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The Old Cranwellian Association
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Introduction

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

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

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

This album depicts the story of the formation and development of the OCA. Taking extracts from the RAF College Journal, this album charts the progress of alumni, their careers, their sporting achievements and pastimes, their domestic lives and ultimately their passing as recorded by the OCA in successive issues of the College Journal. Their personal, unrivalled contributions to historic events (e.g. record breaking flights, air races like the Schneider Trophy, overseas conflicts such as WWII and the Korean War, etc) are recognised in Journal extracts - “*Old Cranwellian Notes*” - that appeared in the majority of College Journals till 2016. We have added a few of the graduation photographs of the time, to help put faces to the more familiar Cranwellian names mentioned in the Journal extracts.

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

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In the main, the College Journal Extracts of “*Old Cranwellian Notes*” contain news on alumni postings, promotions, honours & awards, and marriages and deaths. Particularly in the Pre-WWII years, when powered flight was still in its infancy, there were also some interesting references to other notable alumni achievements. To make this album a little easier to read and to assimilate information, we list here some of the headline features and, on the next page, an index by decade. The slide numbers to the right of both lists contain hypertext links that enable access direct to the relevant slides. Each slide offers a link back to this page. We are hopeful that more Journals will be donated, so for now this is very much a ‘living document’.

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Chronology of OCA History

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PART 1 - PRE-WWII FLIGHT CADET ERA

Part 1 of this album charts the formation and establishment of the OCA within the Pre-WWII flight cadet alumni community. The recently graduated officer, the *Cranwellian*, was encouraged to join the OCA and to subscribe to the College Journal, the Journal being the primary ‘institutional’ medium for alumni to keep in touch and to share their experiences as their RAF careers developed.

Having proposed the formation of an OCA through the College Journal, it was not surprising, therefore, to see dedicated effort and resource assigned to an OCA section within the Journal. By the mid-1930s, the OCA contributions for inclusion in the College Journal had grown from a couple of pages to an average of 6 pages per Journal. And in addition to the efforts of the College Journal Editor, member subscriptions, Journal subscriptions and alumni correspondence would receive the dedicated attention of Mr JHS ‘Harry’ Lager, MBE, the Secretary of the OCA and a stalwart member of the College staff since its inception in 1919 until his retirement in 1951.

However, we start by headlining the letter, inaugural minutes and pioneers that constitute the historical formation of the “Association of Officers”, as George Beamish proposed it, to be formally named the *Old Cranwellian Association*. Thereafter, we see how communication grew within and between alumni, topics covering promotions, postings and alumni “hatch, match and despatch”. Entirely subjectively, this editor has highlighted (in red bordered text boxes) some of the correspondence that must surely be unique to the OCA and the unrivalled achievements of College alumni.

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College Journal Extract - Autumn 1925 (Genesis)

The first mention of the Old Cranwellians (the first College alumni) is in the Autumn 1925 journal:

The Editor, "R.A.F. Cadet College Magazine."
No. 100 "B" SQUADRON,
ROYAL AIR FORCE,
WESTONZOYLAND,
BRIDGWATER,
SOMERSET.

SIR,

May I be permitted through your columns to draw attention to a matter which has been under quiet discussion amongst Cadets and ex-Cadets for some time. I refer to the question of a formation of an Association of Officers who have passed through the Royal Air Force Cadet College.

Opinions have been expressed strongly in favour of some such organization, and as an enthusiastic supporter of this project I should like to give some reasons for this.

- (a) It would encourage *esprit de corps* and serve as a bond between past and present in the growth of the College.
- (b) It would supply an organization to collect teams of the past for all sports and games against the present
- (c) It would by its organization be able to supply news of all ex-Cadets through the pages of the ROYAL AIR FORCE CADET COLLEGE MAGAZINE.
- (d) It would gradually accumulate small funds which could be used for College and reunion purposes.

These are some of the more obvious advantages of such an organization; others would undoubtedly be found.

I suggest that the membership of this organization should consist of ex-Cadets and Officers chosen by invitation who have been connected with the College.

Is it asking too much, Sir, to suggest that you enclose in this copy of the magazine, at the end of the magazine, a red slip which can be signed, stamped, and posted to the Secretary Old Cranwellians' Association, c/o The Cadet College Magazine, Cranwell, Lincs, by all who are willing to signify their interest in some such organization.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
G. R. BEAMISH, *Pilot Officer.*

[The Editor hopes that ex-Cadets will comply *at once* with this invitation. In future space will be reserved in this Magazine for ex-Cranwellian news. In order that there may be no more delay in forming such an association the writer of this letter has been urged to arrange a reunion dinner before next Christmas; and to bring up teams to play the College at the end of this term at "Rugger" and "Soccer." The slip will be found opposite.]

The OCA 'Proposer' and his Cohort

[The Proposer for an "Association of Officers", George Beamish, graduated in December 1924 with the Sword of Honour. The vast majority of Graduation and Prize Winner photographs would be reproduced in the next available College Journal and these photographs of him and his cohort appeared in the eighth College Journal, Volume IV No 1 of Spring 1925. Note that cadets, as they progressed through training, could be promoted to NCO flight cadet ranks, Under Officer (UO) and, in later years, Senior Under Officer (SUO) grades. Note also, the iconic College Hall Officers' Mess (CHOM), the normal backdrop for graduation photos, had not yet been built and would first feature as such in the 1934 Journals.]



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

THE PRIZE WINNERS—DECEMBER, 1924.

F./C. Sergt. A. H. W. J. Cocks (The Abdy Gerrard Fellows Memorial Prize).

F./C. Under-Officer G. R. Beamish (The Sword of Honour).

F./C. Corpl. S. H. V. Harris (The R. M. Groves Memorial Prize).



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

THE PASSING-OUT TERM—DECEMBER, 1924.

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

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

Absent.—Franks.

College Journal Extract - Spring 1926 (Formation)

[It is important to remember that the formation of the Old Cranwellian Association was fundamentally a cadet initiative that was ratified by the College Authorities of the day, as explained here, to manage and maintain the Association whilst alumni were serving at other stations at home and overseas. The proposal to form the OCA was universally accepted by cadet and directing staff alike with, as one of its prime objectives, an Annual Reunion being held at the College to this day.]

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION.

Such was the response to the letter of Pilot-Officer G. R. Beamish, published in our last issue, that steps towards the formation of an Association of Ex-Cadets have been taken with some definite results. About seventy-five officers who have passed through the College supported the scheme immediately.

As a result, it was possible to arrange a Rugby football match between the Past and Present ; and as many officers who were not playing accepted the invitation of the College to be present, a preliminary meeting was held at which several resolutions were passed and a tentative constitution adopted.

The name " Old Cranwellian Association " was adopted unanimously, and its objects were declared to be much as they appeared in Pilot-Officer Beamish's letter :—

- (a) To establish an organization to keep ex-Cadets in close touch with the College.
- (b) To promote games, sports, and reunions between the past and present.
- (c) To create a fund to be used for the furtherance of College and Service interests.

The annual subscription was fixed at 20s., which will include subscriptions to the magazine, and which will be paid by the customary Banker's Order.

A Dinner is to be held annually.

An ordinary form of constitution was drafted, and it was decided to ask Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., to be first President of the Association.

This he has kindly consented to be, and it is now intended to hold the first general meeting in London, about the first week in May, on the occasion of the Triangular Sports Contest at the Queen's Club with the R.M.A. and R.M.C.

The proposal is supported very warmly by the present generation of Cadets and by all officers in close touch with the College. So it is to be hoped that all ex-Cadets who have not yet sent in their application for membership will hasten to do so, in order that arrangements may be made for a first general meeting.

All those who have signified their wish to join the Association will be notified regarding the agenda, etc., for the meeting and the proposed draft constitution.

Temporarily, Capt. Brachi is acting as organizing secretary, and he will be pleased to receive any suggestions and assistance that can be given to him.

First OCA President and Vice-Presidents

[The Commandant at the time, Air Commodore Borton, chaired the inaugural meeting of recently graduated junior officers, 12 of whom volunteered and were accepted as Committee Members, with Air Cdre Borton and Gp Capt Rees appointed co-Vice-Presidents, and AVM Longcroft - the College's founding Commandant - appointed President.]



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



Air Commodore
Amyas Eden Borton
CB, CMG, DSO, AFC
2nd College Commandant
OCA Vice-President



Group Captain
Lionel Wilmot Brabazon Rees
VC, OBE, MC, AFC
Assistant Commandant
OCA Vice-President

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Old Cranwellian Association - Inaugural Meeting (1)

[The original inaugural meeting's minutes are copied below.]

Old Cranwellian Association

The inaugural meeting of the above was held at the R.A.F. Cadet College, Cranwell, on July 14th 1926 with Air Commodore A.E. Barton, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., in the chair.

The Chairman after expressing his welcome to the meeting introduced for discussion the purposes of the Association & a general discussion followed.

It was then proposed by F/O. E.S.C. Davis, and seconded by F/O. H.M. Mellor that —

"The primary objects of the Association are

- (a) to organise an annual reunion at the R.A.F. Cadet College & to promote & organise games between Past & present Cadets
- (b) To fund by means of a small Annual Subscription a fund to be used for the furtherance of college interests & charities.

This was passed unanimously, & it was decided that the annual general reunion should be held at Cranwell in the summer, with the kind permission of the Commandant, & that a subsidiary reunion should be held in the winter when possible.

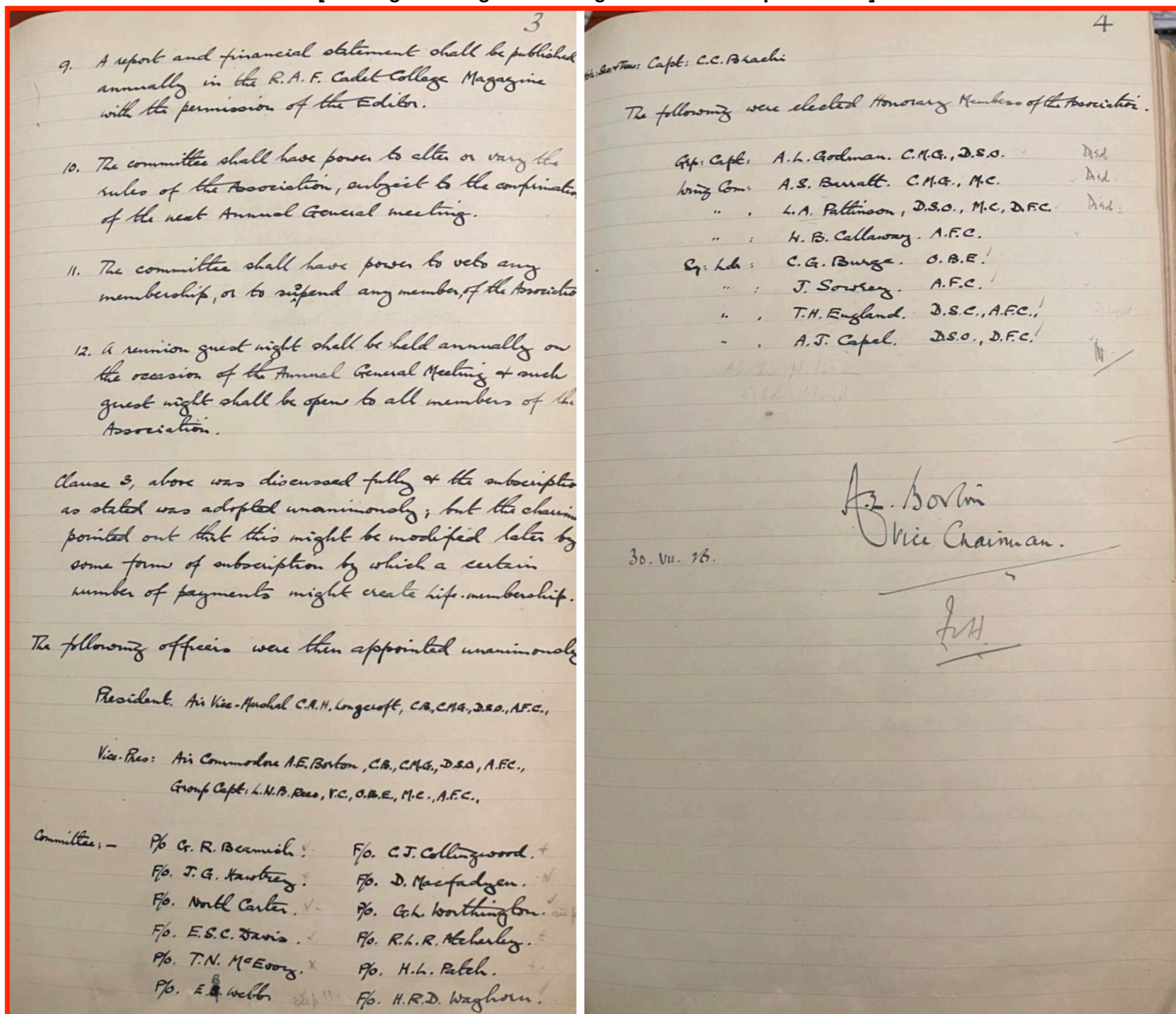
The following constitution was then accepted.

1. The name shall be the Old Cranwellian Association.
2. Anyone who has been admitted to & passed through the R.A.F. Cadet College is eligible for membership, & the Association shall have power to invite to become members or honorary members, officials of the R.A.F.
3. The Annual subscription to the Association shall be 20/- (twenty shillings). This shall include subscription to the R.A.F. Cadet College Magazine.
The subscription shall be paid by Bankers Order to

4. The Association shall meet at least once annually. The President of the Association shall have been held Commandant or Assistant-Commandant of the R.A.F. Cadet College.
The Annual General Meeting shall elect the Committee, and Officers for the ensuing year, & shall fix the date of the next Annual General Meeting.
5. The Committee elected as in Rule 4, shall elect a Chairman from its own number.
6. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Committee which shall consist of not less than twelve members (five to form a quorum). Members of Committee shall hold office for one year, but provided a member has attended one Annual meeting during his period of office, he shall be eligible for re-election, except that two members will retire each year. On completion of residence at the R.A.F. Cadet College each entry shall be invited to nominate its member of the next committee elected.
The committee shall have power to co-opt members.
7. The first annual meeting of the committee shall be held as soon as possible after the first Annual General Meeting of the Association, & again annually immediately before the Annual General Meeting of the Association; & at such the committee shall meet at such other times as may be deemed necessary.
8. The Committee shall at its first Annual meeting appoint its executive officers to carry on the business of the Association. The executive committee shall consist of at least five members, (three to form a quorum).

Old Cranwellian Association - Inaugural Meeting (2)

[The original inaugural meeting's minutes are copied below.]



Old Cranwellian Association - Inaugural Meeting (3)

NOTES ON THE PARTICIPANTS

Vice-Chairman/Vice-President - Air Cdre AE Borton

The RAF College's second Commandant (15 Aug 23 - 1 Nov 26) convened the Inaugural Meeting of the Old Cranwellian Association on 14 July 1926. A short bio is on the Cranwellian Historical Society website at <https://www.cranwellian-ian.com/library-navigation/ewExternalFiles/Commandantstv0.5.pdf>, Slide 4.

President - AVM CRH Longcroft

AVM Longcroft was the RAF College's first Commandant and, together with Churchill, Smuts and Trenchard, co-founded the College. The RAF took over the College from the RN on 1 November 1919 and the first course started on 5 February 1920 (Founders' Day). A short bio of Longcroft is at Slide 3 of <https://www.cranwellian-ian.com/library-navigation/ewExternalFiles/Commandantstv0.5.pdf>. Bios of the founders are at Slides 4 and 5 of <https://www.cranwellian-ian.com/library-navigation/ewExternalFiles/CHOMCelebsv0.2.pdf>.

Vice-President - Gp Capt LHB Rees

Gp Capt Rees was the Chief Flying Instructor at Cranwell and, between 26 March 1923 and 29 December 1924, the Assistant Commandant at the RAF College. Although the College declares only one flight cadet who won the VC, Rees in fact was one of five 'Cranwellians' who won this honour, another like Rees during WWI and three during WWII. An explanation is at Slides 5 to 12 of <https://www.cranwellian-ian.com/library-navigation/ewExternalFiles/Gongs.pdf>, including a short bio of Rees.

Proposer - Fg Off ESC Davis

Davis graduated from F22 Entry - the intake of February 1922 - in December 1923. A pilot, he was killed in action flying a Sunderland Mk 1 over Trondheim Fjord, Norway, on 19 March 1941.

Seconder - Fg Off HM Mellor

Mellor graduated from S21 Entry - September 1921 - in July 1923. Also a pilot, he was killed in action on 26 May 1940, failing to return from operations over France, in his Beaufort Mk1 of 22 Sqn, Coastal Command. Possibly due to other operational commitments, he does not appear to have joined the newly formed OCA Committee.

Committee Members

GR Beamish graduated from F23 Entry with the College Sword of Honour in December 1924. A former Ireland and British Lions rugby international, his distinguished career included a tour as the 11th Commandant of the RAF College (1 January 1949 - 31 July 1950). A short bio is at Slide 13 of <https://www.cranwellian-ian.com/library-navigation/ewExternalFiles/Commandantstv0.5.pdf> and a more detailed profile at <https://www.rafweb.org/Biographies/Beamish.htm>. *

JG Hawtrey graduated from the College's first RAF Entry F20 in December 1921. Awarded the CBE, his distinguished career is summarised at <https://www.rafweb.org/Biographies/Hawtrey.htm>. *

N Carter graduated from F21 Entry with the Sword of Honour in December 1922 and went on to be awarded a CB and DFC and to be Mentioned in Despatches during WWII.

TN McEvoy graduated with the Sword of Honour from S23 Entry in July 1925 and went onto a distinguished career recognised by the awards of the KCB, CB, CBE OBE and two MiDs. His career profile is at <https://www.rafweb.org/Biographies/McEvoy.htm>. *

EB Webb was another Sword of Honour winner, graduating with J24 Entry - January 1924 - in December 1925. He was killed in action whilst Station Commander at RAF Snaith, when his Wellington crashed on 2 April 1942 over Villacoublay on operations to Poissy. He had already received an MiD during WWII.

CJ Collingwood graduated in December 1921 from F20 Entry, having entered as a Naval cadet. He went on to win a DFC and OBE before retiring from the RAF on 28 April 1948.

D MacFadyen graduated in July 1922 from S20 Entry, with the Sword of Honour, the RM Groves Memorial Prize and the accolade as 'Student Scholar of the College'. His talents and potential clearly spotted by the College, he went onto a distinguished career, winning a KCB, CB, CBE and two MiDs. A career summary, courtesy of 'Air of Authority' * is at: https://www.rafweb.org/Biographies/Macfadyen_D.htm.

GL Worthington graduated from S21 Entry in July 1923 with the Sword of Honour, Abdy Gerrard Fellowes Prize and the accolade as 'Student Scholar of the College'. Like MacFadyen before him, he went on to a career recognised by the KCB, CB, CBE and an MiD. A career summary is at: https://www.rafweb.org/Biographies/Worthington_GL.htm. *

RLR Atcherley graduated from S22 Entry in July 1924 with the RM Groves Memorial Prize. He was the first flight cadet to become College Commandant (the 10th, 1 October 1946 - 1 January 1949, handing over to George Beamish). He received a KCB, CBE, the AFC and Bar and two MiDs in his distinguished career, summarised at: <https://www.rafweb.org/Biographies/AtcherleyR.htm>. * He was also part of the winning 1929 Schneider Trophy team - <https://www.cranwellian-ian.com/ewExternalFiles/Pre-WarEvents.pdf>.

HL Patch graduated from S23 Entry in July 1925. Also awarded a KCB, CB and CBE, Patch was one of a small number of brave pilots to receive no fewer than four MiDs in WWII. His career is summarised at: <https://www.rafweb.org/Biographies/Patch.htm>. *

HRD Waghorn graduated with the Sword of Honour from S22 Entry in July 1924. He received an AFC during his short but distinguished career, which included winning the Schneider Trophy in 1929 - see <https://www.thisdayinaviation.com/tag/henry-richard-danvers-waghorn/>. See also Article 13 in <https://www.cranwellian-ian.com/ewExternalFiles/Pre-WarEvents.pdf>.

OCA CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RAF COLLEGE

Throughout its history, the OCA (now CA) has supported the RAF College, including organising well attended annual reunions at the College, to retain the family bond between retired and serving officers, and the flight cadets undergoing officer training at the College. There are numerous donations from the OCA on display, not least a life size monument of the RAF's and RAF College's founder, Lord Trenchard: <https://www.cranwellianassociation.org.uk/unveiling-of-the-centenary-statue-of-lord-trenchard>.

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Ten of the First OCA Committee Members (when cadets)



U/O D MacFadyen



U/O N Carter



U/O GL Worthington



F/C Cpl JM Mellor



F/C Sgt ESC Davis



F/C Sgt RLR Atcherley



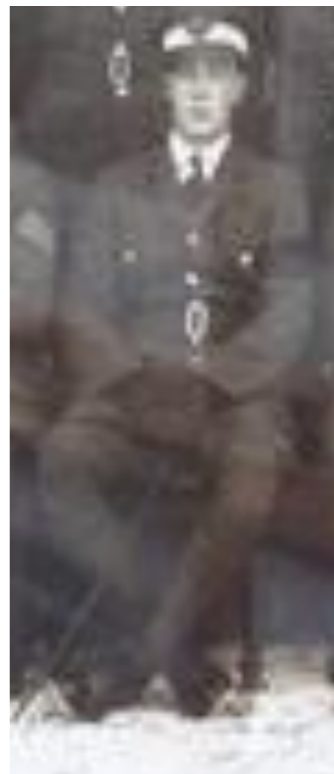
U/O HRD Waghorn



U/O TN McEvoy



F/C Cpl HL Patch



U/O EB Webb

College Journal Extract - Autumn 1926 (Membership)

* The General Strike of 1926, called by the TUC to prevent wage reduction and worsening conditions for coal miners.

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION.

THE inaugural meeting of the Association, which was postponed from May 8th by the strike*, was held at the Cadet College on July 14th, on the occasion of the Past and Present cricket match.

A tennis match also took place.

It was most unfortunate that many who had undertaken to represent the Past were detained by duty at the last minute.

The meeting was held just before Mess, and the attendance numbered thirty-five. Air-Commodore A. E. Borton, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., took the chair.

It was decided that the purpose of the Association is—

- (a) To organize an annual reunion at the Cadet College, and to promote and organize games between Past and Present.
- (b) To found a fund, by means of a small annual subscription, to be used for the furtherance of Cadet College interests and charities.

A constitution was then arranged for the Association, of which it is only necessary here to quote the main points.

Membership is open to anyone who has been admitted to and passed through the Cadet College, and the Association has power to invite to become members, or honorary members, officials of the R.A.F.

The annual subscription was fixed at 20s., which includes subscription to the Magazine. This must be paid by banker's order form.

The Association will meet annually in the summer at Cranwell, and a guest night will follow the meeting.

It is hoped to limit the number of subscriptions to cover life membership.

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College Journal Extracts - Spring & Autumn 1927

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION.

THE annual rugger match was arranged for November 17th, but so bad was the weather that it was impossible to play, although most of the side was present.

A general Committee meeting was held in October, when the following Executive Committee was formed: F./Officer R. L. Atcherley, P./Officer G. R. Beamish, F./Officer J. G. Hawtrey, P./Officer T. N. McEvoy, F./Officer H. R. D. Waghorn. It was decided that names for honorary membership can only be submitted after approval by the Committee.

It is hoped to fix the annual cricket match and general meeting for the first week in June or July.

OLD CRANWELLIAN NEWS.

F./OFFICER B. W. KNOX represented the Air Force in Iraq against the Army at athletics and put up a Service record for putting-the-weight.

F./Officer G. R. Beamish had to go into hospital again last year, in order that his leg might be broken and reset. We are glad to hear that the operation was a complete success.

During a reconnaissance on January 14th, 1926, while co-operating with a column supporting the Jaf migration to Persia, an aeroplane of No. 30 Squadron was compelled to land at Nasum behind a range of hills occupied by the rebels. The pilot, F./Officer Denny, and his passenger, L.A.C. Hirst, were captured by the Sheik Mahmud and taken to Persia. Here the two were for four months prisoners of the Sheik Mahmud at Suleimania. We gathered—with great relief—from Denny's parents and others that he was well treated, that he was allowed the use of a gun, that he wore Kurdish clothes, and that he was allowed letters. At the same time, it was, as we say, with great relief that we heard of his safe return to Kirkuk on or about October 11th. A wireless signal of congratulations was at once sent to him from the instructors of the Cadet College.

We greatly regret to hear of the death at Hinaidi in the autumn of 1926 of F./Officer W. Duport, one of the finest officers who have ever passed out from the College. He was an Under-Officer, a good sportsman and universally popular.

F./Officer N. Young is on H.M.S. *Tamar* serving with the Navy in China. He writes cheerfully and is not oppressed by "the situation."

We were very sorry to hear of the accident at Wittering to F./Officer Steedman. But it is good news that he is already well on his return to health, and we send him our best wishes for his speedy recovery.

OLD CRANWELLIAN NEWS.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of F./Officer Arthur Holden. He was one of the most popular fellows who have ever passed out from this College, which he represented at rugger, cricket and athletics. His commanding officer wrote of him that "his loss is a great blow to the squadron, for he was a most likeable messmate and a very stout fellow." That was exactly our opinion of him here, and we recall, too, his venturesome spirit, his whimsical humour, and his absolute loyalty to his friends.

F./Officer R. Utley has made several appearances this season in the Hampshire XI. On June 18th he took six Essex wickets for 71. On July 9th he turned out for the Gentlemen.

Congratulations to F./Officer Steedman on his recovery. We trust that he will soon recover the complete use of his arm.

Many congratulations to those ex-cadets whose names appeared in the last promotion lists.

Congratulations to F./Officer A. P. Bett on his share in the successful Cairo-Cape Flight under the command of Air-Commodore C. R. Samson.

Congratulations to F./Officer A. H. Montgomery on being awarded Sir Philip Sassoon's Cup for the 100 Miles Race open to single-seater fighters of the Home Defences.

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION.

At the end of the first year of its existence, the Association musters ninety members, though it is evident from the attitude of many Old Cranwellians that they believe they are members because they once filled in a slip asking for an expression of opinion on the desirability of forming the Association. But it must be noted that the only slip which admits to membership is reproduced in each issue of the Magazine.

The Summer Reunion was on July 6th, when the Past played the Present at cricket and tennis. In both, the latter were successful, and it is a matter of regret that the Past could not muster stronger teams.

The Annual General Meeting took place in the evening, when about thirty members were present. Most of the business arose out of the working of the Committee. A balance sheet was not drawn up, as there had been no expenditure by the Association during the year. This was due to the fact that the Magazine Fund temporarily had undertaken the financial responsibility.*

Two new honorary members were elected—Air-Commodore F. C. Halahan, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.V.O., as officiating Vice-President while Commandant, and Sqdn.-Ldr. I. T. Lloyd. F./Officers G. L. Worthington and E. B. Webb resign from the General Committee in favour of P./Officers R. R. Hamblin and J. Norwood, the elected representatives of cadets who went out in 1926.

It was decided to make a donation to the R.A.F. Cadet College Sports Fund.

In order to simplify the collecting of teams for Past and Present games, it was decided to fix the dates for rugger and cricket permanently. The dates accepted respectively by the meeting were November 11th and the first Wednesday after the R.A.F. Display. These dates are subject to revision after a test, but will stand for 1927-28; and a hope was expressed that these dates would become recognized by C.Os.

A guest night dinner followed the meeting, at which about thirty-five were present, and the thanks of the Association are due to the Mess for its excellent fare.

*These liabilities of the past the Magazine has now undertaken to write off, in order to start the Association on a sound basis.—ED.

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[Of those Cranwellians mentioned here, Nicholletts, the Beamish brothers, Atcherley and Waghorn would become acknowledged 'high flyers'.
Click on their names where underlined]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NEWS.

WE had a visit on October 14th from B. M. Pascoe, who spent the day in the Mess and stayed the night in "A" Squadron lines.

F./Officer G. E. Nicholletts was chosen for the "Southampton's" flight to Singapore, which took off on October 11th, 1927.

F./Officer F. V. Beamish and F./Officer G. R. Beamish have been playing rugger regularly for Leicester this season. By the time this appears in print, another brother—C. E. St. J.—will have been commissioned, and we wish him an equal success in the athletic world.

F./Officer D. Ryley has played for Leicester this year, including the match against the Waratahs.

Congratulations to F./Officer F. S. O'Hanlon on winning the Groues Memorial Prize for Air Navigation.

P./Officer P. L. A. Berthon was up here recently. It is bad news that, owing to a breakdown, he is going on the Reserve.

P./Officer H. B. Maugham had a flying accident recently. He has our best wishes for a speedy return to health.

We were very glad to see so many Old Cranwellians at the Sandhurst match, and at "The Shop" match.

It was very pleasant to see Sqdn.-Ldr. Lloyd and P./Officer Saye here on St. Andrew's Night.

Over forty Old Cranwellians turned up on November 30th, and though there were some disappointments they put a fair team into the field. F./Officer George Beamish, literally and metaphorically a tower of strength, captained the side; the rest of the team were: F./Officers Bruce-Bennett, Watt, Philpott, Stevinson, Ryley, Clarke, Bremridge, Abrams, Mason, David, Atcherley, Waghorn, Roberts and J. R. Jones, who put up a particularly stout show in coming up, as he came a great distance for the game, and had to return at once after it. The game was rather a runaway for the College; White was the most brilliant three-quarter on the field; Llewelyn and Pott played well, too. Of our opponents, Beamish played an international game and Bremridge showed that he has not lost his speed. The kicking of Constantine was one of the most conspicuous features of the game.

In the evening, the Cadets' Mess provided an excellent dinner, which was the more enjoyable as there were no speeches.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of F./Officer R. D. Whelan, and we offer our sympathy to his widow.

F./Officer F. W. Denny is now at Martlesham none the worse for his captivity under Sheikh Mahmoud.

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION.

THE General Meeting, the cricket match and a tennis match took place at Cranwell on July 4th. All suffered in their attendance owing to the air meeting at Blackpool and various training arrangements which were introduced after the invitations had been issued and accepted; these reduced the numbers of those who wished to be present—over sixty—to those who were able to be present—thirty.

The Past, whose team had to be entirely reorganized on the day of the match, lost the cricket match by a wide margin. At tennis, however, they fared better, and after a long struggle the match was abandoned as a draw with one match to play.

Owing to the absence of the A.O.C., the Assistant Commandant took the chair at the meeting.

The membership has increased to one hundred and sixty, a majority of those who have passed through the College.

The most important items of business were as follows: F./Lieut. L. Game was elected an honorary member and Squadron-Leader D. O. Mulholland provisionally on his leaving Cranwell, as it is rumoured. The balance sheet as below was accepted, showing a bank balance of £88 5s. 1d. The usual grant was made to the R.A.F. Cadet College Sports Fund.

It was decided that in future the Association will not issue invitations to the Reunions to non-members as in the past, but it is hoped that non-members will join the Association.

The Rugger match has been fixed for Wednesday, October 31st, this year, and in future it is hoped to fix it permanently on the third Wednesday in October. Those who wish to play are invited to notify the Hon. Secretary in September, in order that a team may be selected by the Committee.

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[Of those Cranwellians mentioned here, including previously mentioned 'high flyers', Beisiegel and Boyle also had distinguished RAF careers, the former playing regularly for Leicestershire CCC and the latter becoming the first Cranwellian CAS. Click on their names where underlined]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES.

CONGRATULATIONS on their marriages, to F./Officer G. E. F. and Mrs. Lywood; to F./Officer and Mrs. N. S. Allinson; to F./Officer and Mrs. H. R. D. Waghorn; to F./Officer V. Q. and Mrs. Blackden.

F./Officer R. P. H. Utley has retired from the Service, to take orders in the Catholic Church. We hope that this will not mean a complete severance of his relations with the Hampshire cricket side, and with the Old Cranwellian Society.

We have had visits this term from F./Officer G. Beamish, F./Officer Cator, F./Officer Guppy, F./Officer Costa, F./Officer White, F./Officer Hill, F./Officer Thompson, F./Officer Boyle, F./Officer Atcherley, and F./Officer Waghorn.

F./Officer Boyle came over from Wittering to play the cadets at squash racquets on November 22nd last.

There was a large number of Old Cranwellians at the match versus the "Shop," and their support on the touchline was very valuable. I noticed amongst those who have recently left the College Cooke, Gillan, Owen, Bartlett, Berkeley, Sprague, Ryley, and E. V. Moore.

Dr. L. Game is now in the R.A.M.C. and stationed at Shorncliffe.

A record has been set up by P./Officer J. Stephenson, now in No. 16 Squadron at Old Sarum. He passed first out of the Apprentices' Wing in Cranwell; he passed first out of Cranwell; and now he has just obtained first place in the Long Army Co-operation Course with the highest percentage ever obtained on this course.

During the air manoeuvres at the end of the summer, 1928, an Old Cranwellian had an unpleasant experience.

A few hours before the air "war" ended, one of the single-seater defending planes burst into flames over Richmond. The pilot, F./Officer L. C. Bennett, of No. 1 Fighter Squadron, which was operating from Northolt Aerodrome, made a parachute descent on to a roof at Kew. He was unhurt.

F./Officer Beisiegel spent a few days in hospital here, but is now recovered and is playing football for a London club.

We offer our sincere sympathy to F./Officer Whistondale on the sudden death of his father, whose name will always be commemorated at Cranwell by the beautiful trophy he gave in July, 1926, to the College for the Inter-Squadron Revolver Competition.

Congratulations on his engagement to F./Officer R. H. Barlow.

These Old Cranwellians have been playing in club football: Llewelyn for Rosslyn Park; Constantine for the Old Blues; George and Victor Beamish for Leicester; Charles Beamish for the London Irish; White and Owen for the Harlequins.

The Past v. Present cricket match will take place on Wednesday, June 12th, 1929, and not as hitherto after the R.A.F. Display. This is due to the alteration of the date of the latter.

The Past v. Present rugby match will take place on Wednesday, October 16th, 1929.

An Austin Seven saloon has been presented to Sergt.-Major Gorwood as a result of subscriptions received from officers who have passed through the Cadet College, and the Cadets of July, 1928. A deficiency has been made

good by a loan from the Old Cranwellian Association to the extent of about £15. It is hoped that many (particularly those abroad) who have intended to send subscriptions, and have forgotten to do so, will now send their subscriptions to liquidate this loan.

Subscriptions to date are acknowledged from the undermentioned:—

F./Lieuts. D. L. G. Bett, C. J. Collingwood, V. B. Bennett, D. Macfadyen, C. F. Sealy, C. L. Falconer, J. G. Hawtrey, A. P. Revington, A. J. M. Akerman, J. B. Barrett, G. C. Spencer.

F./Officers G. R. M. Clifford, E. A. Healy, H. M. Mellor, Earl of Bandon, G. R. Beamish, D. A. Boyle, C. H. G. Bremridge, A. D. Gillmore, F. M. Denny, T. B. Prickman, C. C. Edwards, J. Warburton, B. W. Knox, G. W. Hayes, G. N. Pilcher, F. W. M. Matthews, H. R. D. Waghorn, G. C. A. Armstrong, C. E. G. Lywood, A. H. Montgomery, J. Jones, C. V. Yonge, L. W. Cannon, C. M. Heard, S. H. Hardy, V. Q. Blackden, G. H. Loughnan, A. R. Leslie-Melville, A. H. W. J. Cocks, H. C. Parker, H. E. Nowell, A. D. Davies, J. E. G. Thomas, W. L. Opie, R. A. P. Roberts, H. M. Groves, H. D. Ommanney, L. R. W. Tillard, J. R. Mutch, G. H. Huxham, J. R. Jones, E. B. Steedman, J. R. Addams, C. J. Coggle, A. W. A. Ricks, J. A. P. Harrison, T. G. Pike, V. O. Eyre, R. K. Hamblin, J. Clarke, T. N. McEvoy, T. J. Arbuthnot, H. H. Brookes, E. V. S. Lacey, N. W. F. Mason, W. M. C. Kennedy, F. V. Beamish.

P./Officers C. H. Turner, F. R. Worthington, J. R. H. Pott, J. W. Gillan, J. E. Allen, C. D. C. Boyce, C. C. O'Grady, G. Francis, E. S. Finch, W. J. H. Lindley, P. L. P. Marett, P. McC. Watt, P. C. I. Elderton, D. J. Waghorn, L. P. Moore, B. Norris, A. W. Sandeman, W. D. Butler, W. H. Hutton, V. B. J. Jackson, E. A. Jones, S. R. Groom, J. E. MacCallum, M. G. Philpott, S. L. Blunt, H. A. Constantine, J. H. W. Dillon-Trenchard, R. Brown, R. C. Field, P. J. H. Halahan, G. H. Procter, and all the Cadets in residence July, 1928.

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION.

A COMMITTEE meeting was held at Cranwell on Tuesday, October 16th, to appoint officials for the year. F./Lieut. D. Macfadyen was elected Chairman of Committee. Other executive officers are F./Lieut. J. G. Hawtrey, F./Officers H. R. D. Waghorn, G. R. Beamish and T. N. McEvoy. The Committee deputed F./Officer G. R. Beamish to select the rugby side to play the Present. At the same time, the Committee decided to accept responsibility for a loan for the completion of the fund necessary to purchase the Austin "7" for presentation to Sergt.-Major Gorwood, and they express the hope that many of the past, members of the Association or not, who have not yet subscribed will assist in liquidating the loan.

The rugby match was played on October 31st, and provided some very good football.

Over fifty of the past were guests at Mess in the evening. Some few of these are not yet members of the Association, and it is hoped that, having experienced a reunion of this description, they will now join.

OLD CRANWELLIAN RECORD.

We publish for the first time a record of every Flight-Cadet who has entered the College, together with a brief catalogue of his prizes and distinctions, including the College activities in which he took part.

It has not been an easy matter to compose this record, and the Editor is aware that, in spite of several checks, it must still contain errors and omissions. He trusts, therefore, that Old Cranwellians will make a point of sending into him corrections which affect themselves and their acquaintances, as it is his intention to make the record the basis of a perpetual record, to be kept in a more elaborate form in the College Library.

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[The Schneider Trophy, now held at the Science Museum, was a prestigious, annual flying race of seaplanes and flying boats.]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NEWS.

FROM THE EDITOR'S MAIL.

We are glad to hear of the recovery, after an accident in a Hyderabad bomber at Upper Heyford, of P./Officer W. R. Worstall.

Congratulations on their engagements to F./Officer Part, F./Lieut. King Lewis and F./Lieut. David.

The following Old Cranwellians have entered the married state since we last went to press, and we offer them our best wishes:—F./Officer J. McN. Campbell, F./Lieut. Walter Akerman, F./Officer Pearson Rogers, F./Officer G. N. J. Stanley-Turner, F./Lieut. Opie and F./Lieut. E. Ward.

F./Lieut. G. E. Nichollets, who, along with many other Old Cranwellians, we must congratulate on his promotion, took part in the Far East Flight of Supermarines to Singapore.

We were glad to receive visits this term from R.A.F. teams, and which comprised Old Cranwellians; in fencing from Owen, Jörgensen, and Worsley; in boxing from Beamish, Cannon, Bigg, and Loughnan.

We offer our sympathy to his parents in the death of their son, J. E. Jörgensen. He was last up at Cranwell for the Old Cranwellians' day.

Congratulations to S./Ldr. D. O. Mulholland on his engagement.

F./Officer George Beamish captained the R.A.F. rugger side last season, and had with him F./Officer J. Clarke, F./Officer N. H. White, F./Lieut. F. V. Beamish, P./Officer J. R. Pott, P./Officer J. G. Llewellyn, P./Officer Constantine, and P./Officer Letchworth.

We were very sorry to hear of the death, as the result of a motor accident, of P./Officer H. W. Gibbs. He was sub-editor of this Magazine, and a valued friend of the writer of this note. We offer his parents our sincere sympathy in the loss of their only son.

On March 23rd last F./Officer F. H. Moon died in hospital, Aden, of enteric fever. We offer his parents our sincere sympathy in the loss which all of us—and not least the writer—have sustained.

Yacoub Bashir has rejoined the Military College at Baghdad. He will probably visit us next year.

F./Officer H. R. D. Waghorn, R.A.F., has joined the High Speed Flying Section of the Marine Aircraft Experimental Establishment, Felixstowe. Four of the five C.F.S. Instructors who put up that marvellous display on Genet-Moths at the R.A.F. Display of 1927 are now attached to the High Speed Flying Section.

F./Officer R. L. R. Atcherley has looped and rolled the Gloster IV, which is one of the machines in which the Flight is being trained.

F./Lieut. F. V. Beamish has been posted to Camp Borden, Canada, and has taken over an instructional flight of Moths and Lynx Avros. Camp Borden is eighty miles from Toronto, well out in the blue. At present his mess is isolated, except by radio, as the roads and railway are impassable owing to the floods due to the thaw. Life there is very pleasant, and there is plenty of sport. Badminton, soccer, and golf hold sway. There are tennis courts, a swimming bath, and a nine-hole golf course.

This is one of the very few permanent Canadian messes, and it is exactly like the standard Royal Air Force Mess. There is no end of flying, there being a service flight of many different types, as well as the Moth and Lynx.

In addition to training pilots and instructors for the Royal Canadian Air Force, they also have to train instructors for the civil flying clubs. Beamish recently had to make a forced landing on a lake, but, fortunately, escaped, after some anxiety and discomfort.

F./Lieut. Macfadyen and F./Officers White, Huddleston and Beisiegel have been playing regularly for the R.A.F. cricket side.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of F./Officer V. O. Eyre on June 27th. The writer has many pleasant recollections of the days he spent at the College.

OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual General Meeting was on June 12th. It was, unfortunately, the only afternoon during the session when there was rain, and so the cricket match was stopped after only a few minutes' play. The weather also prevented many members from flying up here, and it is hoped that, in future, members of the Past XI will arrange other transport than air in order to make their arrival certain.

There was no particular business for the meeting. P.Os. A. Wall and E. C. Huddleston were elected members of committee in place of F./Lieut. J. G. Hawtrey, who has gone overseas, and F./Officer E. A. Jones. Hereunder is the balance sheet:—

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at Bank	88	5 1	31/7/28, Subscription to Cadet College Sports Fund	25	0 0
Subscriptions, July, 1928, to June 10th, 1929... ..	151	1 0	21/11/28, Subscription to Magazine, £18 2s. 6d.; 28/3/29, Subscription to Magazine, £20 7s. 6d.	38	10 0
Subscriptions to Gorwood Presentation	128	8 6	19/11/28, Stationery	0	8 9
			Hon. Secretary, Postage Account	0	18 0
			18/1/29, Austin Car (Gorwood)	137	10 0
			Balance at Bank, 8/6/29	165	7 10
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Schneider Trophy Winners

F./Officer G. R. Beamish is selecting the Past v. Present rugger side for October 16th.

The attention of members is called particularly to the fact that the occasion of the rugger match is not a meeting of the Association in any way; it is an ordinary rugger fixture, and should any officers other than the XV wish to attend Guest Night on that occasion, application must be made formally to P.M.C. before October 12th.

Further subscriptions to the Sergt.-Major Gorwood presentation are acknowledged from F./Lieut. R. N. Waite, F./Officers J. B. M. Wallis, S. H. V. Harris and E. L. S. Ward.

THE SCHNEIDER TROPHY CONTEST.

THIS is a note, written as we go to press, to congratulate two old Cranwellians—F./Officer Waghorn and F./Officer Atcherley—on being the two fastest men in the world. F./Officer Waghorn won the contest at an average speed of 328 miles per hour, while F./Officer Atcherley did the fastest lap—at a speed of 332 miles per hour.

We should like to take this opportunity of congratulating the Italian team on their sportsmanship. We wish them better luck next time.

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A Selection of OCA Members of the 1920s (when cadets)



F/C Cpl GE Nicholetts



U/O FV Beamish



F/C Sgt DA Boyle



U/O EC Huddleston



Earl of Bandon



F/C Cpl TG Pike



F/C Cpl GIL Saye



U/O F Whittle

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[This is the first of the four slides, which highlight the exploits of Messrs Waghorn and Atcherley during their 1929 Schneider Trophy win.
A number of Cranwellians were to make significant contributions to record breaking long range and high speed flights.]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES.

It must be remembered that these notes do not profess to record the activities of all Old Cranwellians, but only record the activities of those which come to the notice of the Editors, who are very glad to hear from all Old Cranwellians at any time.

It is with great regret that the retirement of Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., is noticed. The first Commandant here, he has always been the friend of the College, and taken a keen interest in its activities.

Congratulations to the late O.C. "B" Squadron, Wing-Commander I. T. Lloyd, and the late O.C. "A" Squadron, Squadron-Leader D. O. Mulholland, A.F.C., on their marriages.

We are glad to see the announcement of the marriages of F./Officer Southey and F./Lieut. E. H. M. David.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. G. R. M. Clifford and F./Officer Hunt on their engagements.

It is with deep regret that we announce the fatal illness of J. C. Don, in South Africa, in March of last year. He will be remembered by many as a keen and knowledgeable whipper-in of the College Beagles. To his parents and friends we tender our sympathy.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. H. R. D. Waghorn, A.F.C., on winning the Schneider Trophy Race for Great Britain, and to F./Lieut. R. L. R. Atcherley on putting up the fastest lap and so breaking many world's air-speed records.

Congratulations to A. P. F. M. Berkeley on the award of the Spanish Decoration for his recent activities.

We are glad to notice the return to the Service of J. A. H. Loudon after an absence of about one year.

P. K. Horsfield was invalided out of the College owing to ill-health. He is now with Rhodesian Railways and stationed at Gasuso, Portuguese East Africa, where he will be very glad to see any friends of his cadet days who are flying near Bulawayo.

Congratulations to G. R. Beamish on playing for Ireland and Scotland against England and Wales in the recent Charity International.

N. E. White was selected to play in the recent International Trial at Northampton. He is the first three-quarter from the College who has had a trial cap for England.

It is good to read of many ex-cadets playing for first-class clubs, most prominently G. R. Beamish and J. R. H. Pott for Leicester, N. E. White for Harlequins, R. W. Letchworth for Blackheath, and H. A. Constantine for the Old Blues. One hears, too, that many like J. W. Gillan are playing for the "A's" of the big clubs. May they soon enter into first-class football.

The turn-out of ex-cadets at the Sandhurst match was magnificent. One noticed in particular large numbers of the fourth term passing out in the summer. More ex-cadets than present cadets turned up to this match. It is hoped that this enthusiasm will be maintained.

Heartiest congratulations to F./Cadet Under-Officer P. B. Coote on being selected to play in an Irish trial. This is the first time a cadet while still at the College has had this honour.

All of us were glad to see Squadron-Leader C. G. Burge at some of the recent matches. He is now devoting his boundless energy to the interests of Messrs. Gale & Polden, Ltd., who have printed this magazine to our satisfaction for nine years.

F./Lieut. T. B. Prickman was the navigator on the West African flight made last November by No. 45 Squadron.

Large numbers of ex-cadets are finding their way back here. Last term F./Officers Finch and Gillan, and this term F./Lieut. Boyle and F./Officers Norwood, Constantine and Mutch.

Schneider Trophy
Winners

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES.

At Buckingham Palace on March 11th, F./Lieut. H. R. D. Waghorn and P./Officer McKechnie were introduced into the presence of H.M. the King and invested with their respective honours—the Air Force Cross, and Medal of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire—for deeds which are well known to all Old Cranwellians.

Empire Gallantry Medal, subsequently upgraded to a George Cross

Congratulations on their marriages to F./Officer and Mrs. R. J. Cooper and to F./Officer and Mrs. F. W. Whittle; and to F./Lieut. G. Combe, F./Lieut. A. D. Gilmore, and F./Officer W. A. Merton on their engagements.

Too arduous would be the task of enumerating all Old Cranwellians recently promoted to the rank of Flight-Lieutenant—to all such, our heartiest congratulations.

F./Lieut. G. R. Armstrong has the honour of being the first Old Cranwellian to be selected to undergo the Staff College Course at Andover.

Many ex-Cadets witnessed the Triangular Athletic Contest at Woolwich this year. It is pleasing to note, however, that their activities are not confined to watching only—one saw many Old Cranwellians representing station teams in the R.A.F. Championships at Uxbridge this year.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. G. R. Beamish on his being selected a member of the British rugger team now touring New Zealand.

Several Old Cranwellians are finding their way into first class rugger XV's. F./Lieuts. Beamish and Franks, F./Officers Constantine, Pott, White, and Llewelyn, and P./Officers Elsmie and McKechnie, all played regularly for the R.A.F. this year.

F./Officers Beisiegel and Lascelles have represented the R.A.F. at hockey throughout the season.

One hears that F./Officer Hudleston is doing well in the R.A.F. cricket XI.

Old Cranwellian Day brought many ex-Cadets to Cranwell. The cricket match resulted in an easy win for the Cadets, as also did the tennis match.

It was with regret and some misgivings that the Old Cranwellians were obliged to accept the resignation of Capt. C. Brachi from the secretaryship of the Association. One is pleased to hear, however, that he is not going far away, and that he has not severed his connections with us entirely.

As we go to press we have to record the death of Major "Daddy" Dawes—a friend of all, he will be greatly missed.

[The Editor would welcome news of ex-Cadets who are now serving overseas.]

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THE SCHNEIDER TROPHY.

A VIEWPOINT BY FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT H. R. D. WAGHORN, A.F.C.

It was with rather mixed feelings that I took my first look at the sea on the morning of the Schneider Trophy race. After a period of training made up of a series of disappointments, I fully expected that the "Weather King" had some card up his sleeve which he would produce on that memorable day. It did not require much to cause a postponement, which would be a source of disappointment to thousands of people. The slightest swell or white horse on the one hand and dead calm on the other were the limits that bounded our capabilities.

The day was unique, a deep blue sky of a type rarely seen in this country, coupled with an amazingly good visibility. At the time, it was blowing ten miles an hour, and all was bustle on the tarmac. Some machines were already on their pontoons, while others were black with mechanics using the last minute for finishing-touches. The machine that I was to fly, the Supermarine N247, was not out yet.

Only eight hours before, one of the Rolls-Royce mechanics noticed a small bit of metal on the electrode of one of the plugs. Uneasy, they removed the block to find a seized piston and a hopelessly scored cylinder. What bad luck! No one considered it possible to be able to change the cylinder block of this particular engine in the time left. Under ordinary conditions, Rolls would not undertake it while in the machine; and it was midnight before the race! The story of how that block was changed, how their specialists (by chance in Southampton) were woken by police, is well known. Suffice it to say that these mechanics did it, and by so doing saved the trophy.

It was about 10.30 on Saturday morning when N247 came out of the hangar and had its final run-up. Soon after this, she was put on her pontoon and joined the queue of shipping which was still emerging in one long stream from Hamble River and Southampton Water. She had about two miles to go to the place that had been decided on for our take-off point. This was between Lee-on-Solent and Calshot, and so chosen because of the wind which was south-east. Here were already anchored the big pontoon and the three Macchis and our other pontoons with Greig's and Atcherley's machines on board. There was also the official starting ship—the *Medea*.

At about seven minutes to two, my engine was started by Lovesay, the Rolls expert, and was run by him for barely two minutes. I then climbed in and made myself as comfortable as possible. At two minutes to two I was lowered into the water and started to take off immediately.

I will here digress slightly and describe in detail the procedure followed up after opening the throttle, as the S6 was in many ways peculiar. Owing to the slow revs. of engine and propeller, coupled with the great power and consequent great torque effect, the first thing that happened on opening up the engine was that the left wing tried to dig itself into the water. This almost submerged the left float, and the drag so produced swung the machine rapidly to the left, making her quite uncontrollable; the more the machine swung to the left of the wind, the more rapid did the swing become until centrifugal force became greater than the drag of the left float, and she would suddenly throw her right wing down rather violently, making it essential to shut off the engine.

With a fairly fresh wind and full load, it is advisable to take off directly into wind, and with that end in view we found it essential to point the machine about 70 degrees to the right of the wind and to have right rudder on from the start.

The machine then runs along with its left wing a few inches from the water across wind, but not swinging. She is clear of the spray, which up to 30 m.p.h. completely envelops the pilot. Having got her, therefore, running across wind at 40 to 50 m.p.h., one is now confronted with what is really the trickiest part of the proceedings, and that is to get her into wind without letting her swing right round, which she will want to do. Once left rudder is applied, the machine will accelerate rapidly and, provided you have not put on too much rudder, should reach her hump speed by the time she is directly into wind. At this point she assumes a new position on the water—very much lower in front—and accelerates rapidly up to taking-off speed. She seems to leave the water at about 100 miles an hour, and I have never been able to take off with full load without two or three bounces.

To return to the race, once off the water I made my way towards Old Castle Point, and then turned left and dived down over the starting-line at about 350 miles an hour. The pylons were mounted on destroyers, and stood out quite well, provided they were not anchored against a background of shipping. We could not get a view directly ahead, and had to pick up the correct line largely while turning the previous pylon. On the long legs, we picked our course mainly by landmarks or shipping which we passed near. As an example, the Seaview turn was anchored, say, half a mile from the shore. By plotting our radius of turn on the chart, and from previous practice, we knew that we should have to have the coast, say, 500 yards on our right. By aiming to do this, we would arrive in approximately the correct position; when about 200 yards off the pylon we could see it, so that the actual turn itself was gauged with the pylon in view.

The first lap was naturally the most difficult, because we were not used to the various groups of shipping which afterwards helped so much to our course-keeping. As an example, while passing the Seaview turn on my first lap, I looked for the Chichester turn-ship and picked out the only isolated vessel in that area. I made for it, and while still some little way from it saw the pylon away on my left. I had been quite unable to see it, as it had had a background of shipping immediately behind it. The ship which I had mistaken for the turn-ship was in fact an oil tanker, and should not have been allowed to stray where it had. Atcherley, indeed, turned round it. My own detour cost me six miles an hour, and that is the reason my first lap speed was only 324. From the Chichester turn I could see the Southsea pylon while still turning and had no difficulty at all in passing it, the esplanade on my right being also a great help. Next I came to what was the most difficult leg of the course—that from Southsea to Cowes—as there was no land and practically no shipping to guide one on approaching the turn. To make matters more interesting for the competitors, someone had conveniently parked a flotilla of destroyers immediately behind the pylon; hence the amazing turns of some of the Italians embracing all the destroyers. I think in any future race (if there is one) the authorities should make quite sure that there be a lane quite clear of ships behind the pylon as viewed from the direction of approaching aircraft; this, of course, is not the same thing as a lane in continuation of the actual course, since the aircraft approach the turn very wide. Once round the Cowes turn the course was plain sailing again, there being plenty of shipping and the shore of the Isle of Wight to help one.

I had completed several laps, everything was going beautifully—never a miss from the engine, and the machine handling perfectly—when I noticed the Italian Macchi diving towards the starting-line just as I was coming up to

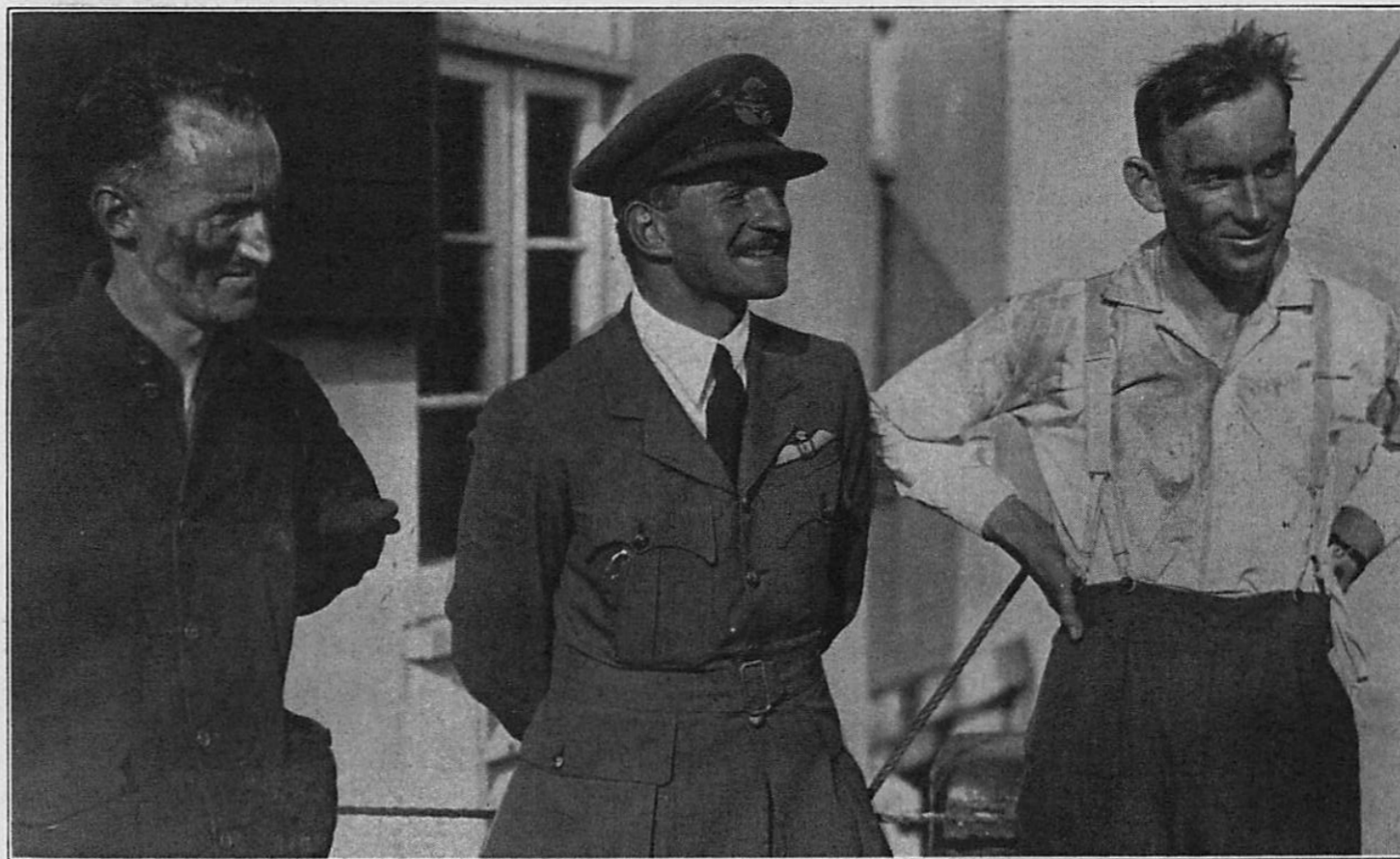
Spring 1930 - Schneider Trophy (2)

[This is the fourth of the four slides, which highlight the exploits of Messrs Waghorn and Atcherley during their 1929 Schneider Trophy win.]

the Cowes turn; at the Seaview turn I could not see him at all; at the Chichester turn I saw him a speck in front, and at the Southsea turn I saw him disappearing over Alverstoke—this time much nearer, and as I was obviously overtaking him rapidly, the question was, would I overtake him on the straight before the Cowes turn or just after? I hoped for the latter, for if I should catch him before the turn, I should not be able to see him. However, it planned out as I hoped; for, on rounding the Cowes pylon, I saw him just coming out of his turn a few hundred yards in front. I decided to pass him on the inside, and swung about a hundred yards to the left to clear him. I passed him about half-way down the straight.

By now, I had completed five laps and everything was going just as it should. The air in the cockpit was very hot, but, owing to a stream of fresh air from the ventilating pipe over my face, I was not too uncomfortable. An attempt to rest my knees on the sides of the fuselage was abruptly stopped when I discovered that they were to all intents and purposes red-hot; a slight exaggeration, perhaps, but that is what it felt like, and through my slacks, too! I was flying at about 150 to 200 feet, as I found that at that height I got the best view of the course, and it was sufficiently low to be able to keep level. I had been running all the time somewhat below full throttle, as, owing to the unexpected increase in power and consequent petrol consumption of the engine, she would not last the course with the petrol we were able to carry safely. The rate that petrol can be poured out of a two-gallon tin will give some idea of the rate that the engine was consuming its petrol during that race. I had therefore been told on no account to use full throttle, as I should not finish the course; imagine, then, my feelings when the engine momentarily cut right out and started missing badly just after I had finished what I imagined was my sixth lap! Would the Rolls engineers ever believe that I had not given full throttle? I began to gain height and continued round the course with the engine spluttering and only taking about half throttle. I climbed as much as possible, in the hope that, should she run right out, I could perhaps glide the remaining distance over the line; I was, incidentally, getting a very fine bird's-eye view of the entire course, but under the circumstances was not impressed. I got to the Cowes turn and, while banking, the engine cut out completely, and I was forced to land off Old Castle Point—only a few miles short of the finish. I leave my feelings to your imagination.

It was twenty minutes later that I learnt I had done an extra lap, and I also realized how deadly accurate had been Lovesay's estimation of the petrol consumption.



[By courtesy of "The Aeroplane."]

F./LIEUTS. GREIG, WAGHORN AND ATCHERLEY AFTER THE SCHNEIDER COMPETITION—SUMMER, 1929.

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[Of the Cranwellians listed in this slide, Henry Eeles, later an Asst Cmdt of the College, declined the Battle of Britain medal to which he was entitled, his reasoning being that he commanded a squadron of Westland Whirlwinds in Northern Scotland that he felt was underutilised in the Battle of Britain.

CJ Giles is the Cranwellian who was rescued from an air crash at Cranwell by fellow Cranwellian McKechnie mentioned in an earlier slide.]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES.

THE Editor has again had to compile these notes, and indeed most of THE JOURNAL, without the assistance of any Old Cranwellian except P./Officer R. Elsmie. He cannot too strongly remind Old Cranwellians of the necessity of supporting their own magazine.

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P./Officer H. Eeles has now volunteered to assist, and all notes or articles should be addressed to him.

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The personnel of the Baltic Cruise of four Southamptons included F./Officer R. B. Councell and F./Officer E. J. Lainé.

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The Air Force Cross has been awarded to F./Lieut. G. E. Nicholetts and to F./Lieut. E. S. C. Davis.

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We must thank Mrs. J. G. Groves for her great generosity in granting in perpetuity a grant of money and books to be awarded twice yearly to the best all-round pilot of the fourth term. Some of us will gather where the idea of continuing the memorial to her son took its origin.

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F./Lieut. "Dick" Atcherley has sure made a star hit at the American National Race Meet—so we gather from the many cuttings sent to us.

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We were very sorry to hear of the death of F./Lieut. G. C. A. Armstrong, who was at Cranwell in 1923. He was an Under-Officer and won the Groves Memorial Prize. He was one of the first cadets to pass into the R.A.F. Staff College.

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Congratulations on their promotion to F./Lieuts. T. N. McEvoy, R. Kellett, A. D. Gillmore, R. C. Wilson, G. P. Chamberlain, J. R. Jones, F. M. V. May and C. M. Heard.

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We congratulate on their engagement: F./Lieut. E. A. Healey, F./Lieut. C. F. S. Sealey, F./Officer H. D. Spreckley, F./Lieut. F. S. Fressanges, F./Officer Lord Malcolm Douglas Hamilton, F./Officer A. Molesworth, F./Officer N. Vintcent, F./Lieut. B. W. Knox, and F./Officer W. H. Merton.

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P./Officer J. Grierson had its hat taken off to him by one of the leading illustrated papers for flying back from leave on a Gipsy Moth from Lympne to Risalpur.

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F./Cadet C. J. Giles is at Uxbridge. He was recently flown down to Osborne, where he was known as the "Osborne Express"; and where he had the honour of a visit from Their Majesties.

Congratulations on his marriage to Mr. Frederick Green. Green has been senior batman in "B" Squadron since 1921, and will be remembered kindly by all Old Cranwellians.

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A great loss to the Service occurred by the death at Catterick on November 19th, 1930, of John Chance. "Toots" Chance passed from Eton into the College in 1928. At Cranwell he was Captain of Rowing, a Whipper-in to the Beagles, and President of the Debating Society. But he will be remembered most for his kind and sunny nature, which endeared him to his contemporaries and to all his instructors. A fellow of infinite jest and high fancy with no enemies and with many friends, he is commemorated by a prize which his parents are offering at the end of each term to the Cadet who passes out highest at the end of his course in Service subjects.

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There was a great attendance of Old Cranwellians at the "Shop" match. We hope this will become a tradition. Up and down the field they surged, an ardent and a raucous band, giving advice in the danger close to goal and contributing greatly to the verdict of the game. The Editor recollects Shirley, More, Stephenson, Bader, Coote, Elsmie, Wills-Sandford, Field, Selway, McKechnie, Heber-Percy, Dashper, Scarlett, Leech, McFadyen, Boyle, Cleland, as well as many other old friends like Padre MacHardy and Capt. Brachi.

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F./Lieut. G. R. Beamish has again been appointed captain of the R.A.F. rugger side; and F./Officer N. A. Constantine vice-captain.

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P./Officer G. R. A. Elsmie played a gallant game in the final of the R.A.F. Squash Racquets Championship. P./Officer J. W. C. More and F./Lieut. H. M. Mellor did very well, too.

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Congratulations on their marriage to F./Lieut. G. Combe and F./Officer E. B. Steedman.

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Old Cranwellians too numerous to mention here defeated the examination promoters and one or two have even broken down the barriers of the Staff College.

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All Old Cranwellians will offer their sympathy to the parents of F./Cadet Goring, who was killed in a motor cycle accident at the beginning of last term.

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The Editor concludes these notes by thanking Old Cranwellians for their numerous communications to him, particularly about Christmas, 1930. He now begs for their support in the construction of the next magazine.

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[ACM Sir Wallace Hart Kyle was a cadet on J28 Entry graduating in December 1929 and, after distinguished service during WWII, became Assistant Commandant between February 1951 and July 1952. The Caterpillar Club* is an informal association of people who have successfully used a parachute to bail out of a disabled aircraft.

F Whittle was the young Sir Frank Whittle, a graduate of S26 Entry in July 1928, inventor of the Jet Engine and first Cranwellian to be knighted.

Flt Lt DLG Bett was Mentioned in Despatches during WWII and retired as an Air Commodore in December 1923.]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES.

GROUP-CAPTAIN W. TYRRELL has gone to India after a short stay in Iraq. Before he left he presented the College Mess with a cigar box.

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P./Officer P. B. Coote played for the R.A.F. XV several times last season. We hope to see him obtain this season his Irish cap.

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F./Lieut. George Beamish, the Irish international, again captained the R.A.F. XV on the return from his colonial tour.

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Among those who played rugger for the R.A.F. were Constantine (who was vice-captain of the team), Elsmie, Bader and Coslett. Llewellyn has been playing regularly for Leicester.

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F./Lieut. Victor Beamish has returned after two years' attachment to the Royal Canadian Air Force. During his two years he has completed a thousand hours' flying.

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We were very sorry to lose last term H. P. N. Pelly, N. N. Fraser, L. J. Fitzgerald, M. A. Mahmud, M. D. Morrissey, D. W. B. Carnaghan and Tandon. These cadets found, unfortunately, that they were unable to compete with Sir Isaac. Fitzgerald has now gone to Sandhurst. We had a visit from Pelly this term. We hope the others will be equally successful in a new career.

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Three memorial pictures have been presented to the Mess; one of Sir Sefton Brancker painted by Mr. Howard Coster, presented by Mr. Fred Sigrist; one of Squadron-Leader Jones Williams and the third of F./Lieut. N. H. Jenkins, both of these pictures being by Mr. Orde.

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Congratulations to Lieuts. Ali, Aziz, Jewad and Tai on their successful flight in military Gypsy Moths to Iraq last April.

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In the finals of the World's Bobsleighing Championship the English team was represented by an R.A.F. team composed originally of D. B. Field, P. B. Coote, R. L. Wallace, and J. S. Newcombe.

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The Milocarian Athletic team prospers with the aid of Field, Fowler, Hogan, More, Gillan and others.

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We were very sorry to learn of the death of Baxter, who died at Uxbridge of heart failure. He entered the College about 1921, and played in the XV.

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"A" Squadron, in particular, will regret the departure to Halton of Sergt-Major E. F. Curtis.

We congratulate on their marriages, F./Lieut. Poyntz Roberts; F./Lieut. C. C. Edwards; F./Officer Lord Malcolm Douglas Hamilton; F./Lieut. E. A. Healey; F./Lieut. H. E. Nowell; F./Lieut. C. F. Sealey; F./Lieut. F. J. Fressanges; F./Lieut. D. A. Boyle.

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The Editor regrets that in these notes he cannot keep pace with all the marriages and giving in marriage of Old Cranwellians, nor with all the promotions in the *Gazette*.

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There was a good attendance of Old Cranwellians at the Triangular Contest at Uxbridge. Amongst them I met Huddleston, Constantine, Windsor, Eeles, Baines, Cleland, Walker, Vaughan-Fowler, McKechnie, More, Hogan, Robinson, Sabine, Field, Stephenson, Gillan, Fraser, Elsmie, Moore, Reed, Kyle, Heycock, Macdonald, Lockwood, and some old friends like Air Vice-Marshal Halahan, Capt. Brachi, and the Rev. MacHardy.

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F./Lieut. G. R. C. Spencer, one of the first flight-cadets to pass out of the College, is now commanding "D" Flight.

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Many Cadets will remember F./Lieut. I. M. Rodney, who was married on May 27th this year.

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We congratulate F./Lieut. Bonham-Carter on the birth of a second son; F./Lieut. Stanley Turner on the birth of a son; F./Lieut. Pearson Rogers on the birth of a son; F./Lieut. Pritchett on the birth of a son; and F./Lieut. Whittle on the birth of a son.

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We were all very sorry to hear of the death of Jack Stewart Newcombe. He died in Switzerland of peritonitis. He was one of the jolliest and most sporting fellows that ever passed out from Cranwell.

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F./Officer P. W. Dudgeon and F./Officer N. B. Norris passed their examinations in colloquial Arabic; and F./Officers B. M. Cary and A. W. Sandeman in Urdu and F./Officer J. C. Johnson in Pushtu.

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Richard Utley flourishes exceedingly in the land during his novitiate at Ampleforth Abbey. Two or three of us had recently the pleasure of his hospitality.

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F./Lieut. N. H. d'Aeth played an honourable part in Capt. Ahrenberg's search for Mr. Augustine Courtauld.

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T. N. Coslett won his fight in the Middle-weight of the Service Finals.

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W. H. Kyle is the latest recruit to the Caterpillar Club.*

The Old Cranwellian Day was on Wednesday, July 1st. The occasion was celebrated by fine weather and a goodly company assembled; among

them Air Vice-Marshal Halahan, Wing-Commander Lloyd, Wing-Commander Coningham, Capt. Brachi, Bett, Boyle, Mutch, Windsor, Fairtlough, Robinson, Bader, Pretty, John Mutch, Littler, More, Heycock, Grierson, Cole, Watt, Hogan, Coote, Norwood, Beisiegel, Gillan, Heycock, Wightman, Stephenson, Coote, Corbally, Hobson, Selway, Douthwaite, Keary, Berkeley, Huddleston, Elsmie, MacDonald, Murray, Leech, Heber-Percy, Homer, Hamblin, Constantine, and Moore. There were others, but these were all to whom I had the pleasure of speaking. We had an interesting game of cricket in which the Old Cranwellians were just beaten; and later on Wing-Commander Sayers provided a notable banquet.

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F./Lieut. H. M. Mellor is now Honorary Secretary of the R.A.F. Squash Racquets Association.

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F./Lieut. P. F. M. Berkeley was awarded a medal by the Spanish Government for his share in searching for their missing airmen.

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F./Lieut. Macfadyen, F./Officer Huddleston, F./Officer Beisiegel, and P./Officer Bader have played for the R.A.F. at cricket.

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All members of the College will regret the recent death of P./Officer D. G. Vaughan-Fowler. He was a great athlete and a good messmate.

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F./Lieut. D. L. G. Bett has been selected as the pilot to accompany Squadron-Leader O. R. Gayford on the next flight of the Fairey-Napier long-range monoplane, which is now at Cranwell.

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Mrs. Goring has presented to the Chapel of St. Andrew a cross and two candlesticks in memory of her son.

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Air Vice-Marshal Halahan has presented to the College a silver cup for squash racquets; F./Lieut. V. B. Bennett has presented three pictures of the new Government buildings at Delhi; S./Leader McEwen, of the Royal Canadian Air Force, has presented two coloured engravings of Lake Ontario and the Citadel of Kingston; Mr. Snowden Gamble a photograph of H.M. Airship *Mayfly*; and Professor R. de la Bère a composite photograph of the diggings at the Roman Villa, Haceby.

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[The first reference, below, to DRS Bader by the OCA relates to his sporting expertise. A member of S28 Entry graduating in July 1930, he represented the College at Rugby, Hockey, Cricket and Boxing. He lost both legs in the tragic flying accident reported below, but went on to distinguish himself during the Battle of Britain in WWII.]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES.

BROTHER PETER UTLEY is now at St. Benet's, Oxford.

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Congratulations to W./Cmdr. I. T. Lloyd on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. C. W. Weedon on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. W. M. Merton on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. W. A. Opie on the birth of a son.

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Congratulations on the marriage on October 3rd of F./Lieut. R. H. S. Spaight; on October 3rd of F./Officer G. L. Worthington; on September 5th of F./Lieut. D. A. Boyle; of F./Officer P. Dudgeon; on December 2nd of F./Lieut. S. H. V. Harris, who won the Groves' Memorial Flying Prize in December, 1924.

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All will be sorry to hear of the death on November 28th, 1931, of P./Officer A. G. Teideman, who was once Captain of the College soccer XI.

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F./Officer D. P. Lascelles and F./Officer A. D. Selway have taken part recently in flying displays.

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F./Lieut. G. R. C. Spencer is Captain of the Cranwell Rugger XV, and has been ably supported by F./Lieut. J. Norwood and F./Officer F. C. Cole.

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F./Lieut. J. Merer has paid one or two visits to Cranwell in connection with his *magnum opus* on drill.

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The Editor regrets that he has not space to record all the new categories and promotions of many Old Cranwellians.

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We are glad to hear that F./Lieut. R. L. R. Atcherley has recovered from his accident at Amman.

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F./Lieut. George Beamish captained the only team which, at the time of writing, had defeated the Springboks. At the end of the match he received an ovation which did honour to him and his opponents. We hope to see him captain Ireland this year.

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P./Officer W. R. Wills-Sandford is performing great feats at golf, and appeared to win most of the prizes at the last R.A.F. Golf Meeting.

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F./Officer N. E. White, F./Officer Marson, P./Officer Bader, and P./Officer Coote have all figured in first-class football this season.

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P./Officer Broad came up to Cranwell recently for a day's hunting with the Blankney.

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Congratulations to P./Officer P. B. Coote on winning the R.A.F. Squash Championship, and to F./Lieut. H. M. Mellor for collecting such a useful R.A.F. side.

F./Officer A. J. Cleland writes an interesting letter from Khartoum.

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Flying-Officer A. Wall and Pilot-Officer Needham are now on a Stores Course at Cranwell.

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Flying-Officer I. B. N. Newbigging writes cheerfully from Singapore.

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We were all very sorry to hear of the death at Kenley of F./Lieut. E. V. S. Lacey.

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Air Vice-Marshal C. Longcroft recently paid us a visit.

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Congratulations on his engagement to F./Lieut. F. M. Denny.

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H. P. N. Pelly writes cheerfully from Sandhurst. He is in No. 3 Company.

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We hope that F./Officer R. Elsmie and F./Officer J. G. Llewelyn will soon make a complete recovery from their leg injuries.

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The Rev. A. R. A. Watson also writes cheerfully, from Malta.

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J. R. Macdonald writes constantly demanding information about Cranwell. He is taking an Engineering Degree at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.

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M. D. Morrissey is at present in London with a firm of solicitors.

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E. A. de Pencier is flying for a firm of fur trappers in Northern Canada.

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There were not quite as many representatives from Cranwell at the Sandhurst match this year as in the past, but amongst them we remember F./Officers Wightman, Wills-Sandford, Ling, Daubney, Heycock, Gillan, Hudleston, Watt; F./Lieuts. Holmes, Merer, Sweeney, Sawyer, Ryde; Squadron-Leaders Scroggs, Bishop, Thornton, Group-Capt. Evill, and Air Vice-Marshal Longmore.

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We were all very sorry to hear of P./Officer D. R. S. Bader's great misfortune, and we offer him our sincere sympathy.

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All will regret the death after a game of rugger of Pilot-Officer A. C. Shearn. He was a man of an unusually fine and charming character, popular alike with officers and men.

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The Editor takes this opportunity of thanking very many old friends for their letters and greetings this Christmas.

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College Journal Extracts - Autumn 1932

[Parselle represented the College at Athletics, Rugby, Hockey and Squash, became the 11th College Commandant and was awarded the CB and CBE.]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES.

THE Editor is glad to announce that the roll of all Flight Cadets *who have passed through the College* has now been completed.

Many Old Cranwellians took the opportunity of inspecting the book at the last meeting of the Association at Cranwell.

It is a large volume, heavily bound in blue morocco and reinforced with bevels of oxydized silver; and it is mounted with the College Arms, also in silver.

After a foreword by Lord Trenchard, and a history of the early days of Cranwell, the record begins with the bearings of the College painted in their full colours by a member of the College of Arms. The body of the book consists of photographs of every term which has passed out from the College together with details of each member of the term giving his full name, his school, his rank at the College, and his achievements in work, flying and games.

It has been a laborious task to recover many of these details. In a year five hundred letters were addressed to Old Cranwellians about this record, many of which remained unanswered. So that the Editor cannot flatter himself that it is quite accurate yet; at the same time, he is prepared to consider emendations and additions if they can be effected without damage to the book.

He would like to draw attention to the assistance he has received from Mr. J. Lyon in the collection of data, and to congratulate Mr. A. Broughton on his beautiful penmanship and illumination. Both of these College servants will be familiar to present and past members of the College.

The book is eventually to be preserved on an elaborate table in the hall of the New College, and will be, it is hoped, a pleasant memento, and an encouragement to those who wish to make their mark at the College.

A sound-film apparatus has been presented to the Star and Garter Home at Richmond by friends of Lawrence Whitfield, who died after a heavy fall at Hurst Park.

A panther skin has been presented to the College Mess by F./Lieut. B. Bennett, who recently was aide-de-camp to the Viceroy.

This is the second gift he has made to the Mess, and it is by gifts like this that the spirit of the College is fostered.

The Editor thanks three old members of the Editorial Staff, F./Officers Elsner, Doran and Emson for an encouraging letter about the last issue of the JOURNAL.

Sergt.-Major R. E. Gorwood keeps in touch with us and his many other friends, past and present, in the College. His address is Perry Street, Wendover.

Dom Richard Utley is at Lyons learning French. We had an immigration of 105 masters and boys from his school, Ampleforth College, of whom eighty-five took the air.

The Drill Competition this year was judged by F./Lieut. J. W. F. Merer, who awarded the Cup to "B" Squadron.

In the current number of the *Trident*, the Journal of the Naval College, Annapolis, there is an account of the activities of Cranwell several years ago.

All will regret the death of P./Officer A. C. Johnstone. Rarely has this College turned out a Flight Cadet of such exemplary character; and still more rarely a Cadet of such a scholarly and logical mind. It goes without saying that he was sub-editor of this JOURNAL and that he was equal first for the Humanistic Prize. The death of such a man is a sad loss to his instructors and his contemporaries, who admired him as a friend, a scholar, and an athlete.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. G. E. Nicholetts, A.F.C., and to F./Officer G. I. L. Saye on their escape, with their companions, from their flying boat which came down off Antrim on July 13th.

F./Officers B. T. Shelley, C. B. Hughes, J. G. W. Weston, G. P. Charles and E. M. F. Grundy are on the Wireless Course, Cranwell.

F./Officer I. B. Newbigging writes cheerfully from Singapore, which is a nest of Old Cranwellians.

Congratulations on their engagements to F./Lieut. R. B. Jordan, F./Officer E. M. F. Grundy, F./Officer F. A. J. Pollock-Gore, F./Lieut. D. W. R. Ryley, F./Officer G. P. Charles, F./Lieut. A. King-Lewis, F./Officer C. E. J. Baines, F./Officer L. H. Anness, F./Lieut. H. H. Brookes, F./Officer A. Wall, F./Officer P. J. H. Halahan, F./Lieut. the Earl of Bandon, F./Officer C. H. Turner and F./Lieut. F. M. Denny.

