A. Sowrey (1934); Flight Lieutenant R. Watson (1948).

Three Associate Members received honours and awards:

O.B.E.: Squadron Leader A. C. Morris.
M.B.E.: Squadron Leader D. G. Roberts.
Bar to A.F.C.: Wing Commander R. B. Cole.
Mentioned in Despatches: Flight Lieutenant D. A. Caris (1948).

PROMOTIONS

The following promotions took effect from 1st January, 1955:

Air Marshals: F. J. Fressanges (1921), T. G. Pike (1924).
Air Vice-M Marshals: J. G. W. Weston (1927),
E. M. F. Grundy (1928), A. D. Selway (1927),
A. Earle (1928), L. W. C. Bower (1928).
Air Commodores: H. Eeles (1929), F. A. Pearce (1931), M. W. B. Robinson (1929), W. E. Oulton (1929), S. C. Widdows (1929), J. Worrall (1930).
Group Captain: W. I. C. Inness (1934).
Wing Commander: M. C. Raban (1938).

APPOINTMENTS

Since the last issue of *The Journal*, the following appointments have been made:

A.V.M. H. H. Brookes (1922) to be A.O.C., Iraq.
 A.V.M. E. M. F. Grundy (1926) to be Chairman of the N.A.T.O. Military Agency for Standardization.

A.V.M. W. H. Kyle (1928) to be A.O.C., Malaya.
 Air Cdre M. L. Heath (1927) to be Director of Plans.
 Air Cdre W. R. Worstall (1926) to be Director of Air Engineering.
 Air Cdre W. E. Oulton (1929) to be Director of Operations (3).
 Air Cdre J. Worrall (1930) to be Commander, Eastern Sector.
 Gp Capt D. P. D. G. Kelly (1933) to the staff of the School of Land/Air Warfare.
 Gp Capt W. P. Welch (1929) to the Air Staff of Coastal Command.
 Gp Capt A. R. D. MacDonell (1932) to the staff of Joint Services Staff College.
 Gp Capt F. H. Tyson (1930) to the staff of the School of Land/Air Warfare.
 Gp Capt W. D. Disbrey (1931) to the Technical Staff of Bomber Command.
 Gp Capt B. H. Becker (1931) to the department of the Air Member for Personnel.
 Gp Capt T. B. de la P. Beresford (1933) to be Air Adviser to the High Commissioner in New Delhi.
 Wg Cdr L. D. Wilson (1935) to Leconfield for flying duties.
 Wg Cdr T. M. Buchanan (1933) to command R.A.F., Newton.
 Wg Cdr G. A. V. Knyvett (1931) to the administrative staff at Driffild.
 Wg Cdr D. T. M. Lumsden (1934) to the department of the Chief of Air Staff.
 Wg Cdr A. R. Atkins (1934) to the technical staff at Headquarters, British Forces, Aden.
 Wg Cdr E. B. C. Davies (1931) to the department of the Air Member for Supply and Organization.
 Wg Cdr J. B. Grant (1936) to the staff of the Allied Air Forces, Southern Europe.
 Wg Cdr K. Gray (1931) to the staff of the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe.
 Wg Cdr R. B. Cole (Associate Member) to West Raynham for flying duties.

NEWS

Cranwell

Recent arrivals at Cranwell as flying instructors are Flight Lieutenants D. Guthrie (1947), E. F. Hemming (1947), W. E. Kelly (1948), F. R. Lund (1949) and G. O. Eades (1948). Flight Lieutenant R. Hollingworth (1948) has taken on the additional task of Cadet Wing Officer.

Squadron Leader P. F. Blackford (1938) has handed over his task as a Cadet Squadron Commander to take over command of Edinburgh University Air Squadron.

Duxford

A correspondent tells us that at Duxford are Flight Lieutenant R. J. Spiers (1947), Flying Officers R. Dick (1950), J. W. Heard (1950), D. J. Foster (1951), J. N. W. Pickersgill (1951) and J. C. Dunne (1950).

Australia

Serving with the Royal Australian Air Force on exchange postings are:

Flight Lieutenants T. L. Kennedy (1948) with Transport Wing somewhere in Japan, H. H. Caillard (1946) with a Canberra squadron, M. D. Fenner (1948) with the same Canberra squadron, J. H. Palmer (1947) with a Lincoln squadron, I. H. F. Walmsley (1948) with a Neptune squadron, and R. W. B. A. George (1947) at Woomera.

Personal

We congratulate (rather belatedly we fear) Flight Lieutenant K. V. E. Gilbert (1947) on his marriage and Flight Lieutenant E. F. Hemming (1947) on the addition to his family. We also congratulate Wing Commanders H. D. Clark

(1937) and K. F. Mackie (1935), and Flight Lieutenants D. H. Mills (1949) and D. A. Arnott (1948) on the additions to their families.

We wish Wing Commanders P. Heath and P. D. W. Hackforth success and happiness in their retirement.

We regret to record the deaths of Air Vice-Marshal J. G. Hawtrey, Air Commodore G. D. Stephenson, Flight Lieutenant J. W. Wills and Pilot Officers D. D. Vickers and D. G. Edwards. We extend our deepest sympathy to the relatives and friends of these officers.

THE SOVEREIGN'S SQUADRON

Points Scored in the Autumn Term

	'A' Sqn	'B' Sqn	'C' Sqn
Chimay Cup ...	6	3	9
Ferris Drill Trophy ...	2	8	5
Knocker Cup ...	7	4	1
	15	15	15

Prince of Wales Trophy awarded to 'C' Squadron, winners of Chimay Cup

INTER-SQUADRON COMPETITION

Points Scored in the Autumn Term

	'A' Sqn	'B' Sqn	'C' Sqn
Rugby ...	15	5	25
Association Football ...	8	8	20
Cross-Country ...	12	4	20
Fencing ...	10	6	2
Shooting ...	10	6	2
	55	29	69



TAKING AIM AT BISLEY



This photograph of Flt Cdt Salvey was also shown at the Photographic section's winter exhibition. Salvey, who came third in the Young Officers' and Airmen's Trophy last term, has obtained a place in the R.A.F. Rifle 100 S.R. (a) and Rifle 50 S.R. (b)

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AWARDS

THE following awards have been made since the announcement of the New Year Honours:

C.B.: Group Captain D. J. Eavrs (1927), Officer Commanding R.A.F. Cranwell for gallant and distinguished services in Kenya.

Group Captain D. H. Lee, D.F.C. (1933) has been appointed Chevalier 1st Class of the Order of St Olav by the King of Norway.

APPOINTMENTS

Since the last issue of *The Journal* the following appointments have been made:

Air Mshl G. R. Beamish (1923) to be A.O.C.-in-C., Technical Training Command.

A.V.M. C. E. Chilton (1924) to the staff of Coastal Command.

A.V.M. A. Earle (1925) to be Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Policy).

A.V.M. J. G. Franks (1923) to the staff of Technical Training Command.

A.V.M. F. G. S. Mitchell (1920) to the staff of Maintenance Command.

A.V.M. G. B. Beardsworth (1923) to be A.O.C. No. 24 Group.

A.V.M. H. A. V. Hogan (1929) to be A.O.C. British Forces, Aden.

Air Cdre L. P. Moore (1925) to be A.O.C. No. 43 Group.

Air Cdre R. C. Mead (1927) to be A.O.C. No. 81 Group.

Gp Capt J. H. Lapsley (1936) to command R.A.F. Wahn.

Gp Capt C. Broughton (1930) to the staff of H.Q. F.E.A.F.

Wg Cdr G. A. Mills (1932) to command R.A.F. Wroughton.

Wg Cdr P. S. Gomez (1930) to the staff of Fighter Command.

NEWS

Cranwell

Recent arrivals at Cranwell as flying instructors are Flight Lieutenants N. R. C. Price (1949), C. D. Walker (1948), J. R. Coleman (1949), C. P. Francis (1947), T. A. Bennett (1947), D. B. Durrant (1948).

Farnborough

A correspondent tells us that Wing Commander I. N. M. MacDonald (1937) is Chief Test Flying Instructor at the Empire Test Pilots' School.

On the present course are Flight Lieutenants R. J. Spiers (1947), C. M. Bruce (1946), P. J. Bardon (1947), A. M. Christie (1949) and S. H. R. L. D'Arcy (1948).

Test flying at Farnborough is Flight Lieutenant J. L. Price (1948).

Wahn

Serving at Wahn are Squadron Leader R. H. G. Weighill (Associate Member), Flight Lieutenants M. H. Miller (1947), J. M. A. Parker (1949), W. I. Worsley (1949), R. P. J. King (1949), Flying Officer L. A. Boyer (1950), and Pilot Officer M. A. Kelly (1951).

Middleton St George

At Middleton St George as flying instructors are Flight Lieutenants D. J. B. Keats (1949) and R. H. Robson (1949).

Little Rissington

On the staff at Little Rissington are Flight Lieutenant D. G. Slade (1950) and Flying Officer J. M. Henderson (1951).

Church Fenton

The first two members of No. 62 Entry to join squadrons reached here on 6th June, Pilot Officer



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C. Pearson to No. 19 Squadron and Pilot Officer T. H. Sheppard to No. 72 Squadron.

F.E.A.F.

We have received news of an unusually large gathering of Old Cranwellians at Singapore for the sixth annual reunion. The Commander-in-Chief and 31 other former flight cadets attended.

Air Marshal F. J. Fressanges (1921) presided and those attending included Air Vice-Marshal Akerman (1920), Air Vice-Marshal A. D. Gillmore (1923), Air Vice-Marshal W. H. Kyle (1928), Air Commodore R. C. Field (1923) and Air Commodore L. P. Moore (1925). The guest of honour was Air Vice-Marshal F. R. W.

Scherger, R.A.A.F., the Chaplain-in-Chief and the Reverend B. Knight.

Personal

We congratulate Flying Officer G. S. C. Mumford (1951) on his marriage and also, very belatedly, Flight Lieutenants D. J. B. Keats (1949) and C. H. Foale (1949) on their marriages.

We congratulate Mr Dudley Williams (1926) upon retaining his seat at Exeter with an increased majority.

We regret to record the deaths of Flying Officers T. J. Hartnoll (1951) and J. R. McEntegart (1951). We extend our deepest sympathy to the relatives and friends of these officers.

Twenty-fifth Annual General Meeting - 18 June 1955

Air Cdre Henry Eeles, ex-J29 Entry, took the Chair.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 18/6/55

There were about 85 Members present.

The Chair was taken by the Commandant, Air Cdre. H. Eeles.

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous annual general meeting were read and on the proposition of Group Capt. Levis, seconded by A.V.M. Yarde, confirmed.

Accounts

Copies of the balance sheet and accounts for the 12 months ended 30/4/1955 have been circulated to all Members. Air Marshal Boyle proposed the accounts as presented be passed. This was seconded by A.V.M. Yarde and carried unanimously.

Honorary Member

The Chairman informed the meeting that owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Guest of Honour for this evening, M.R.A.F. Sir William Dickson, was unable to be present. As it was the usual custom to invite the Guest of Honour to Honorary Membership of the Association, he would like the Meeting to concur in this. A.V.M. Spencer proposed that this be done. This was seconded by A.V.M. Sinclair and carried unanimously.

Election of 2nd Lt. M. Lees to Associate Membership

The Chairman informed the Meeting that an application from 2nd Lt. Lees had been received asking that he be considered for election to Associate Membership. 2nd Lt. Lees served as a cadet here for nearly two years and then was found unable to fly. He transferred to Sandhurst and has since been commissioned in the Army. The Chairman gave a short resume of Lt. Lees' activities whilst a cadet at Cranwell. It was proposed by Air Marshal Boyle that Lt. Lees be invited to Associate Membership of the O.C.A. This was seconded by Group Capt. Chacksfield and carried without dissent.

College Staff Gratuity Fund

The Chairman outlined the history of the original Staff Pension Fund which was wound up and the assets distributed to subscribers in 1948. He then explained the details of the present fund and the amount of gratuities it had been decided to give to members of the domestic staff on retirement in accordance with the decisions taken at the Annual General Meeting in July 1948. The fund was started in 1948 by a grant of £150 from O.C.A. funds, but nothing had been added to it since that date. The Chairman was of the opinion that steps should now be taken to augment the fund in order to meet the demands which will be made upon it in an increasing measure after 1958. After discussion Air Commodore Lane proposed that £100 per annum be placed to the credit of the Gratuity Fund from O.C.A. funds, commencing in the current year. This was seconded by Group Capt. Chacksfield, who also proposed that the assets and income of the Gratuity Fund should be reviewed annually by the Association after 1958 in the light of the then existing circumstances and commitments. These two resolutions were carried unanimously.

The Chairman then stated that certain members of the staff would probably be retiring before they had completed the necessary 10 years service qualifying them to draw the £10 due to them at the end of the 10 years period calculated from 1948. After general discussion, Air Commodore Lane proposed that the sum of £10 be paid from the Gratuities Fund to those members of the staff who retired within the next 3 years, provided that they had completed 25 years service with the College at the date of retirement. This proposition was seconded by Air Marshal Boyle and carried unanimously.

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Election of Committee for ensuing Year

The following were elected to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year:

Air Commodore H. Eeles	Chairman
Group Captain D.J. Eayrs	
Group Captain D.H. Lee	
Group Captain C.J. Baines	
Wing Cdr. I.N. MacDougall	
Flt. Lt. F.R. Lund	
Group Captain F.E. Nuttall	

The Chairman thanked the retiring Committee on behalf of the Members for the work they had done in the past year.

Officers Pensions Society

A letter was read from Group Captain R.B. Stone inviting the O.C.A. to give a donation to the Officers Pensions Society. The Chairman explained the working of the Society and its objects. Air Marshal Boyle was of the opinion that the Association should not dabble in this sort of thing as there were so many other worthy objects. A.V.M. Spence supported A.M. Boyle in this contention. It was decided that no donation be sent.

The Members present gave a vote of thanks to the Secretary for his work during the past year.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed.

M. Lauselle
Chairman

History of Staff Pension Fund wound up in 1948 and status of replacement gratuities fund.

Donations to retiring staff

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APPOINTMENTS

SINCE the last issue of *The Journal* the following appointments have been made:

Air Chf Mshl Sir George H. Mills (1920) to be Commander, Allied Air Forces, Central Europe.

Air Mshl the Earl of Bandon (1923) to be C.-in-C., 2nd Tactical Air Force.

Air Mshl R. B. Jordan (1921) to be A.O.C.-in-C., Maintenance Command.

Air Mshl G. E. Nicholletts (1921) to be A.O.C. Malta.

Air Mshl R. L. R. Atcherley (1922) to be A.O.C.-in-C., Flying Training Command.

A.V.M. L. F. Sinclair (1926) to be A.O.C. H.Q. British Forces, Aden.

A.V.M. H. A. V. Hogan (1929) to be A.O.C. No. 83 Group.

A.V.M. A. D. Selway (1927) to be Commander, Royal Air Force Staff, British Joint Services Mission (U.S.A.).

A.V.M. M. L. Heath (1927) to be Director-General of Personnel (II), Air Ministry.

A.V.M. G. L. Worthington (1921) to be A.O.C. No. 40 Group.

Air Cdre W. R. Brotherhood to be Director of Operational Requirements.

Gp Capt L. F. Brown (1929) to the staff of Allied Air Forces, Northern Europe.

Gp Capt S. B. Grant (1937) to the staff of H.Q. No. 13 Group.

Gp Capt D. P. Hanafin (1932) to the Ministry of Supply.

Gp Capt H. J. Hobbs (1932) to command R.A.F. Benson.

Gp Capt H. Y. Humphreys (1930) to the staff of H.Q. Flying Training Command.

Gp Capt R. I. Jones (1933) to the staff of H.Q. No. 83 Group.

Gp Capt R. C. Keary (1927) to be Air Attaché in Tokyo.

Gp Capt W. T. H. Nichols (1929) to command Radio Engineering Unit.

Gp Capt D. I. P. MacNair (1929) to the staff of H.Q. 2nd Tactical Air Force.

Gp Capt J. M. N. Pike (1935) to command R.A.F. St Mawgan.

Gp Capt T. S. Rivett-Carnac (1934) to command R.A.F. Valley.

Gp Capt F. E. Stokes (1929) to the staff of R.A.F. St Athan.

Gp Capt C. T. Weir (1931) to command R.A.F. Leconfield.

Wg Cdr B. A. Fraser (1928) to Central Signals Area.

Wg Cdr P. A. Hughes (1937) to R.A.F. Kinloss for flying duties.

Wg Cdr K. P. MacKenzie (1937) to the staff of Allied Air Forces, Southern Europe.

Wg Cdr A. McIlwaine (1929) to Air Ministry.

Wg Cdr J. A. Sowrey (1939) to R.A.F. Wattisham for flying duties.

NEWS

Cranwell

Recent arrivals at Cranwell as flying instructors are Flight Lieutenants F. D. Hoskins (1949), D. H. Warren (1950), B. Thrussell (1950) and Flying Officer P. Kennet (1950). Flight Lieutenant D. J. Belson (1949) has taken over as A.D.C. to the Commandant.

Strubby

The following Old Cranwellians are serving at R.A.F. Strubby as flying instructors: Flight Lieutenants J. A. McArthur (1948), D. A. Cooper (1949), B. C. Mills (1949).

Gütersloh

Serving at R.A.F. Gütersloh are Flight Lieutenants G. H. Burleigh (1950), D. H. Williams (1947) and Flying Officer A. S. J. Whitwam (1951).

Kirton-in-Lindsey

Included in the staff at R.A.F. Kirton-in-Lindsey are Flight Lieutenants H. M. K. Brown (1947), J. A. Williams (1948) and J. N. Murphy (1948).

Thornaby

Flying Officer R. M. Salt (1950) is with No. 275 Squadron Helicopter Rescue at Thornaby. Also there is Flight Lieutenant B. Meadley (1949), adjutant on the auxiliary squadron.

Horsham St Faith

The following Old Cranwellians are at Horsham St Faith: Air Commodore J. Worrall (1930) as Officer Commanding, Eastern Sector, Group Captain J. H. Iremonger (1936) as Commanding Officer and Flight Lieutenant J. J. Parker (1949) as P.A. to Air Commodore Worrall. Flight Lieutenant J. McRobertson is station weapons officer and on No. 74 Squadron are Flight Lieutenants J. G. H. White (1946), B. J. Ball (1947), R. R. Martin (1950) and Flying Officer D. Allison (1951).

Canada

In Canada at the moment are two Old Cranwellians. Flight Lieutenants I. A. N. Worby (1947) and H. R. W. Morris (1947) are carrying out the duties of P.A.I. and flying instructor respectively.

Personal

We congratulate Air Commodore H. M. Pearson (1927), who retired last year, on his appointment to the aero sales staff of Armstrong Siddeley Motors Ltd for liaison duties with the R.A.F.

We regret to record the deaths of Flight Lieutenants T. R. Gush (1947), P. C. Skinner (1947), N. G. Wickman (1950), Flying Officer G. J. Brand (1951) and Pilot Officer L. T. Owen (1952). We extend our deepest sympathy to the relatives and friends of these officers.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

WE congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who received honours and awards in the New Year Honours List:

K.C.B.: Air Marshal D. Macfadyen (1920).

C.B.: Air Vice-Marshal W. J. M. Akerman (1920); Air Vice-Marshal A. Earle (1928); Air Commodore R. A. C. Carter (1930).

C.B.E.: Group Captain D. R. S. Bader (1928); Group Captain D. I. P. MacNair (1929).

O.B.E.: Wing Commander J. O. Barnard (1936).

APPOINTMENTS

Since the last issue of *The Journal* the following appointments have been made:

Air Chf Mshl Sir Dermot Boyle to be Chief of Air Staff.

Air Mshl D. Macfadyen (1920) to be A.O.C.-in-C., Home Command.

Air Mshl H. L. Patch (1923) to be A.O.C.-in-C., Fighter Command.

Air Cdre W. E. Oulton (1929) to be Director of Operations (M. & N.), Air Ministry.

Air Cdre R. A. C. Carter (1930) to be S.A.S.O., Transport Command.

Air Cdre S. C. Widdows (1929) to be Director of Operations (Air Defence), Air Ministry.

Air Cdre J. R. Halling-Potts (1926) to be A.O.C. No. 62 Group.

Air Cdre M. K. D. Porter (1929) to be Chief Signals Officer, H.Q. Fighter Command.

Gp Capt R. R. McIntyre (1928) for staff duties, H.Q. No. 64 Group.

Gp Capt S. S. Murray (1927) to Command Ground Officer Selection Centre.

Gp Capt R. D. Williams (1926) to the staff H.Q. F.E.A.F.

Gp Capt W. T. H. Nichols (1929) to the staff H.Q. Coastal Command.

Gp Capt B. P. Young (1936) to Command R.A.F., Gaydon.

Gp Capt A. D. Jackson (1935) to the staff H.Q. Maintenance Command.

Gp Capt D. I. P. MacNair (1929) to the staff H.Q. 2nd T.A.F.

Gp Capt P. G. St G. O'Brian (1936) to the staff H.Q. Fighter Command.

Gp Capt C. A. Watt (1927) to command R.A.F., West Kirby.

Gp Capt I. B. Newbigging (1927) to the Dept. of C.A.S., Air Ministry.

Gp Capt E. E. Vielle (1932) to the Dept. of C.A.S., Air Ministry.

Gp Capt J. O. W. Oliver (1929) to the staff of No. 18 Group.

Gp Capt C. R. D. L. Lloyd (1930) to the staff H.Q. Technical Training Command.

Gp Capt R. J. Gosnell (1930) to command R.A.F., North Weald.

Gp Capt J. D. Rutherford (1927) to the staff H.Q. Flying Training Command.

Gp Capt M. F. D. Williams (1930) to command Akrotiri, Cyprus.

Gp Capt A. G. Dudgeon (1934) to command R.A.F., Bruggen.

Gp Capt C. H. Press (1934) to the Ministry of Supply.

Wg Cdr A. H. Humphrey (1939) to the staff of Air Ministry.

Wg Cdr G. A. V. Knyvett (1931) to the staff R.A.F., Swindon.

Wg Cdr R. W. Pye (1938) to be President of Aircrew Selection Board.

Wg Cdr J. H. L. Blount (1938) to the staff Ministry of Defence.

Wg Cdr H. J. Cundall (1937) to flying duties at R.A.F., Wittering.

Wg Cdr P. C. I. Elderton (1925) to the Air Staff at H.Q. No. 11 Group.

Wg Cdr J. A. Holmes (1937) for flying duties at R.A.F., Wildendrath.

Wg Cdr M. D. Thunder (1931) to the staff H.Q. Home Command.

NEWS

Old Cranwellian Association in the Far East

The 7th Annual Reunion of former Cranwell Cadets was held in Fairy Point Officers' Mess at R.A.F., Changi, on 20th December, 1955. The

Dinner was attended by 30 ex-cadets of whom 18 were of pre-war and 12 of post-war vintage. The Commander-in-Chief, Air Marshal Sir Francis Fressanges, K.B., C.B., presided and also present were Air Vice-Marshal W. J. Akerman, C.B.E., Air Vice-Marshal A. D. Gilmore, C.B., C.B.E., and Air Commodore A. D. Messenger, C.B.E., Air Vice-Marshal E. C. Bates, C.B.E., A.F.C., the Air Officer in Charge Administration, was Guest of Honour. This was the fourth Reunion in the Far East attended by Air Vice-Marshal Akerman, who was a member of the First Entry into Cranwell in 1920 and is now retiring after 35 years in the Royal Air Force.

The Far East Air Force Band played a selection of music familiar to all those who have been through Cranwell, and the Band was admirably conducted at one stage of the proceedings by an Air Vice-Marshal.

There are at present 38 former Cadets serving in the Far East Air Force. There are also 12 serving with the Royal Australian Air Force, none of whom unfortunately was able to attend the Dinner. The Air Attaché in Tokyo, Group Captain R. C. Keary, and two officers in the Bomber Command Detachment at R.A.F., Butterworth, bring the number of former Cadets serving in the Far East to 53.

Biggin Hill

We only have news of one member at R.A.F., Biggin Hill, Flight Lieutenant P. V. Pledger (1947), who is serving with No. 615 Auxiliary Squadron.

R.A.F. Geilenkuchen

The following Old Cranwellians are serving at R.A.F. Geilenkuchen: Wing Commander R. H. G. Weighill (Hon.), Flight Lieutenants P. King (1949), G. Boyer (1950), R. Banardo (1950), J. H. J.

Lovell (1947), R. May (1948), G. A. Muncaster (1950), P. Underdown (1950), and Flying Officers Kelly (1951), J. Whittam (1951), G. Jonas (1950), J. Boyle (1950), C. C. Taylor (1951).

We congratulate upon their recent engagements Flight Lieutenant M. J. Corner (1949) and Flying Officer C. J. Phillips (1952).

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Pilot Officer C. M. Jonklaas. Our deepest sympathy goes to the relatives and friends of this officer.

Indian Air Force

Recent news has brought to light the following appointments in the Indian Air Force: Air Marshal S. Mukerjee (1930), Chief of Air Staff; Air Vice-Marshal A. M. Engineer (1931), Deputy Chief of Air Staff; Air Commodore A. Singh (1938), Air Officer i/c Personnel and Organization; Air Commodore R. H. D. Singh (1933), Air Officer i/c Technical and Equipment Services; Air Commodore S. N. Goyal (1936), A.O.C. Training Command; Group Captain E. M. T. Howell (1933) is at the Institute of Armament Studies, Kirkee.

In addition Group Captain T. B. de la P. Beresford is Air Adviser to the High Commissioner. While Wing Commander G. Thripp (Retd.) (1932) leads the teaching staff at the Technical Training College in Bangalore.

Middleton St George

We have news of the following Old Cranwellians at Middleton St George: Flight Lieutenants D. W. Lowe (1949), D. P. Hall (1949), M. Tomkins (1949), P. R. Sanderson (1947), D. Caris (1948) all serving as flying instructors. On the secretarial staff are Pilot Officers L. Dent (1951) and R. Morgan (1952).

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APPOINTMENTS

SINCE the last issue of *The Journal* the following appointments have been made:

- Air Mshl Sir W. L. Dawson (1920) to be Inspector General of the Royal Air Force.
- Air Mshl H. A. Constantine (1926) to be Deputy Chief of Staff at S.H.A.P.E.
- Air Mshl Sir D. MacFadyen (1920) to be A.O.C. Home Command.
- A.V.M. A. D. Gillmore (1923) to be S.A.S.O. Home Command.
- A.V.M. H. H. Brookes (1922) to be A.O.C. 61 Group.
- A.V.M. J. G. W. Weston (1927) to be A.C.A.S. Signals A.M.
- Air Cdre D. J. P. Lee (1930) to be Secretary to the Chiefs of Staff Committee.
- Air Cdre A. R. D. MacDonnell (1932) to be Air Attaché, Moscow.
- Gp Capt M. H. Rhys (1930) to command R.A.F. South Cerney.
- Gp Capt J. L. Crosbie (1927) to the staff of H.Q. 18 Group.
- Gp Capt F. W. Stannard (1927) to command R.A.F. Uxbridge.
- Gp Capt J. A. C. Stratton (1926) to the staff of H.Q. 81 Group.
- Gp Capt R. K. Jeffries (1934) to command No. 4 M.U.
- Wg Cdr L. B. B. King (1932) to Air Ministry.
- Wg Cdr I. C. Jackson (1933) to Air Ministry.
- Wg Cdr. D. H. T. Dowding (1937) to the staff at R.A.F. St. Eval.
- Wg. Cdr. L. Rose (1933) to the Ministry of Supply.
- Wg Cdr A. R. Wright (1938) to the staff at H.Q. Metropolitan Sector.

NEWS

The only news that is to hand on the whereabouts of Old Cranwellians concerns No. 62 Entry (1952). This information has been forwarded by Flying Officer Bates who is undertaking the task of pinpointing his entry at regular intervals. Those members who do not figure in

the following notes may like to contact their enthusiastic leader at R.A.F. Ahlhorn.

- R.A.F. Ahlhorn, B.A.O.R.* Flying Officers R. D. Bates (1952) and R. B. Gubbins (1952).
- R.A.F. Laarbanck, B.A.O.R.* Flying Officers K. R. Briggs (1952) and P. H. Stanning (1952).
- R.A.F. Odiham.* Flying Officers I. D. Brimson (1952) and M. A. Crook (1952).
- R.A.F. Topcliffe.* Flying Officers J. H. Champion (1952) and J. J. J. Dinnis (1952).
- R.A.F. Stradishall.* Flying Officers J. M. B. Dobson (1952), M. J. Hardy (1952), M. R. Southgate (1952) and A. J. W. Whittaker (1952).
- R.A.F. Leuchars.* Flying Officers B. E. C. Forse (1952) and R. H. L. Murmann (1952).
- R.A.F. Honington.* Flying Officers R. A. C. Goldring (1952) and G. F. Poyser (1952).
- R.A.F. Linton-on-Ouse.* Flying Officers I. A. R. Kearl (1952) and I. H. Keppie (1952).
- R.A.F. Church Fenton.* Flying Officers C. Pearson (1952) and T. H. Sheppard (1952).
- R.A.F. Binbrook.* Flying Officer A. C. Cooper (1952).
- R.A.F. Waterbeach.* Flying Officer J. Farwell (1952).
- R.A.F. Upwood.* Flying Officer E. D. Frith (1952).
- R.A.F. Changi, F.E.A.F.* Flying Officer A. Howells (1952).
- R.A.F. Wahn, B.A.O.R.* Flying Officer J. K. Jennings (1952).
- R.A.F. Wyton.* Flying Officer A. MacGregor (1952).
- R.A.F. Wittering.* Flying Officer D. McIntyre (1952).
- R.A.F. Waddington.* Flying Officer J. I. Miller (1952).
- R.A.F. Gutersloh, B.A.O.R.* Flying Officer M. Rankin (1952).
- R.A.F. Tangmere.* Flying Officer D. M. Richard (1952).
- R.A.F. Luqa, Malta.* Flying Officer G. M. Turner (1952).
- R.A.F. Abingdon.* Flying Officer J. Welby (1952).
- R.A.F. Hemswell.* Flying Officer J. E. Tierney (1952).

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES (continued)

Late news has just located the following:
R.A.F. Aldergrove. Flight Lieutenant R. R. Martin to the Auxiliary Squadron.
R.A.F. Nicosia, M.E.A.F. Flying Officers C. Pierce (1949) and R. H. H. Dauncey (1949).

Personal

We congratulate Flying Officers C. Pierce (1949) and R. H. H. Dauncey (1949) on their

marriages and Flight Lieutenant I. L. Schwaiger (1949) and Flying Officer F. K. Mason (1948) on the additions to their families.

In memory of G. T. R. (Robin) Pitts-Tucker, No. 57 Entry, who was killed at Valley on March 19th, 1953, two pews have been dedicated in the Chapel at 'All Hallows School,' Lyme Regis, Dorset. Any of his former friends will be welcomed there by the Headmaster.

Twenty-sixth Annual General Meeting - 23 June 1956

Air Cdre Thomas Alford Boyd Parselle, ex-J30 Entry, took the Chair.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 23rd 1956

There were about 60 Members present.

The chair was taken by Air Commodore Parselle

Minutes

The minutes of the last General Meeting were read and on the proposition of Air Marshal McEvoy, seconded by Air Cdre. Levis confirmed.

Accounts

The accounts for the year had already been circulated to all Members. On the proposition of Air Cdre. Jones, seconded by Air Cdre. Eeles these were passed without dissent.

Election of Hon. Members

The Chairman stated it was the usual custom to invite our Guest of Honour at the dinner, The Rt. Hon the Earl of Ancaster, to Hony. Membership of the Association. Air Cdre. Eeles proposed that this be done. Air Cdre. Levis seconded the proposition which was carried unanimously.

Annual Subscription for Retired Members

The Chairman informed the Meeting that several letters had been received recently from Retired Members cancelling their membership, all for financial reasons. He thought that by reducing the annual subscription from 25/- to 15/- it might be an inducement for these officers to retain their membership. The 15/- per annum would cover the cost of sending the Journal to these members. After discussion the Meeting agreed that no differentiation be made in the amount of the annual subscription but the question be kept under review and the situation be examined next year.

Failure of certain Members to pay the full subscription

The Chairman informed the Meeting that there were still 50 members who had failed to return their new bankers orders which raised the subscription from 20/- to 25/- per annum. Air Cdre. Eeles told the Meeting of the efforts he had made, as Chairman of the Committee, to bring the defaulters in line with other Members. The question was discussed at length and Air Cdre. Jones suggested that another effort be made. Air Marshal Beamish agreed with this and said we must hold their membership if at all possible. Finally it was agreed that a further letter be sent by the Committee and A.V.M. Franks suggested that the letter state that the matter had been discussed at this meeting. Air Cdre. Eeles said that it was only due to the fact that the Association took such a large number of Journals that the price of the Journal to cadets remained as low as it is. Air Marshal Beamish said the letter to be sent should stress this information in the further effort to be made.

Portrait of Air Chief Marshal Sir Dermot Boyle

The meeting unanimously agreed that it was essential that a portrait of A.C.M. Boyle be placed in the College. A.C.M. Boyle was the first ex-cadet to become C.A.S.



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Air Marshal Beamish said that this was a great occasion and should be backed by the Association and the best portrait possible be obtained. Air Cdre. Eeles said the portrait should be presented by the O.C.A. as a corporate body. The Chairman said he thought the picture would cost in the region of £500, depending on the artist employed to execute the work. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that £200 be given from the funds of the Association and that all Members should be circulated inviting individual subscriptions with a suggested figure of £1. 1. 0. Air Cdre. Eeles pointed out that last year £120 was spent on the new Roll of Honour Book. This was a non-recurring item and with the surplus of £53 income over expenditure last year would nearly give the required £200

Candelabra for College Mess

The Mess Secretary explained to the Meeting what was being done to provide candelabra for the College Mess. He stated that each candelabra would cost in the region of £26. The Chairman said he thought the Association would like to be invited to make a grant from the funds towards the cost. Each candelabra would be engraved with the name of the donor. It was proposed by Air Cdre. Eeles that a grant sufficient to cover the cost of three candelabra be made, one for each Squadron. This was seconded by A.V.M. Allinson and carried without dissent.

Committee for Ensuing Year

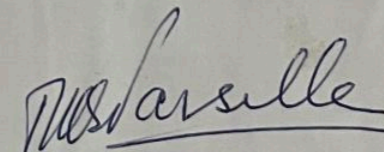
The Chairman thanked the retiring Committee on behalf of the Members for their work during the past year. The following were elected to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year:-

Air Cdre. Parselle (chairman)
Group Captain D.H. Lee
Group Captain Baines
Group Captain Nuttall
Flt. Lt. Lund
Flt. Lt. Belson

Gratuity to Domestic Staff

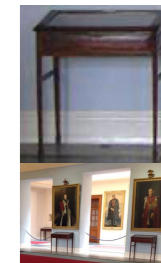
Group Captain Nuttall suggested that a small gratuity be given to those members of the domestic staff who were on duty that day. Air Cdre. Jones proposed that 2/6 be added to the Mess Bills of all those members dining in tonight for this purpose. This was seconded by A.M. McEvoy and carried nem com.

There being no other business the Meeting was declared closed.


Chairman

OCA to fund painting of Dermot Boyle

£200 spent on new ROH book.



OCA to fund three mess candelabra.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

WE congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who received honours and awards in the Birthday Honours List:

K.C.B.: Air Marshal R. B. Jordan (1921);
Air Marshal T. N. McEvoy (1923).

K.B.E.: Air Marshal R. L. R. Atcherley (1922);
Air Marshal G. E. Nicholetts (1921).

C.B.: Air Vice-Marshal F. G. S. Mitchell (1920);
Air Vice-Marshal J. N. T. Stephenson
(1926); Air Commodore H. Eeles (1929);
Air Commodore D. W. R. Ryley (1924);
Group Captain J. D. Melvin (1933).

C.B.E.: Group Captain D. P. Hanafin (1932).

APPOINTMENTS

Since the last issue of *The Journal* the following appointments have been made:

Air Mshl H. L. Patch (1925) to be C.-in-C.
M.E.A.F.

Air Mshl W. L. Dawson (1920) to be Inspector
General of the Royal Air Force.

A.V.M. G. I. V. Saye (1926) to be A.O.C.
19 Group.

Air Cdre H. Eeles (1929) to Air Ministry.

Air Cdre R. C. Field (1927) to be A.O.A.
Home Command.

Air Cdre D. Finlay (1933) to Air Ministry.

Air Cdre S. J. Marchbank (1932) to the staff of
N.A.T.O. Defence College.

Gp Capt H. E. C. Boxer (1933) to command
R.A.F. Thorney Island.

Gp Capt A. Pyke (1930) to command R.A.F.
Winthorpe.

Gp Capt H. G. Leonard-Williams (1930) to
Headquarters 90 Group.

Gp Capt G. H. H. Proctor (1926) to command
R.A.F. Weeton.

Gp Capt G. G. Barrett (1927) to Air Ministry.

Gp Capt R. T. Frogley (1935) to Air Ministry.

Gp Capt C. V. D. Willis (1936) to command
R.A.F. Nuneham Park.

Gp Capt M. H. Rhys (1932) to command
South Cerney.

Gp Capt J. E. Grindon (1935) to command
R.A.F. Honington.

Gp Capt R. G. Stone (1931) to command
R.A.F. Melksham.

Gp Capt W. Pitt-Brown (1936) to command
R.A.F. Linton-on-Ouse.

Gp Capt C. C. Morton (1930) to Air Ministry.

Wg Cdr J. R. Armitstead (1937) to H.Q.
Coastal Command.

Wg Cdr P. R. ap Ellis (1935) to R.A.F. Weeton.

Wg Cdr J. O. Barnard (1936) to H.Q. Transport
Command.

Wg Cdr I. G. MacKay (1931) to H.Q. Allied
Air Forces, Northern Europe.

Wg Cdr I. R. Campbell (1939) to the staff of
Northern Sector.

Wg Cdr R. W. Pye (1938) to Air Ministry.

Wg Cdr J. E. Preston (1937) to R.A.F. St. Eval.

Wg Cdr C. W. McN. Newman (1936) to
H.Q. Southern Sector.

RETIREMENTS

For health reasons the following Old Cranwellians have resigned their commissions:

Fg Off G. D. Hammans (1948).

Plt Off M. A. Moore (1952).

R.A.F. Odiham—Fg Off Tomlin (1952).

R.A.F. Bassingborn—Fg Off B. N. St. C.
Turner (1952).

R.A.F. Nicosia—Fg Offs R. A. Jackson (1952),
J. N. Sawyer (1952).

R.A.F. Abingdon—Fg Off P. J. Welby (1952).

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NEWS

Since the last issue of *The Journal* we have heard from the following Old Cranwellians:

R.A.F. Jever—Fg Offs P. A. Barrow (1952),
J. D. C. Hawtin (1953), P. F. Hunwick (1953)

R.A.F. Lyneham—Fg Off T. A. M. Bond (1952).

R.C.A.F. Winnipeg—Fg Off A. M. Chandler
(1952) on the navigators' course.

R.A.F. Ternhill—Fg Off A. R. Craig (1952).

R. A. F. Coltishall—Fg Offs E. W. Gosling
(1952), D. J. Pugh (1952).

R.A.F. Honington—Fg Offs L. G. Hall (1952),
R. A. C. Goldring (1952).

R.A.F. Waddington—Fg Off B. B. Heywood
(1952).

R.A.F. Binbrook—Fg Off C. A. Herbert (1952).

R.A.F. Aldergrove—Fg Off A. L. Willings
(1952).

R.A.F. Topcliffe—Fg Offs P. M. Papworth
(1952), J. C. Waters (1952).

R.A.F. Akrotiri—Fg Offs L. R. Morgan (1952),
C. G. Richardson (1952).

R.A.F. Oakington—Fg Off D. J. Hollis (1952).

R.A.F. Waterbeach—Fg Off J. D. Hutchinson
(1952).

R.A.F. West Malling—Fg Off B. H. Jones
(1952).

R.A.F. Stradishall—Fg Off B. R. Kent (1952).

R.A.F. Pembroke Dock—Fg Off M. J. Mathews
(1952).

R.A.F. Wymeswold—Fg Offs R. W. Millward
(1952), B. A. Weedon (1952).

R.A.F. Oldenburg—Fg Offs R. T. F. Snare
(1952), D. N. Cousins (1952), N. J. R. Walpole
(1952).

We congratulate the following Old Cranwellians on their recent marriages:

Fg Off P. J. Welby, married on 12th May, 1956.

Fg Off B. H. Jones, married on 1st September,
1956.

Fg Off J. F. H. Marriott, married in June, 1956.

Fg Off E. W. Gosling and on the birth of a
son, Jeremy Paul.

Fg Off B. A. Weedon and on the birth of a son,
Simon Andrew.

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We record, with deep regret, the deaths of
Flt Lts I. Gordon-Johnson (1947), C. M. Har-
court (1949) and Fg Offs C. J. Miller (1952),
J. A. Campbell (1952), C. Richmond (1953),
and C. Pearson (1952). We offer our sincere
sympathy to the relatives and friends of these
officers.

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Annual Reunion

The annual reunion of the Old Cranwellian Association was held on Saturday, 23rd June. One hundred and three members were present and the guest of honour was the Earl of Ancaster, the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire. Cricket and tennis matches were played in the afternoon, and the annual general meeting took place before dinner. After dinner the Vice-President of the Association proposed the toast of The Guests. In his reply Lord Ancaster made particular reference to the part played by the College in the county, especially the Beagles and the Band.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

WE congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who received honours or awards in the New Year Honours List:

- K.G.C.B.:* Air Chief Marshal Sir Dermot A. Boyle (1925).
K.C.B.: Air Marshal H. L. Patch (1923).
C.B.: Air Vice-Marshal J. L. F. Fuller-Good (1921); Air Vice-Marshal M. L. Heath (1927); Air Vice-Marshal G. L. Worthington (1921).
K.C.B.E.: Air Marshal the Rt. Hon. P. R. Gardner, Earl of Bandon (1923).
C.B.E.: Group Captain S. W. B. Menaul (1935); Group Captain P. M. Cribb (1936).
A.F.C.: Wing Commander T. N. Stack (1937).

APPOINTMENTS

Since the last issue of *The Journal* the following appointments have been made:

Air Chf Mshl Sir George H. Mills (1920) to be Air Aide-de-Camp to H.M. the Queen.
Air Cdre W. P. Sutcliffe (1930) to be Director of Operational Training at Air Ministry.
 Air Cdre T. J. C. Shirley (1928) to be A.O.C. and Commandant of the R.A.F. Technical College, Henlow.
Gp Capt J. B. de la Poer Beresford (1933) to H.Q. Fighter Command.
Gp Capt W. T. F. Wightman (1927) to H.Q. 12 Group.
 Gp Capt S. B. Grant (1937) to the Ministry of Defence (SEATO Bangkok).
 Gp Capt A. D. Mitchell (1936) to the Queen's Flight, R.A.F. Benson.
 Gp Capt J. J. Hanlon (1935) to Air Ministry.
 Wg Cdr L. Rose (1933) to Air Ministry.
 Wg Cdr A. M. K. Phillips (1934) to H.Q. Flying Training Command.
 Wg Cdr R. L. Wede (1938) to R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Wg Cdr I. R. Campbell (1939) to Command R.A.F. Sandwich.
 Wg Cdr G. H. P. Evans (1935) to Air Ministry.

Wg Cdr F. E. Croce (1933) to H.Q. Coastal Command.
 Wg Cdr A. R. Atkins (1934) to the R.A.F. Selection Board.

The following Old Cranwellians have recently been posted:

- R.A.F. Wunsdorf*—Flt Lt G. O. Eades (1948).
R.A.F. Gutersloh—Flt Lt G. G. Lee (1947).
R.A.F. Celle—Flt Lt F. R. Lund (1949)
R.A.F. Manby—Flt Lt G. A. Coatesworth (1950).
R.A.F. Kirton in Lindsey—Flt Lts A. I. Alder (1949), A. J. MacKinnon (1949).
R.A.F. Farnborough—Flt Lt H. A. Merriman (1949).
R.A.F. Wattisham—Flt Lt C. J. Clayton (1949).
R.A.F. Manby—Flt Lt E. F. Hemming (1947).
R.A.F. Boscombe Down—Flt Lts G. B. Stockman (1948), D. A. Lethem (1948).
U.S.A.—Flt Lts W. E. Kelly (1948), D. B. Durrant (1948).
R.A.F. Bassingbourn—Flt Lt S. E. King (1951).

Congratulations to Flt Lt S. H. R. L. d'Arcy, Flt Lt Peter Walker and Flt Lt I. A. Simmons on their recent marriages and to:

- A.V.M. E. M. F. Grundy on the birth of a son.
 Wg Cdr J. H. L. Blount on the birth of a daughter.
 Wg Cdr T. P. Seymour on the birth of a son.
 Flt Lt J. H. Mills on the birth of a daughter.
 Flt Lt F. Knapper on the birth of a daughter.
 Flt Lt K. J. M. Davis on the birth of twin sons.
 Flt Lt D. J. Edwards on the birth of a son.
 Flt Lt E. C. Loveday on the birth of a son.
 Flt Lt I. A. Simmons on the birth of a son.
 Flg Off T. W. J. Hopkins on the birth of a son.

RETIREMENTS

Air Cdre G. A. Randle (1921).
 We regret to have to record the death of:
 Air Cdre R. L. Phillips (1927).
 Flt Lt W. I. Worsley (1949).
 Flg Off B. Carse (1951).

News from the Far East

The eighth annual reunion of former Cranwell Cadets was held at the Officers' Mess, Fairy Point, R.A.F. Changi, on Monday, 17th December, 1956. The dinner was attended by 27 ex cadets, of whom 9 were pre-war and 18 were post-war vintage.

The Commander-in-Chief Far East Air Force, Air Marshal Sir Francis J. Fressanges, K.B.E., C.B. (February 1921 Entry), presided. Air Vice-Marshal W. H. Kyle, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C. (January 1928 Entry), Air Officer Commanding R.A.F. Malaya, also attended, and Air Vice-Marshal F. J. St. G. Braithwaite, C.B.E., Chief of Staff, Far East Air Force, who so tragically met his death in a flying accident a few days later, was our guest of honour.

Former cadets in the Indian and Pakistan Air Forces, the Royal Thai Air Force, the Royal Ceylon Air Force and those serving in Australia were invited, but unfortunately, due to transport difficulties, only four officers of the Royal Ceylon Air Force could get to Changi—and very welcome they were. They were Flg Offs Mendis, Ratnayake and Senneviratne, and Plt Off Perera.

The Far East Air Force Band played a selection of familiar music including the Post Horn Galop and this, combined with the Christmas decorations and an excellent meal, provided a very satisfying and festive prelude to the usual reminiscences line-shoots and references to

Grantham, jankers and the Red Lion at Caythorpe, etc., etc., which continued late into the night.

There are at present 38 former cadets serving in the Far East Air Force, including the C-in-C., two of the four Air Officers Commanding, the S.T.S.O. and two R.N.Z.A.F. officers serving at Tengah. Gp Capt R. C. Keary (September 1927 Entry) is also in this part of the world, being Air Attaché in Tokyo. Unfortunately he was unable to attend the dinner. As mentioned previously there are ex cadets in nearly all the neighbouring Air Forces and about 12 are serving in various parts of Australia. All told there must be about 70 ex cadets in the Far East, the majority of them post-war graduates.

As a matter of interest the attendances at the post-war reunions have been as follows:

1949 ...	17	1953 ...	16
1950 ...	12	1954 ...	28
1951 ...	21	1955 ...	30
1952 ...	19	1956 ...	27

The attendance record is held by Wg Cdr P. Le Cheminant, D.F.C. (January 1939 Entry), who has been present at five of the eight reunions.

Wg Cdr E. H. Lynch-Blosse, O.B.E. (September 1935 Entry), will shortly be handing over Far Eastern O.C.A. matters to Gp Capt L. Crocker (September 1927 Entry).



C-in-C. (black dinner jacket) talking to Air Vice-Marshal Kyle (A.O.C., Malaya), Wing Commander Stack between them. Left front: Wing Commander Le Cheminant (black dinner jacket) talking to Wing Commander Fegan

Twenty-seventh Annual General Meeting - 22 June 1957

Air Cdre Thomas Alford Boyd Parselle, ex-J30 Entry, took the Chair.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - June 22nd, 1957

There were about 50 Members present.

The Chair was taken by Air Commodore Parselle.

Minutes

The minutes of the last General Meeting were read and on the proposition of Air Cdre. Jones, seconded by Gp. Capt. Wheeler, confirmed.

Retired Members Subscriptions

The question of a reduced subscription for retired members was again discussed. Air Cdre. Eeles said the position of retired members resigning for financial reasons should be carefully watched during the coming year. Air Cdre. Nowell proposed that no action at present be taken to alter the rate of subscription for retired members. This was seconded by Gp. Capt. Vielle and carried unanimously.

Accounts

The accounts for the year had been circulated to all members. Air Cdre. Eeles said he could not see any provision in the accounts for the cost of the three candelabra which the Association were buying for the College. The Secretary said he was sorry for the omission. On the proposition of Gp. Capt. Vielle, seconded by Air Cdre. Eeles the accounts were passed.

Patron

The meeting discussed the question of a successor to the late Viscount Trenchard as Patron of the Association. Air Cdre. Jones proposed that H.R.H. Prince Philip be invited to become Patron of the Old Cranwellian Association. This was seconded by Wing Cdr. Hatfield and carried unanimously.

Candelabra for the College

Gp. Capt. Nuttall explained the present position regarding the provision of Candelabra for the College. He explained there had been delays but these were now overcome. At the last general meeting it was stated the cost would be in the region of £26 each. Since then, with purchase tax, engraving, and shades and candles, the cost would be about £39 each. He informed the meeting that A.V.M. Sir Charles Longcroft and Sqn. Ldr. P. Balean were each presenting a candelabra. Air Cdre. Eeles proposed that the three candelabra to be presented from Associate Funds should be entirely paid for from O.C.A. Funds. This was seconded by Gp. Capt. Wheeler and carried unanimously.

Portrait of the C.A.S.

The Chairman informed the Meeting of the present position of the Sir Dermot Boyle portrait fund. He stated that £455 had been received by subscription from members and this sum, together with the £200 given from Association funds gave a total of £655. The commission for the painting had been given to Norman Hepple who was an A.R.A. His original fee was 750 guineas but later this was reduced to 500 guineas. After this fee had been paid and a suitable frame provided there would be a small balance

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left in the fund which he suggested might be given to the artist in view of his accepting a reduced fee. A.C.M. Sir Walter Dawson proposed that the disposal of any balance remaining in the fund should be left entirely to the Committee. Wing Cdr. Arney seconded this proposition which was carried nem con.

Members Subscriptions

The Chairman stated there were still 20 members who had failed to return the Bankers Order form raising the annual subscription from 20/- to 25/-. Since the last general meeting he had written personal letters to these members and the number had been reduced from 50 to 20.

After discussion Air Cdre. Eeles proposed that those members who were still only paying £1 should be finally appealed to and informed that if they did not comply by returning their new bankers order form for 25/- their names would be struck off the list of members. This was seconded by Gp. Capt. Wheeler.

Another proposition was that they should be again appealed to but with the omission of any threat of having their names removed from the membership roll. On being put to the vote the original proposition was carried by 23 votes to 7.

Committee for Ensuing Year

The following were elected to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year:-

Air Commodore T.A.B. Parselle
Group Captain H.N.G. Wheeler
Group Captain C.E.J. Baines
Group Captain F.E. Nuttall (retd.)
Flt. Lt. D.J. Belson
Flt. Lt. I.H.F. Walmsley

The Chairman thanked the Committee members present for their help during the past year. On behalf of those members present Air Cdre. Eeles proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee. This was seconded by Air Cdre. Nowell and carried unanimously.

Gp. Capt. Vielle asked if it was possible to change the date of the annual reunion as the dates in June invariably clashed with half term days at Schools. This tended to prevent many members attending the reunion. A.C.M. Dawson suggested that the position would be met by a special note published in the report regarding the date of the reunion. The Chairman said this would be done.

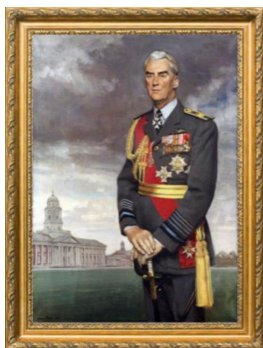
On the proposition of Air Cdre. Nowell, seconded by A.C.M. Dawson it was decided by the Meeting that 2/6 should be charged on each of the Mess Bills of the members present to be given as a gratuity to the staff on duty that day.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed.

Chairman

OCA to fund three mess candelabra.

Boyle painting



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APPOINTMENTS

SINCE the last issue of *The Journal* the following appointments have been made:—

Air Mshl the Earl of Bandon (1923) to be C-in-C. Far East Air Force.

Air Mshl Sir Claude Pelly (1920) to be Air Aide-de-Camp to the Queen.

A.V.M. J. Marson (1924) to be Director General of Technical Services at Air Ministry.

A.V.M. H. D. Spreckley (1924) to be A.O.C. No. 24 Group, Technical Training Command.

A.V.M. G. B. Beardsworth (1923) to be S.A.S.O., H.Q. Technical Training Command.

A.V.M. A. Earle (1928) to be A.O.C. No. 13 Group, Fighter Command.

A.V.M. J. L. F. Fuller-Good (1921) to be Commandant General of the R.A.F. Regiment.

A.V.M. J. N. T. Stephenson (1926) to be Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Policy).

A.V.M. L. W. C. Bower (1928) to be S.A.S.O., M.E.A.F.

A.V.M. E. J. Corbally (1927) to be A.O.C. No. 61 Group, Home Command.

Air Cdre W. H. Hutton (1926) to be Director of Manning at Air Ministry.

Air Cdre J. D. Melvin (1933) to be Director of Organisation at Air Ministry.

Gp Capt H. N. G. Wheeler (1935) to be Assistant Commandant, Royal Air Force College, Cranwell.

Gp Capt P. H. Cribb (1936) to command R.A.F. Oldenburg.

Gp Capt W. I. C. Inness (1934) to H.Q. Allied Forces Mediterranean.

Gp Capt N. C. Walker to Air Ministry, Department of A.M.S.O. [NOT A CRANWELLIAN]

Gp Capt S. W. B. Menaul to command R.A.F. Lindholme.

The following Old Cranwellians have recently been located:—

R.A.F. *Gutersloh*—Flt Lts C. H. Walker (1947), F. R. Lockyer (1948), P. J. Giddens (1948).

R.A.F. *Oakington*—Flt Lt G. H. Baker (1951).

R.A.F. *Strubby*—Flt Lt A. S. J. Whitwam (1951).

R.A.F. *Worksop*—Flt Lt D. J. House (1950).

R.A.F. *Feltwell*—Flt Lt D. C. A. Lloyd (1948).

R.A.F. *Sylt*—Flt Lt G. C. Taylor (1950).

R.A.F. *Little Rissington*—Flt Lts R. Dick (1950), P. H. Lewis (1950).

R.A.F. *Hullavington*—Flt Lt M. J. P. Walmsley (1950).

MARRIAGES

We congratulate the following on their recent marriages:—

Flt Lt R. Hollingworth (1948).

Flt Lt R. S. Blockey (1951).

BIRTHS

We congratulate:—

Gp Capt L. D. Mavor (1935) on the birth of a son.

Flt Lt R. B. George (1947) on the birth of a son.

Flt Lt S. H. R. L. D'Arcy (1948) on the birth of a daughter.

Flt Lt E. V. Mellor (1948) on the birth of a daughter.

Flt Lt W. F. Jacobs (1948) on the birth of a daughter.

Flt Lt R. C. F. Peirse (1949) on the birth of a daughter.

Fg Off J. A. F. Green (1951) on the birth of a son.

DEATHS

We regret to have to record the death of Flt Lt M. A. Crook (1952).

RETIREMENTS

Air Mshl Sir Francis J. Fressanges (1921).

Flt Lt P. M. Armour (1947).



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APPOINTMENTS

SINCE the last issue of *The Journal* the following appointments have been made:

Air Mshl Sir Gilbert Edward Nicholetts to be Inspector General of the R.A.F.

A.V.M. C. E. Chilton to be A.O.C. Malta.

A.V.M. M. L. Heath to be A.O.C. British Forces, Arabian Peninsula.

A.V.M. W. H. Kyle (1928) to be Assistant Chief of the Air Staff.

Air Cdre W. H. Holton to be Air Officer in Charge of Administration at H.Q., R.A.F. Coastal Command.

Air Cdre P. G. Wykeham to be Air Commodore Operations at H.Q., R.A.F. Fighter Command.

Gp Capt H. P. Broad (1929) to H.Q., No. 61 Group.

Gp Capt W. S. Reed (1929) to H.Q., No. 81 Group.

Gp Capt H. G. Leonard-Williams (1930) to be Director of Signals (I) at Air Ministry.

Gp Capt J. C. Pope (1931) to H.Q., No. 3 Group.

Gp Capt E. A. Johnston (1936) to command R.A.F. Topcliffe.

Wg Cdr J. F. Hatton (1939) to Air Ministry Department of A.M.P.

Wg Cdr C. W. McN. Newman (1936) to R.A.F. Halton.

Wg Cdr L. V. Wilson (1935) to H.Q., 2nd T.A.F.

Wg Cdr M. W. Coombes (1939) to H.Q., Southern Sector.

MARRIAGES

We congratulate the following on their recent marriages:

Flt Lt J. A. Mansell (1948) to Miss Sheila A. Lorraine.

Flt Lt P. V. Pledger (1947) to Miss Ann D. Hall.

BIRTHS

We congratulate:

Flt Lt J. Lewis-Lloyd (1950) on the birth of a daughter.

Flt Lt H. T. Price (1947) on the birth of a daughter.

Flt Lt C. J. Petheran (1947) on the birth of a son.

Flt Lt J. R. Rogers (1947) on the birth of a son.

Flt Lt B. M. Burley (1948) on the birth of a son.

Flt Lt D. H. Williams (1947) on the birth of a son.

RETIREMENTS

Air Mshl Sir George Beamish (1923).

DEATHS

We record with deep regret the deaths of:

Gp Capt E. H. M. David (1920).

Fg Off D. J. Brett (1950).

The Editors of *The Journal* are very willing to expand the Old Cranwellian section of *The Journal*, and we have an allocation of four pages. Two suggestions spring to mind—learning to fly in the early days of the College and impressions of an overseas posting.

The sad news has been received that Wing Commander R. W. Pye (1938) and O.C. "B" Squadron (1952-1953) has been invalided out of the service. He is medically debarred from driving a car and is unable to travel far from his home at 3, Castle Houses Speen, Newbury, Berks.

