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March 1952 - Lead Photo



HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI

1895-1952

'He was the first of his family to enter the Royal Air Force, a service which had already revived the knightly spirit of the past, and, thorough in all things, to learn flying in it.'

The Times, 7th February, 1952

March 1952 - Senior Term Dec 51 (54 Entry)

Back Row: Snr Flt Cdts B. Meadley, L. R. Francis, G. M. Cowper, A. D. R. Dawes, N. J. Glass, D. H. Mills, N. E. Weerasinghe, A. R. Thomas, C. G. D. Jonklaas, E. A. Peters.

Middle Row: Snr Flt Cdts R. H. Robson, D. A. Cooper, K. B. Bones, D. S. De La Harpe, N. A. Innes-Smith, R. W. Fox, D. J. B. Keats, C. E. F. Cooper, D. H. Wood, A. P. J. Dodson.

Front Row: Snr Flt Cdt F. R. Lund, Flt Cdt Sgt R. H. Bragg, Flt Cdt Sgt W. F. Nuthall, Flt Cdt Sgt B. C. Mills, Flt Cdt U.O. R. P. J. King, Flt Cdt U.O. J. M. P. Parker, Flt Cdt U.O. P. J. Jevons, Flt Cdt Sgt F. D. Hoskins, Flt Cdt Sgt A. M. Christie, Flt Cdt Sgt C. H. Foale, Snr Flt Cdt H. J. Ridout.



THE SENIOR TERM (No. 54 ENTRY)
DECEMBER 1951

March 1952 - Senior Term 5 E&S Wg (Dec 51)



Back Row: Snr Flt Cdt B. S. Greenhalgh, Snr Flt Cdt M. H. D. Broad, Snr Flt Cdt A. O. C. D'Arcy.

Centre Row: Snr Flt Cdt R. H. Farley, Snr Flt Cdt R. H. Alger, Snr Flt Cdt R. B. D. Marshall, Snr Flt Cdt J. H. Bishop, Snr Flt Cdt P. A. Hoskins, Snr Flt Cdt K. J. Wilkinson, Snr Flt Cdt J. Peel.

Front Row: Snr Flt Cdt J. A. L. Crawshaw, Snr Flt Cdt J. M. Lewendon, Snr Flt Cdt Sgt A. M. M. Howes, Snr Flt Cdt U.O. K. F. E. Mallett, Snr Flt Cdt Sgt R. Smith, Snr Flt Cdt J. E. Bastin, Snr Flt Cdt J. H. Martin.

March 1951 - Prize Winners 51 Entry and 5 E&S Wg



Back Row: Snr Flt Cdt R. H. Robson (A. G. Fellowes Memorial, R.U.S.I.); Snr Flt Cdt D. A. Cooper (Imperial and War Studies).

Middle Row: Flt Cdt Sgt B. C. Mills (Philip Sassoon Memorial); Flt Cdt Sgt C. H. Foale (King's Medal); Flt Cdt U.O. R. P. J. King (J. A. Chance Memorial).

Seated: Flt Cdt Sgt A. M. Christie (Dickson Trophy); Flt Cdt U.O. J. M. A. Parker (Sword of Honour); Flt Cdt Sgt W. F. Nuthall (R. M. Groves Memorial).



Snr Flt Cdt P. A. Hoskins, Snr Flt Cdt Sgt A. M. M. Howes.

Snr Flt Cdt U.O. K. F. E. Mallett.

March 1952 - 54 Entry and 5 E&S Wg Graduation

GRADUATION OF NOS. 54 AND 5 (E. & S.) ENTRIES

THE passing-out ceremony for No. 54 Entry and No. 5 (Equipment and Secretarial) Entry was held on 12th December, 1951, in cold but clear weather. The inspecting officer was Lieutenant-General Sir Gerald Templer, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., who at the time of the ceremony was General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command.

In his address to the parade General Sir Gerald Templer said:

'It does not often happen that an Army officer is privileged to take the salute at the Graduation Parade of the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell. I would like to say how much I appreciate, personally, the honour of being asked to do so, and at the same time to pay my tribute as a soldier to the great fighting Service in which you young men are now about to receive the King's Commission.

'I am, I suppose, an old soldier now. I have seen and experienced many of the vicissitudes through which our two great Services have passed, and in your case remember the days of your parent, the Royal Flying Corps, that initially small but gallant company of men from which sprang the Royal Air Force of today. As it is, the three fighting Services of our country stand together in comradeship both in peace and in war on the one hand, and in generous and friendly rivalry on the other. It would be invidious on my part to congratulate you on your turn-out, or discip-

line, or bearing, or drill today. It has been of the high standard which we in the other two Services know we will always see at Cranwell.

'I need not, I am sure, impress on you the quality which the Royal Air Force, in common with the other fighting Services of our country, expect to see in our British officers. It is, of course, the quality of Leadership—that priceless gift without which, unless they possess it to a high degree, no fighting Service can long exist either in peace or in war.

'I have one piece of advice and one only to give you, and I have the temerity to ask you to bear it well in mind in your Service life. It is a comforting message—I know myself how comforting it is in times of stress or strain, whether in peace, and especially in war. However you may feel yourself, inside yourself, when up against it for one reason or another, remember that from the moment you are commissioned by His Majesty you are King's Men, going about the world on the King's business. If ever things look black; if ever things are difficult; if ever the odds seem against you, that thought, I guarantee, will sustain you. We in the fighting Services are King's Men doing the King's business. There is no finer career.

'I wish you all a happy life in your great Service. It will, I am sure, be one to which you will be able to look back in many years to come, and with pride of achievement.'

THE ORDER OF MERIT

No. 54 ENTRY

- C. H. Foale, Flt Cdt Sgt: King's Medal; Archery (Captain); Ski-ing; Riding; Gliding; Music; Fine Arts; College JOURNAL.
- J. M. A. Parker, Flt Cdt Under Officer: Sword of Honour; Hockey; Tennis; Librarian; Gliding; Sailing; Photography.
- B. C. Mills, Flt Cdt Sgt: Philip Sassoon Memorial Prize; Sailing (Secretary); Rugby (colours 1951); Dramatics.
- A. M. Christie, Flt Cdt Sgt: Dickson Trophy; Rugby (Captain); Athletics; Engineering; Music; Gliding; Sailing; Parachuting.

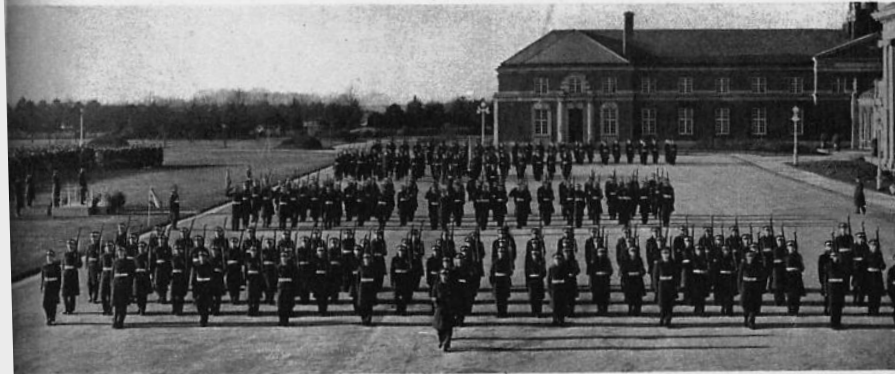
- F. D. Hoskins, Flt Cdt Sgt: Gliding; Music; Parachuting.
- W. F. Nuthall, Flt Cdt Sgt: R. M. Groves Memorial Prize; Athletics; Debating (Secretary).
- R. H. Robson, Snr Flt Cdt: Abdy Gerrard Fellowes Memorial Prize; The R.U.S.I. Award; Debating (President); College JOURNAL (Editor).
- R. P. J. King, Flt Cdt Under Officer: J. A. Chance Memorial Prize; Rowing (Captain); Philately (President); Angling (Secretary); Aeromodelling (President); Sailing.
- L. R. Francis, Snr Flt Cdt: Soccer (Vice-Captain); Cricket; Dramatics (Secretary); Debating; Choral; Dancing; Librarian.
- K. B. Bones, Snr Flt Cdt: Choral; Table Tennis (President); Dramatics; Sailing.
- D. J. B. Keats, Snr Flt Cdt: Shooting (Captain); Riding; Sailing; Parachuting; Gliding; Archery.
- D. A. Cooper, Snr Flt Cdt: Prize for Imperial and War Studies; Shooting; Librarian; Aeromodelling (Secretary).
- P. J. Jevons, Flt Cdt Under Officer: Hockey; Dramatics (President); Choral; Riding; Music.
- C. G. D. Jonklaas, Snr Flt Cdt: Philately (Secretary); Chess (Secretary); Librarian.
- R. H. Bragg, Flt Cdt Sgt: Athletics; Parachuting.
- D. H. Mills, Snr Flt Cdt: Cricket (Captain).
- N. A. Innes-Smith, Snr Flt Cdt: Fencing (Captain); Archery (Secretary); Parachuting; Sailing; Engineering.
- G. M. Cowper, Snr Flt Cdt: Rowing; Aero-modelling; Photography.
- A. P. J. Dodson, Snr Flt Cdt: Archery; Music; Dramatics; Debating; Gliding; Dancing; Parachuting; Librarian.
- B. Meadley, Snr Flt Cdt: Chess; Debating.
- N. E. Weerasinghe, Snr Flt Cdt: Boxing; Gliding.
- A. R. Thomas, Snr Flt Cdt: Gliding; Dancing.
- H. J. Ridout, Snr Flt Cdt: Soccer (Captain); Librarian; Gliding; Sailing; Engineering.
- D. S. De La Harpe, Snr Flt Cdt: Engineering; Ski-ing; Gliding.
- N. J. Glass, Snr Flt Cdt: Angling (Captain); Gliding; Engineering; Philately.
- E. A. Peters, Snr Flt Cdt: Sailing; Dramatics.
- D. H. Wood, Snr Flt Cdt: Music (Secretary); Parachuting; Fine Arts; Engineering.
- F. R. Lund, Snr Flt Cdt: Soccer; Fencing; Table Tennis.
- C. E. F. Cooper, Snr Flt Cdt: Engineering; Riding; Archery.
- R. W. Fox, Snr Flt Cdt: Mountaineering.
- A. D. R. Dawes, Snr Flt Cdt: Squash (Captain); Cricket; Librarian.

No. 5 (E. & S.) ENTRY

- K. J. Wilkinson, Snr Flt Cdt: Radio; Engineering.
- R. H. Farley, Snr Flt Cdt: Dramatics; Music; Debating; Choral; Engineering.
- J. H. Bishop, Snr Flt Cdt: Engineering; Debating; Dramatics; Choral.
- P. A. Hoskins, Snr Flt Cdt: Prize for Secretarial Studies; Rugby; Choral.
- J. M. Lewendon, Snr Flt Cdt: Dramatics.
- R. Smith, Flt Cdt Sgt: Radio; Dramatics; Music; Photography.
- J. Peel, Snr Flt Cdt: Riding; Radio; Debating; Speleology.
- B. S. Greenhalgh, Snr Flt Cdt: Riding; Radio; Dramatics; Debating.
- J. A. Crawshaw, Snr Flt Cdt: Cross-Country; Dramatics.
- J. H. Martin, Snr Flt Cdt: Riding; Ornithology.
- K. F. E. Mallett, Flt Cdt Under Officer: Medal of Honour; Music; Photography; Fencing.
- A. M. M. Howes, Flt Cdt Sgt: Prize for Equipment Studies; Radio; Dramatics; Cricket.
- R. B. D. Marshall, Snr Flt Cdt: Tennis; Soccer; Dramatics.
- J. E. Bastin, Snr Flt Cdt: Rowing; Radio.
- A. O. C. D'Arcy, Snr Flt Cdt: Riding; Dramatics; Choral.
- M. D. H. Broad, Snr Flt Cdt: Dramatics; Music.
- R. H. Alger, Snr Flt Cdt: Riding; Engineering.

March 1952 - 54 Entry and 5 E&S Wg Passing Out

THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF No. 54 ENTRY AND No. 5 (E. AND S.) ENTRY: DECEMBER 1951



Above: The Cadet Wing of the Royal Air Force College marches past, as the Reviewing Officer, Lieutenant-General Sir Gerald W. R. Templer, takes the salute.

Left: The Reviewing Officer presents the Sword of Honour to Flight Cadet Under Officer J. M. A. Parker.

Below: The Inspection. The Reviewing Officer passes down the ranks of 'A' Squadron with Flight Cadet Under Officer P. J. Jevons and, to the rear, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Flying Training Command, Air Marshal Sir Hugh Walmsley.



