

RAF COLLEGE CRANWELL

“Pre-War Graduates”



5 February 1920 - 3 September 1939
(Tabulated by Graduation Year which is shown in the main 'Look Up' Table)

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INTRODUCTION

This Album is a selection of flight cadet 'graduation photos' taken between 1920 and 1939. Pre-war, there were two courses a year, each lasting two years, and containing a full academic, military and officer training syllabus.

Each course was designated by a prefix (the month of entry) and a suffix (the last two digits of the year of entry). The first was F20 (February 1920) and the last, surprisingly, not S39 but A40 (April 1940); all Officer training at the College was suspended abruptly the day war broke out and those lucky candidates already selected for S39 were detached elsewhere (mostly 9 EFTS Ansty) for preliminary flying training before returning to the hastily formed SFTS at Cranwell as course A40. In the event, the SFTS formed its own course nomenclature, with trainees being selected as 'u/t airmen' and undergoing approximately 4½ months intermediate and advanced flying training with some assessment of officer potential. On successful completion of that training, sometimes including a detachment to a B> (Ballistics & Gunnery Training) school, the airmen would graduate as Pilot Officers or Sgt pilots ready for war.

Post-war, some of the airmen of the last few SFTS entries were invited to undertake formal officer training for approximately 3 months. These courses were designated 45, 46 and 47 Entry of a re-established flight cadet training system, graduating in 1947. Thereafter, flight cadet entries were numbered sequentially until the final cadet course (101 Entry) graduated in March 1973.

The photos contained in this album are derived from the 'Entries by Decade' albums held elsewhere in the Cranwellian Historical Society (CHS) 'virtual library'. Those albums contain Squadron Intake, Sports, Prize Winner and Graduation photos, some for a variety of reasons of poor quality. Here we have attempted to crop, edit and enhance the graduation photos to provide as legible quality as possible of the cadets who made the 'life-changing' commitment to serve their country in the RAF, the country's most recently formed armed service with its inherent risks attached to the early, pioneering years of flight.

During the two pre-war decades, some went on to excel as skilled airmen, meeting the challenges of long distance flights and air races such as the Schneider Trophy; others went on to full careers as senior military officers moulding the RAF into a strategic air power. Many were inevitably lost in flying accidents, died of natural causes or retired, but by 3 September 1939 some 956 successful cadets from the pre-war officer training courses were still serving as officers in the RAF.

1920 Intake

The First Intake of the RAF College, F20 comprised 67 cadets from the former RFC and RNAS



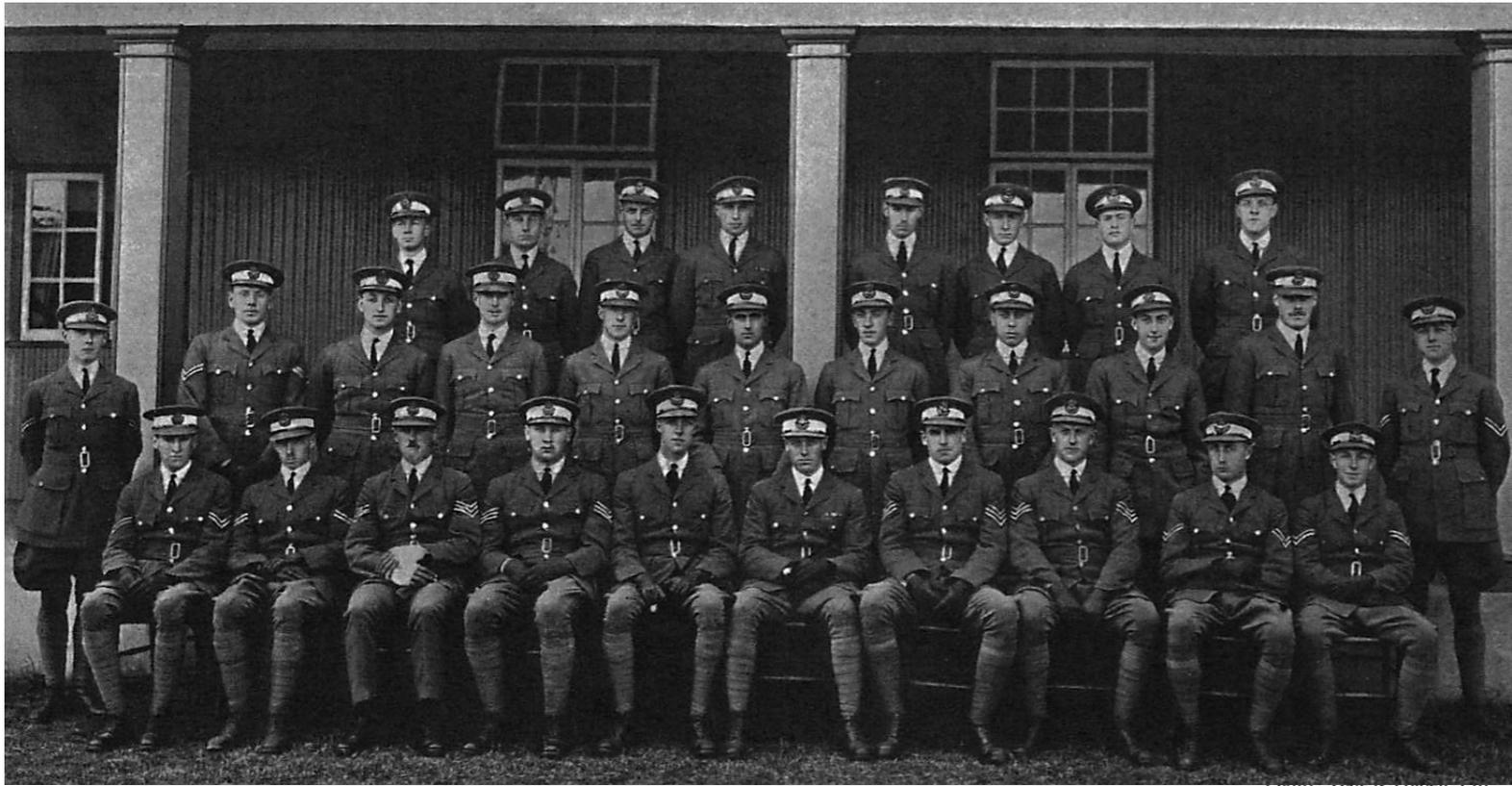
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This photograph appears in the College Journal of 1920 as a fold-out



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1922 Graduations



THE PASSING OUT TERM—AUGUST 15th, 1922.