The Hawthorns,
15 Westlands Grove,
Stockton Lane, York.
29th August 1957.

Dear Sir,

About two issues ago in the College Magazine my name was listed as having resigned my Commission. This is technically incorrect as I have 'prematurely retired' for personal reasons but still retain my rank of Flying Officer on the Retired List of Officers. Perhaps you could correct this error in the next issue.

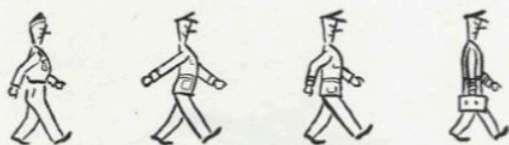
In the meantime you might be interested to learn that I have won a scholarship to London University for a course in Personnel Management as a full-time member for one year. It was a scholarship awarded by the Counterpart Conditional Aid Funds which are supplied from American moneys.

Yours, etc.

G. Hammans

ex No. 3 Entry, E. & S. Wing, 1948-1951.)

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

WE congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who received honours or awards in the New Year Honours List:

K.C.B.: Air Marshal E. C. Huddleston (1927).
C.B.: Air Vice-Marshal W. E. Oulton (1929).
K.B.E.: Air Marshal H. A. Constantine (1926).
C.B.E.: Air Commodore C. T. Weir (1931);
Group Captain H. J. Hobbs (1932);
Group Captain D. H. Lee (1933).
D.F.C.: Flt Lt D. Harcourt-Smith (1950).
A.F.C.: Wing Commander F. R. Bird (1936);
Flt Lt J. L. Spatcher (1951); Flt Lt R. M. Salt (1950).

APPOINTMENTS

Since the last issue of *The Journal* the following appointments have been made:

A.V.M. G. L. Worthington (1921) to be Director-General of Equipment at Air Ministry.
A.V.M. W. E. Oulton (1929) to be S.A.S.O. at H.Q. Coastal Command.
Air Cdre W. D. Disbrey (1931) to become Director of R.A.F. Bomber Aircraft Research and Development.
Gp Capt D. S. Kite (1931) to the Ministry of Supply.
Gp Capt D. B. Hatfield (1933) to the Ministry of Supply.
Gp Capt H. E. Bufton (1935) has been appointed an Aide-de-Camp to H.M. The Queen.
Wg Cdr I. R. Campbell (1939) to R.A.F. Brugen to command No. 213 Squadron.
Wg Cdr W. H. Ingle (1934) to R.A.F. Lindholme for administrative duties.
Sqn Ldr R. McA. Furze (1947) to be Training Officer No. 214 Squadron, R.A.F. Marham.
Flt Lt M. J. Armitage (1950) to R.A.F. Linton-on-Ouse.
Fg Off W. A. Edwards (1954) to R.A.F. Church Fenton.
Plt Off D. G. Crichton (1954) to R.A.F. Church Fenton.

BIRTHS

We congratulate the following on recent additions to their families:

Flt Lt R. E. Webster (1947)—a daughter.
Flt Lt A. B. Stinchcombe (1947)—a son.
Sqn Ldr R. McA. Furze (1947)—a daughter.

RETIREMENTS

Gp Capt C. E. J. Baines (1928) who was, until recently, President of the R.A.F. Selection Board, Cranwell. We wish him and Mrs Baines the best of luck in the future.

DEATHS

We regret to have to record the deaths of:

Flt Lt A. Wright (1947).
Flt Lt L. G. Hall (1952).
Flt Lt M. J. Withey (1950).
Fg Off F. S. Masterson (1952).
Plt Off C. E. Truman (1954).

Old Cranwellians will also be sad to learn of the deaths of two old College servants, Mr J. J. Jefferies who served the College from 1921 to 1955 and Mr G. R. Copping from 1930 to 1957.

Notes from the Far East

The ninth annual reunion dinner of former Cranwell Cadets was held at the Officers' Mess, Fairy Point, R.A.F. Changi, on Tuesday, 17th December 1957. The dinner was attended by 26 Old Cranwellians of whom six were pre-war and 20 post-war.

The President for the evening was the Commander-in-Chief Air Marshal, The Earl of Bandon, K.B.E., C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., and the guest of honour was Air Vice-Marshal V. E. Hancock, C.B.E., D.F.C., Royal Australian Air Force, Air Officer Commanding No. 224 Group, Malaya. Our other Air Officer attending was Air Commodore G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-

Worsley, C.B., C.B.E. We were very pleased to have for a second year running four officers of the Royal Ceylon Air Force, namely Flt Lt. Mendis and Fg Offs Ratnayake and Seneviratne and Perera. It is interesting to note that General Duties, Technical, Equipment and Secretarial branches of the Royal Air Force were all represented, thus reflecting the team spirit of the Service.

From distant countries messages of regret to attend were received from former Cranwell cadets of the Royal Air Force, Indian Air Force, Pakistan Air Force, Burmese Air Force, and the Royal Thai Air Force. These included Prince Visishta, Air Marshal Mukerjee, Flt Lt M. N. Butt, Fg Off Feroz Zaffar Khan and Gp Capt R. C. Keary (Tokyo).

The evening was a lively and memorable one. The selections for the F.E.A.F. band had been supplied by the College and gave a real Lincolnshire atmosphere. The popularity of the Post Horn Galop was evidenced by applause and vociferous requests for encores. Secrets of success in the old cadet days were touched on by the Commander-in-Chief in an entertaining speech and Air Vice-Marshal Hancock replied appropriately.

After dinner the film of modern Cranwell 'The Sky Is Ours' was shown in the ante-room, causing much amusement and comment on its merits. The popularity of the reunion was apparent by the reluctant departure of participants in the not so early morning hours.

The value of Cranwell friendships in contributing in some small measure to international goodwill was felt by many attending as something worth fostering and preserving.

The Beginning of the Old Cranwellian Association

In the last issue of *The Journal*, we recorded the retirement of Air Marshal Sir George Beamish. Readers may not know that Sir George was responsible for the beginning of the Old Cranwellian Association, and we are therefore printing the following letter which appeared in the Cadet College magazine of Autumn 1925.

On behalf of all Old Cranwellians we wish Sir George the best of luck in the future and hope that he will continue his frequent visits to the College.

The Editor, 'R.A.F. Cadet College Magazine'

No. 100 'B' Squadron
Royal Air Force
Weston Zoyland
Bridgwater
Somerset

Sir,

May I be permitted through your columns to draw attention to a matter which has been under quiet discussion amongst cadets and ex-cadets for some time. I refer to the question of a formation of an Association of officers who have passed through the Royal Air Force Cadet College.

Opinions have been expressed strongly in favour of some such organization, and as an enthusiastic supporter of this project I should like to give some reasons for this.

- It would encourage *esprit de corps* and serve as a bond between past and present in the growth of the College.
- It would supply an organization to collect teams of the past for all sports and games against the present.
- It would by its organization be able to supply news of all ex-cadets through the pages of the *Royal Air Force Cadet College Magazine*.

(d) It would gradually accumulate small funds which could be used for College and reunion purposes. These are some of the more obvious advantages of such an organization; others would undoubtedly be found.

I suggest that the membership of this organization should consist of ex-cadets and officers chosen by invitation who have been connected with the College.

Is it asking too much, Sir, to suggest that you enclose in this copy of the magazine, at the end of the magazine, a red slip which can be signed, stamped and posted to the Secretary Old Cranwellians Association, c/o The *Cadet College Magazine*, Cranwell, Lincs, by all who are willing to signify their interest in some such organization.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. BEAMISH, Pilot Officer.

This letter produced immediate results. In the Spring term a rugby football match was played against the flight cadets. The name Old Cranwellian Association was adopted, and Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, who was Commandant at the time, was asked, and consented, to become the first President of the Association, a position he held until his death recently.

Ten Years Ago

Shortly after the publication of this *Journal*, the College will have for the last time a passing out parade at Easter. The transitional period is almost complete and, in future, Entries will leave the College at the end of the Christmas and Summer terms only. It was ten years ago that the first post-war entry passed out and the

system of three passing out parades each year began. The *Journal* staff, at that time, reported:—

'The passing out ceremony for No. 45 Entry was held on 7th April 1948. The inspecting officer was Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Newall, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.M.G., C.B.E., A.M., who last acted in this capacity in December 1937, when Chief of the Air Staff.

'This was the first entry to pass out from the College in the Cranwell Spring. All previous entries passed out in the sun, or sometimes rain, of July or the snows of December. The weather was not as hostile as it might have been; it only looked like raining and the wind, though cold, was at least from the west. The College parade ground, as usual, made the perfect setting from the spectators' point of view for such a ceremony—and the vestiges of war-time damage to the west end of the main block alone marked the passage of time since the last comparable parade.

'The parade lived up to its forerunners in the excellence of drill, but differed from them in some particulars. One addition was the lining of the parade ground by cadets of the junior entry and of the Equipment and Secretarial wing. Two departures from tradition were that the Sword of Honour was not presented at the climax of the parade, and that the passing out entry because of its small size paraded in its squadrons and did not leave the parade ground by slow-marching through the ranks of its juniors standing at the present.

'The Commandant's report and the inspecting officer's address were given in the Main Lecture Hall. The hall had to hold as many cadets as before the war, and travel restrictions did not seem to have diminished the number of visitors. Latecomers were unseated, and the fullness of the hall showed that accommodation would be a problem to be faced on future passing-out days.

'Lord Newall spoke in a happy vein suited to such a revival of a traditionally happy occasion. His advice to the passing out entry and its successors in the hall was none the less impressive for his light touch and easy manner. Then followed the presentation of wings and prizes, Flight Cadet Corporal Hermitage alone breaking into the "closed shop" of prizewinners formed by Flight Cadet Under Officer King and Flight Cadet Corporal Morris, who won the other eight prizes between them.

'So concluded a parade which an inspecting general described in July 1939 as "a very pretty ceremony, very prettily performed".'

Twenty-eighth Annual General Meeting - 7 June 1958

Air Cdre Thomas Alford Boyd Parselle, ex-J30 Entry, took the Chair.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, 7th JUNE, 1958



There were some 80 members present.

The Chair was taken by Air Commodore Parselle.

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read. Air Vice Marshal Grundy proposed, and Air Commodore Nowell seconded, that the Minutes be approved as correct. This was carried unanimously.

Retired Members Subscriptions

The question of a reduced subscription for retired members was discussed. Air Marshal Grundy proposed that the subscription be left unaltered. This was seconded by Air Marshal Spreckley and carried unanimously.

Accounts.

The accounts for the year had been circulated to all members. The Chairman drew attention to the sum of £67.12.6d for the funeral expenses of J.H. Lager, late secretary of the Association, and asked the meeting for ratification of this expenditure. Air Vice Marshal Spreckley, seconded by Air Vice Marshal Grundy, proposed ratification, and this was agreed unanimously.

Group Captain Hibberd pointed out that certain of the Association's investments could be realised and re-invested in Government securities yielding a higher rate of interest. The Secretary undertook to investigate this point.

On the proposition of Group Captain Boxer, seconded by Flight Lieutenant English, the accounts were passed.

Members Subscriptions.

The Chairman reported that fourteen members had failed to raise their subscriptions to 25/- per annum, despite further letters asking them to do so.

After much discussion the Chairman undertook to trace the whereabouts of the defaulters and make a final approach to them.

Patron of the Association

The Chairman explained the reasons for His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh finding it not possible to accept the patronage, and the strong feeling of the Committee that Royal patronage was desirable. He hoped, therefore, that the meeting would allow the matter to stand open, to permit of a new approach at a later date. On the movement of Group Captain Baines, seconded by Group Captain Boxer, this was unanimously agreed.

President of the Association

A letter from Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir Dermot Boyle, giving his reasons for not accepting the Presidency, was read to the meeting.

Item 6(a) and 6(b) on the Agenda were discussed at length. On the proposition of Air Commodore Broughton, seconded by Group Captain Baines, it was agreed that the office should be held for five years, but that a renewal of tenure be permitted.

Item 6(B) was unanimously rejected and in its place the Meeting agreed to the following proposal by Air Commodore Nowell, seconded by Flight Lieutenant Blucke: "That the President should be a senior full member of the Old Cranwellian Association."

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The Chairman pointed out that no adequate machinery now existed for the appointment of a new President. After much discussion the Meeting adopted a proposal made by Air Vice Marshal Grundy, and seconded by Air Commodore Nelson, to the effect that in future the retiring President shall nominate his successor after consultation with a committee of the five senior (by rank) full members of the Association, three being on the active list and two on the retired list. The President is to be one of these five, and to have the casting vote. The President will pass the name of his successor to the Chairman of the Association who will notify all members.

As there was no President to initiate this arrangement the Chairman agreed to ask M.R.A.F. Sir Dermot Boyle if he would kindly consent to act initially.

At the suggestion of Flight Lieutenant Warr it was agreed that the Meeting's wish to have Air Marshal Sir George Beamish as President be written into the Minutes and conveyed to C.A.S.

Portrait of the Chief of the Air Staff.

The Chairman reported that the portrait of M.R.A.F. Sir Dermot A. Boyle, by Norman Hepple, A.R.A., R.P., was completed and had been exhibited in the Royal Academy. It would be hung at Cranwell in September.

Appointment of Secretary

The Chairman explained the position regarding the appointment of a new secretary, and told the Meeting that he had invited John Tanner to fill the position until the Annual General Meeting could make its wishes known. On the proposition of Group Captain Boxer, seconded by Wing Commander Panton, it was agreed that Mr. Tanner be appointed Honorary Secretary.

On a motion by Air Commodore Jones, seconded by Group Captain Keary, it was agreed that the Honorary Secretary should continue to be paid an honorarium of £100 per annum.

Committee

The following committee was appointed for the ensuing year:-

Air Commodore T.A.B. Parselle (Chairman)
Group Captain H.N.G. Wheeler ← G/Capt. F.E. Kuttah (Rota).
Squadron Leader H.W. Cafferata
Flight Lieutenant I.H.F. Walmsley
Flight Lieutenant A.D.R. Daves.

On behalf of the members present Air Commodore Eeles proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for their work in the past year. This was carried unanimously.

Memorial to J.H.S. Lager

Group Captain Wheeler reminded the Meeting of the long service of Harry Lager to both the College and Association, and suggested the purchase of a memorial. This was seconded by Group Captain Hibberd and it was agreed that the Committee be authorised to spend up to £50 for this purpose.

There being no other business the Meeting was declared closed.

T.A.B. Parselle
Chairman.

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Notes of Action

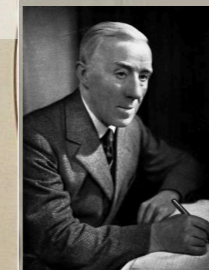
1. In February six members of the Association again paid a subscription of £1. The Chairman wrote to all six personally. As a result two have increased their bankers order. The remainder will be notified that they are no longer in membership.
2. The Association's bankers are making the arrangements necessary to transfer investments from 2½% Defence Bonds to Bonds bearing a higher interest rate.
3. The Committee of the Association have bought two silver mounted decanters, with wine labels, as the Harry Lager memorial. They are inscribed:

Presented by the Old
Cranwellian Association
in memory of
Harry Lager, Esq., M.B.E.

Boyle painting status



OCA to fund Memorial to Harry Lager (£50)



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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

APPOINTMENTS

SINCE the last issue of *The Journal* the following appointments have been made:

A.V.M. D. W. R. Ryley (1924) to be A.O.A. at Maintenance Command.

Air Cdre P. G. Wykeham (1935) to be Director of Operations (Fighter and Theatre Air Forces) at Air Ministry.

Air Cdre T. B. de la P. Beresford (1933) to be in charge of Operations at H.Q. Fighter Command.

Air Cdre W. P. Sutcliffe (1930) to be Director of Intelligence at Air Ministry.

Air Cdre C. C. Morton (1930) to be Deputy Chief Signals Officer, Signals Division, S.H.A.P.E.

Air Cdre C. Broughton (1930) to be S.A.S.O. at H.Q. Transport Command.

Air Cdre R. A. C. Carter (1930) to be Director of Personal Services (A) at Air Ministry.

Air Cdre D. Finlay (1931) to be Commandant of the Aircrew Selection Committee at R.A.F. Hornchurch.

Air Cdre A. Pyke (1930) to be S.T.S.O. at H.Q. Coastal Command.

Air Cdre E. D. McK. Nelson (1931) to be Commandant of the R.A.F. Staff College, Andover.

Air Cdre T. N. Coslett (1929) to be Commandant of No. 1 School of Technical Training, R.A.F. Halton.

Gp Capt W. S. Reed (1929) to H.Q. Fighter Command for Technical Staff Duties.

Wg Cdr K. F. Mackie (1935) to R.A.F. Gutersloh as officer in charge of Administration.

The following have recently arrived:

Flt Lt D. A. Briggs (1951)—R.A.F. Henlow.

Flt Lt R. Humpherson (1950)—R.A.F. Little Rissington.

Flt Lt P. H. Lewis (1950)—R.A.F. Little Rissington (Staff).

Flt Lt D. M. K. Atherley (1950)—R.A.F. Oakington.

Flt Lt R. G. Perry (1948)—R.A.F. Swinderby.

Flt Lt I. L. Schwaiger (1949)—H.Q. Fighter Command.

Flt Lt K. J. H. Davis (1949)—R.A.F. Gaydon.

Flt Lt J. M. Henderson (1951) to U.S.A.F. for exchange duties.

BIRTHS

We congratulate the following on recent additions to their families:

Gp Capt P. H. Cribb (1936)—a son.

Flt Lt H. E. Clements (1947)—a daughter.

Flt Lt R. C. F. Peirse (1949)—a daughter.

Flt Lt C. F. Pickard (1947)—a daughter.

Flt Lt S. H. R. L. d'Arcy (1948)—a son.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the following on their recent marriages:

Flt Lt W. E. Close (1951) to Miss R. R. Daintry.

Flt Lt I. H. F. Walmsley (1948) to Miss V. M. Walmsley.

RETIREMENTS

Air Mshl Sir Richard Jordan (1921).

Air Cdre R. C. Meade (1927).

Air Cdre M. W. S. Robinson (1931).

Air Cdre W. H. Hutton (1926).

Gp Capt K. P. Lewis (1927).

We wish them all the best in the future.

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

ANNUAL REUNION

ABOUT 120 Old Cranwellians attended the reunion of 7th June. Particularly encouraging was the large number of post-war members who attended.

The College was beaten at cricket, squash and tennis. Golf was also to have been played, but apart from one resident Old Cranwellian there were no other players forthcoming (members please note for next year).

The College domestic staff put on an excellent dinner and afterwards members foregathered in the new Fancy Goods store. Squadron Leader Bangay claims to have been the last to leave.

The following represented the Association:

Cricket

Wg Cdr A. D. Panton (1936), Sqn Ldr W. G. Wood, Flt Lts S. H. J. Lovell (1947), A. D. R. Dawes (1949), L. R. Francis (1949), R. A. Streatfield (1950), W. E. Close (1951), B. Watson (1950), D. H. Mills (1949), Fg Off J. B. V. Collins (1954), Plt Off W. R. R. Anderson (1954).

Squash

Sqn Ldr P. B. Balcan (Retd.) (1939), Flt Lts I. H. F. Walmsley (1948), B. C. Mills (1949), J. D. Leary (1950), B. Watson (1950), Lt M. Lees, R.A.

Tennis

Flt Lts E. C. Loveday (1951), R. A. C. Goldring (1952), A. F. W. Keeley (1950), R. B. D. Marshal (1949), B. A. Reader (1951), A. G. Bridges (1953).

HONOURS AND AWARDS

We congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who received honours and awards in the Birthday Honours List:

C.B.: Air Commodore W. P. Sutcliffe (1930).
C.B.E.: Group Captain E. C. Harding (1932);
Group Captain L. MacD. Hodges (1937).
A.F.C.: Wing Commander J. E. Preston (1937).
Queen's Commendations for valuable Service in the Air:

Flt Lt E. V. Mellor (1948).
Flt Lt J. L. Price (1948).

Flt Lt G. Willis (1950)—R.A.F. Halton.
Flt Lt E. C. Loveday (1951)—R.A.F. Little Rissington.

Flt Lt B. Huxley (1950)—R.A.F. Little Rissington.

Flt Lt R. M. Raw (1947)—Exchange U.S.A.F.

Flt Lt M. Gill (1948)—R.A.F. Wattisham.

Flt Lt D. J. Belson (1949)—R.A.F. Leuchars.

Flt Lt S. F. B. Jones (1949)—R.A.F. Coltishall.

Flt Lt M. McD. Harvey (1947)—R.A.F. Coltishall.

BIRTHS

We congratulate the following on recent additions to their families:

Sqn Ldr H. A. Caillard (1947)—a son.

Flt Lt I. H. F. Walmsley (1948)—a daughter.

Flt Lt W. E. Close (1951)—a son.

Flt Lt L. C. Swalwell (1947)—a son.

Flt Lt P. J. Anstee (1951)—a son.

Flt Lt the Hon. D. B. Hives (1950)—a daughter.

Flt Lt M. McD. Harvey (1947)—a son.

Flt Lt J. R. Coleman (1949)—a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the following on their recent marriages:

Sqn Ldr W. J. Herrington (1947).

Sqn Ldr F. R. Lockyer (1948).

Flt Lt A. P. J. Dodson (1949).

Flt Lt R. M. Raw (1947).

Flt Lt D. Mullarkey (1947).

Flt Lt D. A. Briggs (1951).

APPOINTMENTS

Since the last issue of *The Journal* the following appointments have been made:

A.V.M. H. D. Spreckley (1924) to be Controller of Engineering and Equipment.

A.V.M. J. Marson (1924) to be A.O.C. No. 24 Group.

Air Cdre C. S. Moore (1929) to be Air Officer-in-charge of Administration, M.E.A.F.

Air Cdre C. Broughton (1930) to be S.A.S.O. at Transport Command.

Air Cdre R. A. C. Carter (1930) to be Director of Personal Services (A) at Air Ministry.

Gp Capt E. C. Harding (1932) to H.Q. No. 40 Group for Technical Staff duties.

Gp Capt R. M. B. Duke-Woolley (1935) to H.Q. Fighter Command for Air Staff duties.

Gp Capt J. H. Iremonger (1936) to H.Q. No. 12 Group for Air Staff duties.

Wg Cdr G. H. D. Evans (1935) to H.Q. Allied Air Forces, Northern Europe, for Staff duties.

Wg Cdr H. A. Jenkins (1940) to the R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell, for Directing Staff duties.

Wg Cdr J. A. Sowrey (1939) to H.Q. A.A.F.N.E. for Staff duties.

The following have recently been located:

Flt Lt J. A. Bell (1953)—R.A.F. Middleton-St-George.

Flt Lt E. H. Moors (1951)—R.A.F. Middleton-St-George.

Flt Lt B. G. Cox (1951)—R.A.F. Middleton-St-George.

Fg Off B. H. Plaskitt (1949)—35 M.U., R.A.F. Heywood.

Flt Lt M. L. Cann (1948)—R.A.F. Butterworth.

Flt Lt T. R. Gribble (1949)—R.A.F. Wattisham.

Flt Lt M. G. Tomkins (1950)—R.A.F. Wattisham.

Flt Lt J. H. Lovell (1947) H.Q. Transport Command.

DEATHS

We regret to have to record the deaths of the following:

Sqn Ldr C. H. Walker (1947).

Flt Lt R. S. May (1948).

Flt Lt J. E. Elliott (1947).

Flt Lt W. F. Nuthall (1949).

Flt Lt D. J. Foster (1951).

Flt Lt P. H. Stanning (1952).

Flt Lt B. B. Heywood (1952).

Fg Off B. W. Schooling (1953).

Plt Off P. S. A. Alcock (1955).

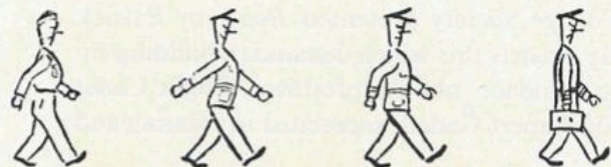
President of the Old Cranwellian Association.

All Old Cranwellians will be delighted to hear that Air Marshal Sir George Beamish has consented to become President of the Old Cranwellian Association in succession to the late Air Vice-Marshal Sir Charles Longcroft.

Portrait of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle.

The portrait of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, which was painted by Mr Norman Hepple, A.R.A., R.P., and presented by the Old Cranwellian Association, is now in the College. It has been exhibited in this year's Royal Academy and will shortly be hung in the Gallery of Fame in the College.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Old Cranwellians who received honours or awards in the New Year Honours List:

G.C.B.: Air Chf Mshl Sir George Mills (1920).
K.C.B.: A.V.M. W. H. Merton (1924).
C.B.: Air Cdre R. H. E. Emson (1930); Air Cdre M. K. D. Porter (1931); Air Cdre S. C. Widdows (1929).
K.B.E.: Air Mshl C. E. Chilton (1924).
C.B.E.: Gp Capt T. J. Hanlon (1935); Gp Capt J. C. Pope (1931); Gp Capt D. E. B. Wheeler (1932); Gp Capt R. D. Williams (Retd.) (1926); Gp Capt F. W. Stannard (1927).

Our apologies are due to Gp Capt F. W. Stannard (1927) for omitting him from the Birthday Honours List, in which he was awarded the C.B.E.

APPOINTMENTS

Since the last issue of *The Journal* the following appointments have been made:

Air Mshl Sir Hugh Constantine (1926) to become A.O.C.-in-C. Flying Training Command.
 Air Mshl H. D. Spreckley (1924) to become Controller of Engineering at Air Ministry.
 A.V.M. J. Marson (1924) to be A.O.C. No. 24 Group.
 A.V.M. T. U. C. Shirley (1928) to be Senior Technical Staff Officer at H.Q. Fighter Command.
 A.V.M. W. P. G. Pretty (1929) to be Director-General of Organization at Air Ministry.
 A.V.M. H. A. V. Hogan (1929) to be Senior Air Staff Officer at Flying Training Command.
 A.V.M. J. Worrall (1930) to be A.C.A.S. (Training) at Air Ministry.
 A.V.M. E. M. F. Grundy (1926) to be Air Officer in Charge of Administration, F.E.A.F.
 Air Cdre M. K. D. Porter (1931) to the Imperial Defence College for studies.
 Gp Capt H. E. C. Boxer (1933) to the Imperial Defence College for studies.
 Gp Capt P. H. Cribb (1936) to Command R.A.F. Gutersloh.
 Gp Capt A. R. D. MacDonnell (1932) to Command R.A.F. South Cerney.
 Gp Capt T. J. Hanlon (1935) to H.Q. Transport Command for administrative duties.
 Gp Capt E. H. Lynch-Blosse (1935) to be Chief Flying Instructor, R.A.F. College, Cranwell.
 Wg Cdr P. C. Lambert (1936) to Command No. 97 Squadron, R.A.F. Hemswell.
 Wg Cdr P. R. Ap Ellis (1935) to be No. 3 Regional Recruiting Officer, R.A.F. Hawarden.

BIRTHS

We congratulate the following Old Cranwellians on recent additions to their families:

Gp Capt T. N. Stack (1937)—a son.
 Sqn Ldr I. A. N. Worby (1947)—a son.
 Sqn Ldr F. R. Lockyer (1948) a daughter.
 Flt Lt I. D. Brimson (1952)—a son.
 Flt Lt T. W. Turnill (1953)—a son.
 Flt Lt M. J. Griffiths (1953)—a daughter.
 Flt Lt K. Bichard (1952)—a son.
 Flt Lt J. L. Spatcher (1951)—a son.
 Flt Lt I. C. R. McIntosh (1951)—a son.
 Flt Lt J. A. Fryer (1948)—a daughter.
 Flt Lt J. A. Tucker (1951)—a daughter.
 Flt Lt T. W. J. Hopkins (1948)—a daughter.

MARRIAGES

We congratulate the following Old Cranwellians on their recent marriages:

Flt Lt K. R. Briggs (1952) to Miss Catherine McKay Bray.
 Sqn Ldr A. J. West (1948) to Miss Anne Locke.

NEWS FROM LETTERS

We have heard from R. A. Birchall (1949) who retired on medical grounds in 1952. His address is: Kirkdale Manor, Nawton, York.

In his letter he says he would be very pleased to welcome any Old Cranwellians stationed in the district.

Flt Lt J. R. Johnson, now married and father of a boy and a girl, has recently returned home from Aden. His address is: 1, Horse Fair, Rugeley, Staffordshire.

REUNION

The Old Cranwellian reunion will be held on 6th June, 1959. Will all Old Cranwellians wishing to take part in games against the College please contact the following officers at Cranwell:

Golf—Gp Capt F. E. Nuthall.
Cricket—Flt Lt W. E. Close.
Squash—Flt Lt A. D. R. Dawes.
Tennis—Flt Lt R. A. C. Goldring.

OLD CRANWELLIAN TIES

Old Cranwellian ties may be obtained from Gieves Ltd., or branches. Name and Entry must be quoted.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Will all Old Cranwellians please inform Mr Tanner, the Hon. Sec., of all changes of address.

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

APPOINTMENTS

SINCE the last issue of *The Journal* the following appointments have been made:

Air Chf Mshl Sir George Mills (1920) to succeed Adml Sir Michael Denney in July as chairman of the British Joint Services Mission in Washington.
 A.V.M. D. R. Evans (1930) to be Commandant of the School of Land/Air Warfare, Old Sarum.
 Air Cdre G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley (1926) to be Director of Technical Training at Air Ministry.
 Air Cdre N. C. S. Rutter (1929) to the R.A.F. Technical College as A.O.C. and Commandant.
 Gp Capt S. W. B. Menaul (1935) to be Air Officer in charge of Administration, British Forces Arabian Peninsula.
 Gp Capt A. H. Humphrey (1939) to R.A.F. Akrotiri to command.
 Wg Cdr A. R. Atkins (1934) to H.Q. Transport Command for Technical staff duties.
 Wg Cdr P. R. ap Ellis (1935) to R.A.F. Hawarden as Regional Recruiting Officer.
 Wg Cdr R.C. Rotherham (1936) to R.A.F. Kai Tak to command.
 Wg Cdr A. F. Fegan (1939) to R.A.F. Finningley to command Administrative Wing.

Annual Reunion in F.E.A.F.

We are indebted to Group Captain P. A. Hughes for the following account of the Old Cranwellian reunion last December:

'The tenth annual reunion of former Cranwell cadets was held at the H.Q. F.E.A.F. Officers' Mess, Ferry Point, R.A.F. Changi, on Tuesday, 9th December, 1958. The dinner was attended by 25 Old Cranwellians of whom six were pre-war and 19 post-war.

'The President for the evening was the most distinguished Old Cranwellian in the Far East, our Commander-in-Chief, Air Marshal The Earl of Bandon, K.B.E., C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O. This year for the first time there was no Guest of Honour which emphasized the family reunion character of this annual get-together. Air Vice Marshal E. M. F. Grundy was attending for the first time, having recently taken over the duties as A.O.A. at H.Q. F.E.A.F. and Air Commodore G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley, C.B., C.B.E., was making his third and last appearance. This year we also had as guests six officers from the R.Cey.A.F. The General Duties, Equipment, and Secretarial branches were represented, and as the C.-in-C. remarked "all ranks are represented except the highest and the lowest."

'The Band of the Far East Air Force played selections during dinner from a programme supplied by the College, and once again the "Post Horn Gallop" was played to the full by a bandsman who was rather overwhelmed by the applause that his rendering of the old favourite achieved.'

BIRTHS

We congratulate the following on recent additions to their families:

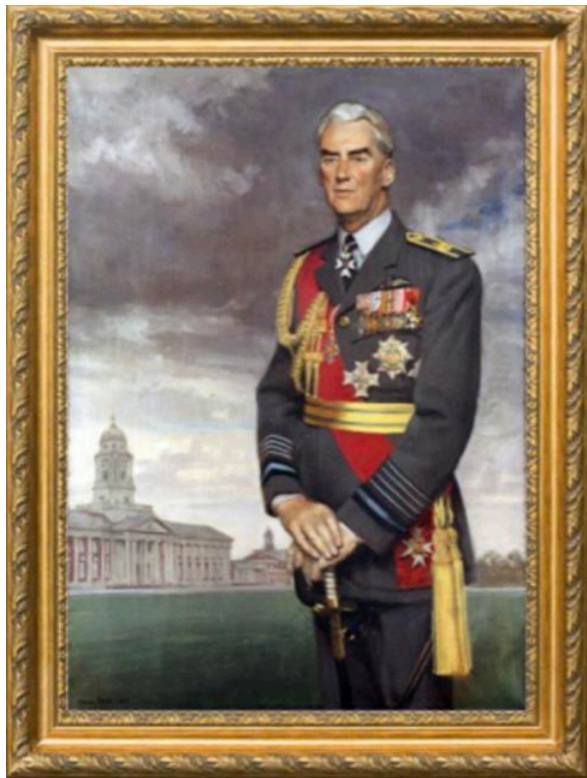
Gp Capt T. Rivett-Parmac (1934)—a son.
 Sqn Ldr K. A. Williamson (1948)—twin daughters
 Flt Lt E. A. Peters (1949)—a daughter.



Some Old Cranwellians at the F.E.A.F. Annual Reunion (Reading from left to right) C.-in-C., Fg Off Farlam, Flt Lt Weaver, Flt Lt Neale, Air Cdre Tindal-Carill-Worsley

Twenty-ninth Annual General Meeting - 6 June 1959

Air Cdre Dennis Frank Spotswood, not an ex-cadet of the College, as OCA Chairman took the Chair.



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Annual General Meeting, 6th June, 1959

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read. Air Marshal Constantine, seconded by Air Commodore Jones, proposed that they be adopted as correct. This was carried unanimously.

Accounts

On the proposition of Air Commodore Nowell, seconded by Air Commodore Jones, the accounts were passed.

Members Subscriptions

The Chairman reported that the action approved by previous Annual General Meetings had been taken, with some success, and that this matter was now closed.

Patron of the Association

The Chairman informed the meeting that the situation remained unchanged. Air Chief Marshal Dawson proposed that M.R.A.F. Sir Dermot Boyle be asked to advise on this matter and to accept the Patronage himself in the event of a second Royal refusal.

Air Chief Marshal McEvoy proposed that the Association ask Sir Dermot Boyle immediately to assume the Patronage. Air Chief Marshal Dawson agreed to this amendment which was carried with acclaim.

Committee

The following Committee was appointed to serve for the ensuing year.

Air Commodore D. F. Spotswood
Group Captain H. N. G. Wheeler
Group Captain F. E. Nuttall
Squadron Leader M. M. J. Robinson
Flight Lieutenant A. D. R. Dawes
Flight Lieutenant W. E. Close

Any other Business

Air Commodore Nelson raised the question of a presentation to Squadron Leader Bangay on his retirement. The Chairman pointed out that several presentations from Cranwell had already been made, and suggested that the Association extended Honorary Membership to Squadron Leader Bangay. This was proposed by Air Commodore Nelson, seconded by Air Marshal Kyle, and carried unanimously.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting.

(D. F. Spotswood)
Air Commodore,
Chairman, O.C.A.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

ANNUAL REUNION

The annual Old Cranwellian reunion was held this year on 6th June. The rather bleak, gusty day was no new experience to the various generations of Cranwell cricketers who actually began their game on time, a great surprise to everyone. Tennis, squash and golf were played against the cadets in the afternoon.

Before dinner the portrait commissioned by the Association of Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir Dermot Boyle, was unveiled in the Hall of Fame. Air Marshal Sir George Beamish spoke in his capacity as President of the Association and Sir Dermot replied.

The dinner was attended by 140 Old Cranwellians, a post-war record, and afterwards the guest of honour, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir William Dickson, reminisced on his Service career.

The F.G.S. sustained many until the early hours of the morning and once again Group Captain F. E. Nuttall and Squadron Leader W. Bangay defended that establishment after most had surrendered.

The following represented the Old Cranwellians against the College:

Tennis—Sqn Ldr K. Williams, Sqn Ldr C. P. Francis, Flt Lt A. F. W. Keeley, Flt Lt R. A. C. Goldring, Flt Lt A. G. Bridges, Fg Off T. N. King.



Back row: Plt Off P. P. W. Taylor, Flt Lt J. Holdway, Fg Off P. D. Cliff, Flt Lt K. R. Briggs, Flt Lt J. B. V. Collins, Fg Off T. E. Close
Front row: Flt Lt R. A. Streetfield, Flt Lt L. R. Francis, Flt Lt W. E. Close, Gp Capt L. G. Levis, Flt Lt A. D. R. Davies

Squash—Gp Capt T. N. Stack, Gp Capt E. H. Lynch-Blosse, Sqn Ldr F. R. Lockyer, Flt Lt B. Watson, Flt Lt J. Leary.

Golf—Air Chf Mshl Sir Theodore McEvoy, Gp Capt F. E. Nuttall (Retd), Wg Cdr A. D. Panton, Flt Lt B. W. Weskett.

DECORATIONS

We congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who received honours and awards in the Birthday Honours List:

C.B.: Gp Capt A. H. Humphrey (1939).

G.B.E.: Air Chf Mshl Sir Claude Pelly (1920).

C.B.E.: Gp Capt P. E. Warcup (1934).

A.F.C.: Sqn Ldr C. M. Bruce (1946).

PROMOTIONS

We congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who have recently been promoted:

Air Chf Mshl the Earl of Bandon (1923).

Air Mshl Sir Edward Chilton (1924).

A.V.M. D. R. Evans (1930).

A.V.M. C. T. Weir (1931).

Air Cdre S. W. B. Menaul (1936).

Gp Capt J. O. Barnard (1936).

Gp Capt R. B. Morison (1938).

APPOINTMENTS

Since the last issue of *The Journal* the following appointments have been made:

Air Mshl Sir Edward Chilton (1924) to be A.O.C.-in-C. Coastal Command.

Air Mshl W. H. Kyle (1928) to be A.O.C.-in-C. Technical Training Command.

A.V.M. D. J. P. Lee (1930) to be Commander Air Forces, British Forces, Arabian Peninsula.

A.V.M. T. A. B. Parselle (1930) to be S.A.S.O. at Bomber Command.

Gp Capt R. G. Stone (1931) to H.Q. 2nd T.A.F.

Gp Capt R. T. Frogley (1935) to R.A.F. Driffield to Command.

The following have recently been located:

Flt Lt. R. D. Bates (1952) at Oxford U.A.S.

Flt Lt M. J. Hardy (1952) at R.A.F. Flying College, Manby.

Flt Lt G. F. Poyser (1952) at R.A.F. Syerston.

Flt Lt T. H. Sheppard (1952) at E.T.P.S. Farnborough.

Flt Lt I. D. Brimson (1952) at R.A.F. College, Cranwell.

Flt Lt J. K. Jennings (1952) at R.A.F. College, Cranwell.

Flt Lt A. P. J. Dodson (1949) at R.A.F. Little Rissington.

Flt Lt C. H. Salway (1952) at R.A.F. College, Cranwell.

BIRTHS

We congratulate the following on recent additions to their families:

Sqn Ldr C. J. S. Wood (1947)—a son

Flt Lt I. H. F. Walmsley (1948)—a son.

Flt Lt B. Jones (1952)—a son.

Flt Lt J. R. Whittam (1954)—twins, a son and a daughter.

DEATHS

We regret to have to record the deaths of the following:

A.V.M. G. B. Beardsworth (1923).

Air Cdre G. I. L. Saye (1925).

Flt Lt M. H. Standen (1948).

Fg Off P. E. Wormall (1955).

MISCELLANEOUS

A portrait of Air Marshal Sir Richard Le R. Atcherley now hangs in the Hall of Fame.

Squadron Leader W. J. Bangay has now retired and has been made an honorary life member of the Old Cranwellian Association.

The Old Cranwellian editor would like to receive articles from Old Cranwellians on any subject for inclusion in *The Journal*.

The Managing Editor apologises for errors in our last issue involving the name of Group Captain T. Rivett-Carnac, the title of the late Lady Longmore.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

OUR congratulations go to the following Old Cranwellians who received honours or awards in the New Year Honours List:

K.C.B.: Air Marshal W. H. Kyle.
K.B.E.: Air Marshal H. D. Spreckley; Air Vice-Marshal G. L. Worthington.
C.B.: Air Vice-Marshal E. M. F. Grundy; Air Commodore T. W. Coslett; Air Commodore R. I. Jones.
C.B.E.: Group Captain H. J. Cundall; Group Captain P. B. Hatfield.
A.F.C.: Squadron Leader T. L. Kennedy.
Queen's Commendation for Valuable Services in the Air: Flight Lieutenant J. H. Turner.

PROMOTIONS

Since our last issue the following promotions have been announced:

A.V.M. T. U. C. Shirley, C.B.E., M.I.E.E., F.R.Ae.S.
A.V.M. P. G. Wykeham, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C.
Air Cdre W. D. Disbrey, C.B.E., A.F.C., A.F.R.Ae.S.
Air Cdre A. R. D. MacDonell, D.F.C.
Air Cdre J. W. Bayley, M.B.E.
Air Cdre E. M. T. Howell, A.F.R.Ae.S.
Gp Capt I. R. Campbell, A.F.C.
Gp Capt P. R. Casement, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C.

APPOINTMENTS

Since our last issue the following appointments have been announced:

Air Chf Mshl Sir Thomas Pike, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C., has been appointed Chief of the Air Staff.
Air Cdre P. L. Donkin, C.B.E., D.S.O., has been appointed Air Officer Commanding, R.A.F. Hong Kong.
Air Cdre A. G. Powell, A.M.I.E.E., to Signals Command as Senior Air Staff Officer.
Air Cdre W. I. C. Inness, O.B.E., to Headquarters, Coastal Command.
Air Cdre T. B. de la P. Beresford, D.S.O., D.F.C., to be Senior Air Staff Officer, British Forces Arabian Peninsula.
Gp Capt C. R. Lloyd, O.B.E., to British Joint Services Mission, U.S.A., as Chief Intelligence Officer.

Gp Capt D. P. Kelly, D.F.C., to Plans and Policy Division, S.H.A.P.E.

Flt Lt D. W. Lowe to No. 4 Joint Services Trials Unit, R.A.F. Support Unit, B.F.P.O. 151 (Edinburgh Field, S. Australia).

Flt Lt T. H. Sheppard has completed the E.T.P.S. course and is posted to the Armament Flight at R.A.E., Farnborough.

MISCELLANEOUS

Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore

A portrait in oils of Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, which he has kindly presented to the College, now hangs in the Commandant's College office.

BIRTHS

We congratulate Flt Lt and Mrs P. McLeod on the birth of a son, Simon Andrew.

R.A.F. LECTURERS

Two distinguished Old Cranwellians were chosen to lecture in the United States and Canada. Air Vice-Marshal Sir Laurence F. Sinclair, Commandant of the Joint Services Staff College, lectured on 'A British View of Allied Strategy for Cold War, Limited War, and General War,' at the U.S.A.F. Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, and the R.C.A.F. Staff College, Toronto. (Alabama, 1st February; Toronto, 4th February.)

Air Vice-Marshal T. A. B. Parselle, Senior Air Staff Officer, Bomber Command, visited Alabama on 11th February and Toronto on 15th February, to give a lecture entitled 'Offensive Capabilities and Employment of Royal Air Force Bomber Command.'

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION

All Old Cranwellians are reminded that the Old Cranwellian editor will be delighted to hear of any news to include in this section of *The Journal*. People often write to say how sorry they are that we have overlooked promotions, new appointments, marriages, births, decorations, etc., but it would be more helpful if they wrote earlier to tell us of these things. With the best will in the world it is impossible to keep track of all who have graduated from the College, and any help that our readers can give will be most welcome.



The Senior Members of the Association attending the Dinner were Air Commodore Prince Visishta Svasti (second from the left), Air Chief Marshal the Earl of Bandon, Group Captain P. A. Hughes and Air Marshal Sir John Whitley

Old Cranwellian Reunion in the Far East—1959

We are indebted to Group Captain P. A. Hughes for the following account:

On Thursday, 10th December, Old Cranwellians stationed in the Far East gathered at the Tanglin Club in Singapore for their annual reunion. This was the eleventh consecutive year in which a reunion has been held, and the first time the Tanglin Club has been the venue. The evening was an unqualified success so it is hoped that the Club will offer its hospitality again in the future.

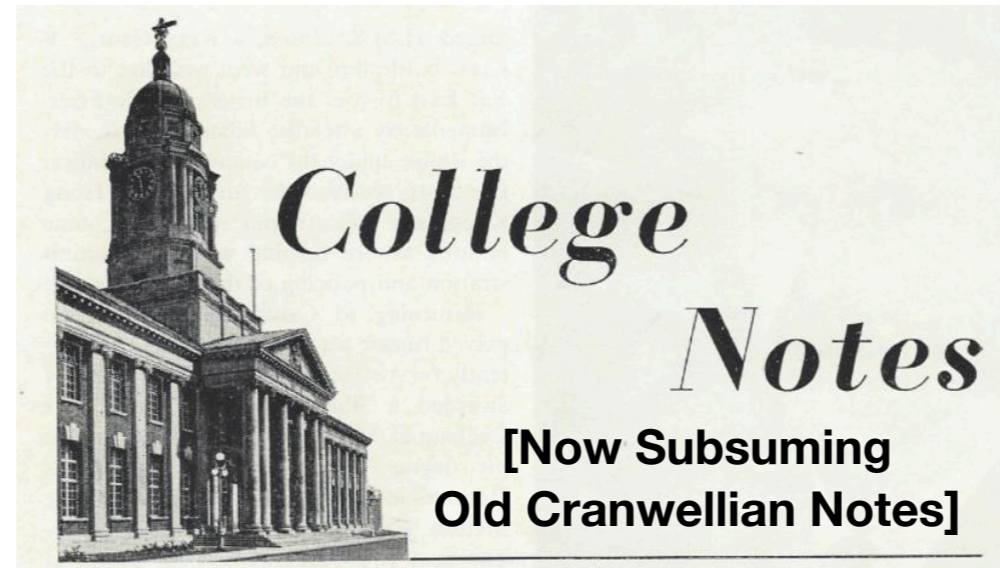
The Senior ranking Old Cranwellian attending was our Commander-in-Chief, Air Chief Marshal The Earl of Bandon, K.B.E., C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., who presided, but he and all of us were delighted that a member of his senior term in 1922 was also present—this was Air Commodore Prince Visishta Svasti, Royal Thai Air Force. It was an honour to have him there, and a real pleasure to meet such a distinguished and charming Old Cranwellian. We also took advantage of the presence in the Far East of the Inspector General of the Royal Air Force, Air Marshal Sir John Whitley, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., A.F.C., to invite him as our Guest of Honour. It was a great pleasure to all that he accepted. The remainder of the party was made up of two officers of the Royal Ceylon Air Force

whom we were very pleased to meet once again (Flying Officer Ratnayake and Flying Officer Rajapaksa) and an ex-officer of the Royal Thai Air Force (Mr Sudhi Somsiri—1955-58), Flight Lieutenant G. X. E. McLeod of the R.N.Z.A.F., stationed at Tengah with No. 75 Squadron, Flight Lieutenant Orton (1951), who arrived on the day, *en route* for Australia—a bit of good fortune for him, and all of us, and Flight Lieutenants M. H. D. Broad, R. J. Littlejohn, J. R. Coleman, P. Deakin, J. D. Hutchinson, P. Carter, R. Dyson, J. I. Barrow, N. R. C. Price, J. S. F. Salmond, J. A. Tucker and P. L. Gray.

Regrettably none of those invited from Hong Kong, India, Burma, Pakistan or Australia was able to be present.

After an hour getting into the mood, during which the pace was set by the Commander-in-Chief, whose fund of new stories and good humour seemed inexhaustible, we sat down to an excellent dinner in air-conditioned comfort. The C-in-C. proposed the toasts 'The Queen,' and 'The College.' Reminiscences were swapped thereafter. The Club closed at midnight—however, despite firm action by Club officials it was 1 a.m. before the party could be finally persuaded to depart, still in great good humour.

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Old Cranwellian Notes appear under College Notes because we thought it would make a change. And there is always the chance that someone who normally skips Old Cranwellian Notes might read them if he comes across them casually in College Notes (if anyone reads College Notes), and vice versa (if anyone reads Old Cranwellian Notes).



APPOINTMENTS

Gp Capt G. W. Petre, D.F.C., A.F.C., to R.A.F. College Selection Board as President.
Gp Capt D. B. Hatfield, C.B.E., to the Ministry of Aviation.
Gp Capt P. W. Cook to the British Embassy, Rangoon, Burma, as Air Attaché.
Gp Capt G. ff. Powell-Sheddon, D.S.O., D.F.C., to the Department of the Air Member for Supply and Organization.
Gp Capt R. P. R. Powell, D.F.C., to R.A.F. Staff College Directing Staff.
Gp Capt J. B. Tait, D.S.O., D.F.C., to Headquarters, No. 13 Group.
Gp Capt R. K. Jeffries, O.B.E., to the Ministry of Aviation.
Gp Capt T. R. Burne, D.S.O., A.F.C., to Headquarters, Fighter Command.
Wg Cdr A. R. Wright, D.F.C., A.F.C., to Headquarters, F.E.A.F.



MARRIAGES

Our sincere congratulations and good wishes go to:
Flt Lt M. J. Hardy (62 Entry)—Miss Ann Lambert, married Saturday, 21st May 1960, at Worthing, Sussex.
Flt Lt R. B. Gubbins (62 Entry)—Miss Margaret Mundy, married Saturday, 14th May 1960, at Rheindahlen (Headquarters, 2nd T.A.F.).



Old Cranwellians who were unable to attend this year's Annual Reunion will be interested to know that the possibility of reprinting the List of Graduates was

discussed. Plans are in hand for a revision which will bring the list completely up to date with more full and accurate details, both alphabetical and by entries. If this project is eventually approved the format will be as for earlier issues, to match the College Journal, but it is hoped to reduce the price substantially. Ideas for making the List more interesting and useful, or notes of any previous errors or omissions, will be gratefully received by Mr J. Tanner, Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, Sleaford, Lincolnshire.



Squadron Leader H. R. Radford (50 Entry), who is now stationed at Boscombe Down, won the McKenna Award at the Empire Test Pilots' Training School at Farnborough.



After a very long period of gestation the College Museum has at last made an appearance. The start is a small and humble one compared with the efforts of our sister colleges, but despite this we have hopes of great things fairly soon.

The success of this project, however, rests largely in the hands of Old Cranwellians, who are most earnestly requested to seek high and low for items suitable for inclusion. Especially wanted are specimens of honours and awards won by Old Cranwellians.

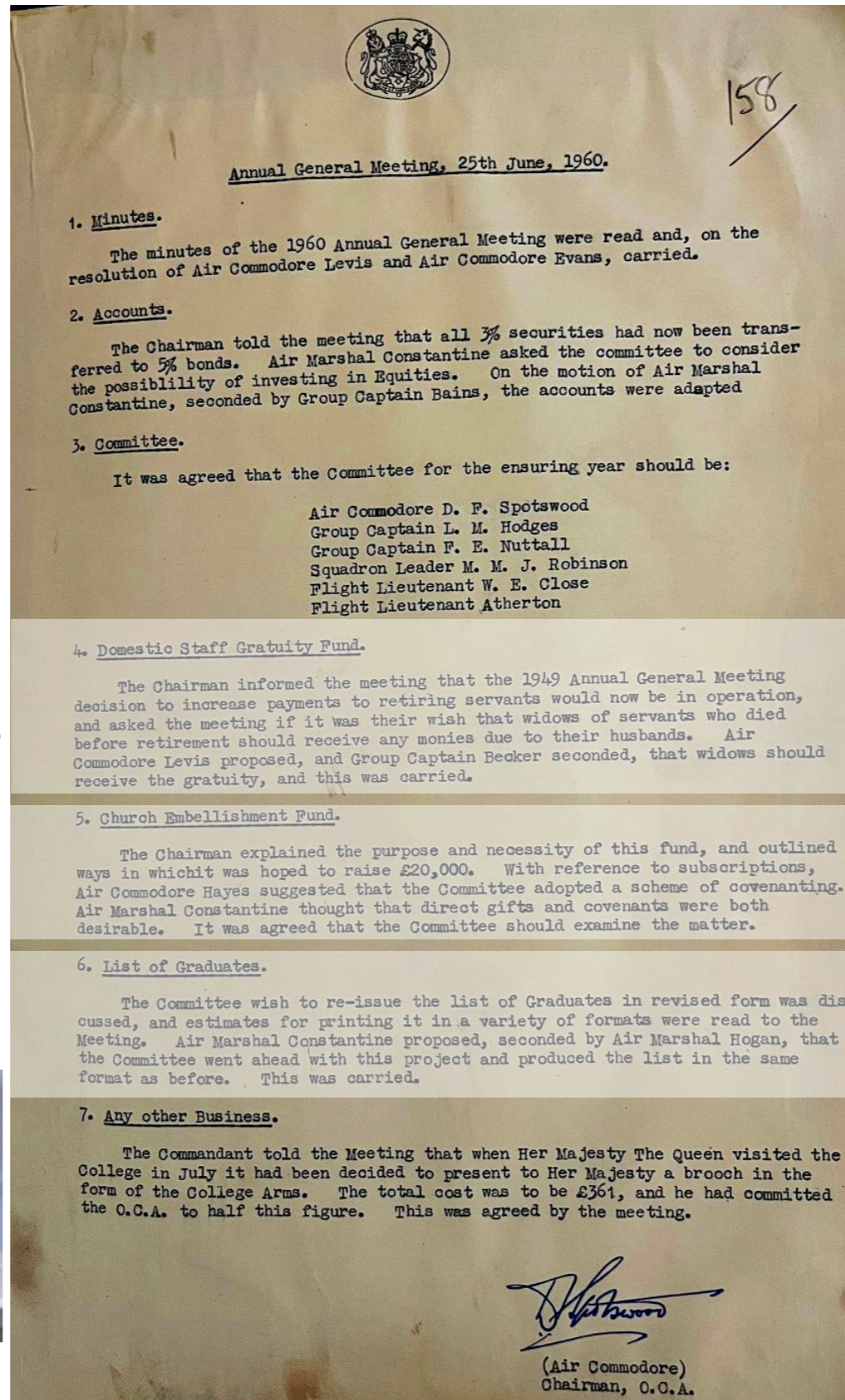


The following senior flight cadets were appointed Under Officers at the beginning of the current term:

'A' Squadron — M. C. Turner
'B' Squadron — B. C. Johnson
'C' Squadron — W. L. McKee

Thirtieth Annual General Meeting - 25 June 1960

Air Cdre Dennis Frank Spotswood, not an ex-cadet of the College, as OCA Chairman took the Chair.



1. Minutes.

The minutes of the 1960 Annual General Meeting were read and, on the resolution of Air Commodore Levis and Air Commodore Evans, carried.

2. Accounts.

The Chairman told the meeting that all 3% securities had now been transferred to 5% bonds. Air Marshal Constantine asked the committee to consider the possibility of investing in Equities. On the motion of Air Marshal Constantine, seconded by Group Captain Bains, the accounts were adapted

3. Committee.

It was agreed that the Committee for the ensuring year should be:

Air Commodore D. F. Spotswood
Group Captain L. M. Hodges
Group Captain F. E. Nuttall
Squadron Leader M. M. J. Robinson
Flight Lieutenant W. E. Close
Flight Lieutenant Atherton

4. Domestic Staff Gratuity Fund.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the 1949 Annual General Meeting decision to increase payments to retiring servants would now be in operation, and asked the meeting if it was their wish that widows of servants who died before retirement should receive any monies due to their husbands. Air Commodore Levis proposed, and Group Captain Becker seconded, that widows should receive the gratuity, and this was carried.

5. Church Embellishment Fund.

The Chairman explained the purpose and necessity of this fund, and outlined ways in which it was hoped to raise £20,000. With reference to subscriptions, Air Commodore Hayes suggested that the Committee adopted a scheme of covenanting. Air Marshal Constantine thought that direct gifts and covenants were both desirable. It was agreed that the Committee should examine the matter.

6. List of Graduates.

The Committee wish to re-issue the list of Graduates in revised form was discussed, and estimates for printing it in a variety of formats were read to the Meeting. Air Marshal Constantine proposed, seconded by Air Marshal Hogan, that the Committee went ahead with this project and produced the list in the same format as before. This was carried.

7. Any other Business.

The Commandant told the Meeting that when Her Majesty The Queen visited the College in July it had been decided to present to Her Majesty a brooch in the form of the College Arms. The total cost was to be £361, and he had committed the O.C.A. to half this figure. This was agreed by the meeting.

(Air Commodore)
Chairman, O.C.A.

Staff Retirement Gratuities

Revised List of Graduates

OCA and the Church Embellishment Fund



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Our congratulations go to the undermentioned Old Cranwellians on their recent promotion:

Air Marshal A. Earle, C.B., C.B.E., Air Vice-Marshal C. Broughton, C.B.E., Air Commodore R. I. Jones, C.B., A.F.C., Group Captain R. L. Wade, D.F.C., and Squadron Leaders K. V. E. Gilbert, P. Gilliatt, W. F. Jacobs, J. D. Leary, E. H. Leggett, E. V. Mellor, H. J. Ridout, I. L. Schwaiger and R. A. Streatfield.



Our sincere congratulations go to the undermentioned Old Cranwellians who appeared in the Birthday Honours List:

C.B.—Air Commodore J. N. H. Whitworth, C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C.

C.B.E.—Group Captain W. Pitt-Brown, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C.; Group Captain B. P. Young, C.B.E.

A.F.C.—Squadron Leader P. J. Bardon, D.F.C., A.F.C.



The College has been greatly honoured to learn that Viscount Trenchard has agreed that the R.A.F. College Museum shall be entrusted with the safekeeping of many relics of his father, Marshal of the Royal Air Force the Viscount Trenchard, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., D.S.O. It is expected that among the items will be orders and decorations and many fascinating and important documents.

A later edition of *The Journal* will record full details of this historic and magnificent collection.



Graduates of the College are reminded that a new edition of the List of Graduates is in preparation, and are asked to send details of their current rank and decorations to: Mr J. Tanner, R.A.F. College, Cranwell, Sleaford, Lincs.



The College Museum, so long projected, is now a reality, having opened its doors for the first time on 25th July 1960.

No effort was spared to make this addition to the College's public rooms a place worthy in every way of those commemorated, and it has already been honoured with the safekeeping of a splendid and richly varied collection of items. It is recorded with pride that Her Majesty The Queen has graciously loaned three items.



The Annual Reunion was held this year on Saturday, 25th June 1960. Altogether some 130 members of the Old Cranwellian Association were able to put in an appearance and make their contribution to the fortieth year of the College by creating a new attendance record.