March 1952 - Staff Appointments

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments to the College Staff have been made since the last issue of the JOURNAL went to print:

HEADQUARTERS, ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE

Group Captain Executive	Group Captain R. C. Keary.
Senior Medical Officer	Wing Commander F. H. Peterson, M.D., M.R.C.P. & S.

CADET WING

Officer Commanding 'B' Squadron	Squadron Leader R. W. Pye.
Cadet Wing Adjutant	Flight Lieutenant N. O. S. Bayley, D.F.C.
Adjutant, Junior Entries	Flight Lieutenant C. Fountain.
Cadet Wing Administrative Officer	Flight Lieutenant J. W. Shaw.

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Senior Ground Combat Training Instructor	Squadron Leader T. P. Fellowes.
Army Instructor	Major G. J. S. Cotton, Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

Instructors:

Thermodynamics	Flying Officer F. A. Leckie.
Mathematics	Flying Officer L. J. Clancy.

Instructors (Equipment and Secretarial Wing):

Equipment	Flight Lieutenant W. G. Carr.
Secretarial	Flight Lieutenant W. G. J. Merrifield.
Humanistics	Flight Lieutenant F. A. G. Poole.
Ground Combat Training	Flight Lieutenant W. M. C. Skinner.

FLYING WING

Officer Commanding, No. 1 Squadron	Squadron Leader D. M. Young.
Officers Commanding Flights	Flight Lieutenants D. R. George, K. V. Panter, R. T. Saunders.
Flying Instructors	Flight Lieutenants F. A. Abbott, J. T. Pearson, L. A. Robertson.
	Flying Officers J. W. Goulestone, K. C. Maslen, J. McPhee, R. C. Simmons.

TECHNICAL WING

Officer Commanding, Technical Wing	Wing Commander G. W. J. Cozens.
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ADMINISTRATIVE WING

Assistant to College Administrative Officer	Flight Lieutenant H. P. E. Skinner.
Physical Fitness Officer	Flying Officer P. S. Collingridge.

DEPARTURES

The following have left the College since the last issue of the JOURNAL:

Group Captain	J. Heber-Percy.
Wing Commanders	M. D. Lyne, A.F.C., P. W. Cook, J. M. C. Law, J. D. Blois, P. A. Wilkinson.
Squadron Leaders	W. R. Assheton, D.F.C., R. H. G. Weighill, J. R. C. H. Graves, A. W. Griffiths, L. G. Ayres, A. Cruickshank, R. W. Fowler, J. C. W. Lewis, R. D. Harris.
Major	I. H. Battye, M.B.E.
Flight Lieutenants	A. H. Henderson, A.F.C., W. D. Lewis, S. C. W. Lock, D.F.C., W. J. Stacey, R. Whalley, M.B.E.
Flying Officer	S. Evans.
Pilot Officer	D. L. Ridout.

CADET WING PROMOTIONS AND ARRIVALS

PROMOTIONS, SPRING TERM, 1952

'A' SQUADRON

Flight Cadet Under Officer R. Parfitt.
Flight Cadet Sergeant M. E. Dark.
Flight Cadet Sergeant L. G. Cockerill.

'B' SQUADRON

Flight Cadet Under Officer J. Cochrane.
Flight Cadet Sergeant R. J. Bannard.
Flight Cadet Sergeant E. Bourne.

'C' SQUADRON

Flight Cadet Under Officer J. F. B. Jones.
Flight Cadet Sergeant E. F. W. Gregory.
Flight Cadet Sergeant D. P. Hall.

'D' SQUADRON

Flight Cadet Under Officer R. L. Lees.
Flight Cadet Sergeant C. G. H. Pierce.
Flight Cadet Sergeant R. H. Dauncey.

No. 62 ENTRY

'A' SQUADRON

R. D. Bates, Christ's Hospital.
B. A. Combe, St. Edward's, Oxford.
J. B. M. Dobson, West Buckland School.
B. E. Duval, Crewkerne Grammar School and
R.A.F., St. Athan.
D. F. E. Eden, Ampleforth College.
D. G. Edwards, Royal High School of Edinburgh.
A. R. Food, Ardingly College and R.A.F., St. Athan.
M. J. Hardy, Worthing High School.
G. H. Hopkins, Keighley Boys' Grammar School.
I. A. R. Kearl, Bristol Grammar School.
P. J. King, St. Ailan's College, Union of South
Africa.
A. MacGregor, Daniel Stewart's College, Edinburgh.
C. J. Miller, Dean Close and No. 2 F.T.S.
L. T. Owen, Llandyssul Country Grammar School
and No. 1 I.T.S.
T. H. Sheppard, Bristol Grammar School.
P. H. Stanning, Rydal School.

'B' SQUADRON

K. Bichard, Elizabeth College, Guernsey.
K. R. Briggs, K.C.S., Wimbledon.
I. D. Brimson, Newport High School.
D. M. Burnett, Tiverton Grammar School and No. 7
F.T.S.
W. L. O. Clitheroe, Whinney Hill Private School and
R.A.F., Halton.
M. A. Crook, Royal Wolverhampton School.
E. D. Frith, Grimsby College.
M. S. A. Hafiz, Comilla Zilla School and R.P.A.F.
College, Risalpur.
B. H. Jones, Tonbridge School.
J. Mackay, Melville College.
R. H. L. Murmann, Tonbridge School and No. 1
I.T.S.
C. Pearson, Worksoop College and No. 3 I.T.S.
D. M. Richard, Welwyn Garden City Grammar
School.
B. E. Taylor, Holyhead County School.
G. M. Turner, Shrewsbury Technical College.
O. J. P. Watney, Winchester College.

'C' SQUADRON

M. N. Butt, Government High School, Gujranwala,
and R.P.A.F. College, Risalpur.
A. C. Cooper, Highgate School.
J. Farwell, Cheltenham College.
B. E. C. Forse, Chippenham Grammar School.
R. A. C. Goldring, Christ's Hospital.
R. B. Gubbins, St. Paul's School and No. 2 I.T.S.
J. K. Jennings, Enfield Grammar School.
M. L. A. Jones, Alleyn's School.
D. McIntyre, Henry Mellish School.
M. A. Moore, Isleworth Grammar School and No. 1
I.T.S.
A. G. H. Morgan, Cowbridge Grammar School and
No. 5 I.T.S.
G. F. Poyser, Twickenham Technical College and
R.A.F., Halton.
M. E. Rankin, Royal Grammar School, High
Wycombe.
B. N. St. C. Turner, Sevenoaks School and No. 1
I.T.S.
A. J. W. Whitaker, Downside.
P. J. White, Brighton College.
J. R. Whittam, Nelson Grammar School.

No. 13 (E. & S.) ENTRY

A. Dufton, Keighley Boys' Grammar School.
R. A. A. Gale, Hutchenson's Grammar School.
M. A. Howells, Wandsworth County Grammar
School.
C. J. James, Liverpool Collegiate.
J. G. Kerrigan, Carre's Grammar School, Sleaford.
J. E. Tierney, Ilford County School and R.A.F.,
Halton.
P. J. Welby, Woodehouse Grove School.
I. D. Wilkinson, Bishop Wordsworth School, Salis-
bury, and R.A.F., Cranwell.

June 1952 - Lead Photo



GROUP CAPTAIN R. C. KEARY

June 1952 - Senior Term Apr 52 (55 Entry)



Back Row: Snr Flt Cdt G. L. Ranscombe, Snr Flt Cdt W. I. Worsley, Snr Flt Cdt J. A. Tulk, Snr Flt Cdt R. C. F. Peirse, Snr Flt Cdt D. J. Belson, Snr Flt Cdt J. G. F. Hewitt.

Centre Row: Snr Flt Cdt D. W. Ward, Snr Flt Cdt N. R. C. Price, Snr Flt Cdt R. P. McCormack, Snr Flt Cdt A. J. Alder, Snr Flt Cdt D. R. Atkinson, Snr Flt Cdt M. Young, Snr Flt Cdt T. J. Cresswell, Snr Flt Cdt J. J. Parker.

Front Row: Snr Flt Cdt T. R. Gribble, Flt Cdt Sgt L. G. Cockerill, Flt Cdt Sgt R. J. Bannard, Flt Cdt Sgt E. F. W. Gregory, Flt Cdt U.O. J. Cochrane, Flt Cdt U.O. R. Parfitt, Flt Cdt U.O. J. F. B. Jones, Flt Cdt Sgt D. P. Hall, Flt Cdt Sgt M. E. Dark, Flt Cdt Sgt E. Bourne, Snr Flt Cdt D. W. Lowe.

June 1952 - Senior Term 6 E&S Wg (Apr 52)



Back Row : Flt Cdt R. G. Davey, Flt Cdt V. A. Hodgkinson, Flt Cdt B. H. Plaskett, Flt Cdt A. W. Law, Flt Cdt P. W. Rose, Flt Cdt J. K. Craven-Griffiths.

Front Row : Flt Cdt D. A. Atherton, Flt Cdt Sgt C. G. H. Pierce, Flt Cdt U.O. R. L. Lees, Flt Cdt Sgt R. H. H. Dauncey, Flt Cdt R. E. Gladding.

June 1952 - Prize Winners 55 Entry and 6 E&S Wg



Flt Cdt Sgt R. J. Bannard, Flt Cdt Sgt D. P. Hall.
Flt Cdt U.O. J. Cochrane, Snr Flt Cdt D. W. Lowe.
Snr Flt Cdt T. J. Creswell, Flt Cdt U.O. R. Parfitt, Snr Flt Cdt D. W. Ward.



Flt Cdt D. A. Atherton, Flt Cdt U.O. R. L. Lees, Flt Cdt R. G. Davey.

June 1952 - 55 Entry and 6 E&S Wg Graduation

THE ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AIR

Graduation of Nos. 55 and 6 (E. & S.) Entries

AT the passing-out parade of No. 55 Entry and No. 6 (Equipment and Secretarial) Entry on 9th April, 1952, the Reviewing Officer, as an earlier page of this issue of the JOURNAL records, was the Secretary of State for Air, the Right Honourable Lord de L'Isle and Dudley, V.C. In his address to the graduating entries and the Cadet Wing, the Secretary of State said:

'For those of you who are graduating, this day and this parade will always be a landmark, a brief halting place from which you can look back, I hope with pride, upon three strenuous years of effort and preparation, and forward with hope, courage and confidence to a career in the great service which you have chosen for your profession.

'I don't think that you will realize immediately the value of all that you have learnt and done at Cranwell, in work or games, in the lecture hall or in the air. But the longer your service, the more you will appreciate the meaning of your training here.

'I ask you to accept that as true.

'It is your privilege to have been given a set of standards, very high standards, of personal behaviour, of discipline, of efficiency, of team work.

'But your test as officers will be how you are going to maintain those standards, which you have learnt here, throughout your careers; and not only maintain them yourselves but exact them from those you command.

'In other words you will only be good officers if you are capable of exercising leadership, and leadership through example.

'It won't be easy to follow the thread. Contrary to general belief it is a good deal harder in peace than in war.

The Editor wishes to thank the Swedish Section of the Overseas Service of the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Chief Information Officer at Air Ministry for kind assistance in the preparation of the text printed above.

'You are looking eagerly forward to the time when you join your squadrons—to the time when flying is at once your main enthusiasm and your principal occupation. That is as it should be. Do remember that in the air and on the ground you must remain officers and leaders.

'Now there are three things which seem to me important. I offer them for your attention.

'The first is always *know*; don't *think*. I mean by that: don't be under general impressions. Get down to detail. You will never get good work out of other people unless you know the job yourself.

'The second is: never injure a man's self-respect. However strict you are with yourself, however strict you are with other people, authority never requires that. Rather try to build it up.

'Finally train yourself to accept responsibility and don't be frightened of making mistakes.

'Now I don't pretend that I have in these few remarks imparted to you the whole art of leadership. But I can tell you that all the good leaders that I have known, and seen, have always observed these three things themselves. I speak therefore from my own observation.

'Of course, leadership can come by practice. You, gentlemen, who are graduating today, have the signal honour of being the first graduates in the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second. It is the great honour of the Queen's commission which you are now receiving. *That* will give you the opportunity of practising the great art of leadership in the Service which you are now joining.'