Back Row—M. W. Keey. W. L. Dawson. A. G. L. Johnson. J. C. Charlton. C. S. Riccard. E. Reid. B. J. Winmill. C. Guppy.
Middle Row—Cpl. C. B. R. Pelly. Cpl. V. Bruce-Bennett. C. H. Ratcliffe. R. R. S. Waller. G. H. Huxham. M. C. Hayter. S. G. Conolly. E. B. Forster.
 J. E. S. Caithness. R. G. A. Vallance. Cpl. C. F. Sealy.
Front Row—Cpl. C. H. A. Stevens. Cpl. C. B. B. Maturin. Sgt. D. L. G. Bett. Sgt. L. K. Barnes. U./O. D. Macfadyen. U./O. E. A. Hodgson. Sgt. N. Vintcent.
 Sgt. A. K. Lewis. Cpl. E. A. Healey. Cpl. E. C. Keey.



SENIOR TERM, DECEMBER, 1922.

Cpl. D. F. A. Athorpe Cpl. Sealy Cpl. Cater F./C. G. R. Randle Cpl. Nicoletts F./C. Berridge F./C. Oyle F./C. Fitzmaurice Col. Shelley
 Cpl. Lywood Sgt. F. E. Nuttall Sgt. R. B. Jordan U./O. N. Carter U./O. R. Lewis Sgt. Newall Cpl. R. H. Carter Col. Goldsmith

1923 Graduations



PASSING OUT TERM—AUGUST, 1923.

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Back Row—Cpl. C. K. J. Coggle, F./C. R. Scott-Taylor, F./C. W. J. P. Sloan, F./C. F. F. W. Hall, F./C. M. Senhaseni, F./C. V. Svasti, F./C. L. W. Dickens, F./C. F. W. L. C. Beaumont, F./C. T. B. Prickman, Cpl. D. L. Thomson.

Front Row—Cpl. N. A. P. Pritchett, Cpl. P. Jones, Sgt. F. H. Fressanges, Sgt. B. D. J. Broadway, U./O. F. V. Beamish, U./O. G. L. Worthington, Sgt. G. R. M. Clifford, Sgt. A. D. Davies, Cpl. J. M. Mellor, Cpl. R. A. P. Roberts.

Absent—F./C. C. W. Moss.



THE PASSING-OUT TERM—DECEMBER, 1923.

[Photo, Gale & Polden, Ltd.]

1924 Graduations



SENIOR TERM, PASSED OUT—JULY, 1924.

[Photo, Gale & Polden, Ltd.]

Standing.—F./Cadet Cpl. McC. Reynolds, F./Cadet Cpl. J. A. T. Ryde, F./Cadet Cpl. G. H. Loughan, F./Cadet Cpl. L. R. W. Tillard, F./Cadet R. H. Barlow, F./Cadet A. W. Elias, F./Cadet Cpl. A. B. Kay, F./Cadet Cpl. H. A. Brookes, F./Cadet J. C. Don, F./Cadet H. H. Aspinall, F./Cadet F. W. Matthews.

Sitting.—F./Cadet Cpl. J. Warburton, F./Cadet Cpl. F. M. Denny, F./Cadet Sgt. R. L. R. Atcherley, F./Cadet Sgt. J. E. W. Bowles, F./Cadet U./O. H. R. D. Waghorn, F./Cadet U./O. W. O. du Port, F./Cadet Sgt. D. A. Boyle, F./Cadet Sgt. C. N. Stanley Turner, F./Cadet Cpl. C. S. Woode, F./Cadet Cpl. J. T. Eve.

Absent.—F./Cadet Henry.



THE PASSING-OUT TERM—DECEMBER, 1924.

[Photo, Gale & Polden, Ltd., Aldershot.]

Standing.—Harris, Cox, Selwyn, Hayes, Hardy, Walker, Hayes, Terry, Ford, Willetts, O'Hanlon.

Sitting.—Campbell, Addams, Nowell, Beardsworth, Scott, Beamish, Lord Bandon, Cocks, Allinson, Montgomery.

Absent.—Franks.

1925 Graduations



ROYAL AIR FORCE CADET COLLEGE, CRANWELL

IV TERM, JULY, 1925.

	F./C. Cpl.	F./C.	F./C.	F./C.	F./C.	F./C.	F./C.	F./C.	F./C.	F./C.	F./C.	F./C.	F./C.
	A. V. Hammond	T. E. Wordley	H. V. Tristram	B. W. Knox	A. D. Gillmore	J. Eaton	R. Costa	R. Kellert	J. A. P. Harrison	F. Priestman	G. P. Chamberlain		
	F./C. Cpl.	F./C. Cpl.	F./C. Sgt.	F./C. Sgt.	F./C. Cpl.	F./C.	F./C.	F./C. Cpl.	F./C. Cpl.	F./C. Cpl.	F./C. Cpl.		
	R. C. Wilson	J. E. Jones	W. M. C. Kennedy	E. G. Hoedden	T. N. McEvoy	C. H. G. Bremridge	G. E. G. Lywood	J. G. D. Armour	H. L. Patch	F. M. V. May			