There was no Guest of Honour on this occasion; instead the Association was greatly honoured to welcome the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Pike, as its after dinner speaker.

Air Commodore D. F. Spotswood, chairman of the O.C.A., reminded the assembly that C.A.S. was the first Old Cranwellian ever to serve on the Air Council as D.C.A.S. He also reported to the Association the many and varied activities of the College in the past year, and was able to give a most encouraging account of progress on the new building programme. Models of the instructional block and the new church were on show.

The Association was also honoured to entertain as its guest the Bishop of Fulham, whose brother, Patrick Coote, was a Sword of Honour winner at the College.

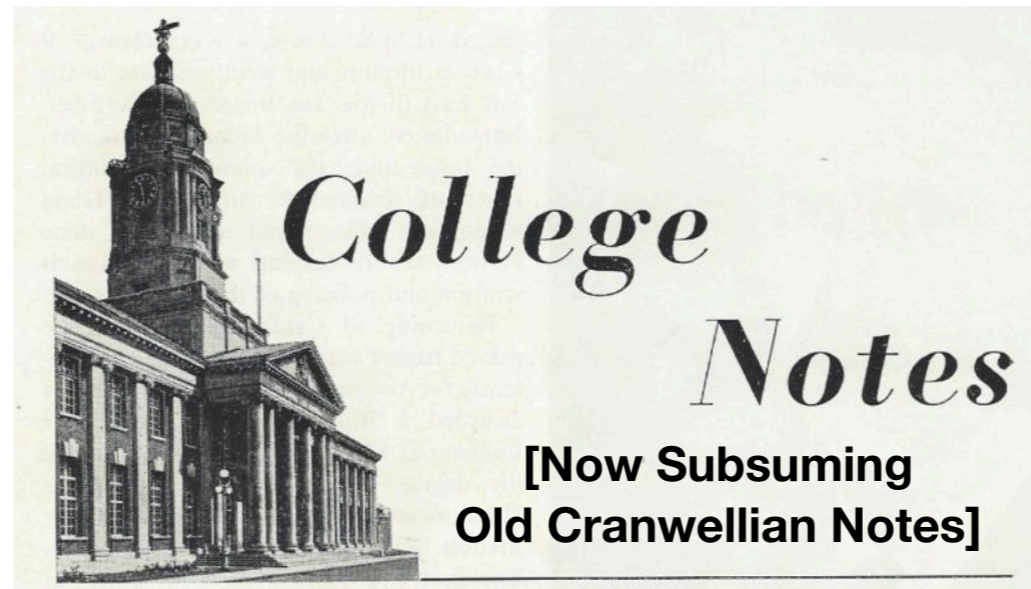
The dinner followed, of course, the traditional menu of: Turtle Soup; Scotch Salmon; Roast Duckling; Strawberries and Cream; Savoury Egg.

The games results were:

Cricket: R.A.F. College, 201 for 8; Old Cranwellians, 205 for 6. *Tennis:* R.A.F. College, 6; Old Cranwellians, 3. *Squash:* R.A.F. College, 4; Old Cranwellians, 4. *Golf:* R.A.F. College, 2; Old Cranwellians, 2.



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Old Cranwellians and members of the staff of the College figured prominently in the New Year Honours List.

The following awards were announced in the *London Gazette* dated 31st December 1960:—

To Old Cranwellians:

G.C.B.—Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas G. Pike, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C.

G.B.E.—Air Chief Marshal the Earl of Bandon, K.B.E., C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.

K.C.B.—Air Marshal A. D. Selway, C.B., D.F.C.

K.B.E.—Air Marshal A. Earle, C.B., C.B.E.

C.B.—Air Commodore A. Pyke, O.B.E., M.I.Mech.E., A.F.R.Ae.S.

BAR TO A.F.C.—Squadron Leader H. A. Merriman, A.F.C.

A.F.C.—Squadron Leader J. M. Crowley.

To personnel of the Royal Air Force College:

C.B.—Air Commodore D. F. Spotswood, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.D.C.

M.B.E.—Flight Lieutenant J. E. Greenaway.

B.E.M.—Mr Frederick George Mayhew (Head Servant, 'C' Squadron, Senior Flight Cadets' Mess).

A.F.C.—Flight Lieutenant G. N. Lewis (now serving at R.N.A.S. Lossiemouth).

The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Services in the Air was awarded to Flight Lieutenant D. S. Bridson, and to Flight Lieutenant K. M. Williamson (now serving at Royal Air Force Little Rissington).



We offer our congratulations to the following Old Cranwellians on their recent promotion:

General Duties Branch: Air Marshal A. D. Selway and Air Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle; Air Vice-Marshal G. C. Eveleigh; Air Commodores J. M. N. Pike, H. N. G. Wheeler, J. H. Lapsley and L. MacD. Hodges; Group Captain P. A. Hughes; Squadron Leaders P. M. Worthington, H. M. K. Brown, R. E. Webster, I. S. MacPherson, J. W. Price, J. A. Williams, D. A. Lethem, T. W. A. Devey-Smith, M. M. Foster, M. G. King, R. L. T. Polgreen, M. Hughes, C. H. Foale, J. M. A. Parker, A. McN. Christie, F. D. Hoskins, R. P. J. King, R. H. Bragg, N. A. Innes-Smith, J. G. F. Hewitt, L. A. Boyer and J. M. Pack.

Technical Branch: Air Commodore J. C. Pope.

Equipment Branch: Squadron Leader M. L. Cann.

Royal Air Force Regiment: Squadron Leader K. M. Oliver.

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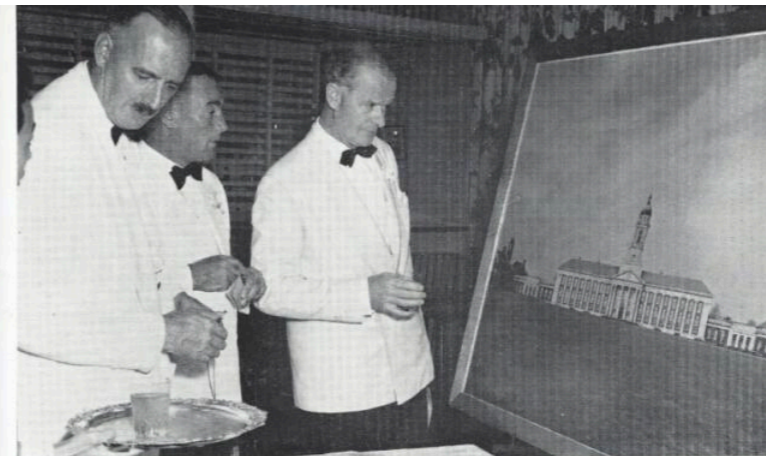
We regret to record the death in hospital of Pilot Officer Barry John Norris, three months after he was commissioned from Cranwell. Shortly after leaving Taunton School, he joined No. 78 Entry as a flight cadet and was posted to "A" Squadron. Among many attributes he showed especial ability as a sportsman, and captained the College cricket XI during the 1960 season. Pilot Officer Norris was being trained as a member of a Victor crew at Royal Air Force Gaydon.



We have received this report of the twelfth Annual Reunion of Old Cranwellians in the Far East:

For the twelfth consecutive year Old Cranwellians serving in the Far East gathered on Thursday, 8th December 1960, at the start of the festive season, for the reunion that has now become traditional. As far as is known this is the only Old Cranwellian Reunion that is regularly observed other than at Cranwell. Twenty-five of us again met in the Tanglin Club in Singapore, starting the evening promptly at 8 p.m. in the private bar, which was dominated by a fine photograph of the College frontage. Our Commander-in-Chief, Air Marshal A. D. Selway, K.C.B., D.F.C. (1926-28) was an early arrival and warmly welcomed three Old Cranwellians of the Royal Ceylon Air Force who had flown to Singapore in a Heron specially for the occasion—they were Squadron Leader P. H. Mendis (1951-54), Flight Lieutenant S. M. Situnayake (1952-55) and Flight Lieutenant

A familiar scene on South Airfield



Old Cranwellians in Singapore examine an enlarged photograph of the College. Left to Right: Air Vice-Marshal E. M. F. Grundy, Group Captain P. A. Hughes and Air Marshal A. D. Selway.

M. D. M. Perera (1953-54). Officers of the Royal Ceylon Air Force have regularly attended these reunions and it is the greatest pleasure to welcome them. Other distinguished persons present were the Air Officer in charge of Administration, Air Vice-Marshal E. M. F. Grundy, C.B., O.B.E. (1926-28) and Wing Commander J. F. Powell, O.B.E., an honorary O.C.A. member who will be well known to most generations of post-war cadets and who is now on the Education Staff of Headquarters Far East Air Force.

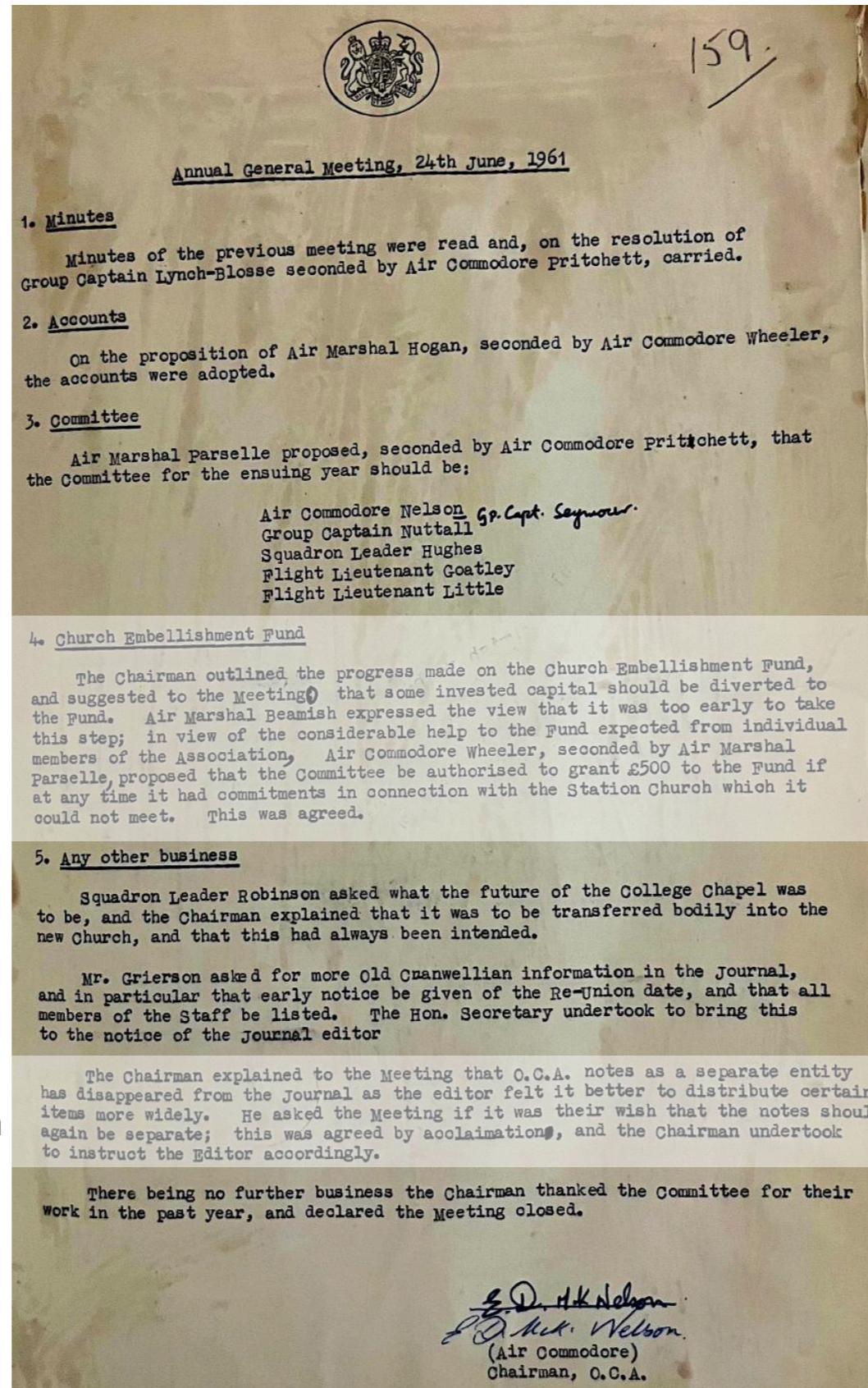
After an excellent dinner, which tasted all the better for being taken in air-conditioned surroundings, the Commander-in-Chief proposed the loyal toast and followed this with a short speech which was well calculated to emphasize the unity of all present and the excellent party spirit which made this such a happy occasion.

He particularly welcomed the Royal Ceylon Air Force officers, and referred to some Cranwell highlights of 1960, particularly the honour of Her Majesty the Queen's visit, the completion of the fourth wing and the extension of the syllabus. We were all glad we had already graduated. He also referred to Group Captain P. A. Hughes' having undertaken his third year as organizer of the Far East Reunion—his next will be at Cranwell.

After dinner we returned to the ante-room and continued to reminisce until the Club closed. This was a memorable and happy occasion.

Thirty-first Annual General Meeting - 24 June 1961

Air Cdre Dennis Frank Spotswood, not an ex-cadet of the College, as OCA Chairman took the Chair.



OCA and the Church Embellishment Fund
- £500 Grant approved



Journal editor explained the need to
subsume OCA notes into College Notes in
the Journal.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Our congratulations go to the following Old Cranwellians who appeared in the Birthday Honours List :

C.B.—Air Vice-Marshal C. Broughton, C.B.E. ; Air Vice-Marshal B. A. Chacksfield, O.B.E., A.F.R.Ae.S. ; Air Vice-Marshal T. U. C. Shirley, C.B.E., A.D.C. ; Air Vice-Marshal P. G. Wykeham, D.S.O., O.B.E.

C.B.E.—Air Commodore E. M. T. Howell ; Group Captain R. T. Frogley, O.B.E., D.F.C. ; Group Captain A. M. Ruston, D.F.C. ; Group Captain T. P. Seymour.

A.F.C.—Flight Lieutenant D. A. Cooper.

PROMOTIONS

Our congratulations go to the following Old Cranwellians on their recent promotion :

Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Constantine, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O. ; Air Vice-Marshal T. N. Coslett, C.B., O.B.E., M.I.Mech.E. ; Air Vice-Marshal S. W. B. Menaul, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C. ; Air Vice-Marshal P. T. Philpott, C.B.E. ; Air Vice-Marshal D. F. Spotswood, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C. ; Air Commodore W. Pitt-Brown, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C. ; Air Commodore B. P. Young, C.B.E. ; Group Captain A. D. Panton, O.B.E., D.F.C. ; Group Captain J. A. Sowrey, D.F.C., A.F.C. ; Wing Commander K. Johnson ; Wing Commander M. M. J. Robinson.

THE ANNUAL RE-UNION

The Annual Reunion took place this year on Saturday, 24th June. Some 130 members attended throughout the day, and were entertained by splendid performances in the sports fixtures. The results of these were :

	College	O.C.A.
Cricket :	202 for 9 dec.	194
Tennis :	7	1
Squash :	2	3
Golf :	2	4

After the Annual General Meeting the members re-assembled for drinks and the traditional dinner of Turtle Soup, Scotch

Salmon, Roast Duck, Fresh Strawberries and Cream, and Anchovy Egg. After dinner they heard speeches from their Chairman, Air Commodore E. D. McK. Nelson, and their Patron, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot A. Boyle.

Among those who attended the Reunion this year were :—Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot A. Boyle ; Air Marshal Sir G. R. Beamish ; Air Vice-Marshal B. A. Chacksfield, Air Vice-Marshal H. A. V. Hogan, Air Vice-Marshal T. A. B. Parselle, Air Vice-Marshal W. D. G. Pretty ; Air Commodore P. H. Cribb, Air Commodore P. Jones, Air Commodore E. D. McK. Nelson, Air Commodore N. A. P. Pritchett, Air Commodore H. N. G. Wheeler ; Group Captains W. F. C. Hobson, M. Lowe, E. H. Lynch-Blosse, F. E. Nuttall, T. P. Seymour, R. J. Walker ; Wing Commanders P. R. Ap Ellis, T. R. Harris, E. Macro, D. G. Roberts, F. C. T. Rowe, A. A. J. Sanders ; Squadron Leaders D. Atherley, W. J. Bangay, L. A. Boyer, M. L. Cann, T. W. Devey-Smith, K. V. E. Gilbert, J. H. Granville-White, D. B. Hamley, G. M. Hermitage, B. Huxley, W. E. Kelly, T. L. Kennedy, F. R. Lockyer, J. C. Newby, C. J. Petheram, M. M. J. Robinson, K. E. Richardson, D. L. F. Thornton, W. Topping ; Flight Lieutenants D. Allison, M. J. Allisstone, P. J. Anstee, D. A. Atherton, R. D. Bates, M. E. Bee, A. G. Bridges, H. Buckham, W. E. Close, J. J. R. Cohu, J. B. V. Collins, C. P. J. Coulcher, A. D. R. Dawes, J. G. De'Ath, S. A. Edwards, J. B. Fitzpatrick, B. J. Goatley, G. J. A. F. Green, J. R. Hall, M. A. Hicks, V. A. Hodgkinson, J. C. Holday, P. A. Hoskins, M. A. Howells, P. C. Little, R. P. McCormack, P. E. McKinstry, J. McVie, B. Meadley, S. T. Newington, B. Northway, E. A. Peters, B. A. Plaskett, P. D. Raeburn, B. A. Reader, C. H. Selway, R. T. Snare, J. A. Tucker, P. J. Welby ; Flying Officers J. E. Brown, H. D. Herd, C. M. Quaipe, T. V. Radford, M. Seekings, T. V. Spencer, R. L. Thomas ; Pilot Officers F. G. Allen, J. S. Halkes, W. J. Howerd, R. Lucking, C. A. Rainbow, A. J. Sheppard, A. C. Tolhurst ; Mr J. Grierson, Mr D. D. Mumby, Mr J. Tanner.

THE NEW CHURCH

Cranwell's new Station Church is now approaching completion, and work on its interior furnishing and embellishment is now in hand.

All readers of *The Journal* are reminded that the financial burden of furnishing the Church in this way has to be borne by private subscription, and it is hoped that all who can do so will subscribe as generously as possible.

Cheques, money orders, and postal orders, should be sent to : Mr John Tanner, M.A., F.L.A., Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, from whom a brochure is available giving full details of the new Church and the appeal. Readers may also like to know that a new Roman Catholic Church is also in course of completion, and that the P.M.U.B. Church is being refurbished. Money for these undertakings is also urgently needed, and should be sent to Mr Tanner.

SOME OLD CRANWELLIANS AT CRANWELL

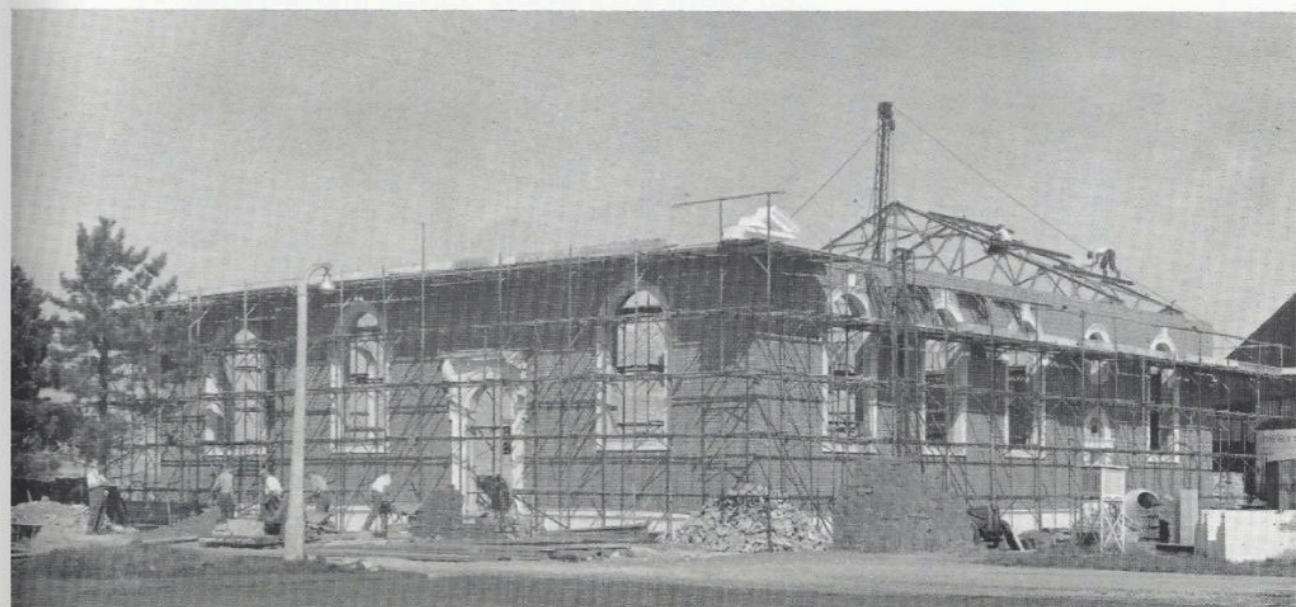
Four former E. and S. Wing cadets are currently serving at the College in the Tutorial Wing. Flight Lieutenants A. Hickox and B. J. Goatley (52 Entry) arrived here in 1959 from Germany and Malta respectively.

Flight Lieutenant G. J. A. F. Green (59 Entry) came here as admin. instructor towards the end of 1960. We have just welcomed Flight Lieutenant J. Shearer (58

Entry), hot foot from the North African desert (El Adem). He has now taken over equipment instructor duties from Flight Lieutenant P. Richardson (49 Entry) who left us for Air Ministry last month. Squadron Leader D. I. O'Hara was the first ex-E. and S. Wing cadet to return to the College. As reported in a previous issue, he left us for Staff College in the Spring of this year. Just before this Flight Lieutenant D. Atherton packed his books and his rugger boots and headed for H.Q. Flying Training Command.

All of these officers belonged to the original "D" Squadron which was in being at Digby from 1947 until 1953. Word has been heard from other members of this one time Sovereign's Squadron. Squadron Leader M. Cann (51 Entry) and Flight Lieutenant F. F. Banks (52 Entry) are at Air Ministry, London, and Squadron Leader B. Hughes (52 Entry) is now P.S.O. to the D.G.E. Flight Lieutenant J. A. Kiely (52 Entry) is apparently working for Signals Command at Royal Air Force Medmenham ; no doubt they have a good Rugby team. Flight Lieutenant J. Bastin, now an LL.B., (54 Entry) was last heard of a year ago at H.Q. Fighter Command, and Flight Lieutenant J. De'Ath (61 Entry) is at Hereford as a flight commander with admin. apprentices. Flight Lieutenant B. A. Spry (53 Entry) is now in the G.D. branch and was last heard of last February at Kinloss, going off on his first solo in a Shackleton. Flight Lieutenant D. Gregory (52 Entry) is now at Fontainebleau as assistant air attaché, and Flight Lieutenant J. Lawrence (52 Entry) is in Australia.

Cranwell's new station Church is now approaching completion



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HONOURS AND AWARDS

Our congratulations go to the following Old Cranwellians who appeared in the New Year Honours List :

C.B.—Air Vice-Marshal T. A. B. Parselle, C.B.E.; Air Vice-Marshal H. B. Wrigley, C.B.E.; Air Vice-Marshal C. S. Moore, C.B.E.; Air Vice-Marshal W. I. C. Innes, O.B.E.; **K.B.E.**—Air Vice-Marshal W. P. G. Pretty, C.B.

M.B.E.—Squadron Leader R. L. Lees, A.F.C.—Squadron Leader J. L. Price.

PROMOTIONS

Our congratulations go to the following Old Cranwellians on their recent promotion :

Air Vice-Marshal T. N. Coslett, C.B.E., O.B.E.; Air Commodore L. D. Mavor, A.F.C.; Wing Commander G. M. Hermitage; Squadron Leaders J. C. Newby, G. W. Payne, B. A. Phillips, N. Chamberlain, A.F.C., J. D. B. Christey, B. H. Newton, E. A. Peters, R. D. Brittain, P. H. Champriss, A. I. Alder, D. Allison, P. J. Armstrong, J. H. Bishop, J. G. Bourn, D. J. House, R. A. Lees, R. J. Littlejohn, J. McLeod, A. R. Martin, J. A. Fryer, R. V. Stephenson, D. F. Smith, J. D. B. Christey, E. F. Banks, J. E. Bastin, R. S. Blockey, R. G. Boyer, P. A. Law, R. L. Lees, A. B. McGuire, M.B.E., J. E. Maitland, L. R. Francis, J. F. H. Tetley, H. T. Price, J. Wilkinson; Flight Lieutenants M. J. H. Walker, A. L. Watson; Flying Officers P. J. Symes, D. J. W. Taylor, K. C. Quin, A. R. Read, A. J. Ross, W. G. Chapman, E. R. Cox, R. A. K. Crabtree, G. C. Crumbie, J. H. Laming, D. E. Leppard, A. A. MacKay, V. B. Howells, D. Packman, M. J. Porter, M. H. Wilson, R. W. A. Woodhead, W. J. Wratten, M. C. Wright, I. E. D. Montgomerie, P. A. Nelson, A. R. Oliver, J. R. Oliver, P. G. Pinney, D. Lawrence, R. H. Lloyd, N. C. V. Ireland, D. M. O'Herlihy, C. S. Parkin.

ANNUAL RE-UNION

Will all members of the Old Cranwellian Association please note that the next Annual Re-union will be on Saturday, 16th June. Full particulars will be circulated in the Annual Report. The Venerable F. W. Cocks, C.B., Chaplain-in-Chief to the Royal Air Force will be the Guest of Honour at the dinner.

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BIRTH

We congratulate Flight Lieutenant I. D. Wilkinson (62 Entry) on the birth of a son, David Bruce.

DEATHS

We regret to record the death in a motoring accident on 20th December, 1961 of Pilot Officer Malcombe John Greenwood, Plt. Off. Greenwood came to the College from Bishop Gore's School, Swansea. He joined No. 79 Squadron and was promoted to Under Officer in his final term. A good all-round sportsman, he was elected Captain of Badminton and vice-captain of tennis. In both sports he was awarded colours. He was in the jazz band, with whom he played the drums, and regularly joined in the Motor club rallies and activities. He was quiet yet cheerful, a reliable and sincere young man. His death is a great loss to the Royal Air Force, to his family and to the many friends he made during his short life.

We have learned with regret of the death of four other Cranwell graduates :

On 12th September, Flying Officer D. M. Nicholls of No. 74 Entry, 'A' Squadron.

On 17th October, Flight Lieutenant J. W. Burgess of No. 7 (Secretarial) Entry.

On 26th October, Flight Lieutenant N. B. Youd of No. 71 Entry, 'A' Squadron.

On 26th October, Flying Officer J. Geldart of No. 75 Entry, 'C' Squadron.

NEWS OF OLD CRANWELLIANS

Two old Cranwellians who are now Air Commodores have recently taken up new appointments. Air Commodore H. N. G. Wheeler, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., formerly Assistant Commandant of the College, was appointed Air Member of the Defence Research Policy Staff in January. Air Commodore W. Pitt-Brown, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., became Senior Air Staff Officer and Principal Assistant Air Attaché on the British Defence Staff in Washington last summer.

Flying Officer N. Bonnor, formerly of No. 77 Entry and S.U.O. of 'B' Squadron was presented in September with the sword awarded annually by the Argentine Air Force to the top cadet graduating from the College. The presentation was made at Royal Air Force, Cottesmore, by Dr. J. Pena Gaona, Counsellor at the Argentine Embassy in London. Flying Officer Bonnor is now a navigator in No. 10 Squadron flying Victors.

Last year Flying Officer I. W. Strachan, formerly of No. 75 Entry, became the youngest British glider pilot to gain the F.A.I. Gold Certificate with two Diamonds. The awards were for a gain in height of 24,000 feet in a thundercloud in 1960, and for a flight of 300 kilometres along a previously declared route in June, 1961. Flight Lieutenant J. Delafield (of No. 74 Entry) obtained a Gold Certificate with one Diamond for a similar distance goal flight in August.

Flight Lieutenant Delafield is at present Chief Flying Instructor of the East Anglian Club of the Royal Air Force Gliding and Soaring Association. Flying Officer Strachan is a member of the Fenland Club of the R.A.F.G.S.A. and operates from R.A.F. Swanton Morley. Both officers were College Captains of Gliding and serviced their own sailplane when they were at Cranwell.

SOME OLD CRANWELLIANS AT CRANWELL

With the arrival in February of Squadron Leader M. Foster, who has been posted to Flying Wing, there are now five Old Cranwellians of No. 52 Entry serving at the College. The other four are Squadron Leader T. Devey-Smith, Officer Commanding 'B' Squadron, Squadron Leader M. Hughes, Officer Commanding No. 3 Squadron, Squadron Leader J. A. McArthur, A.F.C., P.S.O. to the A.O.C., and Squadron Leader B. M. Burley, who is with the Selection Board.

Squadron Leaders Foster and McArthur came to Cranwell from the Royal Air Force Staff College, Bracknell.

REPORT OF 13th ANNUAL RE-UNION IN THE FAR EAST

The 13th Annual Re-union of Old Cranwellians in the Far East was held on 15th December, 1961 in the Tanglin Club in Singapore.

25 Old Cranwellians, including Air Marshal Sir Anthony Selway, K.C.B., D.F.C., met at 8 p.m. for drinks before dinner. Unfortunately, very few Old Cranwellians from outside Singapore Island were able to attend, and we greatly missed those of the Royal Ceylon Air Force who were with us last time. It was good to see once again Wing Commander J. F. Powell, O.B.E., an Honorary O.C.A. Member, who is well-known to most generations of post-war cadets.

We sat down to an excellent dinner at 9 p.m., after which the Commander-in-Chief proposed the loyal toast. The Commander-in-Chief then delighted everyone with an informal chat which was entirely in accord with the mood of the evening. He talked at length about the Royal Air Force from the time when Lord Trenchard was Chief of the Air Staff down through the years to the present day. It was a most entertaining and enlightening talk which was greatly appreciated by all of us. After dinner we returned

Air Marshal Selway and Group Captain Maynard



Some Old Cranwellians at the 13th Annual Re-Union in the Far East
From top Left, round the table: Flt Lt Taylor, Fg Off Webb, Flt Lt Clark, Sqn Ldr Culvert, Gp Capt Maynard, Air Marshal Sir Anthony Selway, Wg Cdr Powell, Flt Lt White, Flt Lt Davis, Flt Lt Coleman, Sqn Ldr Williams, Sqn Ldr Wood

to the bar, and the Tanglin Club did not close its doors until the early hours of 16th December. It was quite clear that everybody had thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

CRANWELL'S NEW CHURCHES

Cranwell's new Station Church is now almost completed, and it is expected that the opening ceremony will take place at the beginning of June. Every item of furniture and embellishment thought desirable by the Committee has been ordered, so that the Church will be seen in its final and complete form from the day of its dedication.

The new Roman Catholic Church is already complete, and was dedicated by the Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Nottingham at the beginning of the Spring term.

Work is now well-advanced on the improvements to the P.M.U.B. Church, for which a very fine decorative scheme has been drawn up by a leading firm of specialists in this field.

All three Churches, however, are still very short of the money needed for these great projects, and all who read *The Journal* are asked to subscribe if they possibly can, to the official appeal. Donations, with a note of the Church which is to benefit, should be sent to :

Mr John Tanner, M.A.,
Hon. Treasurer, Church Embellishment Fund,
Royal Air Force College,
Cranwell,
Sleaford,
Lincolnshire.

The new Roman Catholic Church was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Nottingham

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APOLOGY

We apologise to Air Commodore W. I. C. Inness, C.B., O.B.E., for the error in our reference to his appointment to C.B. in the last issue of *The Journal*.

DEATH

We regret to record the death on 3rd April of Mr H. W. Acomb. A Cambridge graduate, Henry Waldo Acomb began his librarianship career in his old university. From 1929 he was successively librarian of the National Liberal Club's Gladstone Library, librarian of the University of Durham, and, after war service with the Army Educational Corps, Librarian and Administrative Officer at the British Institute, Madrid. In 1949 he came to the Royal Air Force College, where he was librarian for a year.

NEWS OF OLD CRANWELLIANS

Group Captain E. E. Vielle, O.B.E., A.F.R.Ae.S., R.A.F. (Retd.), writing under the pen name of Donald Gordon, has

written a novel called "Star-Raker," which was published by Hodder and Stoughton on 5th April. "Star-Raker," which is about a supersonic airliner, has been selected for condensation by *Readers' Digest*, and is also being published in (so far) nine other countries, in eight other languages.

Group Captain C. V. D. Willis, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.F.C., who joined the Royal Air Force as an aircraft apprentice in 1933, and in 1936 was awarded a cadetship to the Royal Air Force College, has recently been appointed Commandant of the Royal Air Force Staff College at Andover with the acting rank of Air Commodore.

MORE NEWS OF OLD CRANWELLIANS

More news of Old Cranwellians is urgently needed. Please write to the Old Cranwellian Editor, Mr John Tanner, Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, and tell him anything that may be of interest to us or your contemporaries.



A view of the improved interior of the P.M.U.B. Church.

Thirty-second Annual General Meeting - 16 June 1962

Air Cdre Eric Douglas Mackinley Nelson, ex-J31, as OCA Chairman took the Chair.

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 16th June 1962

Minutes
1. The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, and on the proposition of Air Commodores Hayes and Jones were adopted.

Accounts
2. The accounts, as printed in the Annual Report, were adopted on the proposal of Air Marshal Chacksfield, seconded by Air Chief Marshal McEvoy.

Committee
3. It was agreed by acclamation that the Committee should continue in office for the ensuing year.

Church Appeal Fund
4. The Chairman outlined the satisfactory state of the Fund, but explained that the major bills were not yet in for consideration and that it was not yet possible to say whether the estimates would be exceeded. In view of this Air Marshal Beamish, seconded by the Earl of Bandon, proposed that £500 from the Association's reserves should be available to the Committee should it have definite need of further help, and that the situation be reviewed at the next A.G.M.

Any Other Business
5. The Chairman informed the meeting that Curt, the Head Steward, would retire at the beginning of 1963, having served at the College since its inception and for most of that time in the important office of Head Steward; he asked the meeting if it was their wish to mark this unique service in any way, and mentioned that normally retired servants received a gratuity from the Association based on length of service.

The President of the Association said that the gratuities should in his opinion be raised for all, but that the Association should certainly mark Curt's retirement in some way.

Numerous proposals were made from the floor on this subject and after considerable discussion a motion by S/L Foster (seconded by A/C Jones) was carried; this gave the Committee power to give Curt the full gratuity and to spend £50 on the purchase of a suitable gift in silver. Air Commodore Levis then made proposal that all members be circulated to raise a subscription for Curt, this to be additional to the gift and the gratuity; this was seconded by G/C Sawyer and was carried by 30 votes to 23.

6. W/C Robinson proposed a vote of thanks to those who were connected with the embellishment of the new Church, and this was carried with acclamation.

7. There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

E. D. M. Nelson
E. D. M. Nelson
Air Commodore
Chairman, OCA.

22 nd June 1963

OCA and the Church Embellishment Fund
- another £500 from the OCA approved

OCA to fund silver salver for retiring Head
Steward in addition to gratuity

OCA and the Church Embellishment Fund
- £500 Grant approved



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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

We congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who received honours or awards in the Birthday Honours List :

K.C.B. : Air Marshal L. W. C. Bower, C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C.

K.B.E. : Air Marshal M. L. Heath, C.B., O.B.E.

C.B.E. : Group Captain J. O. Barnard.

O.B.E. : Wing Commander C. W. McN. Newnam, D.F.C.

A.F.C. : Squadron Leader J. M. Henderson.

REUNIONS

A GOOD START IN CYPRUS

17 Old Cranwellians gathered at Episkopi on 15th June to enjoy the first reunion dinner to be held in N.E.A.F. The senior Old Cranwellian present, Air Vice-Marshal J. Worrall, D.F.C., welcomed as guest of honour the A.O.C.-in-C, Air Marshal Sir William L. M. MacDonald, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C. The evening, described by our correspondent as "a great success," looks like becoming an annual event. The Old Cranwellians present in addition to Air Vice-Marshal Worrall were :

Squadron Leader D. J. Belsen, P.S.O. to A.O.C.-in-C. ; Squadron Leader J. F. H. Chick, H.Q., N.E.A.F. ; Squadron Leader R. L. Tavanyer, Akrotiri ; Flight Lieutenant P. G. Blake, A.D.C. to A.O.C.-in-C ; Flight Lieutenant P. J. Blewitt, Akrotiri ; Flight Lieutenant J. H. Martin, H.Q., N.E.A.F. ; Flight Lieutenant T. N. King, Nicosia ; Flying Officer M. J. C. Dicken, Akrotiri ; Flying Officer K. J. Dearman, Akrotiri ; Flying Officer M. Freeman, Akrotiri ; Flying Officer A. L. Hooper, Akrotiri ; Flying Officer V. B. Howells, Nicosia ; Flying Officer D. M. Waller, H.Q., N.E.A.F. ; Pilot Officer J. K. S. Tagg, Akrotiri.

APPOINTMENTS

Guided Weapons Chief : Air Marshal E. M. F. Grundy, C.B., C.B.E., who was commissioned from Cranwell in 1928, was appointed Controller of Guided Weapons

and Electronics from 1st June by the Minister of Aviation.

Flight Safety Director : Air Commodore A. G. Dudgeon, C.B.E., D.F.C. became Director of Flight Safety at the Air Ministry in September. Air Commodore Dudgeon was born near Cairo in 1916 and was a prize cadet at the R.A.F. College, passing out in 1935. He flew in No. 111 Squadron at home and in No. 11 Squadron in India. In 1940 he took command of No. 55 Squadron in the Middle East and was awarded the D.F.C. in February 1941. Later, in Iraq, he took part in the operations mounted against the Rashid Ali revolt. From 1943 to 1945, he held posts in Transport Command and then served in the Far East. In 1952, he took command of the Wing at Abingdon which ferried 400 Canadian built Sabre fighters across the Atlantic for the R.A.F. When this Wing moved to Benson, he became Station Commander and shared in the pioneer Service experiment aimed at removing regulations of long standing but of doubtful value on a modern R.A.F. station. From 1954 to 1957, he commanded R.A.F. Bruggen in Germany, and from 1957 to 1960 was attached to the Ministry of Aviation. For the past two and a half years he has been Air Officer Commanding Air Cadets and Commandant of the Air Training Corps.

Director of Joint Plans : Air Commodore A. H. Humphrey, C.B., O.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C. has been appointed Director of Joint Plans at the Air Ministry. Born in Edinburgh, Air Commodore Humphrey was educated at Bradfield College and entered the R.A.F. College in 1939. His unusually varied flying career started in No. 266 Squadron (Spitfires) in the Battle of Britain and continued with No. 175 Squadron ("Hurribombers"), ground attack operations in North Africa and instructing in India. In 1943, while in North Africa, he instructed No. 6 Squadron (Hurricanes) in the use of the new rocket projectiles for ground attack. After the war, he flew Lancasters in No. 82 Squadron which surveyed large areas of East and West Africa, set up a new Cape Town to London record in 1953 and, in 1954, made the first R.A.F. jet flight to the North Pole. (These last two flights were in the Canberra "Aries

IV" of the R.A.F. Flying College). Air Commodore Humphrey is one of the few officers to hold the A.F.C. and two bars. He was awarded the A.F.C. in 1943 for instructional flying at home, the first bar in 1945 for Middle East instructional flying and the second bar in 1955 in recognition of his work at Manby. Following a tour at the Air Ministry as a Deputy Director of Operational Requirements, Air Commodore Humphrey commanded R.A.F. Akrotiri (Cyprus) from 1959 to 1961. He has now just completed the Imperial Defence College Course.

A.O.A. : Air Commodore H. E. C. Boxer, O.B.E. has just become A.O.A. at R.A.F. Coastal Command. Born at Harlingstone and educated at Shrewsbury, he won the Sword of Honour at Cranwell in 1935. Until 1937, he flew in No. 1 Squadron and was a member of its aerobatic team of Hawker Furies well known at European air displays. Having specialised in navigation, he instructed from 1940 to 1944 and from 1944 to 1945 flew Mitchell light bombers with No. 180 Squadron, 2nd Tactical Air Force. The first three post-war years he spent in America. Returning in 1948, he took the Staff College Course and remained on the directing staff. He was then Deputy Director of Navigation Training at the Air Ministry and Station Commander, R.A.F. Thorney Island. He took the 1959 Imperial Defence College Course and for the past two and a half years has been Senior

Air Liaison Officer and Air Adviser to the High Commissioner in Canada.

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GLIDING DOUBLE

Two former Cranwell Captains of Gliding carried off the honours in League 2 of the National Gliding Championships in June. Flight Lieutenant I. W. Strachan (No. 75 Entry) took first place and running a close second was Flight Lieutenant J. Delafield (74 Entry).

Flight Lieutenant Strachan (R.A.F. Marham) is C.F.I. of the R.A.F. Gliding and Soaring Association's "Fenland" Club while Flight Lieutenant Delafield (R.A.F. Waterbeach) is C.F.I. of their "East Anglian" Club.

SKY PILOT

Australia's flying doctors are well known but perhaps her flying priests have had less publicity. *The Journal* has recently heard from one Old Cranwellian (No. 59 Entry), Flight Lieutenant P. D. Orton (Retd) who will shortly join their ranks. After his retirement, Flight Lieutenant Orton spent a year at Sydney University before entering Theological College in Brisbane. When he is ordained, his duties will include flying over crocodile infested swamps to visit outlying parts of his parish.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR GEORGE MILLS, G.C.B., D.F.C., p.s.a.

"His career spans the history of the Royal Air Force College. He was a cadet on the first entry of this College in 1920 and he ended his career as he began it—top of the order of merit." Such was the tribute paid by the Chief of the Air Staff to a distinguished Old Cranwellian who retired from the Royal Air Force last July.

Air Chief Marshal Sir George Holroyd Mills came to Cranwell from Berkhamsted School in 1920. He graduated in 1921 after distinguishing himself by winning the Abdy Gerrard Fellowes Memorial Prize as well as gaining College colours for cricket and athletics.

His varied gifts enabled him to serve with distinction in a remarkably wide range of

posts. He flew with many squadrons in a variety of roles and before the war had served in Iraq and India, at the Staff College and the Air Ministry. During the war, he served for a time in Bomber Command and in 1945 he was A.O.C. Balkan Air Force. This was followed by a tour in Egypt. Subsequent posts included Director of Plans at the Air Ministry, A.O.C. No. 1 Group, A.O.C. Malaya, A.O.C.-in-C. Bomber Command and Commander, Allied Air Forces Central Europe. His last appointment was to lead the U.K. representatives on the Standing Group of the N.A.T.O. Military Committee in Washington. The range of these appointments shows the aptness of the Chief of the Air Staff's description of Sir George as "... an outstanding leader in war and peace and a great administrator."

APPOINTMENTS

C.S.O. Bomber Command: Air Commodore C. C. Morton, C.B.E. became Chief Signals Officer, Bomber Command in November 1962. Air Commodore Morton entered the R.A.F. College in 1930. He flew with army co-operation squadrons until 1936 and since then has specialised in signals. During the war he served in France (where he was one of the first radar specialists with the R.A.F.), in Iceland and in India. Since 1945, he has served in the Directorate of Signals at the Air Ministry and with No. 90 Group, has commanded No. 3 Radio School, Compton Bassett and has been Inspector of Radio Services. His last tour of duty was as Chairman of the British Joint Communications-Electronics Board, a Ministry of Defence appointment.

A.C.S. (Intelligence) Fontainebleau: Air Commodore S. B. Grant, D.F.C. has been appointed Assistant Chief of Staff (Intelligence) at A.A.F.C.E. Air Commodore Grant entered the R.A.F. College in 1937. He took part in the Battle of Britain as a member of No. 65 Squadron. In 1942, at the height of the enemy air assault on Malta, he led the first detachment of Spitfires to reach the island. While serving in Malta, he commanded first No. 249 Squadron, then a flying wing and was awarded the D.F.C. and bar. He went from Malta to a Middle East Training post and in 1944 became Command Training Officer to the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces in Italy. After the war, he served in the Air Ministry, as a squadron commander at No. 7 F.T.S., as wing commander flying at No. 6 F.T.S. and (in 1951) as C.F.I. at the R.A.F. College. He took the 1952 course at the R.A.F. Flying College and remained for two years on its directing staff. Since then, he has been S.A.S.O. at No. 13 Group, Senior Planner in the U.K. Delegation of the S.E.A.T.O. Military Planning Officer and Station Commander of R.A.F. Stradishall. In 1962, he took the Imperial Defence College Course.

A.O.C. Gibraltar: Air Commodore W. I. C. Inness, C.B., O.B.E. has been appointed Air Officer Commanding R.A.F. Gibraltar. After being commissioned from the R.A.F. College in 1936, he flew with No. 5 (Army Co-operation) Squadron in India until 1939. He served at Headquarters, Iraq and then in 1942 took command of No. 9 Squadron in England. After taking the R.A.F. Staff College War Course he served at Bomber Command Headquarters, commanded R.A.F. Tuddenham and did a tour at the Air Ministry. He served as Air Attaché, Teheran from 1948 and then as S.P.S.O. at No. 23 Group. In 1955 he took command of R.A.F. St. Eval and followed this with a tour as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff (Plans) at H.Q. Allied Air Forces Mediterranean. From October 1959 to the date of his present appointment, he was A.O.A. at H.Q. Coastal Command. During the war, Air Commodore Inness was twice mentioned in despatches and, in 1956, he was created a Chevalier of the Portuguese Military Order of Aviz.

S.A.S.O. No. 224 Group: Air Commodore T. N. Stack, A.F.C. the post of S.A.S.O. at No. 224 Group, Seletar on 4th December 1962. Air Commodore Stack entered the R.A.F. College in 1937. In 1940 he was flying Sunderlands in No. 204 Squadron and he was back with them in No. 201 Squadron in 1943-44 on anti-submarine operations over the Atlantic and the North Sea. After the war, he became chief instructor at the School of General Reconnaissance, did staff duties at H.Q. Coastal Command and was chief instructor at the J.A.S.S., Londonderry from 1947-49. After commanding the Far East Transport Wing from 1954-57, he served at H.Q. Transport Command in charge of Army Support operations. In July 1959 he was appointed Deputy Captain of the Queen's Flight.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

The following Old Cranwellians received honours and awards in the New Year's Honours List and *The Journal* offers congratulations to them:

- G.C.B.:** Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund C. Hudleston, K.C.B., C.B.E.
C.B.: Air Vice-Marshal J. Worrall, D.F.C., Air Commodore B. Ball, C.B.E., B.A., Air Commodore L. M. Hodges, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C.
G.B.E.: Air Chief Marshal Sir Walter Merton, K.C.B., O.B.E.
K.B.E.: Air Marshal E. M. F. Grundy, C.B., O.B.E.
C.B.E.: Group Captain N. M. Mavnard, D.F.C., A.F.C., A.D.C.
M.B.E.: Squadron Leader D. Mullarkey, Flight Lieutenant J. G. De'Ath.
A.F.C.: Squadron Leader G. H. Burleigh, Squadron Leader D. P. Hall, Flight Lieutenant K. W. Hays.

PROMOTIONS

Our congratulations also go to the following Old Cranwellians on their recent promotions:

- General Duties Branch:**
 Air Marshal Sir Maurice Heath, K.B.E., C.B.; Air Vice-Marshal S. W. B. Menaul, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C.; Air Commodore T. N. Stack, A.F.C.; Wing Commanders R. G. Price, J. M. Crowley and D. B. Robinson; Squadron Leaders M. E. Dark, I. C. B. Brettell, M. J. P. Walmsley, P. J. Deaking, G. Jones, M. L. Sinel, R. B. Gubbins, M. J. Hardy, J. D. Pugh and F. M. A. Hines.
Equipment Branch:
 Group Captain A. C. Morris, O.B.E.; Wing Commander D. H. Wood; Squadron Leaders I. P. Stevens, J. M. Boden, A. J. J. Scott and D. V. Jackson.
Secretarial Branch:
 Squadron Leaders B. L. E. Wall, A. Hickox, D. G. Gregory, R. H. H. Dauncey, V. A. Hodgkinson, A. W. Law, G. J. A. F. Green and B. W. Opie.

We have received a number of complaints from Old Cranwellians whose Journal copies have been wrongly addressed. As a result, the Journal staff has now taken over the formidable task of dispatching copies to all Old Cranwellian subscribers—hitherto the printer has sent them.

We are now engaged in revising the card index of Old Cranwellian subscribers in the light of the information we have at present. We would much appreciate your help in this and in the continuous process of keeping the index right.

You can help in the following ways:—

- If your Journal is not reaching you regularly, let us know.
- If it reaches you late because it is incorrectly addressed, let us know your current address.
- If your Journal reaches you via the Air Ministry and you would prefer to receive it direct, again send us your current address.
- Let us know of any future change of address.

Please address any correspondence on this topic to the Business Manager. He will amend your index card and will also inform the Secretary of the Old Cranwellian Association.



Correspondence

Correspondence for publication (which should be addressed to the Managing Editor) will be welcomed.
 From:—Wing Commander R. G. Price, P.S.O. to A.O.C.-in-C., R.A.F. Headquarters Bomber Command, Royal Air Force, High Wycombe, Bucks.
 BC/DO/PSO 19th January, 1963.

Dear Sir,
 I noticed in the Autumn issue of *The Journal* that there were no letters to the Editor included. In attempting to remedy this apparent lack of interest I did not have to look far for a subject; these photographs caught my eye and should not pass without comment.
 On Page 227 are the three successful B.A. candidates. One can hardly congratulate them on their choice of tailor, or perhaps their squadron commanders have already recommended further fitting appointments.

On Page 207 the Pass Out Parade rehearsal is shown being filmed by Anglia Television; are the "pass outs" for use at the Graduation Ball?
 Finally, the masterpiece on Page 200. What composition! What an example of Cranwell's dignity and precision. I suppose bicycles are tactically placed for rapid departure via the open windows to the next class (junior entries upper floor, of course). Surely this study should be in the Competition Section; 'What can you see wrong with this picture?'
 I look forward to the next issue with its report on the opening ceremony.
 Yours sincerely,
 R. G. Price.
 We apologise to readers for the error in the caption to the picture of No. 81 Entry's Passing-Out Parade and for the poor quality of the picture of the New Instructional Building.
 Editor.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN REUNION DINNER

On 15th March, 1963, about seventy Old Cranwellians attended the first Reunion Dinner to be held in Germany. The Commandant and the Air Officer i/c Administration, Royal Air Force Germany, Air Commodore R. A. C. Craven, C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C., were present at the dinner, which was organised by Group Captain E. H. Lynch-Blosse, O.B.E., who was successively Chief Flying Instructor and Station Commander at Cranwell between 1958 and 1961.

The Commandant and eight other Old Cranwellians flew in a Valetta of Navigation Squadron on 15th March and returned on 17th March. A squash match was arranged between the Cranwell contingent and Old Cranwellians from R.A.F. Germany; the result was a victory for the home side by 5-0.

The dinner, which was held in the Officers' Club at Rheindahlen, was voted a great success.



HONOURS AND AWARDS

The following Old Cranwellians received honours and awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours List and the *Journal* offers congratulations:

K.C.B. : Air Marshal T. N. Coslett, C.B., O.B.E., M.I.Mech.E.
C.B. : Air Vice-Marshal S. W. B. Menaul, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C.
Air Commodore G. F. W. Heycock, D.F.C.
Air Commodore J. M. N. Pike, D.S.O., D.F.C.
Air Commodore J. C. Pope, C.B.E., M.I.Mech.E., A.F.R.Ae.S.

We also congratulate Flight Lieutenant D. C. G. Brook who has received the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air.



PROMOTIONS

Our congratulations go to the following Old Cranwellians on their promotions:

General Duties Branch:

Squadron Leaders A. I. Le Gresley and R. A. Robinson; Flight Lieutenants J. D. Rust, A. J. Sheppard, A. C. Tolhurst, M. J. Webb, D. N. Wetton, J. D. T. Wingfield, R. F. Birch, N. Bonnor, R. J. Howard, W. J. Howard, R. M. Prothero, C. C. Le Cornu, R. R. Lucking, M. A. B. Collin, D. J. Liggitt, R. B. Lloyd, W. L. McKee, R. K. C. Melville, B. C. Johnson and E. H. Hunter; Flying Officers D. R. Conran-Smith, H. J. Crone, S. A. H. Maffett, J. A. W. S. Laurensen, J. R. Legh-Smith, K. F. G. E. Miles, J. Swaine, A. L. Terrett, W. D. Thomson, J. B. H. Wood, D. V. Zotov, R. I. Morris and L. S. Penny.

Equipment Branch:

Squadron Leaders J. Meadows and J. Peel.

Secretarial Branch:

Flying Officer P. F. A. Canning.



APPOINTMENTS

Air Chief Marshal Sir George Mills, G.C.B., D.F.C., p.s.a., who retired last year, has been appointed Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod in the House of Lords in succession to Lieutenant-General Sir Brian Horrocks.

Air Marshal T. N. Coslett, K.C.B., O.B.E., M.I.Mech.E., became Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Maintenance Command on 4th June, 1963. Air Marshal Coslett entered the Royal Air Force in 1926 as an Aircraft Apprentice at Halton. He was awarded a cadetship at the R.A.F. College and was commissioned in 1930. After a variety of appointments, which included service with Army Co-operation and other Squadrons in India and the Middle East, he transferred to the Technical Branch in 1940. Between 1940 and 1957 his posts included special duty in the United States and a tour with Headquarters, B.A.F.O.

After attending No. 2 Senior Technical Officers' Guided Weapons Course at the Technical College, Henlow, he was appointed Senior Technical Staff Officer, Coastal Command in 1957. In 1958 he went to Halton as Commandant, and in 1961 he became Air Officer Commanding No. 24 Group.

Air Commodore P. E. Warcup C.B.E., Assistant Commandant at the R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell, since January, 1961, has become Director of Manning (2) at the Air Ministry. Air Commodore Warcup, born at Catford and educated at Calday Grange Grammar School, West Kirby, entered the R.A.F. in 1931 as an apprentice. Awarded a cadetship to the R.A.F. College, he later joined No. 54 (Fighter) Squadron. In 1939-40 he was with the Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment and tested various experimental fighters, including the Martin Baker MB 2, the Gloster F5/34 and the twin-engined Gloster F9/37. In May, 1940, he went to No. 1 (Fighter) Squadron in France, but was shot down the following month and spent the rest of the war as a prisoner. In 1947-48 he commanded the Flying Wing at R.A.F. Coningsby, and in 1950-53, was Senior Personnel Staff Officer at No. 205 Group in Egypt. He then served as a Deputy Director of Plans at the Air Ministry, commanded R.A.F. Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, and took the 1960 Imperial Defence College course.

Squadron Leader Brian Taylor has been appointed V.C. 10 Project Officer and for the next three years will be flying with B.O.A.C. on that project.

No. 76 ENTRY

An interesting letter has been received recently from Mr. D. J. C. Phillipson, a member of No. 76 Entry, who, as he says, "for acceptable reasons failed to graduate." Now, he would like to re-establish contact with old friends. He says:

"Since leaving Cranwell I have come to Canada, married, and taken a degree in philosophy at the University of Western Ontario, where I am now doing graduate study (though I expect to move to a different university, probably in the U.S.A., next year) I would be delighted to hear from any old comrades, or offer what hospitality I can to any Cranwellians who may find themselves in this part of Canada.

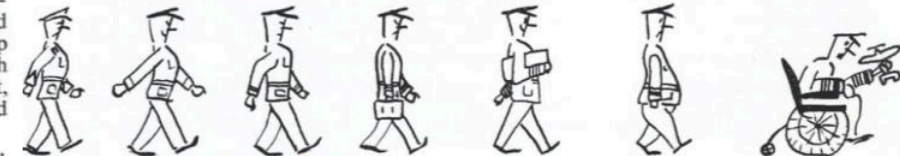
I know how easily the drop-outs who do not switch to ground cadetships slip away from contact with Cranwell. But you can probably guess how warmly the majority of us look back on our time with you, however our civilian professions may differ from more youthful ambitions."

Mr. Phillipson's address is:—

603 Queen's Avenue,
London, Ontario.



A revised list of graduates is about to be published and can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary at a price not exceeding 7s. 6d. plus postage.



Thirty-third Annual General Meeting - 22 June 1963

Air Cdre Eric Douglas Mackinley Nelson, ex-J31, as OCA Chairman took the Chair.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 22ND JUNE, 1963

1. The Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and on the proposition of Air Chief Marshal The Earl of Bandon, seconded by Air Commodore Hodges, were adopted.

2. Accounts: The accounts as printed in the Annual Report were adopted on the proposal of Air Vice Marshal Lapsley, seconded by Air Marshal Macfaden.

3. Committee: The Chairman announced that two new members would shortly be needed, and the Meeting gave approval to co-opt Squadron Leader Foster and Flight Lieutenant Kerrigan at the appropriate time.

4. Church Embellishment Fund: The Chairman reported that this fund had met with complete success, and that after all bills had been paid there would be handsome endowment for St. Michaels Church. Air Commodore Hodges said he would, on behalf of members, like to express deep appreciation of the new church. Air Commodore Dudgeon proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. John Tanner, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Appeal, which was carried.

5. Retirement of Curt: The Chairman reported that on Curt's retirement the Association gave him an inscribed silver salver, a champagne party, and a cheque for £500. The question of making Curt Honorary Toastmaster to the Association was discussed, but owing to his ill-health this was decided against. The President of the Association said Curt was to be invited annually to the Re-union for tea or for drinks.

6. Associate Members: A written proposal from Air Commodore Beles, that the Committee could annually appoint up to three associate members provided their total number did not exceed 5% of the overall membership, was put to the Meeting. Air Vice Marshal Lapsley opposed the motion and suggested that no further Associates be appointed, so that in time this category of membership would cease. Group Captain Nuttall and Air Marshal Evans spoke against this counter-proposal and on being put to the Meeting Air Commodore Beles' motion was carried.

7. A.O.B.

The Earl of Bandon said he would like to suggest that all old servants with forty years or more of service should have a subscription. Because of their knowledge of individual circumstances it was agreed that this question be left to the Committee.

M. D. Lyne
Air Commodore
CHAIRMAN

OCA and the Church Embellishment Fund -
£500 Grant approved



OCA to fund silver salver for retiring Head
Steward in addition to gratuity

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THE ANNUAL RE-UNION

The Annual Re-union took place this year on Saturday, 22nd June. About 100 members assembled in the afternoon to watch the Association being beaten by the College in the traditional cricket, tennis and golf matches.