F./Lieut. George Beamish captained the Irish XV this year; and the R.A.F. XV.

F./Officer P. Drew played hockey for the R.A.F. XI.

It is good news that Wing-Commandant D. L. Ingpen is now recovering his health.

F./Officers P. J. H. Halahan, W. K. Beisiegel and A. L. Weait have recently been posted to Cranwell.

F./Officer P. Broad is hunting and playing polo at Peshawar.

John Grierson was second in the *Daily Telegraph* Race.

We were very sorry to read of the death of F./Officer N. E. White, who was an Under-Officer in 1928 at Cranwell, where he won the Sword of Honour and had a distinguished athletic career.

We regret also to announce the death of P./Officer N. H. Jackson, who came here from Rhodesia. By his quiet efficiency he made himself many friends here and in No. 1 Squadron.

We congratulate heartily F./Officer P. M. Terry on the award of the A.F.C.; and F./Officer F. F. Wicks on the award of the D.F.C.; for gallant services respectively in Kurdistan and on the North-West Frontier.

F./Lieut. R. L. Atcherley has been on an interesting East African air cruise.

The Editor regrets that space prevents his recording those ex-Cadets who have passed into the Staff College; who have passed their interpreters' examinations; or have become specialists; or have taken part in aerial displays at home or abroad.

We were all very glad to see F./Officer D. R. S. Bader in the Cranwell Mess again. He has made a good recovery as a result of great courage and stamina.

Among those who played for the Service at Rugger this year were F./Officer P. B. Coote, F./Officer H. A. Constantine, F./Lieut. B. L. Patch, F./Officer C. Beamish, P./Officer E. A. Collins and P./Officer T. A. B. Parselle. The last has been running very well in the quarter-mile this season and has been unlucky not to be selected for the Olympic team at Los Angeles.

The Milocarian Club flourishes with the support of Old Cranwellians, and under the wise encouragement of Major Alexander is becoming one of the foremost athletic clubs in the country.

F./Officer A. Wall has been posted to Cranwell and is assisting with the JOURNAL.

Congratulations on their marriages to F./Lieut. W. A. D. Brook, F./Officer D. Prowse and F./Officer H. J. Pringle.

The Editor again asks for assistance from Old Cranwellians in the compilation of these notes.

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[Reference to the "late Flt Lt HRD Waghorn" in the lead item below acknowledges that, on 5 May 1931, less than two years after winning the Schneider Trophy, he was test flying a Hawker Horsley biplane bomber from Farnborough when he lost control in high winds; he and his passenger, a civilian assistant named E. R. Alexander, parachuted from the aircraft. Alexander landed on the roof of a factory and had minor injuries, but Waghorn was seriously injured and died on 7 May.]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES.

Among the recent presentations to the Cadets' Mess are a portrait of the late F./Lieut. H. R. D. Waghorn, A.F.C., presented by Wing-Comdr. A. H. Orlebar, A.F.C., on behalf of the Waghorn Memorial Portrait Fund; two silver cigarette-lighters, presented by the first entry of Indian cadets to pass out of the College; and a silver plate removed from D.H.9a No. 175, commemorating the first award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to an Old Cranwellian (P./Officer N. Vintcent).

F./Lieuts. H. G. Brookman and R. H. S. Spaight are now entitled to write after their names the magic initials, *p.s.a.*

F./Officer W. K. Beisiegel and P./Officer W. E. S. Tanner played for the R.A.F. against the Navy at cricket.

F./Lieut. G. R. Beamish was runner-up in the R.A.F. Golf Championship; he was beaten by Sqdn.-Ldr. C. H. Hayward by 4 and 2.

F./Lieut. J. G. D. Armour was entered as pilot of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester's "Meteor" aircraft in the London-Newcastle race.

In the same race, F./Officer H. H. Leech was entered as pilot of Mr. A. C. Thornton's "Arrow Active."

Our congratulations to F./Lieut. T. H. Carr, F./Lieut. J. B. M. Wallis, and F./Officer C. W. Grannum on their engagements.

We were all glad to see the Rev. A. MacHardy last term on one of his flying trips.

Many Old Cranwellians are at the C.F.S. at the time of writing, and have all visited Cranwell recently. F./Officers H. A. Constantine, H. J. Pringle, D. P. Lascelles, F. C. Cole and A. D. Selway are on the staff of instructors; and F./Officers N. B. Norris, R. B. Councell, R. A. Sprague, and H. M. Pearson were on the course. F./Officers A. L. Franks, R. C. Jonas, E. J. Laine and W. R. Beaman have been posted to Cranwell.

We are glad to have F./Lieut. G. R. Spencer back at Cranwell again. He has made a good recovery from his injuries, and he will be flying again before this appears in print.

A coloured photograph of Air Vice-Marshal F. C. Halahan has been presented to the Cadets' Mess by Miss Patricia Halahan, to replace the original portrait.

Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton is planning air pleasure cruises for next year. We wish him every success. An article written by him on his flying operations in Scotland appears in the JOURNAL.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. and Mrs. G. P. Chamberlain on the birth of a son; and to F./Lieut. and Mrs. G. Combe on the birth of a daughter.

F./Lieut. G. R. Beamish and F./Officer P. B. Coote have been playing rugger for Leicester this season. P./Officer R. H. A. Leigh has played rugger for the Portsmouth U.S. this season. F./Officer G. Charles is captain of the Cranwell XV.

F./Lieut. R. L. R. Atcherley gave a crazy-flying show in an American machine at the U.S. National Air Races last summer. We hope he was none the worse for his recent adventure at Amman.

We are sorry to hear of the deaths of P./Officers R. J. Berens, D. E. Forman and A. G. Cleland, and extend our sympathy to their parents in their loss.

We all remember Forman. He was a good fencer and swimmer, but most of all an authority on things aeronautical, and the life and soul of any party on the Broads.

Of Berens a correspondent says: "'Jimmie' had the capacity for enjoying life in a degree that falls to few. His kind heart, sympathy and understanding, his sense of humour and his cheerfulness, which was infectious, brought him many friends. We envied his singleness of purpose, and admired his efforts to do his best, and his unaffected dream of a successful career. His career at Cranwell was a success. Flying suited his temperament, and he loved it with a passion that was almost a mania. We remember him, too, as an athlete. Those who played cricket with him will not forget the two seasons when they chased with him the ball over many miles of Cranwell's Heath, or watched the batting on drowsy summer afternoons. He was a natural cricketer and loved the game not only for itself but because of its surroundings and the spirit in which it is played."

Cleland was one of the soundest fellows we have ever turned out from the College. Despite a crooked knee he never lost his ambition to make the most of his life at Cranwell and in the Service.

Many of the competitors in the R.A.F. Squash Championships in November were Old Cranwellians. F./Lieuts. J. Norwood, H. Waring, H. M. Mellor and D. A. Boyle, and F./Officers H. A. Constantine, W. F. C. Hobson, F. C. Sturgiss, W. H. Kyle, H. A. V. Hogan, P. B. Coote, G. R. Elsmie, C. H. Turner, E. C. Hudleston and W. H. Hutton competed in the first round.

Three of the four semi-finalists were Old Cranwellians—Coote, Mellor and Hudleston.

The championship was won by Group-Captain F. L. Robinson, who beat his nephew, F./Officer Coote (the last year's champion).

F./Officer A. Wall is sub-editor of the JOURNAL and is rendering valuable service.

F./Officer G. F. W. Heycock has been posted to Inland Area Headquarters, and F./Officer D. R. S. Bader to Station Headquarters, Duxford, for administrative duties.

Congratulations to F./Lieuts. M. W. Keey and G. L. Worthington on their promotion.

At the Wakefield boxing contests, the Officers' Heavy-weight Championship was won by F./Lieut. Patch. F./Officer T. N. Coslett has done well too in India.

F./Lieut. D. N. Roberts writes from Esthonia, where he is studying the Russian language. F./Lieut. J. Warburton is studying Japanese at Tokyo.

F./Officers A. P. F. M. Berkeley and G. N. E. T. Carill Worsley have represented the R.A.F. in fencing.

F./Officers J. A. C. Stratton and F. L. P. Henzell have come over to Cranwell frequently from Grantham. Henzell is at present on leave in his native Antigua.

F./Officer E. Corbally is hunting with the Blankney this season.

F./Lieut. W. C. Yale, who has been Signals Officer at Cranwell for some time, has been posted to Headquarters, R.A.F., India.

Congratulations on their marriage to F./Lieuts. F. M. Denny, W. A. D. Brooke, H. G. Wheeler, D. W. R. Ryley, The Earl of Bandon, and V. B. J. Jackson, and F./Officers C. H. Turner, H. J. Pringle, P. Heath, and A. Wall.

F./Lieut. F. W. Cannon has been posted to Cranwell, and is taking care of E.R.S.

F./Officers C. E. Beamish and G. R. Elsmie have played rugger for the Harlequins and Richmond respectively this season.

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of F./Officer B. H. Gully. We hope it will be some consolation to his parents that this officer was praised publicly for his devotion which caused the preservation of all his crew.

Congratulations on their promotion to F./Lieuts. R. S. Drummond-Drummond, P. L. P. Marett, G. I. L. Saye, J. C. A. Johnson, H. A. Constantine, K. S. Brake, S. L. Blunt and J. E. MacCullum.

The Editor wishes to thank Old Cranwellians for their many letters to him at Christmas, 1932, to all of which he will reply as time permits.

He hopes, too, that they will send him illustrated articles, as in the past, without solicitation.

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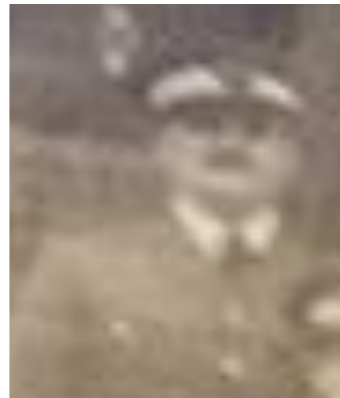
A Selection of OCA Members of the Early 30s (when cadets)



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F/C Sgt WN McKechnie



F/C CJ Giles



F/C Cpl WH Kyle



F/C Sgt DLG Bett



U/O DRS Bader



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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS to F./Lieut. David Bonham-Carter on the birth of a daughter, and to F./Officer W. R. Worstall on the birth of a son.

An account of this accident is given a biography by Wg Cdr Awan RIAF that may be accessed by clicking on this red text box.

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of Bhupindra Singh and Amarjit Singh, whose Wapiti crashed at Padidan, Sind. No one knows what caused the accident; the two were capable pilots. Their loss is particularly regrettable, as they were fine athletes and just the type to be in a squadron destined to be the nucleus of the Indian Air Force.

Congratulations on their engagements to F./Lieut. J. Fuller Good, F./Officer C. D. Welch, F./Lieut. E. F. Finch, F./Lieut. E. S. C. Davis, F./Officer H. H. Hilliar, F./Officer J. Grierson, and F./Officer R. H. A. Leigh.

Congratulations on their marriages to F./Lieut. F. E. Nuttall, F./Officer D. B. D. Field, F./Lieut. M. G. Philpott, F./Officer G. P. Charles, and F./Officer C. A. Watt.

F./Officers R. J. Cooper, J. R. Scarlett and E. R. M. Walker have passed the specialist course in Navigation; F./Lieut. H. V. Tristram the advanced specialist course in Armament; and F./Officer Charles Beamish the specialist course in Armament.

Many congratulations to F./Lieut. G. H. Thomas and to F./Lieut. C. J. Collingwood on winning the Distinguished Flying Cross; to F./Lieut. C. B. Pelly on winning the Military Cross; and to F./Officer E. F. L'Estrange on being mentioned in despatches.

F./Lieut. C. W. Dicken and F./Lieut. A. H. Willetts went on a flying trip to the Baltic last summer; F./Officer H. Y. Humphreys went on a Service trial to Iraq.

A memorial tribute to Gp Capt Rees VC is accessible by clicking on this red text box

Group-Capt. L. W. B. Rees reached the Bahamas safely after a voyage of sixty-four days, sailing alone in his eight-ton yacht. The sword of honour presented to him by the Borough of Carnarvon on winning his V.C. can still be seen in the College.

F./Lieut. H. M. Mellor is Air Equerry to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He hopes to play some squash at Cranwell.

Several letters have been received from Lawrence Middleton, who, alas, has left the Service, but still keeps in touch with the College.

These Old Cranwellians are also at Cranwell: F./Lieuts. W. K. Beisiegel, R. A. P. Roberts, J. B. M. Wallis, W. J. M. Akerman (Adjutant of the Wireless School), and F./Officers R. A. T. Stowell, D. J. Douthwaite, R. L. Wallace, R. A. Sprague, H. M. Pearson, W. T. F. Wightman P. Heath, R. V. McIntyre and W. S. Hebden.

F./Officer John Grierson frequently pays a visit to Cranwell. Recently he gave a very good account on the wireless of his flight to Iceland.

The Editor thanks Group-Captain S. Evill and P./Officer B. H. Becker for useful letters about the College JOURNAL.

We have also received several letters from the relatives of the late P./Officer Eric Collyns, and the late P./Officer R. Rolph.

The address of Mr. E. J. Beresford is The Eagle Hotel, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent. Here he flourishes exceedingly and meets again many of his friends.

E. Hope-Jones is going up to King's, Cambridge, and intends to become a schoolmaster. We feel sure he will get his Blue for running.

All will be glad to hear of the recovery of F./Officer P. B. Coote after an anxious time.

F./Officer J. A. C. Stratton and F./Officer J. G. Llewellyn are often seen on the Belton Course, but their attitude to Colonel Bogey is not menacing. They had a good foursome recently in company with Air Vice-Marshal Halahan.

F./Lieut. P. J. Halahan is captain of the Cranwell XV; F./Officer I. Newbigging and F./Officer F. F. Wicks are often seen in cross-country runs with their men; and sometimes ascend the rostrum to harangue the troops at Debating Society meetings.

F./Officer R. L. Phillips frequently whips-in for the College Beagles.

F./Lieut. G. R. Beamish has decided to give up international football. He is now in the Sudan. F./Officer J. Worrall is at Heliopolis.

F./Officer W. R. Beaman has boxed for the Services this season, and always puts up a plucky show.

We were glad to see that F./Officer I. G. Mackay made a safe landing recently with his parachute after a minor collision of his machine with another single-seater near Hornchurch.

F./Officer E. Corbally has a special appointment in Iraq.

The following Old Cranwellians have visited the College recently: F./Lieut. Allinson, F./Officers Beamish (C.), Llewellyn, Pratt, Sinclair, Drew (F.), Elsmie, Fraser, Heycock, McKechnie, Coote, Elsner, Leigh, Geoghegan, Peel, Bradford, Parish, Pearson-Rogers, Seymour, Badger, Becker, Carver, Chacksfield, Walker, Coventry, Heber-Percy and Bader.

Fifty letters were sent out to Old Cranwellians in search of news. There were only three responses, and the Editor has fallen back, as in the past, on the assistance of Mr. J. A. Lyon, hall porter at the College.

We were sorry to hear of the retirement from the Service owing to ill-health of F./Lieuts. F. C. T. Rowe, R. F. Part, and F./Officer P. Dudgeon.

F./Lieut. Victor Beamish has retired from the Service and is spending a happy and restful holiday at his home at Larne, near Belfast.

F./Officer A. Wall continues to act as Sub-Editor of the JOURNAL.

We have also had hurried visits from F./Lieut. J. C. Cunningham, P./Officer D. A. Pemberton and F./Officer and Mrs. Henzell.

We are glad to hear that F./Officer B. A. Fraser is now none the worse for his accident.

There was a good company at Swinderby for the pretty country wedding of F./Lieut. J. Merer to Miss Cecily Wray, of Lingmoor.

"W. E. S. T." writes:—

"11th November, 1933.

"Your letter was sent on to me from Tangmere, as I am up here on a Conversion Course to Fleet Fighters. There are six of us on the course, and five of the six are ex-Cranwell. They are: R. G. Stone, P. R. Robinson, M. K. D. Porter, E. D. M. Nelson and myself.

"A. M. Doran passed through here the other day—he had flown from Novar and seems to be thoroughly in the Fleet.

"Parish has been over once or twice from Donibristle; he is with 100 Squadron getting ready to go to Singapore."

"R. L. W." writes:—

"25th November, 1933.

"I came out here in the autumn of last year as Camp Commandant, which means that I look after the seventy or so clerks, wireless operators and M.T. drivers in the Headquarters.

"I also run messages for the A.O.C. and fly him about the country.

"Thanks to this, I have done a lot of travelling, and have seen most of the things of interest in this and some of the neighbouring countries; and as you probably remember from your tour out here, there is much of interest to be seen.

"If you are coming out again do let me know, and if you will come to Jerusalem I should be delighted to put you up.

"In August I flew an officer over to Iraq for a week's flying tour of that command. We saw Babylon, Kerbala, the Arch of Ctesiphon and many other wonders, also the Banzan area in the hills north-east of Mosul, which I thought one of the most wonderful bits of 'country' in the world.

"In September I was lent for a period as A.D.C. to the Acting High Commissioner, a most interesting but exacting experience. Batches of officers from the Fleet came and stayed and there was an official banquet and reception for the Emperor of Ethiopia.

"There is a pack of hounds down in the plain with which we chase jackals; unfortunately there are too many of them, and orange groves make good cover. What fences there are are cactus; this, I find, encourages a sure—and sometimes a sore—seat.

"There are no other Cranwellians here; Moorby is at Amman, but I expect he will write to you himself. He built a landing ground in the desert this spring."

F./Lieut. P. W. L. H. writes:—

"30th November, 1933.

"I have been a member of the 'gilded staff' since January this year and like the job now that I am more settled and have come into contact with the very nice people one meets in the Auxiliary and Special Reserve Squadrons.

"Stanley-Turner joined No. 1 Air Defence Group in May; Falconer is just finishing a tour as Adjutant of No. 608 Squadron, Thornaby; and Healy is in a similar position in No. 600 Squadron, Hendon.

"Until recently Prickman was Adjutant of No. 500 Squadron, Manston, and Hawtrey has just started in No. 601 Squadron, Hendon."

The Editor acknowledges a helpful letter with promises of assistance in the future from F./Officer R. E. de T. Vintras, who is now stationed at Sealand.

We were glad to see F./Officers D. W. Lane, K. P. Lewis and H. J. Pringle at Cranwell recently. F./Officer H. Eeles is shortly returning from Egypt.

Congratulations on their promotion to F./Lieuts. S. R. Groom, C. E. Beamish and A. W. Hunt.

F./Lieut. G. R. C. Spencer is joining the next course at the Staff College.

The Editor acknowledges with pleasure a large Christmas mail from Old Cranwellians, including Group-Captain Tyrrell and Squadron-Leader Durston.

We are sorry to hear of the death of P./Officer Raymond Edward de P'entheny O'Kelly. He was a keen cricketer and a good fellow.

We were glad to see the announcement of the engagement of Wing Commander A. J. Capel.

IN MEMORIAM.

WE are sorry to record the death of Francis Arthur Southby, who was killed in a motor accident on his return to the College this term. He was a sound pilot, a keen cricketer, and had his colours for boxing. But in the limited space at our disposal we prefer to record rather his cheerful and amusing character. He was brimful of original ideas and it was a pleasure to discuss them with him. In his company there was never a dull moment, and often much laughter.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

E. HOPE-JONES is at King's College, Cambridge, where he has met F./Lieut. B. T. Shelley, at Downing. He has won his colours for running.

We were glad to see F./Lieut. H. Sawyer and his wife on a hurried visit from Felixstowe; and F./Lieut. and Mrs. G. M. Knocker back from Singapore.

All his friends, especially those who knew him as a Flight Cadet, were sorry to hear of the death, in a motor accident, of F./Officer R. T. P. Clarkson. At Cranwell he was popular for his enthusiasm in work and games; and particularly for the plucky way he survived a bad accident at Cranwell which knocked him about but did not in any way affect his honest pleasant character.

Congratulations on their marriages to F./Officer F. Drew, F./Lieut. V. B. Bennett, F./Lieut. J. B. M. Wallis, P./Officer J. Grierson, F./Lieut. J. H. Hutchinson, F./Lieut. D. J. Waghorn, Wing-Commander A. J. Capel, F./Lieut. S. H. Hardy, F./Officer W. V. L. Spendlove, and F./Officer R. H. A. Leigh.

F./Lieut. J. A. E. Stratton and F./Officer Heber-Percy are often to be seen on the golf course at Belton, and sometimes issue loud challenges to the Educational Staff at the College.

The Editor begs to acknowledge helpful letters from F./Lieut. R. H. S. Spaight, Sqdn.-Ldr. H. V. Rowley, F./Officer H. Chesterman, F./Officer E. Corbally, F./Lieut. Lowe Holmes, and F./Lieut. D. L. S. Ward.

Graham Dickson, who unfortunately had to leave us owing to his inability to fly, has now gone to Sandhurst, where we shall look out for him at our next visit. F. Norton is also hoping to get into Sandhurst.

F./Officer C. Broughton writes advising fellows who are posted to India to bring as little uniform as possible from home, as it all can be bought better and more cheaply in India.

F./Lieut. Geoffrey Francis, like F./Officers P. Broad and J. Sabine, has been getting some hunting, and meditates joining the Cranwell Hunt Club, to which F./Officer A. F. McKenna is a recruit.

Several friendly messages have been received from Provost and Mrs. Kenneth Warner, who were at first surprised by the caricature of the padre in our last issue. They visited the College last July.

An interesting letter has been received from F./Lieut. J. Cottle, who is seconded to the Egyptian Army. He is now a proud father.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of F./Officer D. J. Douthwaite. He was one of the most important members of the College Mess; always ready to enter into sport, and always full of good humour. Yet he took a remarkably just view of things and persons. We remember him recently in the Cranwell Play, when he played his double part most convincingly; and also for his plucky effort in the Cranwell Boxing Team. He was to have captained the Old Cranwellian Cricket side this summer.

F./Lieut. and Mrs. Sweeney came over with Mrs. and Miss Longmore to see "Journey's End" at the College recently.

F./Officer John Peel is in the Fleet Air Arm, and is thinking regretfully of cricket.

Lawrence Middleton is busy helping to farm the large estates in which his home, Belsay Castle, is situated. He is very well.

F./Officer T. Doran made the most of his stay in Gibraltar, exploring Andalusia in company with E. T. Edwards.

The following have visited the College this term: F./Lieuts. S. H. Hardy, C. B. R. Pelly, G. C. Dickens, H. M. Mellor, B. Yarde, J. G. Hawtreay and A. E. Dark; F./Officers R. Elsmie, V. Sawyer, D. B. D. Field, B. Becker, B. A. Chacksfield, C. J. Giles, H. Andrews, D. Lane, P. B. Coote, A. W. Geoghegan, Du Boulay, M. A. Aylmer, R. C. Jonas, R. B. Council, L. Williams, H. A. V. Hogan, D. R. Evans, J. W. C. More, H. Eeles, M. W. S. Robinson, N. E. Morrison, C. S. Moore, R. L. Wilkinson, H. P. Broad, G. J. L. Read, and S. J. Marchbank; and P./Officer A. H. Jarand.

The following have graduated from the R.A.F. Staff College: F./Lieuts. D. W. F. Bonham-Carter, H. A. D. Brook and H. H. Brookes. The following are at the R.A.F. Staff College: F./Lieuts. C. K. Barnett, R. H. Carter, C. J. Collingwood, A. D. Davies, E. A. Healy, C. E. Nicholletts, R. A. P. Pritchett and G. R. Spencer.

The following have played for the R.A.F. at Rugby: F./Officers D. Finlay, R. Elsmie and F./Lieut. J. G. Llewelyn. F./Lieut. C. E. J. Beamish was captain of the team as well as captain of the Irish XV; F./Lieut. G. R. Beamish captained the R.A.F. Rugby team against the Army, in Egypt.

In hockey the following played for the R.A.F.: F./Officers S. J. Marchbank and D. Lascelles, and F./Lieut. W. D. Butler.

In the School of Storekeeping: F./Officer A. Wall and F./Officer R. D. Williams.

F./Lieut. P. J. H. Halahan is now adjutant of the College.

Many officers and senior ex-cadets of the College will recollect the kindness of "Mum" Davies, and will be glad to hear that she is in good health.

M. Morrissey I last saw in Cologne. He is employed by Imperial Airways and has been posted to Egypt.

F./Officer J. Grierson, R.A.F.O., has been unfortunate in his third effort to fly to America by the Arctic route with the aid of wireless "homing" apparatus. In the first attempt last summer his seaplane was seriously damaged in taking off from Reykjavik, in Iceland, for Greenland, and the flight was abandoned. He left Rochester on 20th July this year in a new seaplane and flew to Reykjavik, but was again unlucky in taking off for the crossing to Greenland, his machine colliding with a boat in the harbour. Mr. Grierson brought the broken metal float of the seaplane back to England by steamer. After getting it repaired he returned to Iceland and resumed his flight from Reykjavik.

On his next attempt to fly to Angmagssalik he was forced to land in a fiord twenty miles east of it, from which he sent a message asking for help and stating that he had food for ten days. In a message to *The Times* he said:—

"The weather was excellent until ninety miles from Iceland, where a thick cloud bank covered the sea. I decided to fly above the cloud, and saw no sea for three hours. Consequently it was not possible to judge the wind. The cloud ended fifty miles short of Greenland.

"The coast stood out in black and white with many icebergs. Knowing the map to be unreliable, I tried to find Angmagssalik by dead-reckoning. This failed, the homing apparatus again being jammed by travellers. I continued flying along the coast for an hour without seeing any signs of human habitation, though I had actually flown straight over Angmagssalik. Turning back to where dead-reckoning had first indicated a settlement, I landed with ten gallons of petrol in the only moderately ice-free fiord visible, having before doing so sent a message asking that a search be made. My trailing aerial was torn away by an iceberg. Taxiing through the ice to the end of the fiord, I beached my aeroplane, *Robert Bruce*, among the boulders in the glacial stream. The tide left the machine dry, and I prepared to wait at least three days for searchers. I tried taking pemmican without much joy. Having removed the battery box from the cabin, it was possible to huddle between the main petrol tank and the wireless set. The temperature was below freezing-point during the night.

"When filling the windy gaps with adhesive tape this morning suddenly I heard a noise like wild birds screaming. To my very great joy I saw Eskimos running over the rocks towards me. I was scarcely able to believe that I had been found so soon, and grasped each Eskimo firmly by the hand, the only way of showing my great gratitude and relief. Behind came the pastor who had brought the expedition. He gave me tea and bread, while one Eskimo shot a salmon.

"At high tide I unbeached the *Bruce* and took off between the icefloes, landing here safely a quarter of an hour later. All the population, Eskimos and Danes, turned out to welcome me, and the Governor rowed out to moor up the seaplane. I am the first visitor here for nearly a year. They had seen me fly directly over the settlement yesterday. I shall continue my flight to Godthaab to-morrow, after repairing the aerial, if the weather is fine."

A letter has been received by the Editor, from Iraq, and reads:—
"Dear Editor,

"Many thanks for your letter, which I am afraid I have been a long time answering. Also I wish to thank you for an excellent and very welcome copy of the Magazine, which was a joy to me—even more so, I think, than to many Old Cranwellians, because most of my short term in the Service has been spent at Cranwell, and I have seen it from the point of view of the slave and the slave-driver. I sincerely hope that one day I shall be posted back there to some duty in connection with the College.

"I was looking through the Air Force List and noticed that I have been at Cranwell with quite a lot of people, starting with Constantine's and Beisiegel's term, which came to Cranwell in January, 1926, and ending with the present second term (Piers Kelly's term), which will leave in July, 1935.

"I am afraid I cannot give you much Old Cranwellian news because I am not living at Hinaidi, but in a house near Baghdad, but those I have seen round and about are Brian Yarde, who has just gone home on completion of his tour out here; John Marson, who is at the Depot at Hinaidi; and Franks, who is attached to the Iraq Air Force. Franks lives close to me and was most kind to me when I first arrived; I see quite a lot of him. Also I have seen John Owen, who has just come out and is in 70 Squadron.

"It is rather difficult to remember whom I have seen or not seen, but as I am sure it is what you want, here are some more names. Oliver is in 55 Squadron, and whips-in to the Exodus Hunt. Whitworth is in 70 Squadron, and is often to be seen out hunting; he is keeping fit and likes being here a lot. Bradford, who has just come out, is in the Armoured Cars, and a newly-appointed whipper-in to the Exodus; also, of course, Geoffrey Stephenson, who is Personal Assistant to Air Vice-Marshal Burnett, having a good time playing polo and flying all over the place with the A.O.C. B. R. Fraser and myself are living together with a third flying officer (not Cranwell, but from C.U.A.S.) in this house, and studying this infernal language. Among people I have seen (not Old Cranwellians, but who have been here with me) are Wing-Commander Wiseman, from

F./Officer R. Elsmie, playing for the "Escorts" against the American Ladies, beat Miss Anne Page.

We have had visits this term from the Rev. McHardy, flown up to Cranwell by F./Lieuts. H. M. Groves and C. E. Chilton, and F./Officers R. R. Fairweather and W. V. L. Spendlove; F./Officer H. A. V. Hogan came for the Milocarian Contest; P./Officers C. R. J. Pink and P. Seymour looked in for lunch one day, and F./Officer A. O. Molesworth was here for three days on an exercise.

We are sorry to read of the death of F./Lieut. R. Brown. He had only been at Cranwell a few days before his death. Many will recollect his cheery good nature and his good humour.

We are also sorry to report the death of F./Officer W. E. S. Tanner. A pleasant young fellow it would be hard to find. I remember well sitting with him in the pavilion when he was waiting to go in last. He never made any runs, except on a notable occasion against "the Shop." But he was waiting with great excitement for his first over.

The following is a section of a letter to the Editor in regard to him:—
"He never missed a mail, and each weekly letter brought a copy of his diary for each day. In this way we were in touch with all his doings and inner thoughts. If he had nothing good to say of anyone he said nothing. We have wonderful memories of him, as he was never afraid of the truth. Cricket was a great joy to him and we were very proud of the interest and help you fine sportsmen extended to him; he was always grateful to you all."

F./Lieut. G. F. MacPherson is Adjutant at No. 603 Squadron, Turnhouse, and in his spare time plays golf and edits their record.

We were sorry to lose, last term, K. F. Comyn, through his inability to fly, and we hope that those friends who are working on his behalf will be able to get him a job.

We have also lost, for the same reason, J. W. Weston. One is so sorry to lose a man whose whole heart was in this place; who took a full part in all its activities, and was an example by his attainments and by his excellence. We hope he will keep in touch with the College.

P./Officer J. Grierson, R.A.F.O., has written a book on flying, entitled "Through Russia by Air." It is very interesting. A copy is in the Library.

John Anderson's name will also be familiar to some Old Cranwellians. He is now at the Metropolitan Police College.

Accounts); Frank Inglis, who is in G.H.Q.; Brister, whom one used to see at Cranwell a lot in connection with Trade Test Boards; and finally, last but by no means least, F./Lieut. Fagan, who flew over here about a fortnight ago to ferry an aeroplane over to Egypt. It was a very pleasant surprise seeing him again (I saw him for a brief second on the way out while we were passing through the Suez Canal).

"I am afraid that finishes me with regard to Old Cranwellians, and now I will give you a little about myself. I am liking it quite a lot out here and am enjoying my job, which has good prospects afterwards, and I must say from that point of view I am content.

"The language study interests me and I am able to do a certain amount in that direction. Of course, like everybody else, I go through waves of depression and wonder why the devil I ever set myself in for it, but then I recover and find that I am happy and like the work. I miss my uniform and aeroplane sometimes, but that is merely a childish sense of one's own importance, and, anyway, I shall appreciate them so much more when I go back to a flying job. As for the actual country; at the moment I am having the life, but as you know the country is just about the most unattractive thing there is to look at in the world. But I am keeping fit, playing a lot of squash and tennis, and have a useful pony. I enclose a picture, and I am hunting a great deal with the Exodus Hunt, which gives good sport and so have many useful runs, notably one particularly long one recently when the Master, Whitworth, Bradford and myself were the only ones who saw the remaining hound kill.

"I am afraid there is a lack of subjects, and my literary talent is such that you won't be getting anything which might be of interest for the Magazine. But if I do, or see anything that might be of general interest, I will try to record it on paper. This letter will have to do instead; and on your part, if you have a moment, don't forget I am intensely interested in Cranwell, the Blankney Hounds, and England in general.

"Remember me to my friends."

Another letter to the Editor runs:—

"It is an unfortunate fact that many officers hate India from the moment the news of their posting arrives. Much of the antipathy is due of course, to the fact that India is 6,000 miles away and that the posting there are normally for the long period of five years. But much is due also, I am sure, to the idea at the back of people's minds that India is all heat and general beastliness. I have tried to show in my article that this is not the case. If it would convert a few officers who are posted there to the idea that the country is not so bad after all, it would serve a very useful purpose. In the interests of historical accuracy (and let it be added personal pride!) I should be honoured if you would cause a small addition to be made opposite my name in the historical roll in the College Entrance Hall, i.e., that I was a Flight Cadet 'Corporal' while at Cranwell."

Old Cranwellians will be interested to hear that Mr. Pobgee and Mr. Panton of the College Household Staff have now been posted to the Metropolitan Police College. They will be sorry to hear of the death of Mr. T. Hawley, who was a good all-round sportsman and a respected servant.

The following also have visited the College this term: F./Lieuts. A. P. F. M. Berkeley, H. M. Groves and S. L. Blunt; F./Officers W. R. Worsfall, C. J. Giles, J. A. C. Stratton and D. Lane; P./Officers A. P. Gray, C. Flood, Daljit Singh and Narendra.

The following attended His Majesty's Levee on 27th March: P./Officers C. H. Brandon, C. J. P. Flood and L. G. Levis; F./Lieuts. G. Nicholletts and Stanley Turner; F./Officer J. Weston.

F./Lieut. W. K. Beisiegel captained Leicestershire in their victorious match over Yorkshire.

F./Officer E. D. M. Nelson was in the Lightweights of the Imperial Service Boxing Championships.

Congratulations to: F./Lieut. W. A. D. Brook on the birth of a son; F./Officer J. A. H. Loudon on the birth of a son; Wing-Commander A. Coningham on the birth of a daughter; F./Lieut. John Homer on the birth of a son; F./Lieut. C. W. Weedon on the birth of a daughter.

Congratulations on their engagements to: F./Officer H. B. Wrigley, F./Lieut. A. D. Davies, F./Lieut. N. D. D'Aeth, and F./Officer P. B. Coote.

E. J. B. Bunting had to leave the College recently owing to ill-health. We are hoping that he will get a job at an engineering firm.

On 6th June, P./Officer John Parish, who regret to hear, was killed in an accident at Johore Strait, Singapore. He was educated at Uppingham, and was skilled in the theory and practice of flying.

In the Headquarters' Race at the Display this year Sqdn.-Ldr. S. P. Simpson represented Cranwell in a Hart; F./Officer G. F. Heycock, inland Area, in an Audax; and F./Officer E. S. Dru Drury, No. 1 Air Defence Group, in a Bulldog. Other O.C.s who took part in the show were F./Lieuts. J. L. F. Fullergood, G. J. K. Coggle, T. N. McEvoy, E. A. Healy, S. L. Blunt, D. P. Waghorn and H. J. Pringle; F./Officers W. V. L. Spendlove, R. R. Fairweather and R. B. Jordan.

Another letter runs:—

"I returned to the inner fold on 12th March this year, but although intended for 'A' Squadron I have finished up as something to do with the Armament Training Corps, in company with several ex-Cranwellians. Bartlett (newly promoted) is at Catfoss; Patch and Cary (the latter also newly promoted) are at North Coates Fitties; and Beamish and Blackden are two of the shining lights at Sutton Bridge.

"On the Staff of the Air Armament School there are F./Lieut. Homer and F./Officer Loudon, whilst F./Officers MacDonald and Reed are in the Flights of 'B' Squadron. Dasher, Eeles and Hobson are just doing the 'A' Course, and Spreckley is well on the way to his astral qualification. F./Lieut. Desmond came here originally as Station Adjutant, but he is now Acting Chief Instructor owing to a reshuffle of jobs due to the posting of the Commandant without an immediate relief.

"You will have noticed that at last an Air Armament Group has been formed. I take it that the striking arm of our Service will now receive more and more consideration."

Another letter runs:—

"We set out from Calcutta and called at Rangoon, Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and so to Japan. It took us a month to get there as the ship's top speed was twelve knots, and we were delayed by fog in the China Sea. We spent two days in Japan (and a great deal of money) and decided to go by P. & O. as far as Singapore on the return journey. This ship is supposed to be one of the company's latest, but it is really only a glorified boarding-house, and the food is not good. I expect you know this part of the world fairly well. I confess that this trip has revealed to me how fortunate we are to be stationed in India. The life led by the English in Japan, under the control of the Chauvinist Japanese Government, is a dog's life, and I don't think that the English in Shanghai, Hong Kong, or Singapore, are very much better off, as living is expensive."

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[Though the Cranwellian Notes began to increase in volume by the mid-30s, the majority of the news related to alumni 'Hatch, Match & Despatch', or letters to the Editor, exemplifying the Journal as a prime social medium for Old Cranwellians.]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

THE General Meeting of the Association will take place at the R.A.F. College on 3rd July, 1935—the day of the Annual Reunion and cricket match between Past and Present.

The Editor thanks all those Old Cranwellians who have written useful letters to him about the "Short History of Cranwell."

We were sorry to hear of the death at Aston Clinton, Bucks, on 22nd September, 1934, of C. H. G. Brembridge.

Brembridge entered the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, in 1923, where he became a Cadet Under-Officer and played Rugby football for the College. He was posted to No. 207 (Bomber) Squadron on passing out, and in March, 1928, he was appointed to No. 2 Flying Training School for air-pilotage duties, and in 1929 he went to No. 4 Flying Training School, Egypt. He resigned his commission in September, 1929, and went to Canada, where he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. On his return to this country in 1933 he joined National Aviation Day, Ltd., and flew in Sir Alan Cobham's Circus last summer. In the autumn he went to India, and while he was home on leave was acting as a temporary pilot for Sir Alan Cobham.

Congratulations on their marriages to F./Lieut. R. S. Darbishire, F./Lieut. S. L. Blunt, F./Lieut. G. H. Wheeler, F./Officer C. Baines and F./Officer W. V. L. Spendlove.

F./Officer J. Grierson, R.A.F.O., completed his Arctic flight and was greeted by the Royal Canadian Air Force on his arrival at Ottawa after his flight in a Fox Moth seaplane across the Atlantic. He is now busy on technical reports for Cambridge, America and Japan, and is reading papers to several aeronautical societies.

F./Lieut. E. B. Steedman took a third class in the Mechanical Science Tripos at Cambridge, 1934.

Many Old Cranwellians have passed their language tests, notably, F./Lieut. J. R. Mutch, F./Officer E. J. Corbally, F./Officer B. A. Fraser, F./Officer K. R. Coates, F./Lieut. J. C. Cunningham, F./Officer W. E. Oulton, F./Officer N. G. Goodman and F./Lieut. Y. Harris.

We are also very sorry to record the death of F./Officer L. N. Elsner, who was killed when his aeroplane, after alighting on the deck, plunged over the bows of the aircraft carrier *Courageous* in the Firth of Forth on 5th October, 1934. One of the drag wires slung across the deck broke and the machine careered over the side.

Elsner was born in Pretoria, and was a son of O. W. A. Elsner, C.B.E., D.S.O., of Richmond, Yorkshire. He was educated at the Imperial Service College, Windsor, and entered the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, in January, 1930. He played Rugby football for the College and was Sub-Editor of the College JOURNAL. He became an Under-Officer before he passed out in December, 1931. He was posted to No. 18 (Bomber) Squadron at Upper Heyford, and in May, 1933, to No. 810 Squadron in H.M.S. *Courageous*.

Many will recall him as a charming, constructive youth with high ambition, of which he sometimes spoke to his friends. He was a graceful athlete. Indeed *Nihil Tetigit Quod Non Ornavit*.

Among those who have visited the College this term are: F./Lieut. H. M. Mellor, F./Lieut. G. R. Elmsie, F./Officer J. A. Powell, F./Officer C. S. Moore, F./Officer L. G. Levis, F./Officer C. T. Weir, F./Officer A. W. Geoghegan, F./Officer H. L. Andrews, F./Officer M. Dawney, F./Officer G. F. W. Heycock, F./Officer F. Wicks, F./Officer R. L. Phillips, F./Lieut. C. Beamish, F./Officer Gaskell, P./Officer Hards, F./Officer Charles, P./Officer Riddell and P./Officer P. Ashton.

Congratulations on the birth of a son to F./Lieut. and Mrs. G. P. Chamberlain; on the birth of a son to F./Officer and Mrs. P. Heath; and on the birth of a son to F./Lieut. and Mrs. F. Whittle.

Congratulations on their engagements to: F./Lieut. H. M. Mellor, who still keeps up his high standard at squash rackets; to F./Officer R. H. E. Emson, who won the Sword of Honour at the College in 1931:

and to F./Officer John Mutch, F./Lieut. Charles Ryley, F./Officer C. M. Windsor; F./Lieut. R. B. Councell; F./Lieut. R. A. R. Mangles.

F./Lieut. J. L. F. Fuller-Good is in charge of the first course of University graduates at Cranwell.

In future all officers who are appointed to permanent commissions in the R.A.F. from the Universities will be trained at the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, instead of at one of the Flying Training Schools. The first entries under this scheme were posted to Cranwell on 29th September, 1934.

The University candidates for permanent commissions must be under 25 years of age, have taken a degree after three years' residence, and have been recommended by the governing body of a recognized University. After passing the Medical Board at the Air Ministry they are attached to a flying unit during their long vacation. If the Commanding Officer's report is favourable they are granted a commission and posted to Cranwell and given twelve months' seniority.

The University entries normally will have five months' training instead of the ten months given to those appointed to short-service commissions.

The following are at the College: P./Officers F. G. Frow, A. E. Trail, J. G. MacIntyre, B. Ball, J. O. Hinks and B. K. Burnett.

Everyone was sorry to hear of the death, through a motor accident, of P./Officer F. A. Edelsten, after so short a stay at the College. He had his own private plane, and already had 400 hours to his credit. He held the promise of a successful career in the Service.

These Old Cranwellians are here: F./Lieuts. W. K. Beisiegel and V. B. Bennett; F./Officer W. T. F. Wightman is a Professor of Navigation at the College; F./Lieut. J. L. F. Fuller-Good, who is in charge of the Cambridge graduates; F./Lieut. R. A. T. Stowell, who hunts regularly with the Blankney and the Belvoir; F./Lieut. P. J. H. Halahan, who is Adjutant to the College and has done much for the 2nd Rugger XV; F./Lieut. G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley, who is in charge of Armament, but manages to get in some hunting; F./Officer R. A. Sprague; F./Officer W. I. H. Burke, who keeps up his fencing; F./Officer P. Heath; F./Officer R. V. MacIntyre, who plays rugger for the College; F./Officer Denys B. D. Field, who is playing down to a low handicap at Rauceby, when he is not treading the boards; F./Lieut. Walter J. M. Akerman, who is Adjutant of the Electrical and Wireless School.

F./Officer T. U. C. Shirley, playing rugger; F./Officer H. B. Wrigley, playing soccer; F./Officer W. P. G. Pretty, devoted to the Thespian art; F./Officer W. T. H. Nichols, a physician to old cars, are all on the wireless course.

The Old Cranwellian rugger team of 17th October, 1934, was composed as follows: F./Lieut. J. L. F. Fuller-Good; F./Lieut. H. M. Pearson, F./Officer T. U. C. Shirley, F./Officer M. W. S. Robinson and F./Officer N. C. Walker; F./Officer W. S. Reed and F./Officer T. N. Coslett; F./Officer P. Heath, F./Officer G. R. A. Elmsie, F./Officer R. V. MacIntyre, P./Officer D. Finlay, P./Officer M. A. Aylmer, P./Officer H. Molyneux, P./Officer A. T. D. Sanders and P./Officer R. G. Yaxley. It was raised by F./Officer P. B. Coote.

Among the visitors at this match were: F./Officers R. L. Wilkinson, R. L. Wallace, W. R. Wills-Sandford, C. E. Littler, P. B. Coote, R. C. Jonas, H. P. Broad, L. G. Belchem, J. A. Powell and H. A. V. Hogan, and P./Officer E. E. Vielle.

J. Weston is now on the staff of the Power Petroleum Company (of 77, Strand, London, W.C.2), and the Editor thanks him for a kind letter.

Three replicas of pictures, of which the originals are the property of the Electrical and Wireless School, have been painted by Captain E. Verpilleux, and are now to be found in the Senior Cadets' Ante-Room. These pictures represent (a) The Dawn Patrol at Drogland; (b) Scene on the Western Front; (c) The Battery Commander's Dug-out during an Aeroplane Shoot.

The Editor acknowledges kind letters from: Wing-Commanders C. N. Lowe and G. E. Livock; Squadron-Leaders I. M. Rodney, G. E. Gibbs, H. M. Massey and C. G. Burge; F./Lieuts. R. L. Sweeny, G. M. Knocker, D. L. S. Ward, R. B. Councell, S. H. V. Harris, E. M. Grundy, J. G. Llewelyn, R. C. Preston and G. F. Macpherson; F./Officers A. M. Doran, D. Lane, J. Thompson, J. Pink, J. W. Weston and J. Grierson, R.A.F.O.; Captain W. E. Cragg; Squadron-Leader F. L. N. Hollinghurst; Lieut. H. M. Mellor, and R. Utley.

F./Officer J. V. C. B. writes:—

"It was gratifying to receive your request for information regarding Old Cranwellians, although it is amazing how few one meets in the home squadrons. Carver and I spent a happy year in No. 43 Squadron and were very sorry to leave.

"He sailed for Aden in the *Lancashire* on 8th October with about ten others of our term, including Walker, Owens, Spencer, Jarand, Tidd and Hancock.

"In March, Carver was placed second in the essay which is written annually for the A.D.G.B. Individual Training Scheme in Fighting Area.

"I left Tangmere in July to join Weir, Disbrey, Stewart, Levis, Knyvett and Gray at Leuchars to undergo the Fleet Air Arm conversion course. We spent seven very pleasant weeks there, which culminated in our successful deck-landings on H.M.S. *Courageous*.

"Subsequently we spent a short time in the F.A.A. Pool at Gosport before being posted to various units. Disbrey and Peacock went to No. 823 Squadron at Donibristle; Stewart went to No. 801 Squadron in the *Courageous*; Weir, Knyvett and Gray sailed in the *Hermes* last week for China; I have been posted to the S. of N.C. at Lee; and Levis still remains in the Pool at Gosport.

"Here there are only two other Old Cranwellians: F./Lieut. Philpott, who is doing well in the R.A.F. Squash Championships at the moment and is also in the R.A.F. XV to play Notts on Wednesday. F./Officer Pearce, a brother of the one in my term, is just leaving us to do the long N. Course at Calshot.

"I am afraid that exhausts my meagre store of information, but I hope it will be of service to you and the JOURNAL.

"We were very sorry to see that the College lost both rugger matches again this year, but hope to see the R.A.F. side give a good account of itself. On paper it gives rise to great hopes.

"Permit me to tender my congratulations on the publication of your History of Cranwell. I only wish greater efforts were made to place the traditions of Cranwell on a par with the "Shop" and R.M.C., because very few people in the Service who are not Old Cranwellians know anything about the College.

"I had a typical illustration of this last night when my C.O. asked me to have a talk with his wife *re* Cranwell, as they hope to send their son into the R.A.F. and are in doubt about sending him to the College or a 'varsity first. So you see a C.O. may appreciate the value of a Cranwell officer, but he does not know *why*.

"Well, sir, I will close, wishing you a very happy Christmas."

The Cranwell Hunt Club flourishes; it has one Flight-Cadet, G. Wallace, hunting; and among other regular members are F./Lieut. T. C. Worsley, F./Officer A. F. McKenna, Squadron-Leader and Mrs. E. H. Martingell, F./Officer P. Broad, F./Officer M. W. Robinson and F./Officer E. Morrison. F./Lieut. R. A. Poyntz-Roberts (lately the commander of a flight here) is out regularly from Grantham.

The R.A.F. Squash contest was closely fought in 1934, and this is *The Times'* account of the final:—

"By beating Flying Officer J. W. C. More by three games to one (9—6, 9—0, 8—10, 9—4) in the final round Flying Officer G. R. A. Elmsie managed to retain the R.A.F. Championship at Queen's Club on Saturday, but he had to play as well as he knew how before he subdued the indomitable More in a match which lasted for over 40 minutes.

"More is really a remarkable player. He ran so much that it was almost surprising that Elmsie did not lose both his patience and, with it, the match. The first game was a fair sample of what was going to happen. After a nervous start, during which he presented Elmsie with three aces, More started to run. There were 14 blank hands before More won an ace with a side-wall nick, and scarcely was this a thing of the past before there were eight more at 4—1.

"Things improved a little after this, as there were only four blank hands at 5—1, but the length of the rallies was no less astounding. Needless to say Elmsie was playing some delightful strokes well; otherwise More would not have had to run so much, and he took the long first game at length with a forehand drop.

"The second game was very different. More had not yet his second wind, and Elmsie was masking and placing his shots very well. Nevertheless, although Elmsie reached 6—0 in his first hand, he could not win one ace outright. After More had been in and out without scoring Elmsie suddenly switched his attack from drops to kills and length strokes, and after one more blank hand at game-ball he took a close game with a volley down the side wall.

"The third game was the hardest-fought of all. Elmsie led 3—0 and 5—3, but it really seemed impossible to score a winning shot against More, and it was weary work waiting for him to make a mistake. If More had had any real scoring strokes he might have won even after losing the first two games, but he indicated both the nature and the direction of his drops, and he was rarely in a position in the forecourt to score with his favourite forehand kill. Yet he managed to lead at 6—5, going ahead with a service that died in the backhand corner. Then Elmsie steadied himself and made a great little run of three to reach match point with a forehand drop. One of the longest rallies in the whole match followed, until Elmsie, who was looking far from happy, miss-hit the ball on the forehand. Then it was More's turn to reach game-ball after Elmsie had set two. More at length won the game with a backhand drop.

"More took the lead at 4—1 in the fourth game, but although Elmsie was still rather worried, it was really only a gallant effort on More's part. The crisis of the game came at 4—3 in More's favour. He held on grimly, but after five blank hands and a rally of 31 strokes he suddenly cracked and Elmsie went to 6—4. More put him out once again with a forehand kill that nicked, but he could not score, and Elmsie made another run of three for the match, during which for the second time in the game More was too exhausted to move out of the way of his own shot."

Professor O. S. Sinnatt has been ordered a rest by the doctors. We all regret his absence and wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

The Editor thanks the great company of Old Cranwellians who have written to him at Christmas, 1934. He would be grateful to them at all times with help in the compilation of these notes.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

THE following Old Cranwellians are now at the College: F./Lieuts. R. A. T. Stowell, B. C. Yarde, P. J. H. Halahan, L. W. Dickens, H. J. Pringle, G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley, W. S. Hebden, W. T. F. Wightman, W. I. H. Burke, R. V. McIntyre, G. D. Stephenson, C. E. J. Baines, D. B. D. Field, C. W. Williams, L. V. Andrews and John Peel.

We offer our congratulations to Squadron-Leader and Mrs. L. F. Pendred on the birth of a son.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. and Mrs. P. W. Lowe-Holmes on their marriage, and to F./Lieut. and Mrs. J. A. Powell; also to F./Lieut. and Mrs. A. L. Franks, F./Lieut. and Mrs. W. S. Hebden, F./Lieut. and Mrs. A. D. Selway, F./Lieut. and Mrs. A. P. Bett, and F./Lieut. and Mrs. J. Worrall.

Congratulations on their engagements to F./Lieuts. H. R. Dale, G. F. Whiston Dale, C. W. M. Ling, J. S. Sabine, F. H. Tyson, D. W. Lane, M. L. Heath, J. P. Cecil-Wright, W. T. H. Nichols and D. I. P. MacNair, and to F./Officers H. G. Leonard-Williams, D. Ross-Shore and P. de G. H. Seymour.

We regret to announce the death of F./Officer A. O. D. Cox; also of F./Lieut. S. G. Connolly, F./Officers K. A. Stewart, D. H. Spencer, and P./Officer G. G. Cornwall; and of F./Lieut. W. C. Yale, one of our most senior ex-cadets.

F./Officer N. Vincent, D.F.C., entered in the Viceroy's Cup Race this year.

The following Old Cranwellians have recently passed through the Staff College: Squadron-Leaders C. J. Collingwood, G. H. Mills, A. D. Davies, N. A. P. Pritchett, E. S. C. Davis, V. Harris and R. H. Carter.

In the hockey match between Tulse Hill and the R.A.F., in which the R.A.F. were beaten by 2 goals to 0, F./Lieut. W. K. Beisiegel (Tangmere), P./Officer J. H. Slater (Bircham Newton) and F./Officer P. E. Drew were in the team.

Marshal of the Royal Air Force The Lord Trenchard, who was made a Viscount in the New Year Honours List, has taken the title of Viscount Trenchard of Wolfeton, in the County of Dorset.

F./Lieut. G. R. A. Elsmie has succeeded F./Lieut. H. M. Mellor as Hon. Secretary, R.A.F. Squash Rackets Association. His address is: F./Lieut. G. R. A. Elsmie, Central Flying School, R.A.F., Upavon, Marlborough, Wilts.

magnificent and impressive ordination in the Abbey. They took up to the School a film of Cranwell, which they had shown the previous week at Stonhurst College. Utley has been appointed Air Member of the North Riding Territorial Association, of which Air Commodore Arthur Godman is the Secretary.

The Editor acknowledges the hospitality and assistance given him by the officers of Sealand, particularly F./Lieuts. V. Q. Blackden and H. Eeles, at the time when he and F./Lieut. Fagan had a forced landing at Lensham on their return from a lecture at Stonhurst.

The following Old Cranwellians took a prominent part in the Display this year:—

F./Lieut. T. N. McEvoy led the flight of Furies which attacked the Sidestrand. F./Lieut. G. R. A. Elsmie did the inverted flying very smoothly in a Tutor, and F./Officer C. R. J. Pink took part in the Autogiro event. F./Lieuts. The Earl of Bandon, H. R. L. Hood and C. W. M. Ling showed us the niceties of forced landing.

F./Lieut. B. C. Yarde has arrived and taken over the duties of Adjutant of the College from F./Lieut. P. J. H. Halahan, who has been posted to Iraq.

Our sympathies to F./Lieut. D. W. Bayne, who is still recovering from a crash he had last summer at Duxford. We wish him a speedy convalescence.

F./Lieut. D. W. F. Bonham-Carter competed in this year's King's Cup and got through to the final on the Saturday.

The following Old Cranwellians are on the Signals Course: F./Officers D. R. Evans, H. G. Leonard-Williams and A. G. Powell, who lately came back from Egypt; F./Officers M. K. D. Porter and P. R. Robinson, from the Fleet Air Arm; and F./Officer C. C. Morton, who returns to Cranwell after three years in India. While with the Navy, F./Officer Porter had a bad accident to his foot, but we are glad to say that he is now making steady progress towards recovery.

F./Lieut. C. W. Williams and F./Officer John Peel are now instructors at the College, and F./Lieut. A. King-Lewis commands "C" Squadron. F./Officer H. C. Sawyer has been posted to the Signals Squadron.

Congratulations on their promotion to the following:—

F./Lieuts. G. Combe, N. L. Dawson, E. A. Hodgson, G. R. C. Spencer, A. P. Revington, G. H. Mills, R. N. Waite, C. L. Dalhousie, C. J. Collingwood, D.F.C., J. G. Hawtrej, W. A. D. Brook, N. H.

F./Lieut. C. E. St. J. Beamish played for Ireland in all the international matches. He also led Digby to victory in the Inter-Unit Rugby Competition.

P./Officer D. M. H. Craven has played for the Royal Air Force. F./Lieut. T. N. Coslett led the forwards, and F./Officer P. W. Ashton was the full-back.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. and Mrs. Geoffrey Francis on their marriage; also to F./Officer and Mrs. F. C. de la P. Beresford-Peirse.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. and Mrs. R. H. E. Emson on the birth of a daughter, and also to F./Lieut. and Mrs. A. Earle on the birth of a daughter.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. and Mrs. K. W. Niblett on the birth of a son.

Congratulations to F./Lieut. North Carter, who has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is at present serving on the North-West Frontier.

The following Old Cranwellians were present for the cricket match on 10th June:—

Squadron-Leader D. Macfadyen, F./Lieuts. W. R. Beaman, W. I. H. Burke, J. W. C. More, R. C. Jonas, H. W. A. Chesterman, W. S. Hebden, P. J. H. Halahan, R. V. McIntyre, D. B. D. Field, H. J. Pringle, C. E. J. Baines, W. T. F. Wightman, L. W. Dickens, C. W. M. Ling, R. A. Sprague, R. A. T. Stowell, J. A. T. Ryde, W. P. G. Pretty and G. R. M. Clifford, F./Officers J. Peel, D. R. Evans, A. G. Powell, M. K. D. Porter, C. C. Morton and P. R. Robinson, P./Officers A. R. Atkins, P. J. K. Pyke, J. A. Chorlton, D. O. F. Lumsden, T. S. Rivett-Carnac, E. Banthorpe and H. C. Sawyer, and Mr. J. H. Lager.

F./Lieut. Dickens captained the side, and F./Lieut. Burke was in charge of the tennis.

After some months as Adjutant of the Electrical and Wireless School, F./Lieut. F. P. Biggs now has one of the flights in the Signals Squadron. F./Lieut. H. F. G. Southey is also on the staff of the School.

We are very sorry to report the death of F./Lieut. B. T. Shelley on 27th May at the R.A.F. Hospital, Hinaidi, Iraq, from peritonitis.

He was educated at Church's College, Petersfield, and at Allen Glen School, Glasgow, and entered the R.A.F. as an Aircraft Apprentice in 1924. He was trained at the Electrical and Wireless School, Flowerdown, out of which he passed top in all subjects and was awarded a cadetship and the Hyde-Thomson Memorial Prize.

D'Aeth, T. J. Desmond, G. C. Shepherd, R. H. S. Spaight, D. Macfadyen and C. B. R. Pelly, M.C.—to Squadron Leader.

F./Officers T. U. C. Shirley, J. Whitehead, N. C. Walker, C. E. Littler, M. B. Edwards, J. W. C. More, H. B. Wrigley, D. B. D. Field, G. D. Stephenson, W. F. G. Pretty, R. B. Dashper, W. R. Wills-Sandford, P. B. Coote, C. E. J. Baines, W. S. Read, R. T. Cazale, F. A. Pearce, M. W. S. Robinson, M. W. L. Baker, R. L. Wilkinson, J. S. Sabine, W. P. Welch, W. W. Stainthorpe, C. W. M. Ling, L. F. Brown, C. M. Windsor, H. Eeles, R. F. Smith, W. F. C. Hobson, J. P. Cecil-Wright, T. Q. Horner, H. T. Bennett, C. S. Moore, T. N. Coslett, J. C. Macdonald, H. A. V. Hogan, H. P. Broad, L. G. Belchem, R. C. Gaskell, R. L. Wilkinson, N. E. Morrison, W. T. H. Nichols, C. J. Giles, C. W. Williams, N. C. S. Rutter, A. MacLwaine, F. C. Daubney, W. E. Oulton, S. C. Widdows, A. D. Messenger, E. C. Ingham, H. W. A. Chesterman, F. E. Stokes, G. J. L. Read, D. Addenbrooke, L. V. Andrews, P. E. Drew, D. I. P. Macnair, J. O. W. Oliver, N. A. R. Halliday, W. H. N. Turner, R. H. Page, A. Pyke, R. H. E. Emson, R. Monks, G. H. Mills, E. F. Porter, F. H. Tyson, T. A. B. Parselle, M. F. D. Williams, N. G. Goodman, D. V. Johnson, M. B. Hamilton, A. W. Geoghegan, H. P. Jenkins, J. Worrall, D. R. Fenton, W. P. Sutcliffe, P. S. Gomez, R. H. A. Leigh, J. N. H. Whitworth, C. W. Montague, R. E. Barnett, S. P. Langston and A. R. Glencross—to Flight-Lieutenant.

P./Officer A. B. Sowter resigned from the Service in January.

We are sorry to hear that F./Lieut. L. R. W. Tillard was put on the retired list, owing to ill-health, in May, 1936.

Amongst those who have visited the College this year have been F./Lieuts. J. Gillan, F. H. Tyson, H. Eeles, W. K. Beisiegel, S. P. Langston, B. C. Yarde and F./Officer P. Kelly.

In the R.A.F. Boxing Championships were F./Lieuts. C. E. Littler and T. N. Coslett. They have also survived, without the loss of much weight, their two years at Henlow.

We had a visit about Easter from the Rev. A. R. Watson, M.A., who was at one time a Chaplain at Cranwell. Many will remember his scholarly addresses in the Station Church. His sermon here showed the same sparks of humour, and the same encyclopedic knowledge. He has now left the Service and has been appointed to the Legation Chaplaincy at Copenhagen.

We were all very sorry when P./Officer T. F. Barker was invalided out of the Service in March this year. During his short stay at the College he had made himself generally liked by officers and flight-cadets.

At the College he won the Abdy Gerrard Fellowes Memorial Prize the Aeronautical Engineering Prize, took first place in the examination, and played Association football for the College.

He was promoted Flight-Lieutenant in July, 1934, and in July, 1935, he was posted to the Experimental Section of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, for wireless research work. Last April he was posted to Headquarters, R.A.F., Iraq, and soon after arriving at Hinaidi he was admitted to hospital with acute appendicitis, and died three days later.

He was a brilliant young officer whose untimely death is a great loss to the Service, which appreciated most among his many good qualities his humble and friendly character.

We have had visits this term from F./Lieuts. H. W. A. Chestermar, C. W. M. Ling, H. A. V. Hogan, D. J. Waghorn, J. P. Cecil-Wright, G. R. A. Elsmie, C. S. Moore, R. H. A. Leigh, E. F. Porter, A. R. Glencross, and F./Officers M. F. B. Read, P. de G. H. Seymour and E. B. C. Davies, and P./Officers J. A. Chorlton (who rendered valuable assistance with the last JOURNAL), P. Townsend, D. W. Balden, R. M. Longmore and Air-Commodore W. Tyrrell, who still takes a keen interest in the fortunes of our XV.

We are sorry to report the death of F./Officer A. F. Spurrier, who lost his life when a private aeroplane in which he was flying plunged into the Mersey near Liverpool Airport in February this year. The day after his death I had a letter returned to me which I had written to him two days before.

The Editor writes to acknowledge letters from Air Commodore A. I. Godman; from Squadron-Leader J. Merer; from F./Lieut. G. F. Macpherson, who is still Adjutant at Turnhouse and responsible for their fin journal; he goes to the Staff College in January; from F./Lieut. R. C. Preston, whose address is Versholt, Woburn, Beds., and who flies with the Duchess of Bedford; from the Bishop of Grantham, who recently showed a party of cadets over Lincoln Cathedral; from Mrs. McAleer, *The Aeroplane*; from Capt. Guy Dollman, who has presented several pictures to this station; from F./Lieut. "Sandy" Ferris, who is a municipal authority at Larne, Co. Antrim, and likely to stand for the Northern Parliament; from F./Lieut. H. Eeles, who is at Sealand; from F./Officer A. Combe, who has contributed an article to this number; from Colonel H. G. Swayne; from F./Officer J. Pink; and from Dr. C. H. D. Robbs, who with F./Lieut. Dickens, was one of the few who solved our bridge problem.

We offer our sympathy to F./Officer R. H. Page on his disaster at Le Havre in February this year; and congratulate him on the pluck and efforts which he made to save the crew—efforts which we feel might have received more intelligent support from the mainland.

There is a possibility that he may return to the Service as a civilian. He is a member of the Association.

F./Lieut. W. K. Beisiegel is Captain of the R.A.F. Cricket XI. F./Officer M. P. Skinner has been in the side, too.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge kind letters from Squadron-Leader G. R. C. Spencer, F./Officer P. Kelly, P./Officers T. F. Barker and P. Townsend, and Rev. A. R. Watson.

We had a visit recently from the Central Flying School, represented by Squadron-Leader A. L. Paxton, and F./Lieuts. D. Gillan and R. L. Wallace.

F./Officer R. L. Bradford appeared in one of the leading weekly illustrated as the winner of the annual "Gufa" Race on the Tigris at Baghdad. He is also M.F.H. of the Royal Exodus Hunt.

We congratulate F./Lieut. T. A. B. Parselle on his marriage. He is now in Japan studying the language, where he has joined F./Lieut. H. T. Bennett.

We are very glad to hear that F./Lieut. F. V. Beamish is back on the Reserve, and is a civilian assistant at Aldergrove.

All heard with deep regret of the death of F./Officer Paul Ashton. A correspondent writes: "At Hawkinge on Saturday last during the Empire Day Air Display, Paul Wingrave Ashton, an airman of great promise, lost his life, as has been reported in *The Times*. He was born in Basutoland, where his father, Captain Hugh Ashton, was Assistant Commissioner at Maseru. He was educated at the Diocesan College Rondebosch, where he was distinguished as a scholar, and was in the crick eleven and the Rugby fifteen. He won a scholarship from South Africa to Cranwell, where he again distinguished himself, winning the Sword of Honour for his year. He was first stationed at Manston and then, with No. 2 (Army Co-operation) Squadron, moved to Hawkinge. He played full-back for the R.A.F. and also represented them in boxing and athletics. He was buried at Buckland, near Aylesbury, where his fiancée lives, with Service honours."

We can only add to this our recollection of a sterling frank character. Others will recall his gallant figure in the ring and on the football field. This is a very sad loss to the Service.

We are very glad to hear that F./Lieut. P. S. Gomez is back in harness again after three years in the hands of the doctors as a result of a crash at Upavon in the winter of 1932.

Wing-Commander Huntly's address is Madrona Farm, Victoria Point, Vancouver.

Last term two of our graduates—P./Officers F. W. Thompson and A. B. Rae—were unable to complete the flying syllabus, and therefore with regret we had to bid them adieu. P./Officer Rae fenced for the College and took an active interest in the Debating Society.

We were glad to hear that F./Lieut. R. J. W. Barnett and the two other occupants of his seaplane which made a forced landing off the Needles on 23rd February this year were rescued by a pilot cutter, which towed the plane to Lee-on-Solent.

We are very sorry to report the death at Malta in a flying accident of F./Officer J. K. L. Carstairs. He was a most popular and efficient cadet here—a fine golfer, a plucky boxer and rugby player, an artist himself and the son of an artist. His Surrealist drawings often used to illustrate this JOURNAL. His father wrote of him: "He was a born artist and I had great hopes of his making a big name for himself in that line."

We are sorry to inform our readers that Capt. G. J. Pyches contracted chickenpox at the end of last term, but has now happily recovered from this fowl disease.

F./Lieut. A. J. Holmes, who was Flight Commander of "C" Flight a few years ago, is captaining Sussex this season. He scored a century against Nottinghamshire. *The Times* recently promoted him to "Flight-Sergeant."

Congratulations to the following on their Interpretations: Russian, F./Lieut. E. R. Simonds, 1st Class; German, F./Lieut. R. C. Jordan, Preliminary, and F./Lieut. W. E. Oulton, 2nd Class; Arabic, F./Lieut. C. M. Windsor, Colloquial, and F./Officer A. C. P. Carver, Preliminary.

We congratulate F./Lieut. H. M. Mellor on his M.V.O.

Many congratulations on his promotion to Air Commodore P. Babington. On 15th July he judged the Drill Competition, which was won by "C" Squadron. In addition to drill on the parade ground in front of the College, the competition included Guard Mounting.

F./Officer K. D. Stanion has transferred to the Stores Branch after a bad accident on the rugby field.

Father Richard Utley was ordained at Ampleforth Abbey on Sunday, 19th July. The writer and another Old Cranwellian were present at a

He is now personal assistant to Air Vice-Marshal P. B. Joubert de la Ferté.

We had a very successful meeting of the Debating Society when Capt. Harold Balfour, Member of Parliament for Thanet, came down and took a leading part in one of our debates. He was an instructor at Cranwell during the early days of the College.

We were very glad to have as the trainer for our athletic team Sergeant-Major R. E. Gorwood. I have pleasure in reporting that he likes his work at Halton immensely, and is having a great success there, though the Air Force makes many other calls upon his time. Old Cranwellians will be delighted to hear that he is still capable of making daring and unexpected puns.

We are sorry to lose F./Lieut. W. H. Kyle, who has been temporarily posted to the Australian Air Force. We envy him his trip to the land of his birth, and we thank him for his work in organizing our games and taking an active part in all of them himself.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge a letter from Mrs. Godman, whose address is Smeaton Manor, Northallerton.

Amongst those at the Blankney Point-to-Point this year were Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, Air Commodore R. H. Verney and Wing-Commander C. E. H. James, M.P.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge letters from Capt. C. W. Pollock (who paid us a visit this summer), F./Lieut. J. Worrall and P./Officer M. P. Skinner.

The thanks of the cricket side are once again due to Mr. Wharmby, who generously presented two bats to members of the XI.

Squadron-Leader C. G. Burge is now employed in the Department of the Chief of the Air Staff.

An Old Cranwellian writes from Pretoria, where he is with the South African Air Force:—

"We have a most enjoyable time, although the social side is rather hectic—if you accept anything like the number of invitations that you are expected to."

The actual work with the South African Air Force is enjoyable but sometimes a little exacting, and the hours are rather long—in the summer, 5 a.m. to 8 a.m.; 9 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. every day except Sunday, and no

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week-ends without taking two days' leave out of your annual allowance of thirty-six days.

"The winter hours (only two months) are 7.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. except Saturdays."

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Another Old Cranwellian writes:—

"I am writing to you from a station from which no Old Cranwellian has ever written before, to give items of news of Old Cranwellians here.

"There is a large Air Force concentration, and to be seen amongst the sand and sun are F./Officer R. H. Shaw, Camp Commandant; F./Officers Knights-Whittome, A. G. Powell and Leonard-Williams, of No. 208 Squadron; P./Officer F. M. Smith sails a boat in the lagoon here, while P./Officer H. C. Vickery fires the starting gun for races; P./Officer E. M. Howell plays rugger; while P./Officer H. C. Sawyer plays hockey and 'croons.'

"Excuse untidiness, sir, we are just having a sand-storm."

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Congratulations to F./Lieut. and Mrs. N. B. Norris on the birth of a son, and to F./Lieut. and Mrs. H. Mellor on the birth of a son.

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We are very sorry to report the death of F./Lieut. H. M. V. Tristem as a result of a flying accident near Khormaksar, Aden, on 26th February this year.

F./Lieut. Tristem entered the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, in September, 1923, and on passing out in 1925 was posted to No. 207 (Bomber) Squadron, Eastchurch.

The writer well recollects him at Cranwell, where he was studious and hard-working, and a valuable member of the College.

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F./Lieut. P. Heber-Percy, who spent a year seconded to the South African Air Force, is now A.D.C. to the High Commissioner of Egypt. He has written an article which appears earlier in this JOURNAL.

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The R.A.F. Yacht Club held a successful Regatta at Calshot on 10th and 11th July. There was a good turn-out in all the classes, and plenty of wind.

Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, who is the Commodore of the Club, and several Old Cranwellians were racing.

F./Lieut. F. R. Drew is the Secretary.

The membership has now passed the 300 mark.

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We are glad to hear that F./Officer A. R. Atkins was rescued from his aeroplane when it crashed in the sea near Whitstable some months ago. He was taken ashore in a fishing boat and the aeroplane was beached.

Last term the Cadet Wing Officers were: Squadron-Leader R. L. Crofton, M.B.E., A.F.C., Squadron-Leader J. A. Gray, D.F.C., and F./Lieut. E. C. Dearth, commanding the three Squadrons; also F./Lieuts. G. D. Stephenson, A. F. McKenna and L. V. Andrews.

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We were very sorry to hear, as we went to press, of the death of F./Officer Henry Molyneux. He was a fine athlete, but what one remembers most about him was his thoroughness. We could always rely upon him to make a success of whatever he took up, work or games.

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We were very sorry to hear that Squadron-Leader H. M. Massey, M.C., was wounded in the operations in Palestine.

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As reported earlier in the JOURNAL, we are very sorry to announce the death of Squadron-Leader G. H. Martingell, A.F.C., for three years our Chief Flying Instructor.

A brother-officer writes of him:—

"The Royal Air Force has lost one of its finest officers, and a large number of friends mourn the death of 'Tinsyde,' as he has been known by all, for his twenty years in the Service. He will be remembered for his sterling qualities, the efficiency with which he carried out everything he did, and the quietness and modesty accompanying it.

"As a pilot he ranked in the first few for his entire length of service, and for this very reason was marked as an exceptional instructor right from the beginning, and so he saw little service abroad with the R.F.C. and R.A.F. in spite of many requests—he had served as a machine gunner in France before joining the R.F.C. He soon became known as an altogether outstanding pilot, and officer, in the 'Special Instructors' Flight' at Shoreham at the beginning of 1918, and later when the school grew into the 'South-Eastern Area Flying Instructors' School.'

"His consistently sound flying, wonderful judgment and landings, and smooth handling of the controls have continued from those days, on many different types of aeroplane—at Croydon, Netheravon, Cranwell, in Iraq, and more recently at Martlesham and Cranwell again where he has been Chief Flying Instructor for the past three years. He leaves a gap in the Service which will be very hard to fill, and his large circle of friends extend their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Martingell.—S. F. V."

[The nickname "Tinsyde" arose from a fanciful resemblance between the name Martingell and the name of the Martinsyde aeroplanes, made by Martin & Handasyde, Ltd.]

Another brother-officer writes:—

"Tinsyde always gave one the impression that he was the last person to be overtaken by a crash of this sort. He was particularly calculating in his approach to all aviation problems, as he had a mind that quite naturally sought out, and analysed, the whys and wherefores of any particular set of circumstances, so much so that it was quite instinctive for him to be able

to put forward a theory on any subject. This applied to his flying and was quite apart from his natural ability as a pilot—which ability was undoubtedly exceptional.

"For these reasons he was a grand instructor, having a patience and a sense of humour which enabled him to deal with difficult situations which would have driven the average person to desperation.

"This sense of humour, which was not always apparent, was one of his most attractive features, I think. It was of rather an advanced type, obtaining its best effects through his own misfortunes, and strongly imbued with the 'bring out your deck-chairs, boys, here's someone landing downwind' attitude which runs right through Service life and is such a mystery to people who have never encountered it in bulk, and who cannot understand its basic causes.

"I would rather have Tinsyde as a companion than anybody. He was always cheerful; could see the amusing side of the most ominous situations; was brave and supremely honest both with himself and other people.

"It is difficult to say more without becoming reminiscent, as one's memories of him will always be of the individual thing that he did, rather than of the complete person that he was. He had no exceptional book-learning at the expense of common practical experience; no sudden brilliance at the expense, perhaps, of other people; he was sound because he thought along the right lines; trusted because he was honest; and loved because, after all, common sense, honesty and humour are all that one should ask for in Service friendships. I for one know that there will never be anyone quite the same.—C. C."

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The Editor wishes to render special thanks for the help he has received in the compilation of this JOURNAL from F./Officer D. R. Evans, who, as a Flight Cadet, was a sub-editor.

SQUADRON LEADERS FROM CRANWELL

PROMOTION during the past year has brought on to the list of squadron leaders 20 out of the 43 members who passed out from the first term of the R.A.F. College, Cranwell.

The College was opened in February, 1920, with a course of 52 cadets, of whom 12 passed out at the end of 1920, 26 in 1921, four in 1922 and one in 1923, making a total of 43. The first to attain the rank of Squadron Leader was C. W. Weedon, on 1st December last. He is now attending the Staff College course. On 1st February two more of the term became squadron leaders, G. R. C. Spencer, on air staff duties in the Middle East Command, and G. Combe, an armament specialist at headquarters of the Armament Group, Eastchurch. There were four more promotions in April, six in June and seven in August. Altogether there are now thirty Cranwell-trained squadron leaders serving on the active list, compared with none a year ago.

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[Though the Cranwellian Notes began to increase in volume by the mid-30s, the majority of the news related to alumni ‘Hatch, Match & Despatch’, or letters to the Editor, exemplifying the Journal as a prime social medium for Old Cranwellians.]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

THE Editor urges on all Old Cranwellians that the task of producing the College JOURNAL becomes each year more difficult. For each number of the College JOURNAL all the available “copy” is used and the material for the next number has to be collected while the preceding number is in the press. He urges all Old Cranwellians to make a point of sending at least one contribution to the JOURNAL. These contributions can take the form of serious or humorous articles, poems, caricatures; and not least short fill-ups.

The ideal at which we are aiming is to produce a JOURNAL and yet to have left in the editorial lockers enough material to project the next number without anxiety.

Many congratulations to Wing-Commander H. M. Massey on the award of a D.S.O. for gallantry in Palestine. He won another valuable award, the Military Cross, eighteen years ago. This is a remarkable record.

Congratulations also to F./Officer R. G. Yaxley on winning at the same time the Military Cross—the first ex-cadet to win this decoration.

Squadron-Leader C. S. Riccard and F./Officer M. Thunder were on the Singapore to Sydney Flying-boat Survey in May last year.

Wing-Commander G. E. Livock has been working on a Roman villa at Stanton, West Suffolk, where he has helped to disclose a cement floor with a drain and pipes; and a hypocaust.

F./Lieut. A. King-Lewis is now in command of “C” Squadron. He is also in charge of our games. And he is the Chairman of the Old Cranwellian Committee.

Our best thanks are due to him and Mr. J. H. Lager for the successful Old Cranwellian Dinner at “The Dorchester” on 21st November.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge the most valuable co-operation of all his Sub-Editors and particularly F./Lieuts. D. R. Evans, C. W. Williams and J. R. A. Peel. All these officers were Sub-Editors when they were flight-cadets, and are glad to be still working with Mr. W. T. Nash from Messrs. Gale & Polden.

Congratulations on their engagements to F./Lieuts. K. F. T. Pickles, C. S. Moore, N. E. Morrison, M. B. Hamilton, H. P. Swann Burwood and C. W. Williams.

We were glad to see Mr. E. Curt in charge of the waiting at the Old Cranwellian Dinner.

To Old Cranwellians it may be interesting to know that we still have our two Corporals, Mr. F. Gerard and Mr. Owen, in the Fancy Goods Store.

Of the batmen we still have with us Messrs. Green, Jackman, Young, Banks, Dean, Clifton, Harding, Mayhew, Harnston and Pell. All have very many years’ service, and will be remembered kindly by Old Cranwellians. We offer our sympathy to Mr. Lyon on the loss of his only son.

Mr. Maris and Sergt. Thistle are doing good service in the Hall Porter’s Lodge, and often have to announce (when foggy) “No mail yet, sir.”

Mr. J. Lewinstein is the golfing “champ” of the Household Staff.

Young Robert comes from the stables to see us each day, and tells us the good points about the Cadets’ Riding School horses, and why they are the best in the county.

Also I must mention Mr. F. Mayfield. He is one of the College cooks; a cheery soul, who keeps his colleagues amused with his good humour. And his assistant, “Clarence.”

A College Mystery.—Who took the ash-tray on Saturday, 28th November, 1936? Scotland Yard has not been warned yet.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge kind letters of assistance from Air-Commodores P. Babington and W. F. McN. Foster, Wing-Commanders O. C. Bryson and G. E. Gibbs, Wing-Commander H. V. Rowley, F./Lieuts. H. Eeles, R. E. Vintras and J. Homer, Capt. D. E. Williams, F./Officers P. Kelly, P. W. Townsend and R. M. Longmore, P./Officer T. F. Barker and Father Peter Utley.

R. F. Fraser-Smith is now commissioned in the Royal Marines and is stationed at Plymouth. He takes a great interest in the College JOURNAL.

P./Officer Anthony Sotter has retired from the Service and is now engaged on civil engineering. His address is Gailadies, Leafield, Oxfordshire.