ROYAL AIR FORCE CADET COLLEGE, CRANWELL

PASSING OUT TERM, XMAS, 1925

F./C.	F./C. Cpl.	F./C.	F./C.	F./C. Cpl.	F./C.	F./C. Cpl.	F./C.	F./C.	F./C.	F./C.	F./C.	F./C.	F./C.
A. W. B. Hale	C. M. Beard	A. R. Leslie-Melville	H. F. G. Southey	L. H. Aason	H. D. Spockley	A. P. Batt	G. W. Fisher	J. V. Young	H. W. Charock	P. de C. Tonia-Smith	R. G. Winder		
	F./C. Cpl.	F./C. Sgt.	F./C. Sgt.	F./C. Sgt.	F./C. U.O.	F./C. U.O.	F./C. Sgt.	F./C. Sgt.	F./C. Cpl.	F./C. Cpl.			
	R. E. Shenton	W. H. Merton	H. W. Pearson-Riggs	E. L. S. Ward	E. B. Webb	D. W. Rylov	Swedman	V. O. Kerr	J. C. Wells	C. T. Pike			

1926 Graduations



SENIOR TERM, R.A.F. CADET COLLEGE, CRANWELL
A SQUADRON, JULY, 1926



SENIOR TERM, R.A.F. CADET COLLEGE, CRANWELL
B SQUADRON, JULY, 1926



IV TERM, R.A.F. CADET COLLEGE, CRANWELL

DECEMBER, 1926

Back Row—F/C. G. F. Lewis F/C. H. B. Maugham F/C. G. Whistondale F/C. R. P. Teale F/C. P. L. A. Berthon F/C. F. L. Marett F/C. F. Biggs F/C. G. Francis
Middle Row—F/C. B. M. Cary F/C. W. C. Dickinson F/C. P. C. J. Elderton F/C. D. K. Horsfield F/C. T. J. Arbutnot F/C. Cpl. G. I. L. Saye F/C. A. R. Sarel F/C. Cpl. G. C. Lewis F/C. Cpl. T. C. Dickens
F/C. Cpl. V. Q. Blackden F/C. J. Marson.
Front Row—F/C. Cpl. P. McOWart F/C. Cpl. W. H. J. Lindley F/C. Sgt. W. N. Blain F/C. Sgt. A. M. Watts-Read F/C. U/O. J. Clarke F/C. Sgt. D. Brown F/C. Sgt. C. W. Cooper F/C. Cpl. J. W. Wheeler
F/C. Cpl. B. J. Jackson

1927 Graduations



SENIOR TERM, R.A.F. CADET COLLEGE, CRANWELL

JULY, 1927

FC C. D. C. Boyer FC C. R. Turner FC W. M. Moore FC E. J. Wynn FC B. A. T. Stovell FC R. J. C. Barber FC (Cpl) C. W. Gannon FC (Cpl) D. L. Cook
 FC (Cpl) A. F. F. M. Berkeley FC (Cpl) C. C. O'Dwyer FC (Sgt) R. G. Philpott FC (Sgt) J. W. Gilbe FC (CO) J. A. R. Louden FC (CO) F. R. Worthington FC (Sgt) A. M. Seelmer
 FC (Sgt) C. M. Gilman FC (Cpl) W. D. Butler FC (Cpl) L. P. Moore



SENIOR TERM, R.A.F. CADET COLLEGE, CRANWELL

DECEMBER, 1927

FC E. J. Wynn FC E. R. Wynn FC B. C. Pugh FC R. W. Young
 FC (Cpl) R. L. Mann FC (Sgt) R. W. Macdonald FC (Sgt) N. W. Brown FC (Sgt) R. A. Tate FC (Sgt) J. B. Allen FC (Sgt) V. J. H. Hobbs FC (Sgt) J. R. Evans FC (Sgt) H. A. Gammage FC (Sgt) R. E. T. Evans FC (Sgt) H. H. Evans FC (Sgt) D. H. Evans
 FC (Sgt) J. W. Evans FC (Sgt) H. V. Evans FC (Sgt) W. R. Evans FC (Sgt) J. R. H. Evans FC (Sgt) D. J. Waghorn FC (Sgt) A. W. Hill FC (Sgt) J. H. L. Evans FC (Sgt) R. W. J. Evans FC (Sgt) W. H. Evans FC (Sgt) R. A. Evans

1928 Graduations



SENIOR TERM, ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE, CRANWELL
JULY 1928

FC Qd1AU Stanton, FC R1Cooper, FC FWhite, FC RB Cooney, FC A Wale, FC JA Denton, FC CB Hughes, FC RA Sprague,
FC Qd1Marsh, FC FP Hewitt, FC PW Adgson, FC Qd1CVI Peat, FC Qd1AL Wood, FC Qd1G11 Lewis, FC RD Williams, FC LF Strick, FC JE Angerson, FC C Rake, FC WR Wainall,
FC Qd1AL Peat, FC Qd11 Lane, FC Sp1MT Owsby, FC Sp1R1 Dwyer, FC Qd1NT White, FC Qd1ER Doh, FC Sp1XT Hughes, FC Sp1AD Doh, FC Qd1W Doh, FC Qd1NT1 Thel/Capt Strick,
FC J1 Owsby.



IV. TERM—THE PASSING-OUT TERM, DECEMBER, 1928.

Photo—Gale & Polden, Ltd., Aldershot.
Standing—F./C. Cpl. B. T. Shelley, F./C. F. C. Sturgiss, F./C. H. W. Gibbs, F./C. F. D. Lockwood, F./C. Cpl. R. W. Letchworth, F./C. D. W. Bayne, F./C. J. H. Manning-Fox,
F./C. H. G. Richards, F./C. Cpl. K. R. Coates, F./C. W. R. Beaman.
Sitting—F./C. Cpl. D. P. Lascelles, F./C. Cpl. R. C. Jonas, F./C. Sgt. F. L. P. Henzell, F./C. Sgt. J. G. W. Weston, F./C. Under-Officer G. P. Charles, F./C. Under-Officer
E. C. Huddleston, F./C. Sgt. J. D. Rutherford, F./C. Sgt. J. R. Scarlett, F./C. Cpl. H. M. Pearson, F./C. Cpl. E. R. M. Walker.
Absent—F./C. Cpl. D. J. Eayrs.