This lack of sporting success did nothing to dampen the spirits of those attending. The Annual General Meeting and Dinner which followed were the inevitable success, and it was some hours before the reminiscing was over, the stories told, and the last of the gathering had dragged themselves off to bed.

The Association was pleased to welcome as guest of honour, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Flying Training Command, Air Marshal Sir Augustus Walker, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., M.A. He, and the Commandant, told us much of the plans and developments which are taking place at Cranwell. The several members of the College staff who accepted the Association's invitation to dinner, together with the many Old Cranwellians serving at Cranwell, were able to tell us how these plans were being put into practice.

On Sunday morning many of the members took the opportunity of worshipping in the new Church, thus ending a most successful weekend in this, the new heart of the College.



PROMOTIONS

Our congratulations go to the following Old Cranwellians on their recent promotions :—

Air Marshal Sir Norman Coslett, Air Vice-Marshal L. M. Hodges, Wing Commanders F. R. Lockyer, P. V. Pledger, K. E. Richardson and J. R. Rogers ; Squadron Leaders I. D. Brimson, M. R. Campbell, P. G. Cock, J. A. L. Crawshaw, J. S. Cresswell, D. B. Hives, A. S. Loveland, W. J. Milner, B. N. Plaskett, D. M. Richard, P. A. Richardson, J. L. Spatcher, B. A. Spry, B. E. Taylor, B. F. Tomlin and N. J. R. Walpole.

NEWS OF OLD CRANWELLIANS

We have learnt with regret of the death, on the 29th August, 1963, of *Air Marshal Sir Herbert Spreckley*, K.B.E., C.B., M.I.Mech.E., F.R.Ae.S. After graduating in 1925 Air Marshal Spreckley served on the North West Frontier of India. Then followed a two year armament course which proved to be the beginning of a distinguished career in the Technical Branch, culminating in 1959 with his appointment as the Controller of Engineering and Equipment at the Air Ministry.

He spent the years immediately prior to the second world war in armament research and development, and remained in this field throughout the war. Thereafter he served in several appointments at the Air Ministry and in the armament world, and, in 1952, was appointed A.O.C. and Commandant of the Royal Air Force Technical College.

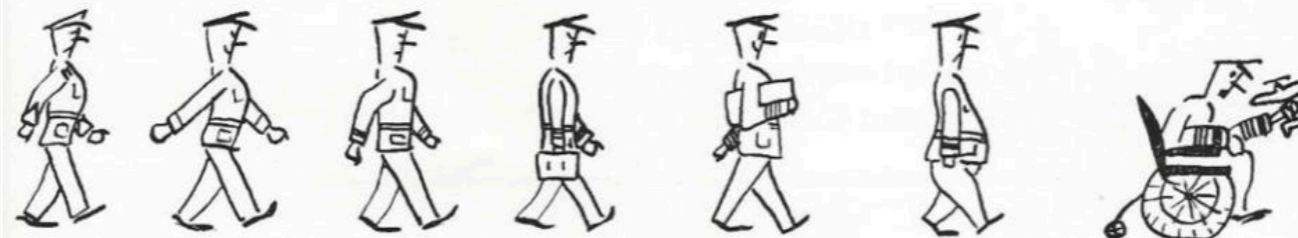
Air Marshal Spreckley retired in 1962.

Squadron Leader J. A. Williams (51E) has written to us from Malaya (where he commands No. 1 Squadron, R.M.A.F.) to tell us that Cranwell is making its presence felt in that part of the world. Flying Officers Omar Bin Saman (80E) and M. A. Theseira (80E) and Pilot Officer Quek Seng Kiew (82E) have recently joined squadrons whilst Squadron Leader G. K. Mossman (47E) is O.C. Flying at Kuala Lumpur and Squadron Leader D. C. Luck (51E) has command of the Flying Training School. With the expansion of the Royal Malayan Air Force, taking place as a result of the formation of Malaysia, Squadron Leader Williams is looking forward to the day when they can hold their own O.C.A. reunion.

Flying Officer M. J. C. W. Dicken (73E) wrote to us from Akrotiri with the news that he became a very proud father on the 11th June. May we add our congratulations, and express our hopes of seeing another Dicken at Cranwell in about 1981 ? Flying Officer Dicken was in Borneo during the recent emergency, and is now at Halton.



Readers may be interested to know of some of the Old Cranwellians who are at present serving at the College. Air Commodore M. D. Lyne (37-39E) is, of course, the Commandant. He has as his P.S.O. Squadron Leader J. A. McArthur (52E) whilst his A.D.C. is Flight Lieutenant R. E. Johns (76E). Group Captain R. A. L. Morant (38-39E), Squadron Leaders A. Neale (59E), J. G. F. Hewitt (55E), R. B. W. A. George (47E) and Flight Lieutenant C. J. Phillips (63E) are all on the staff of the Selection Board. Wing Commander P. W. Cook (37-39E) is O.C. Administrative Wing on the Station. No. 1 Squadron has welcomed Squadron Leader M. M. Foster (53E) and Flight Lieutenant A. L. Roberts (74E) to its ranks ; No. 2 Squadron Flight Lieutenants P. C. Little (69E), H. E. B. Mayes (69E) and J. L. Blackford (68E) ; No. 3 Squadron, Squadron Leader M. L. Sinel (61E) and Flight Lieutenants R. J. Barrett (75E), G. D. Andrews (73E) and M. D. Porter (67E) ; and No. 4 Squadron, Squadron Leader A. D. R. Dawes (54E) and Flight Lieutenants Sulaiman Bin Suiak (72E), E. J. Nance (71E) and R. Horsfield (64E). Flight Lieutenants A. M. Chandler (63E), R. E. Gardner (76E) and R. C. Tompkins (65E) keep a careful eye on the navigation cadets, whilst the equipment cadets are enlightened by Flight Lieutenants M. J. Allisstone (62E) and J. Shearer (58E) and the secretarial cadets by Flight Lieutenants A. R. Craig (63E) and J. G. Kerrigan (62E).



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Photo: The Times
The Dedication of the New Book of Remembrance at St. Clement Danes Church

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The following Old Cranwellians received honours and awards in the New Year List and The Journal offers congratulations :-
Air Vice-Marshal D. R. Evans (30-32E) and J. G. W. Weston (27-28E) were awarded the K.B.E.; the C.B. was awarded to Air Commodore A. R. D. MacDonell (32-34E) and J. C. Macdonald (29-30E); Squadron Leader J. A. L. Crawshaw (54E) and Flight Lieutenants C. Crook (56E) and M. G. Tomking (56E) were made Members of the British Empire; and the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air went to Squadron Leader D. Allison (60E).

PROMOTIONS

The Journal congratulates the following Old Cranwellians who featured in the January promotion list :-

Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle (28-29E), Air Marshal Sir Donald Evans (30-32E), Air Vice-Marshal H. N. G. Wheeler (35-37E), Air Commodore P. de L. Le Cheminant (39E), Wing Commanders J. C. Atkinson (47E), A. B. Stinchcombe (46E), and K. A. Williamson (51E) and Squadron Leaders L. P. Adams (51E), D. Allison (60E), R. D. Bates (62E), K. R. Briggs (62E), D. S. Burrows (56E), A. H. P. Cornish (53E), P. H. Elton (58E), J. Farwell (62E), B. E. F. Faulkner (52E), E. D. Frith (62E), B. J. Goatley (52E), R. A. C. Goldring (63E), C. P. James (62E), C. S. Lim (59E), I. R. Martin (61E), J. McVie (67E), A. D. Meeks (64E), R. E. H. Neves (59E), C. J. Phillips (63E), K. B. E. Roberts (56E), I. A. G. Svensson (56E), C. C. Taylor (60E), J. H. Turner (65E), and J. R. Whittam (62E).

RETIREMENTS

One of the most famous Old Cranwellians left the service last December. The Royal Air Force lost a legendary figure when Air Chief Marshal The Earl of Bandon (23-24E) handed over command of Allied Air Forces Central Europe and retired to Ireland. However, as President of the Old Cranwellian Association he will not be allowed to escape entirely from the Royal Air Force. Already the tale is being told of the six salmon he caught in one day—could it be that he is to be as legendary in retirement as he was before? We wish him and his wife a long and happy retirement and look forward to seeing him for many years to come at the annual re-union.

News has also been received of the retirement of Air Commodore J. N. H. Whitworth, C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C., whose long and distinguished active career started when he joined 99 Squadron in 1931 from Cranwell (30-31E). His last two appointments were as Air Chief of Staff of the Ghana Air Force (1961) and from 1962 until his retirement as A.O.C. Hong Kong. Our best wishes go to Air Commodore Whitworth and to the following Old Cranwellians also recently retired :-

Group Captains F. E. Croce (33-35E) and H. J. Hobbs (32-34E), Wing Commander P. C. Lambert (36-38E), Squadron Leader R. P. McCormack (55E) and Flight Lieutenant A. A. Boyle (67E).



With great regret, we record the death on 17th April 1964 of Flying Officer Martin Stewart Herring. He was killed in a flying accident while serving with 43 Squadron in Aden. Flying Officer Herring was an Under-Officer in "A" Squadron of No. 81 Entry. A Memorial Service was held in the College Chapel on Friday, 1st May 1964. The Lesson was read by his godfather, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Slessor, G.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.; the Address was given by Air Commodore E. D. McK. Nelson, C.B., Commandant of the College during Flying Officer Herring's Cadetship; Flying Officer Thompson came from Aden to represent 43 Squadron.

MEMORIAL WINDOW

A memorial window has been installed in St. George's Church, Dorchester, in memory of Flight Cadet P. R. Tomes, who was killed in a flying accident at Cranwell in 1960. The window, which was commissioned by Flight Cadet Tome's mother, consists of three lights. The centre one portrays St. Francis, whilst one side carries the arms of Hardye's (his old school), and the other the coat of arms of the Royal Air Force College.

The window was dedicated at a service held on the 17th November, 1963.

NEWS OF OLD CRANWELLIANS

There seems to be a desire amongst Old Cranwellians to hide their lights under bushels. Those brief notes which notify a change of address could so easily contain a little more information.

This is not to say however that no-one keeps in touch. Group Captain J. Thompson (32-33E), who retired in 1950, wrote to say that he first spent six years as a Senior Scientific Officer at the Weapons Research Establishment. He then joined the Commonwealth Public Service, and is now the Regional Controller of the Department of Shipping and Transport in the State of South Australia. In spite of this apparent change of allegiance, he is quick to point out that he uses light aircraft and helicopters to service the navigational aids along the 2000 miles of coastline for which he is responsible.

Flying Officer D. M. O'Herlihy wonders whether the sun of Idris is affecting him since he is sure that he was at Cranwell from 1957 to 1959 although his name did not appear in the recently published list of graduates. He need worry no more — the mistake was ours and he really was in number 76 Entry.

Old Cranwellians in the news recently were Air Commodore B. P. Young (36-38E), on his appointment as Commandant of the Central Reconnaissance Establishment, Air Commodore J. M. N. Pike (35-37E) who has become a Director of Intelligence and Air Commodore P. de L. Le Cheminant (39E), appointed Director of Air Staff Briefing, both at the Air Force Department of the Ministry of Defence.

The following Old Cranwellians have recently joined the staff at Cranwell: Squadron Leader J. Farwell (62E) as O.C. 'B' and Squadron Leader J. D. Harvey (65E) as O.C. 'A' Squadrons. Squadron Leader V. J. W. M. Lawrence (52E) is the Senior Secretarial Instructor, Flight Lieutenant P. G. Biddiscombe (65E) is a flight commander and Flight Lieutenant P. F. Hunwick (65E) is the College Adjutant. Amongst the Old Cranwellians serving as flying instructors are Flight Lieutenants M. C. Turner (77E), J. L. Blackford (68E) and A. L. Roberts (74E).

We offer our congratulations to Squadron Leader J. A. McArthur (52E), Squadron Leader J. M. A. Parker (54E), Flight Lieutenants J. E. Brown (74E), A. R. Craig (63E) and E. J. Nance (71E), and their wives, on recent additions to their families.

LIST OF GRADUATES

Copies of the List of Graduates are still available from the Secretary. This little book is full of fascinating information and is well worth the investment of eight shillings and sixpence.

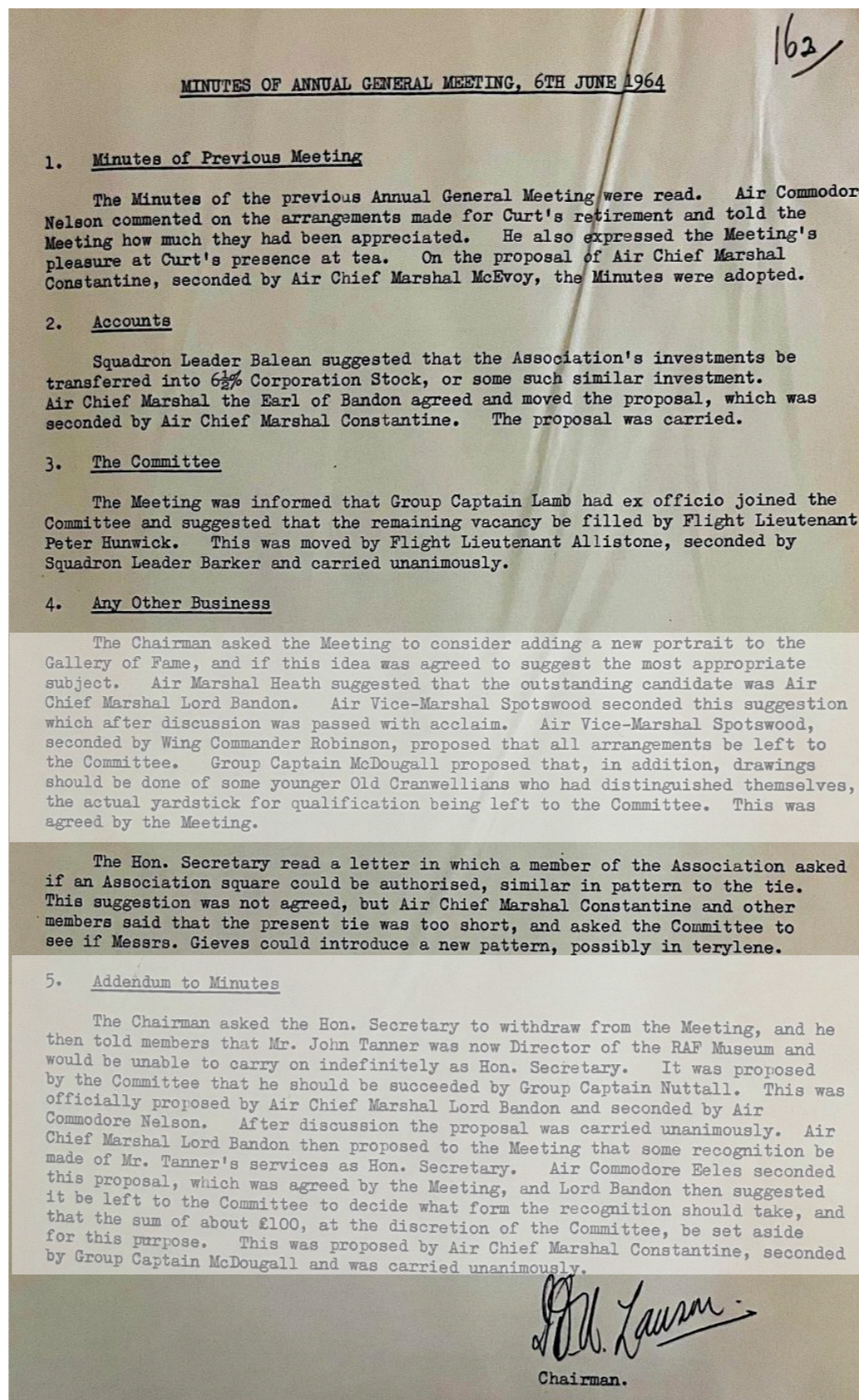


Thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting - 6 June 1964

Air Cdre Ian Douglas Napier Lawson, ex-S37, not an ex-cadet of the College, took the Chair.



OCA to fund Earl of Bandon Painting for VIP Gallery



OCA to put aside £100 to fund recognition of Mr Tanner's services as Hon Sec (retiring).

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

The interest and the accuracy of this section of the JOURNAL depend largely on information being sent in. Any news of Old Cranwellians will be welcome. We are always prepared to consider for publication general or special interest articles, photographs, drawings or other contributions.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The following members of the Association featured in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, and we offer them our congratulations :

Air Vice-Marshal G. C. Eveleigh (32-33E) and Air Commodore L. D. Mavor (35-37E) were made Companions of the Order of the Bath ; Group Captains I. R. Campbell (39-40E) and I. N. MacDougall (38-39E) Commanders of the Order of the British Empire ; and Squadron Leaders E. V. Mellor (50E) and B. A. Phillips (47E) Members of the Order of the British Empire. The Air Force Cross was awarded to Flight Lieutenant I. H. Keppie (62E) and Queen's Commendations for Valuable Service in the Air to Squadron Leaders R. J. Bannard (55E) and A. A. Ramus (52E).



PROMOTIONS

The *Journal* would like to add its congratulations to these officers who were promoted on 1st July :

Air Marshal Sir Walter P. G. Pretty (29-30E) ; Air Vice-Marshal J. C. Pope (31-32E) ; Air Commodores F. R. Bird (38-39E), I. N. MacDougall (38-39E), and R. L. Wade (38-39E) ; Wing Commanders D. A. Arnott (50E), G. W. F. Charles (50E), H. A. Merriman (53E) and D. Mullarkey (49E) ; and Squadron Leaders P. H. W. Allan (58E), P. H. Atkin (58E), R. L. Barcion (64E), D. G. C. Brook (68E), J. C. Brown (60E), D. J. H. Collins (68E), B. G. Cox (61E), C. Crook (56E), J. G. De'Ath (61E), B. P. Eastmead (51E), A. W. Ginn (58E), M. C. Ginn (68E), C. A. Herbert (64E), J. D. Hutchinson (63E), I. H. Keppie (62E), V. J. W. M. Lawrence (52E), J. M. Lewendon (54E), P. J. H. Lewis (61E), F. A. Mallett (61E), D. A. McArthur (64E), J. A. Morgan (60E), J. E. Nevill (68E), J. W. Nowell (59E), R. J. Roberts (58E), B. J. St. Aubyn (61E), T. H. Sheppard (62E), J. R. Thirnbeck (52E), J. A. S. Thomson (53E), B. A. Weedon (63E), and A. J. W. Whitaker (62E).



NEWS OF OLD CRANWELLIANS

Several of the more senior members of the Association have been in the news recently on change of appointments. Air Commodore A. H. W. Ball (39E) is the Air Officer in charge of Administration at Headquarters A.F.M.E. and Air Commodore I. N. MacDougall Senior Air Staff Officer at number 38 Group Headquarters. The Ministry of Defence has welcomed to its ranks Air Commodore J. W. Bayley (33-35E) as Director of Technical Plans (R.A.F.), Air Commodore P. H. Cribb (36-38E) as Deputy Director, Joint Warfare Staff, Air Commodore A. G. Powell (31-32E) as Director of Radio (Air) and Air Commodore A. M. Ruston (38-39E) as Director of Flying Training (R.A.F.). Our best wishes go to them in their new appointments.

News has been received from Flight Lieutenant J. R. Morgan (75E) who is based at Cottesmore where he is flying Victors. He tells us that the highlight of a recent visit to Singapore was a conducted tour of Chinatown which included a visit to an opium den. He did not say whether there were any free samples !

Squadron Leader D. W. Lowe (55E) has written to say that after the 1963 Staff College Course he has been posted to OR 30 at the Ministry of Defence. He tells us that Squadron Leaders D. A. V. Clark (57E), B. W. Opic (57E), G. W. Payn (50E) and D. H. Wood (54E) have also joined the band of commuters working at MOD.

Recent additions to the College staff are Squadron Leader H. R. W. Morris (45E) who is the PSO to the Commandant and Flight Lieutenant P. J. Symes (76E) who is the ADC. Squadron Leader R. A. Calvert (58E) has joined Cadet Wing, and Squadron Leader R. H. Bragg (54E), Flight Lieutenant R. E. Gardner (76E), D. T. F. Ozanne (65E) and A. J. Ross (78E), and Flying Officer P. R. C. Jones (82E) Flying Wing.



THE ANNUAL RE-UNION

The sun shone from an almost clear sky on the morning of 6th June, the day of the annual Re-union. However, as the morning progressed the amount of cloud increased but, nothing daunted, the cricketers gathered, the toss was made, the College took the field and the Old Cranwellian opening pair made their leisurely way to the crease.

The first ball of the match was accompanied by the first drop of rain of the day. The stroke made off the first ball of the second over was greeted by the skies opening and an absolute deluge. And that was the cricket.

The tennis went the same way as the cricket, but the hardy golfers gathered at Woodhall Spa where, despite the weather, the match was played, much to the delight of the cadets who came the winners.

For the first time, sailing was included in the programme. The Association team was led by Group Captain G. A. V. Clayton (32-34E) who must surely have been one of the first cadets to sail at the College. An article by him on the day's activities appears elsewhere.

Over a hundred members attended the annual general meeting and the traditional dinner which followed. The Member of Honour was Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C. (28-29E), the Vice-Chief of the Air Staff. It was appropriate that his stimulating address on recent developments and future plans for the service should follow an outstanding record of cadet activities presented by the Commandant.

The Queen's Colour was paraded to church the following morning, and the march past afterwards in beautiful weather formed a fitting climax to another successful Reunion.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The *Journal* offers congratulations to the following members of the Association who featured in the New Year's Honours List :

Air Marshal P. G. Wykeham (35/37E) was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, Air Marshal D. J. P. Lee (30/32E) a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire. Air Vice Marshal N. S. C. Rutter (26/31E) was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath. The Air Force Cross was awarded to Squadron Leader P. J. H. Lewis (61E), whilst Queen's Commendations for Valuable Service in the Air were given to Squadron Leaders D. G. Slade (56E), J. R. Whittam (62E) and R. C. Wood (52E).

PROMOTIONS

To the following Old Cranwellians who were promoted on the 1st January, the *Journal* would like to add its congratulations :

Air Marshal D. J. P. Lee (30/32E) ; Air Vice Marshals A. H. Humphrey (39/40E), R. I. Jones (33/35E), J. H. Lapsley (36/37E) and L. D. Mavor (35/37E) ; Air Commodores A. H. W. Ball (39E), I. H. L. Blount (38/39E), N. M. Maynard (40E) and A. M. Ruston (38/39E) ; Wing Commanders P. J. Bardon (48E), H. S. Carver (49E), D. B. D. Hamley (45E), R. Hollingworth (52E), M. H. Miller (47E), R. L. Tavanyar (45E), K. A. C. Wirdnam (53E) and D. Wright (47E) ; and Squadron Leaders D. J. Anderson (57E), P. J. Anstee (60E), R. M. Baldwin (69E), T. S. B. Boyce (60E), P. B. Cash (59E), J. K. Craven-Griffiths (55E), R. G. Davey (55E), J. R. Davies (56E), A. C. H. Denney (59E), J. B. M. Dobson (62E), K. W. Hayr (69E), D. J. Hollis (63E), R. Horsfield (64E), P. A. Hoskins (54E), D. S. Lilley (56E), P. C. Little (69E), P. M. Papworth (64E), C. T. B. Peile (59E), C. G. H. Pierce (55E), M. E. Rankin (62E), B. T. Sills (69E), E. J. E. Smith (68E), R. T. F. Snare (63E), R. I. Stuart-Paul (67E), B. W. Weskett (58E) and I. D. Wilkinson (62E).

NEWS OF OLD CRANWELLIANS

Pride of place in this section must surely go to two whose achievements at the beginning of the year had us reaching for our daily newspapers to see how they were getting on, or glued to our television sets when news of their appearance was given, Flight Lieutenants J. W. Blockey (71E) and R. E. M. Freeman (74E) hit the world of winter sports. They came third in the first-ever British boblet championships, sixth in the world, and fourth in the Swiss boblet championships. In this, a new sport for Old Cranwellians, there was a danger that the R.A.F. pair would be overshadowed by the British — and World — Champions, but far from letting this happen at one stage they even led them. We wish them both even greater success next year in their boblet which always carries the Royal Air Force roundel.

Two other members of the Association are also in the news, but for a different reason. Flying Officer J. E. C. Williamson (81E) wrote to point out that there are now two Old Cranwellians in the Provost Branch. Having completed the Home Office Detective Training Course with the Lancashire Police he is now in charge of the Special Investigation Section at Headquarters No. 2 R.A.F. Police District. The second member of the branch is Flight Lieutenant P. H. G. Hawken (80E) who is at Spitalgate.

News is usually given in this section of Association members at present on the College instructional staff. This has led one member to claim a record for his entry, 52. At one stage last year there were no less than seven of them on the staff. This will surely be hard to beat.

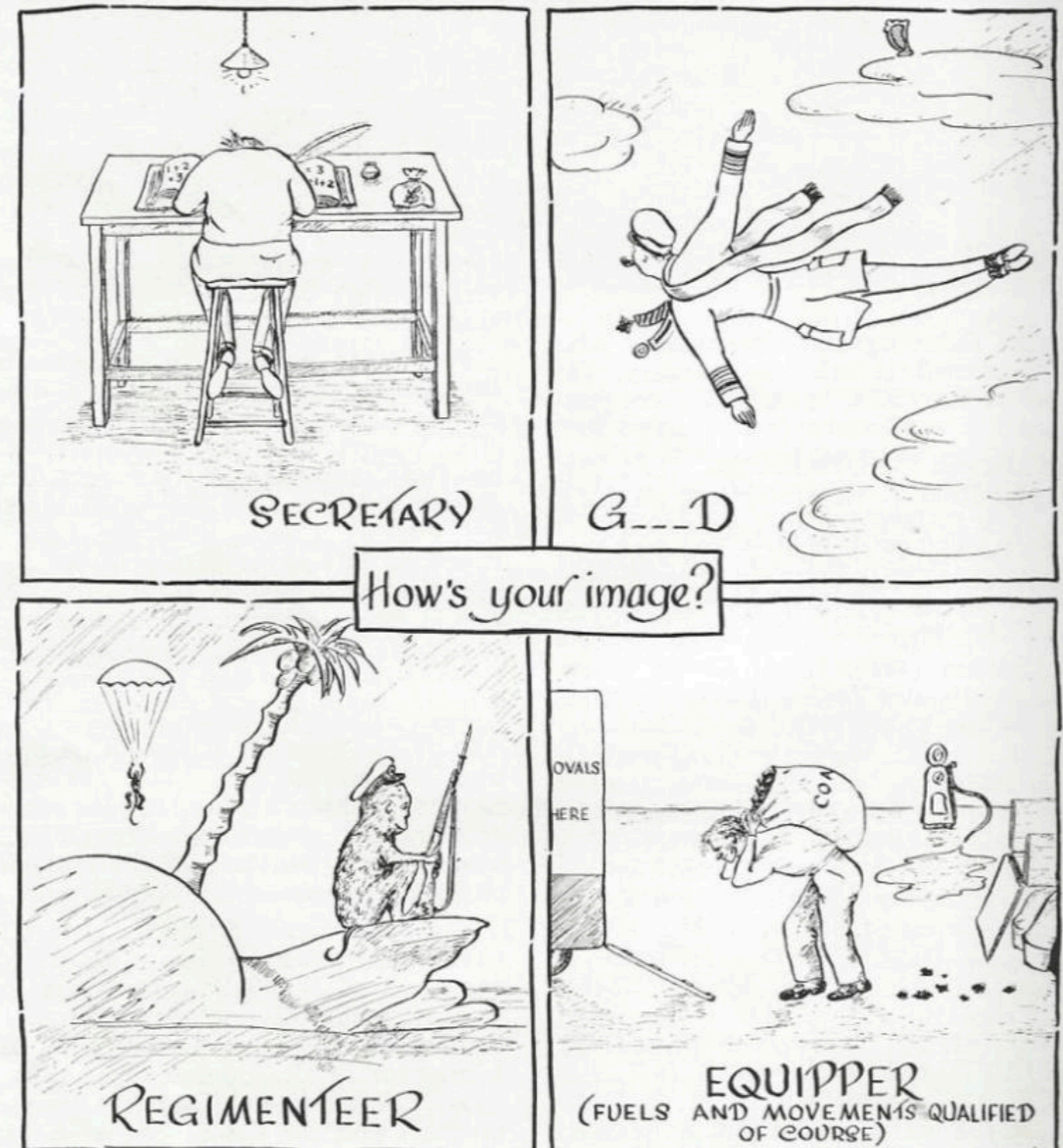
A surprise awaits Squadron Leader P. B. Cash (59E) when he arrives to take over command of No. 3 Squadron later in the year. Amongst his instructors he will find another ex-Digby equipment cadet, Flight Lieutenant D. R. Bourne (61E), who has recently joined the staff after a tour on V bombers and the C.F.S. course. Squadron Leader Cash has been in Washington where

he was the A.D.C. to the Commander of the R.A.F. Staff.

Recent Old Cranwellians to join the staff include Squadron Leader P. J. Giddens (52E), who is teaching war studies, and Flight Lieutenant's C. S. M. Anderson (78E), T. H. F. Delap (71E) and W. J. Howard (77E) who are flying instructors. Flight Lieutenant R. C. Saar (79E) has joined the navigation instructional staff, and Flight Lieutenant K. P. Austin (63E) has joined the Equipment and Secretarial Wing.

GONE AWAY

Finally a message from the Business Manager. Twice a year he posts two thousand copies of the *Journal*; twice a year he has many returned marked "Gone Away" or "Not Known at this Address." Please raise his spirits by letting him have your latest address. Even better, include a little personal information. Other readers like to know what YOU are doing.



Thirty-fifth Annual General Meeting - 24 June 1965

AVM Ian Douglas Napier Lawson, ex-S37, not an ex-cadet of the College, took the Chair.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 24. June 1965.

The Meeting was informed that Mr. J. Tanner - The Secretary of the Association - had sent his sincere regrets on his inability to attend the Meeting due to an unavoidable engagement in London

G/Capt. F.E. Nuttall acted as Secretary of the Association for the Meeting.

- Minutes of the Previous Meeting.
The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read. On the proposal of Air Marshal Sir Walter Pretty and seconded by A/Cdre G. Hayes, the Minutes were approved.
- Accounts.
The Meeting was informed that action had not been taken to reinvest the Associations investments in $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ Corporation Stock, as had been suggested by S/Ldr Balean at the Meeting in 1964. The acting Secretary said that Mr Tanner had taken the advice of Merchant Bankers on this matter and they had advised against the transference of Funds due to the unsettled state of the Market, moreover as there was a risk that some of the Association's investments might have to be realised to meet heavy expenses, the Merchant Bankers couniled delay until the Market had settled and the state of the Association's Funds were known. S/Ldr. Sinel asked why it was necessary for the Association to make a profit of £600 a year (£598) as shown in the Accounts. The Commandant replied that ~~these~~ were heavy expenses to meet such as the Portrait of M.R.A.F. Sir Thomas Pike as well as Gratuities to College Servants on Retirement and he advised caution not only in the reinvestment of Funds but also in the matter of reconsidering the reduction of subscriptions for Membership. On the Proposal of G/Capt. Clayton and seconded by A.V.M. R.I Jones the Accounts were approved.
- The Committee.
The Commandant said that, due to the impending posting of F/Lt. P. Hunwick, he would like to propose F/Lt. J.L. Blackford to fill the vacancy. F/Lt Blackford was the College Adjutant and in such a position he was admirably suited to be a Committee Member. This was seconded by Air Chief Marshal Lord Bandon and approved.
The Commandant further stated that due to the merger with Henlow he considered that the Officer holding the appointment of A/Cdre Technical should be included as a Committee Member. At the present time this Officer was A/Cdre J.S. Rowlands. A.V.M. Lapsley proposed and Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle seconded that the Commandant's suggestion be adopted and this was approved.
The Committe would therefore be :-
Air Vice Marshal I.D.N. Lawson
Air Commodore N. Cameron
Air Commodore J.S. Rowlands
Group Captain F.E. Nuttall
Squadron Leader R.H. Bragg
Flight Lieutenant J.L. Blackford
Flight Lieutenant J.G. Kerrigan
- Matters arising from the Minutes of the 1964 Annual General Meeting.
 - The Association Tie. Following Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Constantine's suggestion that a longer tie should be obtained, action was taken by Mr Tanner to obtain quotations from Three Firms namely : Thresher & Glenny, Messers Gieves and T.M. Lewin & Sons. These quotations and details were read out to the Meeting and it was finally decided that a Terylene/Silk Tie costing 21/- and produced by Messers Lewin & Son should be obtained. This Tie would be 52" long & 3" wide. The Meeting was informed that Messers Gieves had a stock of O.C.A. Ties made of silk and costing 25/6d which could be purchased if desired.
 - Presentation to Mr Tanner. In accordance with the decision that the Association should spend up to £100 on a suitable presentation, the acting Secretary stated that he had purchased a Silver Cigarette Box, suitably inscribed and with the College Crest in enamel. The cost of the Cigarette Box was £79. 1j. 6. The Box was passed round the Meeting. Presentation to Mr Tanner would be undertaken by the Commandant and Committee at some future suitable date.
 - Lists of Graduates. S/Ldr Sinel referred to the Lists of Graduates which were valued in the Accounts at £345, at the purchase price of 7/2d this represented between 800/900 copies. During the year only 15 copies had been sold and at that rate it would take years to dispose of them, by which time they would be years out

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of date. S/L Sinel asked what action was being taken on this matter. Considerable discussion arose, and the following proposals were made :-

- Prop. by W/Cdr. Lockyer and Sec. by S/L Lawrence that the price be reduced to 2/6.
- Prop. by Air Chief Marshal Kyle and seconded by Air Chief Marshal Lord Bandon that the price be reduced to 5/-.
- G/Capt Bennett proposed that there be no reduction in price, there was no seconder.
- A.V.M. Spotswood proposed that before any action was taken to reduce the price, the fact that there were some 800 copies of List of Graduates in stock should be prominently advertised in the next publication of the College Journal in the hopes that this might bring in a large number of applications. This was seconded by A/Cdre Levis and approved by the Meeting.

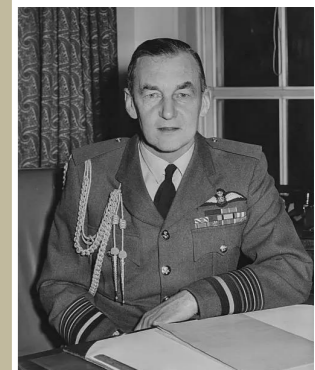
- Any other business.
 - Portrait of M.R.A.F. Sir Thomas Pike. The Commandant informed the Meeting that the Committee had taken action to commission a portrait of MRAP Sir Thomas Pike. This was now in hand and completion would be in the near future. The portrait would hang in the Dining Hall. The Artist was Mr. Holt and the cost to the Association would be 350 guineas.
 - Guest of Honour. Air Chief Marshal Lord Bandon stated that he found himself in a somewhat difficult position regarding the selection of a Guest of Honour. He felt that the Chief of Air Staff should always be asked as a first choice, and then in the following order a famous RAF Officer, a famous Naval Officer, a famous Army Officer and a famous Civilian. He asked if the Meeting agreed or if they had any suggestions. G/Capt. Bennett suggested that famous men who were not British should also be included. This was agreed. Air Marshal Sir Walter Pretty said that he was sure the Old Cranwellians would always approve the selection made by Air Chief Marshal Lord Bandon. This was carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss the Commandant, as Chairman, closed the Meeting at 20.15 Hrs.

I.D.N. Lawson
Air Vice Marshal
Chairman.
- Addendum to Minutes.
Following the Annual General Meeting the Portrait of Air Chief Marshal Lord Bandon, presented by the Old Cranwellian Association, was unveiled in the Entrance Hall, following a speech by Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Constantine. The Portrait was then hung in the Dining Hall.

Revised Graduates List and its issue to OCA Members (800 copies)

OCA to fund MRAF Sir Thomas Pike portrait - 350 Guineas



OCA to put aside £100 to fund recognition of Mr Tanner's services as Hon Sec (retiring).

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st March, 1965

Previous Year	EXPENDITURE	£ s d.	Previous Year	INCOME	£ s d.
675	College Journal	894 15 4	1768	Members' Subscriptions	1664 4 4
49	Annual Report (No charge for printing in comparison for error in printing lists of graduates)	227 12 2	140	Investment Income	171 7 4
210	Annual Banquet	320 11 0		Sale of Lists of Graduates	6 9 8
190	Honourarium - Secretary	100 0 0			
50	Income Tax	32 11 0			
8	Sundry Expenses	36 6			
	Bank charges, cheque books etc.	11 0 0			
2	List of Graduates	11 0 0			
138	Gratuities	190 0 0			
	Charitable Staff Gratuity Fund	113 0 0			
	Club Maintenance	113 0 0			
714	Excess of Income over Expenditure	598 10 10			
1964		£1963 1 1	1965		£1963 1 1

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March, 1965

Previous Year	LIABILITIES	£ s d.	Previous Year	ASSETS	£ s d.
1054	Sundry Funds -		347	Cash at Bank	1043 10 3
	Church Establishment Fund	500		Investment at Cost	500 0 0
	R.A.F. College Domestic Staff	300		£100 4 1/2 War Stock	300 0 0
	Gratuity Fund	400		£100 4 1/2 Defence Bonds	400 0 0
1402	Balance as at 1st Apr. 54	579 19 6		£100 4 1/2 Defence Bonds	400 0 0
1088	Add Grant 1964-65	300 0 0		East Midlands Trusts	118 12 8
				Reserve	1427 10 8
540	(142) Debts & Gratuites paid	579 19 6	111	Special Deposit	56 11 2
	J. Green Gift Fund	181 10 3	128	National Provident Bank	1070 10 5
	Capital Reserve	1952 15 8		Deposits	3816 13 2
3051	(718) Balance as at 1st Apr. 54	1952 15 8	128	Sundry Debtors and Provisions	56 11 2
	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	598 10 10	145	Accrued Investment Income	56 11 2
		£2548 16 3			
5547		£2548 16 3	5547	Stocks at Cost for resale	344 13 4
				List of Graduates	5 7 6
				O.C.A. Ties	350 0 10
					£2548 16 3

Audited and found correct. V. J. W. M. LAWRENCE, Squadron Leader. Certified Correct. I. TANNER, Secretary.

PROGRAMME FOR THE ANNUAL RE-UNION
19th and 20th JUNE, 1965.

Saturday, 19th June		Cricket (Cades v. Old Cranwellian)
11.30 to 18.30 hours	...	Lauchon (Members only)
12.30 to 13.30 hours	...	Golf (Cades v. Old Cranwellian)
13.30 hours	...	Tennis and Squash: Sailing
14.00 hours	...	Tea (Marquee - weather permitting)
19.15 hours	...	Members and their wives
20.00 hours	...	Annual General Meeting
20.25 hours	...	Reception
20.25 hours	...	Trumpeters of the Royal Air Force College
20.30 hours	...	Dinner (Members and official guests only - black tie)
Sunday, 20th June		Service of Holy Communion
08.30 hours	...	Morning Service
10.30 hours	...	
The Cricket Match will be played on the Orange.		
A bank seating plan will be provided for dinner. Members are asked to put their names down on the plan by 20.00 hours. Dress for dinner, black tie.		
Any member wishing to stay the night will be welcome to stay in the College. The cost of dinner, including drinks before and after dinner, will be met by Association funds.		
ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING ARE INFORMED THAT THEY WILL INCUR A VERY SMALL NEGLIGIBLE CHARGE FOR THE PORTER'S LEGHAT. THIS CHARGE IS NOT TO BE PAID BY THE MEMBER. THE MEMBER'S LEGHAT IS NOT TO BE PAID BY THE MEMBER. THE MEMBER'S LEGHAT IS NOT TO BE PAID BY THE MEMBER.		

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

In the Queen's Birthday Honours List Air Marshal C. Broughton (30/32E) was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, and Air Commodore H. E. C. Boxer (33/35E) a Companion of the Order of the Bath. Air Vice Marshal T. N. Stack (37/39) was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire and Squadron Leaders G. J. A. F. Green (59E) and P. M. Worthington (47E) and Flight Lieutenant R. M. Salt (58E) Members of the Order of the British Empire. Squadron Leader J. M. Henderson (59E) was awarded a Bar to his Air Force Cross, and Queen's Commendations for Valuable Service in the Air went to Squadron Leaders H. H. J. Browning (52E) and R. Watson (51E) and Flight Lieutenant G. L. Aylett (68E).

To them all the *Journal* offers its congratulations.

PROMOTIONS

To these members of the Association the *Journal* would like to add its congratulations on their promotions announced on the 1st July :

Air Marshal Sir Charles Broughton (30/32E), Air Commodore I. R. Campbell (39/40E), Wing Commanders W. E. Kelly (50E), R. C. F. Pierse (55E), R. A. Pendry (46E), J. MacG. Robertson (46E), D. G. Slade (56E), R. A. Streatfield (56), L. C. Swalwell (48E) and R. Watson (51E), and Squadron Leaders M. J. Allisstone (62E), P. G. Biddiscombe (65E), A. Breakes (49E), M. S. Brown (57E), A. M. Chandler (63E), J. J. R. Cohu (71E), T. R. Cohu (65E), J. E. Cooper (61E), D. A. Cowley (70E), T. H. F. Delap (71E), A. C. Doggett (57E), R. Feakes (69E), R. G. Fox (68E), E. W. Gosling (63E), D. St. J. Homer (70E), R. A. Jackson (64E), M. A. Kelly (61E), B. R. Kent (63E), E. A. McCullagh (66E), D. H. Mills (57E), M. A. Noble (64E), G. H. Parkinson (48E), D. L. Parsons (63E), P. D. Raeburn (66E), M. A. F. Ryan (71E), J. N. Sawyer (64E), G. M. Turner (62E), J. R. Walker (68E), I. H. F. Walmsley (50E) and J. R. Watts (60E).

ANNUAL REUNION

The annual reunion was held this year on the 19th June. The sporting programme in the afternoon was hard hit by a general lack of members willing to show their prowess and a lot of last minute cancellations. Particularly hard hit were the sailing which had to be cancelled, though all who turned up got on to the water, the golf, and the cricket. However, eleven men did represent the Association on the cricket field and it is to their lasting credit that they earned a well deserved draw. The squash team won their match.

After the usual lively General Meeting there was a delightful ceremony in the entrance hall when Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Constantine unveiled the new portrait of our President, Air Chief Marshal the Earl of Bandon. Several of us had had a preview and without exception had admired it, but to see the subject standing beside it made one realize what an incredible likeness it was. Mr Howard Barron is to be congratulated on this worthy addition to the Gallery of Fame which is now so appropriately housed in the Dining Hall.

The Guest of Honour was that colourful figure General Sir Richard Gale, GCB, KBE, DSO, MC, who really set the tone for a most enjoyable evening.

These reunions are great fun and it is hoped that in future a lot more of the younger members will come along. You pay for it through your annual subscription and you are guaranteed to get more than your money's worth.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Old Cranwellians. The Journals are addressed from list maintained by the Hon Sec at the College. Please let him have an up-to-date address — preferably a permanent one.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

In the New Year Honours List (1966) Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle (28/29B) was made a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, and Air Vice Marshal P. T. Philpott (33/35B) and Air Vice Marshal H. G. Leonard-Williams (30/32B) were made Companions of the Order of the Bath. Air Chief Marshal Sir Alfred Earle (28/29A) was made a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire, and Air Vice Marshal T. U. C. Shirley (28/30B) was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire. Squadron Leader P. H. Champriss (61C) was awarded the Air Force Cross, and Queen's Commendations for Valuable Service in the Air went to Squadron Leader N. Chamberlain (47A) and Squadron Leader R. L. Davis (57C).

Air Marshal Arian Singh, D.F.C. (38/39B) Chief of the Air Staff, Indian Air Force, was awarded the Padma Vibhushan, India's second highest national award, on 9th November, 1965, and on 20th January, 1966, was promoted Air Chief Marshal.

To them all the *Journal* offers its congratulations.

PROMOTIONS

To the following members of the Association the *Journal* would like to add its congratulations on their promotions announced on the 1st January.

Air Marshal Sir Peter Wykeham (35/37C), Air Vice Marshals S. B. Grant (37/38B), E. M. T. Howell (33/34B), T. N. Stack (37/39C), Group Captain R. G. Price (47B), Wing Commanders R. J. Bannard (55B), A. McN. Christie (54A), D. E. B. Dowling (52B), C. H. Foale (54A), D. P. Hall (55C), W. F. Knapper (49B), C. J. S. Wood (48B), and Squadron Leaders K. P. Austin (63B), A. G. Bridges (65A), G. B. Browne (65B), D. L. Bywater (72B), A. J. Chaplin (71A), G. A. Coatsworth (57C), J. H. Constable (68B), A. Dufton (62C), A. G. Etteridge (70A), J. D. C. Hawtin (65B), R. L. Holmes (61A), M. A. Howells (62A), S. W. R. A. Key (65C), R. H. B. Le Brocq (71C), A. J. Mackinnon (53A), B. J. McGill (65B), B. C. Mills (54B), T. R. Morgan (65C), D. A. Noon (72C), H. W. J. Rigg (67A), C. H. Salwey (65C), M. G. Tomkins (56A), P. Walker (69A), J. C. Waters (63C), and G. Willis (57B).

Thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting - 18 June 1966

AVM Ian Douglas Napier Lawson, ex-S37, not an ex-cadet of the College, took the Chair.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 18. JUNE 1966.

The Chair was taken by Air Vice Marshal I.D.N. Lawson.

The President of the Association - Air Chief Marshal Lord Bandon, and about 90 Members were present.

- Minutes. The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read. Proposed by Air Marshal Sir Denis Spotswood and Seconded by Air Vice Marshal Chackfield that these be passed. CARRIED.
- Matters arising.
 - Investment of Association Funds. The Chairman informed the Meeting that he had taken the advice of Financial advisers to the M.O.D. They had counselled that :-
 - The £500 3½% War Stock should not be sold as it would realize only approx. 50% of its value
 - Invest £1000 in 5% Exchequer Stock. This was standing at approx. £297, and would be realizable in 1967 at £100.
 - Leave all other Investments alone for the present but in about three/four months consider investing £1000 in an Investment Trust such as Cables & Wireless.
 Action was in the course of being taken to implement (ii) above.
 - O.C.A. Tie. 6 Dozen of the new Tie, made by Messrs T.M. Levin had been obtained and were in Stock with the Associations Secretary. The cost of the Tie, which was of Silk/Terylene was 21/-
 - Presentation to Mr. J. Tanner. The Chairman said that he had taken action to make the Presentation.
 - Lists of Graduates. As the Old Cranwellian Association Report for the year ending 31. March 66, shows, the Committee had written off these Lists of Graduates, which represented on the Balance Sheet a figure of approx. £333. It was felt that this had to be done, as there was a negligible response by members to purchase the Lists following a special Notice in The College Journal asking them to do so. To date, the number of Lists of Graduates sold at 2/6d or more, was 11 for which 38/- had been received.
 - Portrait of MRAF Sir Thomas Pike. This Portrait would be unveiled in the Main Entrance Hall immediately following the Annual General Meeting. ACM Lord Bandon would make a short speech before the unveiling.
 - Merger with Henlow. The Chairman informed the Meeting that at a Meeting of Members of the Minerva Society on the 25. Sept. 1965, it was decided by the members of that Society that they did not wish to amalgamate with the Old Cranwellian Association. The intention is to close the Society membership on the understanding that a detailed study be made regarding the feasibility of extending the membership and transforming the Society into a Professional Association.
- Accounts for the Year Ending 31. March 1966. Air Marshal Sir David Lee Proposed and S/Ldr Bridges seconded that the accounts be passed. CARRIED. The Hon. Secretary drew the attention of the Meeting to an item on the Credit side of the Balance Sheet which showed a figure of £5. 7. 6. for O.C.A. Ties in Stock. These Ties could not be found and it was thought that they reflected a stock which in past years had been used up by the Presentation of a Tie to each Guest of Honour. Proposed by Air Chief Marshal Sir Theodore McEvoy and Seconded by the entire Meeting that these be 'Written Off'. CARRIED
- Election of Committee. There were two changes from the 1965 Committee, these were F/Lt I. Weddle for F/Lt J.L. Blackford, and F/Lt R.J. Bennett for F/Lt J.G. Kerrigan. Proposed by S/Ldr Lawrence and Seconded by Air Marshal Sir Denis Spotswood that the Committee as reconstituted be approved. CARRIED.
- Any other business.
 - Members subscriptions. The Secretary said that there were over 100 members whose subscriptions were not up to date, some had not paid for a very long time. The rule for payment of subscriptions states :- ".... Any member failing to pay his subscription for two years shall cease to be a member of the Association, and his name shall be removed from the list of members. He may be readmitted on payment of his arrears to a sum not exceeding £5." The Secretary asked the Meeting for their authority to apply this rule strictly. In the past there had been some reluctance to do so, but the situation had now reached a point where the letter of the law had to be applied. Air Marshal Sir Denis Spotswood agreed and said that when he was Commandant he had written a number of letters to defaulting members and had only received replies from half those written to. He recommended a strong letter be written to all defaulting members. Mr. Tanner strongly supported this recommendation and said that notices had been put in the College Journal without any effect. Proposed by Air Marshal Sir David Lee and Seconded by Air Chief Marshal Sir Theodore McEvoy that the authority requested by the Secretary be approved. CARRIED.
 - Purchase of Addressograph. The Secretary asked for permission to spend up to £100 of the Association Funds to purchase an Addressograph. Membership of the Association was now almost 1600 and would increase by about 100/150 Annually. To write out by hand the addresses on envelopes on three occasions a year was becoming too much of a burden and was consuming a great deal of unprofitable time. This would be obviated by the use of an Addressograph, which would not only be a relief to himself in addressing OCA Reports to members, but also to all those responsible for sending off the College Journal twice a year. At this point Mr. Mumby rose and said that he would be only too pleased to let the Association have an old addressograph that he had in his firm for the price of £10. This most generous offer was hailed with delight and the entire Meeting expressed their grateful thanks to Mr. Mumby for his kindness. Authority to buy this addressograph was approved nem con.
 - Address of Members. The Secretary said that as the purchase of an Addressograph had been approved it would be necessary to feed into it Permanent addresses of members. In the case of serving Officers this would mean their Banks, whilst in the case of Retired Officers it would mean their Homes. At the present time a fairly large proportion of the correspondence sent to Old Cranwellians was returned due to the fact that the Officer concerned had left the Service address that he had last given to the Secretary O.C.A. The Meeting agreed with this matter and approved future direction of correspondence as stated.
 - College Civilian Staff. The Secretary said that the Chairman and himself had been approached by old members of the College Civilian Staff asking permission to form a Club of personnel who had served the College for 20 years or over. They would like to have a Club Tie and would like to have a Dinner once a year to which they would invite some Old Cranwellians. The Chairman had given his general approval of such a scheme and Club, subject to the general approval of O.C.A. members at this Meeting. The Meeting agreed that this was a good idea and it was approved that £50 be granted to assist in the formation of such a Club, on the recommendation of Air Vice Marshal Chackfield and Seconded by Air Commodore Nelson.

At this point the Chairman asked the Secretary to leave the Meeting. On being asked to return to the Meeting the Secretary was informed that approval had been given to a proposal by Air Marshal Sir Denis Spotswood and Seconded by Air Marshal Sir David Lee that the Honorarium paid to the O.C.A. Secretary should be increased to £200 per annum and that the Honorarium should be reviewed every four years.

The Secretary rose and thanked the Meeting for their Kindness and generosity.

- Portrait MRAF Sir Thomas Pike. The Chairman said that this Portrait was now in the College and that it would be formally unveiled by Air Chief Marshal Lord Bandon immediately following the Meeting.
- Gratuity to Staff. It was understood that the Meeting should be increased next year to something like 3/6. This was to be discussed at the next Annual General Meeting.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the Meeting at 20.00 Hrs.

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Air Vice Marshal
Chairman

OCA presentation to Mr Tanner
 Revised Graduates List and its issue to OCA Members (800 copies)
 OCA to fund MRAF Sir Thomas Pike portrait - 350 Guineas

£50 grant from OCA to support formation of Civilian Cranwellian Club

OCA to fund MRAF Sir Thomas Pike portrait - 350 Guineas
 Staff Gratuity funding increased



Previous Year	EXPENDITURE	£ s. d.	Previous Year	INCOME	£ s. d.
895	College Journal	1080 5 2	1895	Members' Subscriptions	1876 13 0
228	Annual Reunion	192 9 6	171	Investments Income	17 12 8
...	Annual Report	54 4 9	...	Income Expenditure over Income	762 12 10
108	Honorary Secretary	100 0 0			
32	Income Tax	92 9 9			
...	Worn Off of List of Graduates	312 16 4			
...	Sundry Expenses:				
...	Portraits	770 0 8			
...	Gifts to Mr. Emy	25 0 0			
...	Gift to Retiring Secretary	79 13 6			
115	Grants:	100 0 0			
...	Domestic Staff Gratuity Fund	10 0 0			
...	Check Maintenance	110 0 0			
598	Excess Income over Expenditure	2811 18 6			2811 18 6

Previous Year	LIABILITIES	£ s. d.	Previous Year	ASSETS	£ s. d.
...	Outstanding liability:-	25 0 0	1045	Cash at Bank	268 8 0
...	Reserve	...	500	Investments at Cost	500 0 0
519	M.A.F. College Domestic Staff Gratuity Fund	515 19 6	300	£500 4½% Defence Bonds	300 0 0
100	Balance as at 1st April 1965	100 0 0	400	£400 4½% Defence Bonds	400 0 0
...	Add grant 1965/66	615 19 6	118	Ordinary Deposit	121 11 9
104	Deduct gratuities paid	135 0 0	1427	Special Deposit	1408 17 8
...	Capital Accounts:	4551 6 6	1070	National Provincial Bank Deposit Account	1117 16 7
3952	Balance as at 1st April 1965	362 12 10	...	Sundry Debts and Provisions:	45 0 0
(196)	Less excess expenditure over income	362 12 10	55	Debts - Subscriptions due	56 11 8
		4913 13 2	...	Accrued Investment Income	101 11 8
			5	Stocks at Cost for Remble	5 7 6
			...	O.C.A. Ties	...
				To be written off	4013 13 2

Saturday, 18th June	
11.30 to 18.30 hours	Cricket (Cadets v. Old Cranwellians)
12.30 to 13.30 hours	Luncheon (Members only)
13.30 hours	Golf (Cadets v. Old Cranwellians)
14.00 hours	Tennis and Squash: Sniffing
...	Tea (Members - weather permitting)
19.15 hours	Annual General Meeting
20.00 hours	Reception
20.25 hours	Trumpeters of the Royal Air Force College
20.30 hours	Dinner (Members and Official Guests only - Black tie)
Sunday, 19th June	
08.30 hours	Service of Holy Communion
10.30 hours	Morning Service
The Cricket Match will be played on the Orange.	
A blank seating plan will be provided for dinner. Members are asked to put their names down on the plan by 20.00 hours. Dress for dinner, black tie.	
Any member wishing to stay the night will be welcome to stay in the College. The cost of dinner, including drinks before and wine during dinner, will be met by Association funds.	
ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING ARE INFORMED THAT THEY WILL INCUR A VERY SMALL SERVICE BILL. THEY ARE ASKED TO SETTLE THIS AT THE POSTER'S LOUNGE.	

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

In the Queen's Birthday Honours List Air Marshal D. F. Spotswood (Commandant of the College 1958-61) was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, and Air Marshal R. H. E. Emson (30-31C) was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire, Air Vice-Marshal J. H. Lapsley (36-37B) was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath, Air Commodore P. A. Hughes (37-39A) was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire, Wing Commander P. V. Pledger (46C) was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire and Squadron Leader N. K. Hopkins (52D) was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire. The Air Force Cross was awarded to Squadron Leader I. R. Martin (61C), whilst Queen's Commendations for Valuable Service in the Air were given to Squadron Leaders J. A. Robinson (57A) and J. R. Walker (68B) and to Flight Lieutenant D. J. McL. Edmondston (65A).

To them all the *Journal* offers its congratulations.

PROMOTIONS

To the following Old Cranwellians who were promoted on the 1st July the *Journal* would like to add its congratulations :

Air Marshal Sir Denis Spotswood ; Air Vice-Marshal M. D. Lyne (37-39B) ; Wing Commanders M. J. Armitage (58C), D. F. Bates (49D), D. R. K. Blucke (56C), D. J. Edwards (57A), R. MacA. Furze (47A), D. Harcourt-Smith (56A), J. M. Henderson (59B), J. M. Pack (58A), C. F. Pickard (48A) and J. L. Price (51B), and Squadron Leaders N. O. Bacon (70A), M. E. Bee (73C), J. R. Bradshaw (57D), C. W. Bruce (67C), P. Carter (66B), W. E. Close (60B), D. J. McL. Edmondston (65A), S. A. Edwards (69A), D. P. English (53C), N. J. Glass (54C), R. Green (61C), T. J. Greenhill-Hooper (60B), J. D. Heron (71B), R. S. Hutchinson (57D), R. G. Kerr (71C), J. G. Kerrigan (62B), R. P. Kharegat (68A), B. C. Letchford (61A), D. G. Lucas (74C), P. S. Martin (71A), P. McLeod (61C), E. J. Nance (71B), T. J.

Nelson (70C), R. F. Robertson (70B), R. M. Salt (58B), J. R. Sandle (61B), M. G. Simmons (73C), W. I. C. Stoker (71B), and D. J. Wyborn (58A).

AWARD OF THE D.F.C. TO FLIGHT LIEUTENANT P. S. MARTIN

The supplement to the London Gazette of 20th May 1966 announced the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Flight Lieutenant P. S. Martin (71A). The citation stated :

" Flight Lieutenant Martin was posted to No 20 Squadron in March 1963 and assumed command of 'A' Flight in the following November. During his tour of duty, which ended in November 1965, he flew 164 hours on operations in the Borneo territories and commanded five Hunter detachments. The operational Hunter sorties which he flew in Borneo were of a most demanding nature. They included the tactical cover of forward troops, the armed support of transport and helicopter operational deployment and long range air patrols seeking Indonesian air incursions on an ill defined border in the presence of well armed and aggressive enemy positions. Throughout his tour, this officer has demonstrated exceptional keenness and devotion to duty both in the air and on the ground. His aggressive and fearless approach was an inspiration to all the pilots on his squadron. Operating in extremely difficult terrain, often in marginal weather conditions, he carried out many important sorties where only his personal courage and determination made success possible. His qualities of leadership and exceptional flying skill were an example to all those who flew with him. Throughout his tour with the squadron he strove tirelessly to ensure that the maximum value was obtained from every operational flight. Working hours far beyond the normal call of duty, he carried out frequent visits to forward army units to improve the Forward Air Control system, to explain the capabilities of his squadron and to learn more of the problems of the units who required air support. The standards of co-operation and ground control of air strikes which obtain in Borneo are very

largely due to his efforts. Throughout his flying in Borneo, Flight Lieutenant Martin showed outstanding tenacity and complete disregard for his personal safety. His resourcefulness and drive were an inspiration to all who served with him. He showed courage and intelligence of a high order and contributed materially to the tactical efficiency of formations in Borneo."