Air Vice-Marshals F. C. Halahan occasionally pays a welcome visit to our Rugby matches.

Congratulations on their marriages to Squadron-Leader and Mrs. R. Y. Eccles, F./Lieut. and Mrs. C. W. M. Ling, F./Lieut. and Mrs. R. G. Stone, F./Lieut. and Mrs. K. R. Coates and F./Officer and Mrs. I. C. Jackson.

F./Lieut. D. B. D. Field won the scratch competition in the R.A.F. Golf Championship on 8th September; Air Vice-Marshals C. A. H. Longcroft won one of the handicaps; and F./Lieut. G. F. Macpherson tied in the Foursomes.

F./Lieut. J. G. Llewellyn is Hon. Secretary of the Inter-Unit Rugby Competition. He has visited the College twice this term.

F./Lieuts. C. McK. Grierson and J. P. Cecil-Wright, and F./Officer R. D. A. Wills took part last year in a flying-boat flight from Pembroke Dock to Singapore.

Congratulations on their promotion to Squadron-Leader to the following Flight-Lieutenants:—

R. W. G. Lywood, W. A. Opie, T. B. Prickman, G. R. M. Clifford, D. L. Thomson, R. G. Coventry, M. H. Rhys, S. J. Marchbank, P. S. Jones, J. G. Franks, F. F. W. Hall, J. A. T. Ryde, A.F.C., G. R. Beamish, The Earl of Bandon, M. D. Ommannery, R. A. B. Stone, J. R. Addams, A.F.C., R. Costa, J. B. Barrett, D. W. F. Bonham-Carter, L. K. Barnes, M.B.E., C. F. Sealy, E. S. C. Davies, A.F.C., D. A. Boyle, C. H. A. Stevens, H. M. Groves, G. C. Shepherd, M. B. Mackay, R. A. R. Mangies, F. G. S. Mitchell, W. J. M. Akerman, R. H. Carter, A. D. Davies, G. H. Randle, C. S. Riccard, V. B. Bennett, R. B. Jordan, G. E. Nicholletts, A.F.C., F. J. Fressanges, N. A. P. Pritchett, N. Carter, D.F.C., M. H. Garnons-Williams and A. F. Hutton.

Congratulations on their promotion to Flight-Lieutenant to the following Flying-Officers:—

P. S. Gomez, F. C. de la P. Beresford-Peirce, I. G. Mackay, E. D. McK. Nelson, R. G. Coventry, M. H. Rhys, S. J. Marchbank, P. S. Salter, R. H. E. Emson, H. P. Jenkins, R. A. C. Carter, T. G. L. Gale, J. C. Pope, A. R. G. Bax, R. E. Barnett, D. R. Evans, A. N. Combe, C. Broughton, C. R. D. L. Lloyd, C. C. Morton, D. Michell, T. U. Rolfe, H. G. Leonard-Williams, D. J. P. Lee, H. Y. Humphreys, R. H. Shaw, J. R. A. Peel, R. J. Gosnell, H. P. Burwood, R. G. Stone, P. R. Robinson, E. B. C. Davies, S. P. A. Patmore, M. K. D. Porter, W. R. Brotherhood, D. S. Kite, R. J. Knights-Whitmore, R. A. C. Barclay, D. A. Pemberton, L. Coulson, R. L. Bradford, A. G. Powell, M. Hastings, A. Golding, P. de G. H. Seymour, E. C. Ingham, H. H. Hilliar, W. H. N. Turner, G. W. Montague and C. J. Giles.

F./Officer John Grierson has been on a tour in Germany after a very hard ferrying job at Portsmouth. He proposes to take the Editor to Carthage and several other places on one of their periodical Rund-flüger. His address is Hilston, Bowes Hill, Rowlands Castle, Hants.

Sergt.-Major R. E. Gorwood is still doing good work at Halton Camp, Wendover.

An Old Cranwellian writes:—
“As you see, I managed to get into the Marines. I played rugby for the division last Saturday week.

“There are twenty of us ‘young officers’ as they call us, and they are busy putting us through it on the parade ground here. We get about three and a half hours’ drill and one and a half hours’ P. & R.T. every day, except Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, which are half-days.

“It is peculiar here, because my position is largely reversed. Instead of being on the look-out for officers to salute, we have to be on the look-out for Marines who salute us. We put in four months of this drill here; and then we go to Chatham for our next course. The total course takes two years and one month, compressed from three years owing to the increase in the Services. Then we become First-Lieutenants.

“I have to forget all my Air Force drill, because it is very different from the Army manner of doing it.”

The following have visited the College during this term:—
Squadron-Leaders C. F. Sealy and V. B. Bennett, F./Lieuts. J. Warburton, G. W. Montague, R. L. Wallace, J. G. Llewellyn, G. D. Stephenson, G. R. A. Elsmie, R. A. Sprague and L. H. Stewart, F./Officers L. Rose, A. T. D. Sanders, C. J. P. Flood, C. R. J. Pink, M. Dawnay, L. C. Bicknell and L. R. Stewart, F./Officers J. C. Mayhew, J. R. Fishwick, P. B. Chamberlain and John Fordham (twice), and the Rev. A. MacHardy.

We are glad to have back with us W.O. J. Campbell, who is looking as well as ever.

We were sorry to see the resignations of F./Lieuts. R. H. Page and H. W. A. Chesterman. Chesterman was once a Sub-Editor of this JOURNAL. We are told that he is going to Heidelberg University.

The second Annual Reunion Dinner was held at the Dorchester Hotel, London, on Saturday, 21st November. One hundred and twenty-one members were present at an enjoyable evening. In the absence of the President, the chair was taken by Air Vice-Marshals H. M. Cave-Browne-Cave.

The Editor commends to all Old Cranwellians and to flight-cadets a book entitled “High Failure,” which has been written by F./Officer John Grierson, R.A.F.O. It is a clear and capable account of the first solo flight from Londonderry to Reykjavik, then on to Angmagssalik, across the Ice Cap to Godthaab; and then on via Lake Harbour, down the Hudson Bay to Ottawa and New York. John Grierson tells us of his first attempt, his crash in Iceland; and of all his adventures and misadventures and anxieties in Greenland and elsewhere on his second and successful flight. His main intention was to survey a possible transatlantic service and to show that such a service is quite practicable if flown by short stages and without resort to spectacular methods of non-stop flight or mid-ocean rafts.

We offer our congratulations to Air Commodore and Mrs. P. Babington on the birth of a daughter; Squadron-Leader and Mrs. G. Combe on the birth of a son; F./Lieut. and Mrs. R. V. McIntyre on the birth of a son; F./Lieut. and Mrs. E. A. Jones on the birth of a son; F./Lieut. and Mrs. F. F. Wicks on the birth of a son; F./Lieut. and Mrs. P. Heath on the birth of a son; F./Lieut. and Mrs. H. H. Hilliar on the birth of a son; F./Lieut. and Mrs. A. R. Sarel on the birth of a son; and F./Lieut. and Mrs. J. B. M. Wallis on the birth of a son.

We are very sorry to record the death, over Navenby, Lincolnshire, of F./Lieut. R. J. O. Bartlett. He entered the College in 1925, and was posted to this College as an instructor in August last year. During his short stay here he had made himself very popular. His widow has been assured of our sincere sympathy.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Sayer has recovered from her recent illness, and we hope that she will now continue in good health.

Mrs. “Mum” Dawes, we are glad to report, is in fairly good health.

An Old Cranwellian writes to the Editor from Basra:—

“I should have written to thank you weeks ago for your letter, but the climate and my fondness for letter writing make a wonderful combination. I can look proudly at some letters which arrived in December and reflect that they are not yet answered—real old vintage letters and some of them quite urgent.

“The squadron is still coming back from Aden in dribbles. E. A. Jones will be here shortly. Other Cranwellians are Windsor, Brandon and Clayton; while we see Fuller-Good and Guy Charles here from Shaibah every now and then.

Those who accepted the invitation to the dinner were:—
F./Lieuts. L. V. Andrews and D. Addenbrooke, and P./Officer J. W. Arney.

Air-Commodore P. Babington, M.C., A.F.C., Wing-Commander O. C. Bryson, M.C., D.F.C., A.M., Squadron-Leader V. B. Bennett, Professor R. de la Bère, F./Lieuts. W. N. Blain, G. G. Barrett, D. W. Bayne, W. I. H. Burke, R. A. C. Barclay, W. K. Beisiegel, L. W. C. Bower and W. R. Beaman, F./Officers D. R. S. Bader and T. F. Barker, and P./Officers A. M. Bentley, H. E. C. Boxer, D. W. Balden and T. M. Buchanan.

Air Vice-Marshals H. M. Cave-Browne-Cave, D.S.O., D.F.C., Squadron-Leaders G. Combe and R. L. Crofton, F./Lieuts. R. A. C. Carter, R. T. Cazalet, A. N. Combe, T. N. Coslett and H. A. Constantine, F./Officer A. W. J. Clark and P./Officer C. S. Cooper.

F./Lieuts. L. W. Dickens and R. B. Dasher, F./Officer M. Dawnay, and P./Officers F. O. Dickson and J. N. Dowland.

F./Lieuts. G. R. A. Elsmie, D. R. Evans and H. Eeles.

F./Lieuts. G. K. Fairtlough and D. Field, F./Officers D. Finlay and C. J. P. Flood, and P./Officer W. A. de Freitas.

Squadron-Leaders M. H. Garnons-Williams and J. A. Gray, F./Lieuts. T. G. L. Gale, J. W. Gillan, A. W. Geoghegan and R. J. Gosnell, F./Officer A. Golding, and P./Officers O. Godfrey and H. R. Goodman.

Air Vice-Marshals F. C. Halahan, Group-Captain J. H. Herring, Squadron-Leaders J. G. Hawtrey and F. F. W. Hall, F./Lieuts. A. W. Hunt, M. B. Hamilton, M. L. Heath and H. A. V. Hogan, F./Officers F. G. Hall, D. P. Hanafin, E. C. Harding and P. D. W. Hackforth, and P./Officer N. M. Hall.

P./Officer W. I. C. Inness.

F./Lieuts. R. K. Jeffries and R. C. Jonas, and P./Officer R. J. Jones.

F./Lieuts. A. King-Lewis and R. J. Knights-Whitmore.

Mr. J. H. Lager (Secretary), F./Lieuts. G. H. Loughnan, P. W. Lowe-Holmes, C. E. Littler, K. P. Lewis, C. R. Lloyd and J. G. Llewellyn, and F./Officers D. O. F. Lumsden and J. H. Lowe.

Squadron-Leader D. Macfadyen, F./Lieuts. R. V. McIntyre, J. W. C. More, W. H. Merton, R. Monks, G. W. Montague, J. Marson and J. R. Mutch, F./Officer T. R. Manson, and P./Officers D. McIntyre and J. C. Mayhew.

F./Lieut. I. B. Newbigging and F./Officer J. D. Nelson.

Squadron-Leader W. A. Opie.

Air Vice-Marshals L. A. Pattinson, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., Squadron-Leader T. B. Prickman, F./Lieuts. R. L. Phillips, P. J. Polglase, M. K. D. Porter, W. P. Pretty, J. R. Peel and A. G. Powell, and F./Officer C. R. J. Pink.

Squadron-Leader A. P. Revington, F./Lieuts. P. R. Robinson, D. Ross-Shore and T. U. Rolfe, and P./Officers T. S. Rivett-Carnac and R. W. Reynolds.

“You will remember Ash? He is my aide-de-depot at the moment. He says he likes Basra, an opinion to which I do not subscribe. He sends many salaams to you; he is like myself a great lover of Cranwell in all its aspects. During the heat of the summer we passed many an hour chatting about places and personalities in the neighbourhood.

“I have tried once or twice to write something for you; but the fount of inspiration, which was never much more than a muddy puddle anyway, has been dried up by the heat.

“My very kindest regards to all old friends (including the goldfish in J. Merer’s garden)—and to yourself.”

Mr. Green, the barber, and his family were recently given a flight from Portsmouth to the Isle of Wight and back by F./Officer John Grierson.

We had visits last term from P./Officers M. Stevenson, H. R. Goodman, D. Greville-Bell and P. B. Chamberlain, who called here on their way to India.

F./Lieut. J. W. C. More, by beating F./Officer B. K. Burnett in the final of the R.A.F. Squash Racquets Championship at the Kensington Country Club at the end of last year, by 8–10, 4–9, 9–4, 9–3, 9–2, retained the title. The match lasted an hour and ten minutes. Burnett’s left knee was heavily bandaged, and he seemed very doubtful of it, but, playing very well in the first two games, he appeared to be well on the way to victory. More, however, is probably the most dogged retriever in the game, and, getting everything back, and scoring several winners with the drop, gradually wore his opponent down and won very easily at the finish.

Congratulations to Wing-Commander and Mrs. H. M. Massey on the birth of a son; and to F./Lieut. and Mrs. W. N. McKechnie on the birth of a daughter.

F./Officer Hordern is now designing aircraft for the Heston Aircraft Company.

Air Vice-Marshals C. A. H. Longcroft, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., presided over the Sixth Annual Reunion Dinner of the R.A.F. Old Comrades’ Association, which was held at the Thames House Restaurant, London, on Saturday, 28th November.

F./Lieut. G. N. E. T.-C.-Worsley, who has for some time been Armament Officer here, has been posted to the Air Ministry. He has left

Sir Philip Sassoon, Wing-Commander E. J. Sayer, Squadron-Leaders C. F. Sealy and R. H. S. Spaight, F./Lieuts. R. H. Shaw, W. W. Stainthorpe, R. A. Sprague, E. R. Simonds and G. D. Stephenson, F./Officer D. Seward, and P./Officers M. P. Skinner, M. E. W. Scott-Mackirdy and M. G. Stevenson.

Air-Commodore W. Tyrrell, F./Lieut. W. H. N. Turner, and P./Officers J. B. Tait and J. C. Thompson.

F./Lieuts. J. Whitehead, R. L. Wilkinson, J. B. Wallis, G. F. Whistondale, J. Worrall, J. N. H. Whitworth, N. C. Walker and C. W. Williams, and F./Officer D. W. Williams.

F./Lieut. B. C. Yarde.

At the end of dinner, F./Lieut. A. King-Lewis, the Chairman of the Association, said:

“As far as Cranwell is concerned, you know as well as I do that there are a hundred and one activities, and I cannot possibly mention them all. Most of them are very fully described in the JOURNAL, which I know you all read from cover to cover. I think you will all agree, by the way, that the last effort of ‘the Prof’s’ was a very excellent one. I should like to mention in particular the Riding School. It is now an integral part of life at the College, and is likely to be even more so owing to the addition of a fifth horse, which the Association bought, and for which we are providing the upkeep for one year. Sir Philip Sassoon has kindly offered to present two more horses for the Riding School. So far, we have been unable to take advantage of his offer, as our stables are full and the income of the Riding School cannot provide for the upkeep of more than the five horses we have. However, we are trying to persuade the Air Ministry to give us a covered Riding School, so that the cadets’ riding may not be so much curtailed during the winter months at Cranwell, when daylight is short and the ground frozen. So far, the Air Ministry has rejected with scorn our contention that the cadets are pining for a new Drill Shed, which must have a tan floor to reduce the deterioration of rifles and develop the cadets’ marching ability. But we still hope that the rebuilding of ‘Cranwell’ will make available some building which can be converted to a Riding School; and when this time comes we shall remember Sir Philip’s offer.

“You will also be pleased to hear that the new Squash Courts have been opened, and there are now four courts available.

“Perhaps the most interesting function at the College this year was the unveiling of the two life-size portraits of our Patron and our President, which were presented to the R.A.F. College by our Association. The unveiling ceremony was performed by Lady Trenchard in July last. The portraits face everybody who enters by the main entrance of the College: I can think of no more suitable position for the portraits of these two distinguished officers, who did so much for the College.

“I shall not occupy your time any longer except to say how sorry we all are at Cranwell to lose our Air Officer Commanding, Air Vice-Marshals Cave-Browne-Cave, who has kindly taken the chair to-night, in the absence of our President. On your behalf as Chairman I should also like to take

his department in a very efficient state for his successor, Squadron-Leader M. H. Garnons-Williams.

The Household Staff played the Cadets on 2nd September at soccer, and after a very good, hard-fought game, and plenty of encouragement from the rest of the College servants, the game ended in a draw of two goals each. The captain of the Staff was Mr. C. Richardson.

Not being satisfied, each team thought they could do better, so a second match was arranged, which was played on 16th September. This was a much better game, but, as in the first match, it ended in a draw. Both the goals were scored in the last ten minutes of the game. In fact, the Cadets scored with the last kick of the game. This time, Mr. G. Copping was captain of the Staff team.

One of our cooks, Mr. W. Day, met with a motor-cycle accident at the beginning of the term. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We have received news of the death of Mrs. Long, wife of Mr. H. Long, at one time a College servant. Old Cranwellians will remember Mr. Long as the leader of the once-famous “Bert Long’s Band,” which provided many enjoyable evenings in and outside Cranwell. All will join with us in offering him our sympathy.

We have received news of the death of a servant of the past, Mr. Ben Turner. Mr. Turner was a regular member of the staff cricket 2nd XI, and was always willing to help in our activities. He was also a member of our Concert Party. We offer our sympathy to his widow.

We welcome back to the College Mr. Sendall, one of our waiters, after his tour of duty with the British Forces in Palestine. He is well; indeed, we hope he is now better, both in soul and body, after his visit to the Holy Land.

We also welcome the return of our Library Clerk, Mr. Fisk, after contact with chicken-pox.

This term we lost the services of Mr. R. Broughton, on promotion. He was for many years in the College Accountant’s Office. His kindly manner, and his willingness to help everyone in trouble made him many friends at Cranwell and in the district. He was a social worker, and nothing was too much trouble for him. He will be missed in Steaford; just as we miss him here. In the Spring, 1936, issue of the JOURNAL he wrote an interesting article on “Wild Birds in Lincolnshire.” We wish him and Mrs. Broughton success in his new position.

this opportunity of thanking him for the interest he has displayed in our Association and the work he has done for it whilst he has been at Cranwell.” Short speeches were also made by Air Vice-Marshals Cave-Browne-Cave, Professor R. de la Bère, Sir Philip Sassoon, Air Vice-Marshals F. C. Halahan and Air-Commodore P. Babington.

F./Officer John Grierson flew up on Monday, 30th November, in his private “Swallow” and spent the night here. His particular interest is in the “Atkins” fog landing scheme.

F./Lieut. G. D. Stephenson recently gave a sherry party in the Mess after the Old Cranwellian Cross-Country Run.

The following Old Cranwellians are at present at Cranwell:—
At the College: Squadron-Leader M. H. Garnons-Williams (Armament), and F./Lieuts. A. King-Lewis (O.C. “C” Squadron; L. W. Dickens (O.C. “B” Flight), B. C. Yarde (Adjutant), R. A. T. Stowell, W. S. Hebben (Signals), L. T. F. Wightman, W. I. H. Burke, C. E. J. Baines, C. W. Williams, L. V. Andrews, J. R. A. Peel, M. H. Rhys and D. Finlay. At the Electrical and Wireless School: F./Lieut. H. F. G. Southey (on the Staff); F./Lieut. F. D. Riggs and F./Officer H. C. Sawyer (Signals Squadron), and F./Lieuts. D. R. Evans, C. C. Morton, H. G. Leonard-Williams, P. R. Robinson, M. K. D. Porter and A. G. Powell (on the Course). F./Lieut. W. N. McKechnie is on “P” Staff duties at Headquarters, having taken over from Squadron-Leader R. Y. Eccles.

Many Old Cranwellians will remember D. K. Horsfield, who is married and is living with his family at Lindfield, Sussex. Here he is the owner of a twelve-hundred-years-old water-mill, by which he makes his daily (wholemeal) bread.

Old Cranwellians will be very sorry to hear that W.O. J. E. Beresford has been unwell and has partially lost his sight. His address is: Tern Side, Tern Hill, Nr. Market Drayton, Salop. The Editor hopes that Old Cranwellians will write to him. He has started a small lending library which at present contains about 70 books, and he will be grateful for any gifts of books which Old Cranwellians are able to make.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge a very large Old Cranwellian mail this Christmas and New Year, and hopes gradually to reply to all his correspondents.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

THE Annual Reunion Dinner will be on 27th November, 1937, at the Connaught Rooms. Members of the Association will be advised of further details later.

The following honorary members have signified their wish to become associate members: Air Vice-Marshal L. A. Pattinson, Professor R. de la Bère, Air Commodore W. Tyrrell, Squadron Leader H. G. Sawyer, and Group Captains J. T. Lloyd, J. Sowrey and A. Coningham.

Air Vice-Marshal Henry Meyrick Cave-Browne-Cave, C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C., is the Air Officer Commanding, No. 16 (Reconnaissance) Group, Royal Air Force.

He joined the Royal Flying Corps (Naval Wing) from the Royal Navy in April, 1914. During the War he served with the Royal Naval Air Service and Royal Air Force, and commanded the Seaplane Stations at Dunkirk and Malta. For his war services he was awarded the D.S.O. and the D.F.C. He was granted a permanent commission in the Royal Air Force with the rank of Wing Commander in 1919 and later served on the staff of the School of Technical Training (Apprentices), Royal Air Force. During 1922-27 he held, in turn, the posts of Deputy Director of Design and Deputy Director of Technical Development at the Air Ministry.

He was in command of the Far East Flight which left England in October, 1927, for Singapore and afterwards flew from Singapore round Australia back to Singapore and from Singapore to Hong Kong and back—a distance of more than 27,000 statute miles. On the formation of the Far East Command, with Headquarters at Singapore, he was appointed Commanding Officer. In April, 1931, he was posted to the Air Ministry as Director of Technical Development, and in December, 1934, he became Commandant of the Royal Air Force College.

In the New Year Honours, 1936, he was appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath.

Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., and Air Commodore P. Babington, M.C., A.F.C., were amongst those who represented the Air Force in Westminster Abbey at the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

Congratulations on his latest honour to Air Vice-Marshal A. S. Barratt, C.B., C.M.G., M.C.

Air Marshal Sir Arthur M. Longmore, K.C.B., D.S.O., succeeds Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., as President of the Royal Air Force Rugby Union.

price of one Turkish pound (they are, at the moment, six to our pound) and went off to swim farther along the coast. Money, by the way, is one of the small problems on a journey of this sort. One has to be careful, or else one is left with handfuls of small change of different nationalities, worthless outside of their particular countries.

"It is a good thing to carry some sterling, as it is accepted anywhere. In my case, between Alexandria and Athens, I handled Egyptian, Palestinian, Syrian, French, Turkish, Cypriot, Italian and Greek money. Even after a year of foreign service, I find I have to juggle foreign prices back to English equivalents to get a proper sense of value—and when this has to be applied to a different currency on every successive day it can become a bit confusing.

"From Mersin to Famagusta, in Cyprus, our next stop, I enjoyed the company at my table of a little Swiss analytical chemist, whose reminiscences were widespread and whose English was formidable.

"We were due to call at three ports in Cyprus—Famagusta, Larnaca and Limassol—the first two in one day and on to the other next morning. At Famagusta I, therefore, made up a party and hired a car, at a very moderate fee, to tour the island and return to the ship at one of the other ports.

"We had a good day of sight-seeing and joined the ship at Larnaca. We could not go ashore at Limassol, as we stayed there only four hours.

"The day after leaving Limassol we got to Antalya, another Turkish port, but decidedly more attractive than Mersin. I had yet another table companion from Cyprus, a Polish woman journalist. We went ashore together and began the day badly with a *contretemps* with the law, who seized our cameras. Later, however, after we had laid our grievances before an important-looking official whom we found in a police station in the town (it was done in a horrid mixture of French, German and English with many gesticulations and grimaces), the cameras were returned to us, and with only two hours left we leapt into a cab and galloped madly off in all directions, photographing hard all and sundry.

"Next morning we were in Rhodes, where the Polish lady left, and was replaced by a man who had been everywhere except Jerusalem. (He refuses to go there, he said, because he has so few illusions left.)

"Rhodes is the most perfectly preserved place I have ever seen. The only harsh note in the place is struck by the modern paintings of the Knights of Malta in the house of that order. They are terrible. Everything else—ramparts, battlements, cobbled streets, and bridges—is in harmony.

"After leaving Rhodes we sailed through the archipelago, bound for Piræus, which we reached next morning.

"I am now installed in a pleasant hotel in Athens which for a modest sum gives me a bed, a bath and breakfast. My other meals I take in cafés, and each meal is by way of being an entertainment both from a gastronomic and a social point of view.

Wing Commander A. L. Paxton, D.F.C., has now gone to No. 12 Fighter Group, Uxbridge.

Our new Chief Flying Instructor is Squadron Leader D. A. Boyle.

Squadron Leader G. H. Loughnan is commanding No. 4 (A.C.) Squadron, Odiham.

The Editor acknowledges letters from Squadron-Leader "Bill" Spencer, who is now commanding No. 47 Squadron in Khartoum. It was very pleasant to see the Squadron Leader at the College recently.

Congratulations on their promotion to Squadron Leader to:—
A. H. Willetts, N. W. F. Mason, S. H. Hardy, P. G. Pike, N. S. Allinson, H. D. Spreckley, E. A. Healy, G. W. Hayes, F. G. Cator, N. Young, G. P. Chamberlain, T. E. Nuttall, J. E. G. H. Thomas, G. B. Beardsworth, S. H. V. Harris, A. D. Gilmore, A. King-Lewis, L. W. Dickens, H. S. Nowell, G. N. J. Stanley-Turner, J. L. Fuller-Good, J. Warburton, W. M. C. Kennedy, J. H. McM. Campbell, I. D'A. Keary, H. W. Pearson-Rogers, C. K. J. Coggie, E. B. Steadman, L. W. Cannon, F. M. Denny, T. N. McEvoy, J. H. Hutchinson, R. Kellett, J. R. Jones, A. H. W. G. Cocks, C. M. Heard, R. C. Wilson, A. H. Montgomery, T. C. Dickens, J. B. M. Wallis, H. G. Southey, E. L. S. Ward, J. E. W. Bowles, G. H. Loughnan, A. G. Wheeler, L. C. Bennett, D. N. Roberts, E. B. Webb, P. W. Lowe-Holmes, F. V. Beamish, D. W. R. Riley, G. H. Huxham, H. L. Patch, W. H. Merton, A. P. Bett, A. V. Hammond, J. Norwood, E. S. Finch, C. C. Yarde, J. H. McReynolds, T. J. Arbuthnot, J. Marson, H. A. Constantine, C. E. Chilton, C. W. Dicken, J. W. Gillan, R. F. Shenton, T. H. Carr, E. C. Lewis, G. Francis, H. Waring, J. C. Cunningham and J. H. Mutch.

Congratulations on their promotion to Flight Lieutenant to:—
W. D. Disbrey, R. R. Fairweather, D. Finlay, B. A. Chacksfield, J. V. C. Badger, A. F. R. Bennett, G. N. Hancock, J. A. P. Owen, G. E. Peacock, L. G. Levis, T. L. Moseley, P. L. Donkin, P. W. Bale, B. H. Becker, W. B. Murray, A. C. P. Carver, M. D. Thunder, R. G. Watson, M. A. Aylmer, N. C. Jones, C. T. Weir, H. R. Tidd, K. Gray, J. H. D. Walker, A. H. Jarand, G. A. V. Knyvet, A. J. P. Sanders, G. C. Eveleigh, J. N. Knowles, G. A. Mills, D. R. Shore, J. D. Nelson, C. A. J. Pink, G. O. L. Scott, D. E. B. Wheeler, C. J. P. Flood, E. C. Harding and F. M. Smith.

Congratulations on their promotion to Flying Officer to:—
H. E. C. Boxer, C. S. Cooper, J. W. Arney, T. M. Buchanan, N. B. P. Bromley, M. E. W. Scott-Mackirdy, J. W. Bayley, A. W. D.

"My French boat goes to Beyrouth by way of Istanbul and Rhodes. From Beyrouth I make my way overland. And the next long journey is going to be on a troopier—for England, home and beauty.

"I hope you are well. Thank you for the last copy of the College Journal."

In the Inter-Services Boxing Championship at Uxbridge the light-weight was won by F./Lieut. C. E. Littler, and the middle-weight by F./Lieut. T. N. Coslett. These Old Cranwellians also won their respective weights in the R.A.F. Individual Boxing Championships, while F./Lieut. A. Golding won the welter-weight in that contest.

These Old Cranwellians passed the Staff College qualifying examination:—

Squadron Leaders G. B. Beardsworth, R. Costa, J. G. Franks, G. W. Hayes, L. C. Bennett, J. C. Cunningham, P. W. Lowe-Holmes and L. W. Cannon, and F./Lieuts. D. W. Lane, E. C. Hudleston, W. H. Hutton, S. L. Blunt, A. E. Dark, C. W. Dicken, R. K. Hamblin, J. T. Stephenson, H. G. Wheeler, R. C. Wilson and F. R. Worthington.

These Old Cranwellians are at the Staff College:—
Squadron Leaders J. A. Addams, G. R. Beamish, F. R. Fressanges, C. R. Hancock, R. B. Jordan, D. Macfadyen, M. D. Ommanney, W. A. Opie, F. G. Cator, T. G. Pike, R. L. R. Archerley, C. M. Heard and T. N. McEvoy.

F./Lieut. G. D. Stephenson won, by three lengths, the King's Cup, a light-weight steeplechase on his horse "Alverna" over a three-mile course at the Fakenham Races of the West Norfolk Hunt. This race was won by Capt. Stephenson (father of F./Lieut. Stephenson) thirteen years ago over the same course on "Somerset."

We were very sorry to hear of the death, on 14th April, 1937, of F./Lieut. Donald Fenton. He was a quiet and popular member of the College.

We offer our best wishes and congratulations to Mrs. M. Bartlett, widow of F./Lieut. J. R. O. Bartlett, on the birth of a son.

Also congratulations to Squadron Leader and Mrs. C. F. Sealy on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. T. G. L. Gale on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. N. B. Norris on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. N. G. Goodman on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. P. M. Watt on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. W. H.

Miller, D. W. Balden, N. M. Hall, F. O. Dickson, A. J. Mason, G. E. Wallace, A. W. J. Clark, J. D. Melvin, P. W. Townsend, F. E. Croce, D. P. D. G. Kelly, L. R. Stewart, G. Elsmie, P. T. Philpott, G. D. Hackett, J. H. Slater, F. R. Foster, R. W. Reynolds, J. Darwen, T. S. Rivett-Carnac, M. P. Skinner, R. K. Jeffries, J. C. Mayhew, L. Mathias, P. J. K. Pike, J. A. Chorlton, A. R. Atkins, R. M. Longmore and P. G. S. Dickenson.

We were very sorry to read of the death at Martlesham Heath on 28th May this year of F./Officer C. H. Vickery. After three years' training at Halton he was awarded a cadetship at the College and a Lord Wakefield Scholarship. He entered the R.A.F. as an Aircraft Apprentice in 1930.

He won the Aeronautical Engineering Prize and the John Anthony Chance Prize, and represented the College at fencing and Association football. On passing out, he was posted to No. 33 (Bomber) Squadron and went with the Squadron to the Middle East during the emergency movements of 1935.

When No. 64 (Fighter) Squadron was formed at Heliopolis in March, 1936, he was posted as Adjutant; and he was serving in that capacity at Martlesham Heath at the time of the accident.

He was a man of fine character, liked by everyone, and by his death the Service has lost an efficient officer.

At the College, Squadron Leader M. H. Garnons-Williams is in command of "A" Squadron; F./Lieut. C. W. Williams is in command of "C" Squadron; F./Lieut. G. G. Barrett is in charge of Air Navigation; F./Lieut. W. S. Hebdon is in charge of Signals; F./Lieut. L. V. Andrews is in charge of the Photographic Section; and F./Lieut. J. R. A. Peel is the Adjutant.

These Old Cranwellians are also in residence on the station:—
F./Lieuts. J. Mutch, W. T. F. Wightman, C. E. J. Baines, M. H. Rhys, R. L. Bradford, D. Finlay, C. F. Pearce, B. Ball, J. A. Robinson, G. R. Hancock, R. R. Fairweather and M. F. B. Read, and F./Officers J. P. Ussher, M. Dawnay, G. Thrupp and D. P. Barclay.

These Old Cranwellians have just concluded the Signals Course at Cranwell:—

F./Lieuts. D. R. Evans, C. C. Morton, H. G. Leonard-Williams, P. R. Robinson, M. K. D. Porter and A. G. Powell.

We were very sorry to hear of the death at Grantham on Sunday, 11th July, of "Mum" Dawes. Many Old Cranwellians will remember her lavish hospitality to cadets and officers when her husband was Secretary of

Hutton on the birth of a son; to Squadron Leader and Mrs. H. H. Brookes on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. G. L. Worthington on the birth of a daughter; to Squadron Leader and Mrs. J. C. Cunningham on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. C. M. Heard on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. A. R. G. Bax on the birth of a daughter; to Wing Commander and Mrs. A. Durston on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. A. D. Gilmore on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. E. C. Lewis on the birth of a son; to Squadron Leader and Mrs. P. W. Lowe-Holmes on the birth of a son; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. W. V. L. Spendlove on the birth of a daughter; to F./Lieut. and Mrs. W. S. Reed on the birth of a daughter; and Wing Commander J. R. Cassidy on the birth of a daughter.

Congratulations—we fear, rather late—to two of our strongest supporters, Group Captain and Mrs. A. J. Capel, on the birth of a daughter.

F./Lieut. H. Eccles continually takes an interest in our Debating Society and generally gets a report of our debates. He was once President of the Society.

We were very glad to see recently Wing Commander E. R. Pretymann, A.F.C., who has recovered his health. He has retired from this Service.

Air Commodore W. Tyrrell, D.S.O., M.C., occasionally pays Cranwell a fleeting visit. We wish to congratulate him on the birth of a son.

The Editor regrets that in his last number he said that the award of the M.C. to F./Officer R. G. Yaxley was the first award of its kind to an Old Cranwellian. Immediately afterwards he recollected that Squadron Leader C. B. R. Pelly won the M.C. many years ago.

We were very sorry to hear of the flying accident of F./Lieut. R. A. C. Barclay about 15th March this year, and we hope that he is better.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge letters from Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes, Air Commodore P. Babington, M.C., A.F.C., Group Captain A. J. Capel, D.S.O., M.C., Wing Commander H. M. Massey, D.S.O., M.C., Wing Commander A. H. Measures (whose son has just passed out from the College), Wing Commander C. N. Lowe, Wing Commander H. B. Russell, Squadron Leader G. M. Knocker, F./Lieut. R. C. Preston, F./Lieut. A. F. McKenna, F./Lieut. J. Homer (who has a brother at the College), F./Lieut. I. Newbigging, F./Officer A. R. Morton, P./Officer C. D. Milne (who is now Librarian of the Officers' Mess at Upper Heyford), P./Officer J. Fraser, P./Officer R. P. M. Gibbs, Father Peter Utley (who recently brought down a cricket XI from Ampleforth) and

the College. She was the mother of the Station, and nothing was too much trouble for her in the interests of the wives and children of the station. She was buried at Cranwell on Wednesday, 14th July, in the presence of

We were very grieved to hear of the assassination recently at Mosul of Mohammed Jawad. He was a very popular and efficient member of this College some years ago. He looked in here only a few weeks ago and he promised to send us a memoir about his contemporaries. It is to be regretted that a man with such a brilliant future in Iraq has lost his life in this way. It was typical of him that he lost his life in the defence of a friend.

F./Officer John Grierson is now working in the Home Division of the Department of Civil Aviation, and has much to do with the Licensing of civil aerodromes.

The R.A.F. won the Inter-Service Hockey Championship for the first time when they beat the Royal Navy and Royal Marines by 4 goals to 0. F./Lieut. W. K. Beisiegel captained the side and played at full-back with all his old brilliance.

These Old Cranwellians visited the College last term:—
Father P. Utley, Squadron Leader V. B. Bennett, F./Lieuts. D. A. Pemberton, A. N. Combe, G. D. Stephenson and R. J. Gosnell, and F. Officers H. E. C. Boxer and H. Bradford, the late Mohammed Ali Jawad, and Air Commodore D. C. S. Evill.

An Old Cranwellian writes:—
"I am sorry I have not been able to meet your kind request for a humorous article, but you might consider a few of my experiences on leave worth publication—they would perhaps interest people who are looking for suggestions for holidays.

"My idea of a holiday is a complete change of environment. With the prospect of leave and this idea in my mind I hurried to the local branch of Mr. Cook and bought a copy of his Continental table-mat. With this fascinating volume and an atlas I soon began to indulge in the most stupendous imaginary travels. I pattered about in the Balkans; I coasted along the shores of the Caspian; crack-jaw names which before had seemed only fit for linericks tripped from my tongue when the conversation turned to ways and means of 'getting home.' It was all very disturbing, but good for one's geography.

"But leave was becoming imminent. Time was short and money was shorter, and some practical plans had to be devised. I found two boats

Father Bernard, of Ampleforth Abbey; F./Officer A. Wall, F./Lieut. D. R. Evans and F./Lieut. J. C. Cunningham.

An Old Cranwellian writes from Venice:—

"My ideas of Venice were a bit hazy before I arrived—derived more from Savoyard associations of the Kingdom of Baretaria than anything else; but I certainly never expected anything one half so exquisite. After all, in England, when we have a beautiful place—Broadway, for instance—we surround it with hideous bungalows, and build a main road through it, and set up 'Teas' and petrol stations; and if a building falls down we rebuild it in cubes of concrete with windows running round the house corners. Here all is lovely—not so much as a bicycle in the streets, and not one jarring note of modernity in the whole city. It is as perfect as Nash's Bath ought to be to-day; and the kindness of the people is unexpectedly universal.

"Nowhere have we been treated as other than honoured and welcome guests. Our politicians are deservedly unpopular, of course, and so far we have shunned the mention of politics; however, our *maitre d'hôtel* (whose memories of London in the '90s as seen by an Italian waiter in a St. Pancras hotel are priceless: Little Tit, Chevalier, Marie Lloyd in 'Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay,' and so on) remarked, apropos of something else, 'Ah, here in Italy we always know what our Government intends; but the English, they never know what their Government will do next,' to which, of course, we made the obvious answer that our Government did not know that themselves; and he could quite believe it.

"Their Government is nothing if not thorough, and if success can be gauged by the external signs noticed in a ten-day stay in one place—such as healthy, happy children, a population cheerful, polite and alert, a universal and scrupulous cleanliness of street and dwelling—well, democracy is not all we believe it to be; of course, so far, one cannot judge how the regime presses on the individual, and only an economist could tell you (and he would be as likely to be wrong as right) how national finances stand. But to outward appearance this place is sound and prosperous.

"The language seems fairly simple; it is now twelve years since I struggled with Cicero and found diversion in Horace—but our old friend Mensa, a table, Mensa, O table! and the rest begin to float to the top of one's conscious mind after a day or two, and I find it easy enough to construe whole columns of the *Popolo d'Italia* in not very many minutes.

"Two little notices have tickled me very much—you see them sometimes in cafés and shop windows—I believe they are published more or less under Government auspices:—

"(1) 'The polite person does *not* spit on the ground.'

"(2) 'For the honour of Italy—Cut out bad language.' . . .

"At night we rather suffer from cats: Venice is a feline paradise; for one thing, there are very few dogs, and those few are all muzzled, and for another they are treated with affection and respect by the human race. Thirdly, no one but ourselves seems to resent the midnight serenade—and

which promised plenty of change at a reasonable cost. One was Italian and the other French.

"To cut a long story short, I sailed from Alexandria on the Italian steamer *Equitta*, which reached Piræus ten days later. That gives me ten days in Athens, after which I catch a French steamer back to Beyrouth.

"I am writing from Athens, so that the second half of the trip is still to come, but the first half has been grand. From Alexandria we made Port Said the next day. My last visit was almost exactly a year before, on a troopier. This time I was with a fellow-passenger who had lived in Egypt for thirty years (and still had a broad Scots accent), and during the seven or eight hours we had ashore I saw—with his help—a little more of Port Said than on my previous visit.

"We sailed in the evening, having taken on board a batch of deck passengers, odd-looking little people, including Jews from the Yemen who were bound for Palestine.

"We reached Jaffa in the morning. There is no deep harbour there and ships have to lay off about four miles. As there was half a gale blowing we could not land, and after a few hours we left for Haifa, which we reached in the early hours of the next day.

"Here we went alongside one of the very fine wharves. I was invited to join a party motoring to Jerusalem and back (we had fourteen hours' stay), but as I hope to call there on my return I decided to explore Haifa instead. The time available allowed us to do this quite leisurely, and there was no question of 'doing the sights' in the popular tourist manner. When we left Haifa I found a new table companion, an old American lady with strong views upon every 'ism' from Anarchism to Zionism. Meals, by the way, were invariably eight courses long. Italian wine was extremely cheap, and I drank Chianti with my collazzone and my franzo every day. They also produced 'am-an-eggie' for my breakfast, done *en casserole* and very nice too.

"Beyrouth was our next stop. Here the original Jerusalem car party hustled off to Damascus. This, I think, is stretching things a bit fine, because we had only nine hours ashore, which one can spend very pleasantly in snooping around Beyrouth itself.

"On the following morning we anchored off Alexandretta. This is a small place in a lovely setting of mountain country, and here I did go off on a motor jaunt. Antioch is only a couple of hours' drive away, and I very much wanted to see the mosaics which have been discovered there by the Princeton University Expedition. It was a delightful drive over a tortuous but beautifully banked mountain road, and the mosaics were worth leagues to see. Incidentally, we had a shouting match on the quayside with car drivers and boatmen, but that is the way of the Levant, and we all parted in great good humour.

"We arrived at Mersin, in Turkey, early next morning. I had anticipated difficulties with passports in Turkey, but we got ashore without any trouble. There was little of interest to be seen, so I hired a gherrri for the

he deep, narrow streets mellow and amplify every screech, every hideous yell; so that two fair-sized cats can entertain several hundred people at once. The cats are rather thin, but yield to none in vocal register and timbre.

"A final complaint is the Continental so-called 'breakfast.' I solemnly believe that if every non-English European were forcibly fed with two fried eggs and two rashers of bacon every morning, all rearmament would stop, and international bickering come to an end. It is my private belief that this roll-and-coffee idea is sponsored by the International Arms Ring to provoke the uneasiness and discord that could never exist in the owners of well-grounded stomachs. I think I shall write to Mr. Henderson about it. I have managed to squeeze a matutinal boiled egg out of our landlord, after great efforts, but in the first few days in my pre-luncheon mood I'd have thrown 1 bomb at anyone and walked out of the League with malicious joy.

"As you probably know Venice a great deal better than I do, and also can appreciate much of it, through artistic knowledge, that I cannot, this letter probably won't tell you very much that you didn't know already. However, a novice's impressions may amuse you; I wish you were here with us to eat fried crayfish and explain the finer points of the Doge's Palace."

F./Lieut. M. G. Philpott is now Secretary of the R.A.F. Squash Racquets Association.

His predecessor, F./Lieut. G. R. A. Elsmie, has been posted as personal assistant to Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., who is now Governor of Kenya.

Congratulations on their engagements to Squadron Leader T. J. Arbuthnot, F./Lieuts. H. R. L. Hood, C. S. Moore, B. A. Fraser, A. N. Combe, C. T. Weir, I. H. D. Walker, P. de G. H. Seymour, J. G. Llewelyn, F. J. Gomez and S. P. Langston, and F./Officers A. R. D. MacDonell, H. C. Sawyer, G. Thrupp and H. E. C. Boxer.

Congratulations on their marriage to Squadron Leader H. W. Heslop, O.B.E., and Mrs. Martingell, widow of Squadron Leader G. H. Martingell, A.F.C.; also to F./Lieut. H. G. Leonard-Williams.

It is interesting to see that Air Vice-Marshal A. E. Borton continues to be an active flying member of the Royal Aero Club.

We were very sorry to hear of the deaths of P./Officer J. G. Thompson, F./Lieut. E. R. Simonds, F./Officer A. J. Whillier, F./Officer T. N. K. Walker and P./Officer L. W. Lowden.

We are also very sorry to hear of the death of Warrant Officer Joseph Enoch Beresford, M.B.E., who died suddenly at Trenchill, near Market Drayton, at the age of 47. He was one of the most popular instructors we have had here, and up to the time of his death he was in constant communication with officers and flight cadets of the College.

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A native of Hasland, he attended the Hasland C. of E. School, and won a scholarship to the Chesterfield Grammar School. At the age of 18 he determined to make the Army his career, and joined the Grenadier Guards in July, 1908, being promoted Corporal in 1909. In May of the following year he was awarded a medal of the Royal Victorian Order for services in connection with the lying-in-state of King Edward VII. In November, 1912, he was promoted Sergeant, and was promoted instructor to the Guards Depot, where he obtained his Board of Education teacher's certificate.

In 1914 he was promoted to the rank of Company Sergeant-Major, and was transferred from the Guards to the position of instructor at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. This appointment ended with his transfer to the Royal Flying Corps in 1916, when he opened a new camp at Wendover. In the same year he was promoted 1st Class Warrant Officer, and after serving in France and Egypt, he returned to England in 1924. In 1926 he was awarded the medal for long service and good conduct.

From 1928 until his retirement in 1933, he was Warrant Officer in charge of the cadets at the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell. In the King's Birthday Honours of the same year he was awarded the M.B.E., and received the decoration at the hands of His Majesty King George V at an investiture at Buckingham Palace.

On leaving the Service he took up a position at Longton with Messrs. Ind Coope & Allsopp's brewery. Whilst with this firm he received the signal honour of appointment as a member of the King's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard, whose duty it is to attend State functions such as the opening of Parliament, levees and the investitures. He was on duty at the Coronation celebrations in London in May.

He could not resist the call of the Service, and he relinquished his appointment at Longton and joined the Royal Air Force again in a civilian capacity as Warden at the R.A.F. Training School at Ternhill. For health reasons he resigned this position a few months ago.

In addition to the honours mentioned, Mr. Beresford received Jubilee and Coronation Medals. . . . He leaves a widow and three daughters.

Mr. Beresford was buried with full R.A.F. honours at Market Drayton. The funeral was attended by several hundreds of the Royal Air Force from Ternhill and Cranwell, accompanied by a Royal Air Force Band, which played funeral marches *en route*.

Amongst the flowers were those sent by Officers at Cranwell, Warrant Officers of Cranwell, and Old Cranwellians' Association.

Congratulations on their marriage to Squadron Leader and Mrs. G. H. Loughnan, F./Lieut. and Mrs. B. A. Chacksfield, F./Lieut. and Mrs. G. F. Whistondale, F./Lieut. and Mrs. F. H. Tyson, F./Lieut. and Mrs. J. S. Dewar, F./Lieut. and Mrs. N. E. Morrison, F./Lieut. and Mrs. H. L. Patch, F./Lieut. and Mrs. H. R. Dale, F./Lieut. and Mrs. M. B. Hamilton, F./Lieut. and Mrs. H. H. Leech, F./Lieut. and Mrs. G. W.

Montagu, F./Officer and Mrs. I. C. Jackson, F./Officer and Mrs. G. A. Mills, F./Officer and Mrs. R. J. Borrough, F./Officer and Mrs. A. V. Sawyer, F./Lieut. and Mrs. J. F. du Boulay, and Squadron Leader and Mrs. R. J. A. Ford.

Since our last issue these Old Cranwellians have completed a course at the Staff College: Squadron Leaders C. B. R. Pelly, W. J. M. Akerman, C. W. Weedon, D. A. Boyle, N. Carter, A. H. Willeys, G. P. Chamberlain, S. H. Hardy, N. S. Allinson, A. D. Gillmore and H. D. Spreckley.

These Old Cranwellians have been markedly successful in the promotion examination "B": F./Lieuts. C. C. Morton, P. R. Robinson and P. S. Salter.

F./Lieut. R. C. Field has passed the promotion examination "C."

Squadron Leader F. V. Beamish (R.A.F., retired) has been reinstated on the active list, with effect from 27th January of this year.

These Old Cranwellians have completed the Specialist Armament Course at the Air Armament School, Eastchurch: F./Lieuts. F. C. de la P. Beresford-Pierse, A. N. Combe, H. Y. Humphreys, E. C. Ingham, D. S. Kite, I. G. Mackay and E. D. MacK. Nelson.

Many congratulations to F./Lieut. F. Whittle. It is a great distinction in our Service that an officer should obtain a First Class in a University Tripos.

F./Lieut. N. C. Walker has completed the Torpedo Course.

These Old Cranwellians have completed the Specialist Air Navigation Course: F./Lieuts. W. E. Oulton, J. J. Owen, G. J. L. Read, G. I. L. Saye, W. P. Welch and L. F. Brown.

F./Lieut. C. E. Littler has completed the Specialist Engineering Course.

We offer our sympathy to Squadron Leader and Mrs. C. B. Pelly on the death of their son, aged 3½ years.

Mr. E. Thistle left the College last term after thirteen years' service as hall porter. We were all very sorry to lose him, and amongst his parting gifts he received a pocket-book with some valuable contents from the flight cadets of the College.

The following is a letter from him to the Editor. He writes:—

"Just a few lines to let you know I am getting on very well at my new job, and I like it very much. It is a change from the College and near home. Well, my job is night watchman, and there are two of us and we go round Gamage's three times in the night, and it takes us two hours and forty-five minutes to go round once. It is just seven miles of shops. We have got a very good friend who goes with us, and that is a dog. You always feel that you have somebody with you. He is a very fine friend at night. "I have not got much to tell you. I hope you will wish everybody the best of luck from me. I hope to come and see you some day later. "I must close with the best wishes to you and all the College. Please excuse the typewriter, as I am not much good at it."

We are very sorry to record the death of R. N. Batra, who was a long time at this College. He was piloting the Air Mail from Karachi to Lahore and crashed at Jacobabad.

The Editor recommends to his readers an interesting book describing life in Iraq, written by Group Captain C. H. Keith.

Air Commodore A. L. Godman, C.M.G., D.S.O. (retired), has been appointed Observer Group Officer for the new No. 9 Group, Observer Corps.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge letters from F./Cadets N. E. H. Chance and T. J. Troward, who were at the College but unfortunately were unable to complete their flying course. Troward has just taken a Special Reserve commission in the Royal Tank Corps.

Wing Commander The Hon. R. A. Cochrane is now acting as Chief of the Air Staff to the New Zealand Air Force.

We were glad to see that Mr. Lager received a Coronation Medal as a small recognition of many years' good service at the College.

Wing Commander H. C. Scroggs has now gone to Headquarters, No. 16 Group, Lee-on-Solent.

F./Officer A. Wall has been recuperating in Italy from the injuries of a heavy fall in Iraq.

The Old Cranwellian Day was on Wednesday, 30th June. Unfortunately both the tennis match and the cricket match had to be abandoned owing to bad weather, but these Old Cranwellians came up:—

Squadron Leaders D. W. F. Bonham-Carter, M. H. Garnons-Williams and W. H. Merton, F./Lieuts. E. J. Corbally, R. J. Gosnell, R. R. Fairweather, J. R. Mutch, D. R. Evans, C. W. Williams, W. S. Hebden,

C. E. J. Baines, A. N. Combe, R. L. Bradford, R. A. Sprague and J. R. A. Peel, and P./Officers S. P. Coulson, I. S. Soden and J. Kerr.

The Editor would be grateful if Old Cranwellians would support him in the compilation of these notes which depend mainly on his memory and on his correspondence.

The Editor particularly wishes to acknowledge the assistance of F./Lieut. C. W. Williams and F./Cadets L. D. Mavor, A. D. Panton, T. J. Hanlon and P. A. Major in the compilation of this number.

The Editor hopes that his readers will excuse a little latitude in this JOURNAL with regard to initials and ranks. Now that the number of Old Cranwellians is so large it is not possible to remember all the details.

A GREAT MAN

(From "The Great and the Goods.")

BY IVOR BROWN.

EDGAR STRONGTHARM CHIRUP—conceive him, gentle reader, approaching the microphone to deliver one of those talks on Triumphant Living which gave to myriads of listeners not only precious counsel but the happiest moments of their lives. His voice vibrated in the ether; his whole character swam into the heavens. Tall, fair, and stalwart, he was a god from the classic heaven; had it not been for an unfortunate hernia sustained in youth during some struggle on the floor of a tavern from which, as he said, he was rescuing a misguided companion, he might have thrown the javelin at the Olympic Games. Along with the front of Jove he had the ecstasy of Dionysos. Yet his infinite power to stimulate owed little to stimulants. None talked more of the wine of life and was seen to drink less. Enjoyment of the moment, provision for the future, encouragement to all, these foamed about the golden beard, which he grew in his later years, as the froth of malted liquors lies on the gross lips of other men. When he strode down Portland Place on neatly spatted feet, a passer-by might well have thought that the Greek gods walked again, that Olympus had come to Regent's Park, that Juno and Ganymede had settled in Clarence Gate. During one of his victorious visits to America an adoring woman of New York exclaimed "They should fix him on the skyline," a suggestion wholly justified by his nobility of carriage and of mien. It is further told of his flashing and virile beauty that when he visited Greece, he desired to bathe in the wine-dark sea of which Homer has sung. So, discovering a fair strand beneath some temple-ruins, he stripped and stood rapt in awe-struck contemplation of those plashing waters whence Aphrodite had arisen. A tourist, who had with total justice mistaken him for a statue of Apollo, began rudely to carve his name upon the Doctor's flanks.

A Selection of OCA Members of the Mid-30s (when cadets)



F/C C Broughton



F/C B Singh



F/C A Singh



F/C HC Sircar



F/C S Mukerjee



F/C Sgt TAB Parselle



F/C RL Bradford



F/C Cpl RJ Knights-Whittome



F/C AG Powell



F/C RE Shaw

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

THE Editor wishes to acknowledge letters from Air Marshal Sir A. M. Longmore, K.C.B., D.S.O. (who is Commandant of the Imperial Defence College), Air Vice-Marshals L. A. Pattinson and F. C. Halahan, Air Commodore P. Babington, Group Captain A. J. Miley, Wing Commanders O. Bryson, O. R. Gayford, J. H. O. Jones, C. E. Livock and O. W. de Putron, Squadron Leaders G. F. Whistondale, P. W. Lowe-Holmes, J. R. Scarlett and J. C. Cunningham (who is compiling his squadron's history), Flight Lieutenants G. W. Montague, H. Eeles (who is now Personal Assistant to the Chief of the Air Staff), A. R. L. Hood, L. H. Anness and R. Longmore (who came on leave to his parents from Singapore by Imperial Airways), Pilot Officer H. G. Wheeler (who also is compiling his squadron's history), Admiral Sir Barry Domville, Mrs. Southby, Mrs. McAleery, and Mrs. Groves (the mother of Air Commodore R. M. Groves and the donor of the R. M. Groves Memorial Prize).

The Editor also wishes to acknowledge a letter from Flying Officer T. S. Rivett-Carnac, in which the latter traces the pedigree of his renowned family ten generations back when, in the fifteenth century, there was an alliance of his family with an ancestor of the Editor. Rivett-Carnac is now in *Courageous* bound for Australia.

The Editor would like to remind all Old Cranwellians that photographs from abroad are of interest to the College and that there is an Album specially reserved for them.

We are glad to hear that Flying Officer F. W. Balden was rescued when one of the aircraft of No. 800 (Fleet Fighter) Squadron plunged into the Moray Firth. We hope that he is none the worse for this misadventure. We hope, too, that there will be some public recognition of his gallant rescuers.

Squadron Leader G. M. Knocker is now commanding No. 144 (B.) Squadron at Hemswell.

Flight Lieutenant K. M. D. Porter paid a visit to the College recently and brought with him the father of the late Flight Cadet D. H. Furze, who, when he was in the College, was in the Athletics and Cross-Country sides.

The Editor is endeavouring to secure for the College a home-made copy of "The Seven Pillars of Wisdom." This copy is entitled in Lawrence's

whimsical manner " ' B ' Flight Manual." In the same way the copy of "The Seven Pillars of Wisdom" which we have in the Library was originally entitled by Lawrence in his own hand "The Complete Aircraft-hand."

Old Cranwellians will be sorry to hear that Dr. O. S. Sinnatt was taken ill last term, and they will be glad to hear that he is now fully recovered and at work again.

The Senior Term of the College last winter did their advanced training under Squadron Leader B. C. Yarde at North Coates Fitties, operating from Cranwell. The Advanced Training Squadron is now under the command of Squadron Leader M. Wiblin.

Last term our old cricket coach, Mr. G. E. Wharmby, came up to Cranwell on Sunday, 24th October, and was presented by Air Vice-Marshal J. E. A. Baldwin, on behalf of the Old Cranwellian Association, with a solid silver cigar-box. Old Cranwellians will remember with pleasure—and, in one case, with regret—Mr. Wharmby's gifts to them, whilst he was here, of cricket bats and cigars.

The Rev. A. McHardy writes that he has gone off for a few months with this itinerary: to Aden by boat; Aden to Singapore by boat; Singapore to Kai-Tak and back by R.A.F. aircraft; Singapore to Iraq by Imperial Airways; Iraq to Egypt by R.A.F. aircraft; and Egypt to London by Imperial Airways.

His aim is to inspect the spiritual and moral welfare of his congregations all over the world.

An application from the Editor asking whether he required a curate to accompany him during his wanderings, which make a "pairfect fule" of St. Paul, elicited no reply.

Flight Lieutenant L. R. W. Tillard is now living in retirement at Brunstead Lodge, Brunstead Road, Bournemouth.

E. M. Burt has been appointed Shift Superintendent at the British Aluminium Company's Fort William Works. We wish him every success in his new life.

The Editor wishes to thank all those who have written to him about the Old Cranwellian Record. A special file has been opened and a record is kept of all the emendations and suggestions which have been sent in. The Editor proposes, when funds permit, to reproduce the Record in a more

Of the House Staff, Mr. P. Jackman, senior batman of "C" Squadron, who joined the College House Staff in April, 1921, has resigned to become "mine host" of an inn at North Coates Fitties, where he will be pleased to pour a libation with Old Cranwellians.

Mr. F. "Uncle" Mayhew has been appointed senior batman of "C" Squadron in his place.

We regret that Mr. H. E. Harding, who has been employed as a batman in "C" Squadron since February, 1921, has had to resign owing to serious illness. We thank him for his faithful service and wish him a return to something like his old health.

The College defeated the House Staff by 4 goals to 2 in their annual soccer match. We fear that years may be telling on the Staff team, the average age of which must be in the region of 40 years.

Mr. A. V. Clay now shares the hall-porter's lodge with Mr. W. M. Maris.

After the Sandhurst match on Saturday, 27th November, there was a most successful Cranwellian Reunion. For its organization the thanks of the Association are due to the Chairman, Squadron Leader M. H. Garnons-Williams, and the Secretary, Mr. J. H. Lager. The dinner was at the Connaught Rooms and was the best dinner (accompanied by the best service) that we have ever had. Mr. Curt, as usual, was in charge of the waiters, and Mr. Sims brought up a melodious string band. After the dinner speeches were made by Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, Air Vice-Marshal J. E. A. Baldwin, and Professor R. de la Bère. Owing to the fog, there were a few empty seats, but about 100 were present, and to the best of the writer's recollection they were:—

Flight Lieutenants L. H. Anness and L. V. Andrews, and Flying Officer J. W. Arney.

Air Vice-Marshal J. E. A. Baldwin, Air Commodore P. Babington, Squadron Leaders V. B. Bennett, A. P. Bett and D. W. F. Bonham-Carter, Flight Lieutenants R. A. C. Barclay, G. G. Barrett, C. E. J. Baines, C. H. Brandon and W. K. Beisiegel, Flying Officers H. E. C. Boxer, D. W. Balden and P. Barthold, and Pilot Officer P. E. Browne.

Squadron Leader G. Combe, Flight Lieutenants E. J. Corbally and R. A. C. Carter, and Pilot Officer P. A. N. Cox.

Professor R. de la Bère, Squadron-Leader E. H. M. David, Flying Officers D. F. Dixon, J. W. Dowland and W. A. A. de Freitas, and Pilot Officer M. S. Donne.

elaborate form, noting in particular all those who have represented the Service in various games or have won prizes and other Service distinctions.

Pilot Officer T. J. Hanlon has kindly agreed to continue his work upon this Record. The Editor would be grateful if any other Old Cranwellian would come forward to co-operate with him for the second edition of the Record in about two years' time.

We wish to offer our congratulations to:—

Wing Commander and Mrs. L. M. Rodney on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. G. I. L. Saye on the birth of a son; Squadron Leader and Mrs. J. Marson on the birth of a son; Squadron Leader and Mrs. F. G. Cator on the birth of a daughter; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. J. Mutch on the birth of a son; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. P. B. Coote on the birth of a daughter; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. R. H. A. Leigh on the birth of a son; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. H. C. Parker on the birth of a daughter; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. J. A. Powell on the birth of a daughter; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. P. Beresford Pierce on the birth of a son; and Flying Officer and Mrs. I. C. Jackson on the birth of a daughter.

Congratulations on their engagements to Flight Lieutenants M. L. Heath, J. Heber-Percy and M. Dawney.

We send our best wishes on their marriages to:—

Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley, Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. H. G. Leonard-Williams, Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. H. Leech, Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. J. G. Llewelyn, and Flying Officer and Mrs. D. R. S. Bader.

The following Old Cranwellians have successfully passed various examinations in foreign languages:—

Flight Lieutenants D. V. Johnson, A. C. P. Carver, J. T. Bennett, T. A. B. Parselle and S. S. Murray, and Pilot Officer W. H. Ingle.

The Hon. Secretary of No. 3 Squadron Dinner Club is an Old Cranwellian, Pilot Officer M. C. Pearson.

These are some of the Old Cranwellians who have visited the College this term:—

Flight Lieutenants H. G. Richards, D. A. Pemberton and A. Combe, Pilot Officers J. A. Chorlton, J. A. Pitcairn Hill, R. M. B. Duke-Woolley, J. H. Humphris, P. G. Wykeham-Barnes and H. F. Burton.

Flight Lieutenants D. R. Evans and H. Eeles, Flight Lieutenants D. Finlay, D. Field and C. J. P. Flood, and Flying Officer H. D. Fraser.

Squadron Leader M. H. Garnon-Williams, and Flying Officers J. D. Green and J. Grierson.

Group Captain J. H. Herring, Squadron Leaders S. H. Hardy and F. F. W. Hall, Flight Lieutenants D. P. Hanafin, M. Hastings, M. L. Heath, R. Hood and J. O. Hinks, Flying Officer N. M. Hall, and Pilot Officers W. A. Harris and T. J. Hanlon.

Flight Lieutenant R. C. Jonas, Squadron Leader A. King-Lewis, Flight Lieutenant R. J. Knights-Whitmore and Flying Officer D. P. Kelly.

Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft (Chairman), Group Captains C. N. Lowe and H. T. Lydford, Squadron Leader M. Lowe, Flight Lieutenant J. G. Llewelyn, and Mr. J. H. Lager.

Squadron Leader D. Macfadyen, Flight Lieutenants J. W. C. More and R. Monks, Flying Officer D. McIntyre and Pilot Officer W. E. G. Measures.

Pilot Officer A. R. Oakeshott, Air Vice-Marshal L. A. Pattinson, Squadron Leaders T. B. Prickman and M. G. Philpott, and Flight Lieutenants P. Polglase, D. A. Pemberton, R. L. Phillips, H. Pringle, J. Peel and M. K. D. Porter.

Flight Lieutenants P. R. Robinson and M. H. Rhys, Flying Officer R. W. Reynolds and Pilot Officer T. S. Rivett-Carnac.

Group Captain J. Sowrey, Squadron Leaders H. G. Sawyer, C. F. Sealy, R. A. B. Stone and R. H. S. Spaight, Flight Lieutenants W. W. Stainthorpe, R. A. Sprague and E. S. Seddy, and Flying Officer B. E. Smith-Rewse.

Flight Lieutenant G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley, Rev. L. Wright, Squadron Leader C. W. Weedon, Flight Lieutenant G. F. Whistondale, Flying Officer G. E. Wallace, and Pilot Officer L. D. Wilson.

Squadron Leader B. C. Yarde.

Squadron Leader R. H. Carter has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for gallant service rendered on the North-West Frontier.

In the New Year Honours the Air Force Cross was awarded to Squadron Leader F. V. Beamish and to Squadron Leader W. L. Freebody; Squadron Leader J. A. Gray was promoted to Wing Commander.

The Editor acknowledges a very large Christmas mail from all over the world from Old Cranwellians. He reciprocates all their good wishes, and hopes to reply to all his correspondents individually as time permits.

S. P. B. Mais has written a book entitled "All the Days of My Life" which contains an interesting chapter about Cranwell in the early days; and Flight Lieutenant H. C. Pyper's book, "Hounds First," recalls days with the Cranwell Beagles.

We were very sorry to hear of the death at the end of last October of Fred Theobald, who was for some time huntsman and kennelman of the Cranwell Beagles. He had a great reputation in beagling circles for his skill, particularly in casting when the scent had been lost. Mrs. Theobald is with friends at Ampleforth Abbey.

T. J. Troward is now aiming at a Permanent Commission in the Royal Tank Corps and is stationed at Bovington, in Dorset.

Wing Commander R. L. Crofton, M.B.E., A.F.C., is now at Headquarters, Coastal Command, Lee-on-Solent, where he is on Air Staff navigation duties.

We were very sorry to lose last term Flight Lieutenant W. T. F. Wightman, who is going to Hocknall. He was rapidly becoming one of the landmarks at Cranwell, and we shall miss his *bons mots* and his philosophic and nonchalant outlook.

We are very sorry to report the death of Pilot Officer L. H. Lowden. He was a very popular cadet. Everybody liked him, both here and in his squadron. He was Captain of Riding at the College, and the writer recalls many cheerful rounds of golf played with him at Rauceby.

We were also very sorry to hear of the death of Pilot Officer M. P. A. Craig-Mooney. During his two years at the College he was a popular member with his simple and courageous sincerity. He wrote for our JOURNAL.

These Old Cranwellians are now resident on the station:— Squadron Leaders H. M. Garnons-Williams, D. A. Boyle and A. H. W. J. Cocks, Flight Lieutenants G. G. Barrett, J. Mutch, W. S. Hebdon, C. E. J. Baines, C. W. Williams, L. V. Andrews, J. S. Sabine, M. H. Rhys, R. L. Bradford, D. Finlay, A. E. Cairnes, M. Dawney, G. Thripp, R. R. Fairweather, G. N. Hancock, M. F. B. Read, J. Thompson, D. P. Barclay, J. B. Ussher and F. D. Biggs, and Flying Officer H. C. Sawyer.

At the rugby match against the Police College on 23rd October a large company of Old Cranwellians was present, including Lord and Lady Trenchard, Air Marshal Sir Arthur and Lady Longmore, Air Vice-Marshal Baldwin, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs. Borton, Group Captain Herring, Squadron Leader G. Beamish, Flight Lieutenant D. Pemberton and Pilot Officer J. A. Chorlton.

Congratulations on their promotion to Squadron Leader to:—

W. F. Freebody, P. M. Watt, J. A. P. Harrison, H. A. Purvis, D. Waghorn, W. N. Blain, V. B. J. Jackson, J. V. Yonge, J. R. Scarlett, R. J. Cooper, C. C. O'Grady, L. P. Moore, H. H. Martin, S. R. Groor, E. M. F. Grundy, G. L. Worthington, C. W. Gore, E. C. Huddleston, F. C. Sturgiss, P. J. H. Halahan, K. F. T. Pickles, R. C. Hancock, H. C. Wisher, H. J. Pringle, R. S. Darbyshire, J. A. Easton, J. G. W. Weston, R. A. T. Stowell, C. E. St. J. Beamish, W. H. Hutton, J. D. Rutherford, G. H. H. Proctor, R. C. Jordan and R. B. Councell.

Congratulations on their promotion to Flight Lieutenant to:—

R. G. Prier, J. B. Ussher and A. V. Sawyer.

An Old Cranwellian writes:—

"Although not an Old Cranwellian in the sense associated with the Record, I am an Old Cranwellian in another sense, and possibly you may be able to recall my several periods of service at Cranwell commencing in January, 1922. My memory is still fresh concerning a certain rugby match played at Nottingham in February, 1922, when you and I performed on the side of R.A.F., Cranwell, against the University College. Padre McHardy, Wing Commander Simpson, Wing Commander Lowe and the late 'John Willie' and 'Mike' Moody were others who played on that day."

Flight Lieutenant B. M. Cary is captain of one of the five flying-boat going to Australia on a 30,000-mile trip. We wish him and the rest of the Squadron a pleasant and successful voyage.

Flight Lieutenants W. R. Brotherhood, L. Coulson, E. B. C. Davies, A. Golding, C. R. D. L. Lloyd and S. P. A. Patmore have completed the Specialist Armament Course, and Flight Lieutenants A. Pyke, A. C. S. Rutter and F. E. Stokes have completed the Specialist Engines Course.

We offer our congratulations to Squadron Leader and Mrs. D. A. Boyle on the birth of a flight cadet. Squadron Leader Boyle is our Chief Flying Instructor.

Mr. H. R. Giles, our Laboratory Assistant, has the sympathy of all in his recent bereavement.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

[As Chairman of the Old Cranwellian Association I feel that I must take this opportunity of expressing on behalf of all members our regret that Professor R. de la Bère is leaving the College after nearly eighteen years' service.

Our members will remember with gratitude the work he has done for the Association; and everyone will wish him the best of luck in his new appointment.

I am glad to know that the "Prof." is still willing to assist the Association with his unrivalled knowledge of all that pertains to Old Members of the College, in the same way as he has always done in the past.

M. H. G.-W.]

Congratulations to our President, Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., on receiving the Order of the K.C.B.

We had a visit on 7th June from Captain Harold H. Balfour, M.C., M.P., who has recently been appointed Under-Secretary of State for Air. Captain Balfour served at Cranwell in its early days and is one of our elder Old Cranwellians.

We offer our deep sympathy to Lord and Lady Trenchard in their recent bereavement.

Congratulations also to Air Vice-Marshal L. A. Pattinson, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., on being awarded the C.B., Neville Vincent on receiving the O.B.E., and Squadron Leader A. L. Franks on being awarded the Air Force Cross.

Air Marshal Sir Arthur Murray Longmore, former Commandant of the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Lincolnshire.

Sir Arthur, who was one of the first 100 men in this country to gain his aviation certificate, forsook the Royal Navy for the R.F.C. in the early days of flying.

He was appointed to the Cranwell command in 1929, and remained there for four years. During that time he was appointed Air Vice-Marshal. In 1934 he was appointed Air Officer Commanding Coastal Area, his promotion as Air Marshal following in 1935.

He was made a Knight Commander of the Bath in the same year, and was then appointed Commandant of the Imperial Defence College.

The following are now on the Instructional Staff at Manston: Squadron Leaders R. J. Cooper and J. E. Allen, and Flight Lieutenants W. P. Welch, K. W. Niblett, F. A. Pearce and W. E. Oulton.

We lost, with regret, our Navigation Officer, Squadron Leader G. G. Barrett, last term. He has taken an active part in every side of College life and was always a most welcome figure in our debates.

The following have passed the R.A.F. Staff College qualifying examination which was held in January:—

Squadron Leaders C. E. St. J. Beamish, V. Q. Blackden, J. H. McN. Campbell, R. C. Field, J. G. Franks, C. McK. Grierson, A. V. Hammond, J. C. A. Johnson, R. C. Jordan, E. C. Lewis, J. A. H. Loudon, H. H. Martin, W. H. Merton, L. P. Moore, K. F. T. Pickles, G. G. Barrett, A. Earle and W. S. Hebden, and Flight Lieutenants F. C. Cole, W. C. Cooper, L. J. Crosbie, H. R. Dale, R. E. de T. Vintras, J. Whitehead and F. F. Wicks.

The following passed the Air Armament Specialist Course:—

Flight Lieutenants C. H. Brandon, C. J. P. Flood, K. Gray, E. C. Harding, A. H. Jarand, J. D. Nelson, R. G. Prier, H. R. Tidd, I. H. D. Walker and D. E. B. Wheeler.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge letters from Air Marshal Sir William G. S. Mitchell, Air Commodore P. Babington, Wing Commanders Philip Shepherd and T. H. Evans, Second-Lieutenant T. J. Troward (who holds a temporary commission in the Royal Tank Corps), Pilot Officers D. Middleton, T. J. Hanlon, I. D. G. Donald, P. S. Butler and E. Powell, Mr. C. G. Grey and Flying Officer R. P. M. Gibbs.

Dr. David Garnett is publishing the letters of the late Colonel T. E. Lawrence. A number of these letters, written to the Editor, have been sent to him from Cranwell, including a copy of the one which is framed and hung in the College Library.

Congratulations on their promotion to Flight Lieutenant to J. R. Jeudwine, K. E. Cornabé, C. D. Hackett, D. G. Stokes, R. C. F. Lister, E. E. Vielle, C. L. Y. Wright, P. J. A. Riddell, J. E. Kirk and R. J. Burrough; on their promotion to Flying Officers to W. I. C. Inness, P. S. Jolliffe, P. B. Chamberlain, A. M. K. Phillips, O. Godfrey, M. G. Stevenson, H. R. Goodman, W. P. Shand and R. P. R. Powell; on their promotion to the rank of Squadron Leader to D. P. Lascelles, J. S. Dewar, H. M. Pearson, L. F. Sinclair, E. A. Jones, R. C. Jonas, J. W. Homer, H. C. Parker, N. A. Tait, G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley, A. Earle, E. S. Dru Drury, G. R. A. Elsmie, J. Heber-Percy, R. L. Wallace, L. W. C. Bower, C. Ryley, G. K. Fairtlough, W. H. Kyle, J. J. Owen, W. S. Hebden and G. G. Barrett.

Squadron Leader G. P. Chamberlain is stationed at Lee-on-Solent, but finds time to give lectures occasionally to the Junior War Course, Royal Navy, Portsmouth.

with us for eleven years. We were very sorry to hear of the death of the daughter of Mr. H. Harmiston, a College servant.

The Editor, with the aid of several cadets, and mainly Flight Cadets M. Savage, P. A. Major, E. A. Johnston and R. C. Rotheram, is producing an illustrated anthology of the poetry of flight, entitled "Icarus." Through the courtesy of hundreds of outside contributors, the editors of this anthology have handled every form of poetry connected with flight; and it has not been easy to make a final selection.

The Editor hopes that this book will be purchased by Old Cranwellians. It will contain a Preface by Sir John Squire and an Epilogue by Mr. Austin Hopkinson, M.P. It will be published by Messrs. Macmillan next Christmas.

The Editor has received a letter from Rev. A. R. Watson, M.A., who is Chaplain to the British Legation at Copenhagen. He writes:—

"I am a blackhearted ingrate not to have written before. I can put you up with pleasure if you don't mind roughing it a bit. My establishment consists of my housekeeper and her daughter and a maid, in a five-roomed flat—up seventy-two steps.

"When you wrote at Christmas it was so cold and wretched that I couldn't imagine anyone willingly coming here. But in fine weather it's not too bad.

"My clerical neighbours are the other Scandinavian capitals, and Berlin and Hamburg. I have got my name down at the Admiralty in case of active service. I would prefer to end as I began.

"But let's hope all will blow over. But I live on the edge of a bit of Germania irredenta and we are all a trifle interested. . . ."

Padre Watson has sent a picture of his church (St. Alban's English Church) in Copenhagen. This is a fine building in the modern Gothic style.

We had to take part in a sad ceremony on Thursday, 24th March, 1938—the funeral of Flying Officer J. F. Pearce, who met his death in a night-flying accident at Digby. He was the worthy son of a worthy father, Squadron Leader J. L. K. Pearce.

"Bill" Pearce was buried in Cranwell Cemetery. Amongst those present were Air Vice-Marshal F. C. Halahan, Squadron Leader E. S. Finch, Flight Lieutenant F. T. McElwee, Pilot Officers H. Burton and R. H. A. Lee, and in particular Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Healey, who rendered yeoman service in the hour of need.

We offer our deep sympathy to the father and mother in the loss of their only son. Squadron Leader Pearce was for many years a renowned Instructor in Armament at the R.A.F. College. He was also an unusually good shot, and shot for his own country, Ireland, and for the Royal Air Force. He is now the active Secretary of the R.A.F. Rifle Association.

We were equally sorry to hear of the death of Pilot Officer I. I.

Wing Commander O. C. Bryson paid several visits last term to the College, and brought with him the heraldic device of No. 214 (B.) Squadron which he and the Editor of this JOURNAL designed together. Its main feature is a night-jar; and the motto is *Ultor in Umbris* (Retaliating in the Dark).

The Editor wishes to acknowledge a long letter from Pilot Officer R. T. Frogley, who left England in March in company with Pilot Officers P. M. Wigg, K. F. Mackie, L. D. Mavor and P. R. ap Ellis. Frogley is serving with No. 20 (A.C.) Squadron, R.A.F., Peshawar.

Flying Officer T. J. Hanlon continues to take a great interest in the Record of Old Cranwellians. We hope some time to republish this Record, but it is a meticulous business; and the last issue cost about £30.

Squadron Leader J. A. C. Stratton is at the Air Ministry. He still plays golf, but his main interest lies in fishing, and one hears tales of Loch Monsters fallen to his rod.

Flight Lieutenant A. F. McKenna is making the most of his tour of India; and has recently taken part in the ascent of Nanda Devi.

We were sorry to lose, this year, after two and a half years, Flight Lieutenant L. V. Andrews, who has been posted to Old Sarum.

He always took an active part in the life of the station, and whether he was instructing in flying, treading the boards, or in the hunting field, he was always well to the fore.

A Hawker Hurricane of No. 111 (Fighter) Squadron, piloted by Squadron Leader J. W. Gillan, flew 327 miles from Turnhouse Aerodrome to Northolt on 10th February in 48 minutes, i.e., at an average speed of 408.75 m.p.h. The flight was made in darkness and in ordinary service conditions, with full equipment and a normal load of petrol. It was made at a height of 17,000 feet, and once that height was reached the pilot flew entirely by instruments. This is the first time that a land plane has flown at more than 400 miles per hour, and it is the first time that any land plane has flown at more than 300 m.p.h. at night.

Pilot Officer A. G. Worcester is Adjutant of No. 7 F.T.S., Peterborough. He keeps in continual touch with the College, and the JOURNAL is regularly sent to him.

Flight Lieutenant P. B. Coote is attached to the Egyptian Army and is helping to form an "Egyptian Cranwell." He sends his best wishes to the staff of the JOURNAL.

We wish to offer our congratulations to:—
Squadron Leader and Mrs. N. W. F. Mason on the birth of a son;
Squadron Leader and Mrs. H. M. Mellor on the birth of a daughter;

Fawdry. We offer to Wing Commander and Mrs. Fawdry, whom we knew at Cranwell, our deep sympathy in the loss which they and the Service have sustained.

At the eleventh hour we have to report with great regret the deaths of Squadron Leader W. N. Blain and Flying Officer W. L. Rowbottom.

Flight Lieutenant R. E. M. B. Milne, who was years ago an Instructor at Cranwell, is now on the staff of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company of Canada, and is to be found at 54, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1. We hope that many Old Cranwellians will complete their insurances through him. He has virtually given up flying, except in an honorary capacity as an instructor during the week-ends.

When he wrote recently he sent his best wishes to several members of the staff, including Dr. O. S. Sinnatt and Captain G. J. Pytches.

These Old Cranwellians were resident at the station last July: Squadron Leaders M. H. Garnons-Williams, D. A. Boyle (Chief Flying Instructor), A. H. W. J. Cocks and F. D. Biggs, and Flight Lieutenants J. Mutch, C. W. Williams, J. S. Sabine, W. W. Stainthorpe (the College Adjutant), M. H. Rhys, R. L. Bradford, C. R. D. L. Lloyd, G. N. Hancock, M. Dawnay and J. B. Usher.

In the Rugby Cup final between Henlow and Gosport the following Old Cranwellians were playing: Flight Lieutenant T. N. Coslett, Flying Officer H. M. Styles, and Pilot Officers J. T. Wilkins and R. P. M. Gibbs. Flight Lieutenant D. M. H. Craven has played rugby regularly for the Royal Air Force this year.

We were sorry to hear that Squadron Leader R. Costa had been held up by two "gunmen," but were glad to learn that he was none the worse for his adventure.