ORDER OF MERIT

No. 55 ENTRY

- R. J. Bannard, Flight Cadet Sergeant: Queen's Medal; Riding (Captain); Gliding; Choral; Dancing.
- J. Cochrane, Flight Cadet Under Officer: Philip Sassoon Memorial Prize; R.U.S.I. Award; JOURNAL (Deputy Editor); Dancing; Photography.
- R. Parfitt, Flight Cadet Under Officer: Sword of Honour; Boxing (Secretary); JOURNAL (Editor); Debating; Fine Arts; Photography; Engineering.
- D. P. Hall, Flt Cdt Sgt: J. A. Chance Memorial Prize; Swimming; Music; Mountaineering.
- D. W. Lowe, Senior Flight Cadet: Air Ministry Prize for Imperial and War Studies; Debating (President); Angling; Gliding; Choral; Radio; Music.
- J. G. F. Hewitt, Senior Flight Cadet: Rugby; Athletics; Choral (Secretary); Debating (Secretary); Music.
- J. W. Ward, Senior Flight Cadet: R. M. Groves Memorial Prize; Engineering; Gliding; Angling; Music; Field Shooting; Dancing.
- E. Bourne, Flight Cadet Sergeant: Gliding; Mountaineering.
- T. J. Cresswell, Senior Flight Cadet: Dickson Trophy; A. G. Fellowes Memorial Prize; Gliding (Captain); Radio (Secretary); Photography.
- D. J. Belson, Senior Flight Cadet: Cricket; Mountaineering (Captain); Gliding; Dancing.
- R. C. F. Peirse, Senior Flight Cadet: Ensign; Riding; Gliding; Dramatics.
- M. Young, Senior Flight Cadet: Riding (Captain); Gliding; Aero-modelling.
- J. J. Parker, Senior Flight Cadet: Gliding; Mountaineering; Engineering; Photography.
- E. F. W. Gregory, Flight Cadet Sergeant: Hockey; Music; Angling; Mountaineering.
- L. G. Cockerill, Flt Cdt Sgt: Association Football; Rifle and Field Shooting; Gliding; Riding.
- J. A. Tulk, Senior Flight Cadet: Boxing; Fine Arts; Debating (Secretary); Dramatics; Gliding.
- J. F. B. Jones, Flight Cadet Under Officer: Fencing; Riding; Music; Choral.
- D. R. Atkinson, Senior Flight Cadet; Gliding; Riding.
- M. E. Dark, Flight Cadet Sergeant: Rugby Football; Athletics; Music; Gliding; Choral.
- N. R. C. Price, Senior Flight Cadet: Gliding; Engineering; Field Shooting (Secretary).
- A. I. Alder, Senior Flight Cadet: Debating; Dramatics; Library Committee.
- G. L. Ranscome, Senior Flight Cadet: Rugby Football; Gliding; Riding.
- W. I. Worsley, Senior Flight Cadet: Rugby Football; Dramatics (Secretary); Sailing; Riding.
- T. R. Gribble, Senior Flight Cadet: Sailing; Gliding.
- R. P. McCormack, Senior Flight Cadet: Gliding; Skiing; Dramatics; Photography; Engineering.

No. 6 (E. & S.) ENTRY

- D. A. Atherton, Senior Flight Cadet: Air Ministry Prize for Secretarial Studies.
- R. E. Gladding, Senior Flight Cadet: Radio; Debating.
- C. G. H. Pierce, Flight Cadet Sergeant: Cross Country; Athletics; Debating; Choral; Dramatics; Speleology; Gliding.
- R. G. Davey, Senior Flight Cadet: Air Ministry Prize for Equipment Subjects; Choral; Music; Model Engineering; Church Organist.
- R. H. H. Dauncey, Flight Cadet Sergeant: Debating; Archery (Secretary); Gliding; Scottish Dancing.
- R. L. Lees, Flight Cadet Under Officer: Medal of Honour; Squash; Hockey; Cricket.
- V. A. Hodgkinson, Senior Flight Cadet: Riding; Debating; Dramatics; Gliding; Scottish Dancing.
- A. W. Law, Senior Flight Cadet: : Cross Country; Athletics; Photography; Dramatics.
- P. W. Rose, Senior Flight Cadet: Dramatics (Secretary); Choral (Secretary); Radio; Photography; Scottish Dancing.
- J. K. Craven-Griffiths, Senior Flight Cadet: Gliding; Archery; Debating; Association Football.
- B. N. Plaskett, Senior Flight Cadet: Dramatics.

June 1952 - A Busy Year at the College



CRANWELL'S CHANGING FACE

Above:

A photograph of the College taken in April, 1952, showing the extent and nature of the clearance which has been going on steadily during the past six months. The original College Mess, now the Sergeants' Mess, still stands, as does the Post Office. Twenty yards from the road a thousand rose trees have been planted in newly dug beds.



Left:

Long expected, the Chipmunk trainer has made its appearance in Flying Wing. The gradual substitution of the Prentice, foreshadowed in last term's JOURNAL has already begun.



THE PASSING-OUT PARADE, APRIL 1952

Above:

The Inspection: The Reviewing Officer, the Right Honourable Lord de L'Isle and Dudley, V.C., Secretary of State for Air, passes down the lines of 'C' Squadron.



Left:

First recipient of the Queen's Medal, Flight Cadet Sergeant R. J. Bannard.

June 1952 - Swedish Visit (1)



OUR VISITORS FROM SWEDEN

THE outstanding event of the Spring Term, 1952, came at its close when Lieutenant-Colonel E. S. Ugglå, Commandant of the Royal Swedish Air Force College at Uppsala, a party of eight officers and twenty cadets, together with seven senior n.c.o.s and sixteen airmen of the Royal Swedish Air Force, paid us the great compliment of flying over from their country to stay with us for nearly a week. This was the first time that our opposite numbers from Sweden had made a visit of this sort to Cranwell and, for most of us, it was our first opportunity of making their acquaintance. For our part, expectations ran high, but we were not to be disappointed. It is a remarkable tribute to the wonderful spirit of our visitors to be able to say that from the moment that they jumped down from their aircraft the success of this mission of goodwill was sealed.

To describe adequately in words every detail of their visit is, unfortunately, not possible in the JOURNAL, but for our present readers and for posterity this brief record in the form of a diary is provided.

Thursday, 3rd April: The roar of engines coming from the east heralded the approach of our Swedish visitors and at 3 o'clock punctually (their E.T.A.) 24 Mustangs, resplendent in the blue and gold markings of the Royal Swedish Air Force flashed over the College in close formation. For some this was a spectacle that must have revived memories of the war when aircraft like these often did exactly what our visitors were doing now. The Swedes flew in flights of four, and circled the College at low level until, one by one, they touched down to complete their long flight from Sweden, via Denmark, Holland and France, a distance of more than 1,000 miles.

Two transports, a Dakota and a modified Ju. 86 (the latter no museum piece as we soon discovered), had followed the direct route from Uppsala across the North Sea and landed soon afterwards. The pilots of both aircraft claimed that they had been flying about in the vicinity of Cranwell for quite a long time before landing, and hoped that none of us would think that last down meant slowest to the target. Our visitors experienced



The Commandant welcomes Colonel Ugglå

some difficulty in understanding our taxiing signals, which, it appears, differ from their own; but confusion was avoided, even if it was with considerable apprehension that cadet hosts made their way towards the aircraft of their guests. In what seemed a whirlpool of aircraft and propellers they clambered up on to the wings of the Mustangs to meet them. Each pilot carried his luggage in the aircraft. But 16 guns had been removed for this purpose and precious suitcases did not appear from cockpits so much as from recesses in the wings, and, armed with their luggage, the party proceeded to the gymnasium for Customs clearing.

Meanwhile the Guard of Honour was standing ready at the College. But as we waited for Colonel Ugglå to arrive we saw, to our surprise, a number of figures clad in white arriving by bus from the airfield. Could it really be that our Swedish guests dressed Eskimo-fashion in fur collars and white boots? But as they assembled on the Orange we soon realized that they were still wearing

flying overalls. A few moments elapsed and Colonel Ugglå himself arrived by car, accompanied by the Commandant, to inspect the Parade. The party then retired to the College to change and to snatch a well-earned tea.

That evening a cocktail party was held in the College in honour of Colonel Ugglå, his officers and cadets, whom the Commandant welcomed in a brief speech. Thence onward both hosts and guests made excellent use of the opportunity to get to know one another and conversation ranged freely over such subjects as the planning and execution of the flight from Sweden, the technical aspects of flying, life at Uppsala and Cranwell, conditions of living in Sweden and England. . . . There seemed, indeed, no limit to the extent of the common ground between us and, if the barriers of language were down, we must allow the credit entirely to our guests. Their command of English, especially of the conversational idiom, was quite remarkable. As the party broke up with the departure of the officers to the main mess for a buffet supper, we all felt that those who had an hour before been acquaintances only were already firm friends.

After supper, while we entertained the cadets, the officers visited the Station Cinema for a performance of Kenneth Horne's comedy *Love in a Mist* by the Strand Repertory Company.

Friday, 4th April: Our guests certainly believed in getting things done! Early the previous evening it had been rumoured at the cocktail party that they were anxious to visit London, but where, some of us wondered, could a visit be fitted in? As the party was drawing to a close, however, the problem had already begun to solve itself; and by 11 p.m. that same night, what had been a re-

Private Inspection



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note possibility five hours earlier had become a firm plan. Our visitors, with the help of the Transport Section, caught the 0824 train from Grantham to London on the 4th.

The visit to London was not in the nature of an organized tour and the cadets were therefore able to do as they pleased. They seemed to find their way about with the ease of Londoners born and in less than half a day they saw many of the sights for which the city is famous. The most striking thing that we gathered from their conversation afterwards was the way in which they travelled by Tube. Even to the average Englishman who is not well acquainted with the intricacies of London travel the Underground system is always a source of considerable mystery, and sometimes embarrassment. The opportunities for taking the wrong line or for travelling on the right one in the wrong direction are legion. Yet our Swedish visitors thought nothing of the difficulties of getting about by Underground—laughed at them, in fact—and not one of them got lost. They returned that evening to Cranwell after a hectic and enjoyable day. All were agreed that London lived up to their expectations, but they wished that they had longer in England to do the city properly.

Saturday, 5th April: A visit was paid to Royal Air Force, Coningsby, to enable our guests to see typical big bomber squadrons at work. After Group Captain Walker, the station commander, had welcomed the visitors they were divided into four groups and each group allocated to a squadron. The next hour was spent crawling about inside Washingtons. The visitors then forgathered in the Operations Planning Room where the Wing Commander Flying (Wing Commander Panton) explained with great lucidity the sequence of laying on an operation at a station like his own.

Sunday, 6th April: In the morning, after church, Colonel Ugglu took the salute at a march past of the Cadet Wing. In the afternoon the Swedish officers and cadets visited Lincoln Cathedral. The Swedish n.c.o.s and

airmen spent the day in London on a sight-seeing tour.

Monday, 7th April: We did not imagine that the Canberra could be kept long from our visitors, and Monday was the day chosen for them to go to Binbrook. Greeted by the Station Commander, Group Captain Hyde, they began almost immediately their study of the aircraft at close quarters. Though many of the Canberras were airborne, it was possible to call up one, which was in the vicinity of the airfield, and request a slow and fast flypast. This the Canberra's pilot carried out most impressively. A splendid buffet lunch was served in the famous 'Village Inn'; and, with the inner man well sustained, our visitors were made ready for what turned out to be a busy afternoon's programme.

Perhaps the most memorable event during the visit of the Swedes, at least from our point of view, was the final Guest Night of the term. It is seldom that we have the opportunity of entertaining guests from another Air Force in our own mess and we wanted to make the most of it. The dinner itself followed the normal pattern; but afterwards there were speeches of farewell from both sides. Air Commodore Sinclair presented Colonel Ugglu with a framed photograph of the College and, in so doing, expressed the hope that it might hang in the cadets' mess at Uppsala in token of a happy and memorable visit. In reply, Colonel Ugglu thanked the Commandant for all that had been done and went on to entertain us with many amusing stories. He reserved for the end the presentation of a magnificent trophy in cut glass. No gesture of



Flight Cadet Warren of 56 Enty tries the Mustang for size.

friendship could have been more appreciated by the College for, in the years to come, when memories of this particular visit have faded, the trophy will stand as a lasting record of the days that our friends from Sweden had spent with us, and of a lasting friendship.

Over the activities on the parade ground after dinner we should, perhaps, draw a veil, and allow them to remain inscribed in our memories only, for our guests may well have begun to entertain grave doubts about the sanity of their hosts. Whether they did or not we shall never know; but we do remember that they joined in the strange parade that was then enacted. Preceded by an unmelodious and unofficial Cadet Wing band (which had obviously learnt a very great deal from the late Dr. Schoenberg), one of the Swedish cadets reviewed the uneven lines of curiously dressed ruffians who stood in a semblance of open order, to a chorus of shouts, crashes and other terrible noises from the ruffians themselves and, it must be recorded, the onlookers at this nocturnal parade also. But unlike reviewing officers in real life, our guest reviewing officer chose to ride down the lines in a vintage Austin Seven, a vehicle which, alas, has since succumbed to the effects of senile decay.