The *Journal* offers its congratulations to Flight Lieutenant Martin.

ANNUAL REUNION

The Reunion was held on the weekend of the 18th/19th June. This was the 40th anniversary of the Association, which was formed on the 14th July 1926. 141 members attended the Reunion Dinner and many others wrote regretting that they could not attend and sending their good wishes. Among these was Flight Lieutenant R. E. Gorwood — the original Sergeant Major of the Cadet College — who mentioned that he would be 82 on the 19th June. A telegram of congratulations was sent to him on behalf of the Association. He asks that his thanks be conveyed to all concerned.

Group Captain Douglas Bader made a literal flying visit to the College and brought with him his uncle — Squadron Leader C. G. Burge, who was the first Adjutant of the Cadet College and made one of the first Honorary Members of the Association in 1926.

The sporting programme benefitted from the splendid weather which lasted the whole weekend. The cricket match ended in a victory for the Old Cranwellians by 5 wickets (the first win since 1960) but the tennis, squash and sailing were all won by the cadets, who proved too lithe and active for their opponents. The golf match unfortunately had to be cancelled.

The Annual General Meeting — chaired by the Commandant, Air Vice Marshal I. D. N. Lawson — produced one important decision affecting all serving Old Cranwellians. This is that, in future, the *College Journal* and relevant correspondence will be forwarded to the banks of serving members for redirection. At present much Associ-

ation correspondence is returned to the College from Service addresses from which members have since been posted. Retired officers will have the *Journal* and correspondence sent to their home addresses.

After the A.G.M. the President, Air Chief Marshal Lord Bandon, made a short speech and unveiled the portrait of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Thomas Pike, which was painted by Mr H. Holt and presented to the College by the Association. After Sir Thomas Pike had thanked the Association for honouring him in this way, the portrait was hung in the Dining Room with the portraits of other distinguished Old Cranwellians.

The Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Elworthy, was the guest of honour at the Reunion Dinner. Following the traditional speech made by the Commandant, the C.A.S. gave a masterly talk about the current problems facing the R.A.F. He was made an Honorary Member of the Association and presented with the Old Cranwellian tie by Lord Bandon. Marshal of the R.A.F. Sir Dermot Boyle, after expressing the thanks of everyone to the C.A.S., told some relevant and amusing stories in his inimitable and witty style.

A large number of Old Cranwellians attended the Church Parade on the Sunday. The sermon was given by the Reverend Canon F. W. Cocks, a past Chaplain-in-Chief of the R.A.F. and an Honorary Old Cranwellian. He is now Rector of Wolverhampton.

After sherry and a rather late lunch Old Cranwellians made their various departures. One C-in-C was nearly separated from his luggage, but this deficiency was noticed just prior to his aircraft departing by an alert A.D.C. and a somewhat embarrassed host disgorged it from the boot of his car. So ended a very pleasant Reunion weekend, which, as ever, was made more enjoyable by the excellent and willing service of the College civilian staff.

It has been agreed by the President and Chairman of the Old Cranwellian Association that the Annual Reunion will, in future, be held in the R.A.F. College on the third Saturday in June. The Reunion in 1967 will therefore be on the 17th/18th June.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

In the New Year Honours List Air Marshal M. K. D. Porter (31-32B) was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, and Air Vice-Marshal H. N. G. Wheeler (35-37B) and Air Commodore A. H. W. Ball (39A) were made Companions of the Order of the Bath. Squadron Leader E. J. E. Smith (68B) was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire, and Squadron Leader A. Breakes (49D), Squadron Leader J. E. Nevill (68C) and Squadron Leader T. H. Sheppard (62A) were made Members of the Order of the British Empire. The Air Force Cross was awarded to Squadron Leader E. D. Frith (62B) and Flight Lieutenant H. R. Ploszek (71B), and Flight Lieutenant R. P. O'Brien (81C) was awarded the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air.

To them all the *Journal* offers its congratulations.

PROMOTIONS

To the following Old Cranwellians who were promoted on 1st January the *Journal* would like to add its congratulations.

Air Vice-Marshal P. de L. Le Cheminant (39A), Air Commodore T. P. Seymour (38-39B), Wing Commanders T. A. Bennett (47C), P. H. Champliss (61C), B. G. Cooper (51D), B. Hughes (52D), J. McLeod (61C), J. C. Newby (61B), D. C. Robinson (49D), S. H. D. Weigall (49D), and Squadron Leaders J. L. Blackford (68A), J. W. B. Blockey (71A), A. Bright (60A), T. W. G. Carlton (73B), J. R. Johnson (58A), B. H. Jones (63B), C. G. D. Jonklaas (54B), T. N. King (67B), M. T. N. Liddiard (65C), L. G. Ludgate (46C), A. MacGregor (62A), J. H. Martin (54D), J. I. Miller (62A), R. H. T. Overall (57D), G. F. Poyser (62C), J. Shearer (58D), T. W. Turnill (67B), A. L. Watson (66C) and D. J. Woods (60C).

The *Journal* apologises to Squadron Leader P. McLeod (61C) for inadvertently reducing his seniority by six months in the last

edition of the *Journal*. Squadron Leader McLeod was reported as having been promoted on 1st July 1966, whereas in fact his promotion took place on 1st January 1966.

Group Captain E. E. Vielle, O.B.E., A.F.R.Ae.S., writes to say that he has written another book, which is being published by Hodder and Stoughton in July. It is a novel based on his attempt with E. O. Link in 1963 to find the Rommel Treasure. It is "The Golden Oyster" by Donald Gordon (his pen name).

The Old Cranwellian Secretary wishes to point out that there is no need for serving Old Cranwellians to send him their changes of private or service addresses. As reported in the last edition of the *Journal* Old Cranwellian correspondence and Journals for serving members will be sent to members' banks for onward transmission. An addressograph has been purchased and plates cut for this purpose.

FAR EAST DINNER

On 30th September 1966 an Old Cranwellian dinner was held at the Fairy Point Officers' Mess under the arrangement of Flight Lieutenant C. S. Parkin of R.A.F. Tengah. 51 Old Cranwellians and 12 graduates of the Royal Air Force Technical College Henlow were present.

The guest of honour was Air Marshal S. W. R. Hughes, Commander Far East Air Force, and other guests included Air Commodore R. E. W. Harland, Air Commodore W. O. Davies and Reverend J. H. Wilson, all of HQ F.E.A.F., all of whom had served at Cranwell on the Staff. Padre Wilson, indeed, had only just arrived from the College a few days before.

Group Captain A. D. Preston, H.Q., F.E.A.F., as doyen of the Old Cranwellians, welcomed the guests and expressed his pleasure at the presence of the Henlow contingent which was due largely to the initiative of Sqn Ldr Murden of R.A.F. Seletar.

This was certainly the first combined dinner in the Far East since the merger, and perhaps elsewhere.

Replying on behalf of the guests, the Air Commander offered his congratulations on the merger and wished the College every success. He made some cogent observations about the College which were the subject of numerous conversations with him after dinner.

During dinner the F.E.A.F. band played the traditional Cranwell music, and the

Henlow graduates increased the table illuminations by igniting a technically unreliable pyrotechnic. They also enforced their minority view by singing at midnight, a ditty entitled "We are the Engineers" as a ceremonial farewell to the Technical Branch.

A notable contribution to the success of the evening was the attendance of Old Cranwellians from R.A.F. Kai Tak and R.A.F. Kuching.

Thirty-seventh Annual General Meeting - 17 June 1967

AVM Thomas Neville Stack, ex-S37 Entry, took the Chair.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. 17. JUNE 1967.

The Chair was taken by Air Vice Marshal T.N. Stack.

The President of the Association - Air Chief Marshal Lord Banden, and about 90 Members were present.

- Minutes.** The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read. Proposed by A/Cdre P. Jones and Seconded by Air Marshal Sir Edeuard Grundy that these be Passed. CARRIED.
- Matters arising.**
 - Investment of Funds.** It is the intention of the Committee to invest all the Association Funds, apart from £300. 2½ 4½ Def. Bonds and £500. 3½ War Stock, in a reputable Building Society yielding approx. 4% Free of Income Tax. The reorganisation of Investment would be in about December 1967.
 - List of Graduates.** These continue to be sold in small numbers at 2/6 a copy plus postage.
 - Merger with Henlow.** A number of Technical Cadets who have graduated from Cranwell have joined the Old Cranwellian Association.
 - Committee.** There were two changes from the 1966 Committee, viz: A/Cdre Wakeford and S/Ldr Bacon taking the places of A/Cdre Cameron and S/Ldr Bragg, respectively. Proposed by S/Ldr Giddens and Seconded by A.V.M. Chamberlain that the changes be approved. CARRIED.
 - Members subscriptions.** A Circular letter had been written to all Officers who had failed to pay their Subscriptions and who had in the past been in receipt of the amenities and advantages of Association members. A number of replies had been received rejecting the Association and paying a back leg of subscriptions.
 - Addresograph.** This had proved very successful and saved a great deal of time and energy. Only a small number of correspondence to Members had been returned from addresses. The Secretary impressed on Members that, in the case of Serving Officers, it was no use writing informing him of new R.A.F. unit addresses. The only address he required would be if Members changed their Bank, or if the address of their Bank had changed.
 - College Civilian Staff Club.** The Staff had not proceeded any further in this matter. A.C.M. Lord Banden had kindly agreed to be the President of such a Club if it was formed. The £50 granted by the Association to such a Club would not be paid out till the Club was formed.
 - Gratuity to Staff.** On a proposal by A/Cdre P. Jones and Seconded by A/Cdre Hayes it was unanimously decided to increase the Gratuity per Officer attending the Reunion, from 2/6 to 5/-. The increase of 2/6 per Officer for this year's Reunion to be paid from Association Funds.
- Accounts for year ending 31. March 1967.** The Balance Sheet was explained to the Meeting by F/Lt R.T. Bennett. The Auditors comments were also explained. Association Funds were in a healthy state and a profit of £140 was made in the year. He strongly supported the Committee's decision to invest the Funds in a Building Society. There were no questions, and unanimous approval to pass the Balance Sheet & Accounts was given on the proposal by F/Lt Harrington and Seconded by S/Ldr LeBrecq.
- Mr. L. Bird.** The Secretary said that Mr Bird - who had been Asst. Barrack Warden to the College from June 1962 to Sept. 1966 - had left the College on promotion. Mr. Bird had given the most loyal and efficient service to the College over these years and the Secretary considered that he should be in receipt of a Gratuity similar to College Servants who had retired. At the usual rate of calculation this Gratuity would amount to £27. Proposed by A/Cdre Nelsen and Seconded by A.V.M. Lyne that this be approved. CARRIED.
- F/Lt. J.B.M. Butler.** This Officer had asked if he could be considered as an Associate Member. He had only served 3. weeks at Cranwell before being suspended on Medical Grounds. He had now qualified as a Medical Officer in the R.A.F. After some discussion and on the proposal of A/Cdre P.Jones, seconded by A/Cdre Vielle the Meeting approved his application for Associate membership.

Revised Graduates List
Henlow Merger consequences

Cranwellian Civilian's Club
Staff Gratuity

Staff Gratuity - Mr Bird

R.A.F. College Memorial Chapel.

A/Cdre Nelsen said he most sincerely hoped that this Chapel, which used to be situated in the College, would not be altered in any way or have items which were particularly presented to it, removed from the Chapel for use in the main body of the C. of E. Church of which it was now a part. He asked that a small Committee be formed to ensure that the original concept and Chapel furnishings were maintained.

The Commandant, as Chairman, replied that he could not give a hard and fast reply on the spot, but that he would most carefully consider the suggestion of A/Cdre Nelsen and give a decision at next year's Reunion Meeting. A.C.M. Sir Walter Merten said that he presumed that this suggestion by the A/Cdre. did not mean that nothing could be added to the Chapel by presentations etc., this point was not refuted. The President A.C.M. Lord Banden said that the whole matter must be decided by the Commandant.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the Meeting at 20.00 Hrs.

T.N. Stack
Air Vice Marshal
Chairman.

COMMITTEE

Air Vice-Marshal T. N. Stack, C.V.O., C.B.E., A.F.C.
Air Commodore R. G. Wakeford, M.V.O., O.B.E., A.F.C.
Air Commodore J. S. Rowlands, G.C., O.B.E., B.Sc.
Squadron Leader G. McA. Bacon
Flight Lieutenant I. Weddle
Flight Lieutenant R. T. Bennett
Honorary Secretary
Group Captain F. E. Nuttall, C.B.E., D.L.

Memorial Chapel

Previous Year	EXPENDITURE	£ s d	Previous Year	INCOME	£ s d
1966	College Journal	120 16 4	1974	Members' Subscriptions	1967 11 8
1967	Annual Report	22 11 8	1975	Investment Income	146 17 11
1968	Secretary-Secretary	62 7 6	1976	Sale of Graduates	5 18 11
1969	1965-67	200 8 0	1977	Excess Expenditure over Income	---
1970	1966-67	200 8 0			
1971	Write off list of Graduates	---			
1972	Wife of O.C.A. The Staffy Expenses	2 7 6			
1973	Embroidering Machine and Plans	60 9 2			
1974	Postage and Stationery	10 11 6			
1975	Gratuity	100 0 0			
1976	Clock Maintenance	20 0 0			
1977	Income Tax	100 14 6			
1978	Excess Income over Expenditure	140 6 7			
		£283 5 10			£283 5 10

Previous Year	LIABILITIES	£ s d	Previous Year	ASSETS	£ s d
1966	Outstanding Liability	---	1974	Cash	1 16 0
1967	R.A.F. College Domestic Staff Gratuity Fund	489 13 6	1975	Cash in hand	738 13 10
1968	Balance as at 1st April 1966	100 0 0	1976	Investments	500 0 0
1969	AM Grant 1966-7	100 0 0	1977	£100 0/6, Defence Bonds	200 0 0
1970	Deduct gratuity paid	120 0 0	1978	£40 0/6, Defence Bonds	400 0 0
1971	Capital Account	738 13 6	1979	R.A.F. War Stock	224 12 9
1972	Balance as at 1st April 1966	738 13 6	1980	Special Deposits at 7%	255 15 9
1973	Add excess income over expenditure	140 6 7	1981	£100 Exchange Bonds at 7%	982 14 1
		£409 19 9	1982	Nat. Prov. Bank Deposits etc	655 2 8
		£409 19 9	1983	Ready Debtors and Provision	31 0 0
			1984	Subscriptions due 1967	10 0 0
			1985	Assured Investment Income	45 2 2
			1986	Stocks at Cost for Bonds	66 4 0
			1987	O.C.A. Tax	---
					£409 19 9

Audited and found correct. A. F. MACKAY, Wing Controller. D. LAWRENCE, Flight Lieutenant, A.C.I.R. Certified Correct. F. E. NUTTALL, Group Captain (Ret'd).

Saturday, 17th June	11.30 to 14.30 hours	Cricket (Cadets v. Old Cranwellians)
	12.30 to 13.30 hours	Lunches (Members only)
	13.30 hours	Golf (Cadets v. Old Cranwellians)
	14.00 hours	Tennis and Squash (Selling Members and their wives)
	18.15 hours	Annual General Meeting
	20.00 hours	Reception
	20.25 hours	Triumphs of the Royal Air Force College
	20.50 hours	Dinner (Officers and Official Guests only - Black tie)
Sunday, 18th June	08.00 hours	Service of Holy Communion
	11.00 hours	Morning Service
		The Cricket Match will be played on the Orange.

A blank seating plan will be provided for dinner. Members are asked to put their names down on the plan by 20.00 hours. Dress for dinner, black tie.

Any member wishing to stay the night will be welcome to stay in the College. The cost of dinner, including drinks before and when dining, will be met by Association funds.

ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING ARE ENLIGHTENED THAT THEY WILL ENJOY A VERY SMALL MESS BILL. THEY ARE ASKED TO SETTLE THIS AT THE PORTER'S LOBBY BEFORE THEY DEPART. THEY SHOULD ALSO RETURN THE SECRETARY IF THEY HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY TO SEND THEIR ACCEPTANCE.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The *Journal* offers its congratulations to Old Cranwellians who received Honours and Awards on the Queen's Birthday. Air Vice-Marshal W. D. Disbrey (31-33B) was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath. Squadron Leader R. I. Stuart-Paul (67C) was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire. The Air Force Cross was awarded to Wing Commander D. A. Arnott (50A), Wing Commander G. R. K. Fletcher (46B), Squadron Leader R. D. Bates (62A) and Squadron Leader M. C. Ginn (68B). The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Services in the Air was awarded to Flight Lieutenant A. R. P. Phipps (77A).

PROMOTIONS

The *Journal* congratulates the following Old Cranwellians on their promotions on 1st July :

Air Commodores J. O. Barnard (36 - 38A) and A. D. Panton (36 - 37B); Group Captains T. L. Kennedy (46B) and J. R. Rogers (49C); Wing Commanders G. H. Burleigh (56B), D. A. Cooper (54B), L. R. Davis (57C), R. Dyson (49B), M. D. Fenner (49D), P. J. Goodall (58A), B. Huxley (57A), L. A. Jones (60A), S. E. King (59A), A. B. McGuire (49D), J. A. Mansell (50B), N. R. C. Price (55A) and J. F. H. Tetley (58C); Squadron Leaders J. C. K. Baerselman (69C), R. J. Barrett (75B), A. B. E. Caiger (69C), F. W. Daley (67C), R. H. Farley (54D), J. B. Gratton (60B), J. R. Harper (57A), W. J. Hodgkinson (58D), D. C. L. Holman (58D), N. G. Lea (64A), J. F. H. Marriott (65C), R. W. Millward (63A), D. W. Molesworth (59A), R. G. Morgan (68C), J. J. Parker (55C), P. D. Penfold (64B), J. N. Puckering (74A), M. J. T. Shaw (75C), P. P. W. Taylor (73B), I. F. Weston (57B), and J. F. Willis (73C).

Congratulations also to Squadron Leader D. V. Duval (70B) on his January promotion, inadvertently omitted from the list in our last issue.

The *Journal* offers congratulations to Air Vice-Marshal J. F. Powell, O.B.E., M.A. on his promotion and appointment as Director of Educational Services. Air Vice-Marshal Powell is an Associate Member of the Old Cranwellian Association.

Air Marshal Powell has had a long association with Cranwell, arriving in September, 1946 as one of the group planning the re-opening of the College. In 1948 he moved into the Humanities staff and for a period edited the *Journal*. He left in January 1950 to attend Staff College and returned in March 1953 as Senior Tutor Humanities, a post which he filled until March, 1959.

ANNUAL REUNION — SECRETARY'S REPORT

The reunion was held on the weekend of 17th - 18th June and for the second year running it was blessed with wonderful weather, which does make such a difference to the general enjoyment of all concerned. 118 Old Cranwellians attended the reunion dinner and with the 19 guests the number that sat down amounted to 137. This was about the average attendance and it makes a good number for everyone to get round and have a chat with their friends. It is interesting to note that every commissioned rank in the Royal Air Force was represented from Pilot Officer to Marshal of the Royal Air Force, and this is as it should be. One heard from both senior and junior ranks that this reunion seemed to be one at which the older and younger generations mixed together far more than in the past. This reflects the true spirit of the Association and one is

glad to have acknowledgement of this fact. Perhaps it was due to the larger number than usual of senior officers; no less than ten were of the rank of Air Marshal and above.

A number of Old Cranwellians wrote saying that they regretted they could not attend, one of whom was Air Marshal Sir George Beamish. A letter also came from Padre Mc Hardy (Padre Mac), an Associate Member, a Scottish rugger international and a tremendous character. He sent his good wishes to everyone and although he is now 77, his letter showed that he still possesses that vigour and charm that endeared him to all who knew him. He now lives in Edinburgh. The names of others who were unable to attend were: Air Chief Marshals Sir Wallace Kyle and Sir Augustus Walker, Air Marshal Sir Maurice Heath, Air Commodore A. C. Deere, Wing Commanders F. C. T. Rowe and W. J. Randall, Squadron Leaders C. A. Herbert and R. A. C. Goldring, Flying Officer R. Northcote.

The sporting fixtures, apart from cricket, squash and golf, were rather sparsely attended by Old Cranwellians. The cricket was won yet again by the Old Cranwellians with a score of 165 for 7. Squadron Leader V. J. W. M. Lawrence (76 runs) once more showed his class as a batsman and with Squadron Leader R. H. B. Le Brocq (43 runs) defied the College team. One must here mention and congratulate Flight Cadet P. C. Butt, who took 6 out of the 7 Old Cranwellian wickets for an average of 5.33 runs. The squash was also won by the Old Cranwellians who had rather a hot team, by 4 matches to 2. Sailing, tennis and golf were contested and played in a more relaxed manner and more as a pipe opener to get into trim for the dinner. Golf is very popular with Old Cranwellians: we are delighted to note that the College now has its own 9-hole course.

The Annual General Meeting with the Commandant, Air Vice-Marshal T. N. Stack in the chair, produced no outstanding decisions and it was steadily steered by the Commandant to a smooth conclusion at 2000 hours precisely, when, as is their wont, Old Cranwellians made excellent use of the

free drinks session in the half hour before dinner.

Sir Robert Cockburn, K.B.E., C.B., Ph.D., M.Sc., Director of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, was the guest of honour at the reunion dinner, and one of the more distinguished of our many guests was the Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Lichfield. After the loyal toast, the Commandant gave a concise and comprehensive review of College events in the past year and what was proposed for the twelve months that lay ahead. He was congratulated by Air Chief Marshal Lord Bandon on the perspicuity of his speech. Lord Bandon then introduced Sir Robert Cockburn to the assembly. Sir Robert commenced by saying that anyone introduced by Lord Bandon had 'an assisted take-off' and he then proceeded to delight us all by a most informative and amusing speech on many aspects of present day aviation. He sat down to a tumult of applause. Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle thanked Sir Robert on behalf of all present for his splendid speech. It was obvious from the twinkle in his eye that Sir Dermot was not going to disappoint his expectant audience and true to form a story of the twice bereaved soldier and a somewhat unimaginative Sergeant Major was unfolded. When the laughter had died away he presented Sir Robert with the Old Cranwellian tie, which in accordance with custom makes him an honorary Old Cranwellian.

On Sunday, Old Cranwellians attended the Church Parade. The sermon was given by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield. At the march past, the salute was taken by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle. Following sherry in the College, and lunch, the Old Cranwellians departed.

Once more the sincere and grateful thanks of Old Cranwellians go to Flight Lieutenant Sellers, the College Mess Secretary, and the College civilian staff for all their assistance and hard work in making the reunion such a comfortable, happy and pleasant one.

Group Captain F. E. Nuttall.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

In the New Year Honours List Air Vice-Marshal B. A. Chacksfield (31-33A) was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire. Air Vice-Marshal M. D. Lyne (37-39B) was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath. Wing Commander F. R. Lockyer (50C) was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. Squadron Leader G. M. Turner (62B) was awarded the Air Force Cross. The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air was awarded to Squadron Leader J. A. Morgan (60C), Squadron Leader N. J. R. Walpole (63C), Flight Lieutenant I. C. Elworthy (75B) and Flight Lieutenant M. J. Webb (77A).

In recognition of gallant and distinguished service in Aden Flight Lieutenant D. P. Malin (72A) was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Mentioned in Despatches were: Air Vice-Marshal A. H. Humphrey (39-40B), Squadron Leader N. A. Fox (68B) and Flight Lieutenants D. A. Z. James (86A), A. B. Hughes-Lewis (86D) and K. C. H. Simpson (80D).

The *Journal* offers its congratulations to all these Old Cranwellians.

PROMOTIONS

To the following Old Cranwellians who were promoted on 1st January, the *Journal* offers its congratulations.

Air Vice-Marshals R. L. Wade (38-39A) and B. P. Young (36-38C); Group Captains D. C. A. Lloyd (49D), P. V. Pledger (46C) and R. G. Price (47B); Wing Commanders P. J. Giddens (52A), J. H. Granville-White (46B), J. G. F. Hewitt (55C), N. A. Innes-Smith (54C), J. F. B. Jones (55C), R. L. Lees (55D), D. C. Luck (51A), E. V. Mellor (50B), J. M. A. Parker (54C), J. W. Price (50C), A. A. Ramus (52B), I. R. Tapster (53D), D. L. F. Thornton (52C) and R. C. Wood (52A); Squadron Leaders J. Arm-

strong (66B), J. I. Barrow (66A), R. J. Bennett (69B), J. H. Champion (62A), J. Delafield (74B), T. C. Elworthy (75B), D. J. Forster (72B), I. D. Gallwey (70B), M. J. Graydon (76A), M. V. P. H. Harrington (71B), J. C. Holdway (64B), W. P. Jago (73B), S. B. Johnston (76C), A. C. Langmead (75C), J. Laycock (75A), P. J. Maitland (76C), F. G. Marshall (72C), B. I. Mason (72B), J. F. Merry (64C), J. S. B. Price (76B), A. L. Roberts (74C), A. Salter (64C), P. J. Sawyer (66B), R. P. Skelley (74A), D. Symons (70C), J. F. Vella (61B), M. J. H. Walker (66B), and A. C. Whitson (60B).

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Group Captain K. Gray (31-33A), who retired from the R.A.F. in 1958, has written to say that he retired from the Royal Auxiliary Air Force on 31st October 1967. He had then completed a tour of 7½ years as Officer Commanding No 2 (City of Edinburgh) Maritime Headquarters Unit. It is thought that Group Captain Gray's tour as an Auxiliary C.O. is probably a record.

Congratulations are due to Flight Lieutenant J. F. Fisher (84D) who has been elected as a graduate member of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

Flight Lieutenant H. Bonner (77B) has been posted to the Aerospace Engineering Test Establishment at Canadian Forces Base, Uplands, as a Navigation Systems Project Officer.

Our congratulations go to Air Commodore G. C. Lamb, C.B.E., A.F.C. on his appointment to the International Panel of Rugby Referees. He is the first serviceman of any Service to be so appointed. He refereed his first International, France v. Ireland, in Paris on 27th January 1968.

Flight Lieutenant P. Kennet retired from the R.A.F. on 16th January 1968 and he is now holding the appointment as a Flying Instructor at The College of Air Training at Hamble.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The *Journal* offers its congratulations to Old Cranwellians who received Honours and Awards on the Queen's Birthday.

Air Marshals A. H. Humphrey (39-40B) and L. M. Hodges (37-38C) were made Knights Commander of the Order of the Bath. Air Vice-Marshal P. de L. Le Cheminant (39A) was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath. Flight Lieutenant J. F. P. Browne (77B) was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire. The Air Force Cross was awarded to Group Captain K. A. Williamson (51C) and Squadron Leader B. E. Taylor (62B). The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air was awarded to Wing Commander G. W. F. Charles (50C), Squadron Leaders A. J. Chaplin (71A), J. N. Herbertson (76C), I. F. Weston (57B) and Flight Lieutenants P. R. Evans (65C) and W. J. Wratten (78D).

We regret an error in the last issue, which attributed the Queen's Commendation to Flight Lieutenant M. J. Webb (77A) when in fact the award concerned another Flight Lieutenant of the same name and initials.

PROMOTIONS

The *Journal* congratulates the following Old Cranwellians on their promotions on 1st July:

Air Marshals Sir Lewis Macdonald Hodges (37-38C) and H. N. G. Wheeler (35-37B); Air Vice-Marshal E. R. Bird (38-39A); T. J. Hanlon (35-37C) and N. M. Maynard (39-40); Group Captains J. C. Atkinson (47C), W. J. Herrington (47C) and K. A. Williamson (51C); Wing Commanders D. Allison (61C), I. D. Brimson (62B), J. B. Fitzpatrick (59B), R. I. Jones (51D), J. Meadows (52D), G. K. Mossman (47B), B. H. Newton (59C), D. M. Richard (62B), M. Short (49A) and C. A. Vasey (52A); Squadron Leaders G. Ainley (69A), N. Bonnor (77B), J. Bredenkamp (64B), J. W. Canning (68A), B. J. Cheater (75A), P. D. Cliff (71A), R. Cloke (75B), R. I. Finch (69A), N. A. Fox (68B), J. Graham (75B), J. S. Halkes (77A), I. Henderson (72A), J. N.

Herbertson (76C), G. H. Hopkins (64A), E. H. Hunter (76C), R. Kidney (70B), D. E. Leppard (78C), J. T. S. Lewis (73A), R. W. Lidstone (56D), R. J. Manning (73B), J. G. McCluney (72A), L. R. Morgan (64B), A. Mumford (69A), R. F. Mundy (69B), P. D. Oulton (75C), J. R. Owen (75C), A. R. P. Phipps (77A), P. G. Pinney (78C), P. H. W. D. Shrimpton (73C), C. J. Sturt (75C), G. A. Talbot (67C), A. C. Tolhurst (77B), D. M. Waller (73A), J. Weaver (59A), I. Weddle (76B), G. S. Whitley (73C), G. C. Williams (71B) and J. Wright (63C).

The *Journal* offer its congratulations to Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Spotswood, an honorary Old Cranwellian, whose promotion occurred on 1st November, 1968.

ANNUAL REUNION— SECRETARY'S REPORT

The reunion was held on the weekend of 15th-16th June, and for the third year in succession we had a fine Saturday and Sunday, and although it was not as sunny as the preceding two it allowed everyone to enjoy themselves and all the games to be played.

Early in June it seemed as if we would have a record attendance but as we neared the reunion date there were a number of cancellations, and the final figure for the dinner was 136. No doubt the Review by Her Majesty The Queen at Abingdon on Friday, the 14th June caused some absentees. Some tentative inquiries were received as to whether the reunion date could be altered in view of the Review, but this was not possible. Although I am sure that all Old Cranwellians know that the date of the reunion is now always on the third Saturday in June there is perhaps no harm in stressing this again for the benefit of new members.

Once again we had a very representative gathering of all ranks from Air Chief Marshal to Flying Officer. The highest rank was not represented due to the absence of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, who had an unavoidable commitment; he was sadly missed by us all. The time honoured rank of P B P O (Poor B ---- y Pilot

Officer) was also absent, not because of the P B, but because, no doubt, that having left Cranwell so recently they feel that they have had enough to last them for a couple of years or so. I think we have all experienced that, but there have been exceptions and let me say with conviction that they are as welcome as the most senior members.

Letters of regret at being unable to attend and sending good wishes were received from:

Flight Lieutenant Peter Riley (79 Entry) now in the USA — his address is, 75 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Bergstrom A.F.B., Austin 78743, Texas; Air Vice-Marshal J. S. Rowlands, now at MOD (our congratulations on his promotion); Flight Lieutenant T. J. Allen (77 Entry) at Innsworth; Pilot Officer A. F. Withers (91 Entry) at St Mawgan; Flying Officer I. F. Clark (89 Entry) at Wildenrath; Flight Lieutenant R. L. S. Butler (79 Entry) at Manby; Wing Commander F. C. T. Rowe, who was one of the 1st Entry to Cranwell in February 1920 — he lives at Chagford in Devon; Squadron Leader Peter Biddiscombe (65 Entry) at Manby; Squadron Leader A. C. Bridges (65 Entry) who is attached to the Sultan of Oman's Air Force, Bait-al-Fulaj, Muscat, Arabia, BFPO 63; Flight Lieutenant C. G. Blomfield (78 Entry) was at the last moment detained on duty; Air Vice-Marshal J. A. Grav, an early associate member and a one time Squadron Commander in the College (he had, however, managed to come to Cranwell earlier in the year for the opening of the Indoor Riding School); Group Captain G. ff. Powell-Shedden, who was at Cranwell in 1935/36; Air Commodore J. A. Holmes who was at Cranwell in 1937/38; Squadron Leader M. M. Foster (53 Entry) who wrote from the British Embassy in Paris; Wing Commander A. A. J. Sanders who was at Cranwell in 1939/40; Flight Lieutenant P. Gooding (87 Entry) at Syerston; Flight Lieutenant J. G. McCluney (72 Entry) at Henlow; Wing Commander J. M. Pack (58 Entry) Commanding No 83 Sqn at Scampton. We would thank all these officers for their good wishes and hope that they may be present at the reunion in the near future.

The sports fixtures were fairly equally shared between the Old Cranwellians and

the flight cadets, the results being: cricket, won by the Old Cranwellians; squash, won 2-1 by the cadets; sailing, a draw with 20 points each; tennis, won by the cadets by 6½ to 2½; golf, could not again be played as a match v the cadets, as the North Airfield 9-hole course had not been properly completed. However, Old Cranwellians enjoyed themselves at Woodhall Spa and Sleford Golf Courses in matches arranged between themselves. Some very flashy new sets of clubs were observed, purchased abroad, but in some instances these or their wielders had not attuned themselves to English conditions and OC gamesmanship.

The Annual General Meeting, chaired by the Commandant, Air Vice Marshal T. N. Stack, was well attended, and the work of the committee was generally approved. A point of general interest was raised by the Commandant in which he suggested that a committee of senior Old Cranwellians be formed to maintain the old traditions of the College and to which the Commandant could refer for advice on such matters as he considered relevant. This was generally approved and the Commandant was asked to go ahead and give a report at the next reunion. It was also considered whether a portrait of a well known Old Cranwellian should be commissioned and the Commandant asked members to write to him giving suggestions for the subject of the portrait.

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Grandy, GCB, KBE, DSO, the Chief of Air Staff, was the Guest of Honour. Such are the onerous duties of the CAS that his visit was only a 'flying' one as he arrived by air shortly before dinner and departed soon afterwards. After the loyal toast and the traditional speech by the Commandant on past and future events and policy at the College, Air Chief Marshal Lord Bandon rose and thanked the Commandant. He then said how very delighted he was that the C A S could be present and went on to relate some of the off-the-cuff incidents in which the C A S and himself had been involved in earlier years. Some of these were quite unconnected with service duties. These reminiscences were enjoyed not only by the participants but also by those present, who had a peep behind the scenes. At the commencement of his speech the C A S gave his

version of the occasions related by Lord Bandon, and it would be fair to say that everyone agreed that it was a drawn match. Turning to more serious matters, the C A S gave a most lucid and highly interesting outline of the problems relating to and confronting the Royal Air Force and the policies being taken to meet them. He reminded those present that these problems, in various forms, would always be there and the C A S of the day, who might be one of the officers present, would be called upon to solve them. To meet this responsibility they should prepare themselves throughout their service careers so that they are fit to shoulder this task if they are called upon to do so. After remarking, with a smile, that he was one minute within the thirty minutes he had presumed he was allowed, he sat down to an Old Cranwellian ovation. Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Constantine then thanked the C A S for his most informative speech and said how very much he, and all Old Cranwellians present, appreciated the fact that the C A S had 'found' time in the midst of all his pressing duties to be present at the reunion dinner. He continued that it was his very pleasant duty to present to the C A S the Old Cranwellian tie, which carried with it the permanent position of an honorary Old Cranwellian. The dinner thus ended.

There was a full church on Sunday with a large number of Old Cranwellians present. The Reverend Tom Quin, an associate Old Cranwellian, preached the sermon and everyone was delighted to hear and see him again after his tour in Singapore. He is now Principal at Amport House, Andover. After church the salute at the march past was taken by Air Chief Marshal Lord Bandon. After sherry and lunch the visiting Old Cranwellians departed.

No report on the reunion would be complete without extending to the College Mess Secretary, Flying Officer Armstrong, and the College civilian staff the very grateful thanks of all Old Cranwellians present. We will not forget the most resplendent buffet lunch that met our eyes on the Saturday.

How anybody could be active after such a meal passes understanding. It is all part of the kindly generous service that is given to us by the staff on reunion occasions and we thank them most sincerely.

F. E. N.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Old Cranwellians who have recently changed their addresses are requested to inform the Honorary Secretary, who will also be pleased to receive any news of members or reports which might provide material for the *Journal*.

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PROMOTIONS

The *Journal* congratulates the following Old Cranwellians on their promotions :

Air Marshal Sir Andrew Humphrey (39-40B); Group Captain H. A. Merriman (53A); Wing Commanders R. F. Banks (53D), A. Beill (56D), J. H. Bishop (54D), R. G. Bowyer (58A), H. E. Clements (48B), J. S. Cresswell (64A), R. Dick (56C), D. G. Gregory (53D), M. Hughes (53C), E. H. Legget (53A), I. R. Martin (61C), J. Peel (55D), H. T. Price (47A), and R. J. Spiers (48A); Squadron Leaders R. W. G. Adams (74B), G. D. Andrews (73A), G. L. Aylett (68B), P. Bannister (74A), R. F. Birch (77C), J. F. P. Browne (77B), H. Buckham (69C), C. P. J. Coulcher (71B), H. G. Cracroft (72A), R. B. Crowder (75A), G. C. Crombie (78D), P. R. Davis (65A), M. J. C. W. Dicken (73C), D. F. E. Eden (65A), A. C. Edmunds (70C), K. G. Evans (69B), R. B. Gilvary (72A), D. Goucher (73B), D. Haller (75A), R. E. Johns (76B), B. C. Johnson (77B), I. A. R. Kearl (62A), P. E. M. Kent (74A), D. R. Kuun (73C), I. C. R. McIntosh (61B), J. R. Morgan (75A), R. B. Nelson (71C), Q. M. B. Oswell (67B), T. C. Porteous (76A),

J. Purcell (73B), R. P. Slayter (74A), M. H. Smith (75A), R. L. Thomas (72C), S. H. Tottman (59D), and W. J. Wratten (78D).

OBITUARIES

AIR MARSHAL SIR DOUGLAS MACFADYEN

Air Marshal Sir Douglas Macfadyen, KCB, CBE, died suddenly and unexpectedly whilst visiting friends in Lincolnshire, on 16th July 1968. He was a member of the second entry and graduated from the College in 1922, having won the Sword of Honour, a distinction which he saw repeated by his son, Flight Lieutenant I. D. Macfadyen (83D) in 1963. He also won the R. M. Groves flying prize.

In his early career he flew in Iraq, Palestine and Aden, and was an instructor to the University of London Air Squadron.

In 1939 he commanded No 105 Squadron in France, and from January 1940 until Dunkirk was concerned with planning duties at HQ British Forces in France. After Dunkirk he joined the Directorate of War Organization, and subsequently commanded Royal Air Force stations in Britain. Later he went to North Africa on organization duties.

He became Director of Policy (Air Staff) in 1944, and Commandant of the Officers' Advanced Training School in 1946. He took the Imperial Defence College course in 1948 and was then appointed Director of Plans and later Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Policy).

In 1952 he became Air Officer Commanding British Forces, Aden, and in 1953 was appointed Commandant of the Staff College at Bracknell. One of Sir Douglas's most distinguished appointments was as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Home Command, from 1956 until his retirement in 1959.

Air Marshal Macfadyen leaves a widow and two sons to whom we offer our deepest sympathy.

GROUP CAPTAIN D. H. LEE

We record with regret the death in November 1968 of Group Captain D. H. Lee, CBE, DFC, who graduated from the College in 1934.

Much of his early career was spent on fighter squadrons and as a flying instructor, including a period with No 3 British Flying Training School in the USA in 1941. Later in the war he joined No 620 Squadron and was for a while reported missing after an aerial battle in 1944. Amongst his appointments after the war he was a member of the Royal Air Force Delegation to Greece from 1947-49, and of the Directing Staff of the Royal Norwegian Staff College from 1952-54.

He will be remembered chiefly at Cranwell as Assistant Commandant, a post he held from 1954-7, during which he and his wife played a considerable part in the College life.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs Lee and her family.

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT J. S. WATSON AND PILOT OFFICER I. S. PRIMROSE

We report with much regret the deaths of Flight Lieutenant J. S. Watson and Pilot Officer I. S. Primrose in a flying accident on the 24th January 1969.

Jack Watson was a member of 73 Entry, 'C' Squadron and won the Dickson Trophy and Michael Hill Memorial Prize on graduation in July 1955. For several years he was a

captain on Valiants and in 1965 took the Central Flying School Course at Little Rissington. He served as a flight commander at Acklington before returning to the Central Flying School in 1968 as a member of the staff.

Ian Primrose graduated with No 93 Entry in 1968. He too was a member of 'C' Squadron, and was a very keen sportsman, who took an active part in College life. After leaving College he went to Royal Air Force Valley for advanced flying training, before joining the Central Flying School at Little Rissington.

Our sincere condolences are offered to the families of both officers.

KING EDWARDS VII'S HOSPITAL FOR OFFICERS

Retired Old Cranwellians may not know that they and their wives are eligible to use one of London's best known hospitals - King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers (Sister Agnes's).

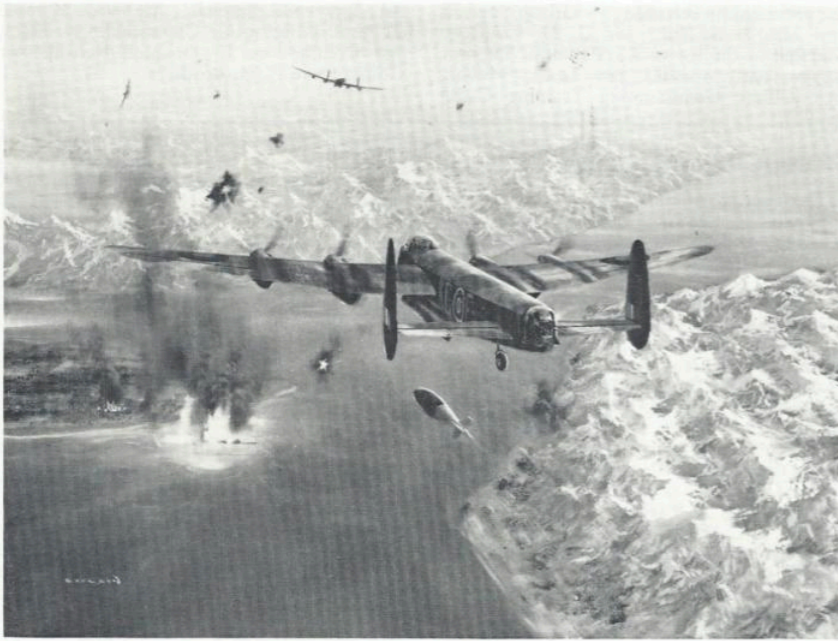
Although the hospital is outside the National Health Service and is entirely dependent on voluntary support, its charges are much lower than those of other leading hospitals.

Those interested can obtain full details from :

The Appeals Secretary
King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers
6 Buckingham Place
London SW 1

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"The Sinking of the Tirpitz"

The painting, 'The Sinking of the Tirpitz' by Mr. G. D. Coulson was presented to the Royal Air Force College by Rolls Royce Limited on 7th November, 1969. The painting was handed over to the College by Sir David Huddie, Managing Director of Rolls Royce Limited and nine senior officials of the company attended the ceremony.

The plaque which accompanies the painting summarises the details of the raid on Tromso Fjord in 1944 and the part played in this splendid achievement by an Old Cranwellian, Group Captain J. B. Tait, DSO, DFC, ADC. The account of the raid is as follows:—

'In 1944, the 35,000-ton German battleship 'Tirpitz', threatening the Atlantic from

the north of Norway, was damaged in attacks by the Royal Navy and by Royal Air Force Lancasters operating from Yagodnik in Russia. She was withdrawn to Tromso Fjord, bringing her within range of home-based Lancasters. On 12th November, 1944, a force of thirty-one Lancasters of No. 617 and No. 9 Squadrons, took off from Lossiemouth to bomb the 'Tirpitz'. The raid was led by Wing Commander J. B. Tait, DSO and three bars, DFC and bar, a former flight cadet of 'B' Squadron from 1934-36. The bombing was executed between 12,850 and 16,000 feet in perfect weather. Direct hits were scored with 12,000 lb bombs and the ship capsized — a total wreck. As a result, the Royal Navy was then able to move its capital ships to the Far East where they were urgently needed.'

In addition to Sir David Huddie and the senior officials from Rolls Royce Limited, the following distinguished guests attended the presentation ceremony:— Group Captain and Mrs J. B. Tait, Mr G. D. Coulson, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, Air Marshal Sir Leslie Mavor, (Air Officer Commanding Training Com-

mand,) Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle, Air Chief Marshal Sir George Mills, Air Marshal Sir John Baldwin, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Lawrence Sinclair, Air Vice-Marshal T. A. B. Parselle, Air Commodore H. Eeles, Air Commodore E. D. McK.Nelson, Air Commodore P. M. Brothers.

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Group Captains D. A. Arnott (50A) and M. M. J. Robinson (45B); Wing Commanders L. P. Adams (51D), E. D. Frith (62B), J. M. Lowendon (54D), J. E. Maitland (60B), F. A. Mallett (61A), K. W. Hayr, AFC (69A), F. D. Hoskins (54C), C. P. James (62B), D. Parratt (48B) and R. Smith (54D); Squadron Leaders P. F. J. Burton (79A), C. I. Carr-White (74B), A. S. Cottingham

(71B), R. A. K. Crabtree (78B), N. M. J. Fraser (66C), M. J. Barringer (77A), A. P. Hilton (64C), R. H. Holmes (76B), V. B. Howells (76A), I. F. C. Hutchinson (76B), A. R. C. Ingoldby (71C), P. J. Kemp (77C), D. J. Liggitt (77A), R. G. Meredith (75C), H. M. Stroud (75A), C. R. B. Tickell (69B), R. P. O'Brien (81C), C. S. Parkin (76B), D. M. Paul (80B), J. S. Pilgrim-Morris (74A) and A. R. Read (76A).

RETIREMENTS

The following Old Cranwellians have retired since the last issue of the *Journal*.

Group Captains T. R. Burne, DSO, AFC (38-39B), L. Rose, C Eng, FRAeS, MBIM, psa (33-34B); Squadron Leaders G. D. Andrews (73A), I. C. B. Brettell (57B), C. Crook, MBE, AMBIM (56A), J. A. Fryer (52A), D. J. Iisley (59D) and M. A. Kelly (61A); Flight Lieutenants L. Dent (61A), I. L. Gawn (88A), F. D. A. Harlow (89C), D. H. E. Hinton (57B), F. R. Lund (54B), R. K. C. Melville (77B), M. T. Wilson (87A), W. E. Woods (57B) and M. C. Wright (78D); Pilot Officer M. S. Britton (95C).

UNEXPECTED DELIVERY!

The old education building known to generations of Cranwellians as the Taj Mahal now houses the Department of Engineering Library. In March last year the Department's Librarian ordered via 'normal channels' 15 volumes of Chambers's Encyclopaedia at a cost of £120. Despite numerous memos and telephone calls 15 volumes of Chambers's Encyclopaedia did not arrive at Cranwell despite constant assurances that it had in fact been despatched. Over a year later the obvious and simple truth emerged. From HMSO came the message that 'as far as they knew or could trace it had been forwarded in error to the Taj Mahal — in India' !!

AIR VICE-MARSHAL G. R. C. SPENCER, CB, CBE, ARAeS

We regret to announce the death of Air Vice-Marshal Geoffrey Roger Cole Spencer, CB, CBE, ARAeS, who died on 7th December, 1969. Air Vice-Marshal Spencer was born in 1901 and was educated at the Royal Naval Colleges at Osborne and Dartmouth and served as a midshipman in the First World War from 1917 to 1919. In 1920 Air Vice-Marshal Spencer joined the RAF College, Cranwell, and was one of the members of the original 1920 (Naval) Entry. He was later to rejoin the College as a flying instructor from 1931 to 1933. The outbreak of World War II found him a Wing Commander. During the war he served as a station commander, as a staff officer in Bomber Command, North Africa, and the 2nd Tactical Air Force during the invasion of Europe having risen to the rank of Air Commodore in 1943. In 1946 Air Vice-Marshal Spencer formed and commanded the Central Bomber Establishment and in 1949 was appointed AOC RAF Gibraltar. From 1950-52 he was AOC No 19 Group, Mount Batten, and SASO HQ MEAF, 1952-54. His final appointment was as Air Officer in charge of Administration at HQ Technical Training Command; in 1956 he retired. Air Vice-Marshal Spencer's early connection with the sea made him to the end of his life a most keen supporter of the RAF Yacht Club.

Our sincerest condolences are offered to his family.

IN MEMORIAM

Flight Lieutenant M. J. Dunlop (80C) who was killed in a road accident on 26th November, 1969. Flight Lieutenant Dunlop was serving on 54 Squadron at Royal Air Force Coningsby.

Flying Officer A. T. Carter (93B) was killed in a flying accident on 3rd January, 1970, whilst attached to Royal Air Force Valley.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of the deceased.

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The Silver Chalice presented to Her Majesty by The Old Cranwellian Association.

No doubt so much has been written elsewhere, in this *Journal*, regarding the 50th Anniversary Celebrations that it would be mere repetition to recount the events on the morning and afternoon of the 12th June, apart from the ceremony of presenting the Silver Chalice to Her Majesty. Let it be sufficient to say that we were greatly honoured by the presence of Her Majesty The Queen as Commandant in Chief, and accompanied by H.R.H. Prince Philip, as the Reviewing Officer at the Parade and afterwards to Lunch in the College.

It may not be out of place, here, to mention that, as one who has seen 40 Graduations, the Flight Cadets have never Paraded better; their Arms Drill and Marching were excellent and they carried themselves with a pride that matched the occasion. This, I know, is the opinion of those who were present and it is therefore only right that the Cadets should be made aware of the impression they made.

Praise too, to the Student Officers who manned the Support Squadrons for their steadiness throughout the Parade.

The Silver Chalice was presented to Her Majesty in the Guest Room on her return to the College after viewing the various Static Exhibitions. Present in the Guest Room were ten Officers each one representing a block of ten Entries from No. 1 to No. 97; a Senior Under Officer of No 98 Entry was also present. All were presented to Her Majesty, by the Commandant and also to H.R.H. Prince Philip, by the Assistant Commandant. Included as the representative of the first ten Entries was Air Chief Marshal Sir George Mills of whom more later. Also present was Air Chief Marshal Lord Bandon as President of the OCA and Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, who as Patron of the Association, presented the Chalice to Her Majesty on behalf of the OCA. In presenting the Chalice Sir Dermot said that it carried

with it the loyal wishes of all Old Cranwellians who were ever mindful of the great honour Her Majesty had conferred on the College by becoming Commandant in Chief in 1960. Her Majesty expressed her thanks to Sir Dermot, and with H.R.H. Prince Philip admired the design and workmanship of the Chalice. Mr D. Birch, the Silversmith who made the Chalice, was later presented to Her Majesty. Old Cranwellians will be very interested to know that Her Majesty intends to use the Chalice in St. George's Chapel Windsor.

The Cocktail Party for Old Cranwellians and their wives was attended by some 600 and was held in the College. The Party started at 18.30 immediately following the Beating of the Retreat by the College Band on the Parade Ground in front of the College. This ceremony, which was attended by a large number, was excellently performed and the Band are to be congratulated. Shortly after the Party had started and everybody had been served with a drink the Commandant called for silence and, after the hubub had died down, asked Air Chief Marshal Lord Bandon to unveil the portrait of Air Chief Marshal Sir George Mills, which had been presented to the College by the Old Cranwellian Association. Lord Bandon, with his usual flair, outlined the career of this distinguished Old Cranwellian from the time that Sir George had passed in top of the first term to enter Cranwell to the time that he had taken up the appointment as Black Rod. He concluded by saying that he was glad that someone else in 'Fancy Dress' was to join him on the walls of the Dining Hall (referring to his own portrait in the Robes of a Peer and to Sir George who was painted in the uniform of Black Rod). Mrs McGregor, who painted the portrait was present with her husband Squadron Leader McGregor, and she was warmly congratulated by Lord Bandon, not only on the excellent likeness of Sir George, but also on the expertise of the actual painting. Sir George Mills in his reply said that he most sincerely and humbly thanked the OCA for the very great honour they had done him. He felt deeply honoured, not only for the portrait, but by the occasion and the kind words Lord Bandon had said about him. He also complimented Mrs McGregor on the kind, considerate and charming manner in which she had gone about painting his

portrait. Old Cranwellians, on viewing the portrait, agreed that it was an excellent likeness and beautifully painted. Following the unveiling the Party got seriously under way and the general atmosphere of gaiety was enhanced by the Champagne Cocktails which were provided. Everyone present had many friends to meet, indeed friends who had not been seen for a great many years, but time and the numbers present made it difficult to seek out all the old companions and have a word with them. At 20.00 hrs, or thereabouts, the Party ended and with reluctance we dispersed to our various destinations.

At 11.30 hrs on Saturday, the Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in the Whittle Hall. It was disappointing that, in spite of the attractions of a bar in the Hall Common Room, very few members attended. In fact only 29 Members were present discounting the Committee. No doubt this was caused by the fact many Old Cranwellians who were present on the Friday had returned to their homes, whilst those attending the Ball had either not arrived or were staying in friends' houses some distance from Cranwell. The more important points of the Meeting were as follows:—

- (a) The Accounts showed that a profit of £126 had been made by the Association in the Financial Year ending 31/3/70.
- (b) The College Journal would in future cost 8/5d. a copy instead of 6/- as had been the case in the last five years, due to increased printing charges etc. This would mean that if two Journals were issued a year the cost would amount to 16/10d. — say 17/-, which would leave only 8/- out of the 25/- Subscription for Reunion expenses and other items such as Retiring Staff Gratuities, Gifts etc. It was suggested by the Secretary that if only one Journal was issued a year the cost could be kept down to approx 10/- and this would further reduce the postage costs by approx. £70. After a short discussion it was unanimously decided that only one Journal should be issued annually and this would cover the whole range of events for the year. This would take effect in 1971.
- (c) The Commandant said that, following inquiries instituted by his predecessor,

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Air Marshal T. N. Stack, approval had been given by Garter King of Arms for supporters to be included in the College Armorial Bearings. The King of Arms not only approved, but welcomed this addition as a tribute to the tradition of the College and in honour of the fact that Her Majesty is Commandant in Chief. This is a very unique distinction and signal honour. It is believed that the College is the first Royal Air Force Unit to be awarded this distinction. Although it is not certain it is thought that the Supporters will be Heraldic Eagles placed on either side of the present Armorial Bearings.

- (d) The Meeting was informed of the tremendous amount of highly efficient work that had been done by Wing Commander Stevenson (Project Officer Anniversary Celebrations), his deputy, Squadron Leader Turner and the POAC Staff. Both Wing Commander Stevenson and Squadron Leader Turner had been invited to the Ball as Guests of the OCA, and also to the Cocktail Party with four

Officers of POAC Staff in order, in some way, to show the appreciation of the Association for all they had done. It was suggested by the Secretary that the two lady typists, a Royal Air Force Corporal and Mr Dickenson should be given some gift from the OCA for their part in the Anniversary work. The Meeting passed a unanimous and very warm vote of thanks to all ranks of the POAC Staff and left it to the Committee to decide upon a gift to those mentioned above.

- (e) The Commandant informed the Meeting he had received Signals congratulating the College on reaching its 50th Anniversary from the following: Air Marshal T. N. Stack in Ankara, the CAS of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, General A. B. Wolff CAS of the Royal Netherlands Air Force, and also from 37 Old Cranwellians stationed at Sharjah in the Persian Gulf.

At the end of the Meeting the Commandant gave his review of the past year and the plans for the future of the College. This was the

only time that the Commandant could give his traditional Speech, normally made at the Reunion Dinner. In concluding his review the Commandant mentioned that at the next Reunion in 1971, Members would have to make up their minds as to whether they wished the OCA to consist of Members as at present, i.e. Officers who had been Flight Cadets and had graduated to a Commission from the College, or whether they were prepared to include Officers who had been at Universities and following this had received one year's training at the College. The Commandant said that he would be circulating a Paper on this matter in the coming year to all Members of the Association.

The Anniversary Ball was held on the Saturday night starting at 2100 hrs, and from all accounts this was a great success. It was originally thought that some 700 would attend (i.e. 350 Old Cranwellians and their Ladies), but on the 1st April, and closing date for applications, only some 100 Members had applied and so the acceptance for applications was kept open to 'The Off' and this finally resulted in some 450 Old Cranwellians and Ladies. To make the figure up to 500, applications to attend the Ball, on a paying basis, were extended to Station Officers and some local civilians, and this was approximately the final figure. In order to ease the matter of accommodation some 70 rooms in the College were made available for those Members and their wives who had come from afar. There were two Ball Rooms, the Lecture Hall where the College Band played and No 1 Ante Room where there was a Discotheque. Some, perhaps most of the elder Old Cranwellians found the Discotheque music and beat a little beyond them, but they were interested in and not a little envious of the acrobatics and gyrations performed by the younger ones with an easy nonchalance. Enough to say that the College Band and the Discotheque provided excellent music and rhythm to suit all tastes and physical capabilities. As regards the Buffets, the fare provided was by any standard magnificent and the Catering Officer and his Staff of Chefs are to be warmly congratulated both on the quality of the food and the way it was presented. There were plenty of Bars and Wing Commander Knapper, the PMC, Flight Lieutenant Earle, the Mess Secretary and Warrant Officer Jenkins, the Mess Manager

deserve many thanks for the organisation of the College for the Ball. Of course the ever faithful College Civilian Staff assisted by a number of Airmen Waiters gave their usual splendid service and we are most grateful to them. The Ball ended at 02.00 hrs but the Bars remained open for a further half hour for a small 'run down.' One must mention the excellent arrangements of flowers which added much to the decor, these arrangements were done by members of the Sleaford Ladies' Flower Club who have received our thanks.

On Sunday there was a very full attendance in Church and everyone looked surprisingly fit after their late night. The Bishop of Shrewsbury, the Rt Revd F. W. Cocks — a past Chaplain in Chief of the Royal Air Force — preached the sermon. Like all good sermons it was simple, dignified and in keeping with the Anniversary occasion and it was delivered with that calm authority which demands attention. We were all delighted that he could be with us accompanied by his attractive wife. There was no Parade after the Service as the majority of Cadets were on long weekend (to make available accommodation in College) and so we went straight off to the Staff Officers' Mess. (The College was being cleaned up after the Ball), where Wing Commander Northmore the PMC had very kindly arranged for a Bar for Old Cranwellians. After what was really a Farewell session, visiting Old Cranwellians departed, with their wives at the wheel, and so the Anniversary Celebrations ended.