Congratulations to Air Marshal Sir William G. S. Mitchell on receiving, at the hands of His Majesty, the honour of Knighthood.

Among those who visited the College last term, in connection with the Long Range Flight, were Wing Commander O. R. Gayford, D.F.C., Squadron Leader R. Kellett and Flight Lieutenant H. A. V. Hogan.

These are some of the Old Cranwellians who have visited the College this term:—

Squadron Leaders K. S. Brake, A. P. Revington, J. V. Yonge, C. M. Heard, J. W. Gillan and K. W. Niblett, Flight-Lieutenants W. E. Oulton, E. J. Corbally, J. R. A. Peel, W. H. N. Turner and M. W. S. Robinson, R. P. R. Powell and J. A. Chorlton, and Pilot Officers D. G. Donald and A. G. Worcester.

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We are very sorry to record the death of one of the most trusted of our College servants, Mr. H. Banks, who died in Lincoln Hospital in February, 1938. He joined the College staff in January, 1920. This year also, on 21st July, we lost another valued College servant, H. Curt, who had been

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

By O. S. S.

CONGRATULATIONS to Flight Lieutenant J. W. Bayley on gaining the M.B.E.

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Hearty congratulations to Squadron Leaders D. A. Boyle, L. W. Dickens and H. J. Pringle on being awarded the Air Force Cross.

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We should like to tender our heartiest congratulations to Group Captain I. T. Lloyd on being awarded the C.B.E. It will be remembered that Group Captain Lloyd was once Chief Instructor at the College.

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Squadron Leader F. F. W. Hall is now entitled to the symbol "q.s." against his name in the Air Force List, as he satisfactorily completed the Camberley Staff College course which ended in December, 1938.

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In *The Aeroplane* of 10th May, Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton gives a most instructive and interesting account of a flight he recently made round New Zealand.

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We notice with permissible gratification that Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore headed the R.A.F. Mission which visited Australia and New Zealand at the request of the Governments of the Dominions.

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Squadron Leader J. Addams, A.F.C., flew the first of the two hundred Lockheed bombers, which were ordered by the Air Ministry, from Burbank, California, to New York. He covered the distance, 2,430 miles, in twelve hours' flying time.

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Hearty congratulations to Wing Commander C. L. Falconer on his promotion on 1st March, 1939. He was the eighth Old Cranwellian to be promoted to Wing Commander.

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In the *London Gazette* of 28th March, 1939, we notice that Squadron Leader A. R. Glencross was brought to the notice of the Air Officer formerly commanding British Forces in Aden, for distinguished services in connection with operations in the Aden Protectorate on 29th and 30th April and from 6th July to 4th September, 1938.

The Fédération Aéronautique Internationale has awarded the world's long-distance air record to both Squadron Leader R. Kellett and Flight Lieutenant A. N. Combe, the pilots of the two Wellesley aircraft which flew non-stop from Ismailia to Darwin—a distance officially accepted for the record as 7,159 miles.

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The International Aeronautical Federation voted Squadron Leader R. Kellett's flight one of the two finest air performances of 1938, and Prince Bibesco, the President of the Federation, has made a personal gift of a cup to him.

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The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Air Force Cross to Squadron Leader Richard Kellett and Squadron Leader Andrew Nicholson Combe, of the Royal Air Force Long Range Development Unit, in recognition of services rendered as members of the crews of two aircraft which, having flown non-stop from Ismailia to Port Darwin on 5th to 7th November, 1938, established a world's long-distance record.

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All Cranwell personnel will be pleased to hear that Air Vice-Marshal Cave-Browne-Cave is well on the way to recovery from his recent very serious accident. It will be remembered that the Air Vice-Marshal was Commandant of the College.

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On 1st March, 1939, the Commander-in-Chief, General Sir Robert Cassels, approved the immediate award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Squadron Leader R. C. Mead, of No. 20 (Army Co-operation) Squadron R.A.F., for conspicuous gallantry in dispersing from the air a tribal lashkar which attacked Datta Khel Post, in Waziristan.

During the night of 5th February the tribesmen were attacking the post with two guns when Squadron Leader Mead, in an aircraft, arrived from Miram Shah and, guided by the flash of the tribesmen's rifles, and aided by light signals from the post, attacked the tribesmen with bomb and machine gun. Four tribesmen of the gun crews were either killed or injured, and one gun was damaged. On the night of 7th February a similar attack was repeated by the tribesmen, and Squadron Leader Mead once more set out from Miram Shah and carried out two sorties in the dark.

Squadron Leader Mead's flights on these occasions are regarded officially as "a splendid example of skill and devotion to duty under fire."

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Squadron Leader E. C. Huddleston and Flight Lieutenant L. B. B. King have gone to Eskisehir as instructors at the Turkish Flying Training School.

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Hearty congratulations to the following Squadron Leaders on their promotion to Wing Commander: W. A. D. Brook, N. H. D'Aeth, T. J. Desmond, R. H. S. Spaight, D. Macfadyen, N. B. R. Pelly, M.C., A. P. Revington, J. G. Hawtrey, G. C. Shepherd, M. B. Mackay, F. G. S. Mitchell, W. J. M. Akerman, R. H. Carter, D.F.C., A. D. Davies, G. H. Randle, C. S. Riccard, E. H. M. David, V. B. Bennett, R. B. Jordan, G. E. Nicholetts, F. J. Fressanges, N. A. P. Pritchett, N. Carter, D.F.C., M. H. Garnons-Williams, D. W. F. Bonham-Carter and L. K. Barnes, M.B.E.

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We offer our heartiest good wishes to the following on the occasion of their marriage: Flying Officer and Mrs. D. E. Bennett, Wing Commander and Mrs. D. Macfadyen, Squadron Leader and Mrs. A. C. P. Carver, Squadron Leader and Mrs. A. F. McKenna, Squadron Leader and Mrs. R. J. Gosnell, Squadron Leader and Mrs. D. P. Lascelles, Squadron Leader and Mrs. A. McIlwaine, Squadron Leader and Mrs. H. A. V. Hogan, Squadron Leader and Mrs. C. Broughton, Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. C. H. Brandon, Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. H. D. Beck, and Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. J. A. H. Tuck.

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We wish to congratulate the following on their promotion to Squadron Leader: A. Pyke, E. F. Porter, F. H. Tyson, R. H. E. Emson, M. F. D. Williams, S. P. Langston, J. Worrall, W. P. Sutcliffe, N. G. Goodman, R. H. A. Leigh, J. N. H. Whitworth, A. W. Geoghegan, W. H. N. Turner, J. S. Sabine, T. A. B. Parselle, P. S. Gomez, M. B. Hamilton, D. V. Johnson, A. R. Glencross, D. Michell, S. P. A. Patmore, H. P. Jenkins, D. R. Evans, A. N. Combe, M. K. D. Porter, J. P. Cecil-Wright, C. R. D. L. Lloyd, P. R. Robinson, W. R. Brotherhood, P. W. Bale, C. C. Morton, F. C. de la Poer Beresford-Peirce, J. R. A. Peel, I. G. Mackay, L. G. Levis, R. H. Shaw, E. B. C. Davies, E. D. MacK. Nelson, E. C. Ingham, T. Q. Horner, M. H. Rhys, A. G. Powell, W. D. Disbrey, A.F.C., C. Broughton, D. J. P. Lee, G. N. Hancock, A. C. P. Carver, H. K. Humphreys, D. S. Shore, R. G. Stone, G. W. Montagu, T. L. Moseley, R. R. Fairweather, D. Finlay, H. G. Leonard-Williams, P. L. Donkin, S. J. Marchbank, R. J. Gosnell, D. A. Pemberton, M. Hastings, M. D. Thunder, J. A. P. Owen, T. G. L. Gale, T. U. Rolfe, G. E. Macdonald, W. B. Murray, N. C. Jones, R. A. C. Carter, L. Coulson, A. Golding, J. V. C. Badger, P. S. Salter, A. R. G. Bax, M. A. Aylmer, M. F. B. Read, H. P. Burwood, J. C. Pope, R. L. Bradford, P. de G. H. Seymour, H. R. Tidd, I. H. D. Walker, J. D. Nelson, G. F. L. Scott, E. C. Harding, J. R. Jeudwine, H. P. Broad, R. E. Barnett, M.B.E., C. F. Pearce, E. V. Vielle, G. C. Eveleigh, C. T. Weir, C. J. P. Flood, A. T. D. Sanders, A. F. R. Bennett, K. Gray, R. G. Watson, E. M. T. Howell, J. F. H. Du Boulay, B. W. Knox, D. S. Kite, D. J. K. Whittome and C. R. J. Pink.

We tender our congratulations to: Squadron Leader and Mrs. C. J. Collingwood on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. A. L. Franks on the birth of a son; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. A. Golding on the birth of a daughter; Flight Lieutenant and Mrs. G. A. Mills on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. R. B. Councill on the birth of a son; Squadron Leader and Mrs. H. G. Wheeler on the birth of a son; Squadron Leader and Mrs. W. R. Worstall on the birth of a son; Squadron Leader and Mrs. T. J. Arbuthnot on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. J. Marson on the birth of a son; Squadron Leader and Mrs. J. Norwood on the birth of a daughter; Squadron Leader and Mrs. J. G. Llewelyn on the birth of a daughter, and Squadron Leader and Mrs. E. A. Jones on the birth of a son.

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We offer our congratulations to the following on their promotion to Flight Lieutenant: N. B. R. Bromley, E. W. Thornewill, J. W. Arney, P. T. Philpott, C. D. Hackett, T. B. de la P. Beresford, D.F.C., A. W. J. Clark, H. E. C. Boxer, J. W. Bayley, R. I. Jones, P. W. Townsend, F. E. Croce, N. M. Hall, A.F.C., L. R. Stewart, A. J. Mason, G. E. Wallace, T. M. Buchanan, D. W. Balden, J. A. Pitcairn Hill, H. F. Cox, P. S. Butler, E. H. Lynch-Blosse, J. E. Grindon, W. A. A. de Freitas, C. S. Cooper, J. D. Melvin, P. A. W. Cox, F. O. Dickson, D. P. D. G. Kelly, J. H. Slater, T. R. Manson, A. W. D. Miller, J. Darwen, J. D. Green, A. G. Dudgeon, P. G. S. Dickenson, T. S. Rivett-Carnac, E. Banthorpe, C. H. Press, R. K. Jeffries, J. A. Chorlton, J. C. Mayhew, J. N. Dowland, D. McIntyre, B. E. Smith-Rewse, R. W. Reynolds, A. R. Atkins, D. O. F. Lumsden and L. Mathias.

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We offer our congratulations to the following on their promotion to Flying Officer: R. T. Frogley, P. M. Wigg, L. D. Mavor, P. Meston, T. J. Hanlon, K. F. Mackie, P. R. ap Ellis, I. A. Mead, J. McC. M. Hughes, H. N. G. Wheeler, W. E. M. Lowry, A. R. Oakeshott, M. S. Donne, P. G. Wykeham-Barnes, W. E. G. Measures, G. V. W. Kettlewell, J. C. Archer, D. D. A. Kelly, J. P. D. Gethin, D. R. D. Green, J. M. N. Pike, J. T. Wilkins, R. H. A. Lee, E. Tennant, P. W. Dawson, C. F. Atkinson, T. D. Calnan, J. D. Middleton, J. H. Lapsley, C. D. Palmer, A. D. Panton, G. O. L. Bird, J. B. Grant, T. A. F. Elsdon, H. F. G. Ede, T. J. Geach, D. C. Maybury, T. I. Mathewson, L. M. Moore, J. C. Breese, M. L. Watson, R. M. Burns, D. E. Gould, A. Chalmers, G. H. D. Evans, P. G. St.G. O'Brian, C. Bowen-Davies, F. D. Bird, D. G. Stanley and R. H. de Montmorency.

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We notice in the *London Gazette*, 30th June, 1939, that Flight Lieutenant J. Y. Humphreys resigns his permanent commission.

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We regret to learn that Squadron Leader R. C. Keary has been placed on the retired list on account of ill-health.

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We deeply regret to record the death of Pilot Officer P. F. G. Jameson, on 30th January, at Odiham in an accident to an aeroplane of No. 53 (A.C.) Squadron.

Mr. Jameson was educated at Wellington and entered the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, with a prize cadetship in January, 1936. At Cranwell he was captain of the skill-at-arms team, and on passing out in December, 1937, he was posted to No. 53 (A.C.) Squadron at Odiham.

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We deeply regret to record that on 17th May, at Risalpur, North-West Frontier Province, India, in an accident to an aeroplane of No. 39 (B) Squadron, Gerald Elsmie, Flying Officer (Acting Flight Lieutenant), R.A.F., third son of Major-General and Mrs. A. M. S. Elsmie, was killed.

Mr. Elsmie was educated at Wellington College and entered the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, in January, 1934. He became a Flight Cadet Sergeant, was vice-captain of the shooting team and won the R. M. Groves Memorial Prize for the best pilot of his term. On passing out in January, 1935, he was posted to No. 25 (F) Squadron at Hawkinge, and in March, 1936, he was posted to No. 39 (B) Squadron at Risalpur.

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We deeply regret to record that on 28th April, at Denham, Bucks, in an accident to an aeroplane of No. 13 Squadron, Flying Officer Denys Greville-Bell was killed.

Flying Officer Greville-Bell joined the College in September, 1934, from Pangbourne and passed out in July, 1936, as an Under Officer.

He was a capable boxer and captained the College team in 1936.

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We much regret to report the death of Flight Lieutenant Haliburton Hume Leech, on 5th May, 1939, in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London. He was the youngest son of Sir Joseph Leech, M.P., surgeon, former Lord Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, of Sydenham House, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Haliburton Leech came into the R.A.F. from Cranwell in 1927 and was already recognized as a promising pilot. He was appointed to No. 43 (Fighter) Squadron at Tangmere under Squadron Leader "Pongo" Brooke, and remained with it under Squadron Leader C. N. Lowe. From there his ability as a pilot and the seriousness with which he studied the technical side of his work led to his being selected for duty at Farnborough and later at Martlesham. For several years he was employed wholly on test work, and during that time he put in most of his spare time flying oddly assorted civil aeroplanes. Twice he competed in the King's Cup Race, and in 1933 only just missed third place in an Arrow Active.

After his period of test flying he was appointed to the Fleet Air Arm and went to the China Station in H.M.S. *Hermes*. While there he became infected with the mysterious and incurable disease of which he died.

Leech was one of the most liked people in the Air Force. He had a charming manner and a great earnestness in his interests. All his qualities pointed to a very successful career in the R.A.F. if he had been spared. He was married in October of 1937, and his many friends in the Service, and out of it, will offer the deepest sympathy to his young wife and to his father.

C. G. G.

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We record with the deepest regret the death of Squadron Leader R. T. Cazalet in an aeroplane accident on 16th February, near Woodbridge.

Squadron Leader Cazalet was educated at Repton and entered the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, in 1929. He was a member of the College athletics team and won the Abdy Gerrard Fellowes Memorial Prize for mathematics and science. On passing out of Cranwell he was posted to No. 207 (B) Squadron at Bircham Newton, and in January, 1932, he was posted to Gosport for a course of Fleet Co-operation. In June, 1932, he was posted to No. 812 (F.T.B.) Squadron in H.M.S. *Furious*, then in the Mediterranean. From 1934 to 1936 he attended the long Engineering Course at Henlow, and in August, 1936, he was posted to Mildenhall for engineer duties with the rank of Flight Lieutenant. In August, 1937, he was posted to No. 1 Air Armament School, Eastchurch, and in February, 1938, he was posted to the Experimental Section, Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough. He was promoted to Squadron Leader last December.

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We deeply regret to learn that on 19th May, at Penton Newsey, in an accident to an aeroplane of No. 59 Squadron, Pilot Officer Nigel Avenel van Someren was killed.

Mr. van Someren was educated at the Imperial Service College, Windsor, and entered the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, in January, 1937. He was captain of the lawn tennis team and a member of the Dramatic Society at Cranwell. On passing out of the College in December, 1938, he was posted to No. 59 (Army Co-operation) Squadron.

Many will remember Mr. van Someren as the author of that delightful play, "The Reward for Service," which he produced at the College.

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We also deeply regret the death of Squadron Leader G. H. O. Mills, on 3rd February, near Jerusalem, in an accident to an aeroplane of the R.A.F. Station, Ramleh, Palestine.

Squadron Leader Mills was educated at Plymouth College and entered the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, in January, 1930. At Cranwell he won the Abdy Gerrard Fellowes Memorial Prize for mathematics and science and

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the John Anthony Chance Memorial Prize for Service subjects. He represented the College at fencing and was President of the Debating Society.

On passing out of Cranwell in December, 1931, he was posted to No. 13 (A.C.) Squadron, and in October, 1932, he was posted to No. 5 (A.C.) Squadron at Quetta, India. In 1935 he attended the Signals Course at Cranwell, and in July, 1936, he was posted to No. 13 (A.C.) Squadron at Odiham for signals duties, and, at the same time, promoted to Flight Lieutenant. In September, 1938, he was posted to Headquarters, British Forces in Palestine and Transjordan, and just before his death he was promoted to Squadron Leader.

Squadron Leader Mills lost his life in an attempt to land his aeroplane after he had ordered both his passengers to land by parachute because of motor trouble. Neither passenger was seriously injured.

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Our congratulations to the following officers who have been selected for the Eighteenth Course at the R.A.F. Staff College, beginning January, 1940: Squadron Leaders G. R. A. Elsmie, E. M. F. Grundy, C. W. Williams, W. K. Beisiegel, A. P. F. M. Berkeley, V. Q. Blackden, C. D. C. Boyce, C. E. Chilton, H. A. Constantine, R. J. Cooper, E. J. Corbally, C. W. Grannum, J. C. A. Johnson, E. A. Jones, R. Kellett, E. J. Laine, J. E. M. MacCallum, J. Marson, J. Mutch, I. B. Newbigging, W. T. H. Nichols, J. J. Owen, D. N. Roberts, G. I. L. Saye, T. U. C. Shirley, H. F. G. Southey, E. B. Steedman, J. A. C. Stratton, G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley, D. J. Waghorn, E. R. M. Walker, H. Waring, J. G. W. Weston and H. B. Wrigley, and Flight Lieutenants H. H. Hilliar and A. Wall.

Also to Squadron Leader G. N. J. Stanley-Turner, who has been selected to attend the next course at the Army Staff College, Quetta.

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We wish to acknowledge with thanks our indebtedness to the Editor of *The Aeroplane* for permission to print extracts from the Personal Notices columns.

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We have again received a letter from Captain R. de la Bère, full of interest to Old Cranwellians, excerpts of which are given below:—

"You were good enough last spring to hand my letter of Old Cranwellian news to the Editor for publication in the College JOURNAL, so I am sending yet another Pauline epistle, which you are free to hang, draw and quarter as you will.

"We have had a sad time since I last wrote to you. We have lost Sir Philip Sassoon, a benefactor of the College, about whose complex personality I hope that a biography will appear one day. On 16th May, at Risalpur, we lost Gerald Elsmie, of whom it was well written 'we treasure many happy memories of the 23 years' life—all too short—of a

very keen, clean-minded and devoted son.' We have also lost Squadron Leader G. H. O. Mills, who wrote for the JOURNAL; R. T. Cazalet, a keen man to hounds; Dennis Greville-Bell, a plucky boxer; Peter Jameson, a brilliant and imaginative artist in black and white, and Nigel van Someren, a playwright of promise.

"At the College, you have lost B. R. Guille, a gay, fresh-minded boy, who, after an earlier crash, deserved a better fate; and R. A. G. Morgan, of whom it may be said that his death was one of the most serious losses that the Service has suffered. If of any Flight Cadet it could be prophesied that he would become Chief of the Air Staff, it could be of him—a man of fine character, fine presence, great sympathy, great versatility and great humility. I was struck at his funeral by an innovation, namely, the wreaths from his numerous friends at the College. Of such young men as these perhaps the Latin poet was thinking when he wrote the verse, which none can translate and few paraphrase: '*sunt lacrimae rerum et mentem mortalia tangunt*.' When he used the word '*rerum*' I have no doubt that Virgil was thinking of Lucretius's philosophic poem '*De Rerum Natura*,' and that he meant that the Scheme of Things is shot with sadness and that the Intellect, which should be above mundane tragedies, is affected by them. That is to say, you may rationalize and philosophize as much as you will and say that the death of these young men was the rounding off of a finished entity, that their death was the logical last act of a Divine purpose, and that nothing could be added to their lives without injury. But despite these philosophic anodynes, the fact remains that we are sorry at the deaths of our young friends; we are sorry for them, for their parents, for ourselves; and we everlastingly regret them.

"I was sorry to hear of the deaths of Mr. A. H. C. Lee, a Lecturer at the College, and Squadron Leader J. S. Nichol, who did so much for the Apprentices in the Wireless School.

"And now to return to happier things. I hope that by the time this letter reaches you Mr. P. Snoxell will be free from his domestic anxiety, during which he has had the comfortable sympathy of the Old Cranwellian Society.

"I greatly enjoyed my two recent visits to Cranwell. On one of these I saw the College Literary Society's play '*Alpenstock*,' written by Flight Cadet Ian Phillips and produced by Mr. A. C. Kermode; and I was impressed by the clever acting of Flight Cadet Jimmie Stack. His fellow actors were natural and themselves, but he was natural and somebody else—a vile, toothless, serpentine Frenchy.

"On my other visit, in response to Mr. Lager's questionnaire—did I want lunch, tea, dinner, breakfast, lodging, light, fuel and allowances, etc.?—I said 'Yes' to every one of his questions, except the one about bringing my wife. By his good offices I was permitted to play tennis against the College. My partner, Squadron Leader D. A. Boyle, played with Irish *élan* but, alas, through a torn ligament in my wrist I could not do him justice and we only won one set; *me miserum et mea maxima culpa!* However, it was an enjoyable reunion, the like of which for hospitality can

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only be found in the R.A.F. at Cranwell—under the kindly ægis of 'Grandpa' Sayer, and his attendant Ganymedes—Mr. Curt, Mr. Maris, Mr. Albert, Mr. Lyon and, of course, 'The Colonel' and all.

"During the many rainy interludes, Air Vice-Marshal J. E. A. Baldwin kindly showed me the new pictures which he has secured for the College, including several Knellers and Lelys of Nell Gwynn and her progeny. All these pictures are well done and lend the College a rich and mellow air. In particular I admired a study in still life, which, the Cadets tell me, they call 'The Slaughter House.' I also noted a stuffed Giant Panda in the Parents' Room.

"I have seen Cranwellians on other occasions, e.g., the hockey match against 'The Shop' and the cricket match at Sandhurst. The latter, despite the gallant batting of E. M. C. Guest, was a melancholy occasion. Of course, the R.M.C. deserved to win; but there was no need to present them with their victory on a lordly platter. I calculate that in this match our loose fielding, particularly that of Flight Cadet Extras, gave our opponents 35 good runs in an hour and a half's play.

"But this melancholy occasion—particularly melancholy to Mr. Arthur Newman—was relieved by the cricket match at Woolwich, and by the glory of the Triangular Contest, in which everyone pulled his weight—those who did not score firsts scoring useful seconds, thirds and fourths. I was struck by the running of D. M. Barbour. But I must reserve a special pæan and meed of praise for John Tillett, who achieved two sterling wins—monuments more perennial than brass of pluck and fitness—for whom this will be a *dies memorabilis* all his life.

"At the R.A.F. Championships at Uxbridge I was glad to find that Squadron Leader A. W. Sweeney was running well up to his Olympic form—a model to many young officers who so soon lose their Cranwell form. At Uxbridge I also saw Pilot Officers A. M. Murphy, P. A. Major, D. G. Heaton-Nicholls, B. P. Young and K. P. McKenzie, Flight Lieutenant G. A. V. Knyvett, and Squadron Leaders N. G. Goodman and W. R. Worstall, all enjoying with long faces their seven days' 'duty' in the arena. I saw also Flying Officers E. J. Bradbury and A. W. Taylor, and spoke to Sergeant Major R. E. Gorwood, who quoted Fitzgerald to me and assured me that he was very happy in his athletic work with the Halton Apprentices and wished for nothing better. I was glad Cranwell won the King's Cup, a trophy which was regularly theirs in the day when Sir Charles Longcroft was Consul.

"By the way, Mr. Pepys sent me one of his *obiter dicta* recently, which I reproduce for what it is worth:—

" 'Sundaye, July 2.

" 'Comes to mee this daye a naughtie tale of an Ameriquan who has gone to heare the compleate Hamlet; who on leavinge the theater at Stratford sayes to his cronie, "Listen, my boe, they tell me that that was the compleate Hamlet. Well, it was not compleate. I did not heare Hamlet once saye 'Out damned spotte.'" "Noe, sir,"

replies his cronie; "but with soe manye younge women at the theater wise Master Iden Payne has thought fit to temper Will Shakespeare's language to their gurlish palates, and has not even allowed his characters to compleate their common expletive, 'Go to——.' So off they voyage, these two Ameriquan chappes to the churche to inspecte the entries of Shakespeare in the baptismall and funerall registers. Whereon askes one of the other "And are those boathe Master Shakespeare's veritable signattures?"'

"Mr. Pepys still delights in such fancies and told me of two captions unhappily placed together in a newspaper paragraph:—

'DISMEMBERED BODY DISCOVERED.

'Police Take a Hand.'

"He also told me of a device for discovering one's age, which he has since communicated to the Royal Society.

" 'Sirrah,

" 'You will write down youre telefoan number; double the same; adde five; multiplie by fiftie; adde this yeare (1939). Adde the number of dayes in this yeare (365); subtracte the number of Members of Parlement (615); so will you finde that the answer gives you firste youre telefoan number and then youre age this yeare.'

"After the play at Stratford I spent an evening with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Chance, who still take an interest in things Cranwellian, and present a prize to the College.

"I must thank your Editor and Mr. J. F. Powell for the kindly notice of the College Anthology, 'Icarus,' in the College JOURNAL. 'Icarus' was well received by *The Times*, *Punch*, *The Observer* and *The English Review*, and it has sold fairly well, though not at the College, for which primarily it was destined. It was not well received by *Popular Flying* and *The Aeroplane*. But some critics require in an anthology those post-prandial jingles which even in the blush of their youth could not stand the sunlight of cold print. But all these critiques—and about a hundred arrived—make one think what a strange trade is that of the reviewer. The heart of the matter is well stated in Mr. Jonathan Cape's 'Now and Then.' He gives the critic sound advice. He tells him to—

" . . . remember there's only one thing more tedious than reading a book, and that's writing one. If you trounce or sneer at some poor misguided wretch of an author you'll probably meet him or her one day and wish you hadn't. You may feel very uncomfortable when you find that the author you've snubbed is a lusciously beautiful young cripple with gazelle-like eyes who maintains her deaf-mute twin aunts by turning out a twaddling novel every six months; or a modest mild-mannered man with a sharply receding chin, seven thriving children, and creeping paralysis; or a dear old lady up to her waist in the grave who claws away at her typewriter with gnarled arthritic fingers in the intervals between visits from her adoring great-grandchildren.'

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"Air Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore is now at Training Command. Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs. Philip Babington dispense generous hospitality at 44, Lower Sloane Street, and generally assemble a goodly Old Cranwellian company. At the Halahans' sherry party in June were to be seen Douglas Bader, Squadron Leader Reggie Elsmie, Squadron Leader Geoffrey Stephenson and Squadron Leader Pretty. The Air Vice-Marshal was in great form after his successes on the Long Range at Bisley. His son, Michael—a stalwart supporter of the College—now resides at Rauceby, where he has built himself a workshop, furnished with crystals, skeletons and stuffed crocodiles, where he brews magic potions, and whence issue at all hours of the day and night incantations and the clanking of chains.

"Squadron Leader P. Gomez also entertains in London. Captain Charles Pollock occupies one of the stately homes of England, at Tring. He runs the Halton Society, which has no less than twenty-five branches. Colonel A. F. S. Caldwell writes cheerfully from Bournemouth and wishes that in these times of stress he were in the thick of things.

"Flight Lieutenant R. L. Sweeny has been placed on the Retired List owing to ill-health. All his old pupils and friends will wish him a speedy recovery, recollecting his old-world hospitality and his histrionic skill. His address is: 3, Beechwood Avenue, Ruislip.

"Flying Officer T. D. Calnan, after three months' language leave in Italy, is now back on full flying duties. Flying Officer P. Townsend is studying Russian and Flying Officer L. Mathias, Spanish. Flying Officer Hugh Malcolm had an accident in the spring with a Lysander, from which he extricated himself with not a little fortitude and skill. He may be off flying for a time, but he hopes in the meantime to work for his French interpretership.

"Pilot Officer Michael Savage, after being taken for a ride and bumped off by an Indian bronco, has sunk deeply into the study of Homer and Brooke. John Haile is laden with a multiplicity of squadron duties at Risalpur. Flight Lieutenant P. O'Brian is Adjutant at Catterick. Squadron Leader R. C. Hancock administers at North Weald. Flight Lieutenant Peter Riddell is busy with Intelligence.

"Flight Lieutenant R. C. F. Lister has advanced his flying category. He shoots duck round Cardiff. Flight Lieutenant A. J. Holmes, after shepherding the English team in South Africa, has captained Sussex with success and has made a big tale of runs. Flying Officer John Grierson is now a test pilot. Flying Officer R. P. M. Gibbs has literary plans.

"Squadron Leader G. D. Stephenson, last Easter Monday, at Fakenham, did something which I should think is unique. He rode in five races, was unplaced in four, and won the first place in the last.

"Humphrey Chesterman is now writing novels. His style is marked by that finesse and studied technique which made him outstanding at Cranwell and won him the English Prize in the better old days, when life was freer and the gay humanities had not been displaced by the grim study of

war. However, it is some comfort that at Oxford at any rate they keep some proportion and have the mind and the time to grant a doctorate to P. G. Wodehouse—

*Ecce auctor magicus, quo non expertior alter
Delectare animos hominum risusque movere.*

—though it was a pity that Oxford did not at the same time confer an honorary M.A. on Mr. Jeeves.

"Squadron Leader M. W. S. Robinson has recovered from a breakdown in his health; Flying Officer Peter Crofts is back again in the Service after a short interregnum in civil life; Flying Officer A. D. Panton plays cricket for his station; Flight Lieutenant Piers Kelly was lately maestro of his Station Band; Flight Lieutenant M. P. Skinner gives lectures to Schools near his Station.

"Many Old Cranwellians will be glad to hear of the promotion of Sergeant F. B. Lewis, who was an Orderly at the College, and has for several years been the Queen's Orderly at Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle.

"Air Vice-Marshal H. M. Cave-Browne-Cave, when I saw him last at Oxford, was progressing splendidly and most cheerful.

"At Fighter Command, Squadron Leader J. Mutch visits us occasionally; Wing Commander C. S. Riccard wields the Personnel Branch; Squadron Leader F. H. Tyson, whose Old Cranwellian clerk, Mr. F. Carter, has kindly typed this letter, has taken the place of Squadron Leader J. Norwood in Intelligence; Wing Commander I. Rodney and Squadron Leaders D. R. Evans and W. P. G. Pretty are Electrical, and Squadron Leader E. R. M. Walker, Navigational; Squadron Leaders C. E. J. Baines and D. N. Roberts are respectively in the Organization and Air Branches. Squadron Leader S. H. Hardy is on the Technical side. In his leisure he dispenses Lucullan hospitality—*bene coctus et bene conditus*—in the phrase of Cicero, who was desperately pleased that both his cuisine and his conversation had suited the precarious palate of Caius Julius.

"The Reverend A. McHardy every week does much to alleviate the Monday morning melancholia at these Headquarters. Near by, Squadron Leader C. W. Williams interprets our enemies' best-laid schemes; Wing Commander R. B. Jordan makes top scores for Radlett and has been asked to play hockey for Hertfordshire; Squadron Leader John Peel has long been Adjutant to the Auxiliary Squadron at Hendon.

"I must conclude this overlong letter. At Easter I spent three weeks in Greece and visited many of the lesser-known Greek islands. I climbed the slopes of Delphi, where I was unable to get 'the low down' on Danzig, as the Pythoness was not at home. However, I drank deeply of the Castalian spring, imbibing together with the poetic afflatus no doubt a certain amount of bubonic, malaria and dysentery. In Greece I found that

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one Greek is equal to six Italians. On a fleeting visit to Troy I saw some of the soldiers of our gallant Turkish allies, who, despite their desperate equipment, no doubt would still fight as their fathers did at Gallipoli and Kut.

"Before I end, I hope that some of you will find time to visit the excavations at Sempringham, near Sleaford. The site is a palimpsest and much comparatively late stuff has to be removed or discounted before the original Benedictine or Dominican Priory will be revealed.

"I send you all my best wishes, and I hope *Hitlero volente* to revisit you soon. In fact, I think I shall come up to Cranwell d.v. or not.

All empire is no more than power in trust.

Dryden.

Covenants without the sword are but words.

Hobbes.

Time and the ocean and some fostering star
In high cabal have made us what we are.

William Watson.

A thousand years scarce serve to form a state :
An hour may lay it in the dust.

Byron.

IN MEMORIAM

"Quis talia fando temperet a lacrimis?"

ROBERT ADRIAN GREEY MORGAN.

Robert Morgan was educated at St. George's College, Weybridge. After a period in the City, where he worked hard in his spare time under a crammer, he passed into the College at the top of the September Entry in 1937, a place he steadily maintained. From the outset he was clearly marked out as a cadet of exceptional ability, high purpose, grace and charm. It is given to few to make so favourable an impression upon all with whom they come in contact, but his remarkable popularity sprang from wells of strength whence he drew the inspiration for a life that radiated sympathy, goodness and happiness.

Robert Morgan had realized the true values in life and we are grateful for his memory.

BERNARD ROBERT GUILLE.

Bernard Guille came from Queen Elizabeth's College, Guernsey and passed in sixth in a large entry of September, 1937. He had a keen brain and was quick to grasp fundamental principles. Naturally reserved, he preferred the quiet of his own room, where he loved to read good literature, having a bent for the English and French classics, or, in the company of a few intimate friends, he would enjoy music on the radio, for he loved good music. His friends respected him for the high ideals he had set himself and will long remember the quiet charm of his personality.

JOHN LAWRENCE ORBY HICKS.

John Hicks came to Cranwell from Gresham's School, Holt, at the beginning of the summer term, passing eleventh in his entry. As a freshman we were only just beginning to know him. We feel that by his untimely death the Entry has suffered a great loss.

A Selection of OCA Members of the Late 30s (when cadets)



F/C Sgt Lord MA Douglas-Hamilton



F/C Cpl JR Addams



F/C Cpl FFW Hall



F/C R Kellett



F/C AN Combe



F/C Cpl CBR Pelly



F/C Sgt AD Davies



F/C CS Riccard



F/C Sgt FH Fressanges



F/C Cpl NAP Pritchett



F/C Sgt LK Barnes



F/C PFG Jameson



U/O D Greville-Bell



F/C Sgt RT Cazalet



F/C Sgt NA van Someran

PART 2 - POST-WWII FLIGHT CADET ERA

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

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

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

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

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[Time for a "roll call".]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF OLD CRANWELLIANS WHO ARE STILL SERVING, SHOWING THEIR APPOINTMENTS AS AT MID-OCTOBER, 1947

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

* "Harry" Lager - hopefully a 'Happy Harry'

** Not entirely true, but WWII would soon see many Cranwellians promoted to Wg Cdr.

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

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

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

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Huxham, G. H. (G.C.) ...	C.S.O., H.Q., Flying Training Command.
Ingle, W. H. (W.C.) ...	Student, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Inness, W. I. C. (W.C.) ...	D.D. of P.I., Air Ministry.
Iremonger, J. H. (A./W.C.), D.F.C.	H.Q., Fighter Command.
Jackson, I. C. (W.C.), D.F.C.	Commanding, 51 Maintenance Unit.
Jackson, V. B. J. (G.C.) ...	Vice-President, R.A.F. Selection Board.
Jeffries, R. K. (W.C.), O.B.E.	D.D.T. Arm. (T. Arm.I) Air Ministry.
Jenkins, H. A. (S.L.), D.F.C.	A.H.Q., Hong Kong.
Jenkins, H. P. (W.C.), D.F.C.	H.Q., 3 Group.
Johnson, J. C. A. (G.C.) ...	R.A.F. Station, Watnall.
Johnston, E. A. (S.L.) ...	H.Q. Transport Command.
Jonas, R. C. (G.C.), O.B.E.	Air Attaché, Washington, D.C.
Jones, E. A. (G.C.) ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Kaitak.
Jones, P. (G.C.) ...	Ministry of Civil Aviation.
Jones, R. I. (W.C.) ...	140 Wing, 84 Group, B.A.F.O.
Jordon, R. B. (A.Cdre.), C.B., D.F.C.	A.O.A. Air Headquarters (Supreme), India.
Keary, J. D. A. (G.C.) ...	H.Q., Fighter Command.
Kelly, D. P. D. G. (W.C.), D.F.C.	Supernumerary, S.P.D.C.
Kennedy, W. M. C. (G.C.) ...	H.Q., A.C.F.E.
Kettlewell, G. V. W. (W.C.) ...	H.Q., Flying Training Command.
King, L. B. B. (W.C.) ...	C.B.E., Marham.
Kingcome, C. B. F. (W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	Directing Staff, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
King-Lewis, A. (A./G.C.) ...	S.O.A. 1 Group.
Kirk, J. E. (W.C.), O.B.E.	D.G.S. (Sigs. Plans. I) Air Ministry.
Kite, D. S. (A./G.C.) ...	D.D. Arm. D. 2, Ministry of Supply.
Knowles, J. N. (W.C.) ...	Non-effective, sick in South Africa.
Knyvett, G. A. V. (W.C.) ...	Student, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Kyle, W. H. (G.C.), C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C.	Directing Staff, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Laine, E. J. (G.C.), D.F.C.	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Jurby.
Lambert, P. C. (S.L.) ...	Supernumerary, 5 P.D.C.
Lane, D. W. (G.C.), C.B.E.	D.D. Pol. (A.S.) 4, Air Ministry.
Lapsley, J. H. (W.C.), O.B.E., D.F.C.	D.D. Pol. (A.S.) 2, Air Ministry.
Le Cheminant, P. de L. (A./W.C.), D.F.C.	Directing Staff, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Lee, D. H. (W.C.), D.F.C.	R.A.F. Delegation, Greece.
Lee, D. J. P. (W.C.), O.B.E.	Supernumerary, 5 P.D.C.
Leigh, R. H. A. (A./G.C.) ...	S.A.S.O., A.H.Q., Aden.
Leonard-Williams, H. G. (G.C.), C.B.E.	H.Q., R.A.F., M.E.D.M.E.
Levis, L. G. (W.C.) ...	Instructor at Turkish Air Academy.
Lewis, K. P. (G.C.) ...	H.Q., B.C., Air, Japan.
Lindley, W. J. H. (W.C.) ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Burtonwood.
Lister, R. C. F. (W.C.), D.F.C.	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Wattisham.
Lloyd, C. R. D. L. (A./G.C.), O.B.E.	Chief Instructor, O.A.T.S., Hornchurch.
Lloyd, R. (S.L.), D.F.C., A.F.C.	H.Q., Transport Command.
Louden, J. A. H. (G.C.) ...	D.A.F.W., Air Ministry.
Lowe-Holmes, R. W. (G.C.) ...	H.Q., Bomber Command.
Lumsden, D. O. F. (W.C.), D.F.C.	H.Q., M.E.D.M.E.
Lumsden, D. T. M. (S.L.) ...	A.H.Q., Ceylon.
Lynch-Blosse, E. H. (W.C.) ...	21 (P.) A.F.U.
Lyne, M. D. (S.L.), A.F.C.	Commanding 54 Squadron, 11 Group.
Macdonald, I. N. M. (S.L.) ...	H.Q. 19 Group.
Macdonald, J. C. (A./G.C.), D.F.C., A.F.C.	139 Wing, B.A.F.O.
MacDonald, T. de T. (F.L.) ...	Malta.
Macdonell, A. R. D. (W.C.), D.F.C.	H.Q., Flying Training Command.
MacDougal, I. N. (A./W.C.), D.F.C.	D.P.A., Air Ministry.
Macfadyen, D. (A.Cdre.), C.B.E.	Commandant, Officers' Advanced Training School.
Mackay, I. G. (W.C.) ...	Student, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Mackay, M. B. (A./G.C.) ...	R.A.F. Station, Waddington.
Mackenzie, K. F. (S.L.) ...	Commanding 231 Maintenance Unit.
Mackie, K. F. (W.C.), D.F.C.	A.S.T.O 3, Air Ministry.
Macnair, D. I. P. (G.C.) ...	No. 1 S.S.S.B., Air Ministry.

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Mangles, R. A. R. (G.C.) ...	S.P.S.O., B.A.F.O.
Marchbank, S. J. (W.C.), D.F.C. ...	500 Wing, West Africa.
Marrett, P. L. P. (W.C.) ...	O.C. Troops, Air Ministry.
Marson, J. (G.C.) ...	D.D.S.M. (3), Air Ministry.
Martin, R. F. (S.L.), D.F.C. ...	R.A.F. Station, Farnborough.
Mason, A. J. (W.C.), D.F.C. ...	205 Squadron, A.C.F.E.
Mason, N. W. F. (G.C.) ...	Returning from West Africa.
Mathias, L. (W.C.) ...	R.A.F. Station, Upwood.
Mavor, L. D. (W.C.), A.F.C. ...	R.A.F. Station, Fairford.
Maynard, N. M. (S.L.), D.F.C. ...	4 Group.
McConnel, R. M. (W.C.), D.S.O., A.F.C. ...	H.Q., A.C.F.E.
McEvoy, T. N. (A.Cdre.), C.B.E. ...	Director of Command and Staff Training, Air Ministry.
McIlwaine, A. (W.C.) ...	H.Q., A.C.F.E.
McIntyre, D. (S.L.) ...	644 Squadron, 38 Group.
McIntyre, R. V. (A./G.C.), D.F.C. ...	H.Q., M.E.D.M.E.
Mead, R. C. (G.C.), C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C. ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Church Lawford.
Measures, W. E. C. (W.C.), A.F.C. ...	C.I., No. 6 F.T.S.
Melvin, J. D. (W.C.) ...	Student, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Menaul, S. W. B. (W.C.), D.F.C., A.F.C. ...	O.A.I., Air Ministry.
Merton, W. H. (G.C.), O.B.E. ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Upwood.
Messenger, A. D. (A./G.C.), C.B.E. ...	S.P.S.O., H.Q., Technical Training Command.
Meston, P. (S.L.) ...	H.Q., Flying Training Command.
Michell, D. (W.C.) ...	H.Q., 84 Group.
Miller, A. W. D. (W.C.) ...	H.Q., 42 Group.
Mills, G. A. (W.C.) ...	R.A.F. Station, Lyneham.
Mills, G. H. (A.Cdre.), C.B., D.F.C. ...	Director of Plans, Air Ministry.
Milne, C. D. (W.C.), D.F.C. ...	R.A.F. Station, Waddington.
Mitchell, A. D. (W.C.) D.F.C., A.F.C. ...	H.Q., 84 Group.
Mitchell, F. G. S. (G.C.), O.B.E. ...	B.A.C., Washington, D. C.
Moore, C. S. (G.C.), O.B.E. ...	D.D. Plans (J.P.), Air Ministry.
Moore, L. M. (S.L.) ...	Student, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Moore, L. P. (G.C.) ...	Air Historical Branch, Air Ministry.
Morant, R. A. L. (S.L.) ...	R.A.F. Station, Manby.
Morison, R. B. (S.L.) ...	1 (P) R.F.U., 21 Group.
Morrison, N. E. (A./G.C.), A.F.C. ...	School of Land/Air Warfare.
Morton, C. C. (G.C.), C.B.E. ...	D.D. of Sigs. (N.), Air Ministry.
Murray, S. S. (A./G.C.), O.B.E. ...	Commanding 324 Wing, M.E.D.M.E.
Murray, T. C. (S.L.), D.S.O., D.F.C. ...	R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Murray, W. B. (W.C.), D.F.C. ...	O.I., Air Ministry.
Mutch, J. (G.C.) ...	No. 1 S. of T.T., 24 Group.
Mutch, J. R. (G.C.), C.B. ...	32 Maintenance Unit.
Nelson, E. D. M. (A./G.C.) ...	Commanding, R.A.F. Station, Fayid.
Newbigging, I. B. (A./G.C.), D.F.C. ...	231 Wing, M.E.D.M.E.
Newman, C. W. M. (S.L.), D.F.C. ...	D. of Air, War Office.
Niblett, K. W. (G.C.), D.F.C. ...	R.A.F. Station, Manipur.
Nicholets, G. E. (A./A.Cdre.), A.F.C. ...	Central Photographic Establishment, Benson.
Nichols, W. T. H. (G.C.) ...	S.A.S.O., 27 Group.
Norris, N. B. (W.C.) ...	H.Q., Coastal Command.
Norwood, J. (A./G.C.) ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Khamaksar.
Nowell, H. E. (G.C.), C.B., O.B.E. ...	P.C.G.B., Air Ministry.
O'Brian, P. G. S. G. (W.C.), D.F.C. ...	14 Squadron, B.A.F.O.
O'Grady, C. C. (A./G.C.) ...	H.Q., Transport Command.
Oliver, J. O. W. (A./G.C.), D.S.O., A.F.C. ...	D.D.S.T. 3, Air Ministry.
Ommanney, M. D. (G.C.) ...	H.Q., 47 Group.
Opie, W. A. (A.Cdre.) ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, St. Athan.
Oulton, W. E. (A./G.C.), D.S.O., A.F.C. ...	R.A.F. Director, J.A.S.S., Londonderry.
Owen, J. A. P. (W.C.) ...	O.Est. 7, Air Ministry.
Panton, A. D. (S.L.), D.F.C. ...	5 P.D.C.
Parker, H. C. (W.C.) ...	Commanding A.C.A.U., 23 Group.

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Parkhouse, R. C. L. (F.L.) ...	202 A.F.S.
Parselle, T. A. B. (A./G.C.) ...	Directing Staff, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Patch, H. L. (A.Cdre.), C.B.E. ...	Commanding Air Traffic Headquarters, Uxbridge.
Patmore, S. P. A. (G.C.), O.B.E. ...	A. and A.E.E., Boscombe Down.
Payn, A. J. (S.L.), M.B.E. ...	R.A.F. Station, Pembroke Dock.
Pearce, C. J. (W.C.) ...	C.B.E., Marham.
Pearce, F. A. (A./G.C.), O.B.E. ...	H.Q., M.E.D.M.E.
Pearson, H. M. (G.C.), C.B.E. ...	Air Attaché, Lima.
Pearson-Rogers, H. W. (G.C.), C.B.E. ...	Commanding Headquarters Wing, Cranwell.
Peel, J. R. A. (G.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C. ...	Assistant Commandant, R.A.F. College.
Pelly, C. B. R. (A.Cdre.), C.B.E., M.C. ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Boscombe Down.
Petre, G. W. (W.C.), D.F.C., A.F.C. ...	No. 1 Radio School, Cranwell.
Phillips, A. M. K. (W.C.) ...	H.Q., 62 Group.
Phillips, R. L. (A./A.Cdre.), C.B.E. ...	H.Q., Fighter Command.
Philpott, M. G. (G.C.) ...	Directing Staff, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Philpott, P. T. (W.C.), O.B.E. ...	R.A.F. Selection Board, Air Ministry.
Pickles, K. F. T. (G.C.), O.B.E. ...	H.Q., Bomber Command.
Pike, J. M. N. (W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C. ...	A.H.Q., Malaya.
Pike, T. G. (A.Cdre.), C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C. ...	Director of Operational Requirements (A.), Air Ministry.
Pitt-Brown, W. (S.L.), D.F.C. ...	School of Air/Land Warfare.
Plinston, F. A. (S.L.), D.F.C. ...	H.Q., Polish Resettlement Corps.
Pollock-Gore, F. A. J. (S.L.) ...	H.Q., 23 Group.
Pope, J. C. (W.C.) ...	(R.D.Q.(C.)) Eng., Ministry of Supply.
Porteous, H. A. B. (S.L.), O.B.E. ...	R.A.F. Station, Castle Archdale.
Porter, E. O. (S.L.) ...	Malta.
Porter, M. K. D. (G.C.), C.B.E. ...	Directing Staff, R.A.F. Staff College, Bulstrode.
Powell, A. G. (G.C.) ...	Student, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Powell, R. P. R. (W.C.), D.F.C. ...	Admin. (Air 2), B.A.F.O.
Powell-Shedden, G. F. (W.C.), D.S.O., A.F.C. ...	D.P.A., Air Ministry.
Press, C. H. (W.C.) ...	Armament Experimental Establishment, Porton.
Preston, J. E. (S.L.) ...	Supernumerary, A.M. Unit.
Preston, T. (W.C.), D.F.C. ...	Directing Staff, O.A.T.S., Hornchurch.
Pretty, W. P. G. (G.C.), O.B.E. ...	Ministry of Civil Aviation.
Prickman, T. B. (A.Cdre.), C.B.E. ...	Administration Staff Officer to Head of Air Section, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Australia.
Prier, R. G. (W.C.), D.F.C. ...	H.Q., Fighter Command.
Pringle, H. J. (G.C.), A.F.C. ...	S.A.S.O., H.Q., Rhodesia Air Training Wing.
Pritchett, N. A. P. (A./A.Cdre.) ...	Air Officer Commanding, Air H.Q., East Africa.
Procter, G. H. H. (G.C.) ...	No. 4 (R.D.) M.U.
Pye, R. W. (S.L.) ...	A.C.A.S. Training, Air Ministry.
Pyke, A. (W.C.) ...	107 M.U., M.E.D.M.E.
Raban, M. C. (S.L.), D.F.C. ...	H.Q., Coastal Command.
Randall, H. C. (S.L.), D.F.C. ...	H.Q., M.E.D.M.E.
Randle, G. H. (G.C.) ...	D.D. of R. (B.), Air Ministry.
Read, G. J. L. (A./G.C.), A.F.C. ...	D.D.T.F. (Nav.), Air Ministry.
Reed, W. S. (W.C.) ...	H.Q., Flying Training Command.
Rees, V. (W.C.), D.F.C. ...	237 O.C.U.
Reynolds, A. P. (A.Cdre.), C.B.E. ...	Air Officer Commanding 4 Group.
Reynolds, J. H. M. (G.C.) ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Mildenhall.
Rhys, M. H. (A./G.C.), A.F.C. ...	S.A.S.O., H.Q., Fighter Command.
Rhys-Jones, J. (G.C.) ...	D.D.M 2, Air Ministry.
Riccard, C. S. (G.C.), C.B.E. ...	H.Q., Maintenance Command.
Rivett-Carnac, T. S. (W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C. ...	R.A.F. Station, Kabrit.
Roberts, D. N. (G.C.), C.B.E., A.F.C. ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Finningley.
Robinson, F. A. (S.L.), D.F.C. ...	Supernumerary, 5 P.D.C.
Robinson, M. W. S. (A./G.C.), C.B.E. ...	U.K.A.L.M., Ottawa.
Rolfe, T. U. (W.C.) ...	Supernumerary, 5 P.D.C.
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Rusher, D. H. S. (W.C.), D.S.O. ...	Empire Radio School, Debden.
Ruston, A. M. (S.L.), D.F.C. ...	209 Squadron, A.C.F.E.
Rutherford, J. D. (G.C.) ...	H.Q., Bomber Command.
Rutter, N. C. S. (G.C.), C.B.E. ...	D.D.S.M.I., Air Ministry.
Ryley, C. (G.C.), D.F.C. ...	S.A.S.O., 18 Group.
Ryley, D. W. R. (G.C.), C.B.E. ...	Commanding 10 S. of T.T.
Sanders, A. A. J. (S.L.), D.F.C., A.F.C.	A.H.Q. (S.), Delhi.
Saye, G. I. L. (A./A.Cdre.), O.B.E., A.F.C.	Director of Navigation, Air Ministry.
Scott, G. P. L. (W.C.) ...	A.R.F.I., Air Ministry.
Sealy, C. F. (G.C.) ...	R.A.F. Technical College, Henlow.
Selway, A. D. (G.C.), D.F.C. ...	A.H.Q., Malaya.
Seymour, T. P. (S.L.) ...	D.D.O.R.1, Air Ministry.
Shaw, R. H. (A./G.C.), D.F.C. ...	H.Q., A.C.F.E.
Shenton, R. F. (G.C.) ...	S.A.S.O., 22 Group.
Shepherd, G. C. (G.C.), ...	D.D.A.I.S., Air Ministry.
Shirley, T. U. C. (G.C.), C.B.E. ...	H.Q., Transport Command.
Shore, D. R. (W.C.), D.F.C., A.F.C.	Aircrew Training, 62 Group.
Sinclair, L. P. (G.C.), G.C., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., A.D.C.	S.A.S.O., 84 Group, B.A.F.O.
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Southey, H. F. G. (G.C.) ...	Air Attaché, Brussels.
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Spaight, R. H. S. (A.Cdre.), C.B.E.	Air Officer Commanding, Air H.Q., Austria.
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Spreckley, H. D. (A.Cdre.), O.B.E.	Commandant, Empire Air Armament School.
Stack, T. N. (S.L.) ...	H.Q., Coastal Command.
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Stanley-Turner, G. N. J. (G.C.) C.B.E.	S.O.A., A.H.Q., Levant.
Stannard, F. W. (G.C.) ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Thornhill, S. Rhodesia.
Stephens, M. M. (S.L.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	On loan to Turkish Government.
Stephenson, G. D. (G.C.) ...	H.Q., Flying Training Command.
Stephenson, J. N. T. (G.C.) ...	Directing Staff, R.A.F. Staff College, Bulstrode.
Stevens, C. H. A. (G.C.), O.B.E. ...	President No. 2 S.S.S.B., Air Ministry.
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Stokes, F. E. (W.C.) ...	B.S.O., Washington, D.C.
Stone, R. G. (W.C.) ...	D.O.Est., Air Ministry.
Stowell, R. A. T. (G.C.), O.B.E., D.F.C.	H.Q., Bomber Command.
Stratton, J. A. C. (G.C.), O.B.E. ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Palau.
Sturgess, F. C. (G.C.), O.B.E. ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Mingaladan.
Sutcliffe, W. P. (A./G.C.), D.F.C. ...	S.A.S.O., 3 Group.
Tait, J. B. (W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C. ...	Base H.Q., Singapore.
Tait, N. A. (G.C.), O.B.E. ...	R.I.A.F. Station, Tambaran, India.
Thomas, J. E. G. H. (A./G.C.), D.F.C.	H.Q., Coastal Command.
Thompson, J. (W.C.) ...	R.A.F. Station, Binbrook.
Thompson, D. L. (A.Cdre.), D.S.O., A.F.C.	S.A.S.O., H.Q., 205 Group.
Thornewill, E. W. (W.C.) ...	Supernumerary, 1 P.H.U.
Thunder, M. D. (W.C.) ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Church Fenton.
Tindal-Carill-Worsley, G. N. E. (G.C.), C.B.E.	D.D. Arm. D., M.A.P.
Townsend, P. W. (W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	Equerry to H.M. The King.
Tuck, J. A. H. (W.C.), D.F.C. ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Coltishall.
Turner, C. H. (A./G.C.) ...	Air Attaché, Warsaw.
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Tyson, F. H. (A./G.C.) ...	Directing Staff, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Vallance, R. G. A. (A./W.C.) ...	S.E.S.O., 1 Group.
Veal, R. (F.L.) ...	H.Q., 62 Group.

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Wade, R. L. (S.L.), D.F.C. ...	D.G.O., O.4 (D.), Air Ministry.
Waite, R. N. (A./A.Cdre.), C.B.E. ...	Head of Air Section, Combined Services Division, Control Commission, Germany.
Walker, E. R. M. (W.C.) ...	D.D. Plans (J.P.), Air Ministry.
Walker, N. C. (W.C.) ...	R.D.Q. (C.), Ministry of Supply.
Wall, A. (A./G.C.) ...	D.D.E. 8, Air Ministry.
Wallace, R. L. (G.C.), C.B.E., A.F.C.	H.Q., Reserve Command.
Wallis, J. B. M. (G.C.), O.B.E. ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Syerston.
Warburton, J. (G.C.) ...	H.Q., 11 Group.
Warcup, P. E. (W.C.) ...	R.A.F. Station, Coningsby.
Ward, E. L. S. (G.C.), D.F.C. ...	A.C.A.S. (Tr.), Air Ministry.
Waring, H. (G.C.) ...	S.O.A., 12 Group.
Warren, C. (S.L.), D.F.C. ...	Student, R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Watt, C. A. (G.C.) ...	H.Q., Transport Command.
Weedon, C. W. (A.V.M.), C.B., C.B.E.	Air Officer Commanding 41 Group.
Weir, C. T. (W.C.), D.F.C. ...	E.A.A.S., Manby.
Welch, W. P. (A./G.C.) ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Felixstowe.
Weston, J. G. W. (A.Cdre.), C.B., O.B.E.	Commanding Central Signals Establishment.
Weston Burt, D. (W.C.), D.S.O. ...	Rhodesian Air Training Wing.
Wheatley-Smith, T. R. N. (S.L.) ...	48 Squadron, A.C.F.E.
Wheeler, D. E. B. (W.C.), D.F.C. ...	O.R. 6, Air Ministry.
Wheeler, H. N. G. (W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	R.A.F. Station, Changi, A.C.F.E.
Whitehead, J. (G.C.) ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Chivenor.
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Whitworth, J. N. H. (W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	Supernumerary, India.
Wickham, P. R. W. (S.L.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	A.H.Q., Ceylon.
Wicks, F. F. (G.C.), O.B.E., D.F.C.	Zonal Affairs Staff, B.A.F.O.
Widdows, S. L. (A./G.C.), D.F.C. ...	Directing Staff, Royal Naval College, Greenwich.
Wightman, W. T. F. (W.C.), D.F.C., A.F.C.	Commanding 65 Reserve Centre.
Williams, D. W. (W.C.), C.B.E. ...	A.H.Q., Levant.
Williams, M. F. D. (A./G.C.), D.S.O.	Commanding 135 Wing, B.A.F.O.
Willis, C. V. D. (W.C.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	C.S.E., Watton.
Wills-Sandford, W. R. (G.C.) ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Swinderby.
Wilson, L. D. (S.L.), D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C.	5 P.D.C.
Wilson, R. C. (G.C.) ...	R.A.F. Station, Upwood.
Wisher, H. G. (W.C.) ...	R.A.F. Station, Stradishall.
Wood, B. A. C. (W.C.), D.F.C. ...	O.R. 4, Air Ministry.
Worrace, J. (A./G.C.), D.F.C. ...	H.Q., Transport Command.
Worstell, W. R. (G.C.), O.B.E. ...	205 Group, M.E.D.M.E.
Worthington, F. R. (A./G.C.) ...	H.Q., Bomber Command.
Worthington, G. L. (A.Cdre.), C.B.E.	H.Q., A.C.F.E.
Wright, A. R. (S.L.), D.F.C., A.F.C.	Ops. A.D. (1), Air Ministry.
Wright, C. J. (W.C.) ...	R.A.F. Station, Manby.
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Yarde, B. C. (G.C.) ...	Commanding R.A.F. Station, Gatow.
Yonge, J. V. (W.C.) ...	Supernumerary, H.Q., Technical Training Command.
Young, B.P. (S.L.), O.B.E. ...	Manning (3), Air Ministry.
Young, N. (W.C.) ...	R.A.F. Station, Boscombe Down.
Yule, R. D. (S.L.), D.S.O., D.F.C.	Supernumerary, A.C.F.E.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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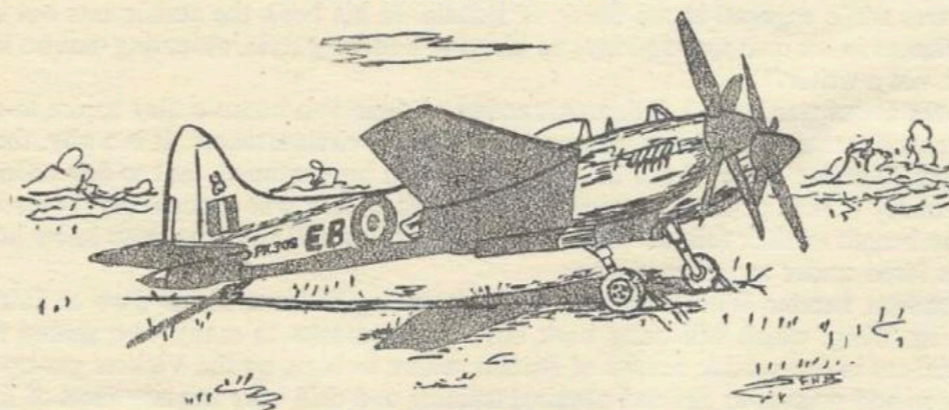
Wing Commander H. N. G. Wheeler (1937) is returning to this country from Singapore. We congratulate him on adding the O.B.E. to his colourful chest. Wing Commander K. F. Mackie (1937) has been posted to Fayid.

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

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

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

OLD CRANWELLIANS' DAY



A Visiting Hornet

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A Selection of OCA Members of the Late 40s (when cadets)



F/C Cpl HH Brookes



F/C Cpl LW Cannon



F/C Cpl ARD McDonnell



F/C JC Breese



F/C HNG Wheeler



F/C KF Mackie



F/C Cpl MKD Porter



F/C Cpl TD Calnan



F/C RF Read



F/C AJL McFarlane

College Journal Extracts - March 1951

[The highlighted item, an appeal from the editor, suggests that post-WWII items were hard to come by, notices being restricted to promotions, appointments, honours and awards. Having just been through six years of intensive warfare, however, it is quite likely that Cranwellians were still adjusting to hard won peace and inevitable austerity. However, as we shall see, the upkeep of the College Journal was beginning to struggle, leading to just annual publications from 1971 and its suspension in 2013.]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

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

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

PROMOTIONS

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

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

CRANWELL STAFF

Wing Commander.—C. H. Beamish.

POSTINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

O.C.A. TIES

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

YACHTING

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

AN APPEAL

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

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

J. C. B.

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

College Journal Extracts - June 1951

[The future Queen visits the College six months before her accession.]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

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

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

HONOURS AND AWARDS

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

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

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

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

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

PROMOTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

NEWS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EXTRA DRILLS

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

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College Journal Extracts - November 1951

[The Post-WWII OCA Notes start to follow a more succinct pattern, but with a greater emphasis on topical news, including the progress of former AC2 AH Humphrey.]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

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

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

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

Those attending were:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEWS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


We deeply regret to report the death of Wing Commander D. W. Steventon (1938), who was Squadron Commander of 'B' Squadron at the College in 1948; also of Flying Officer P. F. Keeling and Flying Officer P. G. Nickoll, who entered the College in September, 1947; and of Pilot Officer R. D. Jones and Pilot Officer N. R. L. Saunders, who entered the College in May, 1948. We offer our sincere sympathy to the relations of these officers.

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College Journal Extracts - June 1952

[The pattern of lead item, honours & awards, records and general news in a more streamlined set of notes has become the norm for the 1950s.]



OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

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

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

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

HONOURS, AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

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

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

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

King's Commendation: Squadron Leader R. B. Morison, D.F.C. (1938)

Wing Commander P. R. ap Ellis (1935) should have been included among the promotions to Wing Commander.

RECORDS

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

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

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

NEWS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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[The pattern of lead item, honours & awards, records and general news in a more streamlined set of notes continues as the norm for the 1950s.]



OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

HONOURS, AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

NEWS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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A Selection of OCA Members of the Early 50s (when cadets)



F/C PG Wykeham-Barnes



F/C NS Allinson



F/C GW Hayes



F/C Cpl JLF Fuller-Good



U/O RT Froglet



F/C K Gray



F/C JC Atkinson



U/O TR Gush



F/C Cpl CH Walker



F/C A Earle




F/C Cpl MJ Corner



F/C Sgt IHF Walmsley

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HONOURS, AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

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

We extend congratulations also to the following:

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

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

The following promotions were announced in the January List:

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

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

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

Wing Commanders J. O. Barnard (1936), P. R. W. Wickham, D.S.O., D.F.C. (1937), P. W. Cook (1937).

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

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

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


NEWS

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

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

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

Royal Air Force Staff College,
Andover, Hampshire.



'FORE!!'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FAR EAST OLD CRANWELLIAN DINNER, 1952

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

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

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

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

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

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

The following were present at the dinner:

Air Vice-Marshall H. L. Patch—Sep. '23—Jul. '25

Air Vice-Marshall W. J. M. Akerman—Feb. '20—Dec. '21

Air Vice-Marshall G. H. Mills—Feb. '20—Dec. '21

Air Commodore G. B. Beardsworth—Jan. '23—Dec. '24

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEWS

Korea

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

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

Cranwell

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

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

News by Correspondence

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

G. K. M.



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HONOURS AND AWARDS

WE congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who received Honours for their services in connection with the Coronation and with the Review of the Royal Air Force:

K.C.V.O.: Air Marshal Sir Dermot A. Boyle (1922).

C.V.O.: Air Vice-Marshal The Earl of Bandon (1923), Air Commodore B. C. Yarde (1924), Air Commodore J. L. F. Fuller-Good (1921).

We further congratulate the undermentioned two post-war Old Cranwellians who were Mentioned in Despatches for services in Korea:

Flight Lieutenant L. C. Swallow (1948).

Flying Officer B. M. Burley (1948).

PROMOTIONS

The following Old Cranwellians were promoted on 1st July, 1953:

Air Marshal: W. L. Dawson (1920).

Air Commodores: G. D. Stephenson (1928), H. A. V. Hogan (1929), M. L. Heath (1927).

Group Captains: B. H. Becker (1931), A. J. Mason (1933), D. P. Hanafin (1932), T. S. Rivett-Carnac (1934).

Wing Commanders: R. S. J. Edwards (1935), P. C. Lambert (1936), R. B. Morison (1938), C. V. Beadon (1937), I. L. B. Aitkens (1937), A. M. K. Phillips (1934), W. Beringer (1937), D. T. M. Lumsden (1937), R. W. Pye (1938).

Squadron Leader: G. E. Cruywys (1938).

APPOINTMENTS

There are, at present, some 93 Old Cranwellians of Air Rank serving in the Royal Air Force. Amongst the appointments they hold are:

Deputy Chief of Staff (Plans) at SHAPE: Air Marshal W. L. Dawson (1920).

A.C.A.S. (Policy): A.V.M. T. G. Pike (1924).

A.C.A.S. (Intelligence): A.V.M. F. J. Fresanges (1921).

A.C.A.S. (Training): A.V.M. T. N. McEvoy (1923).

Director General of Personnel (I): A.V.M. N. S. Allinson (1923).

Director General of Personnel (II): A.V.M. G. R. Beamish (1923).

Director General of Organization: A.V.M. R. B. Jordan (1921).

A.O.C. - in - C., Bomber Command: Air Marshal G. H. Mills (1920).

A.O.C. - in - C., Fighter Command: Air Marshal Sir Dermot A. Boyle (1922).

A.O.A., Fighter Command: A.V.M. H. A. Constantine (1926).

S.A.S.O., Coastal Command: A.V.M. G. E. Nicholls (1921).

A.O.A., Technical Training Command: A.V.M. N. H. D'Aeth (1920).

S.A.S.O., M.E.A.F.: A.V.M. G. R. C. Spencer (1920).

S.A.S.O., F.E.A.F.: A.V.M. H. L. Patch (1923).

A.O.A., F.E.A.F.: A.V.M. W. J. M. Akerman (1920).

A.O.C., No. 11 Group: A.V.M. The Earl of Bandon (1923).

A.O.C., No. 12 Group: A.V.M. R. L. R. Atcherley (1922).

A.O.C., No. 24 Group: A.V.M. J. G. Franks (1923).

A.O.C., No. 25 Group: A.V.M. H. H. Brookes (1922).

A.O.C., No. 41 Group: A.V.M. G. Combe (1920).

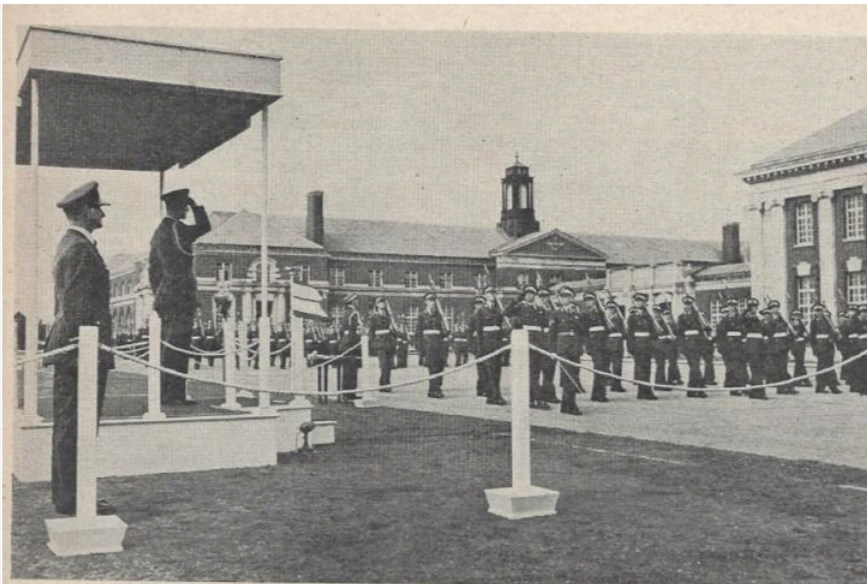
A.O.C., No. 43 Group: Air Cdre F. G. S. Mitchell (1920).

A.O.C., No. 54 Group: Air Cdre A. P. Bett (1924).

A.O.C., No. 62 Group: Air Cdre R. Coats (1923).

A.O.C., No. 64 Group: Air Cdre J. Warburton (1922).

A.O.C., No. 81 Group: Air Cdre L. W. C. Bower (1928).



H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh takes the salute at the Passing-out Parade of Nos. 55 and 10 (E. & S.) Entries at Cranwell on 28th July, 1953

A.O.C., A.H.Q. Iraq: A.V.M. J. G. Hawtrey (1920).

A.O.C., H.Q. British Forces, Aden: A.V.M. D. Macfadyen (1920).

A.O.C., R.A.F. Element, M.H.Q. Chatham: Air Cdre W. H. Hutton (1926).

A.O.C., R.A.F. Gibraltar: Air Cdre C. E. Chilton (1924).

Commandant, R.A.F. Staff College Bracknell: A.V.M. A. D. Gillmore (1923).

Commandant, R.A.F. Staff College Andover: Air Cdre G. P. Chamberlain (1923).

Commandant, R.A.F. College, Cranwell: Air Cdre H. Eeles (1929).

Commandant, R.A.F. Technical College, Henlow: Air Cdre H. D. Sprechley (1924).

Recent appointments include:

Air Marshal T. G. Pike (1924) to be Deputy Chief of the Air Staff, his post as A.C.A.S. (Policy) to be taken by A.V.M. C. F. Chilton (1924). The latter's appointment as A.O.C. R.A.F. Gibraltar is to be held by Air Cdre G. G. Barrett (1927). Air Marshal C. B. R. Pelly (1920) is to be A.O.C.-in-C., M.E.A.F. and his A.O.A.

is to be A.V.M. G. I. L. Saye (1925). A.V.M. L. F. Sinclair (1926) and ex-Commandant of the R.A.F. College, is to be A.C.A.S. (Operations). A.V.M. The Earl of Bandon (1923) is appointed to the post of A.C.A.S. (Training) as successor to A.V.M. T. N. McEvoy (1923) who is to become the R.A.F. Instructor at the Imperial Defence College. The appointment as A.O.C. No. 11 Group vacated by A.V.M. the Earl of Bandon is to be held by A.V.M. H. L. Patch (1923). A.V.M. A. D. Gillmore (1923), at present the Commandant of the R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell, is appointed S.A.S.O., F.E.A.F., and is succeeded at the Staff College by A.V.M. D. Macfadyen (1920). Air Cdre R. Coats (1923), A.O.A. No. 62 Group, is appointed A.O.A. No. 205 Group and is succeeded by Air Cdre B. C. Yarde (1924). A.V.M. E. C. Hudleston (1927) is appointed A.O.C. No. 3 Group. Air Cdre G. H. Randle (1921), present Commandant of the Central Signals Establishment, is appointed Director of Signals (2) at the Air Ministry. Air Cdre T. U. C. Shirley (1928) is to be Command Signals Officer at Fighter Command and Air Cdre C. W. Gore (1920) is to be

Director of Mechanical Transport and Marine Craft at the Air Ministry. Air Cdre D. N. Roberts (1924) is to be Senior Officer of the U.K. Liaison Staff in Canada.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND REUNION DINNER

About 100 members of the Association attended the meeting and dinner held at Cranwell on 20th June, 1953. It was agreed that the Association should contribute towards the cost of maintenance of the chimes in the College tower and should provide two banners for the ceremonial fanfare trumpets used at the College.

The guests at the dinner included the Director of Studies and the Assistant Commandant of the Equipment and Secretarial Wing. In his speech the Commandant mentioned that a member of one of the first entries at Cranwell, Air Vice-Marshal G. Combe, was present. Two of the post-war Commandants, Air Vice-Marshal R. L. R. Atcherley and Air Vice-Marshal G. R. Beamish, were also present. The third, Air Vice-Marshal L. F. Sinclair, was unfortunately unable to attend as he was, at the time, in the United States. The Commandant said that the Equipment and Secretarial Wing was shortly to join its parent at Cranwell. He said that the Association would be proud to hear that the flight cadets had acquitted themselves during the Coronation ceremonies with the dignity and precision which have come to be expected of them.

NEWS

Korea

At the time of the armistice in Korea, the following Old Cranwellians were serving with the R.A.A.F. there:

Flying Officers I. L. Schwaiger (1949), A. M. Christie (1949), B. Ball (1947), J. Coleman (1949), K. Williamson (1948)

Cranwell

Wing Commander R. W. Pye (1938) has left to take up an appointment as Wing Commander Flying at South Cerney.

Wing Commander D. T. M. Lumsden (1939) will be leaving shortly to attend the course at the R.A.F. Staff College.

Flight Lieutenant H. M. K. Brown (1947) has returned to Cranwell as a Q.F.I.

We congratulate Flight Lieutenant L. G. Ludgate (1946) on the addition to his family.

News from Correspondents

Serving at Habbaniya are Flying Officers J. F. Gale (1948), D. C. Luck (1948), L. J. Russell (1948), D. L. F. Thornton (1948) and D. P. Hall (1949).

At Singapore are stationed Flying Officers R. L. T. Polgreen (1949), W. F. Jacobs (1948), E. A. Peters (1949) and D. A. Cooper (1949).

Group Captain E. J. Corbally (1927) is Station Commander at Hornchurch, and on the staff of the Aircrew Selection Board there are Flight Lieutenants H. R. W. Morris, D. B. D. Hamley (1946) and Flight Lieutenant M. W. R. Shore (1948).

Congratulations are offered to Flight Lieutenant G. R. K. Fletcher (1948) on the addition of a second son to his family.

We offer our best wishes to Group Captain D. R. Shore (1930) who has retired.

New Zealand Air Race

Wing Commander L. M. Hodges (1937) is the officer commanding the R.A.F. team of Canberra entered for this interesting event. Flight Lieutenant R. McA. Furze (1947) is captain of the reserve crew.

We deeply regret to announce the deaths of Air Vice-Marshal W. A. D. Brooke, who at the time of his death, was V.C.A.S. designate, Group Captain F. R. Worthington, Wing Commander R. D. Yule, Squadron Leader L. H. Anness, Flying Officer I. R. Hinde, and Pilot Officer R. Forrest. We offer our sincere sympathy to the relatives of these officers.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

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

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

PROMOTIONS

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

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

APPOINTMENTS

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

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

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

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

NEWS

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

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

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

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

We congratulate Air Vice-Marshal R. L. R. Atcherley (1922) on celebrating his 50th birthday by breaking the sound barrier at Dunsfold. Group Captain P. G. Wykeham-Barnes (1935), who commands R.A.F. Wattisham, commanded

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

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

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

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

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

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

LAST STOP

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



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HONOURS AND AWARDS

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

K.C.B.: Air Marshal W. L. Dawson (1920).
C.B.: Air Vice-Marshals H. H. Brookes (1922), J. G. Franks (1923); Air Commodores R. Coats (1923), E. L. S. Ward (1924).
C.B.E.: Air Commodore M. D. Ommanney (1922); Group Captain P. T. Philpott (1933).
O.B.E.: Wing Commanders W. I. C. Inness (1934), A. J. Payn (1936).
A.F.C.: Group Captain H. N. G. Wheeler (1935); Wing Commander H. N. Garbett (1937); Flight Lieutenants N. Chamberlain (1947), R. M. Furze (1947).
Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air: Wing Commander J. H. Ire-monger (1936); Flight Lieutenant J. G. Burns (1946).
Other Old Cranwellians whom we congratulate on awards received since the last issue of *The Journal* are:
D.F.C.: Flight Lieutenants B. J. Ball (1947), D. A. Arnott (1948).
Mentioned in Despatches: Flight Lieutenants E. V. Mellor (1948), J. W. Price (1948), D. B. Robinson (1946).

APPOINTMENTS

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

Air Marshal F. J. Fressanges (1921) to be C.-in-C., Far East Air Force.
Air Marshal S. Mukerjee (1930) to be C.-in-C., Indian Air Force.
Air Vice-Marshal N. S. Allinson (1923) to be A.O.A., Flying Training Command.
Air Vice-Marshal J. N. T. Stephenson (1926) to be S.A.S.O., Middle East Air Force.
Air Commodore R. K. Hamblin (1924) to be Director of Postings (A), Air Ministry.
Air Commodore H. E. Nowell (1923) to be Director of Forecasting and Planning, Air Ministry.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEWS

The Royal Tour

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

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

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

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

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

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

Far East Flying Boat Wing

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

Miscellaneous

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cranwell

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

Coastal Command

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

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

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PROMOTIONS

We congratulate the following Old Cranwellians on their promotions on 1st July, 1954:

Air Vice-Marshals: L. L. E. Fuller-Good (1921); J. N. T. Stephenson (1926).

Air Commodores: H. F. G. Southey (1924); E. J. Corbally (1927); C. S. Moore (1929).

Group Captains: A. R. D. MacDonnell (1932); P. E. Warcup (1934); C. D. Milne (1935).

APPOINTMENTS

Recent appointments of Old Cranwellians include those of:

A.V.M. G. P. Chamberlain (1923) to be A.O.A. Fighter Command.

A.V.M. H. A. Constantine (1926) to be A.O.C. No. 25 Group.

Air Cdre B. C. Yarde (1924) to be Commandant General of the R.A.F. Regiment and Inspector General of Ground Combat Training.

Air Cdre W. H. Hutton (1926) to be A.O.A. Coastal Command.

Air Cdre G. W. Hayes (1923) to be A.O.C. No. 67 (N. Ireland) Group.

Air Cdre F. A. Pearce (1931) to be Director of Manning.

Air Cdre H. A. V. Hogan (1929) to be A.O.C. No. 81 Group.

Gp Capt S. L. Blunt (1926) to the department of the A.M.S.O.

Gp Capt J. B. Tait (1934) to the air staff of H.Q., M.E.A.F.

Gp Capt J. A. H. Loudon (1925) to command R.A.F. Uxbridge.

Gp Capt C. C. Morton (1930) to the air staff of No. 90 Group.

Gp Capt D. S. Kite (1931) to the technical staff of Bomber Command.

Gp Capt C. R. D. L. Lloyd (1930) to command R.A.F. West Kirby.

Gp Capt W. H. N. Turner (1929) to the administrative staff of No. 27 Group.

Gp Capt W. S. Reed (1929) to command R.A.F. Hendon.

Gp Capt W. G. Abrams (1924) to the N.A.A.F.I. Board of Management.

Gp Capt G. S. Powell-Shedden (1935) to the department of the A.M.S.O.

Wg Cdr R. Lloyd (1936) to the department of the A.M.S.O.

Wg Cdr J. H. Iremonger (1936) to the air staff of Fighter Command.

Wg Cdr D. F. Dixon (1933) to command R.A.F. Steamer Point, Aden.

NEWS

Annual General Meeting

About eighty members attended the meeting which took place after the annual cricket match, won this year by the College.