1929 Graduations



SENIOR TERM, ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE, CRANWELL
JULY, 1929

Back Row—VIC. K. V. Leslie VIC. M. A. Jervis VIC. M. L. Heath VIC. Cpl. D. W. Lark VIC. Cpl. F. C. Cole VIC. G. K. Featherly VIC. W. A. VIC. Cpl. J. A. Powell VIC. E. J. Corbally
Middle Row—VIC. F. K. Drew VIC. C. A. Watt VIC. R. C. Mood VIC. L. H. Jones VIC. N. M. Fair VIC. M. B. AD VIC. A. O. McIlwain VIC. A. D. Baker VIC. R. L. Phillips VIC. F. A. J. Fisher-Gore VIC. W. A. Holden
Front Row—VIC. Cpl. L. E. J. Lucas VIC. Cpl. R. C. Knary VIC. Sgt. Lord M. A. Douglas-Hamilton VIC. Sgt. W. V. L. Spence VIC. Cpl. R. W. Nixon VIC. Cpl. D. J. Dunbar VIC. Sgt. S. A. Bower VIC. Cpl. W. T. F. Wainman
VIC. Cpl. E. R. Simonds VIC. Cpl. W. I. H. Dicks VIC. I. B. Nevill VIC. Sgt. G. G. Stone VIC. W. L. Hall



SENIOR TERM—DECEMBER, 1929.

Standing.—Kyle, Earle, Wicks, Humphreys, Grierson, Bower, Sawyer, Jones, Heath, L'Estrange, Clarkson, McIntyre.
Seated.—Dru Drury, McKechnie, Wallace, Elsmie, Heber-Percy, Heycock, Fraser, Teideman.

1930 Graduations



PASSING-OUT TERM—WINTER, 1930.

[Photo: Gale & Polden, Ltd., Aldershot.]

Standing.—Bennett, Morrison, Smith, Moore, Wilkinson, Moorby, Belchem, Broad, Nichols, Macdonald, Baker, Robinson, Cecil Wright
Sitting.—Reed, Horner, Windsor, Coslett, Gaskell, Eeles, Hogan, Hobson, Cazalet, Pearce, Sabine.

1931 Graduations



SENIOR TERM, ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE, CRANWELL
JULY, 1931

*F/C. I. Jawsd F/C. A. McIlwaine F/C. W. E. Oulton F/C. L. V. Andrews F/C. R. H. Page F/C. D. I. P. Macrae F/C. N. A. R. Halliday F/C. A. Walsh F/C. M. Naigh
F/C. L. F. Brown F/C. G. J. L. Read F/C. Cpl. F. E. Stokes F/C. Cpl. A. C. Shears F/C. A/Cpl. W. P. Welch F/C. Cpl. D. Addenbrooke F/C. Cpl. N. H. Jackson F/C. Cpl. C. W. Williams F/C. Cpl. W. H. N. Turner F/C. N. C. S. Rutter
F/C. A/Sgt. A. D. Messenger F/C. Sgt. A. C. Johnstone F/C. Sgt. H. W. A. Chesterman F/C. U/O. F. C. Dabney F/C. U/O. C. W. M. Ling F/C. U/O. P. E. Drew F/C. Sgt. W. W. Stainthorpe F/C. Sgt. J. O. W. Oliver F/C. Cpl. S. C. Widdows*



SENIOR TERM, ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE, CRANWELL
DECEMBER, 1931

*Back Row— F/C. Cpl. E. H. Randle F/C. S. P. Langston F/C. N. G. Goodman F/C. Cpl. G. W. Montague F/C. H. D. Rayburn F/C. G. H. O. Mills F/C. H. P. Jenkins F/C. G. D. E. Jones F/C. A. R. Green F/C. D. L. Thomson
F/C. R. E. Barnett F/C. A. W. Goughgan
Second Row— F/C. C. J. Giles F/C. Cpl. J. N. H. Whitworth F/C. F. H. Tyson F/C. Cpl. A. Pyke F/C. H. B. Hamilton F/C. Cpl. D. Prowse F/C. Cpl. D. M. Fenton F/C. D. V. Johnson F/C. P. S. Gomez F/C. G. B. E. D. Wilson
F/C. W. P. Sutcliffe
Front Row— F/C. Sgt. R. Monks F/C. Sgt. J. Worrall F/C. Sgt. A. M. Doran F/C. U/O. L. N. Elmer F/C. U/O. R. H. E. Emson F/C. U/O. R. H. A. Leigh F/C. Sgt. T. A. B. Parole F/C. Sgt. E. F. Peter F/C. Sgt. C. A. Collins*

1932 Graduations



THE PASSING-OUT TERM—SUMMER, 1932.

[Photo : Gale & Polden, Ltd.]

Back Row.—F./Cadets D. Michell, R. E. de P. O'Kelly, D. Ross-Shore, C. Broughton, B. Singh, H. P. Burwood, J. Bradley.

Second Row.—F./Cadets T. U. Rolfe, H. Y. Humphreys, C. C. Morton, A. Singh, H. C. Sircar, S. Mukerjee, R. E. Shaw, R. J. Gcsnell, A. B. Awan, W. E. S. Tanner.

First Row.—F./Cadets H. G. Lecnard-Williams, D. R. Evans, J. R. A. Peel, R. J. Berens, A. N. Combe, R. A. C. Carter, S. J. Marchbank, H. H. Rhys, D. J. P. Lee, T. G. L. Gale.

Absent.—F./Cadets F. C. Beresford-Pierse, B. H. Gully.



THE PASSING-OUT TERM, CHRISTMAS, 1932.

Back Row.—F./C. R. L. Bradford, F./C. R. G. Coventry, F./C. A. N. Bray, F./C. R. Talbot-Smith, F./C. D. A. Pemberton, F./C. J. C. Pope.