This report would not be complete without mentioning the generous kindness of the Commandant and Mrs Hughes in entertaining, at the Lodge, a large number of Old Cranwellians and their wives not only to a Buffet Supper after the Cocktail Party but also to Drinks just prior to the Ball. Those who attended would, I am sure, like me to express here, their grateful thanks and appreciation of this kindness.

In summing up one can only say that the Anniversary was a great occasion. We were greatly honoured by the presence of Her Majesty and H.R.H. Prince Philip on the Friday, we were blessed with wonderful weather, the arrangements were above reproach and we had a very good attendance of Old Cranwellians covering a range from the



The Commandant and Mrs Hughes with Sir Dermot and Lady Boyle at the Anniversary Ball.

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first to the most recent Graduating Entries. It certainly was a nostalgic weekend for those who had been Cadets in the first early days to see how Cranwell had developed over the 50 years since 1920. One feels sure that the Founders of the College; Sir Winston Churchill, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Trenchard, Field Marshal Jan Smuts and Air Vice Marshal Sir Charles Longcroft — the first Commandant — would have been proud and satisfied in what they would have

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seen had they been spared to be present on this occasion. The continuance of the Cranwell tradition is now mainly in the hands of the young and present generation of Royal Air Force Officers. One is sure they will continue to uphold the record of the past 50 years and when the 100th Anniversary, in 2020, is celebrated both Past, Present and Departed Old Cranwellians will say 'Well Done.'

F.E.N.

(81A), T. Cumberland (78A), P. B. Curtin (72B), J. Evans (79C), M. D. Evans (77A), M. J. Gibbons (74C), R. P. Hallam (78B), H. D. Herd (76C), A. C. E. Holborn (72C), J. A. Horsfall (76C), R. J. Howard (77A), C. E. King (62C), R. D. Lightfoot, DFC (79C), R. B. Lloyd (77C), S. A. H. Maffett (80D), R. I. Morris (80A), C. R. Paterson (77C), M. Perkins (73C), R. M. Prothero (77B), P. M. Riley (79A), J. A. F. Ross (79D), J. D. Rust (77B), D. C. Scouller (70C), S. M. V. Situnayake (64C), A. B. Stephens (81D), A. L. Terrett (80D), C. J. Thomson (81A), I. D. C. Tite (73C), P. S. E. Tootle (82A), J. T. Tuckey (61B), M. J. F. White (69C), M. E. Williamson (75C), R. A. F. Wilson (81D).

RETIREMENTS

The following Old Cranwellians have retired since the last issue of the *Journal*.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Donald Evans, KBE, CB, DFC (30-32B); Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Porter, KCB, CBE, CEng, FIEE, FRAeS, FBIM (31-32B); Air Vice-Marshal W. D. Disbrey, CB, CBE, AFC, CEng, MIMechE, FRAeS (31-33B), S. B. Grant, CB, DFC (37-38B), R. I. Jones, CB, AFC (33-35A); Air Commodores J. W. Bayley, MBE, AFRAeS (33-35A), A. M. Ruston, CBE, DFC (38-39B); Wing Commander D. A. Cooper (54B); Squadron Leaders J. C. Brown (60B), M. E. Dark (55A), E. S. Denson (60C), D. C. L. Holman (58D), D. J. House (58B), W. J. Hodgkinson (58D), J. I. Miller (62A), J. Y. Nowell (59C), R. M. Salt (58B), I. F. Weston (57B); Flight Lieutenants D. A. Briggs (61A), D. R. Burles (59C), J. P. S. Dixon (61B), R. Humpherson (57A), D. Maslin (82C), M. Osbourne (66A), D. M. A. Samuels (58B), R. Hoare (60C), G. C. Taylor (58B), V. W. Yates (89D); Flying Officer



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

13th June, 1970.

My dear Marshal,

The Queen wishes me to express to you and to all members of The Old Cranwellian Association her warmest thanks for the silver chalice which you presented to Her Majesty at Cranwell yesterday on behalf of the Association. The Queen is delighted to have this beautiful chalice and greatly appreciated the thought behind the gift. I shall of course let you know when Her Majesty has decided in which of her Chapels the chalice is to be used. I should be grateful if you would also convey Her Majesty's appreciation to Mr. D. Birch who made the chalice.

The Queen asked me to say how much she, as Commandant-in-Chief, and also The Duke of Edinburgh had enjoyed meeting such a large number of former members of the College. It was an outstanding occasion of which Her Majesty has brought back very happy memories.

*Yours sincerely,
Philip Noel*

Marshal of the Royal Air Force
Sir Dermot Boyle, GCB, KCVO, KBE, AFC.

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PAINTING OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES

The painting by Mrs. Mara MacGregor of the Prince of Wales in his flying kit which was unveiled by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle after the Remembrance Day Church Parade on 14 November 1971.

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES OLD CRANWELLIAN REUNION

The Reunion was held this year on Saturday and Sunday the 19/20 June, and possibly due to the 50th Anniversary Celebrations held last year, when a large number of Old Cranwellians attended, and probably due to the date clashing with School Half Terms which necessitated the presence of fathers, only a comparatively small number accepted — a little under 100 — the normal being in the range of 150/160. Still this did not affect the pleasure of meeting old friends and seeing new faces of those who had been prevented from attending Reunions in past years.

The weather, contrary to the previous three Reunions was distinctly poor, gone was the hot and cheerful sun we had almost come to expect and in its place was an overcast sky and rather a chilly breeze. However, it did not rain and this was something as at Cranwell we have been experiencing one of the B...st Junes for years in spite of the National monthly forecast of a real scorcher. Here let me stress the word 'National'. Under these dull conditions the usual Cricket match was played, sadly with few spectators, and this resulted in a pretty sound thrashing for the Old Cranwellians. In fact the Team was hardly an O.C. one as only four Members opted to play and much trouble resulted in getting a scratch team together. Likewise the Tennis and Squash resulted in wins for the College and here again there were very few requests to play. The Golf was played between Old Cranwellians at the Sleaford Course. This seems to be quite the most popular game and a number of Members have taken it up since they left the College and have qualified for very reasonable handicaps. Perhaps it would not be out of place here to say that one hopes that next year there will be many more Old Cranwellians asking to play games and that if they are prevented from attending they will let the Secretary know.

Due to the cold conditions Tea was taken in the Entrance Hall and produced a good gathering, not only of Old Cranwellians but

their wives, who, let me say, we all welcome in this essentially male atmosphere.

Not long after 1800 hours the Bar in the FGS (one must retain those old, traditional names) started to fill up and by 1845 it was not all that easy to get served, but after a struggle one was able to take a back pew and reflect on the assembly. One could see the History of the College in those 100 Officers, Old ones, young ones, Senior ones, Junior ones, fat ones, thin ones, bald ones, hirsute ones, tall ones, small ones, even sky blue shirted ones (very with it) and, yes red velvet-bowed ones (Highly sophisticated). There they all were mixed up together in happiness and friendship and all knit together by a common bond that at one time or another they had all worn the famous White Hat Band.

At 1915 we all tramped into the Lecture Hall for the Annual General Meeting, Chaired by the Commandant. The Meeting proved to be a long one. A main point of interest to all Old Cranwellians was that the Supporters for the College Coat of Arms has been approved by the Windsor Herald, subject to a small alteration to the Supporting Eagles. It was further approved by the Meeting that the Old Cranwellian Association should contribute the sum of £60 towards the cost of the new Coat of Arms.

As regards the Stock of Port Wine held in the Cellar for use at OCA Reunions; it was decided that the Stock value should be run down to a figure of £250 before additions, at the rate of £50 a year, be made. The present Stock figure is £465 and the Annual consumption at about £30/40 a year.

Now that the College Journal is only being published annually it was decided that the best month for publication was September; this will enable the results of Summer Games and details of the Reunion to be given instead of being a year out of date.

The Commandant also raised the matter of a Portrait of HRH Flight Lieutenant The Prince of Wales for the College.

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HRH had consented to sit. The Meeting unanimously approved this Portrait should be done and the Committee was empowered to proceed and if necessary, send a 'Round Robin' to Members asking for donations towards a Portrait Fund.

The main point on the Agenda was the matter of the future membership of the Old Cranwellian Association. The Commandant opened the debate by saying that he was quite convinced that the University Degree Officers, now coming to the College for a year's training, should be made eligible for Membership of the OCA, they were displaying great keenness and ability in their studies and games as well as Professional subjects and were undoubtedly imbued with carrying on the traditions of the College. If they were disbanded it would mean that the OCA would become a dying Association. Speakers supporting this view were: AM Sir Walter Pretty, Group Captain M. M. J. Robinson, Air Commodore E. D. McK. Nelson (a past Commandant and Assistant Commandant), Group Captain G. A. B. Clayton, Wing Commander T. R. Morgan, Squadron Leader H. J. Crane, Wing Commander B. Huxley (present CFI) Mr. A. S. Paterson, Mr. B. A. Reader. ACM Sir Hugh Constantine asked if all the Degree Officers wished to join. Wing Commander M. J. Allisstone said that acceptance of Degree Officers would mean that Ladies (WRAF Officers) would be entitled to join. Flight Lieutenant A. Wade asked the Commandant the result of the Questionnaire on this matter which had been issued to Old Cranwellians serving at Cranwell; the answer was 50/50. Those who spoke against extending membership to University Degree Officers were Flight Lieutenant I. D. Macfadyen, Flying Officer Lapsley and your correspondent, who said that he had no ill will against the University Degree Officers in any way but he felt that the original Charter of the Association formed 45 years ago, with the express intention that Full membership should be confined to Flight Cadets, who had graduated to a Commission from the College should be maintained. He also said that the Meeting represented only 5% of OCA Members and this seemed a very small fraction to decide about making the biggest change in OCA rules since the Association formation.

ACM Lord Bandon, as President of the Association, then summed up. In view of the importance of the issue this is given verbatim: "Surely we are here to do what we can to see that the traditions of Cranwell are retained which, in fact, are the traditions of the Royal Air Force. Cranwell is not here just for the sake of Cranwell, do not let us be narrow minded about this just because we are Old Cranwellians. Cranwell is here to play its part in the Royal Air Force as a whole. It is our responsibility as Old Cranwellians to see, as far as we can, that those Officers who Pass Out from this College are the best that can be produced. You have selected an Advisory Panel to see that traditions are maintained. What right would we have to give advice if we reject the future Officers as being unworthy to join us. What would I do if I was not allowed to join the OCA, the same as we did and form our own Association. We would then have two Associations and the only one that would have any rights here would be the new one. All the reasons given why we should not allow the new Entries into the Association are, in my view, all the reasons why they should join us. Cranwell is our heritage, it is the heritage of the Royal Air Force. As I drove up to the College I was proud; I looked at it, it always brings a lump to my throat. Surely even if you are only here for a short time it must mean something to you, it must leave an indelible mark on you. Are we to be so narrow minded, are we to think that we were so much better than they are, are you to say to them: 'This is not your place it belongs to us.' No, we have no right to say this. This is a wonderful place, it belongs to anyone who has the privilege of passing through its gates. We must accept them and we must do this in the belief that the training and the tradition they gain from here will be to the great advantage of the Royal Air Force in the future".

Following ACM Lord Bandon's Summing up Air Commodore Nelson proposed: That the Old Cranwellian Association should continue to be a living Association by admitting all Officer Degree Graduates under training at the Royal Air Force College to be Members of the Old Cranwellian Association, regardless of their length of time of their Commissioned Service. This was seconded by Wing Commander L. C. Swalwell.

This motion was put to the vote which resulted in, as near as can be calculated, 87 in favour to 10 against. The motion was therefore carried.

Lord Bandon thanked the Meeting for their decision and said that had they voted otherwise he could not have continued to be the President of the Association.

The Meeting ended on the authority of the Commandant at 2030 hours.

Consequent upon the lateness of the Meeting, Dinner was retarded to 2100 hrs to enable Members to take in much needed sustenance following their deliberations at the AGM. After the Trumpeters had sounded the Commandant led in the Guest of Honour — ACM Sir Denis Spotswood, the Chief of Air Staff, to the Dining Hall and were followed by the 106 Members and Guests. After the Loyal Toast had been drunk, on the completion of Dinner, the Commandant gave the traditional Speech of happenings at the College in the past year in which many changes had occurred. MRAF Sir Dermot Boyle then thanked the Commandant for his very lucid survey over a wide field. He then said that he was delighted that the CAS was present and surely he needed no introduction as he was a past Commandant of the College and was known to a very large number of Old Cranwellians. It is interesting here to note that Sir Denis is the first CAS who has been Commandant of the College and, as Old Cranwellians, we give him our best congratulations on this achievement.

The CAS in his speech stressed the importance of all ranks of the Service, regardless of how or where they were trained, to 'Pull together' for the good of the Royal Air Force. In his position as CAS this was, and always would be, a paramount consideration in his mind and actions. He agreed entirely with the changes that had taken place, so far, at Cranwell, where the training was such that Officers, who had graduated from the College, should be capable of attaining the higher ranks, but, as hitherto, in competition with those who had not been in Cranwell. While the aim of Cranwell remained: 'To train the Commander from which should be drawn the future leadership of the Royal Air Force',

this did not, however, mean that a Cranwell trained Officer was inevitably destined for the top positions. Such Senior ranks would always be held by the most efficient Officers who, by their application, experience and professional knowledge and sense of purpose had fitted them for Leadership in the Service. It must always be remembered that the three Services offer the proof that this Country is prepared to defend its values. The quality of the Services is, therefore, a yardstick of this intention; but, let it be borne in mind, that in our Society there is no place for militant enthusiasts. We need in the Services something more controlled than this, more complex and certainly more difficult to define; of a certainty it requires of its Officers not only much study and thought but environment and a deep sense of purpose play their very necessary parts and Cranwell has an important part in all this. To this end, therefore, it is essential that the young Officer is trained and guided by all that is best, so that he will be capable of assuming the great responsibilities which, one day, he may be called upon to undertake. The CAS ended with a quip, which will not be printed here, but was much to the point and appreciated by his audience.

It is hoped that your correspondent will not be thought impertinent when he remarks that this speech delivered in a quiet voice, without frills, but full of great sincerity and wisdom made a deep impression on the listeners, and when the CAS resumed his seat, he was given a great round of applause in which was admiration, respect and affection.

Following Dinner Old Cranwellians returned to the FGS, at a late hour, in fact at midnight, and here many of them remained to the early hours of the morning, talking of old times, swapping tales and experiences and all those many things that make Service life and friends the pleasure and joy that it is. But all things must come to an end and the tired but ever cheerful Barmen were allowed to collect the glasses and close the shutters.

Church Parade was held at 1130 hours and by 1100hrs the Church was quite full. The Reverend Hewitt Wilson, an Associate Old Cranwellian, was the Preacher and a splendid Sermon he gave us. One that one would expect from a true Christian and an Irish

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Rugger International, good forthright stuff. The salute at the Church Parade was taken by the CAS and after the Parade had been dismissed, there was the usual pre-lunch Sherry Party in the College at which a number of visiting Old Cranwellians were present.

A number of letters from Old Cranwellians, who were prevented from attending were received by the Secretary, and on behalf of the Association, they are thanked for the Good Wishes they sent for a successful and happy Reunion. Their names were displayed on the OCA Notice Board in the Founders Gallery.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The *Journal* offers its congratulations to the following Old Cranwellians who received honours and awards in the New Year's Honours List and the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 1971.

Air Vice-Marshal F. R. Bird, DSO, DFC, AFC, FRAeS, (1938/39) and N. M. Maynard, CBE, DFC, AFC, (1940) were made Companions of the Bath. Squadron Leader P. G. Pinney (78C) was made a Member of the Victorian Order. Wing Commanders P. Gilliatt (50B) and G. K. Mossman (47B) were made Officers of the Order of the British Empire. Squadron Leaders J. A. Bell (65B) and J. A. Williams (51B) and Flight Lieutenant J. A. Williams (51B) and Flight Lieutenant J. S. Allison (85A) were made Members of the Order of the British Empire. The Air Force Cross was awarded to Squadron Leaders R. Cloke (75B) and R. Kidney (70B) and Flight Lieutenants I. C. H. Dick (82B) and D. C. Longden (85C). The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air was awarded to Squadron Leaders W. P. Jago (73B), K. B. Latton (82A) and P. M. Riley (79A), Flight Lieutenants R. B. Duckett (83A), B. P. Nicolle (81A), R. Pengelly (89A) and E. T. M. Danks (90C) and Flying Officer N. A. Buckland (95D).

Flight Lieutenant R. Shuster (89C) was nominated by the Royal Air Force as its representative at last year's "Man of the Year" luncheon, held on the 12th November 1970, at the Savoy Hotel, London. Flight Lieutenant Shuster was awarded the AFC (1970) for successfully landing his seriously disabled Canberra aircraft at Darwin, Australia.

PROMOTIONS

To the following Old Cranwellians who have been promoted since our last issue, the *Journal* offers its congratulations.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges, KCB, CBE, DSO, and Bar, DFC and Bar (37-38C). Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Humphrey, KCB, OBE, DFC, AFC (39-40B). Air Commodores T. L. Kennedy, AFC (46B) and J. R. Rogers (49C). Group Captains R. J. Bannard (55B), D. F. Bates (49D), H. F. Caillard (46C), H. S. Carver, MVO (49C), D. J. Edwards, AFC (57A), B. Huxley (57A), W. E. Kelly (50C) and J. MacG. Robertson (46A). Wing Commanders M. J. Allisstone (61C), P. H. Atkin (58D), R. D. Bates (62A), J. A. Bell (65B), A. G. Bridges (65A), P. J. Broad (51D), D. C. G. Brook (68A), R. M. Brown (60C), B. M. Burley (52A), M. R. Campbell, AMBIM (53D), A. M. Chandler (63B), P. G. Cock, MBE

And so another Reunion has passed, and one which one hopes was enjoyed by all who attended. As always one must add that if it were not for the willing and cheerful efforts of the College Staff and the Mess Secretary — Flight Lieutenant D. J. Earle these Reunions would not be the excellent occasions they are. Our sincere thanks are given to them as well as our gratitude for their splendid service, none more sincere than my own personal thanks for all their efforts, and splendid help, in these Functions, over the past 18 years.

(59C), J. J. R. Cohu (71C), D. A. Cowley (70A), J. K. Craven-Griffiths (55D), M. M. Foster (53B), G. J. A. F. Green (59D), R. B. Gubbins (62C), J. D. Hutchinson (63C), R. H. B. LeBrocq, AFC (71C), T. R. Morgan (65C), J. W. Morrice (45C), J. E. Nevill (68C), C. J. Phillips (63C), E. J. E. Smith, OBE (68B), B. J. St Aubyn (61C), R. I. Stewart-Paul (67C), P. Walker AMBIM (69A), N. J. R. Walpole (63C), D. H. Warren (56C) and I. D. Wilkinson (62B). Squadron Leaders C. R. Adams (79B), N. B. Baldwin (81A), J. A. Bayliss (82D), R. C. Betts (82A), M. B. Bullocke (77C), T. J. Burns (66C), J. A. Cheshire (84A), C. E. F. Cooper (54A), D. Cousins (84B), H. J. Crone (80C), D. W. R. De-Garis (74A), I. C. H. Dick, AFC (82B), C. F. Dixon (80C), I. Dorrett (77C), R. B. Duckett (83A) P. J. Edworthy (75B), R. E. N. Freeman (74B), M. J. D. Fuller (75A), R. W. Gibb (79A), A. J. Gibson (71B), A. M. Goodman (74A), A. Green (80C), D. R. Green (83A), M. G. Head (80C), F. G. Hoare (81D), A. L. Hooper (76C), R. Humphrey (73A), M. R. Jackson (84D), B. E. Johnston (83B), A. H. Jones (81D), D. R. H. MacGregor (83B), R. C. McKinlay (83C), J. D. Malloch (74B), F. W. Mitchell (75B), T. A. Pearson (76B), L. S. Penny (80D), K. B. Latton (82A), R. Neal (79B), A. R. Oliver (78C), J. R. Oliver (78B), C. M. Quaife (69B), C. G. Richardson (64C), G. H. Rolfe (81B), R. C. Saar (79A), M. R. Southgate (62A), R. E. Williams (79C), D. J. Willis (77B), M. H. Wilson (78A) and W. Wood (81C).

RETIREMENTS

The following Old Cranwellians have retired since the last issue of the *Journal*.

Air Chief Marshal Sir David Lee, CBE, CB, (1930-32), Air Vice-Marshal M. D. Lyne, CB, AFC, FRAeS, (37-39B), Wing Commander B. E. Taylor, AFC (62B), Squadron Leaders J. G. Bourne (48B), A. Bright (60), B. R. Champion (39-40), B. G. Cox (61A), J. B. Gratton (83D), T. J. Greenhill-Hooper (60B), G. H. Hopkins (64A), I. F. C. Hutchinson (76B), K. McDonald (64A), R. W. Millward (63A), K. B. E. Roberts (56B), J. R. Sandle (58B), R. T. F. Snare (63C), J. L. Spatcher (61C), I. H. F. Walmsley (50A), A. J. W. Whitaker (62C) and A. C. Whitson AMBIM (60B). Flight Lieutenants K. A. Crowley (87C), J. N. Dymond (61C), J. C. Fittus (81D), J. K. Jennings (62C), A. P. S. Jones (7(B)), D. Lowe (87B) and P. D. Thopson (88D). Flying Officers G. H. Cornish-Underwood (91A), R. H. Hunter (96D), and A. P. McGrath (87C). Pilot Officers P. Goddard (97) and R. P. Watkins (98D).

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ARTHUR LONGMORE, GCB, DSO

A tribute by Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle, GCB, CBE, DSO, DFC, RAF Retd, at the Memorial Service for Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, GCB, DSO, held at the Royal Air Force Church of St Clement Danes in the Strand on Wednesday, 27 January 1971.

'Most of us will have our special and personal memories of Arthur Longmore, the great gentleman we knew; and we will cherish them. But all of us are here today to honour his memory and pay tribute to his contribution to his country; and especially to the Royal Air Force. For he was one of the early pioneers of military aviation; one of the first four Naval officers to be chosen for flying duties; and as early as 1911 he qualified as a pilot and was awarded the Royal Aero Club certificate. And many of us, some who were witness to events at the time, will think with admiration of him and those other gay adventurers who learnt to fly in those early days, partly for the fun of it, but also to find out in practice the possibilities of military operations in the air. They made light of the constant hazards and the unreliable equipment; and frequently risked their all in meeting this challenge.

Significantly, and ever since to our great advantage, their enthusiasm and courage were infectious and have remained a stimulant and a bond for all of us who, throughout the years, became involved in military aviation. He often talked of this, and set much store by it. But Arthur Longmore was not a visionary; nor was he a man whom we associate with some great dramatic, or particularly vital, event in our affairs. Rather was he a man who charted his course and made his decisions instinctively, though with sure judgment. And it was this characteristic which determined his actions and made him recognise the need to explore all the possibilities of the new environment for military purposes; so that we would be ready to exploit to the full the technical advances which he knew would come. And it was this characteristic, too, which influenced him to join with those who recognised that military flying must be allowed to develop independently, untrammelled by traditionalism and prejudice. And so he was, in truth, one of the early founders of the Royal Air Force. And we will always remember him with pride and affection, for the part he played in the formation of this Service of ours, and with admiration, for the contribution he made to its success.

I first met Arthur Longmore when he was Commandant at Cranwell in 1929. I was a cadet, occupied well enough with day to day problems and events, but lonely, sometimes, as my home was in Australia. It was then that I had first-hand knowledge of his kindness and his understanding; for he recognised my need and sometimes took me to his home where I enjoyed the warm friendliness of his family.

I know that I am but one of the many who will always be grateful for his understanding and perception, particularly at that early time in our careers. For we became aware that here was a man, a very senior officer, who could adapt himself to our immature ways and gain our confidence and our complete respect. As a sportsman and a games player he was well endowed; a keen and experienced yachtsman and a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron; an accomplished horseman, and also with a natural aptitude for most ball-games. This is known well enough and not of itself particularly unusual or significant, but he used those skills not only for his own pleasure, but effectively as a means of getting to know his officers and men and establishing common ground with them. This was significant. And when age started to reduce his personal prowess, he delighted in teaching and passing on his experience to younger folk whenever the chance came. And so it is not surprising that he held most of the important command appointments both in operations and training. Nor is it surprising that he was admired for the way he carried his own responsibilities, sometimes with far less than his proper share of support; or that he was held in great affection by the officers and airmen who came to know him for his understanding, not only of his own job, but of their problems. And so it continued throughout his life. After he retired from active service, he retained his intense interest in Air Force affairs and especially in those who were still serving.

More than ten years after he retired, he continued to give his service as he took on the job of vice-chairman of the Imperial War Graves Commission, and fostered its work as actively as anything he'd done before. And now, as we pay our tribute to him, we extend to his wife and his family our deepest sympathy. But we also applaud with them his great contribution to his fellow men, his Service, and his Country; made willingly and with so much dignity. For this indeed was the measure of this gallant gentleman.'

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES ANNUAL RE-UNION

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

The third week-end in June seems to have become the pattern for the Reunion; this is not a bad thing to assist the memory, so that, as on this occasion, we had an improved turnout over some recent years, when on the week-end of 16 and 17 June some 140 Old Cranwellians attended, at some stage or other, and 130 were at the Dinner.

The weather was lovely throughout the two days and although warm and sunny it was not uncomfortably hot — the sky being clear for the display by "The Poachers" on Saturday afternoon, and with just a little haze for the Church Parade and March Past on Sunday.



As usual the members foregathered during the Saturday morning at the College, where they had arrived by car, and a few by air. The bar was opened at 1200 and at 1230 the Buffet lunch was opened in No 1 Ante-Room where members could help themselves to a most tempting variety of cold dishes. It seemed that all resolutions, good or bad, about waistlines had been quietly shelved "Hasta manyana". After about half an hour those having lunch were joined by the cricket teams, the score at this stage being 76 for 5 — the OCA team batting at that time.

During the afternoon a really exciting match developed, the Old Cranwellians, skippered by Sqn Ldr John Collins, having made the respectable score of 174 for 7, with Cullingworth a useful 50 not out and Chin-nock 47, declared at about 15.15.

The College, led by Flt Lt Ron Brearley, then set off vigorously in pursuit of this target and, with Brearley at 53 not out and Reeh 44, at one time looked like closing the gap, but with some devastating bowling by Collins who took 5 for 38, assisted in particular by Crouch and Cullingworth, eight College wickets had fallen and the scoring rate lowered, so that at five past six, when stumps were drawn, they were still 22 runs behind with only two wickets in hand. And so, it was anyone's game till the end although needless to say, both sides are claiming it as a moral victory!

Result	OCA	174 for 7 dec
	RAFC	152 for 8

It was noticeable that the Old Cranwellian team seemed rather more spritely than usual — a few statistics then revealed that 7 members of the team were under 30 — a good sign for our future struggles against the College! The Cricket was organised by Sqn Ldr Humphrey who would have liked a few more Old Cranwellians to offer themselves!

The Tennis, run by Flt Lt Dixon, was won by the OCA 6 matches to 3, although there were some very close tussles and, needless to say, Gp Capt Tommy Burne and Sqn Ldr Peter Balean managed by their well-known mixture of guile and gamesmanship after some 35 !! years partnership, to win 2 out of their 3 matches.



Playing squash on a day like that was reminiscent of squash at Khartoum, or other places East and South and the temperature in the courts was estimated at 88°F. It was a very sweaty business, but greatly exciting, as the OCA team managed to pull back from 4 down to 4 all. Perhaps the closest fought match of all was between Gp Capt Lockyer and Flt Lt Nutkin which the latter just managed to win at 3-2.

In all matches there were frequent exits from the courts between games for refreshments and all of the urn of lemon squash provided was consumed, as well as all the bottled beer! Arrangements for Squash (liquid and otherwise) were made by Fg. Off Parker.

Golf, which was arranged by Flt Lt O'Herlihy, was held on the Sleaford Course at Rauceby and resulted in a win for the College by 3 matches to 2. It was a beautiful afternoon for golf and there were some very close games.

Finally Clay Pigeon shooting, organised by Flt Lt Slogrove, which was introduced last year, again seemed popular and teams of five took part. This time the OCA narrowly reversed their defeat last year by the same margin (of points) by 183-179, although it is being said that one member of the OCA team had to leave in a hurry before the last two shots, which were fired by a substitute! So they say!



Once again the Association is most grateful to those who got together the several OCA teams and for the help received from the College Physical Education Officer Sqn Ldr Arthur Johnson. Members are reminded that

offers to participate in one or other of the sports are always most welcome, as the College staff responsible for the arrangements cannot know in many instances who does what with bat, ball, racquet, club or gun!

The Orange looked at its best for the tea interval on Saturday — in and around the marquee where plenty of families turned out to meet OCA members and to watch the cricket. There seemed to be fewer OCA members having tea this year, but this may have been illusory, or perhaps a trick of failing memory!

However, there were two innovations this year; one was that an invitation was extended to members of the College Staff who had served for 10 years or more at Cranwell to come to tea during the afternoon, to meet those whom they had helped to look after so faithfully. The other was that "The Poachers" second to none in formation flying and aerobatics, gave their latest faultless display during this interval. In perfect conditions they showed us some remarkable and entertaining flying. They were led by Sqn Ldr John Robinson, one of our Associate members, whom we congratulate on the recent award of a Bar to his AFC. "The Poachers" have a very full programme for the 1973 season, including trips to the Continent, and we are very grateful for their impeccable display.

The only conflict during the afternoon was whether to gaze skywards and watch "The Poachers", or to partake of the delicious sandwiches, tea and cakes provided by the College. Some did one and some the other, but it rather depended upon where one was positioned when the first roar of the jets was heard. With a slight adjustment of timing this will be put right in future, so that one can take both forms of "food" simultaneously, — or almost so!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chairman, Air Vice-Marshal Austen-Smith opened the meeting shortly after 1920 hours by saying that the President, Air Chief Marshal The Earl of Bandon, who was unable to come this year, had told him that he would certainly be present next year.

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After the usual reference to Previous Minutes and Matters Arising from them the Chairman welcomed Air Cdre Nelson as the new Secretary and wished him many Happy Reunions to come. The Secretary then thanked Gp Capt Teddy Nuttall and Wg Cdr Terry Morgan for their work in the past, which had made it so easy for him to take on a "going concern", because the organisation they had created ran so smoothly. Air Cdre Levis said he would like to see all members express their thanks to Wg Cdr Morgan in the form of a record in the Minute Book. This was warmly acclaimed.

The Secretary pointed out that £300 had been paid for the painting of the Queen's Colour and the last Colour party provided by Flight Cadets, of 101 Entry, which was on display in the Hall and which had been painted by Mrs McGregor, but who was to our regret unable to be present.

The changes in the Committee were approved by the meeting and the Balance Sheet passed after Wg Cdr Morgan had made the Financial Report.

Members were asked to approve the invitation to Civilian Staff of the College to future Reunions so that they could meet ex-cadet or graduate officers they had known whilst servicing at the College. This was agreed by everyone.

The meeting was advised that for reasons of space and cost the practice of inscribing Prizewinners' names on boards which were hung in the gallery upstairs would have to be discontinued and members agreed to a maximum of £200 being provided out of OCA funds for the purchase of two cabinets, to be lodged in Founders' Gallery, to house Books which would contain the names of all future prizewinners. The books had already been provided from other sources.



The date for the next Reunion was then agreed as being 15/16 June 1974.

Finally, the Commandant referred to a suggestion which had been made, that those members whose membership had run continuously for 50 years and who had also reached the age of 70 should be offered Honorary Life membership. He said that since the Association was not 50 years old till 1975/76 there was time for this matter to be examined further by the Committee, as there were some doubts voiced as to the wisdom of such a course and some opposition to it expressed. Further exploration by the Committee was agreed.

GUEST OF HONOUR — SIR BARNES WALLIS

Sir Barnes Wallis has been at the forefront of progress in aviation for virtually the whole history of the aeronautical industry. He was responsible for both R80 and R100 Airships. He introduced into aircraft design geodetic construction and, more recently, variable geometry. He designed the Wellesley and the Wellington bombers, the Tallboy and Grand Slam bombs and conceived and built the dambusting 'bouncing' bomb. Nor have Sir Barnes' skills been limited to aeronautics and aerial warfare: he has contributed to the development of radio telescope, manned nuclear submarines and devoted much energy and time to the advancement of education.

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REUNION DINNER

Guests foregathered in the Hall for drinks after the Annual General Meeting, and Dinner was announced by the College trumpeters at about 2025. The meal was prepared and served by the Mess Staff with their usual expertise and grace, and a most excellent meal it was.

After proposing the Loyal Toast, the Commandant went on to welcome our Guest of Honour, Sir Barnes Wallis, who would be introduced later by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, and also the visiting preacher for the Sunday Service, the Reverend W E G Payton who was formerly College Chaplain 1953-56 and Chaplain-in-Chief 1965-69.

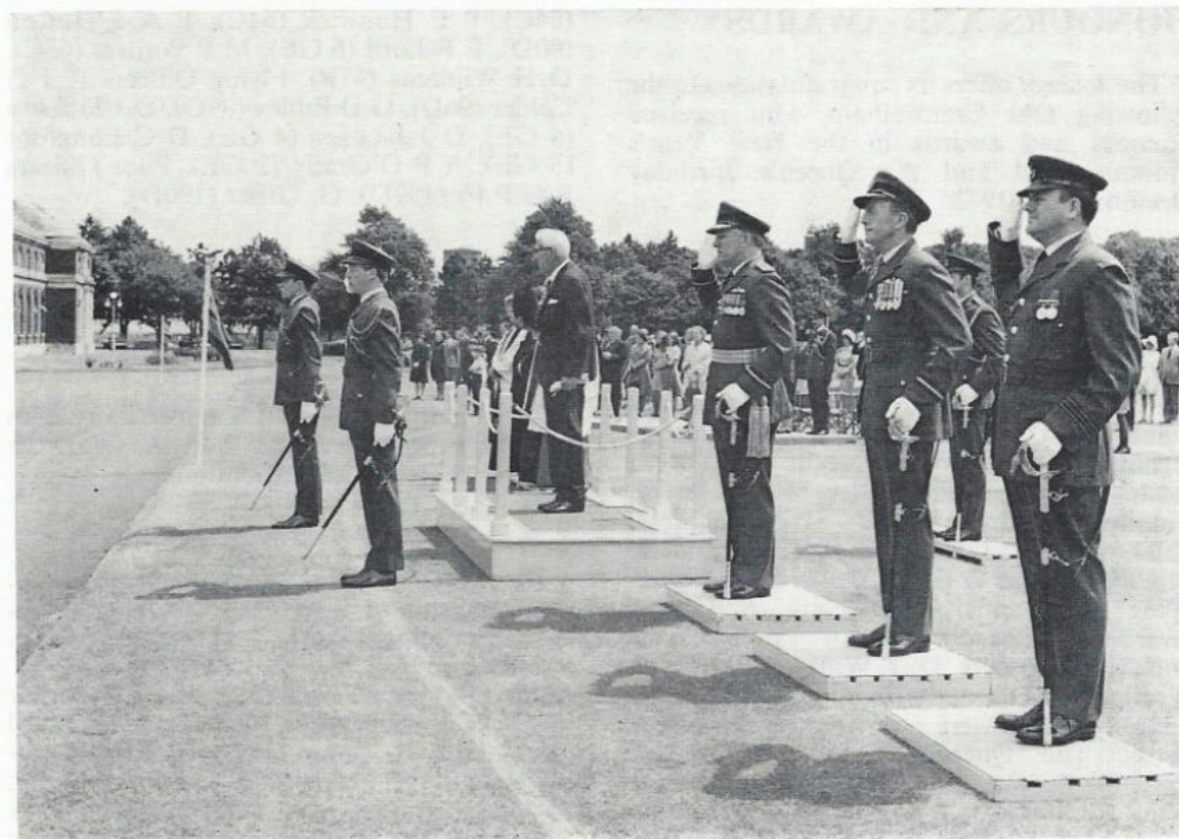
The Commandant said that he was particularly glad to see members present who spanned almost the whole flight cadet era from 1920 to 1973 and the increased number of graduate officers who had returned. He then spoke briefly of the past year at Cranwell, the place of the University Air Squadrons in the College structure and the development of the GE scheme. He said that he was "glad to report that although the uniform may have changed, it is my belief, based on the experience of the past year, that the calibre of the man who wears it has not." The Commandant then went on to talk about some of the future developments of the College and mentioned a restructuring of the internal command and control organisation. He said that the College proposals aimed at bringing all the elements of the Cranwell complex together into one closely knit unit and that already great progress had been made towards achieving greater unity of purpose in all aspects of College life which could only be of great benefit to the graduate student. The Commandant concluded by reading out messages which had been sent to Her Majesty The Queen both on the occasion of Her Majesty's Silver Wedding last November, and on the occasion of the Reunion we were attending. In both instances he gave the text of the reply received from the Queen.

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, our Patron, then thanked the Commandant for his address and for bringing us all up-to-date on the activities and achievements of the College during the past year. He

then introduced the Guest of Honour, Sir Barnes Wallis, to the assembled company. With great sincerity he said that Sir Barnes might well become known as the greatest scientist/engineer we had had in the British Commonwealth during the period of our lifetime and of the war of 1939-45. One of his finest attributes was perhaps his strong sense of humanity in which, in the midst of all his successes in particular with the 'bouncing' bomb, his overwhelming feeling expressed itself in his concern for those who had taken part in the actions.

Sir Barnes Wallis then thanked Sir Dermot Boyle and the Commandant for the kind words with which they had introduced him and for the honour extended to him by inviting him to Cranwell. He said that although he had not been here for many years, he remembered it well from pre-war days when on more than one occasion he had come here to lecture. Sir Barnes then went on without using any notes to give us a remarkably clear exposition of his views on the future development of aircraft design.

He felt convinced that such development lay in the concept of the "slender body" — (not, he hastened to add, in any way connected with the "slender bodies" that sometimes attracted the attention of young officers) — but in this concept the "slender body" would have an enormous length/wing span ratio, in the neighbourhood of 200ft. to 20ft. Such a design would be capable of being constructed out of relatively cheap materials such as flat plate or fibre glass. Using a new and more efficient fuel it would only develop enormous speeds of, say, mach 8-10 after it had passed through the atmosphere and attained an altitude of around 250,000ft. It would generate less heat than Concorde flying at 60,000ft at a speed of mach 2, thus the heat resistant qualities of the airframe or hull would not be its overriding characteristic. In this connection Sir Barnes did not dwell on recovery techniques, except that we should consider a better way than that used in current American space recovery i.e. by parachute with Naval assistance! He stressed that the whole concept would pose difficult, but not insoluble problems of navigation, in flying say, from Cranwell to Sydney in one and a half hours.



The whole of his address was strong and refreshing and he sat down to prolonged applause which continued for longer than can be remembered in the College for many a day. Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle thanked Sir Barnes Wallis for his inspired look into the future and presented him with the Old Cranwellian Association tie amidst renewed acclamation, which grew stronger as Sir Barnes tied it over his bow tie.

After dinner members moved into the bar at about 2330, where many a tale was told and re-told until the early hours.

On Sunday the sun shone once more, but a slight haze made it not so hot as the day before. The visiting preacher The Reverend W E G Payton CB MA, who had been welcomed at the dinner the night before, gave an inspiring sermon in which he linked the

priceless traditions of the College with the Christian teaching. The lessons were read by the Commandant and Air Cdre Nelson.

After the Service the parade formed up and marched via Cranwell avenue, round the west side of the Orange to the Parade Ground where Sir Barnes Wallis, with great dignity, took the salute. The parade advanced in Review order, the Queen's Colour was marched off, followed by the parade to the East and West wings. The Reviewing officer, escorted by the Commandant and followed by the Staff Officers and their wives, and Old Cranwellians with other visitors then adjourned to the College for Sherry.

And so was brought to a close a memorable and delightful week-end, and our thanks are due to everyone at Cranwell who helped by their great efficiency and kind hospitality to make this such a successful occasion.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

The *Journal* offers its congratulations to the following Old Cranwellians who received honours and awards in the New Year's Honours List and the Queen's Birthday Honours List 1973.

Air Marshal N M Maynard, CBE, DFC, AFC (40) who was made a Knight Commander of the Bath. Group Captain M H Miller (47A) who was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire. Wing Commanders R D Brittain (52D Eq), K J Craven-Griffiths (55D Eq), J E Nevill (68C) were made Officers of the Order of the British Empire. Squadron Leaders G R Pitchfork (79D Nav), R J Roberts (58C) were made Members of the Order of the British Empire. Wing Commander E D Frith (62B) was awarded a Bar to the Air Force Cross. Squadron Leaders D J Willis (77B), W J Wratten (78D) and Flight Lieutenant R Pengelly (89A) were awarded the Air Force Cross. The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air was awarded to Wing Commander R Dick (56C), Squadron Leaders D J Curry (79D), A R Freeman (83D), J S B Price (76B), T W Strachan (75A), R A F Wilson (81D), Flight Lieutenants D R Carvell (93B), M B Langham (86B). Major I Shurdom (RJAF) (82A) was awarded the Order of Istiqlal (Independence) 3rd Class.

RETIREMENTS

The following Old Cranwellians have retired since the last issue of the *Journal*.

Air Marshal Sir L D Mavor (35-37B). Air Vice-Marshal B P Young (36-38C). Group Captain V Rees (36-38C). Wing Commanders R C Rotherham (36-38C) and B F Tomlin (63C). Squadron Leaders A B E Caiger (69C), L G Dickson (46A), R G Fox (68A), A G Hamilton (56D), A P Hilton (64C) and D H Mills (54C). Flight Lieutenants J B Beards (87A), R Cane (81A), S J T Card (66B), P R Evans (69C), R D French (69C), A J Gowing (82B), J R Hall (67A), P J Headley (79A), T F Hilton (91C), M J Hughes

(84C), P F Hunwick (64C), P A J Hutton (90D), E F Lord (6 GE), M P Walters (68C), D H Williams (47B). Flying Officers R J G Calder (96D), G D Eddey (99D), D J Jackson (4 GE), D J Jackson (4 GE), D C Longfoot (5 GE), A P O'Grady (2 GE). Pilot Officers B G P Fry (99D), G. Usher (100D).

PROMOTIONS

To the following Old Cranwellians who have been promoted since our last issue, the *Journal* offers its congratulations.

Air Commodore K A Williamson (51C). Group Captains J H Bishop (54D) (Sec), R E Gladding (55D), I H Keppie (62C), S E King (59A), R L Lees (55D) (Sec), W C Milne (51A), J M Pack (58A), J M A Parker (54C), K E Richardson (46A), L C Swalwell (48A), J F H Tetley (58C). Wing Commanders R L Barcilon (64B), M E Bee (73C), R J Bennett (69B), A Dufton (62C), R A Edwards (60B), B J Goatley (52D), J Hodgson (57B), J G Kerrigan (62B) (Sec), C S Lim (59D) (Eq), R G Morgan (68C) (Sec), J D Pugh (63C), R F Robertson (70B) (Eq), J Shearer (58D) (Eq), J A S Thomson (53D) (Sec), J R Watts (60B), G C Williams (71B), A A G Woodford (75C). Squadron Leaders C S M Anderson (78D), D R Bourne (61A) (Eq), B J Clifford (88D), P W Crook (82A), M A Gaynor (81B), D J Hamilton-Rump (86D), D J Holliday (84D), I O Junor (82D), M B Langham (86B), K B Mace (85C), I D Macfadyen (83C), R B Mackenzie-Crooks (83A), M S J McKinley (81B), G J D Maynard (84A) (Eq), P Millar (83B), C T Moore (86B) (Nav), W Nevinson (85D), R E Nickson (79D), M J Porter (76A) (Sec), B Priest (81C), K C H Simpson (80D), J A Tiffin (71A), R G L Williams (88A), J D T Wingfield (77A).

MARRIAGES

Wing Commander D E Bennett (35-36B) to Joan Roff on 18 August 1972.

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to announce the deaths of the following Old Cranwellians and extend our deepest sympathy to their wives and families.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Claude Pelly (20-22B) died 12 August 1972.

Air Commodore R C Mead, died 20 July 1973.

Group Captain W R Beaman (27-28B) died 20 March 1973.

Group Captain E C Dearth (Associate Member) died 30 December 1972.

Group Captain I G Mackay, died 14 October 1973.

Group Captain D W Williams (32-34C) died October 1971.

Squadron Leader D A V Clark (57C) died 11 February 1973.

Flight Lieutenant C F Ashe (2GE) killed in a flying accident 10 August 1972.

Flight Lieutenant M J Drybanski (958) died on operations July 1973.

Flight Lieutenant H P C Kennedy (88B) listed missing believed killed 25 June 1973.

Flight Lieutenant A Wade (85C) killed in a flying accident 6 October 1972.

Flying Officer J B Clark (96A) died in a road accident 3 February 1973.

Forty-third Annual General Meeting - 16 June 1973

AVM Frederick Desmond Hughes, ex-Course 7 College SFTS, took the Chair.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE AT 1920 HOURS ON SATURDAY 16 JUNE 1973

Present: Air Vice Marshal R D Austen-Smith DFC RAF Chairman
The Old Cranwellian Association Committee
About 90 Association Members
Air Commodore E D McK Nelson CB DL RAF (Ret'd) Secretary

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at about 1925 and said he was pleased to see a good turn-out of members.

ITEM 1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

2. The Chairman said that copies of the minutes of the last AGM had been available since that morning for reading in the hall, and so he did not propose to ask the Secretary to read them. It was proposed by Air Cdre Revington, seconded by Air Cdre Bonham-Carter, that the minutes be passed. There were no objections.

ITEM 2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3. The Chairman said there were 4 points that required comment: the stock of port, the portrait of the Queen's Colour Party, the proposed list of Graduates and the change of Secretary.

4. He welcomed Air Cdre Nelson as the new Secretary and wished him many happy Reunions to come. He then asked the Secretary to comment on the port and the painting of the Queen's Colour party.

5. Before doing so Air Cdre Nelson said he would like to thank the members for electing him to the job. He would try to look after their interests as effectively as had been done by Gp Capt Teddy Nuttall over so many years, and he would like to thank in particular at this stage Wg Cdr Terry Morgan who had taken over the duties during the interim and performed them so ably. Their advice together with the soundness of the organisation they had created had made it an easy matter, to take over.

6. At this stage, Air Cdre Levis suggested that the thanks of all members of the Association were due to Wg Cdr Morgan for his excellent work during the past 2 years and that a Vote of Thanks should be recorded in the Minutes. This was unanimously acclaimed.

7. **Port.** The Secretary then went on to say that the stock of port as at 1 Apr 73 was £401, and that we should consume about £35 that night, which would leave us well above the limit of £250 the level previously agreed as the restocking limit.

8. Portrait of Queen's Colour and Colour Party. The Secretary referred to the painting by Mrs McGregor, which was displayed in the Founders' Gallery, and said that the £300 voted at last year's AGM had been paid towards the cost of the painting. The Chairman said that Mrs McGregor had been invited to attend the Reunion but was unfortunately not well at this time. Her husband Wg Cdr McGregor, however had been able to accept the Association's invitation to come to the dinner that night. It was decided to send a letter to Mrs McGregor expressing appreciation of her excellent work on the painting, and with members' best wishes for a quick recovery.

9. List of Graduates. The Comdt said that the Committee had examined the possibility of the College Printing and Drawing office producing a simple list of Graduates, decided at last year's meeting. Regrettably this was not a task which could be undertaken by the Printing and Drawing office as it would involve a direct charge to public funds which was unacceptable.

10. The only alternative, if the members really wanted such a list would be to order it from a printing firm, when the simple format considered last year (ie 100 pages) would cost £400 for 300 copies.

11. This was considered excessive, taking into account the Lukewarm support last year for such a project, and the fact that of the 1200 copies ordered in 1963 at 7/4p (or 37 pence) a copy, only some 460 had been sold!

12. The Committee recommended that a list should not be produced and after some discussion a proposal was made to this effect by ACM Sir Hugh Constantine, seconded by ACM Sir Walter Merton. The motion was carried.

ITEM 3. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

13. The Chairman reminded the company, that the Committee represented a wide range of members and the major elements of the RAF College. The membership was the same as that published in the Annual Report, but with 2 changes:

a. Air Cdre Nelson was now Secretary.

b. Sqn Ldr Curry had replaced Sqn Ldr Booth, who had been posted.

14. It was proposed by Gp Capt Nuttall, seconded by AVM Lyne, that the Committee should be as just nominated by the Comdt. This was carried.

ITEM 4. BALANCE SHEET/FINANCIAL REPORT

15. Wg Cdr Morgan was asked by the Chairman to make the financial report, and to comment on the balance sheet.

16. Wg Cdr Morgan reported that he had said last year that the Association would just about break even on the year, but he had

evidently been unduly pessimistic as there has been a surplus of £545. However, he had allowed for the new Secretary to take over last year, with expenses of £300, and also had deliberately budgeted to omit the re-invested income from securities; so in that way the surplus was £106.

17. It was, he said, interesting to note that printing and distribution costs of the Journal and Report took 42% of the annual income.

18. He reported that he had written to HM Customs/Excise enquiring about the benefits of voluntary registration for VAT. He had been advised against such registration since if we did so the Association would pay 10% on annual subscriptions and did not have an annual outlay from which it could recoup an equivalent amount, since magazines/newspaper were zero rated.

19. Wg Cdr Morgan continued that members would notice from the Annual Report that all costs were rising, and he said that the cost of this year's dinner would be 30% more than last year. He warned that the OCA could no longer escape from economies which were basically service ones: for instance, the total overtime bill for this week-end was £285 of which the OCA was paying only 35% but which was £100. He said that these increasing costs would inevitably concern the Committee more and more in considering how future reunions were to be funded. He estimated that in the present financial year there should be a surplus of about £250, which should be noted when Item 6 was discussed. Gp Capt Nuttall then proposed and Air Cdre Beles seconded that the Balance Sheet be passed. This was carried.

ITEM 5. RETIRED COLLEGE HALL CIVILIAN STAFF

20. The Comdt said that for the first time an invitation had been extended to those Civilian College Hall Staff who had served 10 years or more, to have tea during the cricket match and to meet the officers whom they helped to look after when they were at the College. Of the 35 invited 13 were able to accept. The Chairman asked members if they would advise the Committee whether this practice should continue and become a regular feature of the week-end. As there was good evidence to show that the retired civilian staff had much enjoyed the afternoon and some had expressed a wish that it might be repeated, it was unanimously agreed to include this invitation in future Reunions.

ITEM 6. PRESENTATION TO THE RAF COLLEGE

21. The Comdt outlined the past procedure of inscribing prize-winners' names of Flight Cadet Entries on polished boards which hung in the gallery upstairs. It would be impossible to continue this practice in future with 5 entries per year, as we were running out of wall-space and the cost would be prohibitive. He had decided that details of the Graduate Entries, including prize-winners, would be entered in books on permanent display in the Founders' Gallery and said that these books had been purchased by the College Hall Mess.

22. The Comdt said that 2 cabinets were, however, needed to house the books. The cabinets would match the one that contained one of the 2 Flight Cadet books of honour, which would remain in the centre of the gallery. The 2 cabinets would be designed to fit in the 2 alcoves at the outer edge of the gallery.

23. The Comdt continued that the Committee had been advised that the cabinets, to be made at Cranwell, would cost about £80 each. It was hoped that the OCA would agree to provide these 2 cabinets and he suggested that a sum of £200 maximum might be voted to allow a margin for unforeseen circumstances. After brief discussion it was proposed by Air Cdre Revington, seconded by Gp Capt Knapper, that a maximum sum of £200 be provided for the purchase of 2 Display Cabinets to contain the books.

ITEM 7. DATE OF REUNION

24. The Comdt said that the Committee recommended the third week-end in June 1974, ie 15/16 June 1974, for the next Reunion. This date was proposed by ACM Sir Donald Evans, seconded by Air Cdre Levis, and carried.

ITEM 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

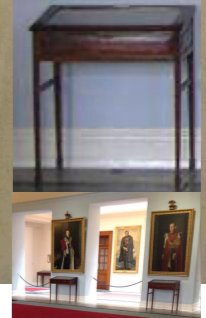
25. The Comdt then spoke about a suggestion which had been made by Air Cdre Revington, that members who had been members continuously for 50 years and who had also reached the age of 70 should become Honorary Life members. Some discussion ensued in which it was pointed out that it was 1925/26 before the Association came into being and therefore there was time for the whole question to be examined further. Members were also reminded that the practice might not be of financial significance to the individual but more of an honourable gesture, since the subscription was only £1.25 pa. However, there would be, from 1975 onwards, an increasing number of members becoming and remaining eligible, which could have some appreciable effect on the Association's income.

26. After several members had expressed dissent from the proposal it was proposed by Air Cdre Revington, seconded by Air Cdre Bonham-Carter that the Committee be asked to examine the matter and its financial implications and report back to the AGM next year.

27. There being no further matters raised, the meeting closed at 1950 hrs.

9 July 1973

R D AUSTEN-SMITH
Air Vice Marshal
Chairman OCA and Commandant



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st March, 1973

Previous Year	EXPENDITURE	Previous Year	INCOME
494-00	(Portrait of HRH The Prince of Wales)	3-01	Sale of List of Graduates
100-00	(Honourarium)	58	Sale of Ties
283-89	Portrait of Queen's Colour Party	300-00	Subscriptions
1461-18	Annual Reunion	323-00	Investment Income
62-50	Printing Journal	748-94	(Excess Expenditure over Income)
289-83	Postage	72-50	
100-00	Staff Gratuity Fund	181-85	
57-24	Sundry expenses	100-00	
20-00	Bank Charges	69-17	
10-00	Clock Maintenance	20-00	
	Surplus Income over Expenditure	545-07	
2855-44		2368-50	2855-44

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March, 1973

Previous Year	LIABILITIES	Previous Year	ASSETS
519-47	RAF College Domestic Staff Gratuity Fund	3-96	Cash in hand
100-00	Balance as at 1 April 1972	695-19	Cash at Bank
29-00	Add Grant 1972/73	2930-72	Investments
	Less Gratitudes paid (4)	1050-85	Woodwich Equitable Building Society
215-24	Sundry Funds	3049-75	National Westminster Hambro Trust
62-50	Anniversary Ball	1068-88	
	Gift to HM The Queen	11-25	
		59-73	
4904-15	Capital Account	70-77	
	Balance as at 1 April 1972		
	Surplus Income over Expenditure	545-07	
	(Less excess Expenditure over Income)	4909-01	
5232-15		5597-22	5232-15

In my opinion the above balance sheet, which is in agreement with the books of account, gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Old Cranwellian Association accounts as at 31 March 1973.

M L JACKSON Fit Lt
25 Apr 73

Certified correct but subject to Audit.
T. R. MORGAN, Wg. Cdr.

NOTICES

Association Ties
Ties made of Terylene and Silk, costing £1.50 plus 3p for postage, can be obtained from the Secretary.

Associate Membership
The undermentioned have accepted an invitation to Associate Membership:
Wing Commander D G A Barham MA RAF
Lieutenant Colonel D C Allen MA USAF
Squadron Leader J B Robinson AFC RAF

Obituaries
Air Chief Marshal Sir Claude Pelly GBE KCB MC RAF (Ret'd)
Air Vice-Marshal W F Beckwith CBE BSC FRAeS RAF (Ret'd)
Air Vice-Marshal A C Kermode CBE MA FRAeS RAF (Ret'd)
Air Vice-Marshal The Rev. Canon I. Wright CBE MA RAF (Ret'd)
Group Captain E C Deane RAF (Ret'd)
Group Captain W P J Thomson DFC RAF (Ret'd)
Group Captain D W Williams CBE RAF (Ret'd)
Squadron Leader D A V Clark RAF
Flight Lieutenant P A Cooper RAF
Flying Officer M Swann-Price RAF

Subscriptions
Serving members are advised that if they change their bankers, or if they transfer their account to another branch of the same bank, they should inform the Secretary of the new bank address. Since all serving members have College Journals and OCA correspondence forwarded to them through their banks it is unnecessary to inform the Secretary of changes in their service addresses. Retired officers have Journals and OCA correspondence forwarded to them at their homes and should therefore notify a permanent change of address to the Secretary.

Resignations
Should a member decide to resign from Membership of the Association, he is asked to notify the Secretary accordingly.

List of Graduates (1963 Edition)
There is still a large number of these Lists in stock (not included in the Balance Sheet). These can be obtained from the Secretary at a minimum price of 13p plus 5p for postage. Members should note that the list does not include details of those who have graduated since December 1962.

Queen's Colour Party Portrait - status

Revised list of graduates - dropped

Port & Wine

Prize winners to be recorded in book in Founders' Gallery, no longer on boards - BOOKS FUNDED BY CHOM, cabinets by OCA

OCA Honorary Membership proposal

Journal Funding - 42% of annual OCA income

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Forty-fourth Annual General Meeting - 15 June 1974

AVM Roy David Austen-Smith, not an ex-cadet of the College, took the Chair.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE AT 1915 HOURS ON SATURDAY 15 JUNE 1974

Present:

Air Vice-Marshal R D Austen-Smith DFC RAF
The Old Cranwellian Association Committee
About 90 Association Members
Air Commodore E D McK Nelson CB DL RAF (Ret'd)

Chairman

Secretary

ACTION

1. The Meeting opened at about 1925 when the Chairman welcomed those attending.

ITEM 1 - PREVIOUS MINUTES

2. The Chairman said that copies of the minutes of last year's AGM had been available for reading and he did not propose that they should be read by the Secretary.

3. Air Cdre Levis proposed and Sqn Ldr Balean seconded that the minutes be passed. This was carried.

ITEM 2 - MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4. Stock of Port. The estimated value of our stock of port had appreciated dramatically over the years. The cost price of the 265 bottles which would remain after this Reunion was about £340 whilst their value had been estimated at about £1400. It was agreed, however, that since there was no intention of selling the port we should continue to refer to its cost price and not to its inflated value. However the effect of inflation was such that the previously agreed restocking minimum of £250 was no longer realistic. Instead, after some discussion, it was agreed that the Secretary should maintain the stock at a minimum of about 16 dozen bottles. This proposal was made by AVM Chacksfield, seconded by Gp Capt Knapper, and carried.

SECRETARY

5. Presentation to the College. The Chairman explained that the two display cabinets that had been agreed at the last meeting should be presented to the College, to contain the books of Prize-winners' names, and the Roll of Graduate Entries, had been completed and were in position in the Founders' Gallery. They were of excellent quality and standard of workmanship, and the cost had been £141.10 out of the £200 voted at the AGM. He stated that the craftsman responsible for the cabinets was Mr Cook, who worked in Engineering Wing at the College. The Commandant had written to Mr Cook on behalf of the OCA members to thank him for his splendid work.