Air Commodore R. W. L. Glenn was invited to be an Associate Member of the Association.

The rules of the Association had been revised to meet changed conditions and the amendments were approved by the meeting.

A recommendation of the Editorial Committee of *The Journal* that the existing cover should be redesigned and flat-printed throughout in order to reduce printing costs was approved.

The accounts for the past year were explained by the Chairman and passed by the meeting. It was felt that either the subscription should be raised or that members attending the annual dinner should pay for it in order that there should be no annual deficit. The general feeling was that the subscription should be raised and the Chairman asked that members should be circularized to find out the opinion of the majority of members on this point.

The committee for the following year is Air Commodore Eeles, Group Captain Nelson, Group Captain Baines, Group Captain Nuttall (retd.), Wing Commander MacDougall, and Flight Lieutenant Stinchcombe.

Reunion Dinner

The guest of honour was Major-General Griffin, Colonel Commandant of the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, who was invited to become an Honorary Member and presented with an Old Cranwellian tie to mark the occasion.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by those who attended. Other guests included the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Croydon and the Director of Studies. Among members present were two past commandants, Air Vice-Marshal G. R. Beamish and Air Vice-Marshal L. F. Sinclair, and Air Vice-Marshals the Earls of Bandon, J. L. F. Fuller-Good and J. G. Franks.

Cranwell

Group Captain E. D. MacK. Nelson (1931) has left to take up an appointment on the Directing Staff of the Royal Air Force Staff College, Bracknell; the appointment of Assistant Commandant has been taken over by Group Captain D. H. Lee (1933).

Also leaving Cranwell is the Station Commander, Group Captain R. C. Keary (1927), who is joining the Senior Officers' War Course at Greenwich. Group Captain D. J. Eayrs (1927) has taken over command.

Associate Members

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

United States Air University

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

Awards

The following American awards have been made to Old Cranwellians for services in Korea:

D.F.C.: Flight Lieutenants J. H. G. White (1946), J. H. J. Lovell, I. Gordon-Johnson (1947), R. Watson (1948).

Air Medal: Flight Lieutenants T. N. M. Bayne (1947), J. F. H. Chick, I. Gordon-Johnson (1947), J. H. G. White (1946), J. L. Mansell (1948), J. N. Murphy (1948), R. Watson (1948).

Erratum

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

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

From all Quarters

A number of Old Cranwellians are now stationed in Germany at the following places:

Fassberg: Flight Lieutenant D. P. English (1949); Flying Officers S. H. R. L. D'Arey (1948), D. B. Durrant (1949), C. Crook (1950).

Oldenburg: Flight Lieutenants J. N. Murphy (1948), H. J. Ridout (1949); Flying Officers D. V. Claek (1950), J. D. B. Christey (1950), D. J. House (1950) Pilot Officer D. C. Purse (1951).

Ahlhorn: Flying Officer L. R. Davis (1950).

Jever: Flying Officer B. Watson (1950); Pilot Officer J. R. Sandle (1951).

Wildenrath: Flying Officers G. H. Burley (1950), J. L. Harrison (1950).

Geilenkirchen: Flying Officer R. Humpherson (1950).

Bruggen: Flying Officers G. A. Coatesworth (1950), J. F. B. Jones (1948).

Wunstorf: Flying Officer D. Harcourt-Smith (1948).

The A.D.C. to Commander-in-Chief 2nd T.A.F. is Flying Officer R. C. F. Peirse (1949).

At Malta on the flying side are Flight Lieutenant R. W. Fox (1949), Flying Officers Tabernacle (1949), D. R. Atkinson (1949), P. Bureau (1950). At the M.U. there are Flying Officers J. K. Craven-Griffiths (1949), P. J. Broad (1948) and Pilot Officer J. R. Davies (1950).

On exchange postings with the Royal Australian Air Force are Flight Lieutenants R. B. W. A. George (1947), J. W. Price (1945) and G. J. Clayton (1948).

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

Commander-in-Chief: Air Marshal F. J. Fressanges (1921).

Butterworth: Flight Lieutenants J. M. Robertson (1946), F. D. Hoskins (1949); Flying Officers G. J. Brand (1951), W. B. Topping (1950), G. H. Baker (1951); Pilot Officers A. C. Whitson (1951), W. F. Close (1951).

Changi: Air Vice-Marshals A. D. Gillmore (1923) and W. J. M. Akerman (1920). The Reverend B. Knight. Group Captains L. P. Moore (1925), A. Pyke (1930), M. H. Rhys (1930); Wing Commanders J. W. Arney (1933),

L. Rose (1933), R. A. L. Morant (1938), T. N. Stack (1937). Pilot Officers M. A. Howells (1952), B. W. Opie (1950).

Hong Kong: Air Commodore R. C. Field (1926); Wing Commanders G. V. W. Kettlewell (1935), R. T. Frogley (1935); Flying Officer B. Huxley (1950).

Kuala Lumpur: Group Captain H. P. Broad (1929); Wing Commanders B. Barthold (1935), J. C. Bevan.

Seletar: Wing Commanders G. N. D. Evans (1935), G. Burgess (1934); Squadron Leader M. C. Raban (1938); Flight Lieutenants D. B. Robinson (1946), F. Jacobs (1948), N. A. Innes-Smith (1949), R. Lockyer (1948); Flying Officers R. L. T. Polgreen (1949), M. Dark (1949), C. D. Sharpe (1950); Pilot Officer J. H. Bishop (1949).

Tengah: Group Captain D. G. Stokes (1932); Flight Lieutenants C. E. F. Cooper (1949), A. N. P. Cornish (1949).

Clark Field: Flight Lieutenant E. A. Peters (1949).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE SOVEREIGN'S SQUADRON			
Points Scored in the Summer Term			
	'A'	'B'	'C'
	Sqn	Sqn	Sqn
Ferris Drill Trophy ..	8	5	2
Knocker Cup ..	7	1	4
Chimay Cup ..	6	9	3
	21	15	9
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INTER-SQUADRON COMPETITION			
Points Scored in the Summer Term			
	'A'	'B'	'C'
	Sqn	Sqn	Sqn
Cricket ..	25	15	5
Rowing ..	3	15	9
Swimming ..	2	10	6
Water Polo ..	2	8	8
Tennis ..	6	2	10
Shooting ..	10	6	2
	48	56	40
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A Selection of OCA Members of the Mid 50s (when cadets)



U/O EDMacK Nelson



F/C Sgt D Finlay



F/C Cpl EH Lynch-Blosse



F/C Sgt PE Warcup



U/O HA Merriman



F/C Cpl LC Swalwell



F/C Cpl EN Barrington-Reinganum



U/O PW Townsend



F/C Sgt SWB Menaul



F/C PRW Wickham



F/C Sgt DJP Lee



F/C Sgt RAC Barclay



F/C GAV Knyvett



F/C Cpl MG Waudby



F/C Cpl WF Jacobs



F/C NA Innis-Smith

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

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

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

Three Associate Members received honours and awards:

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

PROMOTIONS

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

Air Marshals: F. J. Fressanges (1921), T. G. Pike (1924).

Air Vice-M Marshals: J. G. W. Weston (1927).
E. M. F. Grundy (1928), A. D. Selway (1927).
A. Earle (1928), L. W. C. Bower (1928).

Air Commodores: H. Eeles (1929), F. A. Pearce (1931), M. W. B. Robinson (1929), W. E. Oulton (1929), S. C. Widdows (1929), J. Worrall (1930).

Group Captain: W. I. C. Inness (1934).
Wing Commander: M. C. Raban (1938).

APPOINTMENTS

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

A.V.M. H. H. Brookes (1922) to be A.O.C., Iraq.

A.V.M. E. M. F. Grundy (1926) to be Chairman of the N.A.T.O. Military Agency for Standardization.

A.V.M. W. H. Kyle (1928) to be A.O.C., Malaya.

Air Cdre M. L. Heath (1927) to be Director of Plans.

Air Cdre W. R. Worstall (1926) to be Director of Air Engineering.

Air Cdre W. E. Oulton (1929) to be Director of Operations (3).

Air Cdre J. Worrall (1930) to be Commander, Eastern Sector.

Gp Capt D. P. D. G. Kelly (1933) to the staff of the School of Land/Air Warfare.

Gp Capt W. P. Welch (1929) to the Air Staff of Coastal Command.

Gp Capt A. R. D. MacDonell (1932) to the staff of Joint Services Staff College.

Gp Capt F. H. Tyson (1930) to the staff of the School of Land/Air Warfare.

Gp Capt W. D. Disbrey (1931) to the Technical Staff of Bomber Command.

Gp Capt B. H. Becker (1931) to the department of the Air Member for Personnel.

Gp Capt T. B. de la P. Beresford (1933) to be Air Adviser to the High Commissioner in New Delhi.

Wg Cdr L. D. Wilson (1935) to Leconfield for flying duties.

Wg Cdr T. M. Buchanan (1933) to command R.A.F., Newton.

Wg Cdr G. A. V. Knyvett (1931) to the administrative staff at Driffield.

Wg Cdr D. T. M. Lumsden (1934) to the department of the Chief of Air Staff.

Wg Cdr A. R. Atkins (1934) to the technical staff at Headquarters, British Forces, Aden.

Wg Cdr E. B. C. Davies (1931) to the department of the Air Member for Supply and Organization.

Wg Cdr J. B. Grant (1936) to the staff of the Allied Air Forces, Southern Europe.

Wg Cdr K. Gray (1931) to the staff of the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe.

Wg Cdr R. B. Cole (Associate Member) to West Raynham for flying duties.

NEWS

Cranwell

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

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

Duxford

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

Australia

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

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

Personal

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

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

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

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

THE SOVEREIGN'S SQUADRON

Points Scored in the Autumn Term

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

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

INTER-SQUADRON COMPETITION

Points Scored in the Autumn Term

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




TAKING AIM AT BISLEY



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

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

AWARDS

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

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

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

APPOINTMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEWS

Cranwell

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

Farnborough

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

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

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

Wahn

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

Middleton St George

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

Little Rissington

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

Church Fenton

The first two members of No. 62 Entry to join squadrons reached here on 6th June. Pilot Officer C. Pearson to No. 19 Squadron and Pilot Officer T. H. Sheppard to No. 72 Squadron.

F.E.A.F.

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

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

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

Personal

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

We congratulate Mr Dudley Williams (1926) upon retaining his seat at Exeter with an increased majority.

We regret to record the deaths of Flying Officers T. J. Hartnoll (1951) and J. R. McEntegart (1951). We extend our deepest sympathy to the relatives and friends of these officers.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

APPOINTMENTS

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

Air Chf Mshl Sir George H. Mills (1920) to be Commander, Allied Air Forces, Central Europe.
Air Mshl the Earl of Bandon (1923) to be C.-in-C., 2nd Tactical Air Force.
Air Mshl R. B. Jordan (1921) to be A.O.C.-in-C., Maintenance Command.
Air Mshl G. E. Nicholletts (1921) to be A.O.C. Malta.
Air Mshl R. L. R. Atcherley (1922) to be A.O.C.-in-C., Flying Training Command.
A.V.M. L. F. Sinclair (1926) to be A.O.C. H.Q. British Forces, Aden.
A.V.M. H. A. V. Hogan (1929) to be A.O.C. No. 83 Group.
A.V.M. A. D. Selway (1927) to be Commander, Royal Air Force Staff, British Joint Services Mission (U.S.A.).
A.V.M. M. L. Heath (1927) to be Director-General of Personnel (II), Air Ministry.
A.V.M. G. L. Worthington (1921) to be A.O.C. No. 40 Group.
Air Cdre W. R. Brotherhood to be Director of Operational Requirements.
Gp Capt L. F. Brown (1929) to the staff of Allied Air Forces, Northern Europe.
Gp Capt S. B. Grant (1937) to the staff of H.Q. No. 13 Group.
Gp Capt D. P. Hanafin (1932) to the Ministry of Supply.
Gp Capt H. J. Hobbs (1932) to command R.A.F. Benson.
Gp Capt H. Y. Humphreys (1930) to the staff of H.Q. Flying Training Command.
Gp Capt R. I. Jones (1933) to the staff of H.Q. No. 83 Group.
Gp Capt R. C. Keary (1927) to be Air Attaché in Tokyo.
Gp Capt W. T. H. Nichols (1929) to command Radio Engineering Unit.
Gp Capt D. I. P. MacNair (1929) to the staff of H.Q. 2nd Tactical Air Force.

Gp Capt J. M. N. Pike (1935) to command R.A.F. St Mawgan.
Gp Capt T. S. Rivett-Carnac (1934) to command R.A.F. Valley.
Gp Capt F. E. Stokes (1929) to the staff of R.A.F. St Athan.
Gp Capt C. T. Weir (1931) to command R.A.F. Leconfield.
Wg Cdr B. A. Fraser (1928) to Central Signals Area.
Wg Cdr P. A. Hughes (1937) to R.A.F. Kinloss for flying duties.
Wg Cdr K. P. MacKenzie (1937) to the staff of Allied Air Forces, Southern Europe.
Wg Cdr A. McIlwaine (1929) to Air Ministry.
Wg Cdr J. A. Sowrey (1939) to R.A.F. Wattisham for flying duties.

NEWS

Cranwell

Recent arrivals at Cranwell as flying instructors are Flight Lieutenants F. D. Hoskins (1949), D. H. Warren (1950), B. Thrussell (1950) and Flying Officer P. Kennet (1950). Flight Lieutenant D. J. Belson (1949) has taken over as A.D.C. to the Commandant.

Strubby

The following Old Cranwellians are serving at R.A.F. Strubby as flying instructors: Flight Lieutenants J. A. McArthur (1948), D. A. Cooper (1949), B. C. Mills (1949).

Gütersloh

Serving at R.A.F. Gütersloh are Flight Lieutenants G. H. Burleigh (1950), D. H. Williams (1947) and Flying Officer A. S. J. Whitwam (1951).

Kirton-in-Lindsey

Included in the staff at R.A.F. Kirton-in-Lindsey are Flight Lieutenants H. M. K. Brown (1947), J. A. Williams (1948) and J. N. Murphy (1948).

Thornaby

Flying Officer R. M. Salt (1950) is with No. 275 Squadron Helicopter Rescue at Thornaby. Also there is Flight Lieutenant B. Meadley (1949), adjutant on the auxiliary squadron.

Horsham St Faith

The following Old Cranwellians are at Horsham St Faith: Air Commodore J. Worrall (1930) as Officer Commanding, Eastern Sector, Group Captain J. H. Iremonger (1936) as Commanding Officer and Flight Lieutenant J. J. Parker (1949) as P.A. to Air Commodore Worrall. Flight Lieutenant J. McRobertson is station weapons officer and on No. 74 Squadron are Flight Lieutenants J. G. H. White (1946), B. J. Ball (1947), R. R. Martin (1950) and Flying Officer D. Allison (1951).

Canada

In Canada at the moment are two Old Cranwellians. Flight Lieutenants I. A. N. Worby (1947) and H. R. W. Morris (1947) are carrying out the duties of P.A.I. and flying instructor respectively.

Personal

We congratulate Air Commodore H. M. Pearson (1927), who retired last year, on his appointment to the aero sales staff of Armstrong Siddeley Motors Ltd for liaison duties with the R.A.F.

We regret to record the deaths of Flight Lieutenants T. R. Gush (1947), P. C. Skinner (1947), N. G. Wickman (1950), Flying Officer G. J. Brand (1951) and Pilot Officer L. T. Owen (1952). We extend our deepest sympathy to the relatives and friends of these officers.

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A Selection of OCA Members of the Mid 50s (when cadets)



F/C Sgt RMcA Furze



F/C Sgt GK Mossman



F/C Cpl LM Hodges



SFC NA Innes-Smith



F/C Cpl JF Gale



F/C Cpl DC Luck



F/C Cpl LJ Russell



U/O HA Merriman



F/C Sgt GSC Mumford



SFC DW Molesworth



F/C Sgt DP Hall



FC MWS Robinson



F/C INM Macdonald



F/C JB Tait



F/C Cpl DRS Bevan-John



F/C Sgt MDC Anderson

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

WE congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who received honours and awards in the New Year Honours List:

K.C.B.: Air Marshal D. Macfadyen (1920).

C.B.: Air Vice-Marshal W. J. M. Akerman (1920); Air Vice-Marshal A. Earle (1928); Air Commodore R. A. C. Carter (1930).

C.B.E.: Group Captain D. R. S. Bader (1928); Group Captain D. I. P. MacNair (1929).

O.B.E.: Wing Commander J. O. Barnard (1936).

APPOINTMENTS

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

Air Chf Mshl Sir Dermot Boyle to be Chief of Air Staff.

Air Mshl D. Macfadyen (1920) to be A.O.C.-in-C., Home Command.

Air Mshl H. L. Patch (1923) to be A.O.C.-in-C., Fighter Command.

Air Cdre W. E. Oulton (1929) to be Director of Operations (M. & N.), Air Ministry.

Air Cdre R. A. C. Carter (1930) to be S.A.S.O., Transport Command.

Air Cdre S. C. Widdows (1929) to be Director of Operations (Air Defence), Air Ministry.

Air Cdre J. R. Halling-Potts (1926) to be A.O.C. No. 62 Group.

Air Cdre M. K. D. Porter (1929) to be Chief Signals Officer, H.Q. Fighter Command.

Gp Capt R. R. McIntyre (1928) for staff duties, H.Q. No. 64 Group.

Gp Capt S. S. Murray (1927) to Command Ground Officer Selection Centre.

Gp Capt R. D. Williams (1926) to the staff H.Q. F.E.A.F.

Gp Capt W. T. H. Nichols (1929) to the staff H.Q. Coastal Command.

Gp Capt B. P. Young (1936) to Command R.A.F., Gaydon.

Gp Capt A. D. Jackson (1935) to the staff H.Q. Maintenance Command.

Gp Capt D. I. P. MacNair (1929) to the staff H.Q. 2nd T.A.F.

Gp Capt P. G. St G. O'Brian (1936) to the staff H.Q. Fighter Command.

Gp Capt C. A. Watt (1927) to command R.A.F., West Kirby.

Gp Capt I. B. Newbigging (1927) to the Dept. of C.A.S., Air Ministry.

Gp Capt E. E. Vielle (1932) to the Dept. of C.A.S., Air Ministry.

Gp Capt J. O. W. Oliver (1929) to the staff of No. 18 Group.

Gp Capt C. R. D. L. Lloyd (1930) to the staff H.Q. Technical Training Command.

Gp Capt R. J. Gosnell (1930) to command R.A.F., North Weald.

Gp Capt J. D. Rutherford (1927) to the staff H.Q. Flying Training Command.

Gp Capt M. F. D. Williams (1930) to command Akrotiri, Cyprus.

Gp Capt A. G. Dudgeon (1934) to command R.A.F., Bruggen.

Gp Capt C. H. Press (1934) to the Ministry of Supply.

Wg Cdr A. H. Humphrey (1939) to the staff of Air Ministry.

Wg Cdr G. A. V. Knyvett (1931) to the staff R.A.F., Swindon.

Wg Cdr R. W. Pye (1938) to be President of Aircrew Selection Board.

Wg Cdr J. H. L. Blount (1938) to the staff Ministry of Defence.

Wg Cdr H. J. Cundall (1937) to flying duties at R.A.F., Wittering.

Wg Cdr P. C. I. Elderton (1925) to the Air Staff at H.Q. No. 11 Group.

Wg Cdr J. A. Holmes (1937) for flying duties at R.A.F., Wildendrath.

Wg Cdr M. D. Thunder (1931) to the staff H.Q. Home Command.

NEWS

Old Cranwellian Association in the Far East

The 7th Annual Reunion of former Cranwell Cadets was held in Fairy Point Officers' Mess at R.A.F., Changi, on 20th December, 1955. The

Dinner was attended by 30 ex-cadets of whom 18 were of pre-war and 12 of post-war vintage. The Commander-in-Chief, Air Marshal Sir Francis Fressanges, K.B., C.B., presided and also present were Air Vice-Marshal W. J. Akerman, C.B.E., Air Vice-Marshal A. D. Gilmore, C.B., C.B.E., and Air Commodore A. D. Messenger, C.B.E., Air Vice-Marshal E. C. Bates, C.B.E., A.F.C., the Air Officer in Charge Administration, was Guest of Honour. This was the fourth Reunion in the Far East attended by Air Vice-Marshal Akerman, who was a member of the First Entry into Cranwell in 1920 and is now retiring after 35 years in the Royal Air Force.

The Far East Air Force Band played a selection of music familiar to all those who have been through Cranwell, and the Band was admirably conducted at one stage of the proceedings by an Air Vice-Marshal.

There are at present 38 former Cadets serving in the Far East Air Force. There are also 12 serving with the Royal Australian Air Force, none of whom unfortunately was able to attend the Dinner. The Air Attaché in Tokyo, Group Captain R. C. Keary, and two officers in the Bomber Command Detachment at R.A.F., Butterworth, bring the number of former Cadets serving in the Far East to 53.

Biggin Hill

We only have news of one member at R.A.F., Biggin Hill, Flight Lieutenant P. V. Pledger (1947), who is serving with No. 615 Auxiliary Squadron.

R.A.F. Geilenkirchen

The following Old Cranwellians are serving at R.A.F. Geilenkirchen: Wing Commander R. H. G. Weighill (Hon.), Flight Lieutenants P. King (1949), G. Boyer (1950), R. Banardo (1950), J. H. J.

Lovell (1947), R. May (1948), G. A. Muncaster (1950), P. Underdown (1950), and Flying Officers Kelly (1951), J. Whittam (1951), G. Jonas (1950), J. Boyle (1950), C. C. Taylor (1951).

We congratulate upon their recent engagements Flight Lieutenant M. J. Corner (1949) and Flying Officer C. J. Phillips (1952).

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Pilot Officer C. M. Jonklaas. Our deepest sympathy goes to the relatives and friends of this officer.

Indian Air Force

Recent news has brought to light the following appointments in the Indian Air Force: Air Marshal S. Mukerjee (1930), Chief of Air Staff; Air Vice-Marshal A. M. Engineer (1931), Deputy Chief of Air Staff; Air Commodore A. Singh (1938), Air Officer i/c Personnel and Organization; Air Commodore R. H. D. Singh (1933), Air Officer i/c Technical and Equipment Services; Air Commodore S. N. Goyal (1936), A.O.C. Training Command; Group Captain E. M. T. Howell (1933) is at the Institute of Armament Studies, Kirkee.

In addition Group Captain T. B. de la P. Beresford is Air Adviser to the High Commissioner. While Wing Commander G. Thripp (Retd.) (1932) leads the teaching staff at the Technical Training College in Bangalore.

Middleton St George

We have news of the following Old Cranwellians at Middleton St George: Flight Lieutenants D. W. Lowe (1949), D. P. Hall (1949), M. Tomkins (1949), P. R. Sanderson (1947), D. Caris (1948) all serving as flying instructors. On the secretarial staff are Pilot Officers L. Dent (1951) and R. Morgan (1952).

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APPOINTMENTS

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

Air Mshl Sir W. L. Dawson (1920) to be Inspector General of the Royal Air Force.
Air Mshl H. A. Constantine (1926) to be Deputy Chief of Staff at S.H.A.P.E.
Air Mshl Sir D. MacFadyen (1920) to be A.O.C. Home Command.
A.V.M. A. D. Gillmore (1923) to be S.A.S.O. Home Command.
A.V.M. H. H. Brookes (1922) to be A.O.C. 61 Group.
A.V.M. J. G. W. Weston (1927) to be A.C.A.S. Signals A.M.
Air Cdre D. J. P. Lee (1930) to be Secretary to the Chiefs of Staff Committee.
Air Cdre A. R. D. MacDonnell (1932) to be Air Attaché, Moscow.
Gp Capt M. H. Rhys (1930) to command R.A.F. South Cerney.
Gp Capt J. L. Crosbie (1927) to the staff of H.Q. 18 Group.
Gp Capt F. W. Stannard (1927) to command R.A.F. Uxbridge.
Gp Capt J. A. C. Stratton (1926) to the staff of H.Q. 81 Group.
Gp Capt R. K. Jeffries (1934) to command No. 4 M.U.
Wg Cdr L. B. B. King (1932) to Air Ministry.
Wg Cdr I. C. Jackson (1933) to Air Ministry.
Wg Cdr. D. H. T. Dowding (1937) to the staff at R.A.F. St. Eval.
Wg. Cdr. L. Rose (1933) to the Ministry of Supply.
Wg Cdr A. R. Wright (1938) to the staff at H.Q. Metropolitan Sector.

NEWS

The only news that is to hand on the whereabouts of Old Cranwellians concerns No. 62 Entry (1952). This information has been forwarded by Flying Officer Bates who is undertaking the task of pinpointing his entry at regular intervals. Those members who do not figure in

the following notes may like to contact their enthusiastic leader at R.A.F. Ahlhorn.

R.A.F. Ahlhorn, B.A.O.R. Flying Officers R. D. Bates (1952) and R. B. Gubbins (1952).
R.A.F. Laarbanck, B.A.O.R. Flying Officers K. R. Briggs (1952) and P. H. Stanning (1952).
R.A.F. Odiham. Flying Officers I. D. Brimson (1952) and M. A. Crook (1952).
R.A.F. Topcliffe. Flying Officers J. H. Champion (1952) and J. J. J. Dinnis (1952).
R.A.F. Stradishall. Flying Officers J. M. B. Dobson (1952), M. J. Hardy (1952), M. R. Southgate (1952) and A. J. W. Whittaker (1952).
R.A.F. Leuchars. Flying Officers B. E. C. Forse (1952) and R. H. L. Murmann (1952).
R.A.F. Honington. Flying Officers R. A. C. Goldring (1952) and G. F. Poyser (1952).
R.A.F. Linton-on-Ouse. Flying Officers I. A. R. Kearl (1952) and I. H. Keppie (1952).
R.A.F. Church Fenton. Flying Officers C. Pearson (1952) and T. H. Sheppard (1952).
R.A.F. Binbrook. Flying Officer A. C. Cooper (1952).
R.A.F. Waterbeach. Flying Officer J. Farwell (1952).
R.A.F. Upwood. Flying Officer E. D. Frith (1952).
R.A.F. Changi, F.E.A.F. Flying Officer A. Howells (1952).
R.A.F. Wahn, B.A.O.R. Flying Officer J. K. Jennings (1952).
R.A.F. Wyton. Flying Officer A. MacGregor (1952).
R.A.F. Wittering. Flying Officer D. McIntyre (1952).
R.A.F. Waddington. Flying Officer J. I. Miller (1952).
R.A.F. Gutersloh, B.A.O.R. Flying Officer M. Rankin (1952).
R.A.F. Tangmere. Flying Officer D. M. Richard (1952).
R.A.F. Luqa, Malta. Flying Officer G. M. Turner (1952).
R.A.F. Abingdon. Flying Officer J. Welby (1952).
R.A.F. Hemswell. Flying Officer J. E. Tierney (1952).

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Late news has just located the following:
R.A.F. Aldergrove. Flight Lieutenant R. R. Martin to the Auxiliary Squadron.
R.A.F. Nicosia, M.E.A.F. Flying Officers C. Pierce (1949) and R. H. H. Dauncey (1949).

Personal

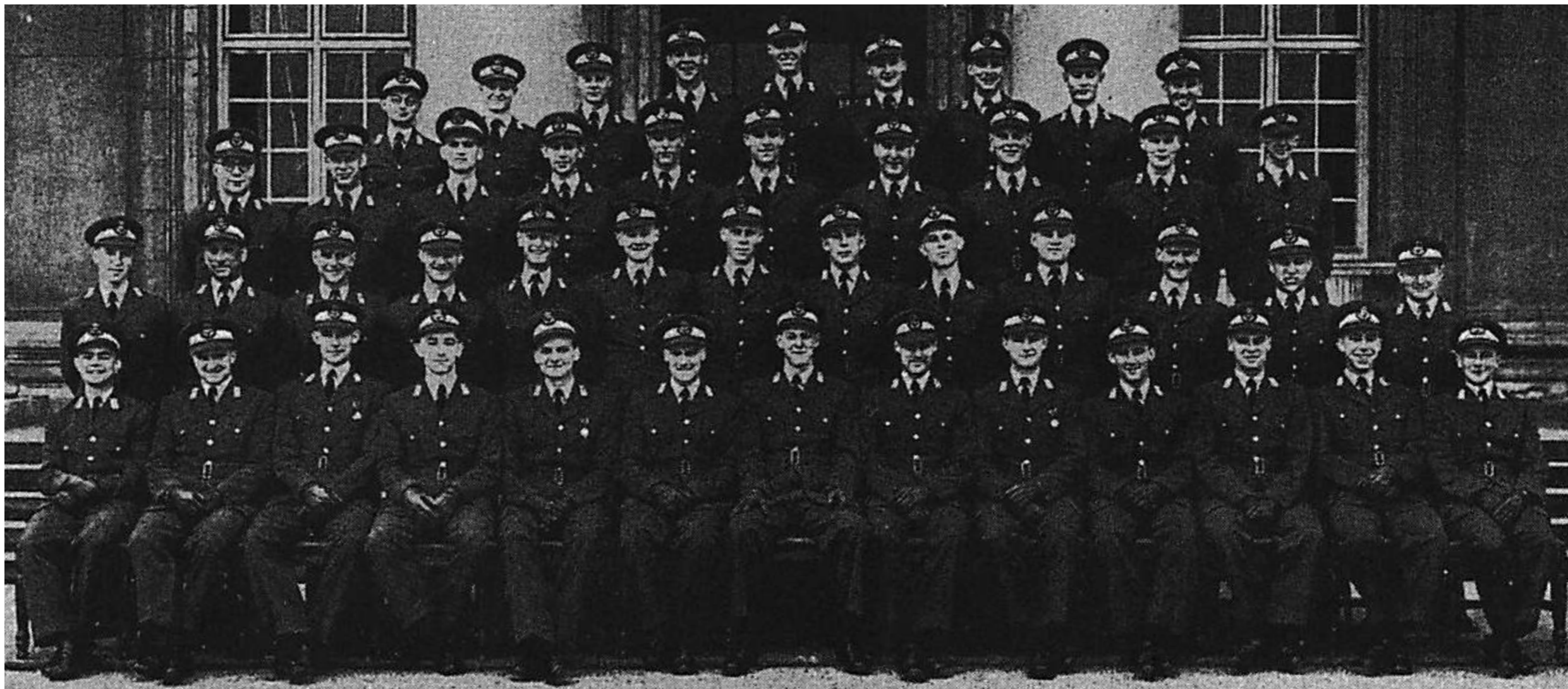
We congratulate Flying Officers C. Pierce (1949) and R. H. H. Dauncey (1949) on their

marriages and Flight Lieutenant I. L. Schwaiger (1949) and Flying Officer F. K. Mason (1948) on the additions to their families.

In memory of G. T. R. (Robin) Pitts-Tucker, No. 57 Entry, who was killed at Valley on March 19th, 1953, two pews have been dedicated in the Chapel at 'All Hallows School,' Lyme Regis, Dorset. Any of his former friends will be welcomed there by the Headmaster.

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A Selection of OCA Members in June 56 Journal (when cadets)



THE SENIOR TERM: JULY 1954

Senior Flight Cadets J. G. Kerrigan, J. J. J. Dinnis, C. P. James, M. E. Rankin, I. D. Wilkinson, J. R. Whittam, J. Farwell, R. D. Bates, R. B. Gubbins

Senior Flight Cadets M. A. Howells, D. M. Richard, J. I. Miller, B. E. Taylor, J. K. Jennings, D. G. Edwards, C. Pearson, A. C. Cooper, B. E. C. Forse, A. J. W. Whitaker

Senior Flight Cadets D. McIntyre, M. N. Butt, L. T. Owen, M. W. Southgate, J. H. Champion, P. J. King, J. B. M. Dobson, M. J. Hardy, C. E. King, I. A. R. Kearl, J. H. Tierney, M. A. Crook, A. Dufton

U.O. M. J. Allisstone, U.O. G. H. Turner, U.O. K. Bichard, U.O. T. H. Sheppard, U.O. G. F. Poyser, S.U.O. E. D. Frith, S.U.O. P. H. Stanning, S.U.O. I. H. Keppic, U.O. A. McGregor, U.O. K. R. Briggs, U.O. C. J. Miller, Senior Flight Cadets I. D. Brimson, R. H. L. Murmann

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

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

K.C.B.: Air Marshal R. B. Jordan (1921); Air Marshal T. N. McEvoy (1923).

K.B.E.: Air Marshal R. L. R. Atcherley (1922); Air Marshal G. E. Nicholetts (1921).

C.B.: Air Vice-Marshal F. G. S. Mitchell (1920); Air Vice-Marshal J. N. T. Stephenson (1926); Air Commodore H. Eeles (1929); Air Commodore D. W. R. Ryley (1924); Group Captain J. D. Melvin (1933).

C.B.E.: Group Captain D. P. Hanafin (1932).

APPOINTMENTS

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

Air Mshl H. L. Patch (1925) to be C.-in-C. M.E.A.F.

Air Mshl W. L. Dawson (1920) to be Inspector General of the Royal Air Force.

A.V.M. G. I. V. Saye (1926) to be A.O.C. 19 Group.

Air Cdre H. Eeles (1929) to Air Ministry.

Air Cdre R. C. Field (1927) to be A.O.A. Home Command.

Air Cdre D. Finlay (1933) to Air Ministry.

Air Cdre S. J. Marchbank (1932) to the staff of N.A.T.O. Defence College.

Gp Capt H. E. C. Boye to command R.A.F. Thorney Island.

Gp Capt A. Pyke (1930) to command R.A.F. Winthorpe.

Gp Capt H. G. Leonard-Williams (1930) to Headquarters 90 Group.

Gp Capt G. H. H. Proctor (1926) to command R.A.F. Weeton.

Gp Capt G. G. Barrett (1927) to Air Ministry.

Gp Capt R. T. Frogley (1935) to Air Ministry.

Gp Capt C. V. D. Willis (1936) to command R.A.F. Nuneham Park.

Gp Capt M. H. Rhys (1932) to command South Cerney.

Gp Capt J. E. Grindon (1935) to command R.A.F. Honington.

Gp Capt R. G. Stone (1931) to command R.A.F. Melksham.

Gp Capt W. Pitt-Brown (1936) to command R.A.F. Linton-on-Ouse.

Gp Capt C. C. Morton (1930) to Air Ministry.

Wg Cdr J. R. Armitstead (1937) to H.Q. Coastal Command.

Wg Cdr P. R. ap Ellis (1935) to R.A.F. Weeton.

Wg Cdr J. O. Barnard (1936) to H.Q. Transport Command.

Wg Cdr I. G. MacKay (1931) to H.Q. Allied Air Forces, Northern Europe.

Wg Cdr I. R. Campbell (1939) to the staff of Northern Sector.

Wg Cdr R. W. Pye (1938) to Air Ministry.

Wg Cdr J. E. Preston (1937) to R.A.F. St. Eval.

Wg Cdr C. W. McN. Newman (1936) to H.Q. Southern Sector.

RETIREMENTS

For health reasons the following Old Cranwellians have resigned their commissions:

Fg Off G. D. Hammans (1948).

Plt Off M. A. Moore (1952).

R.A.F. Odiham—Fg Off Tomlin (1952).

R.A.F. Bassingborn—Fg Off B. N. St. C. Turner (1952).

R.A.F. Nicosia—Fg Offs R. A. Jackson (1952), J. N. Sawyer (1952).

R.A.F. Abingdon—Fg Off P. J. Welby (1952).

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NEWS

Since the last issue of *The Journal* we have heard from the following Old Cranwellians:

R.A.F. Jever—Fg Offs P. A. Barrow (1952), J. D. C. Hawtin (1953), P. F. Hunwick (1953)

R.A.F. Lyneham—Fg Off T. A. M. Bond (1952).

R.C.A.F. Winnipeg—Fg Off A. M. Chandler (1952) on the navigators' course.

R.A.F. Ternhill—Fg Off A. R. Craig (1952).

R. A. F. Coltishall—Fg Offs E. W. Gosling (1952), D. J. Pugh (1952).

R.A.F. Honington—Fg Offs L. G. Hall (1952), R. A. C. Goldring (1952).

R.A.F. Waddington—Fg Off B. B. Heywood (1952).

R.A.F. Binbrook—Fg Off C. A. Herbert (1952).

R.A.F. Aldergrove—Fg Off A. L. Willings (1952).

R.A.F. Topcliffe—Fg Offs P. M. Papworth (1952), J. C. Waters (1952).

R.A.F. Akrotiri—Fg Offs L. R. Morgan (1952), C. G. Richardson (1952).

R.A.F. Oakington—Fg Off D. J. Hollis (1952).

R.A.F. Waterbeach—Fg Off J. D. Hutchinson (1952).

R.A.F. West Malling—Fg Off B. H. Jones (1952).

R.A.F. Stradishall—Fg Off B. R. Kent (1952).

R.A.F. Pembroke Dock—Fg Off M. J. Mathews (1952).

R.A.F. Wymeswold—Fg Offs R. W. Millward (1952), B. A. Weedon (1952).

R.A.F. Oldenburg—Fg Offs R. T. F. Snare (1952), D. N. Cousins (1952), N. J. R. Walpole (1952).

We congratulate the following Old Cranwellians on their recent marriages:

Fg Off P. J. Welby, married on 12th May, 1956.

Fg Off B. H. Jones, married on 1st September, 1956.

Fg Off J. F. H. Marriott, married in June, 1956.

Fg Off E. W. Gosling and on the birth of a son, Jeremy Paul.

Fg Off B. A. Weedon and on the birth of a son, Simon Andrew.

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We record, with deep regret, the deaths of Flt Lts I. Gordon-Johnson (1947), C. M. Harcourt (1949) and Fg Offs C. J. Miller (1952), J. A. Campbell (1952), C. Richmond (1953), and C. Pearson (1952). We offer our sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends of these officers.

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Annual Reunion

The annual reunion of the Old Cranwellian Association was held on Saturday, 23rd June. One hundred and three members were present and the guest of honour was the Earl of Ancaster, the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire. Cricket and tennis matches were played in the afternoon, and the annual general meeting took place before dinner. After dinner the Vice-President of the Association proposed the toast of The Guests. In his reply Lord Ancaster made particular reference to the part played by the College in the county, especially the Beagles and the Band.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

WE congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who received honours or awards in the New Year Honours List:

K.G.C.B.: Air Chief Marshal Sir Dermot A. Boyle (1925).
K.C.B.: Air Marshal H. L. Patch (1923).
C.B.: Air Vice-Marshal J. L. F. Fuller-Good (1921); Air Vice-Marshal M. L. Heath (1927); Air Vice-Marshal G. L. Worthington (1921).
K.C.B.E.: Air Marshal the Rt. Hon. P. R. Gardner, Earl of Bandon (1923).
C.B.E.: Group Captain S. W. B. Menaul (1935); Group Captain P. M. Cribb (1936).
A.F.C.: Wing Commander T. N. Stack (1937).

APPOINTMENTS

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

Air Chf Mshl Sir George H. Mills (1920) to be Air Aide-de-Camp to H.M. the Queen.
Air Cdre W. P. Sutcliffe (1930) to be Director of Operational Training at Air Ministry.
Air Cdre T. J. C. Shirley (1928) to be A.O.C. and Commandant of the R.A.F. Technical College, Henlow.
Gp Capt J. B. de la Poer Beresford (1933) to H.Q. Fighter Command.
Gp Capt W. T. F. Wightman (1927) to H.Q. 12 Group.
Gp Capt S. B. Grant (1937) to the Ministry of Defence (SEATO Bangkok).
Gp Capt A. D. Mitchell (1936) to the Queen's Flight, R.A.F. Benson.
Gp Capt J. J. Hanlon (1935) to Air Ministry.
Wg Cdr L. Rose (1933) to Air Ministry.
Wg Cdr A. M. K. Phillips (1934) to H.Q. Flying Training Command.
Wg Cdr R. L. Wede (1938) to R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell.
Wg Cdr I. R. Campbell (1939) to Command R.A.F. Sandwich.
Wg Cdr G. H. P. Evans (1935) to Air Ministry.

Wg Cdr F. E. Croce (1933) to H.Q. Coastal Command.

Wg Cdr A. R. Atkins (1934) to the R.A.F. Selection Board.

The following Old Cranwellians have recently been posted:

R.A.F. Wunsdorf—Flt Lt G. O. Eades (1948).
R.A.F. Gutersloh—Flt Lt G. G. Lee (1947).
R.A.F. Celle—Flt Lt F. R. Lund (1949)
R.A.F. Manby—Flt Lt G. A. Coatesworth (1950).
R.A.F. Kirton in Lindsey—Flt Lts A. I. Alder (1949), A. J. MacKinnon (1949).
R.A.F. Farnborough—Flt Lt H. A. Merriman (1949).
R.A.F. Wattisham—Flt Lt C. J. Clayton (1949).
R.A.F. Manby—Flt Lt E. F. Hemming (1947).
R.A.F. Boscombe Down—Flt Lts G. B. Stockman (1948), D. A. Lethem (1948).
U.S.A.—Flt Lts W. E. Kelly (1948), D. B. Durrant (1948).
R.A.F. Bassingbourn—Flt Lt S. E. King (1951).

Congratulations to Flt Lt S. H. R. L. d'Arcy, Flt Lt Peter Walker and Flt Lt I. A. Simmons on their recent marriages and to:

A.V.M. E. M. F. Grundy on the birth of a son.
Wg Cdr J. H. L. Blount on the birth of a daughter.
Wg Cdr T. P. Seymour on the birth of a son.
Flt Lt J. H. Mills on the birth of a daughter.
Flt Lt F. Knapper on the birth of a daughter.
Flt Lt K. J. M. Davis on the birth of twin sons.
Flt Lt D. J. Edwards on the birth of a son.
Flt Lt E. C. Loveday on the birth of a son.
Flt Lt I. A. Simmons on the birth of a son.
Flg Off T. W. J. Hopkins on the birth of a son.

RETIREMENTS

Air Cdre G. A. Randle (1921).

We regret to have to record the death of:

Air Cdre R. L. Phillips (1927).
Flt Lt W. I. Worsley (1949).
Flg Off B. Carse (1951).

News from the Far East

The eighth annual reunion of former Cranwell Cadets was held at the Officers' Mess, Fairy Point, R.A.F. Changi, on Monday, 17th December, 1956. The dinner was attended by 27 ex cadets, of whom 9 were pre-war and 18 were post-war vintage.

The Commander-in-Chief Far East Air Force, Air Marshal Sir Francis J. Fressanges, K.B.E., C.B. (February 1921 Entry), presided. Air Vice-Marshal W. H. Kyle, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C. (January 1928 Entry), Air Officer Commanding R.A.F. Malaya, also attended, and Air Vice-Marshal F. J. St. G. Braithwaite, C.B.E., Chief of Staff, Far East Air Force, who so tragically met his death in a flying accident a few days later, was our guest of honour.

Former cadets in the Indian and Pakistan Air Forces, the Royal Thai Air Force, the Royal Ceylon Air Force and those serving in Australia were invited, but unfortunately, due to transport difficulties, only four officers of the Royal Ceylon Air Force could get to Changi—and very welcome they were. They were Flg Offs Mendis, Ratnayake and Senneviratne, and Plt Off Perera.

The Far East Air Force Band played a selection of familiar music including the Post Horn Galop and this, combined with the Christmas decorations and an excellent meal, provided a very satisfying and festive prelude to the usual reminiscences line-shoots and references to

Grantham, jankers and the Red Lion at Caythorpe, etc., etc., which continued late into the night.

There are at present 38 former cadets serving in the Far East Air Force, including the C.-in-C., two of the four Air Officers Commanding, the S.T.S.O. and two R.N.Z.A.F. officers serving at Tengah. Gp Capt R. C. Keary (September 1927 Entry) is also in this part of the world, being Air Attaché in Tokyo. Unfortunately he was unable to attend the dinner. As mentioned previously there are ex cadets in nearly all the neighbouring Air Forces and about 12 are serving in various parts of Australia. All told there must be about 70 ex cadets in the Far East, the majority of them post-war graduates.

As a matter of interest the attendances at the post-war reunions have been as follows:

1949 ...	17	1953 ...	16
1950 ...	12	1954 ...	28
1951 ...	21	1955 ...	30
1952 ...	19	1956 ...	27

The attendance record is held by Wg Cdr P. Le Cheminant, D.F.C. (January 1939 Entry), who has been present at five of the eight reunions.

Wg Cdr E. H. Lynch-Blosse, O.B.E. (September 1935 Entry), will shortly be handing over Far Eastern O.C.A. matters to Gp Capt L. Crocker (September 1927 Entry).



C.-in-C. (black dinner jacket) talking to Air Vice-Marshal Kyle (A.O.C., Malaya), Wing Commander Stack between them. Left front: Wing Commander Le Cheminant (black dinner jacket) talking to Wing Commander Fegan

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APPOINTMENTS

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

Air Mshl the Earl of Bandon (1923) to be C-in-C. Far East Air Force.

Air Mshl Sir Claude Pelly (1920) to be Air Aide-de-Camp to the Queen.

A.V.M. J. Marson (1924) to be Director General of Technical Services at Air Ministry.

A.V.M. H. D. Spreckley (1924) to be A.O.C. No. 24 Group, Technical Training Command.

A.V.M. G. B. Beardsworth (1923) to be S.A.S.O., H.Q. Technical Training Command.

A.V.M. A. Earle (1928) to be A.O.C. No. 13 Group, Fighter Command.

A.V.M. J. L. F. Fuller-Good (1921) to be Commandant General of the R.A.F. Regiment.

A.V.M. J. N. T. Stephenson (1926) to be Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Policy).

A.V.M. L. W. C. Bower (1928) to be S.A.S.O., M.E.A.F.

A.V.M. E. J. Corbally (1927) to be A.O.C. No. 61 Group, Home Command.

Air Cdre W. H. Hutton (1926) to be Director of Manning at Air Ministry.

Air Cdre J. D. Melvin (1933) to be Director of Organisation at Air Ministry.

Gp Capt H. N. G. Wheeler (1935) to be Assistant Commandant, Royal Air Force College, Cranwell.

Gp Capt P. H. Cribb (1936) to command R.A.F. Oldenburg.

Gp Capt W. I. C. Inness (1934) to H.Q. Allied Forces Mediterranean.

Gp Capt N. C. Walker to Air Ministry, Department of A.M.S.O. **[NOT A**

Gp Capt S. W. B. Menaul to command R.A.F. Lindholme.

The following Old Cranwellians have recently been located:—

R.A.F. Gutersloh—Flt Lts C. H. Walker (1947), F. R. Lockyer (1948), P. J. Giddens (1948).

R.A.F. Oakington—Flt Lt G. H. Baker (1951).

R.A.F. Strubby—Flt Lt A. S. J. Whitwam (1951).

R.A.F. Worksop—Flt Lt D. J. House (1950).

R.A.F. Feltwell—Flt Lt D. C. A. Lloyd (1948).

R.A.F. Sylt—Flt Lt G. C. Taylor (1950).

R.A.F. Little Rissington—Flt Lts R. Dick (1950), P. H. Lewis (1950).

R.A.F. Hullavington—Flt Lt M. J. P. Walmsley (1950).

MARRIAGES

We congratulate the following on their recent marriages:—

Flt Lt R. Hollingworth (1948).

Flt Lt R. S. Blockey (1951).

BIRTHS

We congratulate:—

Gp Capt L. D. Mavor (1935) on the birth of a son.

Flt Lt R. B. George (1947) on the birth of a son.

Flt Lt S. H. R. L. D'Arcy (1948) on the birth of a daughter.

Flt Lt E. V. Mellor (1948) on the birth of a daughter.

Flt Lt W. F. Jacobs (1948) on the birth of a daughter.

Flt Lt R. C. F. Peirse (1949) on the birth of a daughter.

Fg Off J. A. F. Green (1951) on the birth of a son.

DEATHS

We regret to have to record the death of Flt Lt M. A. Crook (1952).

RETIREMENTS

Air Mshl Sir Francis J. Fressanges (1921).

Flt Lt P. M. Armour (1947).



OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

APPOINTMENTS

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

Air Mshl Sir Gilbert Edward Nichollets to be Inspector General of the R.A.F.

A.V.M. C. E. Chilton to be A.O.C. Malta.

A.V.M. M. L. Heath to be A.O.C. British Forces, Arabian Peninsula.

A.V.M. W. H. Kyle (1928) to be Assistant Chief of the Air Staff.

Air Cdre W. H. Holton to be Air Officer in Charge of Administration at H.Q., R.A.F. Coastal Command.

Air Cdre P. G. Wykeham to be Air Commodore Operations at H.Q., R.A.F. Fighter Command.

Gp Capt H. P. Broad (1929) to H.Q., No. 61 Group.

Gp Capt W. S. Reed (1929) to H.Q., No. 81 Group.

Gp Capt H. G. Leonard-Williams (1930) to be Director of Signals (I) at Air Ministry.

Gp Capt J. C. Pope (1931) to H.Q., No. 3 Group.

Gp Capt E. A. Johnston (1936) to command R.A.F. Topcliffe.

Wg Cdr J. F. Hatton (1939) to Air Ministry Department of A.M.P.

Wg Cdr C. W. McN. Newman (1936) to R.A.F. Halton.

Wg Cdr L. V. Wilson (1935) to H.Q., 2nd T.A.F.

Wg Cdr M. W. Coombes (1939) to H.Q., Southern Sector.

MARRIAGES

We congratulate the following on their recent marriages:

Flt Lt J. A. Mansell (1948) to Miss Sheila A. Lorraine.

Flt Lt P. V. Pledger (1947) to Miss Ann D. Hall.

BIRTHS

We congratulate:

Flt Lt J. Lewis-Lloyd (1950) on the birth of a daughter.

Flt Lt H. T. Price (1947) on the birth of a daughter.

Flt Lt C. J. Petheran (1947) on the birth of a son.

Flt Lt J. R. Rogers (1947) on the birth of a son.

Flt Lt B. M. Burley (1948) on the birth of a son.

Flt Lt D. H. Williams (1947) on the birth of a son.

RETIREMENTS

Air Mshl Sir George Beamish (1923).

DEATHS

We record with deep regret the deaths of:

Gp Capt E. H. M. David (1920).

Fg Off D. J. Brett (1950).

The Editors of *The Journal* are very willing to expand the Old Cranwellian section of *The Journal*, and we have an allocation of four pages.

Two suggestions spring to mind—learning to fly in the early days of the College and impressions of an overseas posting.

The sad news has been received that Wing Commander R. W. Pye (1938) and O.C. "B" Squadron (1952-1953) has been invalided out of the service. He is medically debarred from driving a car and is unable to travel far from his home at 3, Castle Houses Speen, Newbury, Berks.

The Hawthorns,
15 Westlands Grove,
Stockton Lane, York.
29th August 1957.

Dear Sir,

About two issues ago in the College Magazine my name was listed as having resigned my Commission. This is technically incorrect as I have 'prematurely retired' for personal reasons but still retain my rank of Flying Officer on the Retired List of Officers. Perhaps you could correct this error in the next issue.

In the meantime you might be interested to learn that I have won a scholarship to London University for a course in Personnel Management as a full-time member for one year. It was a scholarship awarded by the Counterpart Conditional Aid Funds which are supplied from American moneys.

Yours, etc.

G. Hammans

ex No. 3 Entry, E. & S. Wing, 1948-1951.)

A Selection of OCA Members of the Mid 50s (when cadets)



F/C Sgt RJ Spiers



F/C EF Hemming



SF/C R Dick



F/C Sgt JW Heard



F/C Sgt D Harcourt-Smith



F/C Cpl RBWA George



F/C D Guthrie



F/C Sgt WE Kelly



SF/C FR Lund



F/C Sgt GO Eades



F/C Cpl JH Palmer



F/C Sgt IHF Walmsley



F/C Cpl R Hollingworth



SF/C JNM Pickersgill



UO TL Kennedy

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

WE congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who received honours or awards in the New Year Honours List:

K.C.B.: Air Marshal E. C. Huddleston (1927).
C.B.: Air Vice-Marshal W. E. Oulton (1929).
K.B.E.: Air Marshal H. A. Constantine (1926).
C.B.E.: Air Commodore C. T. Weir (1931);
Group Captain H. J. Hobbs (1932);
Group Captain D. H. Lee (1933).
D.F.C.: Flt Lt D. Harcourt-Smith (1950).
A.F.C.: Wing Commander F. R. Bird (1936);
Flt Lt J. L. Spatcher (1951); Flt Lt R. M. Salt (1950).

APPOINTMENTS

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

A.V.M. G. L. Worthington (1921) to be Director-General of Equipment at Air Ministry.
A.V.M. W. E. Oulton (1929) to be S.A.S.O. at H.Q. Coastal Command.
Air Cdre W. D. Disbrey (1931) to become Director of R.A.F. Bomber Aircraft Research and Development.
Gp Capt D. S. Kite (1931) to the Ministry of Supply.
Gp Capt D. B. Hatfield (1933) to the Ministry of Supply.
Gp Capt H. E. Bufton (1935) has been appointed an Aide-de-Camp to H.M. The Queen.
Wg Cdr I. R. Campbell (1939) to R.A.F. Brugen to command No. 213 Squadron.
Wg Cdr W. H. Ingle (1934) to R.A.F. Lindholme for administrative duties.
Sqn Ldr R. McA. Furze (1947) to be Training Officer No. 214 Squadron, R.A.F. Marham.
Flt Lt M. J. Armitage (1950) to R.A.F. Linton-on-Ouse.
Fg Off W. A. Edwards (1954) to R.A.F. Church Fenton.
Plt Off D. G. Crichton (1954) to R.A.F. Church Fenton.

BIRTHS

We congratulate the following on recent additions to their families:

Flt Lt R. E. Webster (1947)—a daughter.
Flt Lt A. B. Stinchcombe (1947)—a son.
Sqn Ldr R. McA. Furze (1947)—a daughter.

RETIREMENTS

Gp Capt C. E. J. Baines (1928) who was, until recently, President of the R.A.F. Selection Board, Cranwell. We wish him and Mrs Baines the best of luck in the future.

DEATHS

We regret to have to record the deaths of:

Flt Lt A. Wright (1947).
Flt Lt L. G. Hall (1952).
Flt Lt M. J. Withey (1950).
Fg Off F. S. Masterson (1952).
Plt Off C. E. Truman (1954).

Old Cranwellians will also be sad to learn of the deaths of two old College servants, Mr J. J. Jefferies who served the College from 1921 to 1955 and Mr G. R. Copping from 1930 to 1957.

Notes from the Far East

The ninth annual reunion dinner of former Cranwell Cadets was held at the Officers' Mess, Fairy Point, R.A.F. Changi, on Tuesday, 17th December 1957. The dinner was attended by 26 Old Cranwellians of whom six were pre-war and 20 post-war.

The President for the evening was the Commander-in-Chief Air Marshal, The Earl of Bandon, K.B.E., C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., and the guest of honour was Air Vice-Marshal V. E. Hancock, C.B.E., D.F.C., Royal Australian Air Force, Air Officer Commanding No. 224 Group, Malaya. Our other Air Officer attending was Air Commodore G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-

Worsley, C.B., C.B.E. We were very pleased to have for a second year running four officers of the Royal Ceylon Air Force, namely Flt Lt. Mendis and Fg Offs Ratnayake and Seneviratne and Perera. It is interesting to note that General Duties, Technical, Equipment and Secretarial branches of the Royal Air Force were all represented, thus reflecting the team spirit of the Service.

From distant countries messages of regret to attend were received from former Cranwell cadets of the Royal Air Force, Indian Air Force, Pakistan Air Force, Burmese Air Force, and the Royal Thai Air Force. These included Prince Visishta, Air Marshal Mukerjee, Flt Lt M. N. Butt, Fg Off Feroz Zaffar Khan and Gp Capt R. C. Keary (Tokyo).

The evening was a lively and memorable one. The selections for the F.E.A.F. band had been supplied by the College and gave a real Lincolnshire atmosphere. The popularity of the Post Horn Galop was evidenced by applause and vociferous requests for encores. Secrets of success in the old cadet days were touched on by the Commander-in-Chief in an entertaining speech and Air Vice-Marshal Hancock replied appropriately.

After dinner the film of modern Cranwell 'The Sky Is Ours' was shown in the ante-room, causing much amusement and comment on its merits. The popularity of the reunion was apparent by the reluctant departure of participants in the not so early morning hours.

The value of Cranwell friendships in contributing in some small measure to international goodwill was felt by many attending as something worth fostering and preserving.

The Beginning of the Old Cranwellian Association

In the last issue of *The Journal*, we recorded the retirement of Air Marshal Sir George Beamish. Readers may not know that Sir George was responsible for the beginning of the Old Cranwellian Association, and we are therefore printing the following letter which appeared in the Cadet College magazine of Autumn 1925.

On behalf of all Old Cranwellians we wish Sir George the best of luck in the future and hope that he will continue his frequent visits to the College.

The Editor, 'R.A.F. Cadet College Magazine'

No. 100 'B' Squadron
Royal Air Force
Weston Zoyland
Bridgwater
Somerset

Sir,

May I be permitted through your columns to draw attention to a matter which has been under quiet discussion amongst cadets and ex-cadets for some time. I refer to the question of a formation of an Association of officers who have passed through the Royal Air Force Cadet College.

Opinions have been expressed strongly in favour of some such organization, and as an enthusiastic supporter of this project I should like to give some reasons for this.

- It would encourage *esprit de corps* and serve as a bond between past and present in the growth of the College.
- It would supply an organization to collect teams of the past for all sports and games against the present.
- It would by its organization be able to supply news of all ex-cadets through the pages of the *Royal Air Force Cadet College Magazine*.
- It would gradually accumulate small funds which could be used for College and reunion purposes.

These are some of the more obvious advantages of such an organization; others would undoubtedly be found.

I suggest that the membership of this organization should consist of ex-cadets and officers chosen by invitation who have been connected with the College.

Is it asking too much, Sir, to suggest that you enclose in this copy of the magazine, at the end of the magazine, a red slip which can be signed, stamped and posted to the Secretary Old Cranwellians Association, c/o The Cadet College Magazine, Cranwell, Lincs, by all who are willing to signify their interest in some such organization.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. BEAMISH, Pilot Officer.

This letter produced immediate results. In the Spring term a rugby football match was played against the flight cadets. The name Old Cranwellian Association was adopted, and Air Vice-Marshal C. A. H. Longcroft, who was Commandant at the time, was asked, and consented, to become the first President of the Association, a position he held until his death recently.

Ten Years Ago

Shortly after the publication of this *Journal*, the College will have for the last time a passing out parade at Easter. The transitional period is almost complete and, in future, Entries will leave the College at the end of the Christmas and Summer terms only. It was ten years ago that the first post-war entry passed out and the

system of three passing out parades each year began. The *Journal* staff, at that time, reported:—

'The passing out ceremony for No. 45 Entry was held on 7th April 1948. The inspecting officer was Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Newall, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.M.G., C.B.E., A.M., who last acted in this capacity in December 1937, when Chief of the Air Staff.

'This was the first entry to pass out from the College in the Cranwell Spring. All previous entries passed out in the sun, or sometimes rain, of July or the snows of December. The weather was not as hostile as it might have been; it only looked like raining and the wind, though cold, was at least from the west. The College parade ground, as usual, made the perfect setting from the spectators' point of view for such a ceremony—and the vestiges of war-time damage to the west end of the main block alone marked the passage of time since the last comparable parade.

'The parade lived up to its forerunners in the excellence of drill, but differed from them in some particulars. One addition was the lining of the parade ground by cadets of the junior entry and of the Equipment and Secretarial wing. Two departures from tradition were that the Sword of Honour was not presented at the climax of the parade, and that the passing out entry because of its small size paraded in its squadrons and did not leave the parade ground by slow-marching through the ranks of its juniors standing at the present.

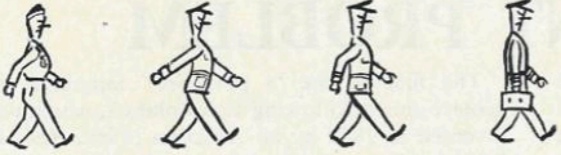
'The Commandant's report and the inspecting officer's address were given in the Main Lecture Hall. The hall had to hold as many cadets as before the war, and travel restrictions did not seem to have diminished the number of visitors. Latecomers were unseated, and the fullness of the hall showed that accommodation would be a problem to be faced on future passing-out days.

'Lord Newall spoke in a happy vein suited to such a revival of a traditionally happy occasion. His advice to the passing out entry and its successors in the hall was none the less impressive for his light touch and easy manner. Then followed the presentation of wings and prizes, Flight Cadet Corporal Hermitage alone breaking into the "closed shop" of prizewinners formed by Flight Cadet Under Officer King and Flight Cadet Corporal Morris, who won the other eight prizes between them.

'So concluded a parade which an inspecting general described in July 1939 as "a very pretty ceremony, very prettily performed".'

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APPOINTMENTS

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

A.V.M. D. W. R. Ryley (1924) to be A.O.A. at Maintenance Command.

Air Cdre P. G. Wykeham (1935) to be Director of Operations (Fighter and Theatre Air Forces) at Air Ministry.

Air Cdre T. B. de la P. Beresford (1933) to be in charge of Operations at H.Q. Fighter Command.

Air Cdre W. P. Sutcliffe (1930) to be Director of Intelligence at Air Ministry.

Air Cdre C. C. Morton (1930) to be Deputy Chief Signals Officer, Signals Division, S.H.A.P.E.

Air Cdre C. Broughton (1930) to be S.A.S.O. at H.Q. Transport Command.

Air Cdre R. A. C. Carter (1930) to be Director of Personal Services (A) at Air Ministry.

Air Cdre D. Finlay (1931) to be Commandant of the Aircrew Selection Committee at R.A.F. Hornchurch.

Air Cdre A. Pyke (1930) to be S.T.S.O. at H.Q. Coastal Command.

Air Cdre E. D. McK. Nelson (1931) to be Commandant of the R.A.F. Staff College, Andover.

Air Cdre T. N. Coslett (1929) to be Commandant of No. 1 School of Technical Training, R.A.F. Halton.

Gp Capt W. S. Reed (1929) to H.Q. Fighter Command for Technical Staff Duties.

Wg Cdr K. F. Mackie (1935) to R.A.F. Gutersloh as officer in charge of Administration.

The following have recently arrived:

Flt Lt D. A. Briggs (1951)—R.A.F. Henlow.

Flt Lt R. Humpherson (1950)—R.A.F. Little Rissington.

Flt Lt P. H. Lewis (1950)—R.A.F. Little Rissington (Staff).

Flt Lt D. M. K. Atherley (1950)—R.A.F. Oakington.

Flt Lt R. G. Perry (1948)—R.A.F. Swinderby.

Flt Lt I. L. Schwaiger (1949)—H.Q. Fighter Command.

Flt Lt K. J. H. Davis (1949)—R.A.F. Gaydon.

Flt Lt J. M. Henderson (1951) to U.S.A.F. for exchange duties.

BIRTHS

We congratulate the following on recent additions to their families:

Gp Capt P. H. Cribb (1936)—a son.

Flt Lt H. E. Clements (1947)—a daughter.

Flt Lt R. C. F. Peirse (1949)—a daughter.

Flt Lt C. F. Pickard (1947)—a daughter.

Flt Lt S. H. R. L. d'Arcy (1948)—a son.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the following on their recent marriages:

Flt Lt W. E. Close (1951) to Miss R. R. Daintry.

Flt Lt I. H. F. Walmsley (1948) to Miss V. M. Walmsley.

RETIREMENTS

Air Mshl Sir Richard Jordan (1921).

Air Cdre R. C. Meade (1927).

Air Cdre M. W. S. Robinson (1931).

Air Cdre W. H. Hutton (1926).

Gp Capt K. P. Lewis (1927).

We wish them all the best in the future.

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

ANNUAL REUNION

ABOUT 120 Old Cranwellians attended the reunion of 7th June. Particularly encouraging was the large number of post-war members who attended.

The College was beaten at cricket, squash and tennis. Golf was also to have been played, but apart from one resident Old Cranwellian there were no other players forthcoming (members please note for next year).

The College domestic staff put on an excellent dinner and afterwards members foregathered in the new Fancy Goods store. Squadron Leader Bangay claims to have been the last to leave.

The following represented the Association:

Cricket

Wg Cdr A. D. Panton (1936), Sqn Ldr W. G. Wood, Flt Lts S. H. J. Lovell (1947), A. D. R. Dawes (1949), L. R. Francis (1949), R. A. Streetfield (1950), W. E. Close (1951), B. Watson (1950), D. H. Mills (1949), Fg Off J. B. V. Collins (1954), Plt Off W. R. R. Anderson (1954).

Squash

Sqn Ldr P. B. Baican (Retd.) (1939), Flt Lts I. H. F. Walmsley (1948), B. C. Mills (1949), J. D. Leary (1950), B. Watson (1950), Lt M. Lees, R.A.

Tennis

Flt Lts E. C. Loveday (1951), R. A. C. Goldring (1952), A. F. W. Keeley (1950), R. B. D. Marshal (1949), B. A. Reader (1951), A. G. Bridges (1953).

HONOURS AND AWARDS

We congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who received honours and awards in the Birthday Honours List:

C.B.: Air Commodore W. P. Sutcliffe (1930).

C.B.E.: Group Captain E. C. Harding (1932); Group Captain L. MacD. Hodges (1937).

A.F.C.: Wing Commander J. E. Preston (1937).

Queen's Commendations for valuable Service in the Air:

Flt Lt E. V. Mellor (1948).

Flt Lt J. L. Price (1948).

Flt Lt G. Willis (1950)—R.A.F. Halton.

Flt Lt E. C. Loveday (1951)—R.A.F. Little Rissington.

Flt Lt B. Huxley (1950)—R.A.F. Little Rissington.

Flt Lt R. M. Raw (1947)—Exchange U.S.A.F.

Flt Lt M. Gill (1948)—R.A.F. Wattisham.

Flt Lt D. J. Belson (1949)—R.A.F. Leuchars.

Flt Lt S. F. B. Jones (1949)—R.A.F. Coltishall.

Flt Lt M. McD. Harvey (1947)—R.A.F. Coltishall.

BIRTHS

We congratulate the following on recent additions to their families:

Sqn Ldr H. A. Caillard (1947)—a son.

Flt Lt I. H. F. Walmsley (1948)—a daughter.

Flt Lt W. E. Close (1951)—a son.

Flt Lt L. C. Swallow (1947)—a son.

Flt Lt P. J. Anstee (1951)—a son.

Flt Lt the Hon. D. B. Hives (1950)—a daughter.

Flt Lt M. McD. Harvey (1947)—a son.

Flt Lt J. R. Coleman (1949)—a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the following on their recent marriages:

Sqn Ldr W. J. Herrington (1947).

Sqn Ldr F. R. Lockyer (1948).

Flt Lt A. P. J. Dodson (1949).

Flt Lt R. M. Raw (1947).

Flt Lt D. Mullarkey (1947).

Flt Lt D. A. Briggs (1951).

APPOINTMENTS

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

A.V.M. H. D. Spreckley (1924) to be Controller of Engineering and Equipment.

A.V.M. J. Marson (1924) to be A.O.C. No. 24 Group.

Air Cdre C. S. Moore (1929) to be Air Officer-in-charge of Administration, M.E.A.F.

Air Cdre C. Broughton (1930) to be S.A.S.O. at Transport Command.

Air Cdre R. A. C. Carter (1930) to be Director of Personal Services (A) at Air Ministry.

Gp Capt E. C. Harding (1932) to H.Q. No. 40 Group for Technical Staff duties.

Gp Capt R. M. B. Duke-Woolley (1935) to H.Q. Fighter Command for Air Staff duties.

Gp Capt J. H. Iremonger (1936) to H.Q. No. 12 Group for Air Staff duties.

Wg Cdr G. H. D. Evans (1935) to H.Q. Allied Air Forces, Northern Europe, for Staff duties.

Wg Cdr H. A. Jenkins (1940) to the R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell, for Directing Staff duties.

Wg Cdr J. A. Sowrey (1939) to H.Q. A.A.F.N.E. for Staff duties.

The following have recently been located:

Flt Lt J. A. Bell (1953)—R.A.F. Middleton-St-George.

Flt Lt E. H. Moors (1951)—R.A.F. Middleton-St-George.

Flt Lt B. G. Cox (1951)—R.A.F. Middleton-St-George.

Fg Off B. H. Plaskitt (1949)—35 M.U., R.A.F. Heywood.

Flt Lt M. L. Cann (1948)—R.A.F. Butterworth.

Flt Lt T. R. Gribble (1949)—R.A.F. Wattisham.

Flt Lt M. G. Tomkins (1950)—R.A.F. Wattisham.

Flt Lt J. H. Lovell (1947) H.Q. Transport Command.

DEATHS

We regret to have to record the deaths of the following:

Sqn Ldr C. H. Walker (1947).

Flt Lt R. S. May (1948).

Flt Lt J. E. Elliott (1947).

Flt Lt W. F. Nuthall (1949).

Flt Lt D. J. Foster (1951).

Flt Lt P. H. Stanning (1952).

Flt Lt B. B. Heywood (1952).

Fg Off B. W. Schooling (1953).

Plt Off P. S. A. Alcock (1955).

President of the Old Cranwellian Association.

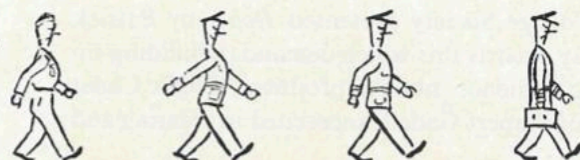
All Old Cranwellians will be delighted to hear that Air Marshal Sir George Beamish has consented to become President of the Old Cranwellian Association in succession to the late Air Vice-Marshal Sir Charles Longcroft.

Portrait of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle.

The portrait of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, which was painted by Mr Norman Hepple, A.R.A., R.P., and presented by the Old Cranwellian Association, is now in the College. It has been exhibited in this year's Royal Academy and will shortly be hung in the Gallery of Fame in the College.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Old Cranwellians who received honours or awards in the New Year Honours List:

G.C.B.: Air Chf Mshl Sir George Mills (1920).

K.C.B.: A.V.M. W. H. Merton (1924).

C.B.: Air Cdre R. H. E. Emson (1930); Air Cdre M. K. D. Porter (1931); Air Cdre S. C. Widdows (1929).

K.B.E.: Air Mshl C. E. Chilton (1924).

C.B.E.: Gp Capt T. J. Hanlon (1935); Gp Capt J. C. Pope (1931); Gp Capt D. E. B. Wheeler (1932); Gp Capt R. D. Williams (Retd.) (1926); Gp Capt F. W. Stannard (1927).

Our apologies are due to Gp Capt F. W. Stannard (1927) for omitting him from the Birthday Honours List, in which he was awarded the C.B.E.

APPOINTMENTS

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

Air Mshl Sir Hugh Constantine (1926) to become A.O.C.-in-C. Flying Training Command.

Air Mshl H. D. Spreckley (1924) to become Controller of Engineering at Air Ministry.

A.V.M. J. Marson (1924) to be A.O.C. No. 24 Group.

A.V.M. T. U. C. Shirley (1928) to be Senior Technical Staff Officer at H.Q. Fighter Command.

A.V.M. W. P. G. Prettv (1929) to be Director-General of Organization at Air Ministry.

A.V.M. H. A. V. Hogan (1929) to be Senior Air Staff Officer at Flying Training Command.

A.V.M. J. Worrall (1930) to be A.C.A.S. (Training) at Air Ministry.

A.V.M. E. M. F. Grundy (1926) to be Air Officer in Charge of Administration, F.E.A.F.

Air Cdre M. K. D. Porter (1931) to the Imperial Defence College for studies.

Gp Capt H. E. C. Boxer (1933) to the Imperial Defence College for studies.

Gp Capt P. H. Cribb (1936) to Command R.A.F. Gutersloh.

Gp Capt A. R. D. MacDonnell (1932) to Command R.A.F. South Cerney.

Gp Capt T. J. Hanlon (1935) to H.Q. Transport Command for administrative duties.

Gp Capt E. H. Lynch-Blosse (1935) to be Chief Flying Instructor, R.A.F. College, Cranwell.

Wg Cdr P. C. Lambert (1936) to Command No. 97 Squadron, R.A.F. Hemswell.

Wg Cdr P. R. Ap Ellis (1935) to be No. 3 Regional Recruiting Officer, R.A.F. Hawarden.

BIRTHS

We congratulate the following Old Cranwellians on recent additions to their families:

Gp Capt T. N. Stack (1937)—a son.

Sqn Ldr I. A. N. Worby (1947)—a son.

Sqn Ldr F. R. Lockyer (1948) a daughter.

Flt Lt I. D. Brimson (1952)—a son.

Flt Lt T. W. Turnill (1953)—a son.

Flt Lt M. J. Griffiths (1953)—a daughter.

Flt Lt K. Bichard (1952)—a son.

Flt Lt J. L. Spatcher (1951)—a son.

Flt Lt I. C. R. McIntosh (1951)—a son.

Flt Lt J. A. Fryer (1948)—a daughter.

Flt Lt J. A. Tucker (1951)—a daughter.

Flt Lt T. W. J. Hopkins (1948)—a daughter.

MARRIAGES

We congratulate the following Old Cranwellians on their recent marriages:

Flt Lt K. R. Briggs (1952) to Miss Catherine McKay Bray.

Sqn Ldr A. J. West (1948) to Miss Anne Locke.

NEWS FROM LETTERS

We have heard from R. A. Birchall (1949) who retired on medical grounds in 1952. His address is: Kirkdale Manor, Nawton, York.

In his letter he says he would be very pleased to welcome any Old Cranwellians stationed in the district.

Flt Lt J. R. Johnson, now married and father of a boy and a girl, has recently returned home from Aden. His address is: 1, Horse Fair, Rugeley, Staffordshire.

REUNION

The Old Cranwellian reunion will be held on 6th June, 1959. Will all Old Cranwellians wishing to take part in games against the College please contact the following officers at Cranwell:

Golf—Gp Capt F. E. Nuthall.

Cricket—Flt Lt W. E. Close.

Squash—Flt Lt A. D. R. Dawes.

Tennis—Flt Lt R. A. C. Goldring.

OLD CRANWELLIAN TIES

Old Cranwellian ties may be obtained from Gieves Ltd., or branches. Name and Entry must be quoted.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Will all Old Cranwellians please inform Mr Tanner, the Hon. Sec., of all changes of address.

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

APPOINTMENTS

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

Air Chf Mshl Sir George Mills (1920) to succeed Adml Sir Michael Denney in July as chairman of the British Joint Services Mission in Washington.

A.V.M. D. R. Evans (1930) to be Commandant of the School of Land/Air Warfare, Old Sarum.

Air Cdre G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley (1926) to be Director of Technical Training at Air Ministry.

Air Cdre N. C. S. Rutter (1929) to the R.A.F. Technical College as A.O.C. and Commandant.

Gp Capt S. W. B. Menaul (1935) to be Air Officer in charge of Administration, British Forces Arabian Peninsula.

Gp Capt A. H. Humphrey (1939) to R.A.F. Akrotiri to command.

Wg Cdr A. R. Atkins (1934) to H.Q. Transport Command for Technical staff duties.

Wg Cdr P. R. ap Ellis (1935) to R.A.F. Hawarden as Regional Recruiting Officer.

Wg Cdr R.C. Rotherham (1936) to R.A.F. Kai Tak to command.

Wg Cdr A. F. Fegan (1939) to R.A.F. Finningley to command Administrative Wing.

BIRTHS

We congratulate the following on recent additions to their families:

Gp Capt T. Rivett-Parmac (1934)—a son.

Sqn Ldr K. A. Williamson (1948)—twin daughters

Flt Lt E. A. Peters (1949)—a daughter.

Annual Reunion in F.E.A.F.

We are indebted to Group Captain P. A. Hughes for the following account of the Old Cranwellian reunion last December:

'The tenth annual reunion of former Cranwell cadets was held at the H.Q. F.E.A.F. Officers' Mess, Ferry Point, R.A.F. Changi, on Tuesday, 9th December, 1958. The dinner was attended by 25 Old Cranwellians of whom six were pre-war and 19 post-war.

'The President for the evening was the most distinguished Old Cranwellian in the Far East, our Commander-in-Chief, Air Marshal The Earl of Bandon, K.B.E., C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O. This year for the first time there was no Guest of Honour which emphasized the family reunion character of this annual get-together. Air Vice Marshal E. M. F. Grundy was attending for the first time, having recently taken over the duties as A.O.A. at H.Q. F.E.A.F. and Air Commodore G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley, C.B., C.B.E., was making his third and last appearance. This year we also had as guests six officers from the R.Cey.A.F. The General Duties, Equipment, and Secretarial branches were represented, and as the C-in-C. remarked "all ranks are represented except the highest and the lowest."

'The Band of the Far East Air Force played selections during dinner from a programme supplied by the College, and once again the "Post Horn Gallop" was played to the full by a bandsman who was rather overwhelmed by the applause that his rendering of the old favourite achieved.'



Some Old Cranwellians at the F.E.A.F. Annual Reunion (Reading from left to right) C-in-C., Fg Off Farlam, Flt Lt Weaver, Flt Lt Neale, Air Cdre Tindal-Carill-Worsley

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[The sparsity of OCA Notes by the end of the 1950s is an early indicator that changes were afoot, with OCA Notes soon to be subsumed within College Notes and the number of Journal publications reduced to two a year by the mid-60s and thence to just an annual publication by the early 70s.]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

ANNUAL REUNION

The annual Old Cranwellian reunion was held this year on 6th June. The rather bleak, gusty day was no new experience to the various generations of Cranwell cricketers who actually began their game on time, a great surprise to everyone. Tennis, squash and golf were played against the cadets in the afternoon.

Before dinner the portrait commissioned by the Association of Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir Dermot Boyle, was unveiled in the Hall of Fame. Air Marshal Sir George Beamish spoke in his capacity as President of the Association and Sir Dermot replied.

The dinner was attended by 140 Old Cranwellians, a post-war record, and afterwards the guest of honour, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir William Dickson, reminisced on his Service career.

The F.G.S. sustained many until the early hours of the morning and once again Group Captain F. E. Nuttall and Squadron Leader W. Bangay defended that establishment after most had surrendered.

The following represented the Old Cranwellians against the College:

Tennis—Sqn Ldr K. Williams, Sqn Ldr C. P. Francis, Flt Lt A. F. W. Keeley, Flt Lt R. A. C. Goldring, Flt Lt A. G. Bridges, Fg Off T. N. King.



Back row: Plt Off P. P. W. Taylor, Flt Lt J. Holdway, Fg Off P. D. Cliff, Flt Lt K. R. Briggs, Flt Lt J. B. V. Collins, Fg Off T. E. Close
Front row: Flt Lt R. A. Streatfield, Flt Lt L. R. Francis, Flt Lt W. E. Close, Gp Capt L. G. Levis, Flt Lt A. D. R. Davies

Squash—Gp Capt T. N. Stack, Gp Capt E. H. Lynch-Blosse, Sqn Ldr F. R. Lockyer, Flt Lt B. Watson, Flt Lt J. Leary.

Golf—Air Chf Mshl Sir Theodore McEvoy, Gp. Capt F. E. Nuttall (Retd), Wg Cdr A. D. Panton, Flt Lt B. W. Weskett.

DECORATIONS

We congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who received honours and awards in the Birthday Honours List:

C.B.: Gp Capt A. H. Humphrey (1939).

G.B.E.: Air Chf Mshl Sir Claude Pelly (1920).

C.B.E.: Gp Capt P. E. Warcup (1934).

A.F.C.: Sqn Ldr C. M. Bruce (1946).

PROMOTIONS

We congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who have recently been promoted:

Air Chf Mshl the Earl of Bandon (1923).

Air Mshl Sir Edward Chilton (1924).

A.V.M. D. R. Evans (1930).

A.V.M. C. T. Weir (1931).

Air Cdre S. W. B. Menaul (1936).

Gp Capt J. O. Barnard (1936).

Gp Capt R. B. Morison (1938).

APPOINTMENTS

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

Air Mshl Sir Edward Chilton (1924) to be A.O.C.-in-C. Coastal Command.

Air Mshl W. H. Kyle (1928) to be A.O.C.-in-C. Technical Training Command.