Second Row.—F./C. Cpl. M. K. D. Porter, F./C. D. H. Furze, F./C. P. R. Robinson, F./C. R. J. Knights-Whittome, F./C. M. J. O. Parish, F./C. L. Coulson, F./C. Cpl. P. S. Salter, F./C. A. G. Powell, F./C. P. de G. H. Seymour, F./C. I. G. Mackay, F./C. Cpl. M. Hastings, F./C. Cpl. P. J. Pearson-Rogers.

Front Row.—F./C. Cpl. R. G. Stone, F./C. Cpl. A. R. G. Bax, F./C. A./Sergt. A. Golding, F./C. Sergt. R. A. C. Barclay, F./C. U./O. W. R. Brotherhood, F./C. U./O. R. V. Rolph, F./C. U./O. E. D. M. Nelson, F./C. Sergt. J. F. H. Du Boulay, F./C. Sergt. E. B. C. Davies, F./C. A./Sergt. D. S. Kite, F./C. A./Sergt. S. P. A. Patmore.

1933 Graduations



THE PASSING-OUT TERM—SUMMER, 1933.

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Back Row.—F./C. Cpl. P. L. Donkin. F./C. A. H. Jarand. F./C. M. A. Aylmer. F./C. Cpl. C. T. Weir. F./C. H. R. Tidd. F./C. R. G. Watson. F./C. Cpl. A. C. P. Carver.
 F./C. N. C. Jones. F./C. M. D. Thunder.
2nd Row.—F./C. Cpl. B. H. Becker. F./C. D. H. Spencer. F./C. A. D. Ferguson. F./C. M. F. B. Read. F./C. K. Gray. F./C. G. A. V. Knyvett. F./C. Cpl. A. F. R. Bennett.
 F./C. C. F. Pearce. F./C. A. M. Engineer. F./C. C. N. Hancock. F./C. B. Murray.
Sitting.—F./C. A./Sgt. B. A. Chackfield. F./C. A./Sgt. T. L. Moseley. F./C. Sgt. W. D. Disbrey. F./C. U.O. L. G. Levis. F./C. U.O. J. V. C. Badger. F./C. U.O. J. A. Hotham.
 F./C. Sgt. P. W. Bale. F./C. Sgt. I. H. D. Walker. F./C. A./Sgt. D. Finlay.
On Ground.—F./C. Cpl. R. R. Fairweather. F./C. K. A. Stewart. F./C. G. E. Peacock. F./C. J. A. P. Owen.



SENIOR TERM, ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE, CRANWELL

DECEMBER, 1933

Back Row.—F./C. Cpl. C. C. French. F./C. K. K. Majumdar. F./C. L. B. B. King. F./C. R. G. Pryor. F./C. A. G. D. Cox. F./C. D. F. Barclay. F./C. J. B. Usher. F./C. J. A. B. Tuck. F./C. J. C. Harding.
2nd Row.—F./C. J. G. Thompson. F./C. J. H. Knowles. F./C. H. M. T. Everfield. F./C. D. P. Handley. F./C. Cpl. G. E. L. Scott. F./C. Cpl. K. D. Staines. F./C. Cpl. A. E. Carnes. F./C. Cpl. M. Denny. F./C. G. A. Miles. F./C. N. Roberts.
 F./C. R. H. Dudgeon. F./C. Cpl. D. E. B. Wheeler.
Front Row.—F./C. Sgt. C. R. J. Pook. F./C. Sgt. J. B. Nelson. F./C. Sgt. G. Thropp. F./C. U.O. C. J. P. Flood. F./C. U.O. G. D. C. Evelyn. F./C. U.O. E. H. Agard Butler. F./C. Sgt. A. V. Sawyer. F./C. Sgt. C. H. Brazden. F./C. Sgt. A. T. D. Sinden.

1934 Graduations



THE PASSING-OUT TERM.

Sitting.—F./C. Sergt. R. J. Burrough. F./C. Sergt. H. Molyneux. F./C. Sergt. D. Saward. F./C. U.O. P. J. A. Riddell. F./C. U.O. P. W. Ashton. F./C. U.O. A. F. Hards.
 F./C. Sergt. J. R. Jeudwine. F./C. Sergt. R. G. Yaxley. F./C. Sergt. D. G. Stokes.
First Row (Standing).—F./C. J. E. Kirk. F./C. R. C. F. Lister. F./C. Sergt. N. D. Ashton. F./C. C. Charlton-Jones. F./C. Sergt. E. E. Vielle. F./C. Cpl. C. L. Y. Wright. F./C. R. E. Curry.
 F./C. Cpl. A. R. D. MacDonell. F./C. D. W. Williams. F./C. Cpl. H. D. Beck.
Second Row (Standing).—F./C. W. A. Hughes. F./C. Cpl. K. E. Cornabé. F./C. A. F. Spurrier. F./C. H. Runganadhan. F./C. T. R. Manson. F./C. H. J. Hobbs. F./C. J. E. Lowe.
 F./C. Cpl. G. A. V. Clayton. F./C. P. D. W. Hackforth.