Tuesday, 8th April: On their next-to-last day our guests were up early again and preparing for a visit to the University and City of Cambridge. The weather report did not pro-



'A strange parade . . . unmelodious and unofficial . . .'

mise much in the way of sunshine and, as it turned out, the trip had to be made in overcast and drizzle. By 11 o'clock the outskirts of Cambridge had been reached and, as the rain showed no sign of stopping, the round tour of the city that had been planned was cancelled and a brief reconnaissance of its centre substituted. In the time that was left before lunch our guests descended with great determination upon the shops from Petty Cury to Sidney Street in one direction and from the town centre to King's Parade in the other. This, as they realized, was their last chance to spend the money they had left in their pockets and in a very short time they seemed to have amassed an impressive variety of goods. At 12.30 sharp, shopping over, the party formed up once again and moved off in the direction of Queens' College.

It was at Queens' College, thanks to the kindness of the President (Dr. J. A. Venn) and the College Council, that our guests took lunch, as any undergraduates might have done had it been term time—in Hall. But it was a lunch with a difference. As coffee came on the table and cigarettes were lighted, Dr. Venn rose to his feet and, in a delightful impromptu talk, explained to our visitors not only how the collegiate and university system worked, but also how the university formed part of the life of this country. As a former Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, Dr. Venn spoke with unusual authority and his remarks were listened to with great attention.

Afterwards Dr. Venn conducted our visitors over the College and, with the kind help of Mrs. Venn, through the famous early sixteenth-century Lodge itself. From Queens' the party moved to the University Library where a tour, arranged by the Librarian, enabled our guests to see much of this great Library. A short walk, viz King's Bridge, and we were standing beneath, and later within,



At the Graduation Parade, 9th April

King's Chapel. Brief glimpses of Trinity Great Court and St. John's Gateway completed an eventful day in Cambridge.

Wednesday, 9th April: The day inevitably had to come when our Swedish guests had to leave us. Though we ourselves looked forward to the Graduation Parade we were indeed sorry that their visit had come to an end. We hope that this, their last recollection of Cranwell, was a favourable one. At the parade officers and cadets were joined by their n.c.o.s and airmen, and near them sat the Swedish Air Attaché, Colonel Falk, and the Assistant Swedish Air Attaché, Captain Bismark. When the parade was over, Colonel Ugglu went to the Library and was presented to the Reviewing Officer, the Secretary of State for Air. Shortly afterwards the Colonel, his officers and cadets assembled in the main mess for lunch and then, with their hosts, moved down to the south airfield. Minutes only were left for the last exchanges, and at 1400 hours punctually, 24 Swedish Mustangs circled the College in formation and wheeled over the airfield to begin their long return flight to Sweden.

As we watched their aircraft grow smaller and finally disappear as specks over the ridge to the south of the airfield, we began to realize, I think, how great a success this visit of our Swedish Air Force counterparts had been. Many little incidents began to jump to mind, and big ones too. Insular as we still are

in our attitude to languages, perhaps it would be unnatural if we did not mention, once again, the impression which our guests' almost perfect English created. How often are visits between friendly nations marred by a lack of understanding of the other's language? In this respect we had not the slightest difficulty. And the ease with which it was possible to carry on a conversation on practically any topic provided the firm foundation upon which so many friendships were built. Had our friends stayed longer, as we wished they could, we might have been able to show them more of England, and more of the Royal Air Force. But we hope that they took away with them to Sweden many happy memories of their stay here. We, for our part, have learnt much of the Swedish way of life and much of the Royal Swedish Air Force and, if we may be allowed to say it publicly, we should like to say that we have been deeply impressed.

D. R. K. B.



Our Swedish visitors, with the picture of the College presented to them by the Commandant. Cadet Nilsson holds the picture, and to his right are Cadets Benker, Larsson, Kilen, Odeltwig, Tuveland, and Johansson.

June 1952 - Staff Appointments

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments to the College Staff have been made since the last issue of the JOURNAL went to print:

HEADQUARTERS, ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE

Planning Staff	Squadron Leader D. W. Bedford
College Adjutant	Flight Lieutenant F. J. Steer, D.F.C.

CADET WING

Cadet Wing Officer,	
'A' Squadron	Flight Lieutenant A. Talbot-Williams
'C' Squadron	Flight Lieutenant V. Sayfritz

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

U.S.A.F. Exchange Officer	Major William E. Charlson
Law & Administration Instructor .. .	Squadron Leader R. Bullen, G.M.
Navigation Instructor	Flight Lieutenant E. S. Williams
Librarian	Mr A. Bray
Secretarial Instructors (E. & S. Wing)	Flight Lieutenant A. M. Gregory
	Flight Lieutenant R. D. S. Scott

FLYING WING

Officer Commanding, Flying Wing .. .	Wing Commander D. Peveler, D.S.O., D.F.C.
Officer Commanding, 'D' Flight .. .	Flight Lieutenant J. L. Bayley
Flying Instructors	Flight Lieutenants G. G. Beauguard, L. J. Brown, R. P. Nelms, D.F.C.
	Flying Officers L. J. A. Maisonnier, M. O. Searle
Air Traffic Control	Flight Lieutenants R. T. Chisholm, H. J. King

ADMINISTRATIVE WING

Accountant Officer	Squadron Leader J. L. Aron
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DEPARTURES

The following have left the College since the last issue of the JOURNAL:

Wing Commanders	S. B. Grant, D.F.C., H. A. Jenkins, D.F.C.
Squadron Leaders	P. Barber, D.F.C., T. R. Harris, D. H. Keary, D.F.C., G. A. Mason, E. V. Nudds
Major	William F. Scott, U.S.A.F.
Flight Lieutenants	W. G. Abel, J. D. Baker, J. G. G. Beddoes, F. C. Carter, D.S.C., L. V. Craxton, A. A. Goddard, D. B. D. Hamley, D. N. Hodgson, D. J. C. Moore, P. W. Morgans, D. E. Snape, P. A. Stanford, D.F.C., E. E. Tooke
Flying Officer	P. R. Brookes

CADET WING PROMOTIONS AND ARRIVALS

PROMOTIONS, SUMMER TERM, 1952

'A' SQUADRON	'C' SQUADRON
Flight Cadet Under Officer R. A. Streetfeild	Flight Cadet Under Officer O. D. G. Slade
Flight Cadet Sergeant D. Harcourt-Smith	Flight Cadet Sergeant D. H. Warren
Flight Cadet Sergeant A. G. N. Hampton	Flight Cadet Sergeant J. W. Heard
'B' SQUADRON	'D' SQUADRON
Flight Cadet Under Officer N. G. Wickman	Flight Cadet Under Officer J. M. Bowden
Flight Cadet Sergeant G. H. Burleigh	Flight Cadet Sergeant A. G. Hamilton
Flight Cadet Sergeant I. A. C. Svensson	Flight Cadet Sergeant J. R. Davies

No. 63 ENTRY

'A' SQUADRON	'C' SQUADRON
B. R. J. Ablitt, Woodbridge School (Suffolk)	B. Bowden, Redruth Grammar School
M. J. Ball, Chichester Grammar School	B. B. Heywood, Rydal School
T. A. M. Bond, Cranleigh School; No. 1 I.T.S., Juryby	J. D. Hutchinson, Marlborough College
M. L. Curtis, Vaindean Grammar School, Brighton	C. J. Phillips, King Edward's School, Birmingham
L. J. Green, Latymer Upper School	J. D. Pugh, Christ's Hospital
L. G. Hall, King Edward's School, Birmingham	A. M. Raja, Gordon College, Rawalpindi, Pakistan
S. A. Iqbal, Government High School, Chadughat, Hyderabad	C. G. Richardson, Wellington College
D. R. B. Johnson, Dame Allen's School	R. W. B. Simons, King Edward VI School (Fiveways) Birmingham
B. R. Kent, Kelly College	R. T. F. Snare, Maidstone Grammar School
K. McDonald, Prince of Wales School, Nairobi	B. F. Tomlin, Hemel Hempstead Grammar School
R. W. Millward, High School for Boys, Chichester	G. Wallingford, Haileybury and I.S.C.; Wanganui Collegiate, N.Z.
A. Sledge, Enfield Grammar School	N. R. J. Walpole, Cheshunt Grammar School; No. 2 I.T.S., Thorney Island
'B' SQUADRON	J. C. Waters, Maidstone Grammar School
P. A. Barrow, Beckenham County Technical School	J. Wright, Varndean Grammar School, Brighton
J. A. Campbell, Harrow County Grammar School	
D. M. Courtin, Sherbourne; No. 3 I.T.S.; No. 2 B.F.T.S. Anstey	'D' SQUADRON
E. W. Gosling, Sutton High School, Plymouth	K. P. Austin, Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School, Rochester.
C. A. Herbert, Derby Grammar School	R. E. J. Banks, John Ruskin Grammar School, Croydon
L. M. Jonklaas, Mount Lavinia College, Ceylon	A. M. Chandler, Chatham House, Ramsgate
D. L. Parsons, Nottingham High School	A. R. Craig, Boroughmuir, Edinburgh
D. J. Robinson, Clapham College; No. 7 F.T.S., Cottesmore	D. J. Hollies, Woodhouse Grove, Apperly Bridge
B. A. Rogers, Kent College, Canterbury	M. J. Matthews, Bromley County Grammar School
I. S. Walker, Bromsgrove School	J. Serrel-Cooke, Dulwich College
B. A. Weedon, Herbert Strutt Grammar School, Belper	

November 1952 - Lead Photo



AIR COMMODORE H. EELES, C.B.E.
Commandant Royal Air Force College

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ST MICHAEL'S CHAPEL

Plan and Fulfilment

A THREEFOLD need pointed the way to the decision to create within the College building St. Michael's Chapel as a memorial to those former flight cadets of Cranwell who gave their lives in the service of their country. There was the need to concentrate in one place and on one purpose those individual memorial gifts for which relatives and Service formations were seeking the opportunity. Foremost was the sense that nothing but a place of worship or a part of one could fittingly enshrine their memory; this sense must have underlain the eventual rejection of other plans that were from time to time considered. But there was no College Church and no near prospect of one being built, and the Station Church was obviously too impermanent to receive an inner chapel of such a dedication.

It was the work of Air Marshal Sinclair, then Air Commodore and Commandant, to bring the idea to determination, and then to concentrate upon the one purpose all the goodwill and generosity that the desire for a memorial provoked. Help came from the Air Ministry's decision to rebuild the roof and upper storey of the West Wing, damaged by a Whitley in 1940 and temporarily repaired. In the process of reconstruction the shell of the new chapel was created out of two former lecture rooms. Meanwhile Air Marshal Sinclair's plans had matured. He had formed his concept of the Chapel as a whole and of the nature of offerings that could be asked or expected. He had called in the Diocesan Architect of Lincoln, Mr Thomas Bond, to design both the whole and the parts. He had secured the approval and support of Air Council members, senior Old Cranwellians, the Chaplain-in-Chief and the Bishops of Lincoln and Croydon. The flow of gifts came fast, from many individuals, from the Flight Cadets' and Officers' Messes, from the county Regiment, from Naval Aviation, from the United States Air Force, from the aircraft industry. But now, instead of coming haphazard, they came to fit in with the plan.

If one gift more than another may be said to have made it possible for the work to start, it was that of the Hawker-Siddeley Group of companies of the aircraft industry, who pro-

mised the complete panelling to make the frame of the Chapel. Further essentials were secured when each Commander-in-Chief on behalf of his Command promised a pew, and the Old Cranwellian Association decided to apply its fund, raised with a different objective in view, to the Reredos, the Altar and its necessary furnishings. Every offering could now be directed to fit into this outline. A year ago little seemed to have taken shape; in April the shell was still empty; on 22nd June the Chapel was dedicated.

The Day of Dedication

The Sunday following the annual Old Cranwellian reunion was chosen for the dedication. As an event for the College and Station, with the consequent implications of preparatory fever, it ranked with royal visits. There was expected, and there came, a large attendance of Old Cranwellians; the Chief of the Air Staff would be there, and half the senior officers of the Royal Air Force; there would be most unsabbatical activity on the airfield. All the donor formations would be represented. Most important of all, the relatives of those commemorated would come from every direction by road, and arrangements were made for special coaches on the London trains. Since the Chapel itself would hold only forty, the principal service was to be held in the Station Church, and there seating was arranged for 1,200. In the event there were few empty places.