A.V.M. D. J. P. Lee (1930) to be Commander Air Forces, British Forces, Arabian Peninsula.

A.V.M. T. A. B. Parselle (1930) to be S.A.S.O. at Bomber Command.

Gp Capt R. G. Stone (1931) to H.Q. 2nd T.A.F.

Gp Capt R. T. Frogley (1935) to R.A.F. Driffield to Command.

The following have recently been located:

Flt Lt. R. D. Bates (1952) at Oxford U.A.S.

Flt Lt M. J. Hardy (1952) at R.A.F. Flying College, Manby.

Flt Lt G. F. Poyser (1952) at R.A.F. Syerston.

Flt Lt T. H. Sheppard (1952) at E.T.P.S. Farnborough.

Flt Lt I. D. Brimson (1952) at R.A.F. College, Cranwell.

Flt Lt J. K. Jennings (1952) at R.A.F. College, Cranwell.

Flt Lt A. P. J. Dodson (1949) at R.A.F. Little Rissington.

Flt Lt C. H. Salway (1952) at R.A.F. College, Cranwell.

BIRTHS

We congratulate the following on recent additions to their families:

Sqn Ldr C. J. S. Wood (1947)—a son

Flt Lt I. H. F. Walmsley (1948)—a son.

Flt Lt B. Jones (1952)—a son.

Flt Lt J. R. Whittam (1954)—twins, a son and a daughter.

DEATHS

We regret to have to record the deaths of the following:

A.V.M. G. B. Beardsworth (1923).

Air Cdre G. I. L. Saye (1925).

Flt Lt M. H. Standen (1948).

Fg Off P. E. Wormall (1955).

MISCELLANEOUS

A portrait of Air Marshal Sir Richard Le R. Atcherley now hangs in the Hall of Fame.

Squadron Leader W. J. Bangay has now retired and has been made an honorary life member of the Old Cranwellian Association.

The Old Cranwellian editor would like to receive articles from Old Cranwellians on any subject for inclusion in *The Journal*.

The Managing Editor apologises for errors in our last issue involving the name of Group Captain T. Rivett-Carnac, the title of the late Lady Longmore.

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A Selection of OCA Members of the Late 50s (when cadets)



UO SE King



F/C Cpl DB Durrant



SF/C PA Barrow



UO JDC Hawtin



UO PF Hunwick



SF/C TAM Bond



UO AM Chandler



UO JA Morgan



SF/C PJ Welby



F/C Cpl A Wright



SF/C WA Edwards



SF/C DG Crichton



SUO CE Trueman



SF/C GC Taylor



UO ASJ Whitwam

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

OUR congratulations go to the following Old Cranwellians who received honours or awards in the New Year Honours List:

K.C.B.: Air Marshal W. H. Kyle.
K.B.E.: Air Marshal H. D. Spreckley; Air Vice-Marshal G. L. Worthington.
C.B.: Air Vice-Marshal E. M. F. Grundy; Air Commodore T. W. Coslett; Air Commodore R. I. Jones.
C.B.E.: Group Captain H. J. Cundall; Group Captain P. B. Hatfield.
A.F.C.: Squadron Leader T. L. Kennedy.
Queen's Commendation for Valuable Services in the Air: Flight Lieutenant J. H. Turner.

PROMOTIONS

Since our last issue the following promotions have been announced:

A.V.M. T. U. C. Shirley, C.B.E., M.I.E.E., F.R.Ae.S.
A.V.M. P. G. Wykeham, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C.
Air Cdre W. D. Disbrey, C.B.E., A.F.C., A.F.R.Ae.S.
Air Cdre A. R. D. MacDonell, D.F.C.
Air Cdre J. W. Bavlav, M.B.E.
Air Cdre E. M. T. Howell, A.F.R.Ae.S.
Gp Capt I. R. Campbell, A.F.C.
Gp Capt P. R. Casement, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C.

APPOINTMENTS

Since our last issue the following appointments have been announced:

Air Chf Mshl Sir Thomas Pike, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C., has been appointed Chief of the Air Staff.
Air Cdre P. L. Donkin, C.B.E., D.S.O., has been appointed Air Officer Commanding, R.A.F. Hong Kong.
Air Cdre A. G. Powell, A.M.I.E.E., to Signals Command as Senior Air Staff Officer.
Air Cdre W. I. C. Inness, O.B.E., to Headquarters, Coastal Command.
Air Cdre T. B. de la P. Beresford, D.S.O., D.F.C., to be Senior Air Staff Officer, British Forces Arabian Peninsula.
Gp Capt C. R. Lloyd, O.B.E., to British Joint Services Mission, U.S.A., as Chief Intelligence Officer.

Gp Capt D. P. Kelly, D.F.C., to Plans and Policy Division, S.H.A.P.E.

Flt Lt D. W. Lowe to No. 4 Joint Services Trials Unit, R.A.F. Support Unit, B.F.P.O. 151 (Edinburgh Field, S. Australia).

Flt Lt T. H. Sheppard has completed the E.T.P.S. course and is posted to the Armament Flight at R.A.E., Farnborough.

MISCELLANEOUS

Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore

A portrait in oils of Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, which he has kindly presented to the College, now hangs in the Commandant's College office.

BIRTHS

We congratulate *Flt Lt* and Mrs P. McLeod on the birth of a son, Simon Andrew.

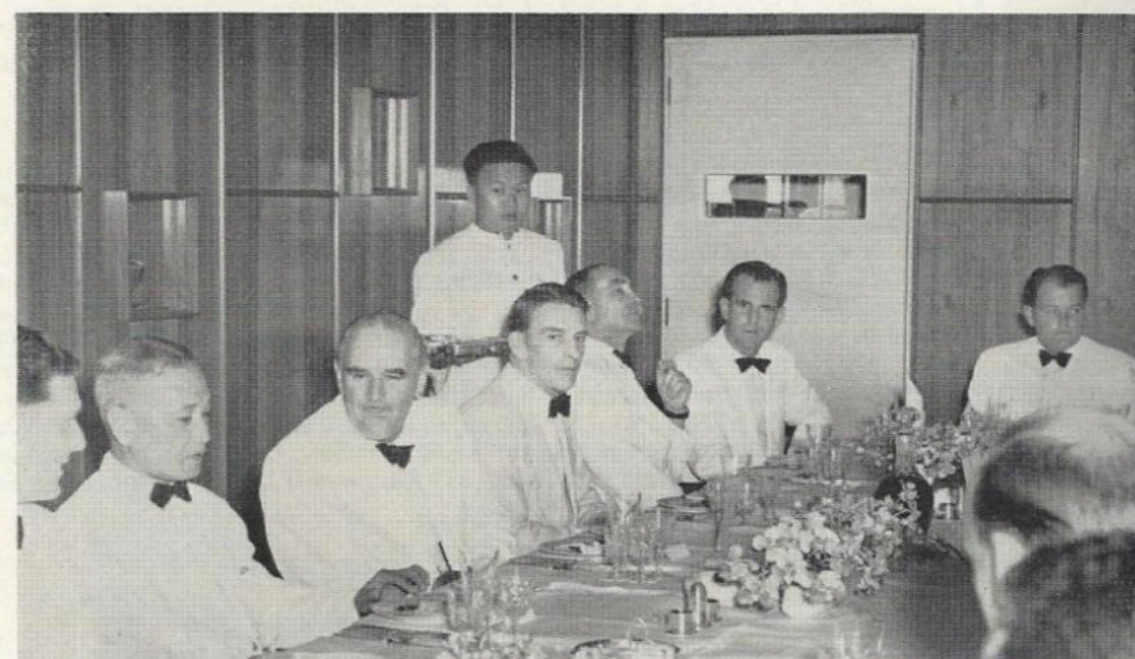
R.A.F. LECTURERS

Two distinguished Old Cranwellians were chosen to lecture in the United States and Canada. *Air Vice-Marshal* Sir Laurence F. Sinclair, Commandant of the Joint Services Staff College, lectured on 'A British View of Allied Strategy for Cold War, Limited War, and General War,' at the U.S.A.F. Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, and the R.C.A.F. Staff College, Toronto. (Alabama, 1st February; Toronto, 4th February.)

Air Vice-Marshal T. A. B. Parselle, Senior Air Staff Officer, Bomber Command, visited Alabama on 11th February and Toronto on 15th February, to give a lecture entitled 'Offensive Capabilities and Employment of Royal Air Force Bomber Command.'

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION

All Old Cranwellians are reminded that the Old Cranwellian editor will be delighted to hear of any news to include in this section of *The Journal*. People often write to say how sorry they are that we have overlooked promotions, new appointments, marriages, births, decorations, etc., but it would be more helpful if they wrote earlier to tell us of these things. With the best will in the world it is impossible to keep track of all who have graduated from the College, and any help that our readers can give will be most welcome.



The Senior Members of the Association attending the Dinner were Air Commodore Prince Visishta Svasti (second from the left), Air Chief Marshal the Earl of Bandon, Group Captain P. A. Hughes and Air Marshal Sir John Whitley

Old Cranwellian Reunion in the Far East—1959

We are indebted to Group Captain P. A. Hughes for the following account:

On Thursday, 10th December, Old Cranwellians stationed in the Far East gathered at the Tanglin Club in Singapore for their annual reunion. This was the eleventh consecutive year in which a reunion has been held, and the first time the Tanglin Club has been the venue. The evening was an unqualified success so it is hoped that the Club will offer its hospitality again in the future.

The Senior ranking Old Cranwellian attending was our Commander-in-Chief, Air Chief Marshal The Earl of Bandon, K.B.E., C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., who presided, but he and all of us were delighted that a member of his senior term in 1922 was also present—this was Air Commodore Prince Visishta Svasti, Royal Thai Air Force. It was an honour to have him there, and a real pleasure to meet such a distinguished and charming Old Cranwellian. We also took advantage of the presence in the Far East of the Inspector General of the Royal Air Force, Air Marshal Sir John Whitley, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., A.F.C., to invite him as our Guest of Honour. It was a great pleasure to all that he accepted. The remainder of the party was made up of two officers of the Royal Ceylon Air Force

whom we were very pleased to meet once again (Flying Officer Ratnayake and Flying Officer Rajapaksa) and an ex-officer of the Royal Thai Air Force (Mr Sudhi Somsiri—1955-58), Flight Lieutenant G. X. E. McLeod of the R.N.Z.A.F., stationed at Tengah with No. 75 Squadron, Flight Lieutenant Orton (1951), who arrived on the day, *en route* for Australia—a bit of good fortune for him, and all of us, and Flight Lieutenants M. H. D. Broad, R. J. Littlejohn, J. R. Coleman, P. Deakin, J. D. Hutchinson, P. Carter, R. Dyson, J. I. Barrow, N. R. C. Price, J. S. F. Salmond, J. A. Tucker and P. L. Gray.

Regrettably none of those invited from Hong Kong, India, Burma, Pakistan or Australia was able to be present.

After an hour getting into the mood, during which the pace was set by the Commander-in-Chief, whose fund of new stories and good humour seemed inexhaustible, we sat down to an excellent dinner in air-conditioned comfort. The C-in-C. proposed the toasts 'The Queen,' and 'The College.' Reminiscences were swapped thereafter. The Club closed at midnight—however, despite firm action by Club officials it was 1 a.m. before the party could be finally persuaded to depart, still in great good humour.

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Old Cranwellian Notes appear under College Notes because we thought it would make a change. And there is always the chance that someone who normally skips Old Cranwellian Notes might read them if he comes across them casually in College Notes (if anyone reads College Notes), and vice versa (if anyone reads Old Cranwellian Notes).



APPOINTMENTS

Gp Capt G. W. Petre, D.F.C., A.F.C., to R.A.F. College Selection Board as President.
Gp Capt D. B. Hatfield, C.B.E., to the Ministry of Aviation.
Gp Capt P. W. Cook to the British Embassy, Rangoon, Burma, as Air Attaché.
Gp Capt G. ff. Powell-Shedden, D.S.O., D.F.C., to the Department of the Air Member for Supply and Organization.
Gp Capt R. P. R. Powell, D.F.C., to R.A.F. Staff College Directing Staff.
Gp Capt J. B. Tait, D.S.O., D.F.C., to Headquarters, No. 13 Group.
Gp Capt R. K. Jeffries, O.B.E., to the Ministry of Aviation.
Gp Capt T. R. Burne, D.S.O., A.F.C., to Headquarters, Fighter Command.
Wg Cdr A. R. Wright, D.F.C., A.F.C., to Headquarters, F.E.A.F.



MARRIAGES

Our sincere congratulations and good wishes go to:
Flt Lt M. J. Hardy (62 Entry)—Miss Ann Lambert, married Saturday, 21st May 1960, at Worthing, Sussex.
Flt Lt R. B. Gubbins (62 Entry)—Miss Margaret Mundy, married Saturday, 14th May 1960, at Rheindahlen (Headquarters, 2nd T.A.F.).



Old Cranwellians who were unable to attend this year's Annual Reunion will be interested to know that the possibility of reprinting the List of Graduates was

discussed. Plans are in hand for a revision which will bring the list completely up to date with more full and accurate details, both alphabetical and by entries. If this project is eventually approved the format will be as for earlier issues, to match the College Journal, but it is hoped to reduce the price substantially. Ideas for making the List more interesting and useful, or notes of any previous errors or omissions, will be gratefully received by Mr J. Tanner, Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, Sleaford, Lincolnshire.



Squadron Leader H. R. Radford (50 Entry), who is now stationed at Boscombe Down, won the McKenna Award at the Empire Test Pilots' Training School at Farnborough.



After a very long period of gestation the College Museum has at last made an appearance. The start is a small and humble one compared with the efforts of our sister colleges, but despite this we have hopes of great things fairly soon.

The success of this project, however, rests largely in the hands of Old Cranwellians, who are most earnestly requested to seek high and low for items suitable for inclusion. Especially wanted are specimens of honours and awards won by Old Cranwellians.




The following senior flight cadets were appointed Under Officers at the beginning of the current term:

'A' Squadron — M. C. Turner
'B' Squadron — B. C. Johnson
'C' Squadron — W. L. McKee

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Our congratulations go to the undermentioned Old Cranwellians on their recent promotion:
Air Marshal A. Earle, C.B., C.B.E., Air Vice-Marshal C. Broughton, C.B.E., Air Commodore R. I. Jones, C.B., A.F.C., Group Captain R. L. Wade, D.F.C., and Squadron Leaders K. V. E. Gilbert, P. Gilliatt, W. F. Jacobs, J. D. Leary, E. H. Leggett, E. V. Mellor, H. J. Ridout, I. L. Schwaiger and R. A. Streatfield.

Our sincere congratulations go to the undermentioned Old Cranwellians who appeared in the Birthday Honours List:
C.B.—Air Commodore J. N. H. Whitworth, C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C.
C.B.E.—Group Captain W. Pitt-Brown, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C.; Group Captain B. P. Young, C.B.E.
A.F.C.—Squadron Leader P. J. Bardon, D.F.C., A.F.C.

The College has been greatly honoured to learn that Viscount Trenchard has agreed that the R.A.F. College Museum shall be entrusted with the safekeeping of many relics of his father, Marshal of the Royal Air Force the Viscount Trenchard, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., D.S.O. It is expected that among the items will be orders and decorations and many fascinating and important documents.
A later edition of *The Journal* will record full details of this historic and magnificent collection.

Graduates of the College are reminded that a new edition of the List of Graduates is in preparation, and are asked to send details of their current rank and decorations to: Mr J. Tanner, R.A.F. College, Cranwell, Sleaford, Lincs.

The College Museum, so long projected, is now a reality, having opened its doors for the first time on 25th July 1960.
No effort was spared to make this addition to the College's public rooms a place worthy in every way of those commemorated, and it has already been honoured with the safekeeping of a splendid and richly varied collection of items. It is recorded with pride that Her Majesty The Queen has graciously loaned three items.

The Annual Reunion was held this year on Saturday, 25th June 1960. Altogether some 130 members of the Old Cranwellian Association were able to put in an appearance and make their contribution to the fortieth year of the College by creating a new attendance record.

There was no Guest of Honour on this occasion; instead the Association was greatly honoured to welcome the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Pike, as its after dinner speaker.

Air Commodore D. F. Spotswood, chairman of the O.C.A., reminded the assembly that C.A.S. was the first Old Cranwellian ever to serve on the Air Council as D.C.A.S. He also reported to the Association the many and varied activities of the College in the past year, and was able to give a most encouraging account of progress on the new building programme. Models of the instructional block and the new church were on show.

The Association was also honoured to entertain as its guest the Bishop of Fulham, whose brother, Patrick Coote, was a Sword of Honour winner at the College.

The dinner followed, of course, the traditional menu of: Turtle Soup; Scotch Salmon; Roast Duckling; Strawberries and Cream; Savoury Egg.

The games results were:
Cricket: R.A.F. College, 201 for 8; Old Cranwellians, 205 for 6. *Tennis:* R.A.F. College, 6; Old Cranwellians, 3. *Squash:* R.A.F. College, 4; Old Cranwellians, 4. *Golf:* R.A.F. College, 2; Old Cranwellians, 2.

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Old Cranwellians and members of the staff of the College figured prominently in the New Year Honours List.

The following awards were announced in the *London Gazette* dated 31st December 1960:—

To Old Cranwellians:

G.C.B.—Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas G. Pike, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C.

G.B.E.—Air Chief Marshal the Earl of Bandon, K.B.E., C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O.

K.C.B.—Air Marshal A. D. Selway, C.B., D.F.C.

K.B.E.—Air Marshal A. Earle, C.B., C.B.E.

C.B.—Air Commodore A. Pyke, O.B.E., M.I.Mech.E., A.F.R.Ae.S.

BAR TO A.F.C.—Squadron Leader H. A. Merriman, A.F.C.

A.F.C.—Squadron Leader J. M. Crowley.

To personnel of the Royal Air Force College:

C.B.—Air Commodore D. F. Spotswood, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.D.C.

M.B.E.—Flight Lieutenant J. E. Greenaway.

B.E.M.—Mr Frederick George Mayhew (Head Servant, 'C' Squadron, Senior Flight Cadets' Mess).

A.F.C.—Flight Lieutenant G. N. Lewis (now serving at R.N.A.S. Lossiemouth).

The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Services in the Air was awarded to Flight Lieutenant D. S. Bridson, and to Flight Lieutenant K. M. Williamson (now serving at Royal Air Force Little Rissington).



We offer our congratulations to the following Old Cranwellians on their recent promotion:

General Duties Branch: Air Marshal A. D. Selway and Air Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle; Air Vice-Marshal G. C. Eveleigh; Air Commodores J. M. N. Pike, H. N. G. Wheeler, J. H. Lapsley and L. MacD. Hodges; Group Captain P. A. Hughes; Squadron Leaders P. M. Worthington, H. M. K. Brown, R. E. Webster, I. S. MacPherson, J. W. Price, J. A. Williams, D. A. Lethem, T. W. A. Devey-Smith, M. M. Foster, M. G. King, R. L. T. Polgreen, M. Hughes, C. H. Foale, J. M. A. Parker, A. McN. Christie, F. D. Hoskins, R. P. J. King, R. H. Bragg, N. A. Innes-Smith, J. G. F. Hewitt, L. A. Boyer and J. M. Pack.

Technical Branch: Air Commodore J. C. Pope.

Equipment Branch: Squadron Leader M. L. Cann.

Royal Air Force Regiment: Squadron Leader K. M. Oliver.

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[Always of interest to the OCA since plans were first mooted, the development of new churches at Cranwell were to feature prominently in rejuvenated OCA Notes.]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Our congratulations go to the following Old Cranwellians who appeared in the Birthday Honours List :

C.B.—Air Vice-Marshal C. Broughton, C.B.E. ; Air Vice-Marshal B. A. Chacksfield, O.B.E., A.F.R.Ae.S. ; Air Vice-Marshal T. U. C. Shirley, C.B.E., A.D.C. ; Air Vice-Marshal P. G. Wykeham, D.S.O., O.B.E.

C.B.E.—Air Commodore E. M. T. Howell; Group Captain R. T. Frogley, O.B.E., D.F.C. ; Group Captain A. M. Ruston, D.F.C. ; Group Captain T. P. Seymour.
A.F.C.—Flight Lieutenant D. A. Cooper.

PROMOTIONS

Our congratulations go to the following Old Cranwellians on their recent promotion :

Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Constantine, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O. ; Air Vice-Marshal T. N. Coslett, C.B., O.B.E., M.I.Mech.E. ; Air Vice-Marshal S. W. B. Menaul, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C. ; Air Vice-Marshal P. T. Philpott, C.B.E. ; Air Vice-Marshal D. F. Spotswood, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C. ; Air Commodore W. Pitt-Brown, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C. ; Air Commodore B. P. Young, C.B.E. ; Group Captain A. D. Panton, O.B.E., D.F.C. ; Group Captain J. A. Sowrey, D.F.C., A.F.C. ; Wing Commander K. Johnson ; Wing Commander M. M. J. Robinson.

THE ANNUAL RE-UNION

The Annual Reunion took place this year on Saturday, 24th June. Some 130 members attended throughout the day, and were entertained by splendid performances in the sports fixtures. The results of these were :

	College	O.C.A.
Cricket :	202 for 9 dec.	194
Tennis :	7	1
Squash :	2	3
Golf :	2	4

After the Annual General Meeting the members re-assembled for drinks and the traditional dinner of Turtle Soup, Scotch

Salmon, Roast Duck, Fresh Strawberries and Cream, and Anchovy Egg. After dinner they heard speeches from their Chairman, Air Commodore E. D. McK. Nelson, and their Patron, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot A. Boyle.

Among those who attended the Reunion this year were :—Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot A. Boyle; Air Marshal Sir G. R. Beamish; Air Vice-Marshal B. A. Chacksfield, Air Vice-Marshal H. A. V. Hogan, Air Vice-Marshal T. A. B. Parselle, Air Vice-Marshal W. D. G. Pretty; Air Commodore P. H. Cribb, Air Commodore P. Jones, Air Commodore E. D. McK. Nelson, Air Commodore N. A. P. Pritchett, Air Commodore H. N. G. Wheeler ; Group Captains W. F. C. Hobson, M. Lowe, E. H. Lynch-Blosse, F. E. Nuttall, T. P. Seymour, R. J. Walker ; Wing Commanders P. R. Ap Ellis, T. R. Harris, E. Macro, D. G. Roberts, F. C. T. Rowe, A. A. J. Sanders ; Squadron Leaders D. Atherley, W. J. Bangay, L. A. Boyer, M. L. Cann, T. W. Devey-Smith, K. V. E. Gilbert, J. H. Granville-White, D. B. Hamley, G. M. Hermitage, B. Huxley, W. E. Kelly, T. L. Kennedy, F. R. Lockyer, J. C. Newby, C. J. Petheram, M. M. J. Robinson, K. E. Richardson, D. L. F. Thornton, W. Topping ; Flight Lieutenants D. Allison, M. J. Allisstone, P. J. Anstee, D. A. Atherton, R. D. Bates, M. E. Bee, A. G. Bridges, H. Buckham, W. E. Close, J. J. R. Cohu, J. B. V. Collins, C. P. J. Coulcher, A. D. R. Dawes, J. G. De'Ath, S. A. Edwards, J. B. Fitzpatrick, B. J. Goatley, G. J. A. F. Green, J. R. Hall, M. A. Hicks, V. A. Hodgkinson, J. C. Holday, P. A. Hoskins, M. A. Howells, P. C. Little, R. P. McCormack, P. E. McKinstry, J. McVie, B. Meadley, S. T. Newington, B. Northway, E. A. Peters, B. A. Plaskett, P. D. Raeburn, B. A. Reader, C. H. Selway, R. T. Snare, J. A. Tucker, P. J. Welby ; Flying Officers J. E. Brown, H. D. Herd, C. M. Quaife, T. V. Radford, M. Seekings, T. V. Spencer, R. L. Thomas ; Pilot Officers F. G. Allen, J. S. Halkes, W. J. Howerd, R. Lucking, C. A. Rainbow, A. J. Sheppard, A. C. Tolhurst ; Mr J. Grierson, Mr D. D. Mumby, Mr J. Tanner.

THE NEW CHURCH

Cranwell's new Station Church is now approaching completion, and work on its interior furnishing and embellishment is now in hand.

All readers of *The Journal* are reminded that the financial burden of furnishing the Church in this way has to be borne by private subscription, and it is hoped that all who can do so will subscribe as generously as possible.

Cheques, money orders, and postal orders, should be sent to : Mr John Tanner, M.A., F.L.A., Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, from whom a brochure is available giving full details of the new Church and the appeal. Readers may also like to know that a new Roman Catholic Church is also in course of completion, and that the P.M.U.B. Church is being refurbished. Money for these undertakings is also urgently needed, and should be sent to Mr Tanner.

SOME OLD CRANWELLIANS AT CRANWELL

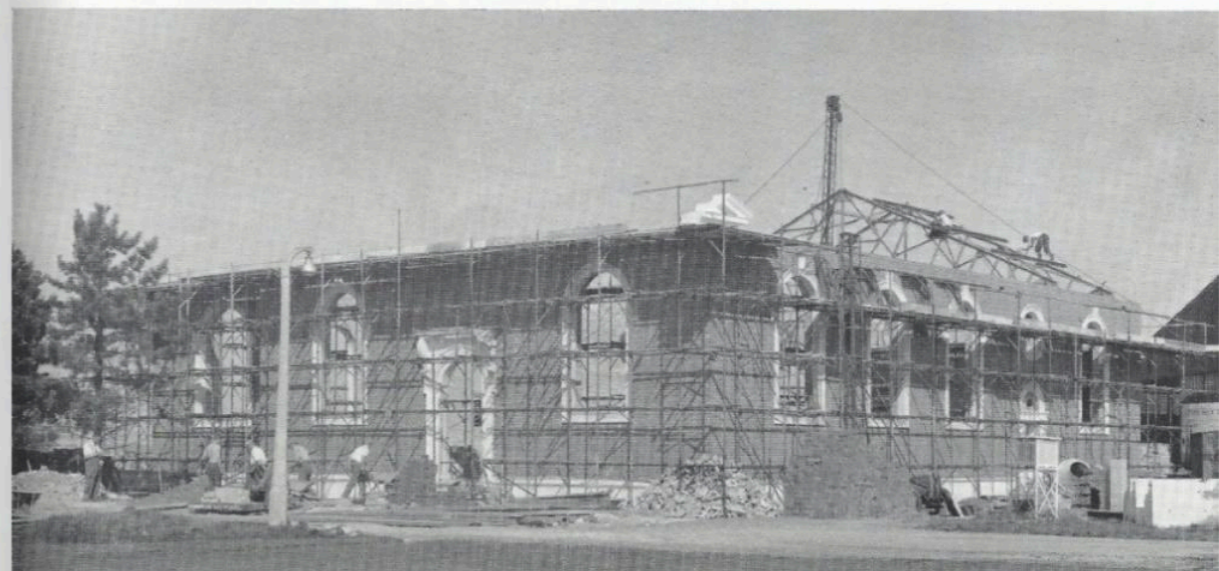
Four former E. and S. Wing cadets are currently serving at the College in the Tutorial Wing. Flight Lieutenants A. Hickox and B. J. Goatley (52 Entry) arrived here in 1959 from Germany and Malta respectively.

Flight Lieutenant G. J. A. F. Green (59 Entry) came here as admin. instructor towards the end of 1960. We have just welcomed Flight Lieutenant J. Shearer (58

Entry), hot foot from the North African desert (El Adem). He has now taken over equipment instructor duties from Flight Lieutenant P. Richardson (49 Entry) who left us for Air Ministry last month. Squadron Leader D. I. O'Hara was the first ex-E. and S. Wing cadet to return to the College. As reported in a previous issue, he left us for Staff College in the Spring of this year. Just before this Flight Lieutenant D. Atherton packed his books and his rugger boots and headed for H.Q. Flying Training Command.

All of these officers belonged to the original "D" Squadron which was in being at Digby from 1947 until 1953. Word has been heard from other members of this one time Sovereign's Squadron. Squadron Leader M. Cann (51 Entry) and Flight Lieutenant F. F. Banks (52 Entry) are at Air Ministry, London, and Squadron Leader B. Hughes (52 Entry) is now P.S.O. to the D.G.E. Flight Lieutenant J. A. Kiely (52 Entry) is apparently working for Signals Command at Royal Air Force Medmenham ; no doubt they have a good Rugby team. Flight Lieutenant J. Bastin, now an LL.B., (54 Entry) was last heard of a year ago at H.Q. Fighter Command, and Flight Lieutenant J. De'Ath (61 Entry) is at Hereford as a flight commander with admin. apprentices. Flight Lieutenant B. A. Spry (53 Entry) is now in the G.D. branch and was last heard of last February at Kinloss, going off on his first solo in a Shackleton. Flight Lieutenant D. Gregory (52 Entry) is now at Fontainebleau as assistant air attaché, and Flight Lieutenant J. Lawrence (52 Entry) is in Australia.

Cranwell's new station Church is now approaching completion



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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Our congratulations go to the following Old Cranwellians who appeared in the New Year Honours List :

C.B.—Air Vice-Marshal T. A. B. Parselle, C.B.E.; Air Vice-Marshal H. B. Wrigley, C.B.E.; Air Vice-Marshal C. S. Moore, C.B.E.; Air Vice-Marshal W. I. C. Innes, O.B.E.
K.B.E.—Air Vice-Marshal W. P. G. Pretty, C.B.

M.B.E.—Squadron Leader R. L. Lees, A.F.C.—Squadron Leader J. L. Price.

PROMOTIONS

Our congratulations go to the following Old Cranwellians on their recent promotion :

Air Vice-Marshal T. N. Coslett, C.B.E., O.B.E.; Air Commodore L. D. Mavor, A.F.C.; Wing Commander G. M. Hermitage; Squadron Leaders J. C. Newby, G. W. Payne, B. A. Phillips, N. Chamberlain, A.F.C., J. D. B. Christey, B. H. Newton, E. A. Peters, R. D. Brittain, P. H. Champriss, A. I. Alder, D. Allison, P. J. Armstrong, J. H. Bishop, J. G. Bourn, D. J. House, R. A. Lees, R. J. Littlejohn, J. McLeod, A. R. Martin, J. A. Fryer, R. V. Stephenson, D. F. Smith, J. D. B. Christey, E. F. Banks, J. E. Bastin, R. S. Blockey, R. G. Boyer, P. A. Law, R. L. Lees, A. B. McGuire, M.B.E., J. E. Maitland, L. R. Francis, J. F. H. Tetley, H. T. Price, J. Wilkinson; Flight Lieutenants M. J. H. Walker, A. L. Watson; Flying Officers P. J. Symes, D. J. W. Taylor, K. C. Quin, A. R. Read, A. J. Ross, W. G. Chapman, E. R. Cox, R. A. K. Crabtree, G. C. Crumbie, J. H. Laming, D. E. Leppard, A. A. MacKay, V. B. Howells, D. Packman, M. J. Porter, M. H. Wilson, R. W. A. Woodhead, W. J. Wratten, M. C. Wright, I. E. D. Montgomerie, P. A. Nelson, A. R. Oliver, J. R. Oliver, P. G. Pinney, D. Lawrence, R. H. Lloyd, N. C. V. Ireland, D. M. O'Herlihy, C. S. Parkin.

ANNUAL RE-UNION

Will all members of the Old Cranwellian Association please note that the next Annual Re-union will be on Saturday, 16th June. Full particulars will be circulated in the Annual Report. The Venerable F. W. Cocks, C.B., Chaplain-in-Chief to the Royal Air Force will be the Guest of Honour at the dinner.

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BIRTH

We congratulate Flight Lieutenant I. D. Wilkinson (62 Entry) on the birth of a son, David Bruce.

DEATHS

We regret to record the death in a motoring accident on 20th December, 1961 of Pilot Officer Malcombe John Greenwood. Plt. Off. Greenwood came to the College from Bishop Gore's School, Swansea. He joined No. 79 Entry in September, 1958 was posted to 'B' Squadron and was promoted to Under Officer in his final term. A good all-round sportsman, he was elected Captain of Badminton and vice-captain of tennis. In both sports he was awarded colours. He was in the jazz band, with whom he played the drums, and regularly joined in the Motor club rallies and activities. He was quiet yet cheerful, a reliable and sincere young man. His death is a great loss to the Royal Air Force, to his family and to the many friends he made during his short life.

We have learned with regret of the death of four other Cranwell graduates :

On 12th September, Flying Officer D. M. Nicholls of No. 74 Entry, 'A' Squadron.

On 17th October, Flight Lieutenant J. W. Burgess of No. 7 (Secretarial) Entry.

On 26th October, Flight Lieutenant N. B. Youd of No. 71 Entry, 'A' Squadron.

On 26th October, Flying Officer J. Geldart of No. 75 Entry, 'C' Squadron.

NEWS OF OLD CRANWELLIANS

Two old Cranwellians who are now Air Commodores have recently taken up new appointments. Air Commodore H. N. G. Wheeler, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., formerly Assistant Commandant of the College, was appointed Air Member of the Defence Research Policy Staff in January. Air Commodore W. Pitt-Brown, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., became Senior Air Staff Officer and Principal Assistant Air Attaché on the British Defence Staff in Washington last summer.

Flying Officer N. Bonnor, formerly of No. 77 Entry and S.U.O. of 'B' Squadron was presented in September with the sword awarded annually by the Argentine Air Force to the top cadet graduating from the College. The presentation was made at Royal Air Force, Cottesmore, by Dr. J. Pena Gaona, Counsellor at the Argentine Embassy in London. Flying Officer Bonnor is now a navigator in No. 10 Squadron flying Victors.

Last year Flying Officer I. W. Strachan, formerly of No. 75 Entry, became the youngest British glider pilot to gain the F.A.I. Gold Certificate with two Diamonds. The awards were for a gain in height of 24,000 feet in a thundercloud in 1960, and for a flight of 300 kilometres along a previously declared route in June, 1961. Flight Lieutenant J. Delafield (of No. 74 Entry) obtained a Gold Certificate with one Diamond for a similar distance goal flight in August.

Flight Lieutenant Delafield is at present Chief Flying Instructor of the East Anglian Club of the Royal Air Force Gliding and Soaring Association. Flying Officer Strachan is a member of the Fenland Club of the R.A.F.G.S.A. and operates from R.A.F. Swanton Morley. Both officers were College Captains of Gliding and serviced their own sailplane when they were at Cranwell.

SOME OLD CRANWELLIANS AT CRANWELL

With the arrival in February of Squadron Leader M. Foster, who has been posted to Flying Wing, there are now five Old Cranwellians of No. 52 Entry serving at the College. The other four are Squadron Leader T. Devey-Smith, Officer Commanding 'B' Squadron, Squadron Leader M. Hughes, Officer Commanding No. 3 Squadron, Squadron Leader J. A. McArthur, A.F.C., P.S.O. to the A.O.C., and Squadron Leader B. M. Burley, who is with the Selection Board.

Squadron Leaders Foster and McArthur came to Cranwell from the Royal Air Force Staff College, Bracknell.

REPORT OF 13th ANNUAL RE-UNION IN THE FAR EAST

The 13th Annual Re-union of Old Cranwellians in the Far East was held on 15th December, 1961 in the Tanglin Club in Singapore.

25 Old Cranwellians, including Air Marshal Sir Anthony Selway, K.C.B., D.F.C., met at 8 p.m. for drinks before dinner. Unfortunately, very few Old Cranwellians from outside Singapore Island were able to attend, and we greatly missed those of the Royal Ceylon Air Force who were with us last time. It was good to see once again Wing Commander J. F. Powell, O.B.E., an Honorary O.C.A. Member, who is well-known to most generations of post-war cadets.

We sat down to an excellent dinner at 9 p.m., after which the Commander-in-Chief proposed the loyal toast. The Commander-in-Chief then delighted everyone with an informal chat which was entirely in accord with the mood of the evening. He talked at length about the Royal Air Force from the time when Lord Trenchard was Chief of the Air Staff down through the years to the present day. It was a most entertaining and enlightening talk which was greatly appreciated by all of us. After dinner we returned

Air Marshal Selway and Group Captain Maynard



Some Old Cranwellians at the 13th Annual Re-Union in the Far East
From top Left, round the table : Flt Lt Taylor, Fg Off Webb, Flt Lt Clark, Sqn Ldr Culvert, Gp Capt Maynard, Air Marshal Sir Anthony Selway, Wg Cdr Powell, Flt Lt White, Flt Lt Davis, Flt Lt Coleman, Sqn Ldr Williams, Sqn Ldr Wood

to the bar, and the Tanglin Club did not close its doors until the early hours of 16th December. It was quite clear that everybody had thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

CRANWELL'S NEW CHURCHES

Cranwell's new Station Church is now almost completed, and it is expected that the opening ceremony will take place at the beginning of June. Every item of furniture and embellishment thought desirable by the Committee has been ordered, so that the Church will be seen in its final and complete form from the day of its dedication.

The new Roman Catholic Church is already complete, and was dedicated by the Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Nottingham at the beginning of the Spring term.

The new Roman Catholic Church was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Nottingham

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APOLOGY

We apologise to Air Commodore W. I. C. Inness, C.B., O.B.E., for the error in our reference to his appointment to C.B. in the last issue of *The Journal*.

DEATH

We regret to record the death on 3rd April of Mr H. W. Acomb. A Cambridge graduate, Henry Waldo Acomb began his librarianship career in his old university. From 1929 he was successively librarian of the National Liberal Club's Gladstone Library, librarian of the University of Durham, and, after war service with the Army Educational Corps, Librarian and Administrative Officer at the British Institute, Madrid. In 1949 he came to the Royal Air Force College, where he was librarian for a year.

NEWS OF OLD CRANWELLIANS

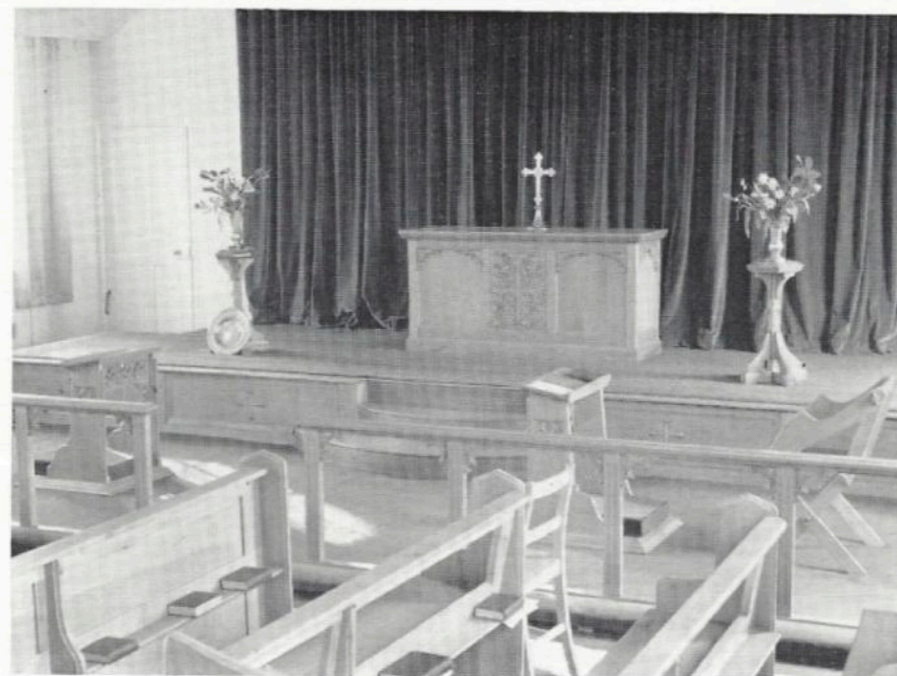
Group Captain E. E. Vielle, O.B.E., A.F.R.Ae.S., R.A.F. (Retd.), writing under the pen name of Donald Gordon, has

written a novel called "Star-Raker," which was published by Hodder and Stoughton on 5th April. "Star-Raker," which is about a supersonic airliner, has been selected for condensation by *Readers' Digest*, and is also being published in (so far) nine other countries, in eight other languages.

Group Captain C. V. D. Willis, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.F.C., who joined the Royal Air Force as an aircraft apprentice in 1933, and in 1936 was awarded a cadetship to the Royal Air Force College, has recently been appointed Commandant of the Royal Air Force Staff College at Andover with the acting rank of Air Commodore.

MORE NEWS OF OLD CRANWELLIANS

More news of Old Cranwellians is urgently needed. Please write to the Old Cranwellian Editor, Mr John Tanner, Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, and tell him anything that may be of interest to us or your contemporaries.



A view of the improved interior of the P.M.U.B. Church.

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[1962 was the last year of three publications.]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

We congratulate the following Old Cranwellians who received honours or awards in the Birthday Honours List :

K.C.B. : Air Marshal L. W. C. Bower, C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C.

K.B.E. : Air Marshal M. L. Heath, C.B., O.B.E.

C.B.E. : Group Captain J. O. Barnard.

O.B.E. : Wing Commander C. W. McN. Newnam, D.F.C.

A.F.C. : Squadron Leader J. M. Henderson.

REUNIONS

A GOOD START IN CYPRUS

17 Old Cranwellians gathered at Episkopi on 15th June to enjoy the first reunion dinner to be held in N.E.A.F. The senior Old Cranwellian present, Air Vice-Marshal J. Worrall, D.F.C., welcomed as guest of honour the A.O.C.-in-C, Air Marshal Sir William L. M. MacDonald, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C. The evening, described by our correspondent as "a great success," looks like becoming an annual event. The Old Cranwellians present in addition to Air Vice-Marshal Worrall were :

Squadron Leader D. J. Belsen, P.S.O. to A.O.C.-in-C. ; Squadron Leader J. F. H. Chick, H.Q., N.E.A.F. ; Squadron Leader R. L. Tavanyer, Akrotiri ; Flight Lieutenant P. G. Blake, A.D.C. to A.O.C.-in-C ; Flight Lieutenant P. J. Blewitt, Akrotiri ; Flight Lieutenant J. H. Martin, H.Q., N.E.A.F. ; Flight Lieutenant T. N. King, Nicosia ; Flying Officer M. J. C. Dicken, Akrotiri ; Flying Officer K. J. Dearman, Akrotiri ; Flying Officer M. Freeman, Akrotiri ; Flying Officer A. L. Hooper, Akrotiri ; Flying Officer V. B. Howells, Nicosia ; Flying Officer D. M. Waller, H.Q., N.E.A.F. ; Pilot Officer J. K. S. Tagg, Akrotiri.

APPOINTMENTS

Guided Weapons Chief : Air Marshal E. M. F. Grundy, C.B., C.B.E., who was commissioned from Cranwell in 1928, was appointed Controller of Guided Weapons

and Electronics from 1st June by the Minister of Aviation.

Flight Safety Director : Air Commodore A. G. Dudgeon, C.B.E., D.F.C. became Director of Flight Safety at the Air Ministry in September. Air Commodore Dudgeon was born near Cairo in 1916 and was a prize cadet at the R.A.F. College, passing out in 1935. He flew in No. 111 Squadron at home and in No. 11 Squadron in India. In 1940 he took command of No. 55 Squadron in the Middle East and was awarded the D.F.C. in February 1941. Later, in Iraq, he took part in the operations mounted against the Rashid Ali revolt. From 1943 to 1945, he held posts in Transport Command and then served in the Far East. In 1952, he took command of the Wing at Abingdon which ferried 400 Canadian built Sabre fighters across the Atlantic for the R.A.F. When this Wing moved to Benson, he became Station Commander and shared in the pioneer Service experiment aimed at removing regulations of long standing but of doubtful value on a modern R.A.F. station. From 1954 to 1957, he commanded R.A.F. Bruggen in Germany, and from 1957 to 1960 was attached to the Ministry of Aviation. For the past two and a half years he has been Air Officer Commanding Air Cadets and Commandant of the Air Training Corps.

Director of Joint Plans : Air Commodore A. H. Humphrey, C.B., O.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C. has been appointed Director of Joint Plans at the Air Ministry. Born in Edinburgh, Air Commodore Humphrey was educated at Bradfield College and entered the R.A.F. College in 1939. His unusually varied flying career started in No. 266 Squadron (Spitfires) in the Battle of Britain and continued with No. 175 Squadron ("Hurribombers"), ground attack operations in North Africa and instructing in India. In 1943, while in North Africa, he instructed No. 6 Squadron (Hurricanes) in the use of the new rocket projectiles for ground attack. After the war, he flew Lancasters in No. 82 Squadron which surveyed large areas of East and West Africa, set up a new Cape Town to London record in 1953 and, in 1954, made the first R.A.F. jet flight to the North Pole. (These last two flights were in the Canberra "Aries

IV" of the R.A.F. Flying College). Air Commodore Humphrey is one of the few officers to hold the A.F.C. and two bars. He was awarded the A.F.C. in 1943 for instructional flying at home, the first bar in 1945 for Middle East instructional flying and the second bar in 1955 in recognition of his work at Manby. Following a tour at the Air Ministry as a Deputy Director of Operational Requirements, Air Commodore Humphrey commanded R.A.F. Akrotiri (Cyprus) from 1959 to 1961. He has now just completed the Imperial Defence College Course.

A.O.A. : Air Commodore H. E. C. Boxer, O.B.E. has just become A.O.A. at R.A.F. Coastal Command. Born at Harlingstone and educated at Shrewsbury, he won the Sword of Honour at Cranwell in 1935. Until 1937, he flew in No. 1 Squadron and was a member of its aerobatic team of Hawker Furies well known at European air displays. Having specialised in navigation, he instructed from 1940 to 1944 and from 1944 to 1945 flew Mitchell light bombers with No. 180 Squadron, 2nd Tactical Air Force. The first three post-war years he spent in America. Returning in 1948, he took the Staff College Course and remained on the directing staff. He was then Deputy Director of Navigation Training at the Air Ministry and Station Commander, R.A.F. Thorney Island. He took the 1959 Imperial Defence College Course and for the past two and a half years has been Senior

Air Liaison Officer and Air Adviser to the High Commissioner in Canada.

News from Old Cranwellians will be welcomed by the Editor who is also ready to consider for publication general or special interest articles, photographs, drawings or other contributions to the *Journal*.

GLIDING DOUBLE

Two former Cranwell Captains of Gliding carried off the honours in League 2 of the National Gliding Championships in June. Flight Lieutenant I. W. Strachan (No. 75 Entry) took first place and running a close second was Flight Lieutenant J. Delafield (74 Entry).

Flight Lieutenant Strachan (R.A.F. Marham) is C.F.I. of the R.A.F. Gliding and Soaring Association's "Fenland" Club while Flight Lieutenant Delafield (R.A.F. Waterbeach) is C.F.I. of their "East Anglian" Club.

SKY PILOT

Australia's flying doctors are well known but perhaps her flying priests have had less publicity. *The Journal* has recently heard from one Old Cranwellian (No. 59 Entry), Flight Lieutenant P. D. Orton (Retd) who will shortly join their ranks. After his retirement, Flight Lieutenant Orton spent a year at Sydney University before entering Theological College in Brisbane. When he is ordained, his duties will include flying over crocodile infested swamps to visit outlying parts of his parish.

A Selection of OCA Members at the Early-60s (when cadets)



SF/C GJAF Green



F/C Cpl A Hickox



F/C Cpl BJ Goatley



SF/C J Shearer



U/O AL Watson



U/O PJ Symes



SF/C DJW Taylor



SF/C CS Parkin



SF/C AR Read



SF/C AJ Ross



SF/C DW Lowe



UO GF Poyser



SF/C MJ Hardy



SF/C APJ Dodson



UO CH Salwey

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AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR GEORGE MILLS, G.C.B., D.F.C., p.s.a.

"His career spans the history of the Royal Air Force College. He was a cadet on the first entry of this College in 1920 and he ended his career as he began it—top of the order of merit." Such was the tribute paid by the Chief of the Air Staff to a distinguished Old Cranwellian who retired from the Royal Air Force last July.

Air Chief Marshal Sir George Holroyd Mills came to Cranwell from Berkhamsted School in 1920. He graduated in 1921 after distinguishing himself by winning the Abdy Gerrard Fellowes Memorial Prize as well as gaining College colours for cricket and athletics.

His varied gifts enabled him to serve with distinction in a remarkably wide range of

posts. He flew with many squadrons in a variety of roles and before the war had served in Iraq and India, at the Staff College and the Air Ministry. During the war, he served for a time in Bomber Command and in 1945 he was A.O.C. Balkan Air Force. This was followed by a tour in Egypt. Subsequent posts included Director of Plans at the Air Ministry, A.O.C. No. 1 Group, A.O.C. Malaya, A.O.C.-in-C. Bomber Command and Commander, Allied Air Forces Central Europe. His last appointment was to lead the U.K. representatives on the Standing Group of the N.A.T.O. Military Committee in Washington. The range of these appointments shows the aptness of the Chief of the Air Staff's description of Sir George as "... an outstanding leader in war and peace and a great administrator."

APPOINTMENTS

C.S.O. Bomber Command: Air Commodore C. C. Morton, C.B.E. became Chief Signals Officer, Bomber Command in November 1962. Air Commodore Morton entered the R.A.F. College in 1930. He flew with army co-operation squadrons until 1936 and since then has specialised in signals. During the war he served in France (where he was one of the first radar specialists with the R.A.F.), in Iceland and in India. Since 1945, he has served in the Directorate of Signals at the Air Ministry and with No. 90 Group, has commanded No. 3 Radio School, Compton Bassett and has been Inspector of Radio Services. His last tour of duty was as Chairman of the British Joint Communications-Electronics Board, a Ministry of Defence appointment.

A.C.S. (Intelligence) Fontainebleau: Air Commodore S. B. Grant, D.F.C. has been appointed Assistant Chief of Staff (Intelligence) at A.A.F.C.E. Air Commodore Grant entered the R.A.F. College in 1937. He took part in the Battle of Britain as a member of No. 65 Squadron. In 1942, at the height of the enemy air assault on Malta, he led the first detachment of Spitfires to reach the island. While serving in Malta, he commanded first No. 249 Squadron, then a flying wing and was awarded the D.F.C. and bar. He went from Malta to a Middle East Training post and in 1944 became Command Training Officer to the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces in Italy. After the war, he served in the Air Ministry, as a squadron commander at No. 7 F.T.S., as wing commander flying at No. 6 F.T.S. and (in 1951) as C.F.I. at the R.A.F. College. He took the 1952 course at the R.A.F. Flying College and remained for two years on its directing staff. Since then, he has been S.A.S.O. at No. 13 Group, Senior Planner in the U.K. Delegation of the S.E.A.T.O. Military Planning Officer and Station Commander of R.A.F. Stradishall. In 1962, he took the Imperial Defence College Course.

A.O.C. Gibraltar: Air Commodore W. I. C. Inness, C.B., O.B.E. has been appointed Air Officer Commanding R.A.F. Gibraltar. After being commissioned from the R.A.F. College in 1936, he flew with No. 5 (Army Co-operation) Squadron in India until 1939. He served at Headquarters, Iraq and then in 1942 took command of No. 9 Squadron in England. After taking the R.A.F. Staff College War Course he served at Bomber Command Headquarters, commanded R.A.F. Tuddenham and did a tour at the Air Ministry. He served as Air Attaché, Teheran from 1948 and then as S.P.S.O. at No. 23 Group. In 1955 he took command of R.A.F. St. Eval and followed this with a tour as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff (Plans) at H.Q. Allied Air Forces Mediterranean. From October 1959 to the date of his present appointment, he was A.O.A. at H.Q. Coastal Command. During the war, Air Commodore Inness was twice mentioned in despatches and, in 1956, he was created a Chevalier of the Portuguese Military Order of Aviz.

S.A.S.O. No. 224 Group: Air Commodore T. N. Stack, A.F.C. the post of S.A.S.O. at No. 224 Group, Seletar on 4th December 1962. Air Commodore Stack entered the R.A.F. College in 1937. In 1940 he was flying Sunderlands in No. 204 Squadron and he was back with them in No. 201 Squadron in 1943-44 on anti-submarine operations over the Atlantic and the North Sea. After the war, he became chief instructor at the School of General Reconnaissance, did staff duties at H.Q. Coastal Command and was chief instructor at the J.A.S.S., Londonderry from 1947-49. After commanding the Far East Transport Wing from 1954-57, he served at H.Q. Transport Command in charge of Army Support operations. In July 1959 he was appointed Deputy Captain of the Queen's Flight.

News from Old Cranwellians will be welcomed by the Editor who is also ready to consider for publication general or special interest articles, photographs, drawings or other contributions to THE JOURNAL.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The following Old Cranwellians received honours and awards in the New Year's Honours List and *The Journal* offers congratulations to them:

G.C.B.: Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund C. Hudleston, K.C.B., C.B.E.

C.B.: Air Vice-Marshal J. Worrall, D.F.C., Air Commodore B. Ball, C.B.E., B.A., Air Commodore L. M. Hodges, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C.

G.B.E.: Air Chief Marshal Sir Walter Merton, K.C.B., O.B.E.

K.B.E.: Air Marshal E. M. F. Grundy, C.B., O.B.E.

C.B.E.: Group Captain N. M. Maynard, D.F.C., A.F.C., A.D.C.

M.B.E.: Squadron Leader D. Mullarkey, Flight Lieutenant J. G. De'Ath.

A.F.C.: Squadron Leader G. H. Burleigh, Squadron Leader D. P. Hall, Flight Lieutenant K. W. Hays.

PROMOTIONS

Our congratulations also go to the following Old Cranwellians on their recent promotions:

General Duties Branch:

Air Marshal Sir Maurice Heath, K.B.E., C.B.; Air Vice-Marshal S. W. B. Menaul, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C.; Air Commodore T. N. Stack, A.F.C.; Wing Commanders R. G. Price, J. M. Crowley and D. B. Robinson; Squadron Leaders M. E. Dark, I. C. B. Brettell, M. J. P. Walmsley, P. J. Deaking, G. Jones, M. L. Sinel, R. B. Gubbins, M. J. Hardy, J. D. Pugh and F. M. A. Hines.

Equipment Branch:

Group Captain A. C. Morris, O.B.E.; Wing Commander D. H. Wood; Squadron Leaders I. P. Stevens, J. M. Boden, A. J. J. Scott and D. V. Jackson.

Secretarial Branch:

Squadron Leaders B. L. E. Wall, A. Hickox, D. G. Gregory, R. H. H. Dauncey, V. A. Hodgkinson, A. W. Law, G. J. A. F. Green and B. W. Opie.

We have received a number of complaints from Old Cranwellians whose Journal copies have been wrongly addressed. As a result, the Journal staff has now taken over the formidable task of dispatching copies to all Old Cranwellian subscribers—hitherto the printer has sent them.

We are now engaged in revising the card index of Old Cranwellian subscribers in the light of the information we have at present. We would much appreciate your help in this and in the continuous process of keeping the index right.

You can help in the following ways:—

- If your Journal is not reaching you regularly, let us know.
- If it reaches you late because it is incorrectly addressed, let us know your current address.
- If your Journal reaches you via the Air Ministry and you would prefer to receive it direct, again send us your current address.
- Let us know of any future change of address.

Please address any correspondence on this topic to the Business Manager. He will amend your index card and will also inform the Secretary of the Old Cranwellian Association.



Correspondence

Correspondence for publication (which should be addressed to the Managing Editor) will be welcomed.

From:—Wing Commander R. G. Price, P.S.O. to A.O.C.-in-C., R.A.F. Headquarters Bomber Command,

Royal Air Force, High Wycombe, Bucks. 19th January, 1963.

Dear Sir,

I noticed in the Autumn issue of *The Journal* that there were no letters to the Editor included. In attempting to remedy this apparent lack of interest I did not have to look far for a subject; these photographs caught my eye and should not pass without comment.

On Page 227 are the three successful B.A. candidates. One can hardly congratulate them on their choice of tailor, or perhaps their squadron commanders have already recommended further fitting appointments.

On Page 207 the Pass Out Parade rehearsal is shown being filmed by Anglia Television; are the "pass outs" for use at the Graduation Ball?

Finally, the masterpiece on Page 200. What composition! What an example of Cranwell's dignity and precision. I suppose bicycles are tactically placed for rapid departure via the open windows to the next class (junior entries upper floor, of course). Surely this study should be in the Competition Section; 'What can you see wrong with this picture?'

I look forward to the next issue with its report on the opening ceremony.

Yours sincerely,
R. G. Price.

We apologise to readers for the error in the caption to the picture of No. 81 Entry's Passing-Out Parade and for the poor quality of the picture of the New Instructional Building.
Editor.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN REUNION DINNER

On 15th March, 1963, about seventy Old Cranwellians attended the first Reunion Dinner to be held in Germany. The Commandant and the Air Officer i/c Administration, Royal Air Force Germany, Air Commodore R. A. C. Craven, C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C., were present at the dinner, which was organised by Group Captain E. H. Lynch-Blosse, O.B.E., who was successively Chief Flying Instructor and Station Commander at Cranwell between 1958 and 1961.

The Commandant and eight other Old Cranwellians flew to Germany in a Valetta of Navigation Squadron on 15th March and returned on 17th March. A squash match was arranged between the Cranwell contingent and Old Cranwellians from R.A.F. Germany; the result was a victory for the home side by 5-0.

The dinner, which was held in the Officers' Club at Rheindahlen, was voted a great success.



HONOURS AND AWARDS

The following Old Cranwellians received honours and awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours List and the *Journal* offers congratulations:

K.C.B.: Air Marshal T. N. Coslett, C.B., O.B.E., M.I.Mech.E.
C.B.: Air Vice-Marshal S. W. B. Menaul, C.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C.
Air Commodore G. F. W. Heycock, D.F.C.
Air Commodore J. M. N. Pike, D.S.O., D.F.C.
Air Commodore J. C. Pope, C.B.E., M.I.Mech.E., A.F.R.Ae.S.

We also congratulate Flight Lieutenant D. C. G. Brook who has received the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air.



PROMOTIONS

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General Duties Branch:

Squadron Leaders A. I. Le Gresley and R. A. Robinson; Flight Lieutenants J. D. Rust, A. J. Sheppard, A. C. Tolhurst, M. J. Webb, D. N. Wetton, J. D. T. Wingfield, R. F. Birch, N. Bonnor, R. J. Howard, W. J. Howard, R. M. Prothero, C. C. Le Cornu, R. R. Lucking, M. A. B. Collin, D. J. Liggitt, R. B. Lloyd, W. L. McKee, R. K. C. Melville, B. C. Johnson and E. H. Hunter; Flying Officers D. R. Conran-Smith, H. J. Crone, S. A. H. Maffett, J. A. W. S. Laurenson, J. R. Legh-Smith, K. F. G. E. Miles, J. Swaine, A. L. Terrett, W. D. Thomson, J. B. H. Wood, D. V. Zotov, R. I. Morris and L. S. Penny.

Equipment Branch:

Squadron Leaders J. Meadows and J. Peel.

Secretarial Branch:

Flying Officer P. F. A. Canning.



APPOINTMENTS

Air Chief Marshal Sir George Mills, G.C.B., D.F.C., p.s.a., who retired last year, has been appointed Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod in the House of Lords in succession to Lieutenant-General Sir Brian Horrocks.

Air Marshal T. N. Coslett, K.C.B., O.B.E., M.I.Mech.E., became Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Maintenance Command on 4th June, 1963. Air Marshal Coslett entered the Royal Air Force in 1926 as an Aircraft Apprentice at Halton. He was awarded a cadetship at the R.A.F. College and was commissioned in 1930. After a variety of appointments, which included service with Army Co-operation and other Squadrons in India and the Middle East, he transferred to the Technical Branch in 1940. Between 1940 and 1957 his posts included special duty in the United States and a tour with Headquarters, B.A.F.O.

After attending No. 2 Senior Technical Officers' Guided Weapons Course at the Technical College, Henlow, he was appointed Senior Technical Staff Officer, Coastal Command in 1957. In 1958 he went to Halton as Commandant, and in 1961 he became Air Officer Commanding No. 24 Group.

Air Commodore P. E. Warcup, C.B.E., Assistant Commandant at the R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell, since January, 1961, has become Director of Manning (2) at the Air Ministry. Air Commodore Warcup, born at Catford and educated at Calday Grange Grammar School, West Kirby, entered the R.A.F. in 1931 as an apprentice. Awarded a cadetship to the R.A.F. College, he later joined No. 54 (Fighter) Squadron. In 1939-40 he was with the Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment and tested various experimental fighters, including the Martin Baker MB 2, the Gloster F5/34 and the twin-engined Gloster F9/37. In May, 1940, he went to No. 1 (Fighter) Squadron in France, but was shot down the following month and spent the rest of the war as a prisoner. In 1947-48 he commanded the Flying Wing at R.A.F. Coningsby, and in 1950-53, was Senior Personnel Staff Officer at No. 205 Group in Egypt. He then served as a Deputy Director of Plans at the Air Ministry, commanded R.A.F. Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, and took the 1960 Imperial Defence College course.

Squadron Leader Brian Taylor has been appointed V.C. 10 Project Officer and for the next three years will be flying with B.O.A.C. on that project.

No. 76 ENTRY

An interesting letter has been received recently from Mr. D. J. C. Phillipson, a member of No. 76 Entry, who, as he says, "for acceptable reasons failed to graduate." Now, he would like to re-establish contact with old friends. He says:

"Since leaving Cranwell I have come to Canada, married, and taken a degree in philosophy at the University of Western Ontario, where I am now doing graduate study (though I expect to move to a different university, probably in the U.S.A., next year). . . . I would be delighted to hear from any old comrades, or offer what hospitality I can to any Cranwellians who may find themselves in this part of Canada.

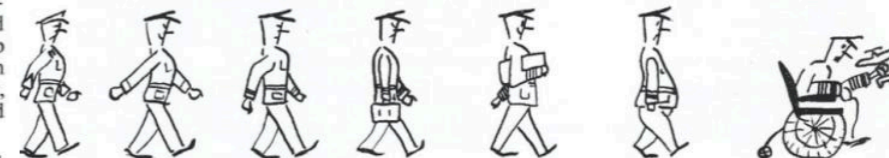
I know how easily the drop-outs who do not switch to ground cadetships slip away from contact with Cranwell. But you can probably guess how warmly the majority of us look back on our time with you, however our civilian professions may differ from more youthful ambitions."

Mr. Phillipson's address is:—

603 Queen's Avenue,
London, Ontario.



A revised list of graduates is about to be published and can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary at a price not exceeding 7s. 6d. plus postage.



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[1963 was to be the last year of three College Journal publications.]

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THE ANNUAL RE-UNION

The Annual Re-union took place this year on Saturday, 22nd June. About 100 members assembled in the afternoon to watch the Association being beaten by the College in the traditional cricket, tennis and golf matches.

This lack of sporting success did nothing to dampen the spirits of those attending. The Annual General Meeting and Dinner which followed were the inevitable success, and it was some hours before the reminiscing was over, the stories told, and the last of the gathering had dragged themselves off to bed.

The Association was pleased to welcome as guest of honour, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Flying Training Command, Air Marshal Sir Augustus Walker, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., M.A. He, and the Commandant, told us much of the plans and developments which are taking place at Cranwell. The several members of the College staff who accepted the Association's invitation to dinner, together with the many Old Cranwellians serving at Cranwell, were able to tell us how these plans were being put into practice.

On Sunday morning many of the members took the opportunity of worshipping in the new Church, thus ending a most successful weekend in this, the new heart of the College.



PROMOTIONS

Our congratulations go to the following Old Cranwellians on their recent promotions :—

Air Marshal Sir Norman Coslett, Air Vice-Marshal L. M. Hodges, Wing Commanders F. R. Lockyer, P. V. Pledger, K. E. Richardson and J. R. Rogers ; Squadron Leaders I. D. Brimson, M. R. Campbell, P. G. Cock, J. A. L. Crawshaw, J. S. Cresswell, D. B. Hives, A. S. Loveland, W. J. Milner, B. N. Plaskett, D. M. Richard, P. A. Richardson, J. L. Spatcher, B. A. Spry, B. E. Taylor, B. F. Tomlin and N. J. R. Walpole.

NEWS OF OLD CRANWELLIANS

We have learnt with regret of the death, on the 29th August, 1963, of Air Marshal Sir Herbert Spreckley, K.B.E., C.B., M.I.Mech.E., F.R.Ae.S. After graduating in 1925 Air Marshal Spreckley served on the North West Frontier of India. Then followed a two year armament course which proved to be the beginning of a distinguished career in the Technical Branch, culminating in 1959 with his appointment as the Controller of Engineering and Equipment at the Air Ministry.

He spent the years immediately prior to the second world war in armament research and development, and remained in this field throughout the war. Thereafter he served in several appointments at the Air Ministry and in the armament world, and, in 1952, was appointed A.O.C. and Commandant of the Royal Air Force Technical College.

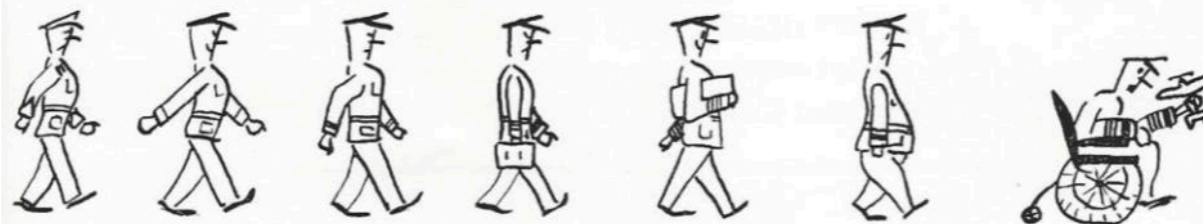
Air Marshal Spreckley retired in 1962.

Squadron Leader J. A. Williams (51E) has written to us from Malaya (where he commands No. 1 Squadron, R.M.A.F.) to tell us that Cranwell is making its presence felt in that part of the world. Flying Officers Omar Bin Saman (80E) and M. A. Theseira (80E) and Pilot Officer Quek Seng Kiew (82E) have recently joined squadrons whilst Squadron Leader G. K. Mossman (47E) is O.C. Flying at Kuala Lumpur and Squadron Leader D. C. Luck (51E) has command of the Flying Training School. With the expansion of the Royal Malayan Air Force, taking place as a result of the formation of Malaysia, Squadron Leader Williams is looking forward to the day when they can hold their own O.C.A. reunion.

Flying Officer M. J. C. W. Dicken (73E) wrote to us from Akrotiri with the news that he became a very proud father on the 11th June. May we add our congratulations, and express our hopes of seeing another Dicken at Cranwell in about 1981 ? Flying Officer Dicken was in Borneo during the recent emergency, and is now at Halton.



Readers may be interested to know of some of the Old Cranwellians who are at present serving at the College. Air Commodore M. D. Lyne (37-39E) is, of course, the Commandant. He has as his P.S.O. Squadron Leader J. A. McArthur (52E) whilst his A.D.C. is Flight Lieutenant R. E. Johns (76E). Group Captain R. A. L. Morant (38-39E), Squadron Leaders A. Neale (59E), J. G. F. Hewitt (55E), R. B. W. A. George (47E) and Flight Lieutenant C. J. Phillips (63E) are all on the staff of the Selection Board. Wing Commander P. W. Cook (37-39E) is O.C. Administrative Wing on the Station. No. 1 Squadron has welcomed Squadron Leader M. M. Foster (53E) and Flight Lieutenant A. L. Roberts (74E) to its ranks ; No. 2 Squadron Flight Lieutenants P. C. Little (69E), H. E. B. Mayes (69E) and J. L. Blackford (68E) ; No. 3 Squadron, Squadron Leader M. L. Sinel (61E) and Flight Lieutenants R. J. Barrett (75E), G. D. Andrews (73E) and M. D. Porter (67E) ; and No. 4 Squadron, Squadron Leader A. D. R. Dawes (54E) and Flight Lieutenants Sulaiman Bin Suiak (72E), E. J. Nance (71E) and R. Horsfield (64E). Flight Lieutenants A. M. Chandler (63E), R. E. Gardner (76E) and R. C. Tompkins (65E) keep a careful eye on the navigation cadets, whilst the equipment cadets are enlightened by Flight Lieutenants M. J. Allisstone (62E) and J. Shearer (58E) and the secretarial cadets by Flight Lieutenants A. R. Craig (63E) and J. G. Kerrigan (62E).



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[The cryptic remark leading 'News on Old Cranwellians' suggests that the College Journal was no longer regarded as a prime means for alumni communication.]

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES



Photo: The Times
The Dedication of the New Book of Remembrance at St. Clement Danes Church

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The following Old Cranwellians received honours and awards in the New Year List and The Journal offers congratulations:—

Air Vice-Marshal D. R. Evans (30-32E) and J. G. W. Weston (27-28E) were awarded the K.B.E.; the C.B. was awarded to Air Commodore A. R. D. MacDonell (32-34E) and J. C. Macdonald (29-30E); Squadron Leader J. A. L. Crawshaw (54E) and Flight Lieutenants C. Crook (56E) and M. G. Tomking (56E) were made Members of the British Empire; and the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air went to Squadron Leader D. Allison (60E).

PROMOTIONS

The Journal congratulates the following Old Cranwellians who featured in the January promotion list:—

Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle (28-29E), Air Marshal Sir Donald Evans (30-32E), Air Vice-Marshal H. N. G. Wheeler (35-37E), Air Commodore P. de L. Le Cheminant (39E), Wing Commanders J. C. Atkinson (47E), A. B. Stinchcombe (46E), and K. A. Williamson (51E) and Squadron Leaders L. P. Adams (51E), D. Allison (60E), R. D. Bates (62E), K. R. Briggs (62E), D. S. Burrows (56E), A. H. P. Cornish (53E), P. H. Elton (58E), J. Farwell (62E), B. E. F. Faulkner (52E), E. D. Frith (62E), B. J. Goatley (52E), R. A. C. Goldring (63E), C. P. James (62E), C. S. Lim (59E), I. R. Martin (61E), J. McVie (67E), A. D. Meeks (64E), R. E. H. Neves (59E), C. J. Phillips (63E), K. B. E. Roberts (56E), I. A. G. Svensson (56E), C. C. Taylor (60E), J. H. Turner (65E), and J. R. Whittam (62E).

RETIREMENTS

One of the most famous Old Cranwellians left the service last December. The Royal Air Force lost a legendary figure when Air Chief Marshal The Earl of Bandon (23-24E) handed over command of Allied Air Forces Central Europe and retired to Ireland. However, as President of the Old Cranwellian Association he will not be allowed to escape entirely from the Royal Air Force. Already the tale is being told of the six salmon he caught in one day—could it be that he is to be as legendary in retirement as he was before? We wish him and his wife a long and happy retirement and look forward to seeing him for many years to come at the annual re-union.

News has also been received of the retirement of Air Commodore J. N. H. Whitworth, C.B., D.S.O., D.F.C., whose long and distinguished active career started when he joined 99 Squadron in 1931 from Cranwell (30-31E). His last two appointments were as Air Chief of Staff of the Ghana Air Force (1961) and from 1962 until his retirement as A.O.C. Hong Kong. Our best wishes go to Air Commodore Whitworth and to the following Old Cranwellians also recently retired:—

Group Captains F. E. Croce (33-35E) and H. J. Hobbs (32-34E), Wing Commander P. C. Lambert (36-38E), Squadron Leader R. P. McCormack (55E) and Flight Lieutenant A. A. Boyle (67E).



With great regret, we record the death on 17th April 1964 of Flying Officer Martin Stewart Herring. He was killed in a flying accident while serving with 43 Squadron in Aden. Flying Officer Herring was an Under-Officer in "A" Squadron of No. 81 Entry.

A Memorial Service was held in the College Chapel on Friday, 1st May 1964. The Lesson was read by his godfather, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Slessor, G.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.; the Address was given by Air Commodore E. D. McK. Nelson, C.B., Commandant of the College during Flying Officer Herring's Cadetship; Flying Officer Thompson came from Aden to represent 43 Squadron.

MEMORIAL WINDOW

A memorial window has been installed in St. George's Church, Dorchester, in memory of Flight Cadet P. R. Tones, who was killed in a flying accident at Cranwell in 1960. The window, which was commissioned by Flight Cadet Tones's mother, consists of three lights. The centre one portrays St. Francis, whilst one side carries the arms of Hardy's (his old school), and the other the coat of arms of the Royal Air Force College.

The window was dedicated at a service held on the 17th November, 1963.

NEWS OF OLD CRANWELLIANS

There seems to be a desire amongst Old Cranwellians to hide their lights under bushels. Those brief notes which notify a change of address could so easily contain a little more information.

This is not to say however that no-one keeps in touch. Group Captain J. Thompson (32-33E), who retired in 1950, wrote to say that he first spent six years as a Senior Scientific Officer at the Weapons Research Establishment. He then joined the Commonwealth Public Service, and is now the Regional Controller of the Department of Shipping and Transport in the State of South Australia. In spite of this apparent change of allegiance, he is quick to point out that he uses light aircraft and helicopters to service the navigational aids along the 2000 miles of coastline for which he is responsible.

Flying Officer D. M. O'Herlihy wonders whether the sun of Idris is affecting him since he is sure that he was at Cranwell from 1957 to 1959 although his name did not appear in the recently published list of graduates. He need worry no more — the mistake was ours and he really was in number 76 Entry.

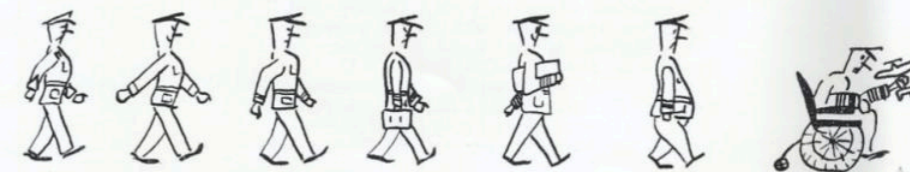
Old Cranwellians in the news recently were Air Commodore B. P. Young (36-38E), on his appointment as Commandant of the Central Reconnaissance Establishment, Air Commodore J. M. N. Pike (35-37E) who has become a Director of Intelligence and Air Commodore P. de L. Le Cheminant (39E), appointed Director of Air Staff Briefing, both at the Air Force Department of the Ministry of Defence.

The following Old Cranwellians have recently joined the staff at Cranwell: Squadron Leader J. Farwell (62E) as O.C. 'B' and Squadron Leader J. D. Harvey (65E) as O.C. 'A' Squadrons. Squadron Leader V. J. W. M. Lawrence (52E) is the Senior Secretarial Instructor, Flight Lieutenant P. G. Biddiscombe (65E) is a flight commander and Flight Lieutenant P. F. Hunwick (65E) is the College Adjutant. Amongst the Old Cranwellians serving as flying instructors are Flight Lieutenants M. C. Turner (77E), J. L. Blackford (68E) and A. L. Roberts (74E).

We offer our congratulations to Squadron Leader J. A. McArthur (52E), Squadron Leader J. M. A. Parker (54E), Flight Lieutenants J. E. Brown (74E), A. R. Craig (63E) and E. J. Nance (71E), and their wives, on recent additions to their families.

LIST OF GRADUATES

Copies of the List of Graduates are still available from the Secretary. This little book is full of fascinating information and is well worth the investment of eight shillings and sixpence.



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HONOURS AND AWARDS

The following members of the Association featured in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, and we offer them our congratulations :

Air Vice-Marshal G. C. Eveleigh (32-33E) and Air Commodore L. D. Mavor (35-37E) were made Companions of the Order of the Bath ; Group Captains I. R. Campbell (39-40E) and I. N. MacDougall (38-39E) Commanders of the Order of the British Empire ; and Squadron Leaders E. V. Mellor (50E) and B. A. Phillips (47E) Members of the Order of the British Empire. The Air Force Cross was awarded to Flight Lieutenant I. H. Keppie (62E) and Queen's Commendations for Valuable Service in the Air to Squadron Leaders R. J. Bannard (55E) and A. A. Ramus (52E).



PROMOTIONS

The *Journal* would like to add its congratulations to these officers who were promoted on 1st July :

Air Marshal Sir Walter P. G. Pretty (29-30E) ; Air Vice-Marshal J. C. Pope (31-32E) ; Air Commodores F. R. Bird (38-39E), I. N. MacDougall (38-39E), and R. L. Wade (38-39E) ; Wing Commanders D. A. Arnott (50E), G. W. F. Charles (50E), H. A. Merriman (53E) and D. Mullarkey (49E) ; and Squadron Leaders P. H. W. Allan (58E), P. H. Atkin (58E), R. L. Barcelona (64E), D. G. C. Brook (68E), J. C. Brown (60E), D. J. H. Collins (68E), B. G. Cox (61E), C. Crook (56E), J. G. De'Ath (61E), B. P. Eastmead (51E), A. W. Ginn (58E), M. C. Ginn (68E), C. A. Herbert (64E), J. D. Hutchinson (63E), I. H. Keppie (62E), V. J. W. M. Lawrence (52E), J. M. Lewendon (54E), P. J. H. Lewis (61E), F. A. Mallett (61E), D. A. McArthur (64E), J. A. Morgan (60E), J. E. Nevill (68E), J. W. Nowell (59E), R. J. Roberts (58E), B. J. St. Aubyn (61E), T. H. Sheppard (62E), J. R. Thirnbeck (52E), J. A. S. Thomson (53E), B. A. Weedon (63E), and A. J. W. Whitaker (62E).



NEWS OF OLD CRANWELLIANS

Several of the more senior members of the Association have been in the news recently on change of appointments. Air Commodore A. H. W. Ball (39E) is the Air Officer in charge of Administration at Headquarters A.F.M.E. and Air Commodore I. N. MacDougall Senior Air Staff Officer at number 38 Group Headquarters. The Ministry of Defence has welcomed to its ranks Air Commodore J. W. Bayley (33-35E) as Director of Technical Plans (R.A.F.), Air Commodore P. H. Cribb (36-38E) as Deputy Director, Joint Warfare Staff, Air Commodore A. G. Powell (31-32E) as Director of Radio (Air) and Air Commodore A. M. Ruston (38-39E) as Director of Flying Training (R.A.F.). Our best wishes go to them in their new appointments.

News has been received from Flight Lieutenant J. R. Morgan (75E) who is based at Cottesmore where he is flying Victors. He tells us that the highlight of a recent visit to Singapore was a conducted tour of Chinatown which included a visit to an opium den. He did not say whether there were any free samples !

Squadron Leader D. W. Lowe (55E) has written to say that after the 1963 Staff College Course he has been posted to OR 30 at the Ministry of Defence. He tells us that Squadron Leaders D. A. V. Clark (57E), B. W. Opie (57E), G. W. Payn (50E) and D. H. Wood (54E) have also joined the band of commuters working at MOD.

Recent additions to the College staff are Squadron Leader H. R. W. Morris (45E) who is the PSO to the Commandant and Flight Lieutenant P. J. Symes (76E) who is the ADC. Squadron Leader R. A. Calvert (58E) has joined Cadet Wing, and Squadron Leader R. H. Bragg (54E), Flight Lieutenant R. E. Gardner (76E), D. T. F. Ozanne (65E) and A. J. Ross (78E), and Flying Officer P. R. C. Jones (82E) Flying Wing.



THE ANNUAL RE-UNION

The sun shone from an almost clear sky on the morning of 6th June, the day of the annual Re-union. However, as the morning progressed the amount of cloud increased but, nothing daunted, the cricketers gathered, the toss was made, the College took the field and the Old Cranwellian opening pair made their leisurely way to the crease.

The first ball of the match was accompanied by the first drop of rain of the day. The stroke made off the first ball of the second over was greeted by the skies opening and an absolute deluge. And that was the cricket.

The tennis went the same way as the cricket, but the hardy golfers gathered at Woodhall Spa where, despite the weather, the match was played, much to the delight of the cadets who came the winners.

For the first time, sailing was included in the programme. The Association team was led by Group Captain G. A. V. Clayton (32-34E) who must surely have been one of the first cadets to sail at the College. An article by him on the day's activities appears elsewhere.

Over a hundred members attended the annual general meeting and the traditional dinner which followed. The Member of Honour was Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C. (28-29E), the Vice-Chief of the Air Staff. It was appropriate that his stimulating address on recent developments and future plans for the service should follow an outstanding record of cadet activities presented by the Commandant.