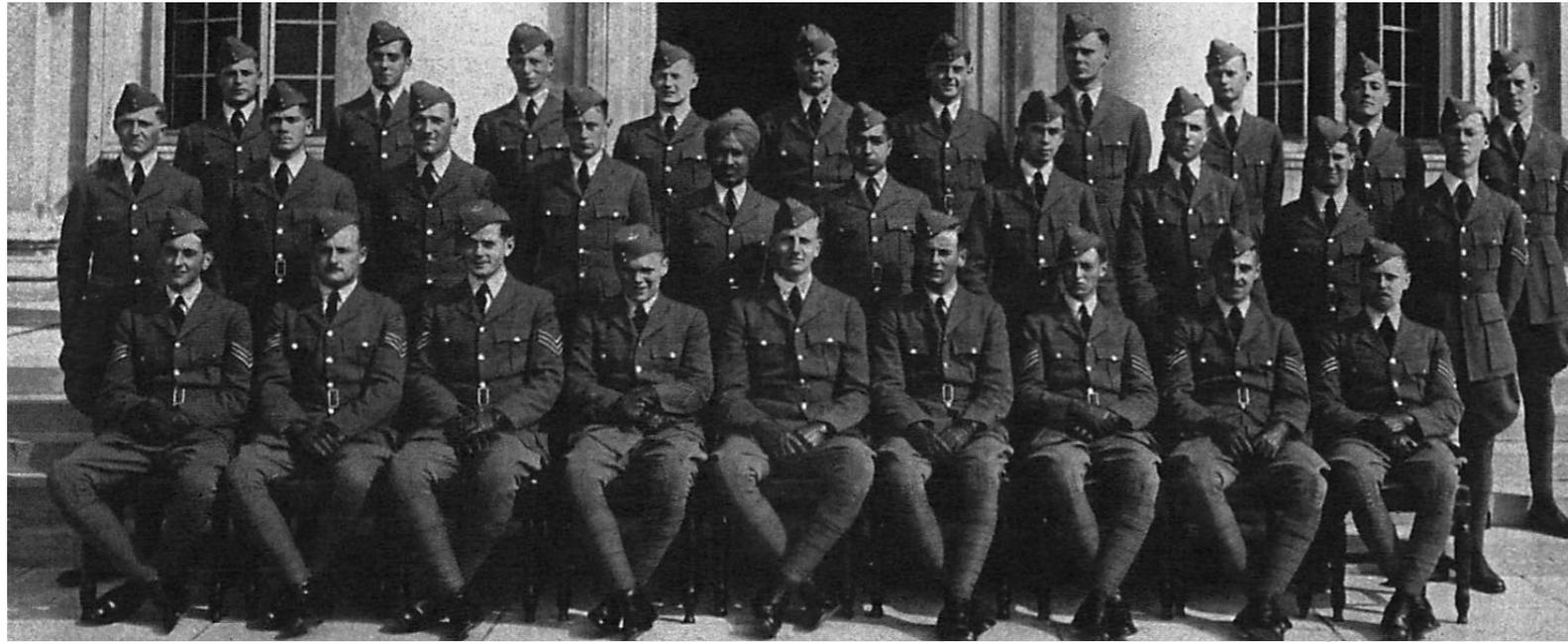
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THE SENIOR TERM, WINTER, 1934.

Back Row.—F./C. L. Rose. F./C. H. R. Coventry. F./C. J. R. Stephenson. F./C. R. N. Batra.
Second Row.—F./C. Cpl. E. M. T. Howell. F./C. Cpl. H. C. Vickery. F./C. Cpl. D. H. S. Rusher. F./C. Cpl. D. B. Hatfield. F./C. L. C. Bicknell. F./C. Cpl. R. D. A. Wills.
 F./C. Cpl. I. C. Jackson. F./C. G. J. Wright. F./C. F. M. Smith. F./C. B. A. C. Wood.
Front Row.—F./C. Cpl. E. L. F. Meynell. F./C. Sgt. D. F. Dixon. F./C. Sgt. J. L. Crosbie. F./C. U.O. H. D. Fraser. F./C. U.O. H. M. Styles. F./C. U.O. H. C. Sawyer.
 F./C. Sgt. A. J. Whillier. F./C. Cpl. D. H. Lee. F./C. Cpl. J. K. L. Carstairs.

1935 Graduations



THE PASSING-OUT TERM, SUMMER, 1935.

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Back Row.—F./C. Cpl. R. I. Jones. F./C. Cpl. G. E. Wallace. F./C. J. D. Melvin. F./C. T. M. Buchanan. F./C. Cpl. J. H. Slater. F./C. L. R. Stewart. F./C. A. B. Sowter.
F./C. J. W. Arney. F./C. W. A. A. de Freitas. F./C. Cpl. N. B. R. Bromley.
Middle Row.—F./C. M. E. W. Scott-MacKirdy. F./C. Cpl. F. E. Croce. F./C. C. S. Cooper. F./C. F. O. Dickson. F./C. R. H. D. Singh. F./C. H. Khan. F./C. D. P. D. G. Kelly.
F./C. A. W. J. Clark. F./C. Cpl. N. M. Hall. F./C. Cpl. E. W. Thornewill.
Seated.—F./C. Sergt. P. T. Philpott. F./C. Sergt. J. W. Bayley. F./C. Sergt. T. B. de la P. Beresford. F./C. U./O. D. W. Balden. F./C. U./O. H. E. C. Boxer.
F./C. U./O. P. W. Townsend. F./C. Sergt. A. W. D. Miller. F./C. Sergt. C. D. Hackett. F./C. Sergt. A. J. Mason.



**SENIOR TERM, ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE, CRANWELL
DECEMBER, 1935**

F./C. Cpl. D. O. F. Lumsden F./C. D. McIntyre F./C. J. N. Dowland F./C. A. G. Dodgeon F./C. J. D. Green F./C. J. A. Chorlton F./C. Cpl. E. Banthorpe
F./C. J. C. Mayhew F./C. L. Mathias F./C. P. G. S. Dickenson F./C. Cpl. J. G. Thompson F./C. R. K. Jeffries F./C. Cpl. W. L. Rowbottom F./C. Cpl. R. W. Reynolds F./C. Cpl. P. J. K. Paine
F./C. Sgt. G. Elsmie F./C. Sgt. A. R. Atkins F./C. Sgt. F. R. Foster F./C. U/O. J. Darven F./C. U/O. M. P. Skinner F./C. U/O. B. E. Smith-Rewse F./C. Sgt. T. S. Rivers-Carnac F./C. Sgt. R. M. Longmore F./C. Sgt. C. H. Press