The Bishop of Lincoln and fifty of the senior visitors lunched in the College Dining Hall with the flight cadets. For most of the Old Cranwellians and for any early-arriving visitors the Officers' Mess was 'At home.' Early in the afternoon the stream of traffic began, and by three o'clock the Church was filled. Forward on one side sat the relatives of the fallen, and on the other the Old Cranwellians. Lastly the senior officers who were to form the congregation in the Chapel itself entered. In a less trustful country a cordon of troops would have guarded that Church for the Service distinction that it held.

The Bishop entered processionally by the West door, attended by the Assistant Chaplain-in-Chief, the Principal Chaplain (M) of the United Board, the College Chaplains, and



THE MEMORIAL CHAPEL OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE

Above:

A view of the Memorial Chapel looking towards the altar

Right:

The Chapel from the altar steps. The font is visible at the rear of the Chapel, to the left of the photograph. In the recess the memorial table and Roll of Honour, presented in 1947 by Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, have been placed. To the right can be seen the entrance to the Chapel



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The priest's chair (gift of Home Command), prayer-desk (gift of Home Air Command, Royal Navy), and Bible. Before the desk lies the Ispahan rug, gift of the Royal Pakistan Air Force

Group Captain D. Lumgair as crucifer. The service that followed was moving and appropriate. The Bishop spoke to the comfort of the bereaved and to the inspiration of the present and future officers whom he addressed. When the service reached its climax the Bishop moved down the aisle, attended by the clergy and led by the crucifer, and behind him there formed up those who were to attend the moment of dedication in the Chapel. That remarkable procession included, with their ladies, the Chief of the Air Staff and two members of the Air Council, the Commanders-in-Chief of six Commands, an Admiral representing the Royal Navy, the Commanding General of United States Air Forces in Great Britain, former Commandants of the College and the senior Old Cranwellian Air Officers. They passed through the West door of the church and made their way to the College.

Few were able to watch the most moving moment of the day, when that column of high distinction, led by the Bishop and robed clergy, made its slow way past the East Wing, across the deserted Parade Ground and into the College. The clergy withdrew, and the procession moved up and took its seats in the Chapel. It had now been joined by the Colonel of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, Major-General Griffin. The Commandant closed the door and awaited the Bishop's knock. The Bishop struck the door three times with his staff, and the Commandant, opening, asked him to dedicate the Chapel. The brief and traditional Act of Dedication was soon over, and the College building had a heart.

Meanwhile the Church had emptied and the relatives of those commemorated made their way to the College. For the next two hours the Chapel was theirs, and others had been asked to leave it to them. They did not come as sightseers but as pilgrims. They lingered in the Chapel, to feel and to use this shrine built to the memory of their sons and the sons of Cranwell. And when they were satisfied, the day was over.

The Chapel

A technical and architectural description of the Chapel would not be out of place, and we hope to include one in a later issue; but the description that follows is intended only to give a layman's impression of the Chapel to those who have not seen it.

The strongest ingredients of that impression are of unity and fitness. In spite of its modernity, the Chapel gives on entry an eighteenth-century sense that fine material and diverse craftsmanship have been directed by one mind to the making of a purposeful whole.

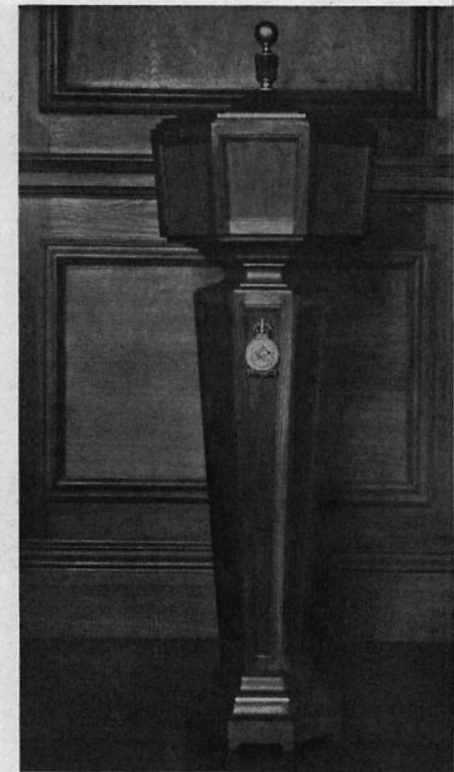
The walls are panelled in English oak of light but rich colour to a height of twelve feet, topped by a broad jutting cornice. The fine wood of each panel is free of fussy ornament, but the major lines of relief are satisfying and there is some attractive carving at key points. This panelling, the gift of the Hawker Siddeley Group, carries the eye forward to focus at once on the altar, with its reredos, canopy and covering. The reredos is of a patterned red silk of Italian design. The tall silver cross stands out against it, and it is flanked by the slender fluted

pillars that support a well-proportioned canopy bearing a carved device of a chalice. The altar's frontal is an old Spitalfields embroidery, coloured, with sky blue predominating. The seeming contrast of colours is in fact dignified and effective. All these appurtenances of the altar, together with the other altar silver and the oak chancel rail, are the gift of the Old Cranwellian Association.

Oak furniture stands on either side of the altar; to the right a credence table bearing the crest of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment who gave it; to the left the priest's chair, the gift of Home Command, and a prayer-desk presented by the officers of Home Air Command of the Royal Navy. The picture of colour would not be complete without mention of the Bible and Office Book bound in bright blue leather that lie on the desk and table. These were given as an individual memorial and the idea is taken up in the prayer books that lie in the pews, each an individual memorial and each finely bound in the same blue leather. The floor of the Sanctuary is of polished English marble and on it lies the magnificent Ispahan rug presented by the Royal Pakistan Air Force.

From the oak rail and furniture of the Sanctuary the eye is carried back over the fine and solid oak of the pews, the gift of Royal Air Force Commands. The front desk was given by Flying Training Command. The Command's crest is on the side and that of the College on the front. The Commanders-in-Chief of the Operational Commands at Home, the Overseas Air Forces and Technical Training Command, each presented a pew on behalf of their Commands. Each of the eight pews bears the Command's crest, carved and emblazoned, on the side. At the back of the Chapel stands Maintenance Command's gift, an oak font of beautiful design, carved with the crests of the Command and its Groups.

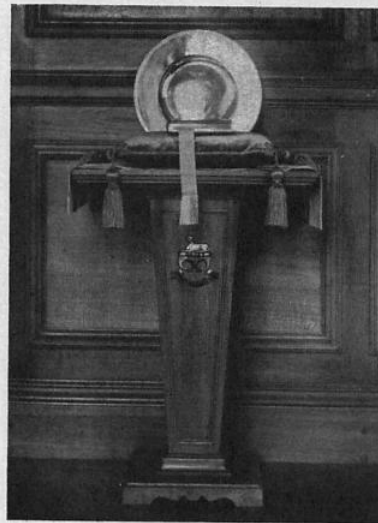
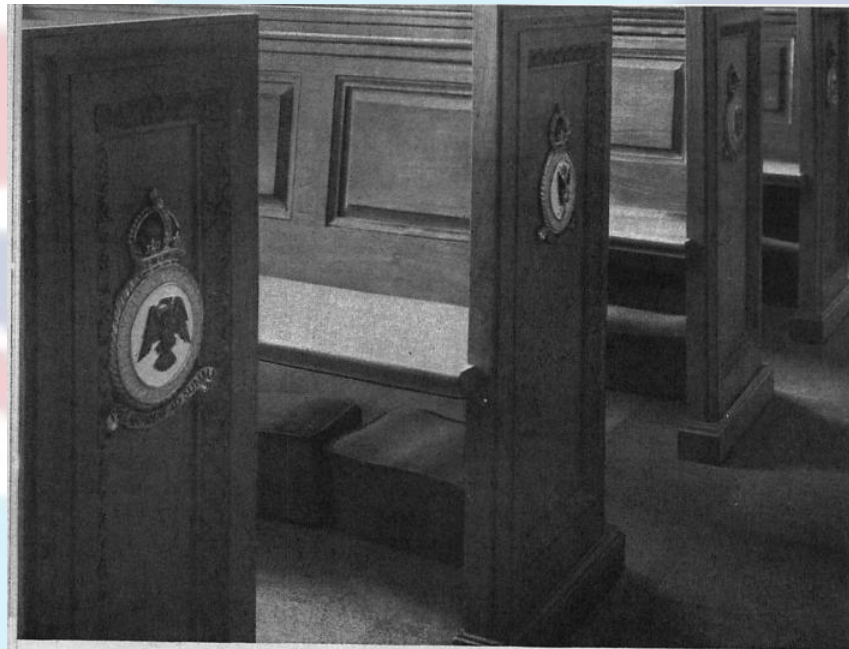
The lighting is by ornate branched candelabra hung from the ceiling. The pair over the Sanctuary are gilt and hang by silken cords of a red to match the reredos. Those over the aisles are sky-blue in body, gilded in part, with chairs to match. This lighting was given by the Third United States Air Force.



The font, carved in oak and bearing the crests of Maintenance Command and its groups, by whom it was given

Central in the panelled West end of the Chapel is a recess in which has been placed the beautiful memorial table and Roll of Honour presented in 1947, by Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore in memory of his son. The finely illuminated Roll holds the names of all Cranwellians who have given their lives in service, not only those who died in an act of war. Thus singly as well as collectively the record of those who have died is held in a Chapel adorned, by gifts collective as well as individual, with a beauty worthy of its high purpose.

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THE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

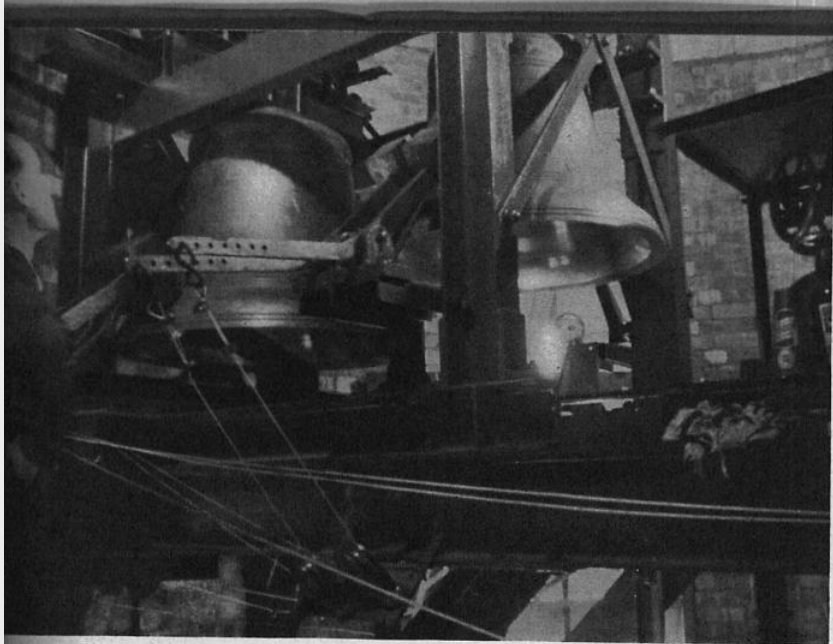
Above:

The pews, showing the crests of some of the donor Commands: from left to right—Flying Training Command, Bomber Command, Fighter Command, Coastal Command and Technical Training Command. The pews bearing the crests of the Middle East Air Force and Far East Air Force are not visible in this picture

Left:

The gift of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, the credence table

November 1952 - Support Article (1)



The Bells—a view inside the College Tower

THE DEDICATION OF THE BELLS

THE plan of installing a chime of bells in the College tower was discussed as a project for the Old Cranwellian Association's war memorial. When the Association decided to apply its fund to the development of the Chapel scheme, it appeared that the tower must remain silent. But the directors of the Shell Group generously wished to commemorate the close association of the Group with the achievements of the Royal Air Force. To their order bells were cast by the Loughborough firm of Messrs John Taylor & Co., and installed in the tower with the elaborate mechanism necessary to strike the hours, ring the quarter-hours in the Westminster chime, and sound 'Retreat' at the daily lowering of the ensign.

The work of installation could not start until after the day of the dedication of the Chapel, but it was completed before the end of the term.

In the afternoon of 30th July after the Graduation Parade the bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Croydon, the Right Reverend C. K. N. Bardsley, C.B.E., and the day ended with the first ceremonial sounding of 'Retreat.'

The College was delighted to welcome at the Graduation Parade a number of those to whom this generous gift was due. Representatives of the Shell Group present included Sir Frank and Lady Godber, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Salmond, Mr and Mrs R. A. Denne, Mr Guepin, Mr Hill and Group Captain D. R. S. Bader, D.S.O., D.F.C., who had been so active and helpful an intermediary in the whole scheme.