The Queen's Colour was paraded to church the following morning, and the march past afterwards in beautiful weather formed a fitting climax to another successful Reunion.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

The *Journal* offers congratulations to the following members of the Association who featured in the New Year's Honours List :

Air Marshal P. G. Wykeham (35/37E) was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, Air Marshal D. J. P. Lee (30/32E) a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire. Air Vice Marshal N. S. C. Rutter (26/31E) was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath. The Air Force Cross was awarded to Squadron Leader P. J. H. Lewis (61E), whilst Queen's Commendations for Valuable Service in the Air were given to Squadron Leaders D. G. Slade (56E), J. R. Whittam (62E) and R. C. Wood (52E).

PROMOTIONS

To the following Old Cranwellians who were promoted on the 1st January, the *Journal* would like to add its congratulations :

Air Marshal D. J. P. Lee (30/32E) ; Air Vice Marshals A. H. Humphrey (39/40E), R. I. Jones (33/35E), J. H. Lapsley (36/37E) and L. D. Mavor (35/37E) ; Air Commodores A. H. W. Ball (39E), J. H. I. Blount (38/39E), N. M. Maynard (40E) and A. M. Ruston (38/39E) ; Wing Commanders P. J. Bardon (48E), H. S. Carver (49E), D. B. D. Hamley (45E), R. Hollingworth (52E), M. H. Miller (47E), R. L. Tavanyar (45E), K. A. C. Wirdnam (53E) and D. Wright (47E) ; and Squadron Leaders D. J. Anderson (57E), P. J. Anstee (60E), R. M. Baldwin (69E), T. S. B. Boyce (60E), P. B. Cash (59E), J. K. Craven-Griffiths (55E), R. G. Davey (55E), J. R. Davies (56E), A. C. H. Denney (59E), J. B. M. Dobson (62E), K. W. Hayr (69E), D. J. Hollis (63E), R. Horsfield (64E), P. A. Hoskins (54E), D. S. Lilley (56E), P. C. Little (69E), P. M. Papworth (64E), C. T. B. Peile (59E), C. G. H. Pierce (55E), M. E. Rankin (62E), B. T. Sills (69E), E. J. E. Smith (68E), R. T. F. Snare (63E), R. I. Stuart-Paul (67E), B. W. Weskett (58E) and I. D. Wilkinson (62E).

NEWS OF OLD CRANWELLIANS

Pride of place in this section must surely go to two whose achievements at the beginning of the year had us reaching for our daily newspapers to see how they were getting on, or glued to our television sets when news of their appearance was given, Flight Lieutenants J. W. Blockey (71E) and R. E. M. Freeman (74E) hit the world of winter sports. They came third in the first-ever British boblet championships, sixth in the world, and fourth in the Swiss boblet championships. In this, a new sport for Old Cranwellians, there was a danger that the R.A.F. pair would be overshadowed by the British — and World — Champions, but far from letting this happen at one stage they even led them. We wish them both even greater success next year in their boblet which always carries the Royal Air Force roundel.

Two other members of the Association are also in the news, but for a different reason. Flying Officer J. E. C. Williamson (81E) wrote to point out that there are now two Old Cranwellians in the Provost Branch. Having completed the Home Office Detective Training Course with the Lancashire Police he is now in charge of the Special Investigation Section at Headquarters No. 2 R.A.F. Police District. The second member of the branch is Flight Lieutenant P. H. G. Hawken (80E) who is at Spitalgate.

News is usually given in this section of Association members at present on the College instructional staff. This has led one member to claim a record for his entry, 52. At one stage last year there were no less than seven of them on the staff. This will surely be hard to beat.

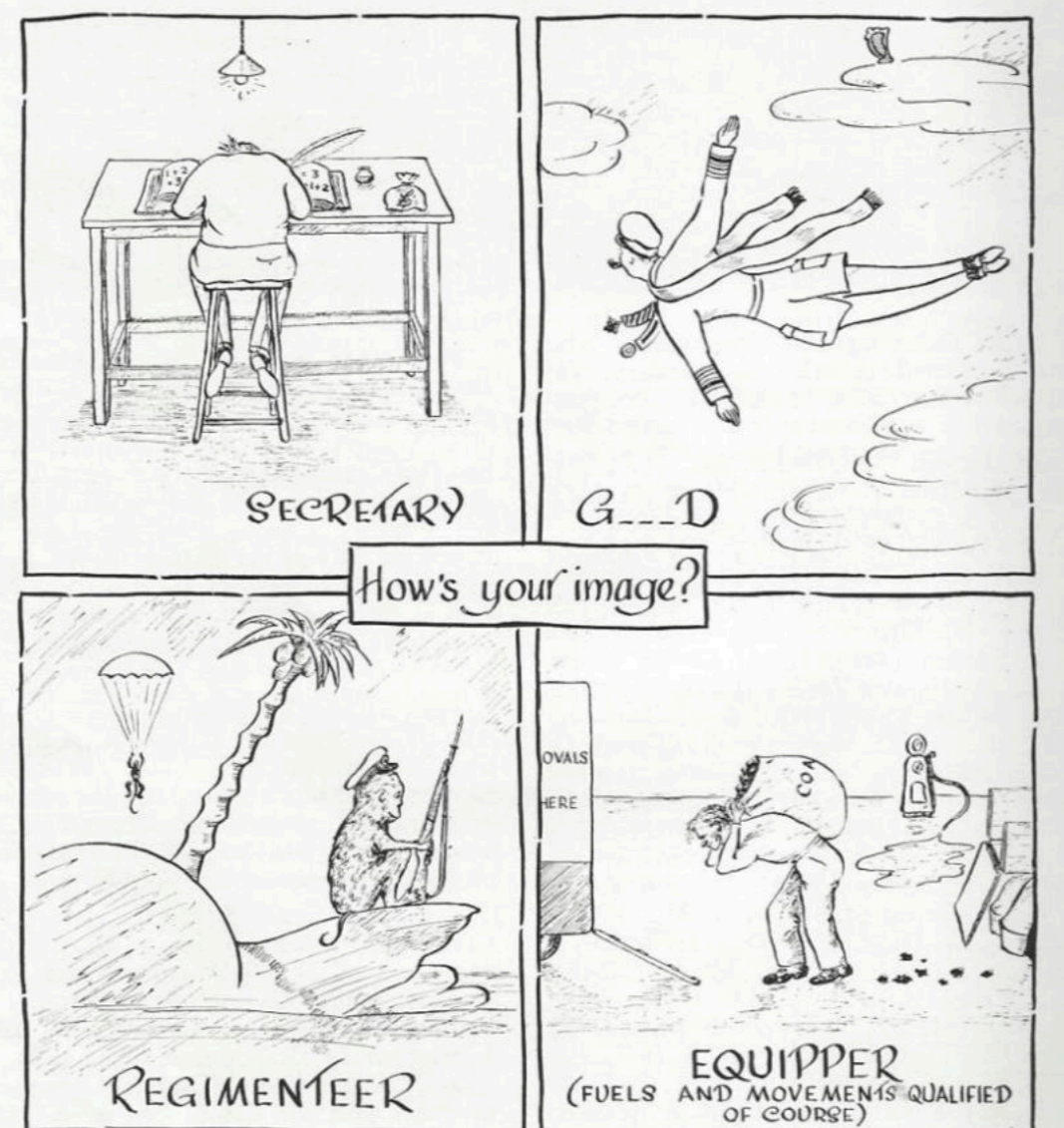
A surprise awaits Squadron Leader P. B. Cash (59E) when he arrives to take over command of No. 3 Squadron later in the year. Amongst his instructors he will find another ex-Digby equipment cadet, Flight Lieutenant D. R. Bourne (61E), who has recently joined the staff after a tour on V bombers and the C.F.S. course. Squadron Leader Cash has been in Washington where

he was the A.D.C. to the Commander of the R.A.F. Staff.

Recent Old Cranwellians to join the staff include Squadron Leader P. J. Giddens (52E), who is teaching war studies, and Flight Lieutenant's C. S. M. Anderson (78E), T. H. F. Delap (71E) and W. J. Howard (77E) who are flying instructors. Flight Lieutenant R. C. Saar (79E) has joined the navigation instructional staff, and Flight Lieutenant K. P. Austin (63E) has joined the Equipment and Secretarial Wing.

GONE AWAY

Finally a message from the Business Manager. Twice a year he posts two thousand copies of the *Journal* ; twice a year he has many returned marked "Gone Away" or "Not Known at this Address." Please raise his spirits by letting him have your latest address. Even better, include a little personal information. Other readers like to know what YOU are doing.



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HONOURS AND AWARDS

In the Queen's Birthday Honours List Air Marshal C. Broughton (30/32E) was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, and Air Commodore H. E. C. Boxer (33/35E) a Companion of the Order of the Bath. Air Vice Marshal T. N. Stack (37/39) was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire and Squadron Leaders G. J. A. F. Green (59E) and P. M. Worthington (47E) and Flight Lieutenant R. M. Salt (58E) Members of the Order of the British Empire. Squadron Leader J. M. Henderson (59E) was awarded a Bar to his Air Force Cross, and Queen's Commendations for Valuable Service in the Air went to Squadron Leaders H. H. J. Browning (52E) and R. Watson (51E) and Flight Lieutenant G. L. Aylett (68E).

To them all the *Journal* offers its congratulations.

PROMOTIONS

To these members of the Association the *Journal* would like to add its congratulations on their promotions announced on the 1st July:

Air Marshal Sir Charles Broughton (30/32E), Air Commodore I. R. Campbell (39/40E), Wing Commanders W. E. Kelly (50E), R. C. F. Pierse (55E), R. A. Pendry (46E), J. MacG. Robertson (46E), D. G. Slade (56E), R. A. Streatfield (56), L. C. Swalwell (48E) and R. Watson (51E), and Squadron Leaders M. J. Allisstone (62E), P. G. Biddiscombe (65E), A. Breakes (49E), M. S. Brown (57E), A. M. Chandler (63E), J. J. R. Cohu (71E), T. R. Cohu (65E), J. E. Cooper (61E), D. A. Cowley (70E), T. H. F. Delap (71E), A. C. Doggett (57E), R. Feakes (69E), R. G. Fox (68E), E. W. Gosling (63E), D. St. J. Homer (70E), R. A. Jackson (64E), M. A. Kelly (61E), B. R. Kent (63E), E. A. McCullagh (66E), D. H. Mills (57E), M. A. Noble (64E), G. H. Parkinson (48E), D. L. Parsons (63E), P. D. Raeburn (66E), M. A. F. Ryan (71E), J. N. Sawyer (64E), G. M. Turner (62E), I. R. Walker (68E), I. H. F. Walmsley (50E) and J. R. Watts (60E).

ANNUAL REUNION

The annual reunion was held this year on the 19th June. The sporting programme in the afternoon was hard hit by a general lack of members willing to show their prowess and a lot of last minute cancellations. Particularly hard hit were the sailing which had to be cancelled, though all who turned up got on to the water, the golf, and the cricket. However, eleven men did represent the Association on the cricket field and it is to their lasting credit that they earned a well deserved draw. The squash team won their match.

After the usual lively General Meeting there was a delightful ceremony in the entrance hall when Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Constantine unveiled the new portrait of our President, Air Chief Marshal the Earl of Bandon. Several of us had had a preview and without exception had admired it, but to see the subject standing beside it made one realize what an incredible likeness it was. Mr Howard Barron is to be congratulated on this worthy addition to the Gallery of Fame which is now so appropriately housed in the Dining Hall.

The Guest of Honour was that colourful figure General Sir Richard Gale, GCB, KBE, DSO, MC, who really set the tone for a most enjoyable evening.

These reunions are great fun and it is hoped that in future a lot more of the younger members will come along. You pay for it through your annual subscription and you are guaranteed to get more than your money's worth.

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In the New Year Honours List (1966) Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle (28/29B) was made a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, and Air Vice Marshal P. T. Philpott (33/35B) and Air Vice Marshal H. G. Leonard-Williams (30/32B) were made Companions of the Order of the Bath. Air Chief Marshal Sir Alfred Earle (28/29A) was made a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire, and Air Vice Marshal T. U. C. Shirley (28/30B) was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire. Squadron Leader P. H. Champniss (61C) was awarded the Air Force Cross, and Queen's Commendations for Valuable Service in the Air went to Squadron Leader N. Chamberlain (47A) and Squadron Leader R. L. Davis (57C).

Air Marshal Arian Singh, D.F.C. (38/39B) Chief of the Air Staff, Indian Air Force, was awarded the Padma Vibhushan, India's second highest national award, on 9th November, 1965, and on 20th January, 1966, was promoted Air Chief Marshal.

To them all the *Journal* offers its congratulations.

PROMOTIONS

To the following members of the Association the *Journal* would like to add its congratulations on their promotions announced on the 1st January.

Air Marshal Sir Peter Wykeham (35/37C), Air Vice Marshals S. B. Grant (37/38B), E. M. T. Howell (33/34B), T. N. Stack (37/39C), Group Captain R. G. Price (47B), Wing Commanders R. J. Bannard (55B), A. McN. Christie (54A), D. E. B. Dowling (52B), C. H. Foale (54A), D. P. Hall (55C), W. F. Knapper (49B), C. J. S. Wood (48B), and Squadron Leaders K. P. Austin (63B), A. G. Bridges (65A), G. B. Browne (65B), D. L. Bywater (72B), A. J. Chaplin (71A), G. A. Coatsworth (57C), J. H. Constable (68B), A. Dufton (62C), A. G. Etteridge (70A), J. D. C. Hawtin (65B), R. L. Holmes (61A), M. A. Howells (62A), S. W. R. A. Key (65C), R. H. B. Le Brocq (71C), A. J. Mackinnon (53A), B. J. McGill (65B), B. C. Mills (54B), T. R. Morgan (65C), D. A. Noon (72C), H. W. J. Rigg (67A), C. H. Salwey (65C), M. G. Tomkins (56A), P. Walker (69A), J. C. Waters (63C), and G. Willis (57B).

A Selection of OCA Members of the Mid-60s (when cadets)



F/C Sgt MM Foster



S/FC AD Meeks



F/C RC Wood



U/O JH Turner



SU/O AA Boyle



S/FC HEB Mayes



SU/O PC Little



U/O MJ Allisstone



S/FC JG Kerrigan



U/O DTF Ozanne



S/FC THF Delap



S/FC RM Baldwin



S/FC EJE Smith



U/O JR Walker



SU/O DStJ Homer

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In the New Year Honours List Air Marshal M. K. D. Porter (31-32B) was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, and Air Vice-Marshal H. N. G. Wheeler (35-37B) and Air Commodore A. H. W. Ball (39A) were made Companions of the Order of the Bath. Squadron Leader E. J. E. Smith (68B) was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire, and Squadron Leader A. Breakes (49D), Squadron Leader J. E. Nevill (68C) and Squadron Leader T. H. Sheppard (62A) were made Members of the Order of the British Empire. The Air Force Cross was awarded to Squadron Leader E. D. Frith (62B) and Flight Lieutenant H. R. Ploszek (71B), and Flight Lieutenant R. P. O'Brien (81C) was awarded the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air.

To them all the *Journal* offers its congratulations.

PROMOTIONS

To the following Old Cranwellians who were promoted on 1st January the *Journal* would like to add its congratulations.

Air Vice-Marshal P. de L. Le Cheminant (39A), Air Commodore T. P. Seymour (38-39B), Wing Commanders T. A. Bennett (47C), P. H. Champniss (61C), B. G. Cooper (51D), B. Hughes (52D), J. McLeod (61C), J. C. Newby (61B), D. C. Robinson (49D), S. H. D. Weigall (49D), and Squadron Leaders J. L. Blackford (68A), J. W. B. Blockey (71A), A. Bright (60A), T. W. G. Carlton (73B), J. R. Johnson (58A), B. H. Jones (63B), C. G. D. Jonklaas (54B), T. N. King (67B), M. T. N. Liddiard (65C), L. G. Ludgate (46C), A. MacGregor (62A), J. H. Martin (54D), J. I. Miller (62A), R. H. T. Overall (57D), G. F. Poyser (62C), J. Shearer (58D), T. W. Turnill (67B), A. L. Watson (66C) and D. J. Woods (60C).

The *Journal* apologises to Squadron Leader P. McLeod (61C) for inadvertently reducing his seniority by six months in the last

edition of the *Journal*. Squadron Leader McLeod was reported as having been promoted on 1st July 1966, whereas in fact his promotion took place on 1st January 1966.

Group Captain E. E. Vielle, O.B.E., A.F.R.Ae.S., writes to say that he has written another book, which is being published by Hodder and Stoughton in July. It is a novel based on his attempt with E. O. Link in 1963 to find the Rommel Treasure. It is "The Golden Oyster" by Donald Gordon (his pen name).

The Old Cranwellian Secretary wishes to point out that there is no need for serving Old Cranwellians to send him their changes of private or service addresses. As reported in the last edition of the *Journal* Old Cranwellian correspondence and Journals for serving members will be sent to members' banks for onward transmission. An addressograph has been purchased and plates cut for this purpose.

FAR EAST DINNER

On 30th September 1966 an Old Cranwellian dinner was held at the Fairy Point Officers' Mess under the arrangement of Flight Lieutenant C. S. Parkin of R.A.F. Tengah. 51 Old Cranwellians and 12 graduates of the Royal Air Force Technical College Henlow were present.

The guest of honour was Air Marshal S. W. R. Hughes, Commander Far East Air Force, and other guests included Air Commodore R. E. W. Harland, Air Commodore W. O. Davies and Reverend J. H. Wilson, all of HQ F.E.A.F., all of whom had served at Cranwell on the Staff. Padre Wilson, indeed, had only just arrived from the College a few days before.

Group Captain A. D. Preston, H.Q., F.E.A.F., as doyen of the Old Cranwellians, welcomed the guests and expressed his pleasure at the presence of the Henlow contingent which was due largely to the initiative of Sqn Ldr Murden of R.A.F. Seletar.

This was certainly the first combined dinner in the Far East since the merger, and perhaps elsewhere.

Replying on behalf of the guests, the Air Commander offered his congratulations on the merger and wished the College every success. He made some cogent observations about the College which were the subject of numerous conversations with him after dinner.

During dinner the F.E.A.F. band played the traditional Cranwell music, and the

Henlow graduates increased the table illuminations by igniting a technically unreliable pyrotechnic. They also enforced their minority view by singing at midnight, a ditty entitled "We are the Engineers" as a ceremonial farewell to the Technical Branch.

A notable contribution to the success of the evening was the attendance of Old Cranwellians from R.A.F. Kai Tak and R.A.F. Kuching.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

The *Journal* offers its congratulations to Old Cranwellians who received Honours and Awards on the Queen's Birthday. Air Vice-Marshal W. D. Disbrey (31-33B) was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath. Squadron Leader R. I. Stuart-Paul (67C) was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire. The Air Force Cross was awarded to Wing Commander D. A. Arnott (50A), Wing Commander G. R. K. Fletcher (46B), Squadron Leader R. D. Bates (62A) and Squadron Leader M. C. Ginn (68B). The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Services in the Air was awarded to Flight Lieutenant A. R. P. Phipps (77A).

PROMOTIONS

The *Journal* congratulates the following Old Cranwellians on their promotions on 1st July :

Air Commodores J. O. Barnard (36 - 38A) and A. D. Panton (36 - 37B); Group Captains T. L. Kennedy (46B) and J. R. Rogers (49C); Wing Commanders G. H. Burleigh (56B), D. A. Cooper (54B), L. R. Davis (57C), R. Dyson (49B), M. D. Fenner (49D), P. J. Goodall (58A), B. Huxley (57A), L. A. Jones (60A), S. E. King (59A), A. B. McGuire (49D), J. A. Mansell (50B), N. R. C. Price (55A) and J. F. H. Tetley (58C); Squadron Leaders J. C. K. Baerselman (69C), R. J. Barrett (75B), A. B. E. Caiger (69C), F. W. Daley (67C), R. H. Farley (54D), J. B. Gratton (60B), J. R. Harper (57A), W. J. Hodgkinson (58D), D. C. L. Holman (58D), N. G. Lea (64A), J. F. H. Marriott (65C), R. W. Millward (63A), D. W. Molesworth (59A), R. G. Morgan (68C), J. J. Parker (55C), P. D. Penfold (64B), J. N. Puckering (74A), M. J. T. Shaw (75C), P. P. W. Taylor (73B), I. F. Weston (57B), and J. F. Willis (73C).

Congratulations also to Squadron Leader D. V. Duval (70B) on his January promotion, inadvertently omitted from the list in our last issue.

The *Journal* offers congratulations to Air Vice-Marshal J. F. Powell, O.B.E., M.A., on his promotion and appointment as Director of Educational Services. Air Vice-Marshal Powell is an Associate Member of the Old Cranwellian Association.

Air Marshal Powell has had a long association with Cranwell, arriving in September, 1946 as one of the group planning the re-opening of the College. In 1948 he moved into the Humanities staff and for a period edited the *Journal*. He left in January 1950 to attend Staff College and returned in March 1953 as Senior Tutor Humanities, a post which he filled until March, 1959.

ANNUAL REUNION — SECRETARY'S REPORT

The reunion was held on the weekend of 17th - 18th June and for the second year running it was blessed with wonderful weather, which does make such a difference to the general enjoyment of all concerned. 118 Old Cranwellians attended the reunion dinner and with the 19 guests the number that sat down amounted to 137. This was about the average attendance and it makes a good number for everyone to get round and have a chat with their friends. It is interesting to note that every commissioned rank in the Royal Air Force was represented from Pilot Officer to Marshal of the Royal Air Force, and this is as it should be. One heard from both senior and junior ranks that this reunion seemed to be one at which the older and younger generations mixed together far more than in the past. This reflects the true spirit of the Association and one is

glad to have acknowledgement of this fact. Perhaps it was due to the larger number than usual of senior officers; no less than ten were of the rank of Air Marshal and above.

A number of Old Cranwellians wrote saying that they regretted they could not attend, one of whom was Air Marshal Sir George Beamish. A letter also came from Padre Mc Hardy (Padre Mac), an Associate Member, a Scottish rugger international and a tremendous character. He sent his good wishes to everyone and although he is now 77, his letter showed that he still possesses that vigour and charm that endeared him to all who knew him. He now lives in Edinburgh. The names of others who were unable to attend were: Air Chief Marshals Sir Wallace Kyle and Sir Augustus Walker, Air Marshal Sir Maurice Heath, Air Commodore A. C. Deere, Wing Commanders F. C. T. Rowe and W. J. Randall, Squadron Leaders C. A. Herbert and R. A. C. Goldring, Flying Officer R. Northcote.

The sporting fixtures, apart from cricket, squash and golf, were rather sparsely attended by Old Cranwellians. The cricket was won yet again by the Old Cranwellians with a score of 165 for 7. Squadron Leader V. J. W. M. Lawrence (76 runs) once more showed his class as a batsman and with Squadron Leader R. H. B. Le Brocq (43 runs) defied the College team. One must here mention and congratulate Flight Cadet P. C. Butt, who took 6 out of the 7 Old Cranwellian wickets for an average of 5.33 runs. The squash was also won by the Old Cranwellians who had rather a hot team, by 4 matches to 2. Sailing, tennis and golf were contested and played in a more relaxed manner and more as a pipe opener to get into trim for the dinner. Golf is very popular with Old Cranwellians: we are delighted to note that the College now has its own 9-hole course.

The Annual General Meeting with the Commandant, Air Vice-Marshal T. N. Stack in the chair, produced no outstanding decisions and it was steadily steered by the Commandant to a smooth conclusion at 2000 hours precisely, when, as is their wont, Old Cranwellians made excellent use of the

free drinks session in the half hour before dinner.

Sir Robert Cockburn, K.B.E., C.B., Ph.D., M.Sc., Director of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, was the guest of honour at the reunion dinner, and one of the more distinguished of our many guests was the Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Lichfield. After the loyal toast, the Commandant gave a concise and comprehensive review of College events in the past year and what was proposed for the twelve months that lay ahead. He was congratulated by Air Chief Marshal Lord Bandon on the perspicuity of his speech. Lord Bandon then introduced Sir Robert Cockburn to the assembly. Sir Robert commenced by saying that anyone introduced by Lord Bandon had 'an assisted take-off' and he then proceeded to delight us all by a most informative and amusing speech on many aspects of present day aviation. He sat down to a tumult of applause. Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle thanked Sir Robert on behalf of all present for his splendid speech. It was obvious from the twinkle in his eye that Sir Dermot was not going to disappoint his expectant audience and true to form a story of the twice bereaved soldier and a somewhat unimaginative Sergeant Major was unfolded. When the laughter had died away he presented Sir Robert with the Old Cranwellian tie, which in accordance with custom makes him an honorary Old Cranwellian.

On Sunday, Old Cranwellians attended the Church Parade. The sermon was given by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield. At the march past, the salute was taken by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle. Following sherry in the College, and lunch, the Old Cranwellians departed.

Once more the sincere and grateful thanks of Old Cranwellians go to Flight Lieutenant Sellers, the College Mess Secretary, and the College civilian staff for all their assistance and hard work in making the reunion such a comfortable, happy and pleasant one.

Group Captain F. E. Nuttall.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

In the New Year Honours List Air Vice-Marshal B. A. Chacksfield (31-33A) was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire. Air Vice-Marshal M. D. Lyne (37-39B) was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath. Wing Commander F. R. Lockyer (50C) was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. Squadron Leader G. M. Turner (62B) was awarded the Air Force Cross. The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air was awarded to Squadron Leader J. A. Morgan (60C), Squadron Leader N. J. R. Walpole (63C), Flight Lieutenant I. C. Elworthy (75B) and Flight Lieutenant M. J. Webb (77A).

In recognition of gallant and distinguished service in Aden Flight Lieutenant D. P. Malin (72A) was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Mentioned in Despatches were: Air Vice-Marshal A. H. Humphrey (39-40B), Squadron Leader N. A. Fox (68B) and Flight Lieutenants D. A. Z. James (86A), A. B. Hughes-Lewis (86D) and K. C. H. Simpson (80D).

The *Journal* offers its congratulations to all these Old Cranwellians.

PROMOTIONS

To the following Old Cranwellians who were promoted on 1st January, the *Journal* offers its congratulations.

Air Vice-Marshals R. L. Wade (38-39A) and B. P. Young (36-38C); Group Captains D. C. A. Lloyd (49D), P. V. Pledger (46C) and R. G. Price (47B); Wing Commanders P. J. Giddens (52A), J. H. Granville-White (46B), J. G. F. Hewitt (55C), N. A. Innes-Smith (54C), J. F. B. Jones (55C), R. L. Lees (55D), D. C. Luck (51A), E. V. Mellor (50B), J. M. A. Parker (54C), J. W. Price (50C), A. A. Ramus (52B), I. R. Tapster (53D), D. L. F. Thornton (52C) and R. C. Wood (52A); Squadron Leaders J. Arm-

strong (66B), J. I. Barrow (66A), R. J. Bennett (69B), J. H. Champion (62A), J. Delafield (74B), T. C. Elworthy (75B), D. J. Forster (72B), I. D. Gallwey (70B), M. J. Graydon (76A), M. V. P. H. Harrington (71B), J. C. Holdway (64B), W. P. Jago (73B), S. B. Johnston (76C), A. C. Langmead (75C), J. Laycock (75A), P. J. Maitland (76C), F. G. Marshall (72C), B. I. Mason (72B), J. F. Merry (64C), J. S. B. Price (76B), A. L. Roberts (74C), A. Salter (64C), P. J. Sawyer (66B), R. P. Skelley (74A), D. Symons (70C), J. F. Vella (61B), M. J. H. Walker (66B), and A. C. Whitson (60B).

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Group Captain K. Gray (31-33A), who retired from the R.A.F. in 1958, has written to say that he retired from the Royal Auxiliary Air Force on 31st October 1967. He had then completed a tour of 7½ years as Officer Commanding No 2 (City of Edinburgh) Maritime Headquarters Unit. It is thought that Group Captain Gray's tour as an Auxiliary C.O. is probably a record.

Congratulations are due to Flight Lieutenant J. F. Fisher (84D) who has been elected as a graduate member of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

Flight Lieutenant H. Bonner (77B) has been posted to the Aerospace Engineering Test Establishment at Canadian Forces Base, Uplands, as a Navigation Systems Project Officer.

Our congratulations go to Air Commodore G. C. Lamb, C.B.E., A.F.C. on his appointment to the International Panel of Rugby Referees. He is the first serviceman of any Service to be so appointed. He refereed his first International, France v. Ireland, in Paris on 27th January 1968.

Flight Lieutenant P. Kennet retired from the R.A.F. on 16th January 1968 and he is now holding the appointment as a Flying Instructor at The College of Air Training at Hamble.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The *Journal* offers its congratulations to Old Cranwellians who received Honours and Awards on the Queen's Birthday.

Air Marshals A. H. Humphrey (39-40B) and L. M. Hodges (37-38C) were made Knights Commander of the Order of the Bath. Air Vice-Marshal P. de L. Le Cheminant (39A) was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath. Flight Lieutenant J. F. P. Browne (77B) was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire. The Air Force Cross was awarded to Group Captain K. A. Williamson (51C) and Squadron Leader B. E. Taylor (62B). The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air was awarded to Wing Commander G. W. F. Charles (50C), Squadron Leaders A. J. Chaplin (71A), J. N. Herbertson (76C), I. F. Weston (57B) and Flight Lieutenants P. R. Evans (65C) and W. J. Wratten (78D).

We regret an error in the last issue, which attributed the Queen's Commendation to Flight Lieutenant M. J. Webb (77A) when in fact the award concerned another Flight Lieutenant of the same name and initials.

PROMOTIONS

The *Journal* congratulates the following Old Cranwellians on their promotions on 1st July:

Air Marshals Sir Lewis Macdonald Hodges (37-38C) and H. N. G. Wheeler (35-37B), Air Vice-Marsals F. R. Bird (38-39A), I. J. Hanlon (35-37C) and N. M. Maynard (39-40); Group Captains J. C. Atkinson (47C), W. J. Herrington (47C) and K. A. Williamson (51C); Wing Commanders D. Allison (61C), I. D. Brimson (62B), J. B. Fitzpatrick (59B), R. I. Jones (51D), J. Meadows (52D), G. K. Mossman (47B), B. H. Newton (59C), D. M. Richard (62B), M. Short (49A) and C. A. Vasey (52A); Squadron Leaders G. Ainley (69A), N. Bonnor (77B), J. Bredenkamp (64B), J. W. Canning (68A), B. J. Cheater (75A), P. D. Cliff (71A), R. Cloke (75B), R. I. Finch (69A), N. A. Fox (68B), J. Graham (75B), J. S. Halkes (77A), I. Henderson (72A), J. N.

Herbertson (76C), G. H. Hopkins (64A), E. H. Hunter (76C), R. Kidney (70B), D. E. Leppard (78C), J. T. S. Lewis (73A), R. W. Lidstone (56D), R. J. Manning (73B), J. G. McCluney (72A), L. R. Morgan (64B), A. Mumford (69A), R. F. Mundy (69B), P. D. Oulton (75C), J. R. Owen (75C), A. R. P. Phipps (77A), P. G. Pinney (78C), P. H. W. D. Shrimpton (73C), C. J. Sturt (75C), G. A. Talbot (67C), A. C. Tolhurst (77B), D. M. Waller (73A), J. Weaver (59A), I. Weddle (76B), G. S. Whitley (73C), G. C. Williams (71B) and J. Wright (63C).

The *Journal* offer its congratulations to Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Spotswood, an honorary Old Cranwellian, whose promotion occurred on 1st November, 1968.

ANNUAL REUNION— SECRETARY'S REPORT

The reunion was held on the weekend of 15th-16th June, and for the third year in succession we had a fine Saturday and Sunday, and although it was not as sunny as the preceding two it allowed everyone to enjoy themselves and all the games to be played.

Early in June it seemed as if we would have a record attendance but as we neared the reunion date there were a number of cancellations, and the final figure for the dinner was 136. No doubt the Review by Her Majesty The Queen at Abingdon on Friday, the 14th June caused some absences. Some tentative inquiries were received as to whether the reunion date could be altered in view of the Review, but this was not possible. Although I am sure that all Old Cranwellians know that the date of the reunion is now always on the third Saturday in June there is perhaps no harm in stressing this again for the benefit of new members.

Once again we had a very representative gathering of all ranks from Air Chief Marshal to Flying Officer. The highest rank was not represented due to the absence of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, who had an unavoidable commitment; he was sadly missed by us all. The time honoured rank of P B P O (Poor B --- y Pilot

Officer) was also absent, not because of the P B, but because, no doubt, that having left Cranwell so recently they feel that they have had enough to last them for a couple of years or so. I think we have all experienced that, but there have been exceptions and let me say with conviction that they are as welcome as the most senior members.

Letters of regret at being unable to attend and sending good wishes were received from:

Flight Lieutenant Peter Riley (79 Entry) now in the USA — his address is, 75 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Bergstrom A.F.B., Austin 78743, Texas; Air Vice-Marshal J. S. Rowlands, now at MOD (our congratulations on his promotion); Flight Lieutenant T. J. Allen (77 Entry) at Innsworth; Pilot Officer A. F. Withers (91 Entry) at St Mawgan; Flying Officer I. F. Clark (89 Entry) at Wildenrath; Flight Lieutenant R. L. S. Butler (79 Entry) at Manby; Wing Commander F. C. T. Rowe, who was one of the 1st Entry to Cranwell in February 1920 — he lives at Chagford in Devon; Squadron Leader Peter Biddiscombe (65 Entry) at Manby; Squadron Leader A. C. Bridges (65 Entry) who is attached to the Sultan of Oman's Air Force, Bait-al-Fulaj, Muscat, Arabia, BFPO 63; Flight Lieutenant C. G. Blomfield (78 Entry) was at the last moment detained on duty; Air Vice-Marshal J. A. Gray, an early associate member and a one time Squadron Commander in the College (he had, however, managed to come to Cranwell earlier in the year for the opening of the Indoor Riding School); Group Captain G. ff. Powell-Shedden, who was at Cranwell in 1935/36; Air Commodore J. A. Holmes who was at Cranwell in 1937/38; Squadron Leader M. M. Foster (53 Entry) who wrote from the British Embassy in Paris; Wing Commander A. A. J. Sanders who was at Cranwell in 1939/40; Flight Lieutenant P. Gooding (87 Entry) at Syerston; Flight Lieutenant J. G. McCluney (72 Entry) at Henlow; Wing Commander J. M. Pack (58 Entry) Commanding No 83 Sqn at Scampton. We would thank all these officers for their good wishes and hope that they may be present at the reunion in the near future.

The sports fixtures were fairly equally shared between the Old Cranwellians and

the flight cadets, the results being: cricket, won by the Old Cranwellians; squash, won 2-1 by the cadets; sailing, a draw with 20 points each; tennis, won by the cadets by 6½ to 2½; golf, could not again be played as a match v the cadets, as the North Airfield 9-hole course had not been properly completed. However, Old Cranwellians enjoyed themselves at Woodhall Spa and Sleaford Golf Courses in matches arranged between themselves. Some very flashy new sets of clubs were observed, purchased abroad, but in some instances these or their welders had not attuned themselves to English conditions and OC gamesmanship.

The Annual General Meeting, chaired by the Commandant, Air Vice Marshal T. N. Stack, was well attended, and the work of the committee was generally approved. A point of general interest was raised by the Commandant in which he suggested that a committee of senior Old Cranwellians be formed to maintain the old traditions of the College and to which the Commandant could refer for advice on such matters as he considered relevant. This was generally approved and the Commandant was asked to go ahead and give a report at the next reunion. It was also considered whether a portrait of a well known Old Cranwellian should be commissioned and the Commandant asked members to write to him giving suggestions for the subject of the portrait.

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Grandy, GCB, KBE, DSO, the Chief of Air Staff, was the Guest of Honour. Such are the onerous duties of the CAS that his visit was only a 'flying' one as he arrived by air shortly before dinner and departed soon afterwards. After the loyal toast and the traditional speech by the Commandant on past and future events and policy at the College, Air Chief Marshal Lord Bandon rose and thanked the Commandant. He then said how very delighted he was that the C A S could be present and went on to relate some of the off-the-cuff incidents in which the C A S and himself had been involved in earlier years. Some of these were quite unconnected with service duties. These reminiscences were enjoyed not only by the participants but also by those present, who had a peep behind the scenes. At the commencement of his speech the C A S gave his

version of the occasions related by Lord Bandon, and it would be fair to say that everyone agreed that it was a drawn match. Turning to more serious matters, the C A S gave a most lucid and highly interesting outline of the problems relating to and confronting the Royal Air Force and the policies being taken to meet them. He reminded those present that these problems, in various forms, would always be there and the C A S of the day, who might be one of the officers present, would be called upon to solve them. To meet this responsibility they should prepare themselves throughout their service careers so that they are fit to shoulder this task if they are called upon to do so. After remarking, with a smile, that he was one minute within the thirty minutes he had presumed he was allowed, he sat down to an Old Cranwellian ovation. Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Constantine then thanked the C A S for his most informative speech and said how very much he, and all Old Cranwellians present, appreciated the fact that the C A S had 'found' time in the midst of all his pressing duties to be present at the reunion dinner. He continued that it was his very pleasant duty to present to the C A S the Old Cranwellian tie, which carried with it the permanent position of an honorary Old Cranwellian. The dinner thus ended.

There was a full church on Sunday with a large number of Old Cranwellians present. The Reverend Tom Quin, an associate Old Cranwellian, preached the sermon and everyone was delighted to hear and see him again after his tour in Singapore. He is now Principal at Amport House, Andover. After church the salute at the march past was taken by Air Chief Marshal Lord Bandon. After sherry and lunch the visiting Old Cranwellians departed.

No report on the reunion would be complete without extending to the College Mess Secretary, Flying Officer Armstrong, and the College civilian staff the very grateful thanks of all Old Cranwellians present. We will not forget the most resplendent buffet lunch that met our eyes on the Saturday.

How anybody could be active after such a meal passes understanding. It is all part of the kindly generous service that is given to us by the staff on reunion occasions and we thank them most sincerely.

F. E. N.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Old Cranwellians who have recently changed their addresses are requested to inform the Honorary Secretary, who will also be pleased to receive any news of members or reports which might provide material for the *Journal*.

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PROMOTIONS

The *Journal* congratulates the following Old Cranwellians on their promotions :

Air Marshal Sir Andrew Humphrey (39-40B) ; Group Captain H. A. Merriman (53A) ; Wing Commanders R. F. Banks (53D), A. Beill (56D), J. H. Bishop (54D), R. G. Bowyer (58A), H. E. Clements (48B), J. S. Cresswell (64A), R. Dick (56C), D. G. Gregory (53D), M. Hughes (53C), E. H. Legget (53A), I. R. Martin (61C), J. Peel (55D), H. T. Price (47A), and R. J. Spiers (48A) ; Squadron Leaders R. W. G. Adams (74B), G. D. Andrews (73A), G. L. Aylett (68B), P. Bannister (74A), R. F. Birch (77C), J. F. P. Browne (77B), H. Buckham (69C), C. P. J. Coulcher (71B), H. G. Cracroft (72A), R. B. Crowder (75A), G. C. Crombie (78D), P. R. Davis (65A), M. J. C. W. Dicken (73C), D. F. E. Eden (65A), A. C. Edmunds (70C), K. G. Evans (69B), R. B. Gilvary (72A), D. Goucher (73B), D. Haller (75A), R. E. Johns (76B), B. C. Johnson (77B), I. A. R. Kearl (62A), P. E. M. Kent (74A), D. R. Kuun (73C), I. C. R. McIntosh (61B), J. R. Morgan (75A), R. B. Nelson (71C), Q. M. B. Oswald (67B), T. C. Porteous (76A),

J. Purcell (73B), R. P. Slayter (74A), M. H. Smith (75A), R. L. Thomas (72C), S. H. Tottman (59D), and W. J. Wratten (78D).

OBITUARIES

AIR MARSHAL SIR DOUGLAS MACFADYEN

Air Marshal Sir Douglas Macfadyen, KCB, CBE, died suddenly and unexpectedly whilst visiting friends in Lincolnshire, on 16th July 1968. He was a member of the second entry and graduated from the College in 1922, having won the Sword of Honour, a distinction which he saw repeated by his son, Flight Lieutenant I. D. Macfadyen (83D) in 1963. He also won the R. M. Groves flying prize.

In his early career he flew in Iraq, Palestine and Aden, and was an instructor to the University of London Air Squadron.

In 1939 he commanded No 105 Squadron in France, and from January 1940 until Dunkirk was concerned with planning duties at HQ British Forces in France. After Dunkirk he joined the Directorate of War Organization, and subsequently commanded Royal Air Force stations in Britain. Later he went to North Africa on organization duties.

He became Director of Policy (Air Staff) in 1944, and Commandant of the Officers' Advanced Training School in 1946. He took the Imperial Defence College course in 1948 and was then appointed Director of Plans and later Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Policy).

In 1952 he became Air Officer Commanding British Forces, Aden, and in 1953 was appointed Commandant of the Staff College at Bracknell. One of Sir Douglas's most distinguished appointments was as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Home Command, from 1956 until his retirement in 1959.

Air Marshal Macfadyen leaves a widow and two sons to whom we offer our deepest sympathy.

GROUP CAPTAIN D. H. LEE

We record with regret the death in November 1968 of Group Captain D. H. Lee, CBE, DFC, who graduated from the College in 1934.

Much of his early career was spent on fighter squadrons and as a flying instructor, including a period with No 3 British Flying Training School in the USA in 1941. Later in the war he joined No 620 Squadron and was for a while reported missing after an aerial battle in 1944. Amongst his appointments after the war he was a member of the Royal Air Force Delegation to Greece from 1947-49, and of the Directing Staff of the Royal Norwegian Staff College from 1952-54.

He will be remembered chiefly at Cranwell as Assistant Commandant, a post he held from 1954-7, during which he and his wife played a considerable part in the College life.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs Lee and her family.

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT J. S. WATSON AND PILOT OFFICER I. S. PRIMROSE

We report with much regret the deaths of Flight Lieutenant J. S. Watson and Pilot Officer I. S. Primrose in a flying accident on the 24th January 1969.

Jack Watson was a member of 73 Entry, 'C' Squadron and won the Dickson Trophy and Michael Hill Memorial Prize on graduation in July 1955. For several years he was a

captain on Valiants and in 1965 took the Central Flying School Course at Little Rissington. He served as a flight commander at Acklington before returning to the Central Flying School in 1968 as a member of the staff.

Ian Primrose graduated with No 93 Entry in 1968. He too was a member of 'C' Squadron, and was a very keen sportsman, who took an active part in College life. After leaving College he went to Royal Air Force Valley for advanced flying training, before joining the Central Flying School at Little Rissington.

Our sincere condolences are offered to the families of both officers.

KING EDWARDS VII's HOSPITAL FOR OFFICERS

Retired Old Cranwellians may not know that they and their wives are eligible to use one of London's best known hospitals - King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers (Sister Agnes's).

Although the hospital is outside the National Health Service and is entirely dependent on voluntary support, its charges are much lower than those of other leading hospitals.

Those interested can obtain full details from :

The Appeals Secretary
King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers
6 Buckingham Place
London SW 1

A Selection of OCA Members of the Late-60s (when cadets)



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UO RG Morgan



UO MJT Shaw



UO PPW Taylor



SUO JSB Price



UO MG Graydon

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“The Sinking of the Tirpitz”

The painting, ‘The Sinking of the Tirpitz’ by Mr. G. D. Coulson was presented to the Royal Air Force College by Rolls Royce Limited on 7th November, 1969. The painting was handed over to the College by Sir David Huddie, Managing Director of Rolls Royce Limited and nine senior officials of the company attended the ceremony.

The plaque which accompanies the painting summarises the details of the raid on Tromsø Fjord in 1944 and the part played in this splendid achievement by an Old Cranwellian, Group Captain J. B. Tait, DSO, DFC, ADC. The account of the raid is as follows:—

‘In 1944, the 35,000-ton German battleship ‘Tirpitz’, threatening the Atlantic from

the north of Norway, was damaged in attacks by the Royal Navy and by Royal Air Force Lancasters operating from Yagodnik in Russia. She was withdrawn to Tromsø Fjord, bringing her within range of home-based Lancasters. On 12th November, 1944, a force of thirty-one Lancasters of No. 617 and No. 9 Squadrons, took off from Lossiemouth to bomb the ‘Tirpitz’. The raid was led by Wing Commander J. B. Tait, DSO and three bars, DFC and bar, a former flight cadet of ‘B’ Squadron from 1934-36. The bombing was executed between 12,850 and 16,000 feet in perfect weather. Direct hits were scored with 12,000 lb bombs and the ship capsized — a total wreck. As a result, the Royal Navy was then able to move its capital ships to the Far East where they were urgently needed.’

In addition to Sir David Huddie and the senior officials from Rolls Royce Limited, the following distinguished guests attended the presentation ceremony:— Group Captain and Mrs J. B. Tait, Mr G. D. Coulson, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, Air Marshal Sir Leslie Mavor, (Air Officer Commanding Training Com-

mand,) Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle, Air Chief Marshal Sir George Mills, Air Marshal Sir John Baldwin, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Lawrence Sinclair, Air Vice-Marshal T. A. B. Parselle, Air Commodore H. Eeles, Air Commodore E. D. McK.Nelson, Air Commodore P. M. Brothers.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The *Journal* offers its congratulations to the following Old Cranwellians who received Honours and Awards in the New Year’s Honours List.

Air Marshal L. D. Mavor, CB, AFC (35-37B) was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath. Wing Commander H. E. Clements (48B) was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. Squadron Leader B. R. Kent (63A) was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire. Wing Commander P. H. Lewis was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire. The Air Force Cross was awarded to Wing Commander J. M. A. Parker (54C), Wing Commander R. C. Wood (52A), Squadron Leader M. E. Bee (73C), Squadron Leader G. C. Williams (71B), Flight Lieutenant R. D. Lightfoot (79C) and Flight Lieutenant R. C. Shuster (89C). The Queen’s Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air was awarded to Flying Officer M. J. Bennee (92D), Squadron Leader E. H. Hunter (76C), Squadron Leader C. G. D. Jonklaas (54B), Flight Lieutenant K. B. Mace (85C), Squadron Leader J. W. Canning (68A) and Squadron Leader D. P. English (53C).

PROMOTIONS

To the following Old Cranwellians who have been promoted since our last issue, the *Journal* offers its congratulations.

Group Captains D. A. Arnott (50A) and M. M. J. Robinson (45B); Wing Commanders L. P. Adams (51D), E. D. Frith (62B), J. M. Lowendon (54D), J. E. Maitland (60B), F. A. Mallett (61A), K. W. Hayr, AFC (69A), F. D. Hoskins (54C), C. P. James (62B), D. Parratt (48B) and R. Smith (54D); Squadron Leaders P. F. J. Burton (79A), C. I. Carr-White (74B), A. S. Cottingham

(71B), R. A. K. Crabtree (78B), N. M. J. Fraser (66C), M. J. Barringer (77A), A. P. Hilton (64C), R. H. Holmes (76B), V. B. Howells (76A), I. F. C. Hutchinson (76B), A. R. C. Ingoldby (71C), P. J. Kemp (77C), D. J. Liggitt (77A), R. G. Meredith (75C), H. M. Stroud (75A), C. R. B. Tickell (69B), R. P. O’Brien (81C), C. S. Parkin (76B), D. M. Paul (80B), J. S. Pilgrim-Morris (74A) and A. R. Read (76A).

RETIREMENTS

The following Old Cranwellians have retired since the last issue of the *Journal*.

Group Captains T. R. Burne, DSO, AFC (38-39B), L. Rose, C Eng, FRAeS, MBIM, psa (33-34B); Squadron Leaders G. D. Andrews (73A), I. C. B. Brettell (57B), C. Crook, MBE, AMBIM (56A), J. A. Fryer (52A), D. J. Ilsley (59D) and M. A. Kelly (61A); Flight Lieutenants L. Dent (61A), I. L. Gawn (88A), F. D. A. Harlow (89C), D. H. E. Hinton (57B), F. R. Lund (54B), R. K. C. Melville (77B), M. T. Wilson (87A), W. E. Woods (57B) and M. C. Wright (78D); Pilot Officer M. S. Britton (95C).

UNEXPECTED DELIVERY!

The old education building known to generations of Cranwellians as the Taj Mahal now houses the Department of Engineering Library. In March last year the Department’s Librarian ordered via ‘normal channels’ 15 volumes of Chambers’s Encyclopaedia at a cost of £120. Despite numerous memos and telephone calls 15 volumes of Chambers’s Encyclopaedia did not arrive at Cranwell despite constant assurances that it had in fact been despatched. Over a year later the obvious and simple truth emerged. From HMSO came the message that ‘as far as they knew or could trace it had been forwarded in error to the Taj Mahal — in India’!!

AIR VICE-MARSHAL G. R. C. SPENCER, CB, CBE, ARAeS

We regret to announce the death of Air Vice-Marshal Geoffrey Roger Cole Spencer, CB, CBE, ARAeS, who died on 7th December, 1969. Air Vice-Marshal Spencer was born in 1901 and was educated at the Royal Naval Colleges at Osborne and Dartmouth and served as a midshipman in the First World War from 1917 to 1919. In 1920 Air Vice-Marshal Spencer joined the RAF College, Cranwell, and was one of the members of the original 1920 (Naval) Entry. He was later to rejoin the College as a flying instructor from 1931 to 1933. The outbreak of World War II found him a Wing Commander. During the war he served as a station commander, as a staff officer in Bomber Command, North Africa, and the 2nd Tactical Air Force during the invasion of Europe having risen to the rank of Air Commodore in 1943. In 1946 Air Vice-Marshal Spencer formed and commanded the Central Bomber Establishment and in 1949 was appointed AOC RAF Gibraltar. From 1950-52 he was AOC No 19 Group, Mount Batten, and SASO HQ MEAF, 1952-54. His final appointment was as Air Officer in charge of Administration at HQ Technical Training Command; in 1956 he retired. Air Vice-Marshal Spencer’s early connection with the sea made him to the end of his life a most keen supporter of the RAF Yacht Club.

Our sincerest condolences are offered to his family.

IN MEMORIAM

Flight Lieutenant M. J. Dunlop (80C) who was killed in a road accident on 26th November, 1969. Flight Lieutenant Dunlop was serving on 54 Squadron at Royal Air Force Coningsby.

Flying Officer A. T. Carter (93B) was killed in a flying accident on 3rd January, 1970, whilst attached to Royal Air Force Valley.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of the deceased.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES



The Silver Chalice presented to Her Majesty by The Old Cranwellian Association.

No doubt so much has been written elsewhere, in this *Journal*, regarding the 50th Anniversary Celebrations that it would be mere repetition to recount the events on the morning and afternoon of the 12th June, apart from the ceremony of presenting the Silver Chalice to Her Majesty. Let it be sufficient to say that we were greatly honoured by the presence of Her Majesty The Queen as Commandant in Chief, and accompanied by H.R.H. Prince Philip, as the Reviewing Officer at the Parade and afterwards to Lunch in the College.

It may not be out of place, here, to mention that, as one who has seen 40 Graduations, the Flight Cadets have never Paraded better; their Arms Drill and Marching were excellent and they carried themselves with a pride that matched the occasion. This, I know, is the opinion of those who were present and it is therefore only right that the Cadets should be made aware of the impression they made.

Praise too, to the Student Officers who manned the Support Squadrons for their steadiness throughout the Parade.

The Silver Chalice was presented to Her Majesty in the Guest Room on her return to the College after viewing the various Static Exhibitions. Present in the Guest Room were ten Officers each one representing a block of ten Entries from No. 1 to No. 97; a Senior Under Officer of No 98 Entry was also present. All were presented to Her Majesty, by the Commandant and also to H.R.H. Prince Philip, by the Assistant Commandant. Included as the representative of the first ten Entries was Air Chief Marshal Sir George Mills of whom more later. Also present was Air Chief Marshal Lord Bandon as President of the OCA and Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, who as Patron of the Association, presented the Chalice to Her Majesty on behalf of the OCA. In presenting the Chalice Sir Dermot said that it carried

with it the loyal wishes of all Old Cranwellians who were ever mindful of the great honour Her Majesty had conferred on the College by becoming Commandant in Chief in 1960. Her Majesty expressed her thanks to Sir Dermot, and with H.R.H. Prince Philip admired the design and workmanship of the Chalice. Mr D. Birch, the Silversmith who made the Chalice, was later presented to Her Majesty. Old Cranwellians will be very interested to know that Her Majesty intends to use the Chalice in St. George's Chapel Windsor.

The Cocktail Party for Old Cranwellians and their wives was attended by some 600 and was held in the College. The Party started at 18.30 immediately following the Beating of the Retreat by the College Band on the Parade Ground in front of the College. This ceremony, which was attended by a large number, was excellently performed and the Band are to be congratulated. Shortly after the Party had started and everybody had been served with a drink the Commandant called for silence and, after the hubbub had died down, asked Air Chief Marshal Lord Bandon to unveil the portrait of Air Chief Marshal Sir George Mills, which had been presented to the College by the Old Cranwellian Association. Lord Bandon, with his usual flair, outlined the career of this distinguished Old Cranwellian from the time that Sir George had passed in top of the first term to enter Cranwell to the time that he had taken up the appointment as Black Rod. He concluded by saying that he was glad that someone else in 'Fancy Dress' was to join him on the walls of the Dining Hall (referring to his own portrait in the Robes of a Peer and to Sir George who was painted in the uniform of Black Rod). Mrs McGregor, who painted the portrait was present with her husband Squadron Leader McGregor, and she was warmly congratulated by Lord Bandon, not only on the excellent likeness of Sir George, but also on the expertise of the actual painting. Sir George Mills in his reply said that he most sincerely and humbly thanked the OCA for the very great honour they had done him. He felt deeply honoured, not only for the portrait, but by the occasion and the kind words Lord Bandon had said about him. He also complimented Mrs McGregor on the kind, considerate and charming manner in which she had gone about painting his

portrait. Old Cranwellians, on viewing the portrait, agreed that it was an excellent likeness and beautifully painted. Following the unveiling the Party got seriously under way and the general atmosphere of gaiety was enhanced by the Champagne Cocktails which were provided. Everyone present had many friends to meet, indeed friends who had not been seen for a great many years, but time and the numbers present made it difficult to seek out all the old companions and have a word with them. At 20.00 hrs, or thereabouts, the Party ended and with reluctance we dispersed to our various destinations.

At 11.30 hrs on Saturday, the Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in the Whittle Hall. It was disappointing that, in spite of the attractions of a bar in the Hall Common Room, very few members attended. In fact only 29 Members were present discounting the Committee. No doubt this was caused by the fact many Old Cranwellians who were present on the Friday had returned to their homes, whilst those attending the Ball had either not arrived or were staying in friends' houses some distance from Cranwell. The more important points of the Meeting were as follows:—

- (a) The Accounts showed that a profit of £126 had been made by the Association in the Financial Year ending 31/3/70.
- (b) The College Journal would in future cost 8/5d. a copy instead of 6/- as had been the case in the last five years, due to increased printing charges etc. This would mean that if two Journals were issued a year the cost would amount to 16/10d. — say 17/-, which would leave only 8/- out of the 25/- Subscription for Reunion expenses and other items such as Retiring Staff Gratuities, Gifts etc. It was suggested by the Secretary that if only one Journal was issued a year the cost could be kept down to approx 10/- and this would further reduce the postage costs by approx. £70. After a short discussion it was unanimously decided that only one Journal should be issued annually and this would cover the whole range of events for the year. This would take effect in 1971.
- (c) The Commandant said that, following inquiries instituted by his predecessor,

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Air Marshal T. N. Stack, approval had been given by Garter King of Arms for supporters to be included in the College Armorial Bearings. The King of Arms not only approved, but welcomed this addition as a tribute to the tradition of the College and in honour of the fact that Her Majesty is Commandant in Chief. This is a very unique distinction and signal honour. It is believed that the College is the first Royal Air Force Unit to be awarded this distinction. Although it is not certain it is thought that the Supporters will be Heraldic Eagles placed on either side of the present Armorial Bearings.

- (d) The Meeting was informed of the tremendous amount of highly efficient work that had been done by Wing Commander Stevenson (Project Officer Anniversary Celebrations), his deputy, Squadron Leader Turner and the POAC Staff. Both Wing Commander Stevenson and Squadron Leader Turner had been invited to the Ball as Guests of the OCA, and also to the Cocktail Party with four

Officers of POAC Staff in order, in some way, to show the appreciation of the Association for all they had done. It was suggested by the Secretary that the two lady typists, a Royal Air Force Corporal and Mr Dickenson should be given some gift from the OCA for their part in the Anniversary work. The Meeting passed a unanimous and very warm vote of thanks to all ranks of the POAC Staff and left it to the Committee to decide upon a gift to those mentioned above.

- (e) The Commandant informed the Meeting he had received Signals congratulating the College on reaching its 50th Anniversary from the following: Air Marshal T. N. Stack in Ankara, the CAS of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, General A. B. Wolff CAS of the Royal Netherlands Air Force, and also from 37 Old Cranwellians stationed at Sharjah in the Persian Gulf.

At the end of the Meeting the Commandant gave his review of the past year and the plans for the future of the College. This was the

only time that the Commandant could give his traditional Speech, normally made at the Reunion Dinner. In concluding his review the Commandant mentioned that at the next Reunion in 1971, Members would have to make up their minds as to whether they wished the OCA to consist of Members as at present, i.e. Officers who had been Flight Cadets and had graduated to a Commission from the College, or whether they were prepared to include Officers who had been at Universities and following this had received one year's training at the College. The Commandant said that he would be circulating a Paper on this matter in the coming year to all Members of the Association.

The Anniversary Ball was held on the Saturday night starting at 2100 hrs, and from all accounts this was a great success. It was originally thought that some 700 would attend (i.e. 350 Old Cranwellians and their Ladies), but on the 1st April, and closing date for applications, only some 100 Members had applied and so the acceptance for applications was kept open to 'The Off' and this finally resulted in some 450 Old Cranwellians and Ladies. To make the figure up to 500, applications to attend the Ball, on a paying basis, were extended to Station Officers and some local civilians, and this was approximately the final figure. In order to ease the matter of accommodation some 70 rooms in the College were made available for those Members and their wives who had come from afar. There were two Ball Rooms, the Lecture Hall where the College Band played and No 1 Ante Room where there was a Discotheque. Some, perhaps most of the elder Old Cranwellians found the Discotheque music and beat a little beyond them, but they were interested in and not a little envious of the acrobatics and gyrations performed by the younger ones with an easy nonchalance. Enough to say that the College Band and the Discotheque provided excellent music and rhythm to suit all tastes and physical capabilities. As regards the Buffets, the fare provided was by any standard magnificent and the Catering Officer and his Staff of Chefs are to be warmly congratulated both on the quality of the food and the way it was presented. There were plenty of Bars and Wing Commander Knapper, the PMC, Flight Lieutenant Earle, the Mess Secretary and Warrant Officer Jenkins, the Mess Manager

deserve many thanks for the organisation of the College for the Ball. Of course the ever faithful College Civilian Staff assisted by a number of Airmen Waiters gave their usual splendid service and we are most grateful to them. The Ball ended at 02.00 hrs but the Bars remained open for a further half hour for a small 'run down.' One must mention the excellent arrangements of flowers which added much to the decor, these arrangements were done by members of the Sleaford Ladies' Flower Club who have received our thanks.

On Sunday there was a very full attendance in Church and everyone looked surprisingly fit after their late night. The Bishop of Shrewsbury, the Rt Revd F. W. Cocks — a past Chaplain in Chief of the Royal Air Force — preached the sermon. Like all good sermons it was simple, dignified and in keeping with the Anniversary occasion and it was delivered with that calm authority which demands attention. We were all delighted that he could be with us accompanied by his attractive wife. There was no Parade after the Service as the majority of Cadets were on long weekend (to make available accommodation in College) and so we went straight off to the Staff Officers' Mess. (The College was being cleaned up after the Ball), where Wing Commander Northmore the PMC had very kindly arranged for a Bar for Old Cranwellians. After what was really a Farewell session, visiting Old Cranwellians departed, with their wives at the wheel, and so the Anniversary Celebrations ended.

This report would not be complete without mentioning the generous kindness of the Commandant and Mrs Hughes in entertaining, at the Lodge, a large number of Old Cranwellians and their wives not only to a Buffet Supper after the Cocktail Party but also to Drinks just prior to the Ball. Those who attended would, I am sure, like me to express here, their grateful thanks and appreciation of this kindness.

In summing up one can only say that the Anniversary was a great occasion. We were greatly honoured by the presence of Her Majesty and H.R.H. Prince Philip on the Friday, we were blessed with wonderful weather, the arrangements were above reproach and we had a very good attendance of Old Cranwellians covering a range from the



The Commandant and Mrs Hughes with Sir Dermot and Lady Boyle at the Anniversary Ball.

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first to the most recent Graduating Entries. It certainly was a nostalgic weekend for those who had been Cadets in the first early days to see how Cranwell had developed over the 50 years since 1920. One feels sure that the Founders of the College; Sir Winston Churchill, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Trenchard, Field Marshal Jan Smuts and Air Vice Marshal Sir Charles Longcroft — the first Commandant — would have been proud and satisfied in what they would have

seen had they been spared to be present on this occasion. The continuance of the Cranwell tradition is now mainly in the hands of the young and present generation of Royal Air Force Officers. One is sure they will continue to uphold the record of the past 50 years and when the 100th Anniversary, in 2020, is celebrated both Past, Present and Departed Old Cranwellians will say 'Well Done.'

F.E.N.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The *Journal* offers its congratulations to the following Old Cranwellians who received Honours and Awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Air Vice-Marshal R. L. Wade, DFC (38-39A) was made a Companion of the Bath. Group Captain J. R. Rogers (49C) was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire. Wing Commander W. F. Knapper (49B) was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. Squadron Leader A. G. Bridges (65A) was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire. The Air Force Cross was awarded to Wing Commander L. A. Jones (60A), Wing Commander J. Wilkinson (56A), Squadron Leader R. H. B. Le Brocq (71C) and Flight Lieutenant R. P. Evans (65C). The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air was awarded to Flight Lieutenant M. G. Warner (86D).

PROMOTIONS

To the following Old Cranwellians who have been promoted since our last issue, the *Journal* offers its congratulations.

Air Marshal T. N. Stack, CB, CVO, CBE, AFC (37-39C) (former Commandant); Air Vice-Marshal I. R. Campbell, CBE, AFC (39-40A); Group Captains D. P. Hall, AFC (55C), D. Harcourt-Smith, DFC (56A), M. H. Miller, AFC (47A), D. I. O'Hara (49D), D. G. Slade (56C); Wing Commanders D. A. Atherton (55D), J. F. H. Chick (51A), D. J. H. Collins (68B), J. G. De'ath, MBE, AMBIM (61B), P. L. Gray (58A), C. A. Herbert (64B), F. M. A. Hines (64A), D. B. Hives (58A), D. J. Hollis (63A), R. Horsfield (64A), A. W. Law (55D), K. F. E. Mallett (54D), B. F. Tomlin (63C), J. R. Walker (68B); Squadron Leaders F. G. Allen (77C), P. F. A. Canning (78D), J. B. V. Collins

(81A), T. Cumberland (78A), P. B. Curtin (72B), J. Evans (79C), M. D. Evans (77A), M. J. Gibbons (74C), R. P. Hallam (78B), H. D. Herd (76C), A. C. E. Holborn (72C), J. A. Horsfall (76C), R. J. Howard (77A), C. E. King (62C), R. D. Lightfoot, DFC (79C), R. B. Lloyd (77C), S. A. H. Maffett (80D), R. I. Morris (80A), C. R. Paterson (77C), M. Perkins (73C), R. M. Prothero (77B), P. M. Riley (79A), J. A. F. Ross (79D), J. D. Rust (77B), D. C. Scouller (70C), S. M. V. Situnayake (64C), A. B. Stephens (81D), A. L. Terrett (80D), C. J. Thomson (81A), I. D. C. Tite (73C), P. S. E. Tootle (82A), J. T. Tuckey (61B), M. J. F. White (69C), M. E. Williamson (75C), R. A. F. Wilson (81D).

RETIREMENTS

The following Old Cranwellians have retired since the last issue of the *Journal*.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Donald Evans, KBE, CB, DFC (30-32B); Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Porter, KCB, CBE, CEng, FIEE, FRAeS, FBIM (31-32B); Air Vice-Marshal W. D. Disbrey, CB, CBE, AFC, CEng, MIMechE, FRAeS (31-33B), S. B. Grant, CB, DFC (37-38B), R. I. Jones, CB, AFC (33-35A); Air Commodores J. W. Bayley, MBE, AFRAeS (33-35A), A. M. Ruston, CBE, DFC (38-39B); Wing Commander D. A. Cooper (54B); Squadron Leaders J. C. Brown (60B), M. E. Dark (55A), E. S. Denson (60C), D. C. L. Holman (58D), D. J. House (58B), W. J. Hodgkinson (58D), J. I. Miller (62A), J. Y. Nowell (59C), R. M. Salt (58B), I. F. Weston (57B); Flight Lieutenants D. A. Briggs (61A), D. R. Burles (59C), J. P. S. Dixon (61B), R. Humpherson (57A), D. Maslin (82C), M. Osbourne (66A), D. M. A. Samuels (58B), R. Hoare (60C), G. C. Taylor (58B), V. W. Yates (89D); Flying Officer



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

13th June, 1970.

My dear Marshal,

The Queen wishes me to express to you and to all members of The Old Cranwellian Association her warmest thanks for the silver chalice which you presented to Her Majesty at Cranwell yesterday on behalf of the Association. The Queen is delighted to have this beautiful chalice and greatly appreciated the thought behind the gift. I shall of course let you know when Her Majesty has decided in which of her Chapels the chalice is to be used. I should be grateful if you would also convey Her Majesty's appreciation to Mr. D. Birch who made the chalice.

The Queen asked me to say how much she, as Commandant-in-Chief, and also The Duke of Edinburgh had enjoyed meeting such a large number of former members of the College. It was an outstanding occasion of which Her Majesty has brought back very happy memories.

Yours sincerely,
Philip Noel

Marshal of the Royal Air Force
Sir Dermot Boyle, GCB, KCVO, KBE, AFC.

A Selection of OCA Members of the Last Flight Cadets

(when cadets)



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[The arrival of our future King and, from 1978, Patron of the OCA, inevitably presented much material for the College Journal to publish.]



PAINTING OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES
The painting by Mrs. Mara MacGregor of the Prince of Wales in his flying kit which was unveiled by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle after the Remembrance Day Church Parade on 14 November 1971.

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES OLD CRANWELLIAN REUNION

The Reunion was held this year on Saturday and Sunday the 19/20 June, and possibly due to the 50th Anniversary Celebrations held last year, when a large number of Old Cranwellians attended, and probably due to the date clashing with School Half Terms which necessitated the presence of fathers, only a comparatively small number accepted — a little under 100 — the normal being in the range of 150/160. Still this did not affect the pleasure of meeting old friends and seeing new faces of those who had been prevented from attending Reunions in past years.

The weather, contrary to the previous three Reunions was distinctly poor, gone was the hot and cheerful sun we had almost come to expect and in its place was an overcast sky and rather a chilly breeze. However, it did not rain and this was something as at Cranwell we have been experiencing one of the B...st Junes for years in spite of the National monthly forecast of a real scorcher. Here let me stress the word 'National'. Under these dull conditions the usual Cricket match was played, sadly with few spectators, and this resulted in a pretty sound thrashing for the Old Cranwellians. In fact the Team was hardly an O.C. one as only four Members opted to play and much trouble resulted in getting a scratch team together. Likewise the Tennis and Squash resulted in wins for the College and here again there were very few requests to play. The Golf was played between Old Cranwellians at the Sleaford Course. This seems to be quite the most popular game and a number of Members have taken it up since they left the College and have qualified for very reasonable handicaps. Perhaps it would not be out of place here to say that one hopes that next year there will be many more Old Cranwellians asking to play games and that if they are prevented from attending they will let the Secretary know.

Due to the cold conditions Tea was taken in the Entrance Hall and produced a good gathering, not only of Old Cranwellians but

their wives, who, let me say, we all welcome in this essentially male atmosphere.

Not long after 1800 hours the Bar in the FGS (one must retain those old, traditional names) started to fill up and by 1845 it was not all that easy to get served, but after a struggle one was able to take a back pew and reflect on the assembly. One could see the History of the College in those 100 Officers, Old ones, young ones, Senior ones, Junior ones, fat ones, thin ones, bald ones, hirsute ones, tall ones, small ones, even sky blue shirted ones (very with it) and, yes red velvet-bowed ones (Highly sophisticated). There they all were mixed up together in happiness and friendship and all knit together by a common bond that at one time or another they had all worn the famous White Hat Band.

At 1915 we all tramped into the Lecture Hall for the Annual General Meeting, Chaired by the Commandant. The Meeting proved to be a long one. A main point of interest to all Old Cranwellians was that the Supporters for the College Coat of Arms has been approved by the Windsor Herald, subject to a small alteration to the Supporting Eagles. It was further approved by the Meeting that the Old Cranwellian Association should contribute the sum of £60 towards the cost of the new Coat of Arms.

As regards the Stock of Port Wine held in the Cellar for use at OCA Reunions; it was decided that the Stock value should be run down to a figure of £250 before additions, at the rate of £50 a year, be made. The present Stock figure is £465 and the Annual consumption at about £30/40 a year.

Now that the College Journal is only being published annually it was decided that the best month for publication was September; this will enable the results of Summer Games and details of the Reunion to be given instead of being a year out of date.

The Commandant also raised the matter of a Portrait of HRH Flight Lieutenant The Prince of Wales for the College.

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HRH had consented to sit. The Meeting unanimously approved this Portrait should be done and the Committee was empowered to proceed and if necessary, send a 'Round Robin' to Members asking for donations towards a Portrait Fund.

The main point on the Agenda was the matter of the future membership of the Old Cranwellian Association. The Commandant opened the debate by saying that he was quite convinced that the University Degree Officers, now coming to the College for a year's training, should be made eligible for Membership of the OCA, they were displaying great keenness and ability in their studies and games as well as Professional subjects and were undoubtedly imbued with carrying on the traditions of the College. If they were disbanded it would mean that the OCA would become a dying Association. Speakers supporting this view were: AM Sir Walter Pretty, Group Captain M. M. J. Robinson, Air Commodore E. D. McK. Nelson (a past Commandant and Assistant Commandant), Group Captain G. A. B. Clayton, Wing Commander T. R. Morgan, Squadron Leader H. J. Crane, Wing Commander B. Huxley (present CFI) Mr. A. S. Paterson, Mr. B. A. Reader. ACM Sir Hugh Constantine asked if all the Degree Officers wished to join. Wing Commander M. J. Allisstone said that acceptance of Degree Officers would mean that Ladies (WRAF Officers) would be entitled to join. Flight Lieutenant A. Wade asked the Commandant the result of the Questionnaire on this matter which had been issued to Old Cranwellians serving at Cranwell; the answer was 50/50. Those who spoke against extending membership to University Degree Officers were Flight Lieutenant I. D. Macfadyen, Flying Officer Lapsley and your correspondent, who said that he had no ill will against the University Degree Officers in any way but he felt that the original Charter of the Association formed 45 years ago, with the express intention that Full membership should be confined to Flight Cadets, who had graduated to a Commission from the College should be maintained. He also said that the Meeting represented only 5% of OCA Members and this seemed a very small fraction to decide about making the biggest change in OCA rules since the Association formation.

ACM Lord Bandon, as President of the Association, then summed up. In view of the importance of the issue this is given verbatim: "Surely we are here to do what we can to see that the traditions of Cranwell are retained which, in fact, are the traditions of the Royal Air Force. Cranwell is not here just for the sake of Cranwell, do not let us be narrow minded about this just because we are Old Cranwellians. Cranwell is here to play its part in the Royal Air Force as a whole. It is our responsibility as Old Cranwellians to see, as far as we can, that those Officers who Pass Out from this College are the best that can be produced. You have selected an Advisory Panel to see that traditions are maintained. What right would we have to give advice if we reject the future Officers as being unworthy to join us. What would I do if I was not allowed to join the OCA, the same as we did and form our own Association. We would then have two Associations and the only one that would have any rights here would be the new one. All the reasons given why we should not allow the new Entries into the Association are, in my view, all the reasons why they should join us. Cranwell is our heritage, it is the heritage of the Royal Air Force. As I drove up to the College I was proud; I looked at it, it always brings a lump to my throat. Surely even if you are only here for a short time it must mean something to you, it must leave an indelible mark on you. Are we to be so narrow minded, are we to think that we were so much better than they are, are you to say to them: 'This is not your place it belongs to us.' No, we have no right to say this. This is a wonderful place, it belongs to anyone who has the privilege of passing through its gates. We must accept them and we must do this in the belief that the training and the tradition they gain from here will be to the great advantage of the Royal Air Force in the future".

Following ACM Lord Bandon's Summing up Air Commodore Nelson proposed: That the Old Cranwellian Association should continue to be a living Association by admitting all Officer Degree Graduates under training at the Royal Air Force College to be Members of the Old Cranwellian Association, regardless of their length of time of their Commissioned Service. This was seconded by Wing Commander L. C. Swalwell.

This motion was put to the vote which resulted in, as near as can be calculated, 87 in favour to 10 against. The motion was therefore carried.

Lord Bandon thanked the Meeting for their decision and said that had they voted otherwise he could not have continued to be the President of the Association.

The Meeting ended on the authority of the Commandant at 2030 hours.

Consequent upon the lateness of the Meeting, Dinner was retarded to 2100 hrs to enable Members to take in much needed sustenance following their deliberations at the AGM. After the Trumpeters had sounded the Commandant led in the Guest of Honour — ACM Sir Denis Spotswood, the Chief of Air Staff, to the Dining Hall and were followed by the 106 Members and Guests. After the Loyal Toast had been drunk, on the completion of Dinner, the Commandant gave the traditional Speech of happenings at the College in the past year in which many changes had occurred. MRAF Sir Dermot Boyle then thanked the Commandant for his very lucid survey over a wide field. He then said that he was delighted that the CAS was present and surely he needed no introduction as he was a past Commandant of the College and was known to a very large number of Old Cranwellians. It is interesting here to note that Sir Denis is the first CAS who has been Commandant of the College and, as Old Cranwellians, we give him our best congratulations on this achievement.

The CAS in his speech stressed the importance of all ranks of the Service, regardless of how or where they were trained, to 'Pull together' for the good of the Royal Air Force. In his position as CAS this was, and always would be, a paramount consideration in his mind and actions. He agreed entirely with the changes that had taken place, so far, at Cranwell, where the training was such that Officers, who had graduated from the College, should be capable of attaining the higher ranks, but, as hitherto, in competition with those who had not been in Cranwell. While the aim of Cranwell remained: 'To train the Commander from which should be drawn the future leadership of the Royal Air Force',

this did not, however, mean that a Cranwell trained Officer was inevitably destined for the top positions. Such Senior ranks would always be held by the most efficient Officers who, by their application, experience and professional knowledge and sense of purpose had fitted them for Leadership in the Service. It must always be remembered that the three Services offer the proof that this Country is prepared to defend its values. The quality of the Services is, therefore, a yardstick of this intention; but, let it be borne in mind, that in our Society there is no place for militant enthusiasts. We need in the Services something more controlled than this, more complex and certainly more difficult to define; of a certainty it requires of its Officers not only much study and thought but environment and a deep sense of purpose play their very necessary parts and Cranwell has an important part in all this. To this end, therefore, it is essential that the young Officer is trained and guided by all that is best, so that he will be capable of assuming the great responsibilities which, one day, he may be called upon to undertake. The CAS ended with a quip, which will not be printed here, but was much to the point and appreciated by his audience.

It is hoped that your correspondent will not be thought impertinent when he remarks that this speech delivered in a quiet voice, without frills, but full of great sincerity and wisdom made a deep impression on the listeners, and when the CAS resumed his seat, he was given a great round of applause in which was admiration, respect and affection.

Following Dinner Old Cranwellians returned to the FGS, at a late hour, in fact at midnight, and here many of them remained to the early hours of the morning, talking of old times, swapping tales and experiences and all those many things that make Service life and friends the pleasure and joy that it is. But all things must come to an end and the tired but ever cheerful Barmen were allowed to collect the glasses and close the shutters.

Church Parade was held at 1130 hours and by 1100hrs the Church was quite full. The Reverend Hewitt Wilson, an Associate Old Cranwellian, was the Preacher and a splendid Sermon he gave us. One that one would expect from a true Christian and an Irish

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Rugger International, good forthright stuff. The salute at the Church Parade was taken by the CAS and after the Parade had been dismissed, there was the usual pre-lunch Sherry Party in the College at which a number of visiting Old Cranwellians were present.

A number of letters from Old Cranwellians, who were prevented from attending were received by the Secretary, and on behalf of the Association, they are thanked for the Good Wishes they sent for a successful and happy Reunion. Their names were displayed on the OCA Notice Board in the Founders Gallery.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The *Journal* offers its congratulations to the following Old Cranwellians who received honours and awards in the New Year's Honours List and the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 1971.

Air Vice-Marshal F. R. Bird, DSO, DFC, AFC, FRAeS, (1938/39) and N. M. Maynard, CBE, DFC, AFC, (1940) were made Companions of the Bath. Squadron Leader P. G. Pinney (78C) was made a Member of the Victorian Order. Wing Commanders P. Gilliatt (50B) and G. K. Mossman (47B) were made Officers of the Order of the British Empire. Squadron Leaders J. A. Bell (65B) and J. A. Williams (51B) and Flight Lieutenant J. A. Williams (51B) and Flight Lieutenant J. S. Allison (85A) were made Members of the Order of the British Empire. The Air Force Cross was awarded to Squadron Leaders R. Cloke (75B) and R. Kidney (70B) and Flight Lieutenants I. C. H. Dick (82B) and D. C. Longden (85C). The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air was awarded to Squadron Leaders W. P. Jago (73B), K. B. Latton (82A) and P. M. Riley (79A), Flight Lieutenants R. B. Duckett (83A), B. P. Nicolle (81A), R. Pengelly (89A) and E. T. M. Danks (90C) and Flying Officer N. A. Buckland (95D).

Flight Lieutenant R. Shuster (89C) was nominated by the Royal Air Force as its representative at last year's "Man of the Year" luncheon, held on the 12th November 1970, at the Savoy Hotel, London. Flight Lieutenant Shuster was awarded the AFC (1970) for successfully landing his seriously disabled Canberra aircraft at Darwin, Australia.

PROMOTIONS

To the following Old Cranwellians who have been promoted since our last issue, the *Journal* offers its congratulations.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges, KCB, CBE, DSO, and Bar, DFC and Bar (37-38C). Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Humphrey, KCB, OBE, DFC, AFC (39-40B). Air Commodores T. L. Kennedy, AFC (46B) and J. R. Rogers (49C). Group Captains R. J. Bannard (55B), D. F. Bates (49D), H. F. Caillard (46C), H. S. Carver, MVO (49C), D. J. Edwards, AFC (57A), B. Huxley (57A), W. E. Kelly (50C) and J. MacG. Robertson (46A). Wing Commanders M. J. Allistone (61C), P. H. Atkin (58D), R. D. Bates (62A), J. A. Bell (65B), A. G. Bridges (65A), P. J. Broad (51D), D. C. G. Brook (68A), R. M. Brown (60C), B. M. Burley (52A), M. R. Campbell, AMBIM (53D), A. M. Chandler (63B), P. G. Cock, MBE

And so another Reunion has passed, and one which one hopes was enjoyed by all who attended. As always one must add that if it were not for the willing and cheerful efforts of the College Staff and the Mess Secretary — Flight Lieutenant D. J. Earle these Reunions would not be the excellent occasions they are. Our sincere thanks are given to them as well as our gratitude for their splendid service, none more sincere than my own personal thanks for all their efforts, and splendid help, in these Functions, over the past 18 years.