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Back Row.—F./C. J. W. Fordham. F./C. A. M. K. Phillips. F./C. C. D. S. Smith. F./C. P. M. Astley. F./C. J. B. Tait. F./C. H. R. Goodman. F./C. D. A. Kerr.
F./C. E. Culverwell.
Middle Row.—F./C. Cpl. R. P. M. Gibbs. F./C. Cpl. P. S. Jolliffe. F./C. R. J. M. Bangay. F./C. Cpl. W. I. C. Inness. F./C. O. J. M. Barron. F./C. Mehar Singh.
F./C. G. Burges. F./C. Cpl. W. H. Ingle. F./C. Cpl. W. P. Shand.
Front Row.—F./C. Sergt. V. C. Darling. F./C. Sergt. J. R. Fishwick. F./C. Sergt. M. G. Stevenson. F./C. U./O. D. Greville-Bell. F./C. U./O. P. B. Chamberlain.
F./C. U./O. A. M. Bentley. F./C. Sergt. P. E. Warcup. F./C. Sergt. R. P. R. Powell. F./C. Sergt. O. Godfrey.
Absent.—F./C. A. A. T. Bulloch. F./C. Cpl. J. H. Humphris.



SIXTH TERM, WINTER, 1936.

Back Row.—F./C. R. S. J. Edwards. F./C. D. Weston Burt. F./C. A. R. Vaughan-Williams. F./C. M. H. Cox.
Third Row.—F./C. D. A. French-Mullen. F./C. D. E. Bennett. F./C. K. Ault. F./C. P. E. S. F. M. Browne. F./C. W. A. Harris. F./C. S. P. Coulson. F./C. Cpl. B. Barthold.
Second Row.—F./C. G. P. Robinson. F./C. Cpl. T. D. Calnan. F./C. R. M. B. D. Duke-Woolley. F./C. Cpl. M. C. Pearson. F./C. I. J. Fawdry. F./C. Cpl. L. W. Lowden.
F./C. R. H. McConnell. F./C. Cpl. N. C. Harding. F./C. J. G. Fraser. F./C. Cpl. L. D. Wilson.
Front Row.—F./C. Cpl. A. D. Jackson. F./C. Cpl. L. F. Cooper. F./C. Sergt. C. D. Milne. F./C. U./O. G. S. ff. Powell. F./C. U./O. H. F. Burton. F./C. U./O. H. E. Bufton.
F./C. Sergt. S. W. B. Menaul. F./C. Sergt. I. T. B. T. Rowland. F./C. Cpl. I. S. Soden.

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PASSING OUT TERM, SUMMER, 1937.

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Back Row.—F./C. I. A. Mead. F./C. P. G. Wykeham-Barnes. F./C. H. N. G. Wheeler.
3rd Row.—F./C. C. F. Atkinson. F./C. Cpl. P. Meston. F./C. P. S. Butler. F./C. W. E. M. Lowry. F./C. K. F. Mackie. F./C. W. E. G. Measures. F./C. E. Tennant.
 F./C. D. D. A. Kelly. F./C. H. F. Cox.
2nd Row.—F./C. D. R. D. Green. F./C. Cpl. J. T. Wilkins. F./C. Cpl. J. C. Archer. F./C. Cpl. P. W. Dawson. F./C. J. P. D. Gethin. F./C. J. Mc. C. M. Hughes.
 F./C. J. F. Pearce. F./C. L. D. Mavor. F./C. T. J. Hanlon. F./C. Cpl. A. R. Oakeshott.
Front Row.—F./C. Cpl. E. H. Lynch-Blosse. F./C. Sgt. J. E. Grindon. F./C. Sgt. G. V. W. Kettlewell. F./C. U./O. R. T. Frogley. F./C. U./O. J. M. N. Pike.
 F./C. U./O. J. A. Pitcairn-Hill. F./C. Sgt. R. H. A. Lee. F./C. Sgt. M. S. Donne. F./C. Sgt. P. A. N. Cox. *Absent.*—F./C. Sgt. P. M. Wigg. F./C. P. R. ap Ellis.



THE TERM PASSING OUT, DECEMBER, 1937.

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Back Row.—F./C. J. R. Guthrie. F./C. L. M. Moore. F./C. G. O. L. Bird. F./C. H. G. Malcolm.
3rd Row.—F./C. P. R. Hatfield. F./C. D. G. Stanley. F./C. M. L. Watson. F./C. C. D. Palmer. F./C. P. F. G. Jameson. F./C. T. J. Geach. F./C. R. M. Burns.
 F./C. Cpl. I. D. G. Donald. F./C. J. C. Breese.
2nd Row.—F./C. D. E. Gould. F./C. J. B. Grant. F./C. A. Chalmers. F./C. A. L. H. Barber. F./C. T. A. F. Elsdon. F./C. H. F. G. Ede. F./C. E. T. Powell.
 F./C. Cpl. C. Bowen-Davies. F./C. T. I. Mathewson. F./C. Cpl. T. Preston.
Seated.—F./C. Cpl. D. C. Maybury. F./C. Sergt. J. H. Lapsley. F./C. Sergt. R. Lloyd. F./C. U./O. A. D. Panton. F./C. U./O. P. G. S. St. G. O'Brian. F./C. U./O.
 R. H. De Montmorency. F./C. Sergt. G. H. D. Evans. F./C. Cpl. J. D. Middleton. F./C. Cpl. F. D. Bird. *Absent:* F./C. V. Rees.

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VI TERM, SUMMER, 1938.

Back Row.—F./C. J. O. Barnard. F./C. S. N. Goyal. F./C. R. B. Wright. F./C. A. C. Triptree. F./C. R. A. Cruickshank. F./C. P. H. Cribb.
3rd Row.—F./C. A. D. Mitchell. F./C. C. D. V. Willis. F./C. D. G. Heaton Nicholls. F./C. E. O. Porter. F./C. R. J. Sansom. F./C. R. C. Cobbe. F./C. R. F. Halliwell.
2nd Row.—F./C. C. M. Wright. F./C. P. C. Lambert. F./C. Cpl. C. B. F. Kingcome. F./C. Cpl. J. H. Iremonger. F./C. Cpl. G. O. Lings. F./C. Cpl. C. W. M. Newman.
Front Row.—F./C. Cpl. J. R. Aldis. F./C. Cpl. M. J. Miley. F./C. W. Pitt-Brown.
 F./C. Cpl. J. F. Cook. F./C. Sgt. G. W. Petre. F./C. Sgt. R. C. Rotheram. F./C. U./O. J. E. T. Haile. F./C. U./O. B. P. Young. F./C. U./O. A. M. Murphy. F./C. Sgt. G. H. M. Pirie. F./C. Cpl. D. R. S. Bevan-John. F./C. Cpl. M. Savage.