When the Reviewing Officer had driven away, visitors did not disperse, but gathered in the Entrance Hall and corridors of the College for the Act of Dedication. On the west wall of the



The Bells before installation in the Tower. Here all six bells lie at the foot of the steps leading up to the main entrance of the College. The notes and sizes of the bells are: G (2 cwt.), F (2½ cwt.), E flat (3¼ cwt.), B flat (7 cwt.), G (13 cwt.), E flat (25 cwt.). The four smaller bells are used for the Westminster Chime, the four larger ones for sounding 'Retreat.'

hall a plaque, cast in the metal of the bells and commemorating the gift, had been placed. A small enclosure around this was reserved for the representatives of the donors and for senior visitors, and behind them the hall was thronged and spectators took up their position in the round gallery above. At half past three the Bishop and his attendant clergy emerged from the flight cadets' ante-room and the short service began. After prayers and responses, the Bishop gave an address, recalling the sacrifices of which the gift of the bells was a memorial and the obligation that those sacrifices laid upon all. Then he unveiled the plaque and dedicated it.

The Bishop and clergy withdrew, and visitors moved out to the Parade Ground and the Orange. A squadron of flight cadets had marched into position on the Parade Ground,

with the Band, in readiness for the striking of the hour and lowering of the ensign. As the bells chimed for the hour the squadron came to attention and the advance. When the hour had struck they presented arms. Then, while the ensign was lowered, the bells sounded 'Retreat' in a moving inauguration.

The College has been enriched by a most notable and imaginative gift. The striking of the hours may become, as indeed it is, a convenience, and the chiming of the quarters a welcome but almost unnoticed part of a familiar background. But the daily ceremony of the chime will not lose its significance.

'... You hear the solemn bell
At vespers, when the oriflammes are furled.
And then you know that somewhere in the world
They think of you.'

THE PLAQUE

The plaque reads:

1952

THIS PLAQUE CAST IN THE METAL OF
THE BELLS OF THE COLLEGE CHIME
RECORDS THE GRATITUDE OF THE COLLEGE TO
THE SHELL GROUP
THROUGH WHOSE GENEROSITY THE CHIME WAS PRESENTED
AS A MEMORIAL TO THOSE OLD CRANWELLIANS
WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY
AND AS A DAILY REMINDER OF THEIR GALLANTRY
AND SACRIFICE

November 1952 - Support Article (2)

HOW THE BELLS WERE MADE

HOW were our bells made? This question doubtless crossed the minds of many of us as we watched our peal of six being raised to the Tower towards the end of last term.

Below, through the kindness of Mr Paul L. Taylor, a war-time engineer officer in the Royal Air Force and head of John Taylor and Company, bell founders of Loughborough, it is possible to give an expert's answer to this question.

Mr Taylor writes:

Firstly, the inner mould, or core as it is called, is built up on a strong cast-iron plate. The material used for the building up is bricks jointed with, and coated on, the surface by moulding sand, ground wet and mixed with other matter. The shaping of the core is effected by a strickle, template or crook, as it is variously designated. This is a board, carefully cut away and modelled so that its inner shape is the exact shape of the inside form of the bell. This template swings, or revolves, on a pivot in the centre of the base plate, and by this means the moulder is able to build up the core.

Next, the cope or cover is made, again by a swinging template cut to the exact shape of the outside of the bell. By this means the moulder lines an iron case or box, again with loam, until the outer form of the bell is fashioned.

The core and cope are then both finished by hand, and dried thoroughly in a stove constructed specially for this purpose. Finally the cope is placed over the core, the greatest care

being taken that the two are concentric. They are firmly cramped together and thus form what is termed the mould for the bell.

This is the usual foundry practice, but in those cases when a more than usually elaborate ornamentation of the bell is desired, the *cire perdue* (melted wax) process of decorated relief work suggests itself as being the most suitable.

The bell metal is melted in a specially designed furnace, and is tapped out into a ladle, similar to that used by the iron-founders and, as in casting iron, care is taken to run the metal into the mould at the proper temperature.

The time allowed for the cooling of the metal after a bell is cast varies according to the size of the bell. The smaller ones are removed from their moulds the day after being cast, but the larger the bell the longer the time that must elapse.

The next and final process in making a bell is tuning. The bell has been cast as near to the note required as possible, but owing to the moulding technique, the bell when sounded gives a note which is not exactly the right pitch. This error is corrected by placing the bell on a vertical lathe and turning some metal off the inside. This makes the bell thinner and so alters the note. This operation is continued until the correct note is obtained. A point of interest with regard to this tuning is that the bells for the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, have been made to accord with the pitch of the R.A.F. trumpet (the E flat Cavalry trumpet).

INSTALLING THE BELLS

AFTER the College Bells had been cast by John Taylor and Company of Loughborough, a number of important technical problems remained to be solved. The bells had to be brought to the College, raised to the Tower, hung and connected up to the mechanisms designed to operate them. The actual work of installation fell to Gent and Co., Ltd., electrical and horological engineers of Leicester, to whose sales manager, Mr E. O. Chapman, we are indebted for the facts contained in the following account and in the captions to the accompanying illustrations.

To accommodate six bells weighing from two

hundredweight to twenty-five hundredweight, and the apparatus required for operating them, was, in itself, a difficult problem to solve. It was decided finally to accommodate bells and operating apparatus in two steel frames. These are mounted on two girders spanning the clock chamber to which, originally, the clock movement had been fitted.

These two girders have been provided with additional supports to carry a total weight of six tons. The two frames containing the bells have been placed on either side of the clock movement driving the exterior hands. One frame carries the large 25 cwt bell and the other frame



Messrs Allsop and Mooney, of Gent and Co., Ltd., adjusting one of the many operating cables connecting the hammers with the striking mechanisms

the remaining bells. There are three motor-driven mechanisms supported by brackets on the underside of the two main girders. One mechanism works in conjunction with a hammer which strikes the large bell for sounding the hour. The second mechanism operates the hammers on the four bells which sound the Westminster quarters, and the third one works in conjunction with no less than 12 hammers, three on each of the four largest bells.

This triplication of hammers at first sight seems puzzling, but it has been necessary for a technical reason. 'Retreat' has to be sounded smartly, and each of the four notes is repeated no less than three times in some part of the tune. Hammers, however, have a considerable amount of inertia and cannot operate sufficiently rapidly to provide for quick repetitions of notes. An escape from this difficulty has been found by increasing the numbers of hammers from one to three on each of the four bells.

Working in conjunction with the first and second mechanisms is a control unit. This unit receives half-minute impulses from the master clock and sets in motion all three mechanisms at the correct times with a provision for the automatic starting of the 'Retreat' mechanism at either 1600 hours or 1630 hours. The actual time is selected by means of a change-over switch in the porters' lodge by the main door of the College. The control unit also 'selects' the chimes to be sounded and ensures that the right number of hammer blows is provided. In

addition the control unit cuts out all operation of the striking and chiming mechanisms during the night and ensures that while the mechanisms are inoperative the correct chime and hour strike is provided when they are put into operation again in the morning.

Provision has also been made in the porters' lodge for silencing all mechanisms during the day by means of a switch. Another cuts out the operation of the 'Retreat' chimes; and a push-button enables the same chimes to be sounded whenever they may be required.

An interesting piece of equipment from the technical point of view is the duration delay which ensures that the chimes of the fourth quarter sound sufficiently ahead of the hour to allow for a five-second interval between the last chime and the first blow of the strike.

Hoisting the bells into position inside the Tower presented quite a problem owing to the fact that there is no direct route for them from ground to the actual clock chamber. It was necessary, therefore, to erect scaffolding in front of the main entrance of the College so that the bells could be lifted to a position level with Admiral's Walk, and taken from there along a special runway laid on the Admiral's Walk itself. Even so the problem was not entirely solved since the windows in the Tower were too small to allow the largest bell of 25 cwt to be moved through in an upright position. It thus had to be manoeuvred through the window on its side, then turned back to the correct position on a very small platform inside the Tower whence it was hoisted into place.

The larger bells, showing the arrangement of the hammers



November 1952 - 56 Entry and 7 E&S Wg Graduation (1)



THE PASSING-OUT PARADE, JULY 1952



Above:
The arrival of the Minister of Defence, Field Marshal the Earl Alexander of Tunis, K.G., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C., LL.D. To Lord Alexander's left is the Commandant of the College, Air Vice-Marshal L. F. Sinclair, to his right, Air Marshal Sir Hugh S. P. Walmesley, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Flying Training Command, and, behind, Group Captain D. Lumgair, Assistant Commandant of the Equipment and Secretarial Wing.

Left:
The inspection. Lord Alexander, with Flight Cadet Under Officer D. G. Slade, passes down the lines of 'C' Squadron

THE ADDRESS OF THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE

Graduation of Nos. 56 and 7 (E. & S.) Entries

THE Reviewing Officer at the passing-out parade of No. 56 Entry and No. 7 (Equipment and Secretarial) Entry, as an earlier page of this issue of the JOURNAL records, was the Minister of Defence, Field Marshal the Earl Alexander of Tunis, K.G., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C., LL.D. In his address to the graduating entries and the Cadet Wing, the Minister of Defence said:

'During the six years that I was Governor General and Commander-in-Chief in Canada, I spent as much time with the Royal Canadian Air Force as I did with the other two Services, and just before leaving Canada I was presented with my wings for flying Canadian aircraft. So if any of you consider that it is a little strange that your Graduation Parade should be taken by a soldier, you will be the only ones who feel that way because I feel as much at home amongst airmen as I do amongst soldiers. And I am proud and happy to have had the opportunity of coming to take your Graduation Parade.

'In many ways you young men are fortunate in your age since you are about to enter a fighting force which has a reputation for gallantry and efficiency which is second to none. It is an expanding force within the framework of our rearmament programme and of course it is destined to play a highly important role in the defence of our country. So the future holds great opportunities for you young people.

'Now what about today? From my point of view this parade has been highly successful and I should like to congratulate you very warmly and very sincerely on the way you have done your stuff. You are steady on parade; your arms drill is excellent; your marching is good, and your turn-out is first class. These are things

that I do know something about as I have been a Guardsman for forty-one years, and it is a great pleasure to me to see such a good parade so well done.

'Amongst most races in the world and especially amongst the Anglo-Saxons, good drill and good turn-out mean something. And what they mean is that it is a good show. I am always suspicious when I see sloppy drill, bad turn-out and sloppiness of every description. When you see a good show on parade you will know there is a good show behind; and this is a very important thing because drill and turn-out are the outward and visible signs of competent efficiency and high morale. And all these excellent qualities are not achieved without sound leadership.

'You will have learnt all these things here so I am not going to rub in any more about leadership. But you know as well as I do that it is the whole secret of success in any armed force. Get good leadership and you will have a good show. If leadership is lacking, it will be a poor show. Here at Cranwell you will be well up in all these things. They form the basis upon which a good airman's character is built, and I would ask you never to forget that. And bear your own responsibilities.

'When you go out into the Services you will pass that knowledge on to others and see that they have the benefits that you have had from the training here. And do not forget this: If you can carry out all the good traditions you have learnt here, it is in this way that the glorious traditions of the Royal Air Force will be maintained and enhanced.

'And now I am going to wish you "Good Luck" and the best of fortune to you all.'



November 1952 - 56 Entry and 7 E&S Wg Graduation (2)

ORDER OF MERIT

No. 56 ENTRY

D. G. SLADE, Flight Cadet Under Officer: Queen's Medal; Philip Sassoon Memorial Prize; J. A. Chance Memorial Prize; Shooting (Captain); Riding; Skiing; Gliding; Sailing; Engineering; Debating (President).

J. W. HEARD, Flight Cadet Sergeant: A. G. Fellowes Memorial Prize; Music; Engineering; Riding; Pot-holing.

D. H. WARREN, Flight Cadet Sergeant: Swimming (Captain); Rugby; Music; Choral; Riding; Debating.

R. A. STREATFEILD, Flight Cadet Under Officer: Sword of Honour; Air Ministry Prize for Imperial War Studies; Cricket (Captain); Squash (Vice-Captain); JOURNAL (Editor); Music; Choral; Field Shooting; Angling (Captain).