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ITEM 3 - ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

6. The Chairman mentioned our policy of including a broad cross-section of the whole College permanent staff amongst the committee, which was the same as that published in the Annual Report, with one exception: Fg Off N Tingle has taken the place of Fg Off J Parker who had been posted. The change was approved on a show of hands, and the Chairman said that the addition of Fg Off Tingle, with his accounting knowledge, would no doubt be very welcome to the Secretary.

ITEM 4 - BALANCE SHEET/FINANCIAL REPORT

7. The Secretary was asked to give the financial report and to comment on the balance sheet. He confirmed that the account had been audited and the balance sheet was correct.

8. Financial Report.

a. Past Year. Last year there was a surplus of £545, which this year was reduced to £210, a shade below the figure of £250 which had been forecast. The difference was no doubt closely related to the expenses of £300 paid now per annum to the Secretary. However, costs of foodstuffs and wine were rising all the time, and not least was the increase in the cost of labour and overtime which at this year's Reunion would cost us £125 instead of £100 last year.

b. Future. The Secretary thought we could manage to cover the persistent rise in the cost of labour next year, as we had done this year by a small surcharge on the staff gratuity given by members attending the Reunion, and hope that increases on food costs for the dinner could be covered by Association Funds, as had also been done this year. However, after next year's Reunion it would almost certainly be necessary to increase the subscription which had only once been raised since the Association was formed in 1925, and that was by 5/- (25p) in 1954.

9. Individual Balance Sheet Items.

a. Sundry Funds. The Secretary explained that the residue of monies provided for the Anniversary Ball (1970) and for the gift to Her Majesty The Queen in the same year, jointly amounting to £277.74 had been transferred to the Capital Account so that the money could be invested and produce more income.

b. Deposit Account. A Deposit Account had been reopened with £1,000 during the year; at the moment it was reduced by normal expenditure to £700 and would no doubt fluctuate up and down.

10. Annual Subscriptions. The Chairman then referred again to the probable need to raise the annual subscription in a year's time and suggested two proposals for consideration:

a. Either to instruct the committee to examine the matter in detail and to report their conclusions at the next AGM.

b. Alternatively, the meeting should now authorise the committee to impose an increase in subscription of up to 50p per head per annum to take effect from 1975, after further examination of the problem.

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11. It was pointed out that it might be necessary to increase slightly the charges for those attending the Reunion, to offset higher labour overtime costs, but this would not be a significant increase. Some discussion then ensued on the points raised by the Chairman, and the matter was quickly resolved by a determination which seemed to be unanimous that it was no use applying half-measures to this problem, and that it would be best to authorise the committee to raise the Annual Subscription from £1.25 per annum to £2.00 per annum with effect from 1975.

12. This proposal was made by AM Sir Walter Pretty, seconded by Gp Capt Vielle and carried, as far as could be seen, nem con. (Note: This means that the Secretary will be sending out fresh Bankers' Orders to members in the near future.)

13. The Balance Sheet was then passed on a resolution made by AVM Chacksfield, seconded by Gp Capt Knapper and carried.

ITEM 5 - RETIRED COLLEGE HALL CIVILIAN STAFF

14. It was mentioned that for the second year running we had entertained members of the retired College Staff to tea on The Orange during the cricket match and, from their obvious enjoyment of the occasion and the pleasure it brought to Old Cranwellians, it was proposed to continue the invitation in the future.

15. The Chairman told members that Mr 'Curly' Richardson, Head Batman for 11 years and Batman for 40 plus years had retired a few months ago and had been presented with a cheque for £105 by the OCA in recognition of his long and devoted service, with the sincere thanks of us all. (The College Hall Officers' Mess had made a gratuity to him of £47, so that he received a joint award of £150).

ITEM 6 - HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF THE OCA

16. The proposal made last year that Honorary Membership should be offered to those over 70 who had been members for 50 years continuously was discussed briefly. It was proposed by the President and seconded by Gp Capt Nuttall, that for a number of reasons this was unacceptable, and this resolution was carried.

ITEM 7 - DATE OF 1975 REUNION

17. 21/22 June 1975 is the 3rd weekend of the month (accepted over many years as the OCA weekend).

ITEM 8 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18. Gratuity for Mr Oldham. Members were reminded of the long devotion of Mr Oldham, groundsman to the College since 1932 and Head Groundsman since 1967, who was to retire in the Autumn. The Sports Clubs, PSI and various Messes were combining to contribute just over £100 as a farewell gift and it was proposed, after discussion, by AVM Desmond Hughes, seconded by Gp Capt Nuttall that the OCA should add £25 to the present, with our grateful thanks for his long period of looking after our playing fields so well. (The Birthday Honours List published that day had included the name of Mr Oldham who was awarded an AOC's commendation for his dedicated service).

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19. Purchase of Claret. After some discussion on the advantages of laying down some claret as a means of preserving some good wine, against the massive inflationary trend, it was proposed by ACM Constantine that the Committee be asked to examine the situation further and to be empowered, entirely at their discretion, to spend up to £250 each year, if they should consider it advisable, on the purchase of claret, to lay down for future consumption. This proposal was seconded by Sqn Ldr Balean, and carried.

The Meeting then closed at 1950 hours.

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Air Vice-Marshal
Chairman OCA and
Commandant

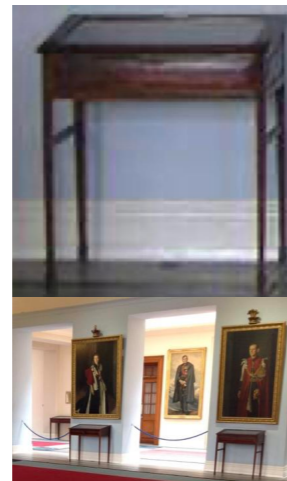
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ALL MEMBERS

SECRETARY

Port & Wine

OCA present two prize winner book display cabinets



OCA Honorary Membership proposal - rejected

Staff Grat & gift - Messrs Richardson and Oldham

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES ANNUAL RE-UNION

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

They came this time in greater numbers than for many years past, by road and air, so that we had for instance the (no doubt equitable) contrast between 2 Chipmunk loads of staff officers from HQ Strike Command, and a Nimrod (part load!) from Kinloss, under command of that same HQ!

Once again we were able to dispense with the wet weather programme, of films, closed circuit television and who knows what else! (with our thanks to those who prepared them). The weather was again sunny and warm, but with a breeze which kept the condition comfortable, for all, except perhaps the Squash teams.

CRICKET

The Old Cranwellians won the toss and chose to bat in sunny weather on the day of the annual cricket match against the Royal Air Force College. They began well, losing only the wicket of Lilley in the first hour and accumulating 69 runs.

Two further wickets fell quickly at 79 when both Yates and Johnson were dismissed for 24 and 39 runs respectively. However, Digby was building an innings slowly and with the help of Squires and Collins took the score to 162 for 7 wickets before he was bowled for an excellent 50 runs. Crawley, the most successful of the Cranwell bowlers, captured two further wickets before the innings was declared closed at 169 for 9. Crawley had the well deserved figures of 3 for 37, Sinclair and Clark supported him well with figures of 2 for 30 and 2 for 41 respectively.

The Royal Air Force College in replying to this respectable score made by their opponents, were soon in trouble losing Clark for 0 when the score was 5. Aggressive batting by Jennison, with Reynolds playing a supporting role at the other end, raised the score quickly to 41 before Jennison was bowled by Yates for 24. Barnwell joined Reynolds and

after a quiet start both began to play well, Barnwell particularly struck the ball very hard. The hundred partnership was reached after only 90 minutes and a few overs later the game was won by 8 wickets, Barnwell scoring 75 not out and Reynolds 67 not out.

This was an enjoyable game and although the score would suggest an easy win for the College team it was closely fought and on balance the better side on the day won the game.

Result: OCA 169 for 9 Royal Air Force College 172 for 2.

SQUASH

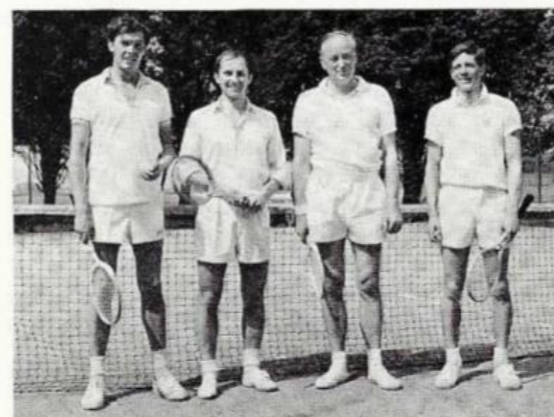
The next closest field of battle, to the Orange was the Squash Courts where in spite of the overall College Win, 3 of the individual matches were closely contested, and went to 5 games, so that in the end OCA only won a single match, but then the College team included the Royal Air Force Champion Flt Lt Coldicott and Wg Cdr Williams a star player who might well have played for either side. Considerable heat in the courts as in the past 2 years played a certain part in this most enjoyable match. Match 3 to 5 all went to five games but all ended with convincing wins in the fifth for the youngest element. Once again the heat rather than fitness decided the games.

The results were: RAFC 5
OCA 1

TENNIS

The tennis match between the Old Cranwellians and the students on 21 Jun 75 was played in warm and sunny conditions. At least 2 of the Old Cranwellians had played in the previous year's match and were eager to renew the battle. The teams were fairly evenly matched with youth and fitness gradually succumbing to the experience and cunning of the Old Cranwellians who emerged as thirsty victors by 5 matches to 2 with 2 matches undecided.

This was a reverse of last years result — very right and proper, especially as one of the Assistant Commandants was playing for the OCA!



GOLF

There was a tremendous response from members this year so much so that three OC's played in the home team. The College was not well blessed with golfers this year so the home team was reinforced by some staff officers and three members of the Association. The OCA this year was captained by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Denis Spotswood who was partnered by the ever youthful Group Captain Nuttall. The score card does not do the match justice. The match which the OCA won was a decisive, 6 and 5, with Wg Cdr Allison and Sqn Ldr Herd proving to be a formidable partnership. Three of the other matches were decided on the 17th and 18th holes and could so easily have gone either way — some of our younger officers serving at Cranwell showed little tact and one would conjecture on their future both in the service, if not on the golf course! The OCA seemed to do better on the 'byes' making the home team pay for the beer — well we must get our priorities right! Sleaford was playing long after a dry spell and the hospitality and reception we received at the club was first class. This year the Club captain joined us for lunch and saw off our senior pair from the first tee. On the whole it was a most enjoyable day out, and one hopes that the response will be equally good next year.

Result: RAFC 5
OCA 1

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

The Old Cranwellian team beat the student officers at Clay Pigeon shooting on 21 June 75 in challenging shooting conditions which featured a moderate easterly wind. Clay 'birds' were fired to the West and proceeded downwind at a high groundspeed. They had to be taken early because the wind was blowing over the slope of the butts and producing a down-draught that affected the clay just as it was flying well.

The OC Clay Pigeon shooting, Captain Bob Rushing USAF ran a superb new layout with two traps firing from the top of the butt and one firing from the bottom. The lower trap gave 'going away' birds, made more difficult by having to fire five yards behind the steel trap house. There were murmurs about 'fiendish American customs' but Bob countered by saying that trapshooting was an 'Olde English Sporting tradition'.

The shoot consisted of five stands: left to right, going away (trap), right to left, and overhead doubles. The overheads were from separate traps with lightweight Aluminium runs and the rumour was that the birds were well supersonic on leaving the trap.



What of individual results? The 'High Gun' was Squadron Leader Ian MacFadyen from 111 Squadron, Coningsby. Very appropriate for an Air Defence Pilot although on this occasion he was not allowed to fire his Phantom's Gatling gun! There is no truth in a story that one 111 aircraft has a side by side twelve bore for close-in low level work!

Next best scorer was Squadron Leader Dave Curry of 39 Squadron, Wyton. His high

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elevation shots should be good as he is currently sampling the delights of the upper atmosphere in the PR9 Canberra.

After this came a tie, appropriately between the senior and junior ranks represented — Air Marshal Sir Neville Stack and Flying Officer Phil Pynegar for the student officers. The C-in-C showed us some stylish shots which bode ill for the Huntingdonshire pheasants later in the year.

The student team put up a fine performance, and were winning at the half way point. But they had limited pre-match practice because the range was closed during the winter while most of the OCA team were polishing their skills on the feathered variety of bird.

We were greatly honoured to have the C-in-C taking part, and look forward to the 1976 shoot when under Bob Rushing's direction we will undoubtedly see more innovations at the range.

Results: OCA 187
RAFC 164

The five sports, we have described, which seem to be very popular with Old Cranwellians, were greatly enjoyed on this occasion and we hope they will be able to continue in the future. To make them successful (as they undoubtedly were) quite a lot of time and effort is expended by many people and our thanks are due to them all, and not least to Sqn Ldt Eddie Cartner, the PEDO, for his flair in knowing what we want, and for his attention to detail.

After the home-based sports were over (in the cricket tea interval) we were again able to meet some of our retired College staff, whom some of us knew long ago, and talk about the old days, with them.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

After "enticing" people out of the Bar the meeting was opened by the Commandant and Chairman at about 1925 hours. He explained the appointment of Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle as our new President following the sad death of Air Chief Marshal Sir Donald Evans on 9 April.

After the previous Minutes had been passed the Secretary announced that a stock of claret

had been bought at pre-budget prices in accordance with the wish expressed at last year's meeting; he said that replenishment stocks would be obtained from time to time.

Last year the subscription rate had been increased (only for the second time since 1926 when the Association was formed) and at the same time the payment date had been made common to all subscribers at 1 June annually, instead of 1 February and 1 September. Bankers orders had been sent out with the 1974 *Journal* to make this change effective, but by April 1975 less than half the Bankers Orders had been returned. In order to avoid huge waste of time and high postal charges Members were implored to return their Bankers order or write in for a fresh one.

The Chairman explained committee changes made necessary by postings and thanked Sqn Ldrs Curry and Humphrey and Fg Off Tingle (the Finance Member) for their work on the committee. Those elected to replace them are Sqn Ldr McKinlay and Flt Lt Jones who were welcomed, as also were the three Assistant Commandants, Air Cdres Rogers, Robinson and Glover as ex-officio members. The Chairman said that as this mandatory requirement provided a top-heavy rank structure on the committee, the Rules would be re-examined with a view to reducing the number of senior committee members.

The Finance Member Fg Off Tingle then explained the Balance Sheet and showed that last year's excess of Expenditure over Income was entirely due to the change of subscription dates from 1 Feb and 1 Sep — all to 1 Jun (incorporating the increase from £1.25 to £2.00).

He went on to describe our investments, and showed that some 70% of our planned expenditure for the financial year would be due to printing costs of (say) £1,400 and postage of £400. The Balance Sheet was passed and the Chairman went on to say that the Association had provided farewell gratuities to Messrs Virden, Hickson and Knipe, three College staff members who had retired during the year, and also to Mr Oldham, groundsman at the College for 42 years (the last 12 as Head Groundsman). They were all warmly thanked for their services over the years.

Before the Meeting closed our new President, Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle, paid a sincere tribute on behalf of us all to the Commandant Air Vice-Marshal Roy Austen-Smith who had fostered so well the spirit of the Association during the 3 years of his Chairmanship and upheld the high standards of the Reunion which we had all enjoyed so much. The meeting wished him "Happy Days" in the future.

The Meeting closed at 1950, so that we narrowly "beat the gun" on time for opening the Bar!

The next Reunion will take place on the third weekend in June as always, ie 19/20 June 1976.

GUEST OF HONOUR

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ANDREW HUMPHREY

The Chief of the Air Staff who was our Guest of Honour is the third Old Cranwellian and member of the OCA to have attained the supreme position in our Service. We were delighted to welcome him back, and it was perhaps an encouraging sign for the future, that so many members had this year returned to share the Reunion weekend with him.

REUNION DINNER

At the reception, those who had not been taking part in the afternoon games, nor been able to watch the cricket on the Orange, were able to catch-up with old friends attending the Reunion and some last minute entries were made on the Seating Plan for Dinner. The College Staff looked after our every need quite splendidly — it is one of the great days on their calendar, and there is reason to believe that they also greatly enjoy the occasion, at which they remember so many of those taking part.

Our thanks are due to them all for the high standard of the dinner and the way in which it was served.

The College Band not only provided the usual impressive fanfare before dinner, but

during the dinner an excellent selection of music which was much appreciated. After the port was passed and following the Loyal Toast the Commandant, as our Chairman, gave his report on the College, but first he welcomed the Chief of the Air Staff as our Guest of Honour, our Patron, Sir Dermot Boyle, and with a special word for our new President Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle. He included a welcome to our guests from the college staff, with that to our visiting preacher, a long standing friend of Cranwell, the Right Reverend Leonard Ashton, once Senior College Chaplain, later Chaplain-in-Chief, and now Assistant Bishop of Jerusalem.

The Commandant then went on to welcome the first two young ladies of the Womens' Royal Air Force to attend an Association dinner.

THE COMMANDANT'S REPORT

He introduced his report by saying that the highlight of the year had been the visit of our Commandant-in-Chief, Her Majesty The Queen, on 30 May 1975 to present the College with a new colour — the third in our history, and a unique honour. At the parade a squadron of direct entrant officers commissioned at Henlow, representing those undergoing initial specialist training at Cranwell had paraded with the graduate students and acquitted themselves well.

He went on to describe inevitable changes caused by the reduced number of graduate students at the College, and the considerable variation according to Branch in the duration of the specialist training courses which follow the officer training phase thereby splitting up entries. This has entirely precluded graduation by Entries, as we have known it, and made necessary the removal of outdoor ceremonial from Graduations.

At the end of the Officer Training phase a small ceremonial parade had been introduced, preceded by the traditional service of Dedication in the Memorial Chapel. A full parade of Graduate Entry officers will take place only twice a year and on one of these the major prizes will be presented, included the Sword of Honour which will henceforth be awarded annually, although the flying prizes will continue to be awarded by Entry. Ceremonial

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parades will still be held on special days such as the Queen's Birthday and Remembrance Sunday, but the completion of the specialist training courses will be marked by indoor ceremonies, similar to the Flight Cadets Wings parade of earlier years.

Turning then to other activities the Commandant said that the University Air Squadrons were thriving and were now re-equipped with the Bulldog aircraft.

Sports results had been satisfactory although winning had been made more difficult by reduced numbers. The Sovereign Squadron competitions are fought out with traditional vigour between A and B Squadrons; at the moment B Squadron has the honour of carrying the Queens Colour (appropriately our Guest of Honour's Squadron). The old colour would be laid up in the Chapel of St. Michael and All Angels at the Service on the next day, at which the Chaplain-in-Chief would officiate. He was welcomed to the Dinner.

Of our usual two international exchanges unfortunately the USAF Academy could not come over this year through "Several budgetary constraints", so they too had their problems! However we managed to get to Salon for our annual skirmish on the rugby field against "L'Ecole de L'Air" and in the gym at foil and sabre which Salon won comfortably! The rugby being an International our friends at Salon decided that substitutes should be included. In the event this was just as well because they needed all theirs but we managed to win an exciting match 13-7 with our original XV!

(The author remembers an earlier match some 22 years ago at Salon when sitting on the touchline his extreme vocality and gesticulations were remarked on by one of our adversaries supporters behind "I thought these Englishmen were so cold and restrained, but look at this chap!").

Turning from sport, the Commandant spoke of the successful integration of the Department of Air Warfare which had moved in from Manby, albeit whilst retaining its special identity, which was just as it should be. The Department of Specialist Ground Training was functioning well after a process of

slimming without loss of efficiency, whilst College Unit having borne the brunt of a heavy years work, were now deeply immersed in planning for the arrival of CFS next year. Finally the "Poachers" as had been seen and appreciated that afternoon at the close of the cricket, had been re-formed, and were giving some 30 displays during this summer season throughout the country.

For the future the Commandant was concerned that we should not be forced to over-reach ourselves, as there was a limit to our facilities, and we could, if overwhelmed with commitments, find that we might forfeit some of the valuable strides forward we have taken.

He wished his successor Air Vice-Marshal Ted Colahan much success, and the satisfaction and enjoyment in the job that he had himself experienced.

The Queen's Message

Finally the Commandant announced that he had sent on behalf of all members the traditional message to our Commandant in Chief, Her Majesty The Queen, which read:

"The Royal Air Force Officers, serving and retired assembling at the Royal Air Force College on the occasion of their Annual Reunion send their humble greetings and beg to assure Your Majesty of their continuing loyalty and devotion".

Her Majesty's reply which was greatly appreciated and warmly acclaimed, was as follows:

"Please convey my sincere thanks to the serving and retired officers of the Royal Air Force for the kind message of Loyal greeting they have sent me on the occasion of their Annual Reunion, which I deeply value.

ELIZABETH R.

ADDRESS BY THE GUEST OF HONOUR AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ANDREW HUMPHREY

The CAS spoke with impressive directness and conviction about the challenge and advantages of life in the Royal Air Force today, with its great demand on the skills of those who fly and those who maintain the 'new generation of aircraft' — men, upheld by the same discipline, the same companionship, and much the same advantages as before, of ability to travel and explore especially in

Europe. He instanced the enthusiasm, efficiency and dedication on operational stations which had been rewarded by our success in major competitions such as the United States Strategic Air Command Bombing Competition during the last year; never before won by Royal Air Force crews.

He believed that the Service offered unrivalled opportunities for the realisation of a happy life to anyone after leaving school, at least for the first ten years of their career — after which much would depend on several factors — the rate at which he was climbing the promotion ladder, on his life at home, and on contentment with his work all of which were common to life in any profession, business or industry. Prospects were certainly as good as they were in the thirties when he had joined the Royal Air Force.

The Royal Air Force, and all other Air Forces of the Western World needed constantly to re-examine the doctrines of air power, and definition of future roles. All airmen must accept their personal responsibilities to emphasise at every opportunity the importance of air power in modern war. We must get our message across. General Arnold, the first Chief of Staff of the USAF, used to say: "An Air Force that fails to keep its doctrines ahead of its weapons systems is failing in its duty to the country".

At times we have failed to do this, and have focussed on narrow and particular scenarios, thereby failing to emphasise the essential flexibility that is the dominant characteristic of air power.

CAS went on to say that air power will continue to play a critical role in deterrence or in conflict, and outlined the needs of the Royal Air Force in aircraft and training for the years ahead.

Sir Andrew then turned to the part that Cranwell should and must play if it was to remain the focus of excellence within the Royal Air Force. He said: "It must not only be an entry training College, but a setter of standards, a focus of technical study, a focus of thought about the doctrines of air power. It must maintain the closest contacts with the Universities and the academic world, and achieve sympathy for our interests as well as

administering and educating our student officers. Increasingly from now on the best officers will keep coming back to Cranwell at intervals during their career for advanced training. In this way its thoughts and standards will spread and it will play at least as great and perhaps an even more important part in the future of the Air Force, than it has in the past".

Our new President Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle spoke for the first time, and thanked the CAS for his most interesting address which had brought many of us up to date and had projected our thoughts towards some of the key problems to be solved in the years ahead, to enable us to maintain an economical, but hard-hitting force, possessing great flexibility.

He said that this occasion gave him the opportunity to acknowledge the honour he felt at being appointed President of the Association.

He paid a moving tribute to our late President, Air Chief Marshal Sir Donald Evans, who had died in April after less than a year in office. He was a man of great courage, of ability and of human understanding, and it was sad for Sir Wallace, that he had been required to take on the appointment, so promotively, but promised to try to fulfil his Presidential duties as to the best of his ability, and as Sir Donald would have done.

Shortly after 2330 we then all moved from the Dining Room into the Bar, where causes were uplifted, or cast down, won or lost — certainly until 0330! — and probably later — who knows?



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CHURCH PARADE

The Church Service as is traditional on this annual occasion was composed of all denominations and was held in St Michaels and All Angels.

The old friend of so many of us, the Right Reverend Leonard Ashton, Senior College Chaplain from 1956 to 1960, and Chaplain-in-Chief from 1969 to 1973 and now Assistant Bishop of Jerusalem, preached the Sermon on this occasion in his well remembered and vigorous style. His forthright message was enlivened with his gifted sense of humour. "The fundamental truths of the Christian faith and life, were in danger of being eroded by the attitudes of contemporary society. It was the Christians duty to stand for the Truth as revealed by God, through Jesus Christ. God had showed us what is good, and what he required of us "To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God". During the Service the Old Queen's Colour was laid

up and hangs side by side with the first King's Colour to be presented to the Royal Air Force College which was also the first Sovereign's Colour to be presented to the Royal Air Force, or any part of our Service.

The parade of Graduate Entries then formed up and the new Queen's Colour which had lain on the Altar during the Service was borne by the Colour Party back to the College around the western edge of the Orange where in front of the College the Chief of the Air Staff as Reviewing Officer took the Salute at the March Past and the Advance in Review Order.

Before the parade retired to the East and West Wings the Queen's Colour was marched back into the College to take its place of Honour, guarded by the Eagle at the West end of the Dining Hall.

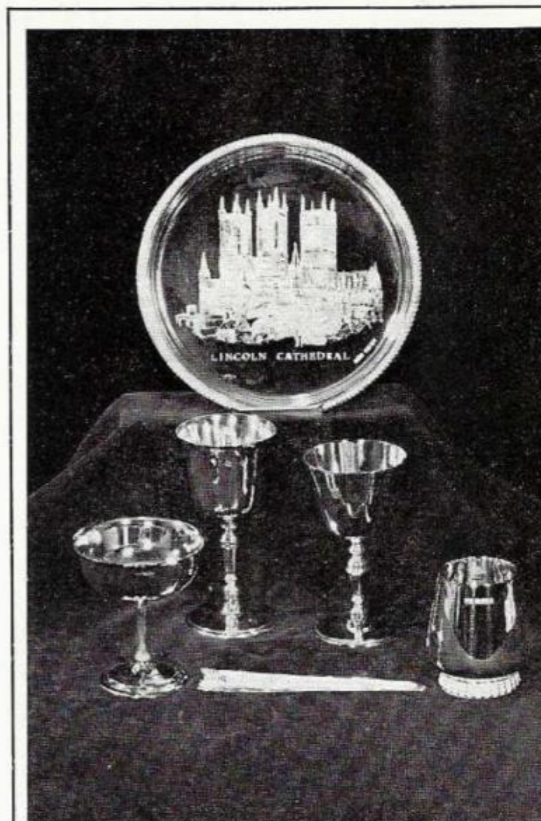


The Reunion came to an end following the usual forgathering of Old Cranwellians, in the College Hall with the Reviewing Officer, our Patron, our President and all those officers and families who had shared in the Parade Service and in the other activities of this weekend.

The Reunion was generally acclaimed as a great success; the weather was kind and the tireless efforts of the many staff who helped so much, was greatly appreciated by all the Association members attending. We wish to thank them once again.

OCA PRESIDENT — POSTING NOTICE

News has been received that Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle, president of the Old Cranwellians Association, is to take up his new appointment as Governor-General of Western Australia in mid-November. Sir Wallace says that he is very happy to be returning to Government House in Perth, almost 40 years to the day since he first presented himself there for his Cranwell admission interview — he was born and attended school in Kalgoorlie. All the *Journal's* readers will want to extend to him their congratulations and best wishes. The OCA looks forward to seeing him at the 1977 reunion.



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HONOURS AND AWARDS

The *Journal* offers its congratulations to the following Old Cranwellians who received honours and awards in the New Year's Honours List and the Queen's Birthday Honours List 1975.

Air Chief Marshal Sir H N G Wheeler, KCB, CBE, DSO, DFC, AFC (33-37B) who was made a Knight Grand Cross of the Bath. Air Commodore D P Hall (55C) and Group Captain M J Armitage (58C) who were made Commanders Order of the British Empire. Wing Commanders B E F Faulkner (52D Sec), J M Henderson (59B), J Meadows (52D Eq), B H Newton (59C) were made Officers Order of the British Empire. Wing Commander R L Holmes (61A), Squadron Leader R C McKinlay (83C) were made Members of the Order of the British Empire. Wing Commander G C Williams (71B) was awarded a Bar to the Air Force Cross. Wing Commander J R Walker (68B), Acting Wing Commander D G Lucas (73C) and Squadron Leader T C Porteous (76A) were awarded the Air Force Cross. The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air was awarded to Wing Commander M E Bee (73C), Squadron Leaders K G Evans (69B), J N Herbertson (76C), A C R Ingoldby (71C), J D Rust (77B), Flight Lieutenants R Eeles (83B), D J Fisher (91D), J B Hill (87D), M A Johnson (76B), I. Reilly (88A).

RETIREMENTS

The following Old Cranwellians have retired since the last issue of the *Journal*.

Group Captains J H Bishop (54D. Sec.), I R Martin, AFC (61C). Wing Commanders G O Eades (52B), I Henderson (72A), R I Jones (51D. Eq.), E J E Smith, OBE (68B). Squadron Leaders D J Anderson (57D. Eq.), P Bannister (74A. Eq.), R L B Bell (72B), K J M Davis (53B), M Gill (52C), M M Harvey (48C), R W Lidstone (56D. Sec.), J N Puckering (74A), R L Thomas (72C), I D C Tite (73C). Flight Lieutenants C J Abram (92B), J A Belson (85A), N Burrows (87A. Nav.), N R Dyer (87B), J G Green (10GE), B A Greene (2GE), D Hadley (2GE), S E Hemsley (68B), M A Hill (1GE), J N Luke (94B), J Marcus (93B. Eng.), J E Mazurk (89A), J C L Parker (93D), C.E.C. Pilcher

(94D. Eng.), K M Rees (92 D. Sup.), A F Stopp (13GE), I Wilton-Jones (99D and 5GE) G W F Wright (92D). Flying Officers A W Chacksfield (96A. Regt.), I Dinmore (7GE), K J Middleton (100A), D S Pollard (97C. Eq.)

PROMOTIONS

To the following Old Cranwellians who have been promoted since our last issue, the *Journal* offers its congratulations.

Air Marshal A H W Ball, CB, DSO, DFC (39A), Air Vice Marshal K A Williamson AFC (51C), Air Commodores W J Herrington (47C), H A Merriman, CBE, AFC, MRAS (53A). Group Captains L P Adams (51D Eq.), D Allison (61C), G McA Bacon (52/56A), J Banks (52D. Eq.), A Beill (55A), R Dick (56C), A B McGuire MBE (49D. Sec.), T R Morgan (65C Sec.), B W Opie (57D Sec.), C F Pickard (48A), B H Plaskett (55D Eq.), R J Spiers, OBE (48A), J R Walker, AFC (68B), D H Warren (56C), Wing Commanders J Bredenkamp (64B), D O Crwys-Williams (79C), J Delafield, MRAS (74B), T C Elworthy (75B), N A Fox (68B. Eq.), J. Graham (75B), M J Graydon (76A), N R Hayward (79D), R L Holmes (61A), J Laycock (75A), M T N Liddiard (65C Eq.), D G Lucas, AFC (74C), B T Mitchell (68C Eq.), A Mumford (69A), R E H Neves (59D Sec.), D Packham (75B Eq.), P M Papworth (64B), J N Sawyer (64C), M H Smith (75A), W I C Stoker (71B), C J Thomson (81A), L D Wilkinson (62B Eq.), J A Williams, MBE (51B), J F Willis (73C), R A F Wilson (81D), W J Wratten (78D). Squadron Leaders A T C Bagnall (91A), D L Baugh (85B), R M Bayne (78B Nav.), R B Blagborough (86A), D L Blomley (88B. Sup.), C M Chambers (93C), I J Childs (86B), C C C Coville (91C), J D Dale (88D Regt.), R Dixon (88B Eq.), D A Donnelly (89C Nav.), D J Earle (89B Eng.), R J T Falkiner (85B Eq.), J C Featherstone (86B Sec.), J A F Ford (87D), A P Galea (85C Nav.), G H Glasgow (78A), D J Gurney (87B), C Heithus (90C Eq.), J B Hill (87D), C D Hinds (89D Eng.), W H C Hoare (89D), M P Horton (91B), N J Hughes (82C Nav.), C A Humphrey (90B Nav.), T E L Jarron (84A), R H O Johnson (87D Sup.), A J Kearney (90A), W J Kemp (82D), A J Kent (89D Eng.), J R Legh-Smith (80B Nav.), A McKay (91D), C J Maskell (89C Eng.),

J Mawhinney (86C), R A K Mitchell (91A Eng.), R G Nailer (89D Eng.), I H Nelson (80D), R Northcote (89D), T W Parkinson (89D Eng.), M J Purdie (88B), J Pyper (89B), J S Robinson (84A), J E Room (84B), M S

Sabine (79C), R W Shimmons (89B), G C Shorrocks (83D), R N S Sims (90D Nav.), P Smith (87A), A J Stables (90C), P J Symes (76B Sec.), B P Synnot (89C), A L Wall (82C), M A Wood (84A Nav.).

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to announce the deaths of the following Old Cranwellians and extend our deepest sympathy to their wives and families.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Donald R Evans (30-32B) died 9 April 1975.

Air Marshal Sir Walter Pretty (29-30B) died 11 January 1975.

Air Commodore R N Waite (20-21B) died 8 May 1975.

Air Commodore J N H Whitworth (30-31B) died 13 November 1974.

Wing Commander E R M Walker (27-28B) died 16 March 1973.

Squadron Leader J H McN Campbell (23-24A) died 3 August 1974.

Acting Squadron Leader D L Hampton (80B Eq.) killed in a flying accident 7 April 1975.

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR DONALD RANDELL EVANS KBE CB DFC

Our President of less than a year died on 9 April 1975 after a short illness to the great sadness of us all.

His career of outstanding devotion to the Royal Air Force has been described in the national press; we would like to make but a short summary of his achievements and appointments, and then to follow it with a few words about his great qualities as a man and as a friend.

He joined "B" Squadron at Cranwell in 1930 from Wellington and passed out in July 1932. His first Squadron (Fighters) was No 23, at Kenley, and he served in Egypt with 45 Squadron before doing the Signals course, thereafter serving on Signals Staff Appointments at HQ Fighter Command from 1939-41 and then undertaking special development work whilst commanding the Night Fighter Interceptor Unit. He personally destroyed two enemy aircraft whilst undertaking this work, and was awarded the DFC in 1942.

Then followed several Air Staff and Signal Appointments in Fighter Command, the Mediterranean, and at SHAEF. After the war, his appointments included Joint Services Staff College as Senior Royal Air Force Instructor, Director of Operational Requirements (B), the IDC Course, SASO Fighter Command, and Commandant of the School of Land/Air Warfare.

He was Assistant Chief of Defence Staff 1961-63, AOC in-C Technical Training Command 1964-66, Air Secretary for two years and finally Commandant of the Imperial Defence College 1968-69, retiring from the Royal Air Force in February 1970.

After his retirement he became Consultant on military aviation matters to Ferranti's in Edinburgh. He was also Governor of the Star and Garter Homes, at Richmond.

These are just a few of the words used by Air Chief Marshal The Earl of Bandon who gave the Address at the Memorial Service to Donald Evans at St Clement Danes on Friday 9 May 1975. They express so ably on our behalf what so many of us who knew Donald would like to have said about him.

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"It is difficult to know where to start because he had courage, humility and integrity all interwoven in his character. However courage above all I think was his outstanding characteristic. Not courage in the ordinary sense of the word. He had that, like many others in the Royal Air Force — I mean courage in the face of adversity. That was his greatest attribute. As you now all know, Donald suffered intolerably from bad health from his early youth, and all through his life. In fact he overcame this so courageously that many of you probably did not know of this at the time. But he could not always hide it, and there was one occasion when a Senior Officer summoned to his office by Donald when he was SASO Fighter Command, found him lying behind his desk, on the floor, where he remained throughout the interview, the only position in which he could stem the pain.

He wrote to the Commandant about arrangements to visit Cranwell to discuss the last Old Cranwellian Reunion which he hoped to attend as our new President; he said "The trouble is I am rather "up-the-creek" with the Doctors, and we're frantically looking around for a paddle, which I strongly suspect does not exist." This was typical of the man.

Lord Bandon went on to give worthy tribute to Lady Evans, Eleanor, for her own courage, steadfast help and endurance during the long period of his ill-health, and during the last days of climax to Donald's life.

He said "How proud the family must be of Donald, and his courage, and how lucky were so many of us to have known him, or to be counted amongst his friends, and to have happy memories which will last us through our lives and give us pleasure and inspiration in the future."

AIR MARSHAL SIR JOHN BALDWIN KBE CB DSO DL JP

Air Marshal Sir John Baldwin died on 28 July at the age of 83. *The Times* said:

Born in April, 1892, John Eustace Arthur Baldwin was educated at Rugby and from Sandhurst was commissioned in the 8th Hussars in 1911, gaining his pilot's certificate as a cavalry officer in 1914. He was seconded to the Royal Flying Corps in 1915 and transferred to the Royal Air Force in 1918.

Appointments between the wars included that of ADC to the King from 1931 to 1933 and Director of Personnel Services at the Air Ministry from 1935 to 1936. He was made Commandant of the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, in 1936 and held the post for two years.

He was retired at his own request after relinquishing this appointment in July, 1939, but returned to service on the out-break of war. Thereafter he was AOC of 3 Group, Bomber Command, for the first three years of war. This was a command he occupied with a zeal exemplified by his approach to the first of the 1,000 bomber raids on Cologne in May, 1942. After planning and co-ordinating his group's part in the raid throughout the day, he flew with the bombers on the night of May 31 to see how the operation worked out in practice.

In October, 1942, he went to the Far East as Deputy AOC-in-C India, and the following year was given command of the 3rd Tactical Air Force in the integrated allied Eastern Air Command. He held this post until 1944 when he finally retired from the Royal Air Force.

In 1948 he was appointed Colonel of his old regiment, the 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars, an appointment he held until 1958. He was Deputy Colonel of the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars from 1959 to 1960.

He was awarded the DSO in 1918, was made CB in 1938 and KBE in 1943. He was also a Deputy Lieutenant for Lincolnshire and a JP for Rutland. He married in 1916 Kathleen Betsy Terry. They had a son, killed in the Second World War, and a daughter.

AIR COMMODORE CHARLES WILLIN GORE OBE

Air Commodore Gore died on 19 April 1975. He was born in February 1902, educated at the Imperial Service College and entered Cranwell with the first entry in 1920. He was commissioned in 1921 and served in India continuously from 1922 to 1929 and again from 1933 to 1939. During the war he was at Lyneham, and HQ Bomber Command, and commanded HQ No 52 Wing 1941-42. At the end of the war he was in Italy as Royal Air Force Commander to plan and close down the Italian theatre in 1947 and held Air Ministry and command posts (he was AOC No 42 Group 1949-51) until his retirement in 1956.

AIR MARSHAL SIR WALTER PRETTY KBE CB

The following extracts are reprinted from *The Times*:

Air Marshal Sir Walter Pretty, KBE, CB, has died at the Royal Air Force Hospital, Halton, at the age of 66. He was educated at Alleyn's School and the Royal Air Force College Cranwell, and was twice mentioned in dispatches in the 1939-45 War.

In 1948 he was appointed Director General of Navigational Services, Ministry of Civil Aviation, and in 1953 became Director of Electronics Research and Development, Ministry of Supply. From 1961 to 1964 he was Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Signals Command, and then until 1966 was Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Personnel and Logistics).

Air Marshal Sir Humphrey Edwardes Jones writes:

Your obituary notice on Walter Pretty on January 23 covered his later years of service, but made no mention of what his contemporaries and I believe he would consider the outstanding achievement of his career.

As the Fighter Sector Signals Officer at Biggin Hill in 1935 he was selected to work with Sir Henry Tizard and Dr Watson-Watt on the application of radar to the air defence system of this country.

As a result of these trials and by a superhuman effort to get the chain of stations in being before the outbreak of war, the day fighter and later the night fighter squadrons were enabled to intercept enemy aircraft out of sight of the ground and at night in a manner undreamt of previously.

Walter Pretty's knowledge of both the flying and signals sides of this unique development, coupled with his shrewdness, his drive and above all his ability to talk sense to aircrew and scientists alike, enabled him to make an invaluable contribution to this project.

It is probably true to say that if one aspect of our air defence system had to be singled out to account for the remarkable success of the "few" in the Battle of Britain it would be the phenomenal advantage gained by radar giving us accurate information on enemy aircraft which could immediately be passed to pilots in the air. A considerable part of this achievement can be attributed to his efforts.

From 1947 to 1955 he was seconded to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, holding successive important posts which enabled him to apply his knowledge in the civil field.

In 1957 he served with me in Germany and I came to value his powers of judgement, his ability and his tact — valued qualities when dealing with all the ramifications of a British Command in Nato.

During the past 18 months he had begun work on a study of the postwar development of ground radar in air defence and air traffic control systems. No one was better qualified than he to undertake this work, which has been left unfinished by his untimely death.

His many friends will long remember him as a great "character" and he will be sadly missed by his wife and four children to whom he was devoted.

Forty-fifth Annual General Meeting - 21 June 1975

AVM Roy David Austen-Smith, not an ex-cadet of the College, took the Chair.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD
CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE ROYAL AIR
FORCE COLLEGE AT 1915 HOURS ON SATURDAY 21 JUNE 1975

Present: Air Vice-Marshal R D Austen-Smith CB DFC RAF Chairman
The Old Cranwell Association Committee
About 125 Members
Air Commodore E D McK Nelson CB DL RAF (Ret'd) Secretary

1. The Meeting opened at about 1925 when the Chairman welcomed those attending. He explained that Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle was now our President, having been appointed upon the sad death of Air Chief Marshal Sir Donald Evans who had succeeded to the post only last year. He was very pleased to see Sir Wallace as our President, but did not wish to pre-empt the welcome that would be offered to him at the Dinner, to follow.

ITEM 1 PREVIOUS MINUTES

2. The Chairman stated that copies of the minutes of last years AGM had been available for scrutiny since this morning, and also supplied on each chair at this meeting, so he did not propose asking the Secretary to read them. He asked for any comments, and there being none, it was proposed by Gp Capt Vielle, seconded by Air Cdre Williamson that the Minutes be passed and this was carried.

ITEM 2 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3. Statement on Claret. The Secretary stated that last year it was decided at the AGM to buy some claret, to a limit of not more than £250 in any one year. Since then the Committee have obtained a stock of 16 doz bottles at the pre-budget price of £240 (£1.25 per bottle).

4. Further stocks will be bought from time to time subject to the need to replenish, when required, so that the cost is within our agreed total.

5. Statement On Change of Subscription Date. At last year's AGM the subscription was raised (only the second time since 1926 when we were formed) from £1.25 to £2.00, and the subscription dates were changed from 1 Feb and 1 Sep ALL to 1 Jun. This information was covered (fully) in a letter from the Chairman to all members, dated Nov 1974 and despatched with the 1974 edition of the College Journal in Dec 74. By April 1975 only 800 out of 1850 Bankers Orders amending subscriptions had been returned.

6. It is essential that action is taken at once to return these Bankers Orders (or send to us for fresh ones), if we are to avoid

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Port & Wine

particularly high postal charges - and huge waste of time! If your Bankers Order has been mislaid the Secretary will forward a fresh copy, or (for those present) the Hall Porter has a number of Bankers Orders, which Members may collect.

ITEM 3 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

7. The Chairman then explained certain changes in the Committee necessary through the posting of Sqn Ldrs D J Curry and R Humphrey. He wished to record on behalf of members sincere thanks for the parts they had played on the Committee, and to say that Sqn Ldr R C McKinlay and Flt Lt B A Jones had volunteered to take their places. Their election was proposed by ACM Sir Lewis Hodges seconded by AVM Hughes, and carried. They were welcomed to the Committee.

8. The Chairman then explained that there were now three Air Commodores on the Committee, namely the three Assistant Commandants, a statutory requirement under the Rules as they stood. However, since this, with an Air Vice-Marshal Chairman, would provide rather a top-heavy structure, the Rules would be reexamined by the Committee after this meeting, with a view to reducing the numbers of Senior Committee members. At that stage Air Cdr Rogers, Robinson and Glover were welcomed as ex-officio members of the Committee.

ITEM 4 BALANCE SHEET

9. The Finance Member of the Committee Fg Off N B Tingle then explained the Balance Sheet as at 31 Mar 75, which Members had received with their Annual Report.

10. He showed that last year's excess of Expenditure over Income which appeared unhealthy, was entirely due to the change of subscription dates from 1 Feb and 1 Sep - all to 1 Jun, coincident with the increase from £1.25 to £2.00. Members who hitherto had paid in February did not do so till 1 Jun, and so instead of the usual £2300 of subscription income, last financial year we received, as planned, only £1400. And so far that year, a loss of £790 has to be substituted for what would previously have been a profit of £100.

11. Our two investments were described; £3400 with Woolwich Equitable Building Society which gave a respectable and guaranteed return, together with a secure investment; also the money is readily accessible. The other investment with National Westminster Growth Unit Investment Unit Trust had shown a 70% improvement during 1975, and was currently valued at £1150. Looking ahead, the Finance member reported that last year printing and postage together accounted for some 62% of our expenditure - this year the figure will be nearer 70%, with printing at (say) £1,400 and postage £400. Total planned expenditure for the year was £2,800, so provided the 900 odd members paid up their outstanding increased subscription, (as reported) no problem was foreseen. It was proposed that the Balance Sheet be passed by ACM Sir Neil Wheeler seconded by Air Cdre Lewis. This was carried. The Chairman then thanked Fg Off Tingle (on his posting) for his help to the Committee, and wished him luck.

ITEM 5 RETIRED COLLEGE HALL CIVILIAN STAFF

12. During the year 3 members of the staff had retired, who had completed more than 10 years service and had received gratuities

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Staff Grat & gift

totalling £151.00 according to their length of Service. They were Mr Virden, Mr Hickson and Mr Knipe. In addition Mr Oldham who had been a Groundsman at the College for 42 years, (the last 12 as Head Groundsman) retired with a contribution of £25 from the OCA towards the total of £145 - the balance from PSI, Sgts Mess, the 3 Officers' Messes and the Rugby Club. They were all warmly thanked for their Services over the years.

ITEM 6 DATE OF 1976 REUNION

13. In accordance with long precedent the Reunion in 1976 would take place on the 3rd weekend in June, ie 19/20 June 1976. This was proposed by Gp Capt Nuttall seconded by AVM Hughes and carried. It was also suggested that the date of each Reunion should appear in the preceding number of the College Journal each year, and this will be done.

ITEM 7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14. Before the Meeting was closed, our new President ACM Sir Wallace Kyle paid a sincere tribute, which was echoed by all those present, to our Chairman AVM Roy Austen-Smith, for the way in which he had fostered the spirit of the Association during the 3 years of his Chairmanship and upheld the high standards of the Reunions, which we all enjoy so much. The Meeting wished him "happy days" in the future.

15. The Meeting closed at 1950 hours, so that as the Chairman said we were able to have refreshments "on the House", a little before the planned time of 2000 hrs!

R. D. Austen-Smith
R D AUSTEN-SMITH
AVM
Chairman
W. Colahan

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Forty-sixth Annual General Meeting - 19 June 1976

AVM William Edward Colahan, not an ex-cadet of the College, took the Chair.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE ROYAL
AIR FORCE COLLEGE AT 1915 HOURS ON SATURDAY 19 JUNE 1976

Present: MRAF Sir Dermot Boyle Patron
AVM W E Colahan Chairman
The Old Cranwellian Association
Committee
About 120 Members Secretary
Wg Cdr A Dufton

1. After expressing members' pleasure at the presence of the Patron, the Chairman opened the meeting by saying that he had been delighted to be elected an Associate Member of the Old Cranwellian Association in 1959 during his last tour at Cranwell, and he was even more delighted to be a Full Member now and in the Chair at this 1976 Annual General Meeting 50 years after the inaugural meeting of the Association in 1926.

2. The Chairman said he had a few matters to raise before turning to the agenda. Firstly, Sir Wallace Kyle, the President, who had been appointed Governor of Western Australia in Autumn 1975, had offered to resign but he was glad to say the Patron had refused on behalf of the Association to accept Sir Wallace's offer. Sir Wallace had been happy to be persuaded to stay in office, and hoped to be able to attend next year's Reunion. It was proposed by Gp Capt Nuttall and seconded by AVM Chacksfield that members' appreciation of the stand taken by the Patron and of the President's willingness to continue in office be placed on record; the motion was carried unanimously.

3. Secondly, the Chairman said that after 2 very busy years in office, Air Cdre Nelson had asked to be relieved of the duties of Secretary and had handed over to his successor in Autumn 1975; as a token of the Association's gratitude, the Committee had approved the purchase of a most attractive Caitness paperweight and the Chairman had presented it to Air Cdre Nelson recently. It was proposed by AVM Cannon and seconded by Air Cdre Sir Louis Dickens that Air Cdre Nelson be thanked for his splendid work in the service of the Association; the motion was carried unanimously.

4. The Chairman added that Air Cdre Nelson's successor as Secretary was Wg Cdr Dufton, an Old Cranwellian who had recently been posted in as Chief Instructor of the Supply & Secretarial Wing at the Royal Air Force College; as such, he was able to place appropriate expertise and considerable administrative resources at the disposal of the Association. He also saved the Association £300 per annum: the honorarium paid to his predecessor to cover his travel expenses.

ITEM 1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

5. The Chairman said that copies of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting had been available in the Founders' Gallery since that morning and further copies had been placed on members' chairs prior to

subscriptions was put to good use and not allowed to idle in the current account; he would seek the approval of the Committee before taking action.

14. The Secretary estimated income for the current year at £3,800 and expenditure at £2,800, an excess of income over expenditure amounting to £1,000. The estimate of income over expenditure was £400 less than it actually was last year and the Secretary believed this trend would continue and that by the early 1980s, when income and expenditure were in balance, it would be necessary to think about raising the subscriptions again. The Secretary said that he had reduced the income figure by some £250 because he estimated that the Association would lose about 100 members before the current exercise concerning subscriptions was complete, and income from investments might be lower as the market was depressed.

15. The Secretary drew attention to his resume in the Annual Report of the chaotic situation which had arisen concerning subscriptions, mainly because several hundred members either were not reading anything sent to them or had failed to notify him of a change of address. The current banks of 444 members had been traced and the Secretary had written to the managers asking them to forward a letter to their customers from the Chairman which invited them to put their subscriptions in order. So far 135 replies had been received and only 15 had decided to resign, namely 17%. About 40 members had resigned when the revised bankers' orders were first sent out in early 1975 and it was that figure, together with an estimate of current resignations, which led the Secretary to believe that the Association would lose about 100 members in all, a very small percentage. The cost of the exercise in terms of postage and stationery was about £100, but several times that amount was likely to be recovered in subscriptions.

16. In summary, the Secretary said that the funds of the Association were in a healthy state and looked likely to stay that way until at least the early 1980s. Action was well in hand to recover outstanding subscriptions and a very small number of members were resigning as a result of the increase in subscriptions from £1.25 to £2.00 per annum. It was proposed by AVM Chacksfield and seconded by Gp Capt Vielle that the Balance Sheet be passed; the motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM 7. GRANT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF COLLEGE HALL DINING ROOM PAINTINGS

17. The Chairman said that no support was available from public funds for cleaning paintings or for insuring them. £390 had been spent from College Hall Mess funds last year in preparation for the Royal Visit, on cleaning paintings (The Royals in the Rotunda, the Pelhams, the Boston Stump and the Battle Scene) and in cleaning, reframing and rehanging all Flight Cadet Squadron and sports team photographs. As a result, no funds were left over for the portraits in the Dining Room which badly needed cleaning. Some had had no maintenance for 30 years, others since presentation, although the Sir Frank Whittle painting had been cleaned gratis by the painter (Balliday) and some money had been found from Mess funds to do the Bader painting. The PMC had started a special maintenance fund to clean two pictures a year by imposing a levy on officers, but £100 was needed to put the remaining priority work in hand without delay: the paintings of Sir Dermot Boyle and Wg Cdr Malcola. After that it was proposed to clean 2 pictures a year from the special Mess Fund. A proposal by Air Cdr Muhl Sir Ruthven Wade, seconded by Gp Capt Bacon, to grant £100 from Association Funds for the maintenance of College Hall Dining Room paintings, was carried unanimously.

18. Gp Capt Nuttall said that the Pelham portraits were on loan from Lord Newcastle and that Christies were responsible for their upkeep. The Chairman thanked the Group Captain for this useful information.

ITEM 8. RETIRED COLLEGE CIVILIAN STAFF

19. The Chairman reported that only one member of Staff, Mr J Cocking, had retired during the year and had been awarded a gratuity of £40 based on his length of service. The Staff Gratuity Fund was now valued at £391.47 but the amount could be eroded quickly by the retirement of one or two long-serving members of staff and the Chairman felt it was wise to continue to pay £100 into the Staff Gratuity Fund - at least for another year.

ITEM 9. DATE OF 1977 REUNION

20. There were no objections to the Chairman's proposal that the 1977 Reunion should take place during the third weekend in June, namely 18 and 19 June 1977.

ITEM 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

21. Oust of Honour: Honorary Membership. The Chairman invited members to enrol the Guest of Honour, Air Cdr Muhl Sir Denis Smallwood, as an Honorary Member of the Association. He reminded the meeting that Honorary Membership was offered only to Guests of Honour at each Annual Dinner and that to date it had always been offered and, of course, accepted. To clear the way for the presentation of a tie at dinner, the Chairman said he had already invited Sir Denis, on behalf of the Association, to become an Honorary Member and he had accepted with pleasure. A proposal by MRAF Sir Dermot Boyle, seconded by Air Cdr Muhl Sir Lewis Hodges, that Air Cdr Muhl Sir Denis Smallwood be made an Honorary Member, was approved unanimously.

22. Honorarium. Gp Capt Nuttall suggested that an honorarium should be paid to the Secretary. After some discussion, during which it was pointed out that Wg Cdr Dufton was a serving officer, the Chairman asked for the matter to be left in his hands.

23. Silver Jubilee of the Queen's Accession to the Throne. AVM Chacksfield proposed that the Committee should consider whether it would be appropriate for the Old Cranwellian Association to mark the Silver Jubilee of the Queen's Accession to the Throne by making HM a gift; the proposal was seconded by Air Cdr Muhl Sir Walter Dawson and carried unanimously.

24. Staff Gratuities. Flt Lt Rose remarked that inflation must be eroding the value of gratuities paid to retiring staff and suggested it was time to reassess the scale approved by an earlier Annual General Meeting. The Chairman agreed that a reassessment was timely and said that it was the Committee's intention to look at the scale as part of their overall review of Association affairs. He would report on the subject to the next Annual General Meeting.

25. Life Membership. Sqn Ldr Symons raised the subject of Life Membership, but the feeling of the meeting seemed to be that it was not a viable proposition in financial terms. No proposal was made.

26. The Chairman closed the meeting at 1959 hours. As he did so, the Patron, MRAF Sir Dermot Boyle, rose and thanked the Chairman and the Committee for their services on behalf of the Association, a sentiment which was warmly acclaimed by those present.

Chairman: W E COLAHAN
AVM
Chairman
Old Cranwellian Association

Maintenance Grant from
OCA to CHOM Paintings -
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Staff Grat - Mr Cocking and need to increase the rates to be reviewed

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(71C), P J Kemp (77C), D J Liggitt (77A), R P O'Brien (81C), C T B Peile (59A), A R P Phipps (77A), G R Pitchfork, MBE (79D), M A F Ryan (71B), D C Scouller (70C), R P Skelley (74A), I W Strachan, MBE (75A), Squadron Leaders G L P Aldhouse (2GE), P J Atkins (82D), M W Ball (94B), D J Betts (91B), T Bufton (91C), J R Caborn (86A), R F Cresswell (89A), C J Cruickshanks, AFC (88C), T Eeles (83B), A Ferguson (89A), A T Ford (91D), C A Gardiner (89D), R H Goodall (93B), A J Griffin (89B), P M Grosset (88D), D M Guest (95C), A V Hall (93B), J G Jamieson (91B), T I Jenner (91D), R D Johnston (89B), E A Jones (87C), D A Kendrick (89A), D V Loveday (87B), L J Marshall (92B), J Morgan (88C), J K Newton (89A), G W Nottage (90C), R Pengelly (89A), D H Phillips (88C), M T Phillips (88D), G J Pilgrim-Morris (92A), C J Pinder (88A), J G Rootes (91A), P W Roser (95B), P J Seymour (87C), M P G L Shaw (82C), P A Smith (93C), T J Smith (3 GE), C R Spink (94D), A J P Styles (89B), P F Turley (91A), G F R Trueman (2 GE), R H W Wakelin (87B), C L Whitaker (91C), R J Wood (89D), R W A Woodhead (78B), S W S Yarrow (82A), M R Yule (84B).

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The *Journal* offers its congratulations to the following Old Cranwellians who received honours and awards in the New Year's Honours List and the Queen's Birthday Honours List 1977.

Group Captain J A Bell (65B), Wing Commanders R A Pendry (46A), M J F Shaw (75C), were made Officers of the Order of the British Empire. Squadron Leader G C Shorrocks (83D) was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire. Wing Commanders R L Barcilon (64B), R B Duckett (83A), Squadron Leaders C J Cruickshanks (88C), P B Curtin (72B), R J Howard (77A), Flight Lieutenant G P Hermer (91B) were awarded the Air Force Cross. The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air was awarded to Squadron Leaders A R Freeman (83D), D V Loveday (87B), R Pengelly (89A), R W A Woodhead (78B), Flight Lieutenants D B Ainge (86C), D H Bennett (82A), R D Cole (81C), P A Griffiths (85C), A V B Hawken (87A).



IN MEMORIAM

We regret to announce the deaths of the following Old Cranwellians and extend our deepest sympathy to their wives and families.

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Andrew Humphrey, GCB, OBE, DFC, AFC, ADC (39-40B) died 24 January 1977.

Air Vice-Marshal T J Hanlon, CB, CBE (35-37C) died 6 January 1977.

Group Captain R A R Mangles (20-21A) died March 1976.

Flight Lieutenant J Grierson (28-29B) died 21 May 1977.

Flight Lieutenant D G Stein (13 GE) killed in a flying accident 25 February 1977.

Flight Lieutenant R Sutcliffe (3 GE) killed in a flying accident 16 August 1976.

Flight Lieutenant P S West (97A) killed in a flying accident 17 September 1976.

Flying Officer J S Mason (24 GE) died 24 September 1976.