VI TERM, DECEMBER, 1938.

Front Row.—F./C. Cpl. E. A. Johnston. F./C. Cpl. S. B. Grant. F./C. Sergt. J. R. Armitstead. F./C. Sergt. N. A. Van Someren. F./C. Sergt. D. Salwey.
 F./C. U./O. N. D. Hallifax. F./C. U./O. H. F. D. Breese. F./C. U./O. J. E. R. Hayter. F./C. Sergt. J. A. Holmes. F./C. Sergt. H. A. B. Porteous.
 F./C. Sergt. D. H. W. Hanson. F./C. Cpl. L. M. Hodges. F./Cpl. Cpl. A. J. Payn.
Second Row.—F./C. H. Parkinson. F./C. Cpl. I. L. B. Aitkens. F./C. Cpl. K. P. Mackenzie. F./C. C. Robertson. F./C. T. S. Murray. F./C. H. J. Winch.
 F./C. I. N. M. MacDonald. F./C. B. O. C. Stevens. F./C. M. G. Homer. F./C. I. S. Henderson. F./C. P. A. Major. F./C. C. F. M. Chapman.
Third Row.—F./C. M. L. G. Henderson. F./C. M. W. Waddington. F./C. H. D. Clark. F./C. W. D. B. Ruth. F./C. T. Hurst. F./C. A. R. Gully. F./C. P. W. O. Mould.
 F./C. H. J. Cundall. F./C. H. D. Garbett. F./C. H. V. Matthews. F./C. F. A. Plinston.
Back Row.—F./C. P. R. S. Filleul. F./C. H. J. R. Dunn. F./C. Hon. P. G. A. St. Clair Erskine. F./C. B. H. Way. F./C. P. R. W. Wickham. F./C. D. G. Marshall.

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SIXTH TERM, ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE, CRANWELL
JULY, 1939

Back Row—F/C M. D. Lane F/C G. F. Harding F/C C. V. Beeson F/C Cpl R. V. Herbert

Third Row—F/C Cpl J. B. Holgate F/C J. S. Barrow F/C P. E. A. Carr F/C A. Bowers F/C B. B. Knowles F/C J. D. Wills F/C H. S. P. Hilton F/C H. C. Keeble

Second Row—F/C R. P. Martin F/C V. J. Phillips F/C P. L. Gordon-Dixon F/C P. A. Hughes F/C J. E. R. Wood F/C J. M. Taylor F/C D. H. T. Dowling F/C J. B. Boys-Stones F/C J. Smith F/C J. B. K. Parvis F/C R. D. Atkinson F/C B. Brown

Front Row—F/C Cpl P. W. Cook F/C Cpl B. G. Mack F/C Sgt M. H. Franklin F/C Sgt J. B. Preston F/C U/O P. A. Kingston F/C U/O T. N. Black F/C U/O W. Durlinger F/C Sgt J. W. Carmichael F/C Sgt J. Tinsley F/C Cpl J. Child

F/C Sgt G. J. D. Halliday (absent)

Pre-War Cadets - VIP Gallery



Wing Commander
Laurence Frank SINCLAIR
110 Sqn

(b. 13/06/1908 Frinton on Sea, Essex.
d. 14/05/2002 Oxfordshire.)

GC ACTION

On 30 Sep 40, a Blenheim bomber was taking off from RAF Wattisham when one engine cut out and the bomber crashed in flames. Sinclair immediately went to the scene to help, but two 250lb bombs exploded before he reached it. Undeterred, and knowing full well that there were two more 250lb bombs on board, he pressed on and dashed into the burning wreck.

Of the three crew he was able to drag out the air gunner, Sergeant Walters, and take him to an ambulance. Unfortunately he died from his injuries. The pilot, Sergeant J Merrett was killed.

The navigator, Sergeant Byron, survived but Sinclair did not discover this for 50 years.



Wing Commander
Hugh Gordon MALCOLM
Officer Commanding 18 Sqn

(b. 02/05/1917 Dundee, Scotland.
d. 04/12/1942 Chougui, Tunisia.)

VC ACTION

Having already led his Blenheim bomber squadron on two successful attacks against the heavily defended Bizerta airfield in North Africa in late Nov 42, Malcolm displayed further outstanding courage leading a thirteen-strong Blenheim attack on an enemy fighter airfield near Chougui, Tunisia, on 4 Dec. On reaching the target, however, and starting the attack, the squadron was intercepted by an overwhelming force of enemy fighters from I and II Gruppen JG 53, and 11 Staffel, JG 2. One by one all his bombers were shot down, until Malcolm himself was shot down in flames.



Squadron Leader
John Noel DOWLAND-RYAN
69 Sqn

(b. 06/11/1914 Lewisham.
d. 13/01/1942 Malta.)

GC ACTION

On 11 Feb 40, the SS Kildare was hit by two bombs. One exploded in the grain cargo, which shifted, causing the ship to list heavily; the other lodged in the after deck cabin, but did not explode. The ship limped into Immingham Dock. Dowland-Ryan, with Armament Instructor Leonard Harrison GC, fitted a voltmeter to drain the electric charge. The locking rings were removed and the defused bomb was lowered into a truck for further examination.

In Jun 40, Dowland-Ryan performed a similar feat of bravery with the same efficiency and promptitude on board a trawler.

He was killed in action near Malta in 1942.