G. H. BURLEIGH, Flight Cadet Sergeant: Cricket; Music; Angling.

A. J. SELWOOD, Senior Flight Cadet: Gliding; Aero-modelling; Photography.

D. HARCOURT-SMITH, Flight Cadet Sergeant: Cricket; Squash (Captain); Hockey; Music; Dancing.

A. G. N. HAMPTON, Flight Cadet Sergeant: R. M. Groves Memorial Prize; Riding; Gliding; Sailing; Philately; Debating.

J. WILKINSON, Senior Flight Cadet: R.U.S.I. Award; Dramatics; Sailing; Engineering.

C. CROOK, Senior Flight Cadet: Fencing; Riding; Music; Gliding.

M. K. KHAN, Senior Flight Cadet: Dickson Trophy; Hockey; Skiing, Gliding; Photography; Engineering.

N. H. GIFFIN, Senior Flight Cadet: Sailing; Photography; Riding; Pot-holing; Gliding.

R. DICK, Senior Flight Cadet: Music; Engineering; Photography.

C. D. SHARPE, Senior Flight Cadet: Music; Gliding; Chess; Pot-holing (Vice-Captain).

J. H. D. DALY, Senior Flight Cadet: Shooting; Field Shooting; Riding; Choral; Dramatics; Engineering.

P. J. BOGUE, Senior Flight Cadet: Gliding; Riding; Photography; Engineering; Dancing; Sailing; Music; Aero-modelling.

D. S. BURROWS, Senior Flight Cadet: Riding; Sailing; Music.

P. G. WALKER, Senior Flight Cadet: Shooting (Vice-Captain); Debating; Fiction Library; Riding; Sailing; Archery.

I. A. G. SVENSSON, Senior Flight Cadet: Skiing (Captain); Sailing.

M. G. TOMKINS, Senior Flight Cadet: Riding: Debating; Fine Arts; Music.

D. M. K. ATHERLEY, Senior Flight Cadet: Sailing (Secretary); Gliding; Music.

J. LEWIS-LLOYD, Senior Flight Cadet: Gliding (Captain); Music; Dancing; Choral; Riding.

P. KENNETT, Senior Flight Cadet: Cross Country (Secretary); Photography; Gliding; Dancing; Mountaineering; Choral.

K. B. E. ROBERTS, Senior Flight Cadet: Rugby (Vice-Captain); Dramatics; Sailing; Dancing.

D. P. DAVISON, Senior Flight Cadet: Skiing; Shooting; Riding; Gliding; Engineering (Secretary); Fine Arts; Radio; Photography.

N. G. WICKMAN, Flight Cadet Under Officer: Fencing; Music; Riding; Gliding.

A. S. PATERSON, Senior Flight Cadet: Sailing (Captain); Archery; Dramatics; Fine Arts; Debating.

J. D. B. CHRISTEY, Senior Flight Cadet: Sailing; Choral; Music; Gliding; Pot-holing.

D. R. K. BLUCKE, Senior Flight Cadet: JOURNAL (Deputy Editor); Music; Debating; Angling; Sailing.

P. N. LEGGE, Senior Flight Cadet: Rowing; Dancing; Engineering; Gliding; Riding.

M. R. MARTIN, Senior Flight Cadet: Sailing.

P. J. DEAKIN, Senior Flight Cadet: Hockey; Mountaineering (Captain); Dancing; Dramatics.

P. BUREAU, Senior Flight Cadet: Riding (Captain); Music (Secretary); Field Shooting; Angling.

R. FORREST, Senior Flight Cadet: Music; Choral; Engineering; Dramatics.



AFTER THE PARADE

Pilot Officer R. A. Streatfeild (centre), winner of the Sword of Honour, Pilot Officer D. G. Slade (left), winner of the Queen's Medal, and Pilot Officer J. M. Boden, winner of the Medal of Honour

No. 7 (E. & S.) ENTRY

J. M. BODEN, Flight Cadet Under Officer: Medal of Honour; Hockey (Captain); Music.

A. BEILL, Senior Flight Cadet: Air Ministry Prize for Equipment Subjects; Philately; Music.

J. R. DAVIES, Flight Cadet Sergeant: Boxing (Captain); Philately; Music.

A. G. HAMILTON, Flight Cadet Sergeant: Air Ministry Prize for Secretarial Subjects; Debating; Music; Choral.

A. J. J. SCOTT, Senior Flight Cadet: Radio; Photography; Dramatics; Music; Field Shooting.

M. P. H. POLLARD, Senior Flight Cadet: Rugby (Captain); Athletics; Photography; Sailing; Angling; Music; JOURNAL (Assistant Editor).

D. S. LILLEY, Senior Flight Cadet: Football; Debating; Philately; Chess.

J. W. BURGESS, Senior Flight Cadet: Pot-holing.

R. W. LIDSTONE, Senior Flight Cadet: Sailing; Music; Pot-holing.



November 1952 - Senior Term Summer 52 (56 Entry)



THE SENIOR TERM: No. 56 ENTRY SUMMER, 1952

Back Row : Snr Flt Cdt D. R. K. Blucke, Snr Flt Cdt M. R. Martin, Snr Flt Cdt P. G. Walker, Snr Flt Cdt P. Bureau, Snr Flt Cdt P. J. Deakin, Snr Flt Cdt P. N. Legge, Snr Flt Cdt J. H. D. Daly, Snr Flt Cdt M. G. Tomkins, Snr Flt Cdt K. B. E. Roberts, Snr Flt Cdt D. S. Burrows, Snr Flt Cdt D. P. Davison

Centre Row : Snr Flt Cdt J. Wilkinson (Winner of R.U.S.I. Award), Snr Flt Cdt A. J. Selwood, Snr Flt Cdt P. Kennett, Snr Flt Cdt M. K. Khan (Winner of Dickson Trophy), Snr Flt Cdt J. Lewis-Lloyd, Snr Flt Cdt C. D. Sharpe, Snr Flt Cdt J. B. D. Christey, Snr Flt Cdt A. S. Paterson, Snr Flt Cdt P. J. Bogue, Snr Flt Cdt R. Forrest, Snr Flt Cdt N. H. Griffin, Snr Flt Cdt C. Crook

Front Row : Snr Flt Cdt D. M. K. Atherley, Flt Cdt Sgt A. G. N. Hampton (Winner of R. M. Groves' Memorial Prize), Flt Cdt Sgt G. H. Burleigh, Flt Cdt Sgt D. Harcourt-Smith, Flt Cdt U.O. N. G. Wickman, Flt Cdt U.O. R. A. Streatfield (Winner of Sword of Honour, Air Ministry Prize for Imperial and War Studies), Flt Cdt U.O. D. G. Slade (Winner of Queen's Medal, Philip Sassoon Memorial Prize, J. A. Chance Memorial Prize), Flt Cdt Sgt D. H. Warren, Flt Cdt Sgt J. W. Heard (Winner of A. G. Fellowes Memorial Prize), Flt Cdt Sgt I. A. G. Svensson, Snr Flt Cdt R. Dick

March 1951 - Senior Term Dec 50 (51 Entry)



THE SENIOR TERM: No. 7 ENTRY (E. & S.)

Standing: Snr Flt Cdt Burgess, Snr Flt Cdt Pollard, Snr Flt Cdt Lilley, Snr Flt Cdt Lidstone

Seated: Snr Flt Cdt Scott, Flt Cdt Sgt Davies, Flt Cdt U.O. Boden (winner of Medal of Honour), Flt Cdt Sgt Hamilton (winner of Air Ministry Prize for Secretarial Subjects), Snr Flt Cdt Beill (winner of Air Ministry Prize for Equipment Subjects)

November 1952 - Lead Article

R.A.F. DIGBY: AN HISTORICAL NOTE

ROYAL Air Force Digby ranks as one of the older stations in the R.A.F., and, since it was formed in the First World War, it has had a long and varied history. Like Cranwell, Digby is older even than the Royal Air Force itself. Its first buildings were erected in 1917 and were packed closely together beside the road. Some of them, roofed with corrugated iron captured from the Germans at Bapaume, are still in use today. However, during the expansion of the Royal Air Force in the '30s, the station was replanned and many of its original buildings demolished to make room for modern brick buildings. Recently, more of the old buildings have been pulled down leaving tell-tale bare patches here and there, though the general improvement in the appearance of the station has been noteworthy. But, notwithstanding all the replanning and demolition the buildings at Digby are still a strange mixture of old and new.

For the most part Digby has housed training units. It was to Digby that No. 2 Flying Training School came when it moved from Duxford in 1924; the school remained at Digby till 1937, when it moved to Brize Norton. Its training aircraft in those days were Hinds and Harts. With the departure of the Flying Training School, Digby's status changed. On 13th August, 1937, the station became one of the original sector stations of Fighter Command. New hangars were already under construction and they were completed just before No. 75 Squadron, equipped with Hurricanes, arrived in November of the same year. This squadron remained at Digby for nearly two years and left to go to war. This was on 9th September, 1939, when it joined the Advanced Air Striking Force in France. No. 46 (Hurricane) Squadron also came to Digby in 1937, but unlike No. 75, this squadron stayed at Digby almost without intermission till February, 1941. During one brief spell of absence the squadron went to Norway where seven of its pilots were lost with H.M.S. *Glorious*. Its main role at this time, however, was patrolling the east coast sea lanes.

Very active in the day and night defence of northern England in the early days of the war,

the Digby sector inevitably became less active as the war progressed from the defensive to the offensive stage. Nevertheless the station and its satellites remained an operational base from which Mosquito and Spitfire squadrons went out on intruder and bomber support missions. On 16th September, 1942, the station was taken over by the Royal Canadian Air Force, and, till May, 1945, the unit was known as R.C.A.F. Station, Digby. It was from 'Canadian' Digby that No. 410, 'Cougar' Squadron, equipped with Mosquitos, flew their Ranger and night intruder missions in 1943 to become, so 410 claimed, the first intruder squadron to fly Mosquito sorties over enemy territory. On the evening of 22nd July, 1945, two months after the R.C.A.F. had left, the colour was lowered for the last time at Digby as a Fighter Command station. It reverted once more to the function of training, though the well-nigh indelible marks of its former occupants remain here and there. A notice, for instance, still directs one to the Canadian Salvation Army Building, and another, even, to the Squadron Office!

In the post-war period Digby's name has been chiefly associated with that of the Equipment and Secretarial Wing of the Royal Air Force College, the formation and growth of which this JOURNAL has faithfully recorded in its columns from issue to issue. One interesting fact, however, we may be allowed to add here. Although Digby is thirty-five years old, it was not until this year that application was made for a station badge. It has been decided to commemorate the Canadian occupation of the station in the design of the badge, which may be blazoned: In front of a maple leaf, a crane volant proper. The crane, most appropriately in view of Digby's close ties with Cranwell, is taken from the arms of the Royal Air Force College. Digby was originally formed from Cranwell, then H.M.S. *Daedalus*, and the first occupants of the station were 800 cadets from Cranwell. What more happy motto, then, than the words 'Icarus Renatus' which allude to the earlier and now historic connection between Digby and Cranwell?

COMMANDING OFFICERS OF R.A.F., DIGBY

Squadron Leader J. H. D'Albiac, D.S.O.	1918-1919	Wing Commander S. Smith, D.S.O., A.F.C.	1924-1925
Squadron Leader A. W. H. James, M.C.	1920-1922	Wing Commander A. W. Tedder	1925-1926
Squadron Leader E. B. Rice	1922	Wing Commander J. H. Herring, D.S.O., M.C.	1926-1929
Squadron Leader A. T. Harris	1923		

Group Captain S. Smith, D.S.O., A.F.C.	1930-1932	Group Captain E. A. McNab, D.F.C. (R.C.A.F.)	1942-1945
Group Captain A. C. Maund, D.S.O.	1933	Group Captain F. B. Bristow	1945
Group Captain T. O. Leigh-Mallory, D.S.O.	1934-1935	Group Captain T. C. Dickens	1945
Group Captain F. L. Robinson, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., A.D.C.	1935-1937	Air Commodore T. G. Pike, C.B.E., D.F.C.	1945-1946
Wing Commander C. Crawford	1938	Air Commodore D. MacFadyen, C.B.E.	1946-1947
Wing Commander J. B. H. Rogers	1939	Group Captain R. G. Seymour, C.B.E.	1947-1949
Wing Commander I. R. Parker	1940	Group Captain D. Lumgair	1949-1952
Group Captain G. W. Murlis-Green, D.S.O., M.C.	1941-1942	Group Captain W. N. Hibbert	1952-

Note.—This list of officers who have commanded Royal Air Force Digby is, as far as is known, accurate, but the early records of the station have proved very hard to trace and small errors of fact may have crept in. Any corrections which readers may be able to offer would be welcomed.