RETIREMENTS

The following Old Cranwellians have retired since the last issue of the *Journal*.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Nigel Maynard, KCB, CBE, DFC, AFC (40), Group Captains M D Fenner (49D), M J Hardy (62A), G M Hermitage (45A), Wing Commanders M R Campbell (53D), A Dufton (62C), J H Granville-White (46B), A R Martin (53D), Squadron Leaders R C B Ashworth (52C), J C K Baerselman (69C), R M Baldwin (69B), R F Birch, MBE (77C), J L Blackford (68A), R DeV Boulton (57C), N Chamberlain, AFC (47A), M A B Collin (77B), R B W A George (47C), C D Hinds (89D), R H Holmes (76B), D A Lethem (52A), L R Morgan (64B), C S Parkin (76B), R Pengelly, AFC (89A), R M Raw (47A), R C Saar (79A), P J Sawyer (66B), P F H Walker (77B), D J Willis, AFC (77B), D J Wyborn (58A), D V Zotov (80B), Flight Lieutenants S H P Castling (23 GE), J A Dillon (94B), A R J Eidsforth (80D), J S Fountain (87C), J Harrington (98A), G Howard (89B), S P King (20 GE), M A Kirk (87C), P V LeJeune (95B), D W McCready (17 GE), I T Macdonald (7 GE), A A MacKay (78A), K D R Mans (91B), J C Marsh (91C), A F Nixon (79C), E Pettigrew (95D), M W Pyle (89B), K C Quin (78C), M Rank (15 GE), R F Sandford (91A), I R Sinclair (76A), D N Wetton (77C), Flying Officers I A Crouch (100C), A S Schrupp (née Rowlands) (3 GE), WRAF, G D P Thorpe (96B).

Forty-seventh Annual General Meeting - 18 June 1977

AVM William Edward Colahan, not an ex-cadet of the College, took the Chair.

Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting of the Old Cranwellian Association held at the Royal Air Force College at 1915 Hours on Saturday 18 June 1977.

Present: AVM W E Colahan (Chairman), Air Cdre E D Mc K Nelson (Vice President), The Old Cranwellian Association Committee, About 130 Members, Wg Cdr M A Howells (Secretary).

Minutes of the previous meeting: The Chairman opened the meeting by saying that he was honoured to be chairing his second Annual General Meeting. He expressed the regrets of all members that once again the President, Sir Wallace Kyle had been unable to attend, and he particularly welcomed the Vice-President, Air Cdre Nelson, and 2 members of the Cranwell Advisory Panel, Air Cdr Mervyn Stack and AVM Hughes.

Item 1 - Previous Minutes: The Chairman said that the minutes of the 1976 AGM had been available in the Founder's Gallery since the morning and they were also placed on members' chairs before the meeting; therefore he did not propose to ask the Secretary to read them. It was proposed by Air Cdr Mervyn Stack and seconded by AVM Cannon that the minutes be carried; the motion was carried unanimously.

Item 2 - Matters arising from the previous minutes: The Chairman said that at the 1976 AGM the Committee had undertaken to:
a. Pursue the matter of the Association's liability for Corporation Tax.
b. Consider whether it would be appropriate for the OCA to mark the Silver Jubilee by making a gift to Her Majesty.
c. Re-assess the scale of gratuities paid to domestic staff on their retirement, and to make recommendations.
d. Prepare an updated version of the Rules of the Association, to be considered at this meeting.

Item 3 - Appointment of Committee: The Chairman advised the Meeting that the current composition of the Committee was:
AVM W E Colahan (Chairman)
Air Cdre H S Carver
Sqn Ldr M P Horton
Sqn Ldr R D Langham
Sqn Ldr R C McKinlay
Flt Lt B A Jones
Wg Cdr M A Howells (Secretary)

Item 4 - Gift on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen: The Chairman said that after careful consideration the Committee had decided that the most appropriate way for the OCA to mark the Silver Jubilee Year would be to make a presentation to the Queen. It was felt that a presentation to the College would be more acceptable to Her Majesty than a gift to her personally, and on an occasion not directly connected with her role as Commandant-in-Chief. The Committee's proposal that the presentation should be an Altar Frontal for St Michael's Church had been enthusiastically supported.

Item 5 - Balance Sheet: The Chairman said that the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 1977, and the Balance Sheet drawn up at that date had been included in the Annual Report, and that extra copies had been available in the Founder's Gallery. He then called upon the Secretary to explain the state of the Association's funds.

Item 6 - Investment of Association Funds: On the Chairman's invitation the Secretary then explained the Association's tax liability and the Committee's action on investments. He said that the Committee had discussed the liability with the local tax office, the bank manager and the Investment Manager of Lloyds (Dor & King's) - Mr Shipley, who all advised us that with funds invested in a Unit Trust and a Building Society the liability for this tax would continue. We had therefore set aside £60 to meet this. Mr Shipley had visited the College to discuss the position and future financial strategy with the Committee. The Secretary said that the Committee had concluded that since, for at least for the next 3 years or so, we should have an excess of income over expenditure, it would be sensible to invest in stocks which would reduce our immediate liability for tax, whilst providing a long term protection against inflation - as far as possible. Mr Shipley had advised that we should buy British Transport 3% 1978/88 which were currently at about £60 per £100 worth of stock. If we held these for a minimum of a year any profit made on the sale would not be liable to tax. Before going ahead, Mr Shipley had taken up, on our behalf, the possibility of our gaining some tax relief as a charity, but the tax inspectors had rejected this. Accordingly, following Mr Shipley's advice we had sold our NATWEST Unit Trusts for £1359.49 against their purchase price of £997.51 in 1969 and the Woolwich Equitable Building Society holdings for £4070.56 against a purchase price of £3050. In 1969 and would invest the proceeds in British Transport 3% 78/88, in consultation with Mr Shipley, who had advised that the purchase be completed within the next month. This we would do. In conclusion the Secretary said that Mr Shipley had offered his services as the review our investments advisor free of charge and had agreed to without altering drastically the current balance in the fund or necessitating any increase in the £100 a year credited to the fund. If this recommendation were accepted the revised rates would be:
£19.50 for 10 years service - compared with £15 at present
£2.60 per year for over 10 and
up to 20 - compared with £2 at present
£3.25 per year over 20. - compared with £2.50 at present

Item 7 - Staff Gratuities and Retired College Hall Staff: The Chairman reminded the Meeting that the revision of the scale of gratuities paid to retired College Hall Staff had been raised at the last AGM. The Committee had studied possible revised rates and he called upon the Secretary to explain the position. The Secretary said that the current rates of gratuity had been set at the 1972 AGM at £15 for 10 years' service, £2 per year beyond 10 and up to 20, and £2.50 per year for each year over 20. Inflation since 1972 had been over 100%, but the state pension had, on the other hand, risen by 150%. In their consideration of possible revised rates the Committee had felt that it was perhaps best to preserve the existing ratio of 3/4/5 shown in the 1972 rates but to increase the basic unit from 50p to 65p. This would give a respectable increase whilst allowing our successors some flexibility, and would do so without altering drastically the current balance in the fund or necessitating any increase in the £100 a year credited to the fund. If this recommendation were accepted the revised rates would be:
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Item 8 - Portrait of Sir Andrew Humphrey: The Chairman said that all members had been deeply saddened at the sudden death of Sir Andrew Humphrey in January. Sir Andrew had loved Cranwell and never missed an opportunity to visit the College. He was the first ex-Flight Cadet to become Chief of Defence Staff and he was a member of the OCA. The Chairman said that he had long felt that it would be appropriate to mark Sir Andrew's achievement by a portrait to be hung in the College Hall dining room. The Patron, President, Vice-President and the then C-in-C, Sir Neville Stack, had all supported his proposal that the portrait should be invited to sponsor the project and the Air Force Board had agreed to fund half the cost of the portrait, up to a maximum contribution of £400. The Chairman said that he had contacted the Secretary of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters who had advised that Halliday (who has painted Sir Frank Whittle) would charge £2750, Hepple (HM The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and Sir Dermot Boyle) would charge £2250. Many would be unwilling to undertake a portrait from photographs only. Mr John Hughes-Ballett, whose portrait of Sir Andrew was at HQ RAF, would undertake the commission but would charge £1500 less frame. The Chairman said that he had spoken to Mrs McGregor, who has painted 4 portraits already at Cranwell, Sir George Mills, HM The Prince of Wales, The Last Flight Cadet Colour Party and the CFS portrait of Sir Richard Atcherley. All but the Colour Party were generally considered excellent. Accordingly the Chairman said the Committee proposed that the portrait should be painted by Mrs McGregor. The Chairman said the Committee proposed that the portrait should be painted by Mrs McGregor. Further the portrait should be painted by Mrs McGregor who was willing to undertake the work at a reduced price of £600, plus expenses, giving a total cost of less than £800 inclusive of the frame, of which the AFPS would provide up to £400. The Chairman advised the Meeting that the OCA could fund the other half of the cost out of cash in hand and that the Patron and the President recommended the proposal. The Vice-President and Air Cdr Mervyn Stack also supported the proposal. It was proposed by Air Cdr Mervyn Stack and seconded by AVM Cannon that the Association should present a portrait of Sir Andrew Humphrey to the College, to be painted by Mrs McGregor at a cost of £600 plus expenses plus up to £100 for framing, of which the AFPS would fund half up to £400. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Item 9 - Purchase of Wine: The Chairman said that after the last Reunion the Association's stock of claret stood at just under 3 years' worth; it was therefore felt that it would be wise to add to our stock now. The Committee had, therefore, bought 22 bottles of Chateau Cane 70 and 81 bottles of Chateau Maine Cane 70, costing £191.28, which is within the Committee's powers of purchase of wine (£250 in any one year) authorised by the 1975 AGM. The OCA now have 5 years' stock of claret and about 9 years' stock of port. At current, not book, value, the port is worth £920 and the claret £370.

Item 10 - Financial Powers of the Committee: The Chairman advised the Meeting that under Rule 6e (1) of the 1954 rules the Committee was empowered to spend up to £50 in one year, without reference to a General Meeting, to further the objects of the Association. In order to reflect, at least in part, the devaluation of the pound since 1954, it was proposed by Gp Capt Vellis and seconded by AVM Hughes that the Committee's powers under this Rule be increased to £100. The motion was carried.

Item 11 - Associate Membership of the Association: The Chairman said that he was pleased to be able to tell the Meeting that Air Cdre Glover (Assistant Commandant Specialist Ground Training) Sqn Ldr Griffiths (Senior Regiment Instructor) and Flt Lt Boreham (No 2 Squadron) had accepted invitations to become Associate Members of the OCA. He then explained that the rules set in 1937 allowed the Committee to enrol 3 Associate Members each year. The choice was difficult, as it should be, but it would be made easier and would allow a wider choice of ranks and posts if this annual number was raised to 4. The Chairman said that, to put the proposal in context, the number of staff in 1937 was considerably lower than the 236 now eligible. He added that the limit of 5% of overall membership laid down in the Rules would be abided by; this gave the Association a current limit of about 90 Associate Members. It was proposed by Air Cdr Mervyn Stack and seconded by Air Cdre Nelson that the number of Associate Members that could be enrolled in a year be increased to 4, the total number to remain within a limit of 5% of the overall membership. The proposal was carried.

Item 12 - Amendment of the Rules of the Association: The Chairman said that the Rules of the Association had last been amended in 1954, and that, as proposed at the 1976 AGM, the Committee had no revised them. In doing so the Committee had been guided by the principle that the Rules which had stood the test of time should be altered as little as possible. Two amendments had already been covered by Agenda items 10 and 11. All Members who had asked for copies of the draft amended Rules had received them, and copies had been available in the Founder's Gallery. He said that the most significant amendment was that of Rule 2a in which the eligibility of the Graduate Return to Join the Association was acknowledged. The draft rules also formalised the post of Vice-President, the £2 annual subscription, the position of the Deputy Commandant as a Member of the Committee, the post and tenure of the Vice-President and several minor amendments. The Chairman, in inviting comment, said that he did not feel that the amendments were controversial. It was proposed by AVM Cannon and seconded by Air Cdre Vellis that the draft amended Rules as presented, be accepted. The proposal was agreed.

Item 13 - Date of the 1978 Reunion: The Chairman said that for reasons he would explain in his speech after dinner it was not yet possible to settle the date of the 1978 Reunion.

Item 14 - Any Other Business: History of Cranwell. Gp Capt Bacon said that he considered the history of Cranwell was inadequately recorded and he suggested that members of the OCA may be willing to help by providing details, historic records etc to the College Archivist. Gp Capt Nuttall said that cassette tapes could possibly be used. The Chairman agreed and after appealing to those present to let the Commandant have their reminiscences, said he would take the matter up.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 1959 hrs.

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HMQ's Silver Jubilee Gift

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OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION NOTES

ANNUAL REUNION 1978

The 1978 Old Cranwellian Association Reunion was an occasion both for regret and pleasure ; regret that only our second Patron, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, was giving up his office and pleasure that His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales had accepted the Patronage in Sir Dermot's stead. Not surprisingly there was heavy demand to attend this year, unfortunately a limit of 185 places had to be imposed with ' first come — first served ' the rule. Apologies are again tendered to all those members whose bids to attend had to be rejected.

Last year the OCA Notes criticized the summer of '77, quite unfairly as it now appears in relation to the present one. However the Reunion weekend was a slight improvement on the general meteorological performance and although not actually warm it was at least sunny for much of the time.

A substantial number of members and their families turned up on Saturday afternoon to watch the cricket, and sitting on the steps out of the wind was a popular pass-time (*Photograph below*). Tea was taken on the Orange and it was a particular pleasure to see the retiring Patron and the President there as well as ex-College Hall staff who were our guests for tea. During the tea interval the Vice President, Air Cdre Nelson, accepted on behalf

of the Association a beautiful framed colour picture of Spitfire G AIDN, the generous gift of Wg Cdr David Bennett.

The picture now hangs appropriately in the Spitfire Room in College Hall.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Clay Pigeon Shooting. Eight Old Cranwellians and nine students and Cranwell officers attempted the 30 varied targets, simulating driven partridge, springing teal, crossing and walked-up pheasants, all made more difficult by a strong blustery wind. Flt Lt Schofield was high gun for the students and Sqn Ldr Glencorse for the OCA, with the students winning the event by 76 points to 68. Perhaps 1979 will see a break in the run of students victories ?

Our particular thanks go to Flt Lt Schofield who is IC Clay Pigeon Shooting at Cranwell, to Flt Lt Forsyth and especially to Mr Michael Alldiss, Development Officer of the National Clay Pigeon Shooting Association, who acted as referee and coach. Obviously the students absorbed the instruction better than the OCA members, which bodes well for the Royal Air Force in the future.



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Cricket. As an indication of the weather the OCA took the field huddled in their sweaters. The game got off to a bright start with the College opening pair scoring 25 before they were parted. This brought Plt Off Thomas to the crease to begin a fine innings of 53 and by lunch the College were 57 for 3. Shortly after the break another wicket fell and Fg Off Barker, the College Captain, joined Thomas. Between them they added 85 runs against a wide and wild selection of bowling, enabling the College to declare at 174 for 7.

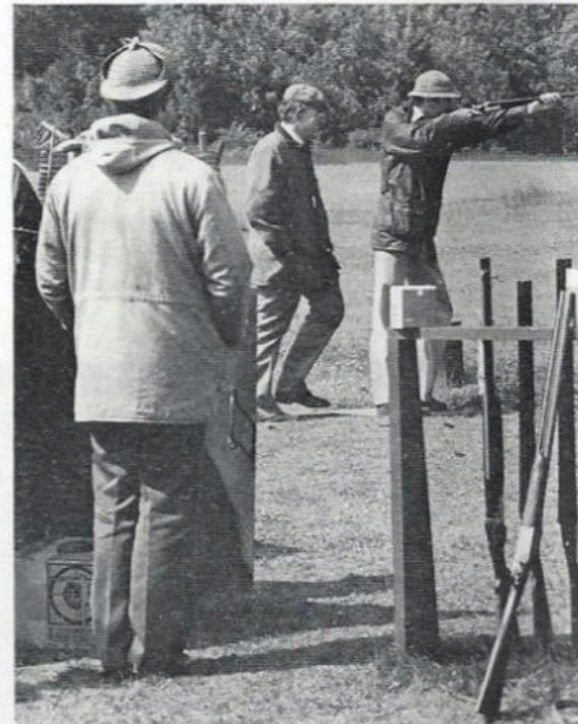
The OCA tried 10 bowlers, to confuse the College and the scorers, but the only analysis of real note was of Sqn Ldr Thomas who took 3 for 34. The saga of the OCA batting this year might be best left unsung, except for the spirited resistance of Flt Lt Yates who scored 36. From the OCA point of view it was a sad tale of steady College bowling backed up by sound fielding, Fg Off Nicholls finished with 3 for 12 and Fg Offs Saville and McGregor both got 2 wickets, the latter for no runs. The College thus won by 89 runs, bringing their tally of wins since 1950 to 12 against the OCA's 7.

Golf. Following the precedent of last year the golfers entertained the President and the Captain of the Sleaford Golf Club, Mr Ted Blanchard and Sqn Ldr Stan Smith, and the officer IC Golf, Sqn Ldr Jock Drysdale to buffet lunch in College Hall before the match. This ploy was obviously more successful this year than last for the OCA won a close and keenly fought contest 3½ - 2½. Probably the most memorable events were an adventurous par by Air Chf Mshl Sir Peter Le Cheminant, including a superb shot to within 20ft of the flag from deep jungle followed by a confident and successful putt, and a remarkable back-spin shot to the 18th green off the club-house roof by Gp Capt Scambler. The detailed results were (OCA names first) :

1. Air Cdre Carver and Gp Capt Nuttall lost to Plt Off Pickerill and Fg Off Hedley.
2. Air Chf Mshl Sir Peter Le Cheminant and Sqn Ldr Barrett halved with Sqn Ldr Baldwin and Plt Off Senior.

3. Gp Capt Scambler and Sqn Ldr Roberts beat Fg Off Kempshall and Fg Off Winn-Morgan.
4. AVM Austen-Smith and Sqn Ldr Herd beat Sqn Ldr Jones and Fg Off Wood.
5. Flt Lt D A Briggs and Flt Lt J S Warnock lost to Fg Off Frazer and Fg Off Laurence.
6. Sqn Ldr Devey-Smith and Sqn Ldr Drysdale beat Fg Off Ogier and Fg Off Clackett.

Tennis. This year the OCA fielded 5 pairs, including Flt Lt Judy Womack, following her début last year. Although overall the conditions for play were good the gusty wind caused some mild problems for the longest serving OCA member — indeed Sqn Ldr Balean was moved to comment accordingly at the Annual General Meeting. The team averaged 6 sets per pair against a side drawn from students and staff, and a score of 15 sets all was a fitting and fair end to a most enjoyable afternoon.



The Clay Pigeon Shooting

Squash. This year the OCA produced a strong team, 4 players having represented their Command. The College team of one student and 5 staff were soon 3 down and although Tom Coldicott and Mike Cross both won for the College (even though OCAs!) the College revival was not to continue for Stewart Penny beat Gerry Marshall to ensure victory by 4 - 2 for the OCA. As always the games were competitive, but friendly ; the detailed results are (OCA names first) :

- Sqn Ldr Burnett lost to Flt Lt Coldicott.
- Sqn Ldr Penny beat Flt Lt Marshall.
- Wg Cdr Wilson lost to Sqn Ldr Cross.
- Sqn Ldr Gooding beat Fg Off Kidd.
- Sqn Ldr Hallam beat Flt Lt Bruning.
- Sqn Ldr Middleton beat Flt Lt Maddocks.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Commandant, as Chairman, opened the Annual General Meeting shortly after 1915 hrs. He particularly welcomed the President of the Association, Sir Wallace Kyle, and said how honoured we were that His Royal Highness had agreed to become our next Patron. The Chairman read out the telegram of loyal greetings sent to Her Majesty The Queen which mentioned our Royal Patron and our delight that he had agreed to dine with us, and then Her Majesty's gracious reply :

'I sincerely thank all officers of the Royal Air Force, both serving and retired, gathered together on the occasion of their Annual Reunion for their kind message of loyal greetings. I greatly appreciate this message, and in the year of the 60th Anniversary of the Royal Air Force I send my very best wishes to all those dining at Cranwell tonight.'

ELIZABETH R

After the minutes of the 1977 AGM had been passed the meeting approved the composition of the current OCA Committee and recorded the Association's warm appreciation of the work of Sqn Ldr M P Horton, Sqn Ldr

J G Jamieson, Sqn Ldr M B Langham and Sqn Ldr B A Jones, who had left the Committee and the College since the last AGM. The Secretary then explained the Balance Sheet and advised that the Association's finances were healthy with net assets of over £7500 as against £7300 last year. There had been an excess of Income over Expenditure of about £260, even after the contribution to Sir Andrew Humphrey's portrait. He then advised the Meeting of the Committee's intention to change the accounting period to end in December to allow the despatch of the *Journal* and Annual Report together and thus save about £100 postage. With this nine month year the Secretary forecast an income of about £3200 and an expenditure of £1725, leaving £1425 available for this year's reunion and such expenses as the topping up of the wine stocks. After the Balance Sheet had been approved the Secretary advised the Meeting that the Association would shortly consult the Investment Manager Lloyds (Cox and Kings) on the retention or sale of the holdings of British Transport 3% 78/88. After the Meeting's agreement to this the Secretary advised that the Association had provided a farewell gratuity to Mr Morbey on his retirement after 29 years service. The Chairman then sought and obtained the Meeting's agreement to hold the next Reunion on 16/17 June 1979, finally he encouraged members to take note of the proposal in last year's *Journal* on the donation or loan of miniature orders, decorations and medals for display in the College. Under 'Any other Business' Sqn Ldr Balean commented amusingly on the ineffectiveness of wind-breaks around the tennis courts ; the Secretary agreed to seek a solution to the problem. The Chairman closed the Meeting at 1935 hours, surely a record, in good time to be ready for the arrival of His Royal Highness.

RECEPTION AND REUNION DINNER

His Royal Highness arrived on The Orange at 1955 hours in a Wessex of the Queen's Flight, to be met by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, His Excellency Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle and the AOC and Commandant (*Photograph over*). In the Rotunda the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beetham, and the AOC in C Royal Air Force Support Command, Air Marshal Sir Rex Roe, both of

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whom were our dinner guests, were introduced to His Royal Highness, as were the Vice President, Air Cdre Nelson, and the Deputy Commandant, Air Cdre Carver. Thereafter His Royal Highness circulated informally amongst members and other guests. At just after 2025 hours the trumpeters of the Royal Air Force College sounded their fanfare and members and guests moved into the dining room. Our congratulations are due to Warrant Officer Hughes and all his staff on the production and presentation of the traditional Reunion Dinner. The College Band also played their part in the memorable evening and the Post Horn Gallop after dinner was, quite rightly, greeted with tumultuous applause. When the port had been passed and the Loyal Toast drunk the Commandant, as Chairman of the Association, gave his report on the College.

COMMANDANT'S REPORT

The Chairman opened by welcoming the guests to this year's dinner and in particular said what a great pleasure and privilege it was to have His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales back at Cranwell again. In his brief and selective review of College activities the Commandant talked about the NATO Senior Officers' Electronic Warfare Course in the Department of Air Warfare and the effect of the recruiting difficulties, especially of pilots and engineers, on the training departments. He contrasted this with the thriving existence of the UASs and commented on the quality of the VR aircrew and the goodwill towards the UASs within the universities. He touched upon the creation of the third flying squadron and the arrival of the first student pilots who were not university graduates at Cranwell.

Looking to the future the Commandant said that the Air Force Board had decided that the OCTU at Henlow was to close and all Initial Officer Training was to be done at Cranwell. This would mean many changes and the Association would have to decide at next year's AGM what were to be the rules governing membership. In concluding he thanked Sir Dermot Boyle for all his invaluable work for the College and the Association and expressed the hope of all members that Sir Dermot would attend the Reunion for many years to come.

SIR DERMOT BOYLE'S SPEECH

In the light of the forthcoming changes mentioned by the Commandant, Sir Dermot Boyle spoke movingly of the affection and pride we all feel for the College and of the wisdom of Lord Bandon, the then President, in preserving the existence of the Association at the last major change from Flight Cadet to Graduate Entrant. In handing over the Patronage 'with a powerful sense of rightness' Sir Dermot said how honoured and proud we were to have His Royal Highness as our new Patron, not only because of his great office and unique position in our country but also because of the impact he had made at the College and his obvious love of and proficiency at flying — the main reason for the existence of the College. Sir Dermot ended his short speech to loud and affectionate applause.

ADDRESS BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES

In a witty speech His Royal Highness kept everyone amused and interested for some 15 to 20 minutes. In thanking Sir Dermot he said how pleased he was to become our Patron, in particular as the Patronage was, unusually for him, of an Association of which he was a fully-fledged and paid up member, and how glad he was to meet, at last, some of the legendary figures of the Association and the Royal Air Force of whom he had heard so much. Amongst many anecdotes he spoke in a more serious vein, and with great sincerity and urgency, of the need for quality in the Nation's and the Royal Air Force's manpower in an

era of declining standards and of the imperative need for good management in general, and good man-management in particular. At the end of his speech His Royal Highness received long, and loud, applause.

AFTER DINNER

After dinner His Royal Highness again circulated among members and guests, finally leaving at about 2330 hours. Other members were not so wise and the bar continued its usual immaculate service until the small hours.

CHURCH SERVICE AND PARADE

Sunday morning was dull, chill, but dry. The church of St Michael and All Angels was full, although the small number of students on parade meant that the Memorial Chapel was not used. As usual it was a stirring service; the combination of the trumpeters, the College Band, the organ, augmented choir and congregation making for marvellous music and worship. It was good to see the Reverend Renowden back again at St Michael's. After the Service Sir Dermot Boyle took the salute at the March Past and Advance in Review Order, and the Queen's Colour was marched off into the College.

FINALE

After the Parade Sir Dermot and Lady Boyle, Sir Wallace Kyle, Sir Michael Beetham, the Reverend Renowden, OCA members, station officers and families met in the Rotunda to talk of the Reunion and to see the President of the Association present a framed pen and ink drawing of the College by J D Wheeldon, to Sir Dermot Boyle as a token of thanks from all Cranwellians. Thus the 1978 Reunion was over. That it seemed to be a success is due to all those who contributed, the Station and Mess staffs, the sports organizers and the participants. As always the Secretary's task was eased by the co-operation, understanding and helpfulness of everyone involved. The only regret is that more members could not attend. May 1979 be as enjoyable.



HRH The Prince of Wales walks with the AOC and Commandant from the helicopter

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

PROMOTIONS

To the following Old Cranwellians who have been promoted since our last issue, the *Journal* offers its congratulations :

Air Vice-Marshals M J Armitage, CBE (58C), W J Herrington (47C), Air Commodores C P James (62B), J M Pack, CBE (58A), J M A Parker, AFC (54C), R C F Peirse (55B), D C Robinson (49A), R I Stuart-Paul, MBE (67C). Group Captains J R Bradshaw (57D), A G Bridges (65A), G W F Charles (50C), D A Cowley (70A), E D Frith (62B), D St J Homer (70C), P Walker (69A), R Watson (51A). Wing Commanders C R Adams, AFC (79B), F G Allen (77C), G B Browne (65B), J F P Browne (77B), P F A Canning (78D), R Cloke (75B), P R Davis (65A), A C H Denny (59D), K L Fitzpatrick (83B), D R Green (83A), R P Hallam (78A), J D Heron (71B), J N Herbertson (76C), R Humphrey (73A), M R Jackson (84D), B C Johnson (77B), I O Junor (83D), D R H McGregor (83B), R C McKinlay (83C), J F H Marriott (65C), H R W Morris (45A), T A Pearson (76B), A S Penny (80D), C M Quaipe (69B), G H Rolfe, MBE (81B), J D Rust (77B), P G Sturt (81C), M E Williamson (75C), A M Wills (85D). Squadron Leaders D B Ainge (86C), V E Ayres (87C), T J Beney (95B), P C Butcher (93B), R Condon (92C), R T Cuthill (93C), K H Dalziel (91C), D J Drew (93C), R D Elder (93D), M L Feenan (1GE), J F Fisher (84D), M D C Fonfe (91D), S Glencorse (93D), P A Griffiths (85C), S G Griffiths (95C), D J Hargreaves (88C), K J Harris (91B), A V B Hawken (87A), R I Hogg (91D), N R Holder (91D), J W Hollowood (93C), P J Hoskins (95C), A B Hughes-Lewis (86D), S W Hunt (96C), A J Hurst (93A), R M Joy (90B), C J McCairns (93C), A R Macdonald (89D), H G Mackay (1GE), G McLeod (94C), I W P McNeil (90C), K Marshall (90C), D A Martin (94B), M Mitchell (94D), D M Moss (93D), M J O'Connor (93A), B P J Pearce (91C), M S Pearce (91B), B E A Peggall (90D), M D Pledger (1 GE), G S Pyle (90D), J M E Pym (82D), M J Remlinger (95C), P G Robinson (89A), E G C Rouse (90A), N C Rusling

(2 GE), C R Seymour (90C), G Shields (87D), B J Simon (91C), G D Simpson (95B), I Sloss (95D), E J Stapleton (90D), J W Stewart (91A), A R Thompson (5 GE), D A L Tombleson (93D), J A Walliker (95C), C R Ward (3 GE), P M Warner (94C), A B Wight-Boycott (90B), C G Winsland (91B), A N Wise (88D), B N Woodcock (2 GE), G J Woodley (93C), P A A Woods (92C), R C Wright (85B).

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The *Journal* offers its congratulations to the following Old Cranwellians who received honours and awards in the New Year's Honours List and the Queen's Birthday Honours List 1978 :

Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter LeCheminant, KCB, DFC (39A) who was made a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire. Air Vice-Marshal T L Kennedy, AFC (46B) was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath. Group Captain J F H Tetley (58C) was made a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. Air Commodore J M Pack (58A) and Group Captain J R Walker (68B) were made Commanders of the Order of the British Empire. Wing Commanders R Green (61C), R E Johns (76B), P H Lewis (57B), J A Morgan (60C), A Mumford (69A), J A Williams (51B), were made Officers of the Order of the British Empire. Squadron Leaders D L Blomley (88B) and J R Lees (69A) were made Members of the Order of the British Empire. Wing Commander N R Hayward (79D) and Squadron Leaders P J Gooding (87C), A J Sheppard (77A), were awarded the Air Force Cross. The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air was awarded to Squadron Leaders C B Adcock (81C), M N Caygill (90D), J E Rooum (84B), T G Thorn (85A), Flight Lieutenants S C Gruner (90B), J E M Mustard (1 GE).

RETIREMENTS

The following Old Cranwellians have retired since the last issue of the *Journal* :

Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville Stack KCB, CVO, CBE, AFC (37-39C), Air Chief Marshal Sir Ruthven Wade KCB, DFC (38-39A), Group Captains W E Kelly (50C), G K Mossman CBE (47B), Wing Commanders M E Bee AFC (73C), R S Blockey (61A), J M Boden (56D), D B D Hamley (45B), N R Hayward AFC (79D), V A Hodgkinson (55D), R Horsfield (64A), D G Lucas (74C), L G Ludgate (46D), R Mitchell (82B), E J Nance OBE (71B), H T Price, DFC (47A), N R Price (55A), P M Randolph (49D), J A Robinson AFC (57A), A J J Scott (56D), Squadron Leaders C I Carr-White (74B), C E F Cooper (54A), D J Curry (79D), M

Dales (83A), P J Deakin, MIPM, AMBIM (56B), D J Earle (89B), D P English (53C), G H Glasgow (78A), P H G Hawken, BA (80A), P R C Jones (82B), M L Leedham, AMBIM (80C), D C Lott (79A), P J Maitland AFC (76C), I H Nelson (80D), C J Petheram AMBIM (47C), J F Raeside (78A), P M Riley (79D), A J Ross (78D), M S Sabine (79C), P H W D Shrimpton (73C), P J Symes (76B), M H Wilson (78A), W Wood (81C), Flight Lieutenants R L S Butler (79D), I R Christie-Miller (82D), J Davie, BA, WRAF (5 GE), D J Edington (98B), R T A Finch (9 GE), A B Gjertsen (8GE), M G Headland (14 GE), A E Jones (97C), I P Leckenby (92A), M M Mann (4 GE), R D Middleton (21 GE), P A Nelson (78A), B V Perry (92D), K R L Read (80C), L S Robertson (20 GE), M V Smith (91C), J A Stockill (98A), J B H Wood (80D), Flying Officers R C Cook (29 GE), D E C Mills (29 GE), A C Paul (29 GE).

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to announce the deaths of the following Old Cranwellians and extend our deepest sympathy to their wives and families :

Air Commodore A P Bett (24-25A) died March 1978.

Air Commodore D W Lane, CBE (27-28B) died 2 June 1978.

Air Commodore A Pyke (30-31C) died March 1977.

Air Commodore M W S Robinson (29-30A) died April 1977.

Group Captain F E Nuttal (21-22A) died 21 September 1978.

Group Captain W H N Turner, DFC (29-31A) died 23 June 1977.

Wing Commander C B Hughes (26-28B) died 1 February 1978.

Wing Commander W H Ingle, AFC (34-36B) died 26 June 1978.

Squadron Leader M J Bennee (92D) killed in a flying accident 30 January 1978.

Flight Lieutenant C M Edwards (91C) killed in a flying accident 11 August 1978.

Flight Lieutenant C J Everitt (96C) killed in a flying accident 27 April 1978.

Flight Lieutenant P W Haigh (97A) died 23 November 1977.

Flight Lieutenant A G N Hampton (56A) died 29 January 1978.

Flight Lieutenant J D Piercy (2 GE) killed in a flying accident 21 September 1978.

Forty-eighth Annual General Meeting - 17 June 1978

AVM David Harcourt-Smith, ex-56 Entry, took the Chair.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE AT 1915 HOURS ON SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1978

Present: AVM D Harcourt-Smith Chairman
HE Air Chf Mchl Sir Wallace Kyle President
The Old Cranwellian Association Committee
About 140 Members
Wg Cdr M A Howells Secretary

ACTION

1. The Chairman opened the meeting by introducing himself and by saying how pleased he was to be chairing his first Annual General Meeting. He particularly welcomed the President of the Association, Sir Wallace Kyle, and said how honoured we were that His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales had agreed to become our next Patron. He advised members that because of His Royal Highness's arrival at 1955 hours it would be necessary to keep the meeting as brief as possible.

2. The Chairman then read out the telegram of loyal greetings which had been sent to Her Majesty the Queen:

"The Royal Air Force Officers, serving and retired, assembling at the Royal Air Force College on the occasion of their Annual Reunion, send their humble greetings and beg to assure Your Majesty of their continuing loyalty and devotion. They are honoured that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has graciously consented to become Patron of the Association and delighted that His Royal Highness has agreed to dine with them at the College Hall Officers' Mess this Saturday 17 June 1978".

and Her Majesty's gracious reply:

"I sincerely thank all officers of the Royal Air Force, both serving and retired, gathered together on the occasion of their Annual Reunion for their kind message of loyal greetings. I greatly appreciate this message, and in the year of the 60th Anniversary of the Royal Air Force I send my very best wishes to all those dining at Cranwell tonight - Elizabeth R."

ITEM 1. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 18 JUN 77

3. The Chairman said that copies of the minutes of the 1977 AGM had been made available to Members, therefore he did not propose to ask the Secretary to read them. It was proposed by Air Chf Mchl Sir Lewis Hodge and seconded by Air Chf Mchl Sir Walter Merton that the minutes be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM 2. MATTERS ARISING

4. The Chairman told the meeting that there were only 2 items arising from the minutes of the 1977 AGM; the Association had paid £200 to the cost of the Altar Frontal and Pulpit Fall and £375.71 towards the cost of the portrait of Sir Andrew Humphrey.

ITEM 3. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

5. The Chairman advised the meeting that the current composition of the Committee was:

AVM D Harcourt-Smith	Chairman
Air Cdre H S Carver	
Sqn Ldr C J Booth	
Sqn Ldr B H Jones	
Flt Lt A H Vaughan	
Flt Lt O M Williams	
Wg Cdr M A Howells	Secretary

It was proposed by Group Captain Nuttall and seconded by Air Cdre Lewis that the composition of the Committee be ratified. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting also agreed to place on record the Association's warm appreciation of the work of the previous members of the Committee who had left since the 1977 AGM; Sqn Ldr M P Horton, Sqn Ldr J G Jamieson, Sqn Ldr M B Langham and Flt Lt (now Sqn Ldr) B A Jones.

ITEM 4. BALANCE SHEET

6. The Chairman said that the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 Mar 78 and the Balance Sheet as at that date were in the Annual Report, a copy was on the notice board and copies had been placed on Members' chairs. He then called upon the Secretary to explain the state of the Association's funds.

7. The Secretary began his report by saying that the Association's finances remained healthy with net assets of over £7500 this year against £7300 last year. An excess of Income over Expenditure of some £550 had been forecast last financial year, before any expenditure on the portrait of Sir Andrew Humphrey. The excess had been just over £260 which was satisfactory taking into account the expenditure on the portrait.

8. In detail the assets comprised some £3500 in cash, mostly on Deposit Account, and nearly £5000 invested in British Transport 3% 1978/88. Some £69 of investment income was still due and there was stock of wines and ties at book value. Known liabilities were corporation tax - £83, which was slightly higher than last year because of realisation of previous investments and a reserve against the College Journal bill of £1200. This reserve accounts for most of the difference between the deposit account holding in 1977/78 and that in 76/77. In fact the actual Journal bill this year was eventually only £1100.

9. The Secretary then advised the meeting of the Committee's intention to change the accounting period to end in December to allow the despatch of the Annual Report and the Journal together and thus to save about £100 in postage. This "9 month year" would result in a subscription income of

about £3000 - missing out those who pay annually in February, and an investment income of about £200. Against this £3200 was forecast an expenditure of about £1725, including £1000 for the College Journal, which left £1475 for this year's Reunion and the topping up of wine stocks. The Association's financial state was thus expected to be satisfactory as at 31 Dec 78. On the conclusion of the Secretary's statement it was proposed by Air Chf Mchl Sir Hugh Constantine and seconded by Air Cdre Bacon that the Balance Sheet be approved. The proposal was carried unanimously.

ITEM 5. INVESTMENT OF ASSOCIATION FUNDS

10. On the Chairman's invitation the Secretary then explained the position on the investment of the Association's funds. He said that on the advice of the Investment Manager of Lloyds (Cox & Kings) the Committee had purchased £8730 worth of British Transport 3% in Jul 77 at 56-15/16. The market value as at 12 Jun 78 had been 62 3/4. He advised that to avoid Capital Gains Tax on realisation the Association would have to retain the stock for more than one year and said that the Committee would again consult the Investment Manager after July on whether to sell or retain the stock. It was proposed by AVM Cannon and seconded by Sqn Ldr Balean that the Committee's actions be approved.

ITEM 6. STAFF GRATUITIES AND RETIRED COLLEGE HALL STAFF

11. The Chairman then invited the Secretary to advise the meeting of the present position on staff gratuities. The Secretary reminded members of the revised rates of gratuity approved at the 1977 AGM and said that only one College Hall servant had retired during the financial year 1977/78. Mr C Morbey had left after 29 years of service and had received a gratuity of £74.25. The meeting recorded their appreciation of Mr Morbey's long service.

ITEM 7. DATE OF THE 1979 REUNION

12. There were no objections to the Chairman's proposal that following precedent, the 1979 Reunion should be held on the third weekend in June, namely 16/17 June 1979.

ITEM 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13. Protection for the Tennis Courts. Sqn Ldr Balean suggested that some form of windbreak be provided around College Hall tennis courts. The Chairman said that this would be investigated.

14. Miniatures. The meeting agreed that the proposal made in the 1977 College Journal, that retired Old Cranwellians should be invited to donate or lend their miniature orders, decorations and medals for display at the College, should be encouraged.

15. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 1935 hours.

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AVM
Chairman
Old Cranwellian Association

ACTION

Distribution:

Patron: His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales
President: HE Air Chf Mchl Sir Wallace Kyle
Vice-President: Air Cdre E D McK Nelson
Chairman: AVM D Harcourt-Smith
OCA Committee Members
Secretary
Members at the 1979 AGM

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HMQ's telegram to OCA

Staff Gratuities - status and Mr C Morbey

Forty-ninth Annual General Meeting - 16 June 1979

AVM David Harcourt-Smith, ex-56 Entry, took the Chair.

<p>OCA/62466</p> <p>Royal Air Force College Cranwell Sleaford Lincolnshire Cranwell 61201 ext T 249</p> <p>See Distribution 4 Jul 79</p> <p>MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE AT 1900 HOURS ON SATURDAY 16 JUN 79</p> <p>Present: AVM D Harcourt-Smith Chairman The Old Cranwellian Association Committee About 90 Members Wg Cdr M A Howells Secretary</p> <p>1. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all those present. He said that the Agenda had been recast to allow as much time as possible for the discussion of the future membership of the Association. He advised that because of the arrival of the Guest of Honour, Sir Arthur Marshall, at about 1930 hours, he would handover the Chair to the Deputy Commandant, Air Cdre Carver, at an appropriate moment. He then told the meeting that a telegram of loyal greetings had been sent to Her Majesty the Queen, and that a copy of the telegram and the reply from Her Majesty's Private Secretary were displayed on the notice board.</p> <p>ITEM 1. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 17 JUN 78</p> <p>2. The Chairman said that a copy of the minutes of the 1978 AGM had been made available to members, therefore he did not propose to ask the Secretary to read them out. It was proposed by Gp Capt Vielle and seconded by AVM Colahan that the minutes be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>ITEM 2. MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>3. There were no matters arising from the 1978 AGM.</p> <p>ITEM 3. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE</p> <p>4. The Chairman advised the meeting that the current composition of the Committee was:</p> <p>AVM D Harcourt-Smith Chairman Air Cdre H S Carver Sqn Ldr W M H Cross Flt Lt M F C James Flt Lt A H Vaughan Flt Lt P Weaver Wg Cdr M A Howells Secretary</p>	<p>It was proposed by Air Muhl Sir Keith Williamson and seconded by Air Muhl Sir John Lapeley that the composition of the Committee be ratified. The proposal was carried unanimously. The meeting also agreed to place on record the Association's warm appreciation of the work of the previous members of the Committee who had left since the 1978 AGM; Sqn Ldr C J Booth, Sqn Ldr B H Jones and Flt Lt (now Sqn Ldr) O M Williams. The Chairman advised the meeting that he intended to Wg Cdr Colin Pierce, Wg Cdr College Secretary. The meeting agreed to place on record their appreciation of the work of the previous members of the Committee.</p> <p>ITEM 4. FUTURE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION</p> <p>5. The Chairman introduced the discussion on future membership of the Association by apologising for the administrative delays between the preparation of the brief on future membership and its despatch. These were caused, by printing problems for the Journal and the Annual Report, which it was planned should be sent with the brief, and programming and printing difficulties with the computer addressing system. He did not intend to apologise, however, for the approach used in the brief which had been designed to bring any opposition to the Committee's proposal into the open. This aim had been achieved. It was not the Committee's intention to bulldoze any proposal through and everyone should be allowed to have their say. The Chairman concluded his introduction by asking for an open and helpful discussion and inviting MRAF Sir Dermot Boyle to speak first.</p> <p>6. Sir Dermot began by saying that he had consulted the President of the Association, Air Cdre Muhl Sir Wallace Kyle, and that he spoke on his behalf. He and Sir Wallace had been in general agreement that every officer who graduated from Initial Officer Training at the College should be eligible to join the OCA. He did however place some reservation on whether officers with only 4 year Short Service Commissions should be accepted, nevertheless he saw little difference between the PC officer on a 16 year commission and the officer on the long 12 year SSC. He said that the Association must separate its thinking from the Air Force Board decisions on future training at the College and concentrate only upon what should be done about membership. Although comparatively few Graduate Entrants had joined the OCA, he believed that the Single Gate entrant, whose first real sight of the Royal Air Force might possibly be the College, could be much more impressed and eager to join the Association. He felt that they should be welcomed into the Association and not rejected. In summarising Sir Dermot said that we saw only 4 possibilities for the Association:</p> <p>a. To delay a decision, which might encourage those students graduating in the near future to form their own independent association.</p> <p>b. To allow the Association to die, which he felt was a policy of defeat.</p> <p>c. To continue as at present, admitting only Graduate Entrants, which would mean not only the loss of many splendid potential candidates for the OCA, but would also be very divisive.</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>d. To allow in all those officers whose term of service was 12 years or more. He strongly advocated this last choice and asked for a friendly, understanding and objective discussion.</p> <p>7. AVM Colahan then reminded the meeting that HRE The Prince of Wales is the Association's Patron, and thus it would be highly undesirable to allow the OCA to die. He also reminded the meeting that membership was not automatic upon graduation; there had to be a stated wish to join.</p> <p>8. Air Cdre Muhl Sir Neville Stack said that he felt there was an unnecessary sense of urgency. He urged that a working party be formed to investigate the matter more deeply. He was strongly supported by Air Cdre Parker and Wg Cdr Wilson, who said that this new sub-committee should examine all possible solutions. Air Cdre Bacon, on the other hand, urged that the OCA should spread the Cranwell standard more widely. He was strongly supported by Mr Alistair Paterson who urged the meeting to accept all the young blood it could get into the OCA. After further discussion on the same points Gp Capt Vielle proposed and Air Cdre Parker seconded that:</p> <p>a. A working party sub-committee should be formed to investigate the criteria for future full membership of the Association.</p> <p>b. The Working Party should report its findings to the OCA Committee before the end of 1979.</p> <p>c. Until the criteria were resolved and accepted by the Association there should be no recruiting of new full members into the OCA.</p> <p>The proposal was accepted by 37 votes to 26.</p> <p>9. Gp Capt Vielle then proposed and Air Cdre Parker seconded that Air Cdre Muhl Sir Neville Stack should be invited to Chair the Working Party. Sir Neville agreed and the motion was carried unanimously. Air Cdre Parker, Air Cdre Nelson and Wg Cdr Wilson were also invited, and agreed, to serve on the Working Party. Other members would be co-opted as needed and the views of College Directing Staff would also be sought.</p> <p>ITEM 5. BALANCE SHEET AND ITEM 6 INVESTMENT OF ASSOCIATION FUNDS</p> <p>10. The Commandant then handed over the chair to the Deputy Commandant, who reminded members that the Income and Expenditure Account for the 9 month period ending 31 Dec 78, and a Balance Sheet drawn up as at that date, were in the Annual Report and a copy was on the notice board. Individual copies had also been placed on members' chairs. He said that it was logical to consider the investment of Association funds at the same time as the Balance Sheet and called upon the Secretary to deal with Agenda Items 5 and 6 together.</p>
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Future of OCA Membership - impact of SGIOT. Big debate. Working Party set up to investigate options.

<p>11. The Secretary began his report by saying that the Association's net assets as at 31 Dec 78 were over £200, against £9200 as at 31 Mar 78. The assets comprised some £2300 on deposit, £7200 in tie stocks. The liabilities at the end of the period were £900 for Tax; the net assets were thus about £8900 as against £7500 for Corporation Looking at the Income and Expenditure Account, subscription income was about £3200 and investment income £710, which included £490 tax free profit from the sale of British Transport 3% stock. The principal had been reinvested in 3% Redemption stock 1986/96, bought at 47½. The CMV at 11 Jun 79 was 47½. The Secretary then advised the meeting that following the advice of Mr Shipley, Stock Manager Lloyds (Cox and Kings), a further £750 had recently been invested in Exchequer 8½ stock.</p> <p>12. Returning to the Income and Expenditure Account the Secretary said that the major items of expenditure had been the reunion at £1100 and the postage of the previous year's report at £240. Considering this year, the Journal bill would be at least £1200 and that for the reunion about £1250. In addition £140 would be needed for Report printing, £325 for the Journal and Report postage and a further £500 for tax, gratuities and sundry expenses. With a forecast income of about £3700 the Association should have an excess of income over expenditure of about £500 and was thus in a healthy financial position. However, rising costs, especially for the Journal and the Reunion, would make a balance more difficult to achieve in the future. On conclusion of the Secretary's statement MRAF Sir Dermot Boyle proposed and Air Muhl Sir Keith Williamson seconded that the Balance Sheet be approved. The motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>13. It was then proposed by AVM Colahan and seconded by Gp Capt Vielle that the Committee's action on investments be approved, but that the Committee should investigate the purchase of further wine stocks for laying down. This proposal was carried unanimously.</p> <p>ITEM 7. STAFF GRATUITIES AND RETIRED COLLEGE HALL STAFF</p> <p>14. The Acting Chairman then invited the Secretary to advise the meeting of the position on staff gratuities. The Secretary reminded the meeting of the rates of gratuity approved at the 1977 AGM and said that 3 College Hall servants had retired since his last report; Mr Pickett, Mr Butler, Mr Cutler, Mr McCann, Mr Rowe, Mr Burt, Mr Carter and Mr Maddison. They had all received gratuities, varying from the minimum of £19.50 for 10 years service to £74.75. In addition the Committee had given £78.00 to the widow of Mr Speed, who had served at College Hall for 30 years.</p> <p>ITEM 8. DATE OF THE 1980 REUNION</p> <p>15. There were no objections to the Acting Chairman's proposal that following precedent, the 1980 Reunion should be on the third weekend in June, that is 14/15 Jun 80.</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>16. Election of Gp Capt C Sutcliffe as an Associate Member. At the invitation of the acting Chairman, Air Cdre Bacon gave a brief summary of Gp Capt Sutcliffe's close association with the College over the past 4 years and proposed that because of his sterling work and very recent retirement he should be elected as an Associate Member now. MRAF Sir Dermot Boyle suggested that Gp Capt Sutcliffe's nomination should be taken out of the annual allocation of 4 Associate Members for 1980. It was then proposed by Air Cdre Bacon and seconded by Air Cdre Nelson that Gp Capt Sutcliffe be elected as an Associate Member of the OCA forthwith, but that his nomination be counted as part of the allocation of 4 for 1980. The proposal was carried unanimously.</p> <p>17. Election of Sir Arthur Marshall as an Honorary Member of the OCA. The Acting Chairman invited members to enrol the Guest of Honour, Sir Arthur Marshall, as an Honorary Member of the OCA. He reminded members that Honorary Membership was offered only to the Guest of Honour at each Annual Dinner and that to date it had always been offered and accepted. To clear the way for the presentation of the OCA tie at dinner the Chairman said that Sir Arthur had already been offered and had accepted membership. A proposal by MRAF Sir Dermot Boyle, seconded by Air Muhl Sir Keith Williamson, that Sir Arthur Marshall be enrolled as an Honorary Member was approved unanimously.</p> <p>18. There being no further business the meeting closed at 2000 hours.</p> <p><i>M A Howells</i> M A HOWELLS Wg Cdr Secretary Old Cranwellian Association</p> <p>Distribution: President: HE Air Cdre Muhl Sir Wallace Kyle Vice President: Air Cdre E D Mck Nelson Chairman: AVM D Harcourt-Smith Membership Working Party: Air Cdre Muhl Sir Neville Stack (thru' Air Cdre J M A Parker)</p> <p>Party: OCA Committee Members Secretary (file) Minute Book Members at 1980 Reunion</p>
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OCA Executives - 1926-1939

PATRONS	PRESIDENTS	VICE-PRESIDENTS (whilst Cmdts)	ACTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	HON SECS (Committee)
<p>MRAF Viscount Trenchard (1935-1956)</p>	<p>AVM Sir Charles Longcroft (1926-1956)</p>	<p>Air Cdre AE Borton (Gp Capt LHB Rees)</p> <p>Air Cdre FC Halahan Air Cdre AM Longmore Air Cdre WGS Mitchell Air Cdre HM Cave-Brown-Cave AVM JE Baldwin</p>	<p>INITIAL COMMITTEE:</p> <p>Plt Off GR Beamish (Proposer); Fg Off N Carter; Fg Off CJ Collingwood; Fg Off ESC Davis; Fg Off JT Hawtrey; Fg Off D Macfadyen; Fg Off HRD Waghorn; Plt Off RLR Atcherley; Plt Off HL Patch; Plt Off TN McEvoy; Plt Off EB Webb; Plt Off GL Worthington; T-C-Worsley (Co-opt).</p> <p>LATER MEMBERS:</p> <p>Lowe-Holmes (Co-opt); RR Hamblin; V Bruce Bennett; JM Mellor; JR Jones; EA Jones; DA Boyle (Co-opt); FV Beamish; NWF Mason; JW Gillan; HH Brookes (Co-opt); A Wall; JG Philpott (Co-opt); J Norwood; SHV Harris (Co-opt); VBJ <i>Jackson</i> (Co-opt); J Heber Percy (Co-opt); EC Hudleston; DJ Douthwaite; JAH Loudon (Co-opt); A Constantine (Co-opt); J Mutch; CA Watt; GWF Heycock (Co-opt); SH Hardy; GRA Elsmie (Co-opt); LW Cannon; JBM Wallis; RB Coote; BT Shelley (Co-opt); CB Hughes; WK Beisiegel; PJH Halahan; JGW Weston; GP Charles; FM Denny; WR Beaman; RC Jones; RL Wallace (Co-opt); AW Geoghegan; CG Stowell; RA Sprague; WIH Burke; NC Walker (Co-opt); WJM Akerman; WH Kyle; Wightman; T-C-Worsley; Pretty; Hogan; Eeles; AD Messenger; GD Stephenson; LW Dickens; RHA Leigh; A King-Lewis; HJ Pringle; MH Garnons-Williams; BC Yarde; JRA Peel; HC Sawyer; WW Stainthorpe; CRDL Lloyd; DWF Bonham-Carter; CWM Ling.</p>	<p>Capt CC Blachi</p> <p>Harry Lager (1926-1934)</p>

Notes:

1. Some OCA Committee members were “co-opted” to stand in for elected committee members. Some of these later became fully elected members.
2. In 1936, the Cmdt and Asst Cmdl attended Committee Meetings.
3. In 1938, Committee Members started to include Senior Officers.

OCA Donations - 1926-1939

Although the OCA was set up primarily to establish and maintain contact between College alumni, the annual subscriptions funded many independent and joint initiatives to the benefit of the College. In proposing the formation of an “Association of Officers”, GR Beamish envisaged funds being raised to fund annual reunions. In reality, member subscriptions would fund many more initiatives from annual contributions to the College. Journal and College Sports funds to the one-off donations to fund the production of paintings (of College icons), and other College artefacts.

At one point, OCA members’ subscriptions funded supplementary pensions for long serving College staff. This ceased shortly after WWII when war pensions were introduced, but even then the OCA set up a Staff Gratuities Fund for much the same purpose.

The table below lists some of the main contributions made during pre-WWII years.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS	SINGLE DONATIONS	EXPLANATION
College Journal subscriptions		The OCA part funded the production of College Journals, which in later years would consume to a significant proportion of OCA income to the extent the contribution had to be capped.
Sports Fund subscriptions		Like the College Journal subscriptions, OCA subscriptions to the College Sports Fund were made almost from the outset of the OCA.
Sgt Maj Morwood Presentation		The rationale is not clear, but contributions funded a car.
	Permanent Record of cadets	After much debate, the OCA actually funded the glass presentation case to hold the ‘College Roll’ funded from CHOM cadet subscriptions.
	Donations and retirement gifts to staff and relatives (e.g. Mrs Dawes)	Proposed and passed at the AGM on a case because basis.
War Loan Fund/Govt Stock		One of many regular investments to accrue interest.
Two OCA Prizes a year		One prize to be awarded at each graduation.
	Donation to Squash Court	Part payment to the cost of the “new” squash court, behind CHOM
	Trenchard and Longcroft paintings	Currently hanging to this day in CHOM Founders’ Gallery.
	History of RAF Cranwell book	OCA funds free copies to each OCA member
	Boxing coach	For the cadets. Boxing was strongly encouraged by the College.
	Fifth Horse	For the College riding school
College Staff Pension Fund		Instigated in 1938
	New College rowing boat	Funded in July 1939.

Volume 1 Summary

Viscount Lord Trenchard, the first RAF CAS, set up the RAF College as a centre of officer training excellence modelled on counterpart academies at Britannia, Dartmouth, and RMAS Sandhurst.

During the early 1920s, the continued independent existence of the RAF and its control of naval aviation were subject to a series of Government reviews. The Balfour Report of 1921, the Geddes Axe of 1922, and the Salisbury Committee of 1923 all found in favour of the RAF's continued existence, despite lobbying from the Admiralty and opposition in Parliament. On each occasion, Trenchard and his staff officers, supported by Christopher Bullock, worked to show that the RAF provided good value for money, and was required for the long-term strategic security of the United Kingdom.

So the future and very existence of the RAF was under constant threat during its formative years of the 20s and 30s. The product of the RAF College would have to meet exacting standards if the expectations of the RAF were to be met. Those expectations were articulated in no uncertain terms in Trenchard's foreword to the first College Journal of September 1920. Twenty-seven years late, he was able to acknowledge that, during WWII, the RAF and the College had met those expectations, to act as an inspiration for all future cadets to follow.

Clearly, the cadets of the 1920s and 30s got the message. Despite or may be because of the rigorous and strictly disciplined training regime they endured for two intensive years, they formed an unbreakable bond with the establishment now generally regarded as the RAF's 'Spiritual Home' with, at its epicentre, the iconic CHOM - *the College*.

Reading through the OCA Notes and the OCA AGM minutes, one cannot help but conclude that the 'pull' of the College - *alma mater* - and the College Journal were instrumental in maintaining that bond. The commitment and dedication of cadets once graduated, not merely to their professional responsibilities but also to the upkeep of the 'family', is self-evident from the progress made by an OCA in its own formative years. The OCA Notes and AGM minutes betray the unique camaraderie.

It was decided to form this Cadet College because it was realized from the first that such a College was the essential foundation of a separate Air Service. This College, in conjunction with the School of Technical Training for Boys at Halton, will have the making or marring of the future of this great Service, which was built up during the war by all the gallant Pilots and Observers and other ranks who fought through it, and won a name in the air second to none in the world. It always held, and finally conquered completely, the German Air Service. If it is to continue its great work, which I am convinced we all intend that it shall do, we all realize that it has to live up to its war reputation, and we must ensure by every means in our power that it does so.

We have to learn by experience how to organize and administer a great Service, both in peace and war, and you, who are at present at the College in its first year, will, in future, be at the helm. Therefore you will have to work your hardest, both as Cadets at the College and subsequently as officers, in order to be capable of guiding this great Service through its early days, and maintaining its traditions and efficiency in the years to come.

September 1920

H. TRENCHARD.

Who can deny that the boys of that day, who are the men of today, both at Cranwell and Halton, have made the Air Service for all time? Who can deny that those who were at its Colleges in those days have more than fulfilled their part in the history of the Air Force, and not only that, but in the life of the British Commonwealth? They saved it.



MARSHAL OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE.
4th NOVEMBER, 1947.