SQUADRONS OPERATING FROM DIGBY AND SATELLITES, 1939-45

Squadron	From	To	Aircraft	Duties
75	9 Nov. 37	9 Sep. 39	Hurricane	Fighter. Joined A.A.S.F. 10 Sep. 39.
46	15 Nov. 37	9 May 40	Hurricane	East Coast convoy patrols.
	12 Jun. 40	1 Sep. 40		Went to Norway. Refitted Digby, Jun. 40, for convoy patrols and fighter defence.
	15 Dec. 40	28 Feb. 41		Fighter sweeps over occupied France.
92	20 Oct. 41	11 Feb. 42	Spitfire	Formed at Digby and operated from Coleby Grange (satellite). Night fighter defence of Hull, Norwich, etc.
49 (R.C.A.F.)	17 Jun. 41	23 Feb. 43	Defiant and Beaufighter	'Cougar' Squadron. Operated from Coleby Grange. Carried out Ranger and night intruder operations.
	17 Oct. 43	4 Dec. 43 (1 flight only)		
410 (R.C.A.F.)	22 Feb. 43	21 Oct. 43	Mosquito II	Fighter sweeps and bomber escort.
504 (County of Nottingham) 609 (West Riding) 229	26 Aug. 39	10 Oct. 39	Hurricane	
	29 Apr. 44	8 Jul. 44	Spitfire	
	18 Nov. 41	30 Mar. 42	Spitfire	Convoy patrols, fighter defence, Rhubarbs.
	4 Oct. 39	26 Jun. 40	Blenheim I Hurricane	Formed at Digby as Blenheim night fighter squadron. Re-equipped Hurricanes Mar. 40. Convoy patrols and fighter defence.
611 (County of Lancaster) 151 401 (R.C.A.F.) 411 (R.C.A.F.)	10 Oct. 39	14 Dec. 40	Spitfire	Defensive fighter. Operated during Battle of Britain in both 11 and 12 Group areas.
	2 Sep. 40	28 Nov. 40	Hurricane	Defensive fighter.
	28 Feb. 41	19 Oct. 41	Hurricane	Defensive fighter. Convoy patrols, fighter sweeps (mainly training).
	16 Jun. 41	19 Nov. 41	Spitfire	Formed at Digby. First period—training and defensive fighter. Second period: Convoy patrols, sweeps over Northern France, A.S.R. patrols, Circuses, Rodeos, escort cover, etc.
	31 Mar. 42	1 Mar. 43		Formed at Digby. Operated from Wellingore satellite. Defensive fighter and convoy escort (mainly training).
412 (R.C.A.F.)	30 Jun. 41	May 42	Spitfire	Anti-aircraft co-operation.
288	18 Nov. 41	11 Jan. 44	Various army co-operation types	
410 (R.C.A.F.)	23 Mar. 43	19 Oct. 43	Mosquito	Operated from Coleby Grange. Ranger and intruder, bomber support, interceptions, and anti-U-boat patrols in the Bay of Biscay.
402 (R.C.A.F.)	12 Dec. 40	23 Jun. 41	Hurricane	Defensive fighter, convoy patrols, fighter sweeps, Ramrods, Jim Crows, etc.
	21 Mar. 43	7 Aug. 43	Spitfire	Operated from satellite Wellingore, 12 Feb. 44 to 21 Mar. 44.
	19 Sep. 43	30 Apr. 44		Operated from Wellingore. Anti-ship-ping operations.
613 (City of Manchester) 19 416 (R.C.A.F.) 350 (Belgian) 310 (Czech) 29	30 May 43	27 May 43	Mustang	
	19 May 43	4 Jun. 43	Spitfire	Bomber escort.
	6 Jun. 43	9 Aug. 43	Spitfire	Anti-ship-ping operations. Ramrods, A.S.R.
	19 Sep. 43	11 Feb. 44	Spitfire	Ramrods, convoy patrols.
	26 Aug. 43	1 Oct. 43	Spitfire	
	11 Jul. 44	28 Aug. 44	Spitfire	Ramrods and Rangers.
	4 Oct. 39	27 Apr. 41	Blenheim and Beaufighter	A.I. night fighter.

November 1952 - Staff Appointments

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments to the College Staff have been made since the last issue of the JOURNAL went to print:

HEADQUARTERS, ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLEGE

Commandant and Air Officer Commanding Royal Air Force, Cranwell	Air Commodore H. Eeles, C.B.E.
Assistant Commandant	Group Captain E. D. MacK. Nelson
Assistant Commandant (E. & S. Wing)	Group Captain W. N. Hibbert

TUTORIAL WING

Deputy Director of Studies (E. & S. Wing)	Wing Commander F. Bartle
War Studies Instructor	Squadron Leader R. F. Sweeting, D.F.C.
Chief Ground Combat Training Instructor	Squadron Leader D. G. Roberts, M.M.
Senior Engineering Instructor	Squadron Leader J. T. Morris
Senior Navigation Instructor	Squadron Leader R. H. Steel, O.B.E.
Instructors—Royal Navy	Lieutenant Commander J. G. V. Holt, R.N.
Humanistics	Squadron Leader J. A. Wilson
Radio	Flight Lieutenant R. H. Course
Navigation	Flying Officer E. S. Williams
Equipment and Secretarial Wing:	
Senior Tutor, Humanistics	Squadron Leader D. J. Daybell
Senior Tutor, Technical	Flight Lieutenant N. C. Hanlip
Instructors—Engineering	Flight Lieutenant A. de L. Greig, D.F.C., A.F.C.
Technical	Flight Lieutenant G. H. Pennington

FLYING WING

Officer Commanding No. 2 Squadron	Squadron Leader A. C. Shirreff
Officers Commanding Flights	Flight Lieutenants S. A. Abbott, D.F.M., J. Derisley, D.F.C., H. R. W. Morris
Flying Instructors	Flight Lieutenants J. E. Davies, D. A. Lewis, J. W. Morrice, A. M. Ross, W. N. Waudby
	Flying Officers A. C. Findon, T. P. J. McGrath, B. W. Woodfield

ADMINISTRATIVE WING

Senior Equipment Officer	Wing Commander A. E. Davey
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DEPARTURES

The following have left the College Staff since the last issue of the JOURNAL:

Air Vice-Marshal	L. F. Sinclair, G.C., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.
Air Commodore	W. H. Kyle, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.D.C.
Group Captains	D. Lumgair, D. G. O'Shea
Patrick Johnson, Esq., O.B.E., M.A.	
Wing Commanders	C. H. Beamish, J. B. Coward, K. T. Gooding, G. G. N. Marshall, O.B.E., A. R. Wright, D.F.C., A.F.C.
Lieutenant Commander	J. W. Millar, D.S.C., R.N.
Squadron Leaders	F. W. B. Breakey, Rev. J. E. Bryant, T. P. Fellowes, A. W. Griffiths, R. E. W. Harland, Rev. J. M. Harper, R. Howard, A. C. Kerr, D. A. Peacock, D.F.C., R. M. Rose
Flight Lieutenants	D. L. Eley, M. G. Fountain, J. H. Lewis, W. J. Marriott, R. F. H. Martin, L. J. Olley, V. J. Rees, I. K. Salter, R. T. Saunders, J. C. Woods

CADET WING LISTS

PROMOTIONS, AUTUMN TERM, 1952

'A' SQUADRON
 Flight Cadet Under Officer J. A. Robinson
 Flight Cadet Sergeant B. Huxley
 Flight Cadet Sergeant D. J. Edwards
 Flight Cadet Sergeant R. Humpherson.

'B' SQUADRON
 Flight Cadet Under Officer L. A. Boyer
 Flight Cadet Sergeant I. C. B. Brettell
 Flight Cadet Sergeant G. Willis
 Flight Cadet Sergeant P. H. Lewis

'C' SQUADRON
 Flight Cadet Under Officer L. R. Davis
 Flight Cadet Sergeant G. A. Muncaster
 Flight Cadet Sergeant D. A. V. Clark
 Flight Cadet Sergeant J. C. Dunn

'D' SQUADRON
 Flight Cadet Under Officer I. P. H. Farmer-Wright
 Flight Cadet Sergeant D. V. Jackson
 Flight Cadet Sergeant R. H. Francis

No. 64 ENTRY

'A' SQUADRON
 P. A. Berry, King Alfred School, Plön, Germany, and R.A.F. St. Athan
 D. S. Bruce, Bedford Modern School
 D. J. Burrage, Dean Close School
 J. S. Cresswell, Sevenoaks School
 P. R. Davis, Portsmouth Northern G.S.
 J. M. S. Abeysinhe, St. Joseph's College, Colombo, Ceylon
 F. M. A. Hines, Llandrindod Wells County G.S., and R.A.F. Halton
 R. Horsfield, Bridling'on School
 N. G. Lea, Southgate County G.S.
 D. A. McArthur, Queen Victoria School
 A. D. Meeks, Queen Elizabeth's G.S., Faversham
 J. F. Rhodes, Whitgift School
 M. V. Robey, Chislehurst and Sidcup County G.S.
 A. W. Skinner, King's School, Canterbury
 D. C. Whitman, King's School, Peterborough
 A. L. Willings, Barnard Castle School
 A. Wright, Westminster City School

'B' SQUADRON
 J. L. Anderson, Trinity College, Glenalmond
 R. L. Barclon, Dean Close School
 J. Breckenkamp, Royal G.S. Newcastle-on-Tyne
 D. N. Cousins, Borden G.S.
 G. H. W. Gardner, Oundle School
 C. W. Gonin, Culford School
 H. G. Hainstock, Christ's Hospital
 J. C. Holdway, Mount St. Mary's College
 R. A. Jackson, Maidenhead County Boys' School, and R.A.F. Cranwell
 D. King, City of Norwich School

F. S. Masterson, King Edward VI School, Southampton
 P. W. Monteith, Winchester College
 L. R. Morgan, Port Talbot County G.S.
 W. D. Mulinder, Plympton G.S., Plympton
 P. M. Papworth, Huntingdon G.S., and R.A.F. Halton
 P. D. Penfold, Owen's School
 M. D. M. Perera, St. Benedict's College, Ceylon

'C' SQUADRON
 T. R. Cohu, Sherborne School
 A. P. Hilton, Chatham House County G.S., Ramsgate
 M. J. W. Kirby, Dover College
 C. A. MacKenzie, Loughborough Central School, London, and R.A.F. Halton
 J. F. Merry, Bicester G.S., and R.A.F. St. Athan
 G. J. Monaghan, Chester City G.S.
 T. R. Morgan, Dean Close School
 M. A. Noble, Eastbourne College
 A. M. Raja, C.M.S. Hadow Memorial High School, Kashmir
 J. C. Rose, Leeds G.S.
 A. Salter, Maidstone County G.S. for Boys
 J. N. Sawyer, Langley School
 S. M. V. Situnayake, Dharmaraja College, Kandy, Ceylon
 R. A. Strevens, Mill Hill School
 M. G. Thomas, St. Brendan's College
 R. C. Tomkins, King Edward VI School, Norwich

'D' SQUADRON
 R. W. Lord, Whitchurch Secondary School, Glamorgan
 G. Knowles, Chiswick G.S.
 M. T. N. Liddiard, Clark's College, London
 M. A. K. Ayub, Royal Pakistan Air Force College
 M. J. Jones, Brockenhurst County G.S.

ERRATA

We apologise for the following errors which appeared in the last issue of the JOURNAL.
 Page 63, line 22—for 'B' Squadron read 'C' Squadron. Page 65, line 11—for A. J. Alder read A. I. Alder. Page 66, in each case for Fit Cdt read Str Fit Cdt. Page 70, line 3—for Newcome read Newcomb. Page 94, col. 2, line 11—for C.G.A. read C.G.H. Page 94, line 7—for Cast read Cash. Page 99, col. 1, line 5—for Denton read Deakin.
 Page 121, col. 1, line 14—for Chichester Grammar School read Chichester High School for Boys; line 16—for Vainden read Vardden; line 19—for Chaddahat read Chadurahat; line 21—for Allen's read Allan's; line 25—for A. Sledge read D. J. Sledge; line 33—for Mount Lavinia College read St. Thomas's College, Mt. Lavinia; line 39—for Weedon read Weeden. Col. 2, line 4—for O. D. G. Slade read D. G. Slade; line 8—for Bowden read Boden; line 20—for Fiveways read Five Ways; line 27—for No. 2 I.T.S. read No. 2 A.N.S. Under 'A' Squadron add D. P. Stables, Sherborne School; No. 2 I.T.S., Kirtton-in-Lindsay. Under 'B' Squadron add O. X. E. McLeod, King's College, N.Z.
 Page 127, line 14—for Flight Lieutenant read Flying Officer; line 16—for A.M. read A.E.