(59C), J. J. R. Cohu (71C), D. A. Cowley (70A), J. K. Craven-Griffiths (55D), M. M. Foster (53B), G. J. A. F. Green (59D), R. B. Gubbins (62C), J. D. Hutchinson (63C), R. H. B. LeBrocq, AFC (71C), T. R. Morgan (65C), J. W. Morrice (45C), J. E. Nevill (68C), C. J. Phillips (63C), E. J. E. Smith, OBE (68B), B. J. St Aubyn (61C), R. I. Stewart-Paul (67C), P. Walker AMBIM (69A), N. J. R. Walpole (63C), D. H. Warren (56C) and I. D. Wilkinson (62B). Squadron Leaders C. R. Adams (79B), N. B. Baldwin (81A), J. A. Bayliss (82D), R. C. Betts (82A), M. B. Bullocke (77C), T. J. Burns (66C), J. A. Cheshire (84A), C. E. F. Cooper (54A), D. Cousins (84B), H. J. Crone (80C), D. W. R. De-Garis (74A), I. C. H. Dick, AFC (82B), C. F. Dixon (80C), I. Dorrett (77C), R. B. Duckett (83A), P. J. Edworthy (75B), R. E. N. Freeman (74B), M. J. D. Fuller (75A), R. W. Gibb (79A), A. J. Gibson (71B), A. M. Goodman (74A), A. Green (80C), D. R. Green (83A), M. G. Head (80C), F. G. Hoare (81D), A. L. Hooper (76C), R. Humphrey (73A), M. R. Jackson (84D), B. E. Johnston (83B), A. H. Jones (81D), D. R. H. MacGregor (83B), R. C. McKinlay (83C), J. D. Malloch (74B), F. W. Mitchell (75B), T. A. Pearson (76B), L. S. Penny (80D), K. B. Latton (82A), R. Neal (79B), A. R. Oliver (78C), J. R. Oliver (78B), C. M. Quaife (69B), C. G. Richardson (64C), G. H. Rolfe (81B), R. C. Saar (79A), M. R. Southgate (62A), R. E. Williams (79C), D. J. Willis (77B), M. H. Wilson (78A) and W. Wood (81C).

RETIREMENTS

The following Old Cranwellians have retired since the last issue of the *Journal*.

Air Chief Marshal Sir David Lee, CBE, CB, (1930-32), Air Vice-Marshal M. D. Lyne, CB, AFC, FRAeS, (37-39B), Wing Commander B. E. Taylor, AFC (62B), Squadron Leaders J. G. Bourn (48B), A. Bright (60), B. R. Champion (39-40), B. G. Cox (61A), J. B. Gratton (83D), T. J. Greenhill-Hooper (60B), G. H. Hopkins (64A), I. F. C. Hutchinson (76B), K. McDonald (64A), R. W. Millward (63A), K. B. E. Roberts (56B), J. R. Sandle (58B), R. T. F. Snare (63C), J. L. Spatcher (61C), I. H. F. Walmsley (50A), A. J. W. Whitaker (62C) and A. C. Whitson AMBIM (60B). Flight Lieutenants K. A. Crowley (87C), J. N. Dymond (61C), J. C. Fittus (81D), J. K. Jennings (62C), A. P. S. Jones (7B), D. Lowe (87B) and P. D. Thopson (88D). Flying Officers G. H. Cornish-Underwood (91A), R. H. Hunter (96D), and A. P. McGrath (87C). Pilot Officers P. Goddard (97) and R. P. Watkins (98D).

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ARTHUR LONGMORE, GCB, DSO

A tribute by Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle, GCB, CBE, DSO, DFC, RAF Retd, at the Memorial Service for Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, GCB, DSO, held at the Royal Air Force Church of St Clement Danes in the Strand on Wednesday, 27 January 1971.

'Most of us will have our special and personal memories of Arthur Longmore, the great gentleman we knew; and we will cherish them. But all of us are here today to honour his memory and pay tribute to his contribution to his country; and especially to the Royal Air Force. For he was one of the early pioneers of military aviation; one of the first four Naval officers to be chosen for flying duties; and as early as 1911 he qualified as a pilot and was awarded the Royal Aero Club certificate. And many of us, some who were witness to events at the time, will think with admiration of him and those other gay adventurers who learnt to fly in those early days, partly for the fun of it, but also to find out in practice the possibilities of military operations in the air. They made light of the constant hazards and the unreliable equipment; and frequently risked their all in meeting this challenge.

Significantly, and ever since to our great advantage, their enthusiasm and courage were infectious and have remained a stimulant and a bond for all of us who, throughout the years, became involved in military aviation. He often talked of this, and set much store by it. But Arthur Longmore was not a visionary; nor was he a man whom we associate with some great dramatic, or particularly vital, event in our affairs. Rather was he a man who charted his course and made his decisions instinctively, though with sure judgment. And it was this characteristic which determined his actions and made him recognise the need to explore all the possibilities of the new environment for military purposes; so that we would be ready to exploit to the full the technical advances which he knew would come. And it was this characteristic, too, which influenced him to join with those who recognised that military flying must be allowed to develop independently, untrammelled by traditionalism and prejudice. And so he was, in truth, one of the early founders of the Royal Air Force. And we will always remember him with pride and affection, for the part he played in the formation of this Service of ours, and with admiration, for the contribution he made to its success.

I first met Arthur Longmore when he was Commandant at Cranwell in 1929. I was a cadet, occupied well enough with day to day problems and events, but lonely, sometimes, as my home was in Australia. It was then that I had first-hand knowledge of his kindness and his understanding; for he recognised my need and sometimes took me to his home where I enjoyed the warm friendliness of his family.

I know that I am but one of the many who will always be grateful for his understanding and perception, particularly at that early time in our careers. For we became aware that here was a man, a very senior officer, who could adapt himself to our immature ways and gain our confidence and our complete respect. As a sportsman and a games player he was well endowed; a keen and experienced yachtsman and a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron; an accomplished horseman, and also with a natural aptitude for most ball-games. This is known well enough and not of itself particularly unusual or significant, but he used those skills not only for his own pleasure, but effectively as a means of getting to know his officers and men and establishing common ground with them. This was significant. And when age started to reduce his personal prowess, he delighted in teaching and passing on his experience to younger folk whenever the chance came. And so it is not surprising that he held most of the important command appointments both in operations and training. Nor is it surprising that he was admired for the way he carried his own responsibilities, sometimes with far less than his proper share of support; or that he was held in great affection by the officers and airmen who came to know him for his understanding, not only of his own job, but of their problems. And so it continued throughout his life. After he retired from active service, he retained his intense interest in Air Force affairs and especially in those who were still serving.

More than ten years after he retired, he continued to give his service as he took on the job of vice-chairman of the Imperial War Graves Commission, and fostered its work as actively as anything he'd done before. And now, as we pay our tribute to him, we extend to his wife and his family our deepest sympathy. But we also applaud with them his great contribution to his fellow men, his Service, and his Country; made willingly and with so much dignity. For this indeed was the measure of this gallant gentleman.'

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A Selection of OCA Members of the Early 70s (when cadets)



UO ICH Dick



UO JS Allison



SUO KB Latton



UO RB Duckett



SFC I Dorrett



SFC DA Cowley



UO DC Longden



UO RE Williams



SFC SC Shuster



SFC D Lowe



SFC LS Penny



SUO ETM Danks

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES ANNUAL RE-UNION

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

The third week-end in June seems to have become the pattern for the Reunion; this is not a bad thing to assist the memory, so that, as on this occasion, we had an improved turnout over some recent years, when on the week-end of 16 and 17 June some 140 Old Cranwellians attended, at some stage or other, and 130 were at the Dinner.

The weather was lovely throughout the two days and although warm and sunny it was not uncomfortably hot — the sky being clear for the display by "The Poachers" on Saturday afternoon, and with just a little haze for the Church Parade and March Past on Sunday.



As usual the members foregathered during the Saturday morning at the College, where they had arrived by car, and a few by air. The bar was opened at 1200 and at 1230 the Buffet lunch was opened in No 1 Ante-Room where members could help themselves to a most tempting variety of cold dishes. It seemed that all resolutions, good or bad, about waistlines had been quietly shelved "Hasta manyana". After about half an hour those having lunch were joined by the cricket teams, the score at this stage being 76 for 5 — the OCA team batting at that time.

During the afternoon a really exciting match developed, the Old Cranwellians, skippered by Sqn Ldr John Collins, having made the respectable score of 174 for 7, with Cullingworth a useful 50 not out and Chin-nock 47, declared at about 15.15.

The College, led by Flt Lt Ron Brearley, then set off vigorously in pursuit of this target and, with Brearley at 53 not out and Reeh 44, at one time looked like closing the gap, but with some devastating bowling by Collins who took 5 for 38, assisted in particular by Crouch and Cullingworth, eight College wickets had fallen and the scoring rate lowered, so that at five past six, when stumps were drawn, they were still 22 runs behind with only two wickets in hand. And so, it was anyone's game till the end although needless to say, both sides are claiming it as a moral victory!

Result	OCA	174 for 7 dec
	RAFC	152 for 8

It was noticeable that the Old Cranwellian team seemed rather more spritely than usual — a few statistics then revealed that 7 members of the team were under 30 — a good sign for our future struggles against the College! The Cricket was organised by Sqn Ldr Humphrey who would have liked a few more Old Cranwellians to offer themselves!

The Tennis, run by Flt Lt Dixon, was won by the OCA 6 matches to 3, although there were some very close tussles and, needless to say, Gp Capt Tommy Burne and Sqn Ldr Peter Balean managed by their well-known mixture of guile and gamesmanship after some 35!! years partnership, to win 2 out of their 3 matches.



Playing squash on a day like that was reminiscent of squash at Khartoum, or other places East and South and the temperature in the courts was estimated at 88°F. It was a very sweaty business, but greatly exciting, as the OCA team managed to pull back from 4 down to 4 all. Perhaps the closest fought match of all was between Gp Capt Lockyer and Flt Lt Nutkin which the latter just managed to win at 3-2.

In all matches there were frequent exits from the courts between games for refreshments and all of the urn of lemon squash provided was consumed, as well as all the bottled beer! Arrangements for Squash (liquid and otherwise) were made by Fg. Off Parker.

Golf, which was arranged by Flt Lt O'Herlihy, was held on the Sleaford Course at Rauceby and resulted in a win for the College by 3 matches to 2. It was a beautiful afternoon for golf and there were some very close games.

Finally Clay Pigeon shooting, organised by Flt Lt Slogrove, which was introduced last year, again seemed popular and teams of five took part. This time the OCA narrowly reversed their defeat last year by the same margin (of points) by 183-179, although it is being said that one member of the OCA team had to leave in a hurry before the last two shots, which were fired by a substitute! So they say!



Once again the Association is most grateful to those who got together the several OCA teams and for the help received from the College Physical Education Officer Sqn Ldr Arthur Johnson. Members are reminded that

offers to participate in one or other of the sports are always most welcome, as the College staff responsible for the arrangements cannot know in many instances who does what with bat, ball, racquet, club or gun!

The Orange looked at its best for the tea interval on Saturday — in and around the marquee where plenty of families turned out to meet OCA members and to watch the cricket. There seemed to be fewer OCA members having tea this year, but this may have been illusory, or perhaps a trick of failing memory!

However, there were two innovations this year; one was that an invitation was extended to members of the College Staff who had served for 10 years or more at Cranwell to come to tea during the afternoon, to meet those whom they had helped to look after so faithfully. The other was that "The Poachers" second to none in formation flying and aerobatics, gave their latest faultless display during this interval. In perfect conditions they showed us some remarkable and entertaining flying. They were led by Sqn Ldr John Robinson, one of our Associate members, whom we congratulate on the recent award of a Bar to his AFC. "The Poachers" have a very full programme for the 1973 season, including trips to the Continent, and we are very grateful for their impeccable display.

The only conflict during the afternoon was whether to gaze skywards and watch "The Poachers", or to partake of the delicious sandwiches, tea and cakes provided by the College. Some did one and some the other, but it rather depended upon where one was positioned when the first roar of the jets was heard. With a slight adjustment of timing this will be put right in future, so that one can take both forms of "food" simultaneously, — or almost so!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chairman, Air Vice-Marshal Austen-Smith opened the meeting shortly after 1920 hours by saying that the President, Air Chief Marshal The Earl of Bandon, who was unable to come this year, had told him that he would certainly be present next year.

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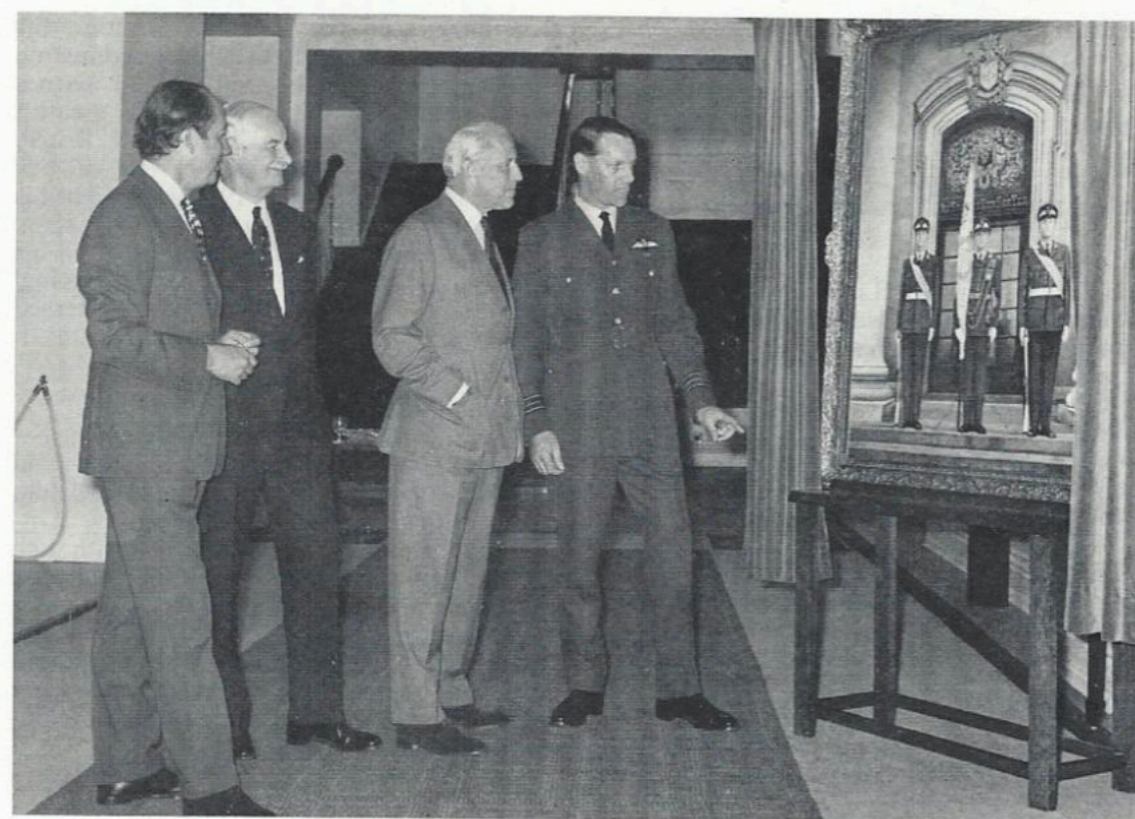
After the usual reference to Previous Minutes and Matters Arising from them the Chairman welcomed Air Cdre Nelson as the new Secretary and wished him many Happy Reunions to come. The Secretary then thanked Gp Capt Teddy Nuttall and Wg Cdr Terry Morgan for their work in the past, which had made it so easy for him to take on a "going concern", because the organisation they had created ran so smoothly. Air Cdre Levis said he would like to see all members express their thanks to Wg Cdr Morgan in the form of a record in the Minute Book. This was warmly acclaimed.

The Secretary pointed out that £300 had been paid for the painting of the Queen's Colour and the last Colour party provided by Flight Cadets, of 101 Entry, which was on display in the Hall and which had been painted by Mrs McGregor, but who was to our regret unable to be present.

The changes in the Committee were approved by the meeting and the Balance Sheet passed after Wg Cdr Morgan had made the Financial Report.

Members were asked to approve the invitation to Civilian Staff of the College to future Reunions so that they could meet ex-cadet or graduate officers they had known whilst servicing at the College. This was agreed by everyone.

The meeting was advised that for reasons of space and cost the practice of inscribing Prizewinners' names on boards which were hung in the gallery upstairs would have to be discontinued and members agreed to a maximum of £200 being provided out of OCA funds for the purchase of two cabinets, to be lodged in Founders' Gallery, to house Books which would contain the names of all future prizewinners. The books had already been provided from other sources.



The date for the next Reunion was then agreed as being 15/16 June 1974.

Finally, the Commandant referred to a suggestion which had been made, that those members whose membership had run continuously for 50 years and who had also reached the age of 70 should be offered Honorary Life membership. He said that since the Association was not 50 years old till 1975/76 there was time for this matter to be examined further by the Committee, as there were some doubts voiced as to the wisdom of such a course and some opposition to it expressed. Further exploration by the Committee was agreed.

GUEST OF HONOUR — SIR BARNES WALLIS

Sir Barnes Wallis has been at the forefront of progress in aviation for virtually the whole history of the aeronautical industry. He was responsible for both R80 and R100 Airships. He introduced into aircraft design geodetic construction and, more recently, variable geometry. He designed the Wellesley and the Wellington bombers, the Tallboy and Grand Slam bombs and conceived and built the dambusting 'bouncing' bomb. Nor have Sir Barnes' skills been limited to aeronautics and aerial warfare: he has contributed to the development of radio telescopes, manned nuclear submarines and devoted much energy and time to the advancement of education.

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REUNION DINNER

Guests foregathered in the Hall for drinks after the Annual General Meeting, and Dinner was announced by the College trumpeters at about 2025. The meal was prepared and served by the Mess Staff with their usual expertise and grace, and a most excellent meal it was.

After proposing the Loyal Toast, the Commandant went on to welcome our Guest of Honour, Sir Barnes Wallis, who would be introduced later by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, and also the visiting preacher for the Sunday Service, the Reverend W E G Payton who was formerly College Chaplain 1953-56 and Chaplain-in-Chief 1965-69.

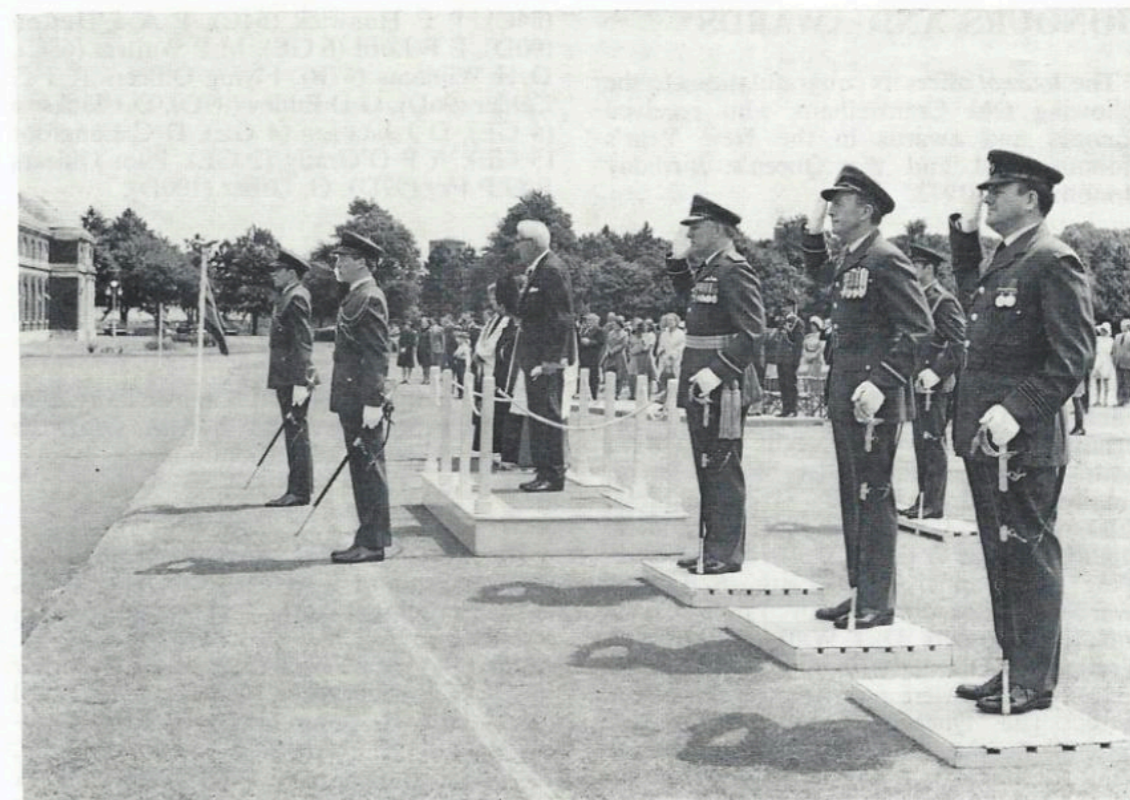
The Commandant said that he was particularly glad to see members present who spanned almost the whole flight cadet era from 1920 to 1973 and the increased number of graduate officers who had returned. He then spoke briefly of the past year at Cranwell, the place of the University Air Squadrons in the College structure and the development of the GE scheme. He said that he was "glad to report that although the uniform may have changed, it is my belief, based on the experience of the past year, that the calibre of the man who wears it has not." The Commandant then went on to talk about some of the future developments of the College and mentioned a restructuring of the internal command and control organisation. He said that the College proposals aimed at bringing all the elements of the Cranwell complex together into one closely knit unit and that already great progress had been made towards achieving greater unity of purpose in all aspects of College life which could only be of great benefit to the graduate student. The Commandant concluded by reading out messages which had been sent to Her Majesty The Queen both on the occasion of Her Majesty's Silver Wedding last November, and on the occasion of the Reunion we were attending. In both instances he gave the text of the reply received from the Queen.

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, our Patron, then thanked the Commandant for his address and for bringing us all up-to-date on the activities and achievements of the College during the past year. He

then introduced the Guest of Honour, Sir Barnes Wallis, to the assembled company. With great sincerity he said that Sir Barnes might well become known as the greatest scientist/engineer we had had in the British Commonwealth during the period of our lifetime and of the war of 1939-45. One of his finest attributes was perhaps his strong sense of humanity in which, in the midst of all his successes in particular with the 'bouncing' bomb, his overwhelming feeling expressed itself in his concern for those who had taken part in the actions.

Sir Barnes Wallis then thanked Sir Dermot Boyle and the Commandant for the kind words with which they had introduced him and for the honour extended to him by inviting him to Cranwell. He said that although he had not been here for many years, he remembered it well from pre-war days when on more than one occasion he had come here to lecture. Sir Barnes then went on without using any notes to give us a remarkably clear exposition of his views on the future development of aircraft design.

He felt convinced that such development lay in the concept of the "slender body" — (not, he hastened to add, in any way connected with the "slender bodies" that sometimes attracted the attention of young officers) — but in this concept the "slender body" would have an enormous length/wing span ratio, in the neighbourhood of 200ft. to 20ft. Such a design would be capable of being constructed out of relatively cheap materials such as flat plate or fibre glass. Using a new and more efficient fuel it would only develop enormous speeds of, say, mach 8-10 after it had passed through the atmosphere and attained an altitude of around 250,000ft. It would generate less heat than Concorde flying at 60,000ft at a speed of mach 2, thus the heat resistant qualities of the airframe or hull would not be its overriding characteristic. In this connection Sir Barnes did not dwell on recovery techniques, except that we should consider a better way than that used in current American space recovery i.e. by parachute with Naval assistance! He stressed that the whole concept would pose difficult, but not insoluble problems of navigation, in flying say, from Cranwell to Sydney in one and a half hours.



The whole of his address was strong and refreshing and he sat down to prolonged applause which continued for longer than can be remembered in the College for many a day. Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle thanked Sir Barnes Wallis for his inspired look into the future and presented him with the Old Cranwellian Association tie amidst renewed acclamation, which grew stronger as Sir Barnes tied it over his bow tie.

After dinner members moved into the bar at about 2330, where many a tale was told and re-told until the early hours.

On Sunday the sun shone once more, but a slight haze made it not so hot as the day before. The visiting preacher The Reverend W E G Payton CB MA, who had been welcomed at the dinner the night before, gave an inspiring sermon in which he linked the

priceless traditions of the College with the Christian teaching. The lessons were read by the Commandant and Air Cdre Nelson.

After the Service the parade formed up and marched via Cranwell avenue, round the west side of the Orange to the Parade Ground where Sir Barnes Wallis, with great dignity, took the salute. The parade advanced in Review order, the Queen's Colour was marched off, followed by the parade to the East and West wings. The Reviewing officer, escorted by the Commandant and followed by the Staff Officers and their wives, and Old Cranwellians with other visitors then adjourned to the College for Sherry.

And so was brought to a close a memorable and delightful week-end, and our thanks are due to everyone at Cranwell who helped by their great efficiency and kind hospitality to make this such a successful occasion.

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Air Marshal N M Maynard, CBE, DFC, AFC (40) who was made a Knight Commander of the Bath. Group Captain M H Miller (47A) who was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire. Wing Commanders R D Brittain (52D Eq), K J Craven-Griffiths (55D Eq), J E Nevill (68C) were made Officers of the Order of the British Empire. Squadron Leaders G R Pitchfork (79D Nav), R J Roberts (58C) were made Members of the Order of the British Empire. Wing Commander E D Frith (62B) was awarded a Bar to the Air Force Cross. Squadron Leaders D J Willis (77B), W J Wratten (78D) and Flight Lieutenant R Pengelly (89A) were awarded the Air Force Cross. The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air was awarded to Wing Commander R Dick (56C), Squadron Leaders D J Curry (79D), A R Freeman (83D), J S B Price (76B), T W Strachan (75A), R A F Wilson (81D), Flight Lieutenants D R Carvell (93B), M B Langham (86B). Major I Shurdom (RJAF) (82A) was awarded the Order of Istiqlal (Independence) 3rd Class.

RETIREMENTS

The following Old Cranwellians have retired since the last issue of the *Journal*.

Air Marshal Sir L D Mavor (35-37B). Air Vice-Marshal B P Young (36-38C). Group Captain V Rees (36-38C). Wing Commanders R C Rotherham (36-38C) and B F Tomlin (63C). Squadron Leaders A B E Caiger (69C), L G Dickson (46A), R G Fox (68A), A G Hamilton (56D), A P Hilton (64C) and D H Mills (54C). Flight Lieutenants J B Beards (87A), R Cane (81A), S J T Card (66B), P R Evans (69C), R D French (69C), A J Gowing (82B), J R Hall (67A), P J Headley (79A), T F Hilton (91C), M J Hughes

(84C), P F Hunwick (64C), P A J Hutton (90D), E F Lord (6 GE), M P Walters (68C), D H Williams (47B). Flying Officers R J G Calder (96D), G D Eddey (99D), D J Jackson (4 GE), D J Jackson (4 GE), D C Longfoot (5 GE), A P O'Grady (2 GE). Pilot Officers B G P Fry (99D), G. Usher (100D).

PROMOTIONS

To the following Old Cranwellians who have been promoted since our last issue, the *Journal* offers its congratulations.

Air Commodore K A Williamson (51C). Group Captains J H Bishop (54D) (Sec), R E Gladding (55D), I H Keppie (62C), S E King (59A), R L Lees (55D) (Sec), W C Milne (51A), J M Pack (58A), J M A Parker (54C), K E Richardson (46A), L C Swalwell (48A), J F H Tetley (58C). Wing Commanders R L Barcilon (64B), M E Bee (73C), R J Bennett (69B), A Dufton (62C), R A Edwards (60B), B J Goatley (52D), J Hodgson (57B), J G Kerrigan (62B) (Sec), C S Lim (59D) (Eq), R G Morgan (68C) (Sec), J D Pugh (63C), R F Robertson (70B) (Eq), J Shearer (58D) (Eq), J A S Thomson (53D) (Sec), J R Watts (60B), G C Williams (71B), A A G Woodford (75C). Squadron Leaders C S M Anderson (78D), D R Bourne (61A) (Eq), B J Clifford (88D), P W Crook (82A), M A Gaynor (81B), D J Hamilton-Rump (86D), D J Holliday (84D), I O Junor (82D), M B Langham (86B), K B Mace (85C), I D Macfadyen (83C), R B Mackenzie-Crooks (83A), M S J McKinley (81B), G J D Maynard (84A) (Eq), P Millar (83B), C T Moore (86B) (Nav), W Nevinson (85D), R E Nickson (79D), M J Porter (76A) (Sec), B Priest (81C), K C H Simpson (80D), J A Tiffin (71A), R G L Williams (88A), J D T Wingfield (77A).

MARRIAGES

Wing Commander D E Bennett (35-36B) to Joan Roff on 18 August 1972.

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to announce the deaths of the following Old Cranwellians and extend our deepest sympathy to their wives and families.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Claude Pelly (20-22B) died 12 August 1972.

Air Commodore R C Mead, died 20 July 1973.

Group Captain W R Beaman (27-28B) died 20 March 1973.

Group Captain E C Dearth (Associate Member) died 30 December 1972.

Group Captain I G Mackay, died 14 October 1973.

Group Captain D W Williams (32-34C) died October 1971.

Squadron Leader D A V Clark (57C) died 11 February 1973.

Flight Lieutenant C F Ashe (2GE) killed in a flying accident 10 August 1972.

Flight Lieutenant M J Drybanski (958) died on operations July 1973.

Flight Lieutenant H P C Kennedy (88B) listed missing believed killed 25 June 1973.

Flight Lieutenant A Wade (85C) killed in a flying accident 6 October 1972.

Flying Officer J B Clark (96A) died in a road accident 3 February 1973.

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“From One Generation To Another” - Mid-70s (when cadets)



B.J.S. Studios

No. 101 ENTRY FLIGHT CADETS — MARCH 1973

Back Row: SFC D. R. E. Evans, SFC M. J. Hib, SFC J. T. Taylor, SFC S. M. S. Skinner, SFC R. Bailey, SFC A. C. Sprinks, SFC G. P. Cooper,
SFC D. S. J. Salisbury, SFC C. R. Rem, SFC R. Davidson, SFC R. C. H. Beyer, SFC A. P. J. Kirkup

Centre Row: SFC W. J. Hair, SFC R. G. Leonard, SFC P. F. H. Paterson, SFC D. Edwards, SFC J. M. Herbeston, SFC G. I. Davies, SFC A. H. Leitch,
SFC C. J. Ford, SFC M. J. Robb, SFC P. A. W. Mayhew, SFC J. G. Burgess, SFC J. Willmott

Front Row: SFC A. H. Little, SFC C. B. Walter, SFC T. A. Harper, U.O. M. S. Flemmings, U.O. A. J. Malcolm, S.U.O. A. D. Maddox, U.O. P. Grimmon,
U.O. T. J. Watson, SFC P. Hodgson, SFC R. Cullingworth, SFC C. Armstrong

Seaford



B.J.S. Studios

No. 9 GRADUATE ENTRY (PILOTS AND ENGINEERS) — AUGUST 1973

Back Row: Fg. Off. D. A. Lee, Fg. Off. R. Engneri, Flt. Lt. I. P. Kenyon, Flt. Lt. A. H. Swann, Fg. Off. G. A. Forbes, Fg. Off. N. M. Hickins, Fg. Off. T. B. J. Yarrow, Fg. Off. D. A. R. Ward, Fg. Off. G. Slater,
Fg. Off. P. J. Kirkton, Flt. Lt. N. J. Slater, Fg. Off. N. A. Fitzhugh, Flt. Lt. S. B. Chemenas, Flt. Lt. P. A. Newton, Fg. Off. S. K. Clarke, Fg. Off. A. H. McLean, Fg. Off. A. F. Irwin,
Fg. Off. A. J. Ray, Fg. Off. C. R. Alexander, Fg. Off. J. R. H. Douglas, Fg. Off. R. J. Bailey, Fg. Off. C. D. Short, Fg. Off. R. Kimbly, Fg. Off. I. Mackintosh,
Fg. Off. C. W. Chinn, Fg. Off. R. Fickavane, Fg. Off. R. G. Laidie, Fg. Off. S. G. Christie

Seaford



“From one generation to another.”

PART 3 - GE, IOT, IOTC & SERE ERA

Whether intentional or not, the graduation of the final Flight Cadet intake - 101 Entry - from the RAF College in March 1973 seemed to herald a new 'motivational' significance to the production of the College Journal, most noticeably in terms of content and frequency of production, and, as important, as a prime communication medium for College alumni.

The two, sometimes, three year Flight Cadet system had been replaced by a Graduate Entry (GE) scheme whose Phase 1 (Initial Officer Training - IOT) and Phase 2 (Specialist Branch training) courses were completed within 12 months for Pilots and Engineers, even sooner for Secretarial and Supply Branch offices. Navigators would complete their three month IOT phase with their Pilot/Eng/Sec/Supply/Regt cohort, but move to Finningley - now Robin Hood Sheffield-Doncaster airport - for their Phase 2 training, graduating there.

This album's editor, being a product of an early GE intake and having many friends and colleagues from the previous Flight Cadet era, believes this generated an unintended culture change in the training operation at the College. No longer were Directing Staff at the College responsible for academic, flying and officer training of younger 'ex-schoolboys', but they were confronted with allegedly more mature, often married university graduates in whom they were to instil military discipline and professional expertise in comparatively 'quick time'.

Whether or not this apparent culture change had any bearing on the production of a College Journal as the social medium to communicate with alumni, there is no doubt that the College was restructured and resourced differently to accommodate a significant change in training remit, curriculum and ethos. This was to be affected still further by the introduction of the Single Gate IOT (SGIOT) system - phased in between 1978 and 1980 - to replace the GE system and to train ex-university officer cadets and ex-airmen of *all* flying and ground branches at a much increased frequency - eight IOT graduations a year, of over 120 cadets rather than around 40, for over a decade - and in even quicker time. Comprising three terms of notionally six weeks, the modern age officer cadet of the IOT/IOTC/SERE era would spend only the final term in the iconic College Hall Officers' Mess (CHOM).

This editor believes that the consequential changes to the College Business and Training models, inherited from Henlow OCTU and driven by SGIOT, had a significant impact on College culture, and the IOT/IOTC/SERE cadet, to the extent that the former deep rooted feelings for 'alma mater' expressed by the flight cadets of Pre- and Post-WWII years were replaced by an overriding desire of the modern cadet to merely complete IOT, "ASAP". Fundamentally, the bond forged over an intensive two year period between CHOM residents and their iconic residence, their domestic as well as spiritual home, had been broken. In the 1970s, CHOM had entered a new era; the College Journal now an annual publication appeared to lose its 'driver' and in 2014, but for a commemorative edition in 2016, production ended. Even the OCA later reformed as the CA, to accommodate the changes at CHOM and the apparent relegation in need and status for an "association of officers".

Paradoxically, in 2022, the RAF launched Galaxy, a 'virtual' on-line alumni network for *all* ranks, serving and retired. At the time of writing, it remains to be seen how the CA and Galaxy will co-exist and the aspirations of "Beamish & Co" sustained as the CA looks forward towards its own centennial on 14 July 2026.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

PROMOTIONS

To the following Old Cranwellians who have been promoted since our last issue, the *Journal* offers its congratulations.

Air Vice-Marshal D P Hall (55C), T L Kennedy, AFC (46A), J R Rogers, CBE (49C), Air Commodores D A Arnott, DFC, AFC (50A), J C Atkinson (47C), H S Carver, MVO (49C), L R Davis (57C), C H Foale (54A), K W Hayr, CBE, AFC (69A), L A Jones (60A), R L Lees (55D), Group Captains D Allison (60B), D A Atherton (55D), J A Bell, OBE (65B), A McN Christie (54A), B E F Faulkner (52D), G J A F Green (59D), C A Herbert (64B), J G F Hewitt (55C), J McLeod (61C), D M Richards (62B), A L Roberts, AFC (74C), B T Sills (69B), M G Simmons, AFC (73C), I A N Worby (49B), Wing Commanders J S Allison, BE (85A), N B Baldwin (81A), R C Betts (83A), N Bonnor (77B), J W Canning (68A), J A Cheshire (84A), C P J Coulcher (71B), T Cumberland (78A), C F Dixon (80C), I Dorrett (77C), R B Duckett (83A), J C Dunn (57C), R I Finch (69A), A C R Ingoldby

(71C), P J Kemp (77C), D J Liggitt (77A), R P O'Brien (81C), C T B Peile (59A), A R P Phipps (77A), G R Pitchfork, MBE (79D), M A F Ryan (71B), D C Scouler (70C), R P Skelley (74A), I W Strachan, MBE (75A), Squadron Leaders G L P Aldhouse (2GE), P J Atkins (82D), M W Ball (94B), D J Betts (91B), T Bufton (91C), J R Caborn (86A), R F Cresswell (89A), C J Cruickshanks, AFC (88C), T Eeles (83B), A Ferguson (89A), A T Ford (91D), C A Gardiner (89D), R H Goodall (93B), A J Griffin (89B), P M Grosset (88D), D M Guest (95C), A V Hall (93B), J G Jamieson (91B), T I Jenner (91D), R D Johnston (89B), E A Jones (87C), D A Kendrick (89A), D V Loveday (87B), L J Marshall (92B), J Morgan (88C), J K Newton (89A), G W Nottage (90C), R Pengelly (89A), D H Phillips (88C), M T Phillips (88D), G J Pilgrim-Morris (92A), C J Pinder (88A), J G Rootes (91A), P W Roser (95B), P J Seymour (87C), M P G L Shaw (82C), P A Smith (93C), T J Smith (3 GE), C R Spink (94D), A J P Styles (89B), P F Turley (91A), G F R Trueman (2 GE), R H W Wakelin (87B), C L Whitaker (91C), R J Wood (89D), R W A Woodhead (78B), S W S Yarrow (82A), M R Yule (84B).

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The *Journal* offers its congratulations to the following Old Cranwellians who received honours and awards in the New Year's Honours List and the Queen's Birthday Honours List 1977.

Group Captain J A Bell (65B), Wing Commanders R A Pendry (46A), M J F Shaw (75C), were made Officers of the Order of the British Empire. Squadron Leader G C Shorrocks (83D) was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire. Wing Commanders R L Barcelona (64B), R B Duckett (83A), Squadron Leaders C J Cruickshanks (88C), P B Curtin (72B), R J Howard (77A), Flight Lieutenant G P Hermer (91B) were awarded the Air Force Cross. The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air was awarded to Squadron Leaders A R Freeman (83D), D V Loveday (87B), R Pengelly (89A), R W A Woodhead (78B), Flight Lieutenants D B Ainge (86C), D H Bennett (82A), R D Cole (81C), P A Griffiths (85C), A V B Hawken (87A).



IN MEMORIAM

We regret to announce the deaths of the following Old Cranwellians and extend our deepest sympathy to their wives and families.

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Andrew Humphrey, GCB, OBE, DFC, AFC, ADC (39-40B) died 24 January 1977.

Air Vice-Marshal T J Hanlon, CB, CBE (35-37C) died 6 January 1977.

Group Captain R A R Mangles (20-21A) died March 1976.

Flight Lieutenant J Grierson (28-29B) died 21 May 1977.

Flight Lieutenant D G Stein (13 GE) killed in a flying accident 25 February 1977.

Flight Lieutenant R Sutcliffe (3 GE) killed in a flying accident 16 August 1976.

Flight Lieutenant P S West (97A) killed in a flying accident 17 September 1976.

Flying Officer J S Mason (24 GE) died 24 September 1976.

RETIREMENTS

The following Old Cranwellians have retired since the last issue of the *Journal*.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Nigel Maynard, KCB, CBE, DFC, AFC (40), Group Captains M D Fenner (49D), M J Hardy (62A), G M Hermitage (45A), Wing Commanders M R Campbell (53D), A Dufton (62C), J H Granville-White (46B), A R Martin (53D), Squadron Leaders R C B Ashworth (52C), J C K Baerselman (69C), R M Baldwin (69B), R F Birch, MBE (77C), J L Blackford (68A), R DeV Boulton (57C), N Chamberlain, AFC (47A), M A B Collin (77B), R B W A George (47C), C D Hinds (89D), R H Holmes (76B), D A Lethem (52A), L R Morgan (64B), C S Parkin (76B), R Pengelly, AFC (89A), R M Raw (47A), R C Saar (79A), P J Sawyer (66B), P F H Walker (77B), D J Willis, AFC (77B), D J Wyborn (58A), D V Zotov (80B), Flight Lieutenants S H P Castling (23 GE), J A Dillon (94B), A R J Eidsforth (80D), J S Fountain (87C), J Harrington (98A), G Howard (89B), S P King (20 GE), M A Kirk (87C), P V LeJeune (95B), D W McCready (17 GE), I T Macdonald (7 GE), A A MacKay (78A), K D R Mans (91B), J C Marsh (91C), A F Nixon (79C), E Pettigrew (95D), M W Pyle (89B), K C Quin (78C), M Rank (15 GE), R F Sandford (91A), I R Sinclair (76A), D N Wetton (77C), Flying Officers I A Crouch (100C), A S Schrupp (née Rowlands) (3 GE), WRAF, G D P Thorpe (96B).

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OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION NOTES

ANNUAL REUNION 1978

The 1978 Old Cranwellian Association Reunion was an occasion both for regret and pleasure ; regret that only our second Patron, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, was giving up his office and pleasure that His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales had accepted the Patronage in Sir Dermot's stead. Not surprisingly there was heavy demand to attend this year, unfortunately a limit of 185 places had to be imposed with ' first come — first served ' the rule. Apologies are again tendered to all those members whose bids to attend had to be rejected.

Last year the OCA Notes criticized the summer of '77, quite unfairly as it now appears in relation to the present one. However the Reunion weekend was a slight improvement on the general meteorological performance and although not actually warm it was at least sunny for much of the time.

A substantial number of members and their families turned up on Saturday afternoon to watch the cricket, and sitting on the steps out of the wind was a popular pass-time (*Photograph below*). Tea was taken on the Orange and it was a particular pleasure to see the retiring Patron and the President there as well as ex-College Hall staff who were our guests for tea. During the tea interval the Vice President, Air Cdre Nelson, accepted on behalf

of the Association a beautiful framed colour picture of Spitfire G AIDN, the generous gift of Wg Cdr David Bennett.

The picture now hangs appropriately in the Spitfire Room in College Hall.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Clay Pigeon Shooting. Eight Old Cranwellians and nine students and Cranwell officers attempted the 30 varied targets, simulating driven partridge, springing teal, crossing and walked-up pheasants, all made more difficult by a strong blustery wind. Flt Lt Schofield was high gun for the students and Sqn Ldr Glencorse for the OCA, with the students winning the event by 76 points to 68. Perhaps 1979 will see a break in the run of students victories ?

Our particular thanks go to Flt Lt Schofield who is IC Clay Pigeon Shooting at Cranwell, to Flt Lt Forsyth and especially to Mr Michael Aldiss, Development Officer of the National Clay Pigeon Shooting Association, who acted as referee and coach. Obviously the students absorbed the instruction better than the OCA members, which bodes well for the Royal Air Force in the future.



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Cricket. As an indication of the weather the OCA team took the field huddled in their sweaters. The game got off to a bright start with the College opening pair scoring 25 before they were parted. This brought Plt Off Thomas to the crease to begin a fine innings of 53 and by lunch the College were 57 for 3. Shortly after the break another wicket fell and Fg Off Barker, the College Captain, joined Thomas. Between them they added 85 runs against a wide and wild selection of bowling, enabling the College to declare at 174 for 7.

The OCA tried 10 bowlers, to confuse the College and the scorers, but the only analysis of real note was of Sqn Ldr Thomas who took 3 for 34. The saga of the OCA batting this year might be best left unsung, except for the spirited resistance of Flt Lt Yates who scored 36. From the OCA point of view it was a sad tale of steady College bowling backed up by sound fielding, Fg Off Nicholls finished with 3 for 12 and Fg Offs Saville and McGregor both got 2 wickets, the latter for no runs. The College thus won by 89 runs, bringing their tally of wins since 1950 to 12 against the OCA's 7.

Golf. Following the precedent of last year the golfers entertained the President and the Captain of the Sleaford Golf Club, Mr Ted Blanchard and Sqn Ldr Stan Smith, and the officer IC Golf, Sqn Ldr Jock Drysdale to buffet lunch in College Hall before the match. This play was obviously more successful this year than last for the OCA won a close and keenly fought contest $3\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$. Probably the most memorable events were an adventurous par by Air Chf Mshl Sir Peter Le Cheminant, including a superb shot to within 20ft of the flag from deep jungle followed by a confident and successful putt, and a remarkable back-spin shot to the 18th green off the club-house roof by Gp Capt Scambler. The detailed results were (OCA names first):

1. Air Cdre Carver and Gp Capt Nuttall lost to Plt Off Pickerill and Fg Off Hedley.
2. Air Chf Mshl Sir Peter Le Cheminant and Sqn Ldr Barrett halved with Sqn Ldr Baldwin and Plt Off Senior.

3. Gp Capt Scambler and Sqn Ldr Roberts beat Fg Off Kempshall and Fg Off Winn-Morgan.
4. AVM Austen-Smith and Sqn Ldr Herd beat Sqn Ldr Jones and Fg Off Wood.
5. Flt Lt D A Briggs and Flt Lt J S Warnock lost to Fg Off Frazer and Fg Off Laurence.
6. Sqn Ldr Devey-Smith and Sqn Ldr Drysdale beat Fg Off Ogier and Fg Off Clackett.

Tennis. This year the OCA fielded 5 pairs, including Flt Lt Judy Womack, following her debut last year. Although overall the conditions for play were good the gusty wind caused some mild problems for the longest serving OCA member — indeed Sqn Ldr Balean was moved to comment accordingly at the Annual General Meeting. The team averaged 6 sets per pair against a side drawn from students and staff, and a score of 15 sets all was a fitting and fair end to a most enjoyable afternoon.



The Clay Pigeon Shooting

Squash. This year the OCA produced a strong team, 4 players having represented their Command. The College team of one student and 5 staff were soon 3 down and although Tom Coldicott and Mike Cross both won for the College (even though OCAs!) the College revival was not to continue for Stewart Penny beat Gerry Marshall to ensure victory by 4-2 for the OCA. As always the games were competitive, but friendly; the detailed results are (OCA names first):

Sqn Ldr Burnett lost to Flt Lt Coldicott.
Sqn Ldr Penny beat Flt Lt Marshall.
Wg Cdr Wilson lost to Sqn Ldr Cross.
Sqn Ldr Gooding beat Fg Off Kidd.
Sqn Ldr Hallam beat Flt Lt Bruning.
Sqn Ldr Middleton beat Flt Lt Maddocks.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Commandant, as Chairman, opened the Annual General Meeting shortly after 1915 hrs. He particularly welcomed the President of the Association, Sir Wallace Kyle, and said how honoured we were that His Royal Highness had agreed to become our next Patron. The Chairman read out the telegram of loyal greetings sent to Her Majesty The Queen which mentioned our Royal Patron and our delight that he had agreed to dine with us, and then Her Majesty's gracious reply: *

HRH Prince of Wales, now HMK

'I sincerely thank all officers of the Royal Air Force, both serving and retired, gathered together on the occasion of their Annual Reunion for their kind message of loyal greetings. I greatly appreciate this message, and in the year of the 60th Anniversary of the Royal Air Force I send my very best wishes to all those dining at Cranwell tonight.'

ELIZABETH R

After the minutes of the 1977 AGM had been passed the meeting approved the composition of the current OCA Committee and recorded the Association's warm appreciation of the work of Sqn Ldr M P Horton, Sqn Ldr

J G Jamieson, Sqn Ldr M B Langham and Sqn Ldr B A Jones, who had left the Committee and the College since the last AGM. The Secretary then explained the Balance Sheet and advised that the Association's finances were healthy with net assets of over £7500 as against £7300 last year. There had been an excess of Income over Expenditure of about £260, even after the contribution to Sir Andrew Humphrey's portrait. He then advised the Meeting of the Committee's intention to change the accounting period to end in December to allow the despatch of the *Journal* and Annual Report together and thus save about £100 postage. With this nine month year the Secretary forecast an income of about £3200 and an expenditure of £1725, leaving £1425 available for this year's reunion and such expenses as the topping up of the wine stocks. After the Balance Sheet had been approved the Secretary advised the Meeting that the Association would shortly consult the Investment Manager Lloyds (Cox and Kings) on the retention or sale of the holdings of British Transport 3% 78/88. After the Meeting's agreement to this the Secretary advised that the Association had provided a farewell gratuity to Mr Morbey on his retirement after 29 years service. The Chairman then sought and obtained the Meeting's agreement to hold the next Reunion on 16/17 June 1979, finally he encouraged members to take note of the proposal in last year's *Journal* on the donation or loan of miniature orders, decorations and medals for display in the College. Under 'Any other Business' Sqn Ldr Balean commented amusingly on the ineffectiveness of wind-breaks around the tennis courts; the Secretary agreed to seek a solution to the problem. The Chairman closed the Meeting at 1935 hours, surely a record, in good time to be ready for the arrival of His Royal Highness.

RECEPTION AND REUNION DINNER

His Royal Highness arrived on The Orange at 1955 hours in a Wessex of the Queen's Flight, to be met by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle. His Excellency Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle and the AOC and Commandant (*Photograph over*). In the Rotunda the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beetham, and the AOC in C Royal Air Force Support Command, Air Marshal Sir Rex Roe, both of

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whom were our dinner guests, were introduced to His Royal Highness, as were the Vice President, Air Cdre Nelson, and the Deputy Commandant, Air Cdre Carver. Thereafter His Royal Highness circulated informally amongst members and other guests. At just after 2025 hours the trumpeters of the Royal Air Force College sounded their fanfare and members and guests moved into the dining room. Our congratulations are due to Warrant Officer Hughes and all his staff on the production and presentation of the traditional Reunion Dinner. The College Band also played their part in the memorable evening and the Post Horn Gallop after dinner was, quite rightly, greeted with tumultuous applause. When the port had been passed and the Loyal Toast drunk the Commandant, as Chairman of the Association, gave his report on the College.

COMMANDANT'S REPORT

The Chairman opened by welcoming the guests to this year's dinner and in particular said what a great pleasure and privilege it was to have His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales back at Cranwell again. In his brief and selective review of College activities the Commandant talked about the NATO Senior Officers' Electronic Warfare Course in the Department of Air Warfare and the effect of the recruiting difficulties, especially of pilots and engineers, on the training departments. He contrasted this with the thriving existence of the UASs and commented on the quality of the VR aircrew and the goodwill towards the UASs within the universities. He touched upon the creation of the third flying squadron and the arrival of the first student pilots who were not university graduates at Cranwell.



HRH The Prince of Wales walks with the AOC and Commandant from the helicopter

Looking to the future the Commandant said that the Air Force Board had decided that the OCTU at Henlow was to close and all Initial Officer Training was to be done at Cranwell. This would mean many changes and the Association would have to decide at next year's AGM what were to be the rules governing membership. In concluding he thanked Sir Dermot Boyle for all his invaluable work for the College and the Association and expressed the hope of all members that Sir Dermot would attend the Reunion for many years to come.

SIR DERMOT BOYLE'S SPEECH

In the light of the forthcoming changes mentioned by the Commandant, Sir Dermot Boyle spoke movingly of the affection and pride we all feel for the College and of the wisdom of Lord Bandon, the then President, in preserving the existence of the Association at the last major change from Flight Cadet to Graduate Entrant. In handing over the Patronage 'with a powerful sense of rightness' Sir Dermot said how honoured and proud we were to have His Royal Highness as our new Patron, not only because of his great office and unique position in our country but also because of the impact he had made at the College and his obvious love of and proficiency at flying — the main reason for the existence of the College. Sir Dermot ended his short speech to loud and affectionate applause.

ADDRESS BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES

In a witty speech His Royal Highness kept everyone amused and interested for some 15 to 20 minutes. In thanking Sir Dermot he said how pleased he was to become our Patron, in particular as the Patronage was, unusually for him, of an Association of which he was a fully-fledged and paid up member, and how glad he was to meet, at last, some of the legendary figures of the Association and the Royal Air Force of whom he had heard so much. Amongst many anecdotes he spoke in a more serious vein, and with great sincerity and urgency, of the need for quality in the Nation's and the Royal Air Force's manpower in an

era of declining standards and of the imperative need for good management in general, and good man-management in particular. At the end of his speech His Royal Highness received long, and loud, applause.

AFTER DINNER

After dinner His Royal Highness again circulated among members and guests, finally leaving at about 2330 hours. Other members were not so wise and the bar continued its usual immaculate service until the small hours.

CHURCH SERVICE AND PARADE

Sunday morning was dull, chill, but dry. The church of St Michael and All Angels was full, although the small number of students on parade meant that the Memorial Chapel was not used. As usual it was a stirring service; the combination of the trumpeters, the College Band, the organ, augmented choir and congregation making for marvellous music and worship. It was good to see the Reverend Renowden back again at St Michael's. After the Service Sir Dermot Boyle took the salute at the March Past and Advance in Review Order, and the Queen's Colour was marched off into the College.

FINALE

After the Parade Sir Dermot and Lady Boyle, Sir Wallace Kyle, Sir Michael Beetham, the Reverend Renowden, OCA members, station officers and families met in the Rotunda to talk of the Reunion and to see the President of the Association present a framed pen and ink drawing of the College by J D Wheeldon, to Sir Dermot Boyle as a token of thanks from all Cranwellians. Thus the 1978 Reunion was over. That it seemed to be a success is due to all those who contributed, the Station and Mess staffs, the sports organizers and the participants. As always the Secretary's task was eased by the co-operation, understanding and helpfulness of everyone involved. The only regret is that more members could not attend. May 1979 be as enjoyable.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

PROMOTIONS

To the following Old Cranwellians who have been promoted since our last issue, the *Journal* offers its congratulations :

Air Vice-Marshals M J Armitage, CBE (58C), W J Herrington (47C), Air Commodores C P James (62B), J M Pack, CBE (58A), J M A Parker, AFC (54C), R C F Peirse (55B), D C Robinson (49A), R I Stuart-Paul, MBE (67C). Group Captains J R Bradshaw (57D), A G Bridges (65A), G W F Charles (50C), D A Cowley (70A), E D Frith (62B), D St J Homer (70C), P Walker (69A), R Watson (51A). Wing Commanders C R Adams, AFC (79B), F G Allen (77C), G B Browne (65B), J F P Browne (77B), P F A Canning (78D), R Cloke (75B), P R Davis (65A), A C H Denny (59D), K L Fitzpatrick (83B), D R Green (83A), R P Hallam (78A), J D Heron (71B), J N Herbertson (76C), R Humphrey (73A), M R Jackson (84D), B C Johnson (77B), I O Junor (83D), D R H McGregor (83B), R C McKinlay (83C), J F H Marriott (65C), H R W Morris (45A), T A Pearson (76B), A S Penny (80D), C M Quaife (69B), G H Rolfe, MBE (81B), J D Rust (77B), P G Sturt (81C), M E Williamson (75C), A M Wills (85D). Squadron Leaders D B Ainge (86C), V E Ayres (87C), T J Beney (95B), P C Butcher (93B), R Condon (92C), R T Cuthill (93C), K H Dalziel (91C), D J Drew (93C), R D Elder (93D), M L Feenan (1GE), J F Fisher (84D), M D C Fonfe (91D), S Glencorse (93D), P A Griffiths (85C), S G Griffiths (95C), D J Hargreaves (88C), K J Harris (91B), A V B Hawken (87A), R I Hogg (91D), N R Holder (91D), J W Hollowood (93C), P J Hoskins (95C), A B Hughes-Lewis (86D), S W Hunt (96C), A J Hurst (93A), R M Joy (90B), C J McCairns (93C), A R Macdonald (89D), H G Mackay (1GE), G McLeod (94C), I W P McNeil (90C), K Marshall (90C), D A Martin (94B), M Mitchell (94D), D M Moss (93D), M J O'Connor (93A), B P J Pearce (91C), M S Pearce (91B), B E A Peggall (90D), M D Pledger (1 GE), G S Pyle (90D), J M E Pym (82D), M J Remlinger (95C), P G Robinson (89A), E G C Rouse (90A), N C Rusling

(2 GE), C R Seymour (90C), G Shields (87D), B J Simon (91C), G D Simpson (95B), I Sloss (95D), E J Stapleton (90D), J W Stewart (91A), A R Thompson (5 GE), D A L Tombleson (93D), J A Walliker (95C), C R Ward (3 GE), P M Warner (94C), A B Wight-Boycott (90B), C G Winsland (91B), A N Wise (88D), B N Woodcock (2 GE), G J Woodley (93C), P A A Woods (92C), R C Wright (85B).

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The *Journal* offers its congratulations to the following Old Cranwellians who received honours and awards in the New Year's Honours List and the Queen's Birthday Honours List 1978 :

Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter LeCheminant, KCB, DFC (39A) who was made a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire. Air Vice-Marshal T L Kennedy, AFC (46B) was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath. Group Captain J F H Tetley (58C) was made a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. Air Commodore J M Pack (58A) and Group Captain J R Walker (68B) were made Commanders of the Order of the British Empire. Wing Commanders R Green (61C), R E Johns (76B), P H Lewis (57B), J A Morgan (60C), A Mumford (69A), J A Williams (51B), were made Officers of the Order of the British Empire. Squadron Leaders D L Blomley (88B) and J R Lees (69A) were made Members of the Order of the British Empire. Wing Commander N R Hayward (79D) and Squadron Leaders P J Gooding (87C), A J Sheppard (77A), were awarded the Air Force Cross. The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air was awarded to Squadron Leaders C B Adcock (81C), M N Caygill (90D), J E Rooum (84B), T G Thorn (85A), Flight Lieutenants S C Gruner (90B), J E M Mustard (1 GE).

RETIREMENTS

The following Old Cranwellians have retired since the last issue of the *Journal* :

Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville Stack KCB, CVO, CBE, AFC (37-39C), Air Chief Marshal Sir Ruthven Wade KCB, DFC (38-39A), Group Captains W E Kelly (50C), G K Mossman CBE (47B), Wing Commanders M E Bee AFC (73C), R S Blockey (61A), J M Boden (56D), D B D Hamley (45B), N R Hayward AFC (79D), V A Hodgkinson (55D), R Horsfield (64A), D G Lucas (74C), L G Ludgate (46D), R Mitchell (82B), E J Nance OBE (71B), H T Price, DFC (47A), N R Price (55A), P M Randolph (49D), J A Robinson AFC (57A), A J J Scott (56D), Squadron Leaders C I Carr-White (74B), C E F Cooper (54A), D J Curry (79D), M

Dales (83A), P J Deakin, MIPM, AMBIM (56B), D J Earle (89B), D P English (53C), G H Glasgow (78A), P H G Hawken, BA (80A), P R C Jones (82B), M L Leedham, AMBIM (80C), D C Lott (79A), P J Maitland AFC (76C), I H Nelson (80D), C J Petheram AMBIM (47C), J F Raeside (78A), P M Riley (79D), A J Ross (78D), M S Sabine (79C), P H W D Shrimpton (73C), P J Symes (76B), M H Wilson (78A), W Wood (81C), Flight Lieutenants R L S Butler (79D), I R Christie-Miller (82D), J Davie, BA, WRAF (5 GE), D J Edington (98B), R T A Finch (9 GE), A B Gjertsen (8GE), M G Headland (14 GE), A E Jones (97C), I P Leckenby (92A), M M Mann (4 GE), R D Middleton (21 GE), P A Nelson (78A), B V Perry (92D), K R L Read (80C), L S Robertson (20 GE), M V Smith (91C), J A Stockill (98A), J B H Wood (80D), Flying Officers R C Cook (29 GE), D E C Mills (29 GE), A C Paul (29 GE).

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to announce the deaths of the following Old Cranwellians and extend our deepest sympathy to their wives and families :

Air Commodore A P Bett (24-25A) died March 1978.

Air Commodore D W Lane, CBE (27-28B) died 2 June 1978.

Air Commodore A Pyke (30-31C) died March 1977.

Air Commodore M W S Robinson (29-30A) died April 1977.

Group Captain F E Nuttal (21-22A) died 21 September 1978.

Group Captain W H N Turner, DFC (29-31A) died 23 June 1977.

Wing Commander C B Hughes (26-28B) died 1 February 1978.

Wing Commander W H Ingle, AFC (34-36B) died 26 June 1978.

Squadron Leader M J Bennee (92D) killed in a flying accident 30 January 1978.

Flight Lieutenant C M Edwards (91C) killed in a flying accident 11 August 1978.

Flight Lieutenant C J Everitt (96C) killed in a flying accident 27 April 1978.

Flight Lieutenant P W Haigh (97A) died 23 November 1977.

Flight Lieutenant A G N Hampton (56A) died 29 January 1978.

Flight Lieutenant J D Piercy (2 GE) killed in a flying accident 21 September 1978.

A Selection of OCA Members of the Late 70s (when cadets)



Fg Off BN Woodcock



**Fg Off AS Rowlands
(Now Schrupp)**



Flt Lt M Rank



Fg Off ITJ MacDonald



Fg Off DW McCready



Fg Off SHP Castling



Fg Off SA King



Flt Lt GLT Aldhouse



Flt Lt TJ Smith



Flt Lt HG Mackay



Fg Off AR Thompson



Flt Lt CR Ward



Fg Off BN Woodcock



Plt Off DEC Mills



Plt Off RC Cook

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OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION 1986

The weather forecast had been doubtful; however, we were blessed with a dry, warm and sunny weekend – with, of course, the normal Cranwell wind! One hundred and forty Old Cranwellians attended the Reunion and all were delighted to be back in the fully refurbished College Hall.

SPORT

Cricket On a bright but cold and windy day the OCA Team opened their innings with some fast deliveries from OC Barlow. Air Cdre Taylor was well beaten, and Gp Capt Squire was soon to follow, caught at leg slip. The score was then 14. Gp Capt Robertson, Wg Cdr Evans and Sqn Ldr Dawes all looked capable of providing a firm foundation. However, on 22 Gp Capt Robertson fell to Plt Off Collins, Wg Cdr Evans on 28 to OC Burton, and then Fg Off Kanhai started a marvellous spell of bowling, taking Sqn Ldr Dawes, Flt Lt Kirby and Gp Capt Thorn, and finally sending Wg Cdr Sturley back to the pavilion for nought. Fg Off Kanhai's tally of 4 for 11 was well deserved. The OCA final wicket fell at 1330, and it was time for lunch, with the College requiring 113 runs to win.

Plt Off Collins, who opened the batting for the College with OC Everall, carried his bat to the end, scoring 67 not out. However, all was not so simple at the other end. Gp Capt Thorn, with his attacking run up and undoubted speed, well supported by Air Cdre Taylor, was causing the remaining batsmen problems. OC Allen lbw for 3, after bowling OC Everall on one, OC Burton 10 and Plt Off Rillie nought, soon added to his tally but Flt Lt Hewat's 22, before falling lbw to Air Cdre Taylor, decided the day and the College won by 4 wickets.

Overall, it was a keenly contested match with the Old Cranwellians active in the field, giving their younger opposition much to think about.

Squash The OCA and the College fought an entertaining and highly competitive match on the hottest day of the year thus far, the

temperature in the courts being well into the eighties. The OCA were well placed in having Sqn Ldr Morris, the Chief Executive of the Squash Rackets Association, playing at No 1. He also played in the cricket, and so forfeited part of his lunch interval, but beat the College Captain Flt Lt Sutherland by 3-1. At 8-1 down in the fourth game he was reminded that the cricketers were about to retake the field and so he took the serve, and then the game 10-8, and with it the match without losing another point. Playing well down the order (captain's privilege!), Sqn Ldr Parker, the OCA Captain, was too strong for Fg Off Kirkwood and ran out a comfortable winner by 3-0. He shortened the time of play considerably by insisting upon running to pick up the ball between points and his sheer exuberance in the stifling heat of the glorious June afternoon left his opponent bemused. Gp Capt Saye, playing at No 3 for OCA, succumbed in three games to the guile of Wg Cdr Williams; and, playing at No 5, Sqn Ldr Haller also went down in three to SO Diack. A good battle was fought out by the fourth strings Wg Cdr Gooding for OCA and Sgt Downie for the College, with the College taking the first two games, going down in the third to a spirited revival, but coming back strongly in the fourth to clinch a 3-1 victory. The most entertaining match of the afternoon came with the confrontation at No 2 between Fg Off Adair and Wg Cdr Wood. Fortunes changed continually, with the final game going to the College after 40 minutes of exciting play. The OCA No 7, Flt Lt Pratchett, was forced to withdraw injured. The College No 7 and College reserve, SO Hodgett and OC McVickers, stood by for possible loan service should the match be tied, but in the event it was not necessary, the College securing a victory by four ties to two.

Golf In glorious weather, with a cooling breeze and fast greens, Sleaford Golf Club once again proved an excellent venue for what was a hard fought seven-game golf encounter.

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In the opening game, ex-RAF Champion Gp Capt Duckett and Sqn Ldr Roberts shot out of their blocks early on and were never caught. Duckett's sinking of some long putts in the opening holes sapped the confidence of the young College pair who duly succumbed 4 and 3. In the second game, the improved form of Air Cdre Carver and the long-hitting Fg Off Mason provided another win for OCA by 3 and 1. OCA were then two up; however, this was cut back in the third game when Air Chf Mshl Sir Thomas Kennedy and Air Cdre Atherton fought all the way but just lost on the 17th. The fourth game proved a close affair with Air Mshl Sir Roy Austen-Smith and Sqn Ldr Chamberlain securing a good half. A further boost was given to the OCA cause in the fifth game when some inspired putting by AVM Price and Air Cdre Graydon enabled them to gain victory by one hole.

With OCA leading 3½-1½ the stage looked set for a rare victory in this annual encounter. Alas, it was not to be. AVM Brownlow and an out-of-practice Wg Cdr Riley went down 4 and 3, and in the final game AVM Robinson and Flt Lt Pennell lost 4 and 2. This was due to a nett 65 (off 11 handicap) by one of their opponents, DIOT's Flt Lt Guest, who was barely able to contain his embarrassment during the after-match festivities. So the final outcome was a halved match 3½-3½, and a fitting result to a most pleasant afternoon of golf.

Clay Pigeon Shooting The Clay Pigeon Shooting match against the College remains as popular as ever, and such was the reponse that OCA fielded two teams of eight. The shooting ability of each member was not considered when the teams were divided and this sporting gesture was much appreciated by the almost traditional underdogs. Although the weather was fine, strong and blustery winds made shooting conditions very tricky. As ever, the OCA had strength in depth but, despite the form book, the College team was more consistent and, for the first time in a number of years, they were eventual winners. The team results were:

College 111
OCA B 92
OCA C 69

Good scores were returned by a number of shots, and Sqn Ldrs Chalkley and Johnson scored very creditable 17/20. The High Gun Trophy was won by Flt Lt Taylor with 19/20. He normally shoots for the OCA but, as OIC Clay Pigeon Shooting and a member of the DIOT Directing Staff, he felt duty bound to shoot for the College. At the end of the day, everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves, and no doubt next year the OCA will be determined to avenge their defeat.

Tennis The match was played in splendid conditions and, unlike the cricketers on the Orange, the players were well sheltered from the chilly NE wind. In uncanny, yet traditional fashion, the match finished on the stroke of 1800 hrs to coincide with the opening of the bar.

Sqn Ldr Boreham and Sqn Ldr Pallister proved too strong for Fg Off Cairns and Fg Off Heald, running out 6-0, 6-1 winners. However, the OCA pair could not maintain the momentum in their match against the College first string and lost 6-0, 6-4. After tea, they recovered some of their composure and took the match against Sqn Ldr Rodgers and OC Wood into a third set before the latter pair ran out comfortable winners.

On Court 2 Flt Lt Scroggs threw up his usual ration of several lobs per game. Although he and Sqn Ldr Middleton lost to the College first and second pairs, they deservedly beat the third pair in the final rubber.

Last year's partnership of Wg Cdr Head and Flt Lt Reynolds was continued for the OCA and they were also convincing winners over the College third pair 6-3, 6-2. Despite losing their other 2 matches, they deserve a mention in dispatches for their efforts against Flt Lt Wood and Fg Off Pearce. They very nearly snatched the first set against the College first pair, but let them off the hook.

The College won the match by six rubbers to three. Many thanks to all players for contributing to an entertaining afternoon's tennis played in the appropriate spirit.

RECEPTION AND DINNER

A total of 138 members and guests assembled in the Rotunda before dinner was announced by a fanfare of trumpets from the RAF College Band. As usual the meal was excellent and the port outstanding.

COMMANDANT'S ADDRESS

Following the Loyal Toast, the Commandant delivered what in the past had been described as the "Headmaster's Report", but on that occasion he considered a more apposite description to be the "State of the Nation Address". He started by welcoming everyone back to College Hall and expressed himself well pleased with the refurbishment work. Before reviewing departmental activity, he offered a warm welcome to the Guest of Honour, Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle. He said that Sir Frank's recent appointment to the most coveted Order of Merit had given immense pride and satisfaction to his many friends and colleagues in the Royal Air Force. As the first Old Cranwellian to be so honoured it was also a matter of great distinction that he should be their Guest of Honour. There were words of welcome to Monsignor Canon Benjamin Donachie, the Guest Preacher; Air Chief Marshal Sir David Craig, who was dining for the first time as CAS; Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy, who had recently retired as AMP; and Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle, a distinguished past President of the Association. He further extended a particular welcome to the President, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville Stack. Before commencing his review, the Commandant recorded his sorrow for the passing of a handful of members, most notable among them Air Vice-Marshal "Bull" Cannon on 27 January 86 at the of age 81.

Starting with the Department of Initial Officer Training, since the last reunion 808 junior officers had graduated, among them Prince Feisal of Jordan. Recruiting was again buoyant and IOT had fully subscribed courses once again in residence. In spite of some scepticism the current officer training regime compared favourably with that ex-

isting in former days, although the course was considerably shorter. Historically, only 48% of the less mature cadets, those under 21, passed the course first time round and it was in order to address that problem that the pre-Initial Officer Training Course, (PIOT), lasting 3½ weeks, had been introduced on a trial basis. The aim had been to develop confidence, self-discipline and awareness in the younger cadet. Early indications were that the trial was working successfully.

Turning to the University Air Squadrons, the Commandant said that they were moving into a period of consolidation following the significant changes of the last 12 months. First indications were that the 55 newly-recruited females were proving enthusiastic and capable VR members, some 2/3 of them having already flown solo. The introduction of flying for ground branch undergraduates proved very popular, so much so that some were already seeking transfer to the GD Branch. The light blue presence at RMCS Shrivenham continued to consolidate its position with 58 students under training, 35 more than at the same time last year. Although there was no prospect of establishing a dedicated flying squadron at Shrivenham, he hoped to be able to report next year the formation of the RMCS Air Squadron which, flying apart, would give their people the focal point and identity they currently lacked in the predominantly "khaki" environment. He was pleased to report that the UASs continued to be attractive to university students and recruiting figures into all squadrons remained healthy. All in all, it had been a good year on the UAS front, and with CAS as an ex-UAS member, he was confident that with such a formidable champion at court the squadrons could look forward to a rosy future.

The Department of Air Warfare had had another busy year with some 700 students undergoing professional training. The newly-designed GD Aerosystems Course had begun late in 1985, and the first students to experience the new syllabus were due to graduate that month. The first of the new

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Navigation Specialist Courses, designed to prepare navigators for instructional duties and the natural successor to the old Staff Navigation Course, took place earlier in 1986. Interest in electronic warfare was continuing to mushroom, particularly amongst Middle Eastern countries, many of whom were seeking DAW support for their EW plans and training. The RAF Aerospace Briefing Team had given briefings in Rome, The Hague, Bonn, Lisbon and Paris, on the European front, and wider afield had lectured in Bangladesh and Delhi.

Turning finally to the Department of Specialist Ground Training, where the new Director, Group Captain Troughton, had taken over from Group Captain Walker, the Commandant reported that MOD had approved plans to split engineering training into a two-part sandwich course. The first of the new initial courses entitled Engineer Officer Training Part 1 would commence in September with the second part of the sandwich, EOT 2, being introduced some two years later. Members would find it interesting that Lady Shirley, widow of Air Vice-Marshal Sir Thomas Shirley, had opened the new DSGT Presentation Room in Trenchard Hall named after her late husband.

The Commandant concluded his remarks by saying that he had tried to give a flavour of the busy life at Cranwell. The South Brick Lines had finally been demolished and changes continued to occur, but he assured members that each new scheme owed its origins to the genuine and considered belief that it would improve both training and ultimately operational efficiency. No longer were they able to enjoy the freedom to perpetuate any scheme simply because it had always been done like that. Policies that might have been admirable in their day could not be guaranteed immortality simply because they might be traditional. Every syllabus, every lecture, every tutorial and every exercise thrived only because it contributed in a measurable and observable way to the ultimate aim of the course of which it was part. There was no slack and few frills, but there was much determination, application and endeavour, and, thankfully, considerable fun, achievement, pride and satisfaction.

GUEST OF HONOUR'S ADDRESS BY AIR COMMODORE SIR FRANK WHITTLE OM KBE CB RDI FRS FEng MA(Cantab) RAF Retd

Sir Frank Whittle began by saying that when he had first arrived as a cadet in 1926 there were many things he had not foreseen. Not least of those had been that he would be the Guest of Honour at an OCA Dinner. Neither had he expected to fly as a commercial passenger from Washington to London in 3½ hours, a journey which he had carried out two weeks previously. He then expressed some misgivings about the enormous size of modern passenger aircraft like the Boeing 747, now flown regularly by his son as a civil airline captain. He went on at some length to describe his involvement in the development of the modern jet engine. In particular, he wished to pay tribute to the assistance he had received from the Royal Air Force. He was especially grateful for his Service training: three years as an aircraft apprentice; two years as a flight cadet, for which he had been accepted only after Lord Trenchard's personal intervention; four years of flying duties, including time as an instructor and a test pilot; two years on the officers' engineering course, followed by an exceptional selection to read for the Mechanical Sciences Tripos at Cambridge University. That had been followed by further year's postgraduate study, making a total of more than ten years of training provided by the Royal Air Force, without which his subsequent work would have been impossible. He then expressed the hope that his experience would not be unique in the future, and that others might continue to receive similar postgraduate training.

Sir Frank went on to describe how he was indebted to the uniformed side of the Air Council, the then Commandant of CFS, and in particular an ex-cadet with whom he had shared accommodation, Rolf Dudley Williams (later to become Sir Rolf Dudley Williams, Bart, MP for Exeter 1951-1966). It was Dudley Williams who, after invaliding from the Service, together with Teddy Tinning's brother, raised £2000 in 1936 and founded Power Jets Ltd to develop the Whittle Engine. Sir Frank related several amusing incidents during the development of his

engine leading up to 15 May 1941 when the E28/39 aircraft took off from the South Airfield using only about 600 yards of the long main runway. Two years later, on 5 March 1943, the first Gloster Meteor made its maiden flight from Cranwell, after which the rush was on to get the aircraft into full production. Sir Frank Whittle said that in his work he had always insisted on simplicity but once, when demonstrating his engine to the Chief Executive of Rolls Royce, the comment had been, "We shall soon design the simplicity out of that"; which, he claimed,

they promptly did! Before resuming his seat, Sir Frank touched on future development in space travel; he expressed himself to be unhappy about some of the basic engineering aspects of the American Space Shuttle system. His view was that the way ahead lay with HOTOL as the most promising method of taking man into space and returning him safely on a regular basis.

After recounting several more amusing stories and personal anecdotes, Sir Frank sat down to loud and prolonged applause.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Over a hundred members attended the Annual General Meeting.



The minutes of the 1985 meeting were approved. The Chairman reported that the President had purchased the Port on the Association's behalf, and that it was safely racked in the cellar. He explained that it had cost rather more than the £2000 voted but

that the excess amount, which had not been inconsiderable, had been donated to the Association by the President. In addition, the Chairman explained that the final total for the Bill Collishaw Retirement Fund had come to £432, and that he had presented the

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final 'Top Up' cheque in February. There were no other matters arising.

The current committee was ratified and the balance sheet for the period ending 31 December 1985 was approved. The Chairman explained that the Association's finances were healthy, but there was no room for complacency and the Committee would continue to monitor expenditure and investments.

The cost of producing and distributing the Journal had been kept down to £1812; however, with increasing costs the Chairman asked for up to £2500 for the '86 Journal. The proposal was supported without dissent.

The Chairman reported that the Association had 1462 full members, 76 associate members and 14 honorary members.

The Chairman explained that because of a lack of funds the Association had not been able to commission a new painting for some years. He believed that the Association could now consider a portrait for display in the Lecture Hall. The meeting agreed that the President would consult with the senior members and make a proposal at the next AGM as to subject, artist and costs.

NEW OCA HON SEC



Wg Cdr Ian Wilkie (left) hands over the OCA tie to the new Hon Sec, Wg Cdr Stuart Fowler.

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

The details received since the last issue of the Journal are as follows:

1920 Entry (Feb) Lieutenant Colonel C J Stone – It is too far for me to come to the "Reunions". I have had an accident and cut my leg very badly but am now out of hospital. I fear I am about the last of the First Entry. I take such an interest in Cranwell. I will try to find some press cuttings of the 1920 era but they are very scattered in my books. Next year perhaps I will come back – I am 86 now. Best wishes to you all.

1932 Entry (Jan) Group Captain A V Sawyer DFC – Emigrating to almost permanent sunshine this summer! Contemporaries visiting the Island will be most welcome, and a personally conducted tour of the 'attractions' will be arranged with much pleasure.

Address: 'Finca Quemada', 1 La Brena, Haria, Lanzarote, Canary Isles.

1934 Entry (Jan) Air Vice-Marshal A G Dudgeon CBE DFC – Book, very well reviewed and entertaining, called "The Luck of the Devil" – opens with some pretty irresponsible pranks of cadets 50 years ago. Leads into an almost unknown battle in Iraq, fought by 39 pilots in obsolete or obsolescent aircraft, where we came within an ace of losing the war according to Lord Tedder, who called it "An RAF Epic".

47 Entry Squadron Leader N Chamberlain AFC MBIM MRMA – Manager of Recreational Facilities in the London Borough of Hillingdon. These include 3 golf courses, with a fourth under construction. Unfortunately I am usually too busy to play!

47 Entry Air Vice-Marshal W J Herrington CB FBIM – Retired April 1982. Since then Aviation Adviser with International Military Services Ltd. Vice-Chairman (Air) Central Council of the TAVRA; member of the Committee of the Officers' Pension Society.

55 Entry Group Captain E J Bannard – having been the Military Executive at the Corporate HQ of Smiths Industries for 5 years, my duties now include Project Director of our EH101 businesses. Tel: 01-458-3232.

56 Entry Wing Commander D M K Atherley – Now Council Officer to the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, 1 Birdcage Walk, London.

58 Entry Air Marshal Sir Michael Armitage KCB CBE – Took over as AMSO in Feb 86, and after four years in Intelligence finding out about other Air Forces, I am now catching up on my own.

58 Entry Air Commodore J M Pack CBE – Sorry not to have sent my regrets for last weekend; finished as Air Commander Gibraltar (after 3 super years) on 25 Apr 86, and drove home touring W Europe en route. Leave the Royal Air Force on 1 Aug 86. In the meantime, doing very little but house-repair after 3 years of uncaring tenants. Hope to get to the reunion next year. Best wishes.

60 Entry Air Commodore Duncan Allison CBE – PVR in 1985. Now District General Manager South Warwickshire Health Authority. Tel: 0926 499754 – Westgate House, Warwick. Interruptions welcome.

61 Entry Air Commodore J G De'Ath MBE MA – I have departed a little early from Military life and swapped uniform for gown to become Bursar at Jesus College, Oxford. I would be happy to welcome any passing Old Cranwellians of my acquaintance to the "Dreaming Spires".

61 Entry Squadron Leader M L Sinel – Called to English Bar before retiring at end 1970. Called to Jersey Bar in 1971. Now senior partner in firm of Advocates active in offshore finance centre. Would be pleased to hear from any 61 Entry or thereabouts.

62 Entry Wing Commander M A Howells BA MBIM – I am now working for British Aerospace (Air Wpns Div) at Hatfield as Product Support Logistics Manager. Just like being a Supplier again!

62 Entry Air Commodore C P James – "Posted" from North Thames Gas to South Western as Controller Supplies and Transport.

63 Entry Squadron Leader R W Millward AFC MRaES – Since retiring hurt in 1970, worked with Britten-Norman as test-pilot and Sales Manager, Aspenair and VDTS Ltd as Sales Director, with British Airways as Senior Air Safety Investigator, and for YTV on the "Airline" series. Chairman of AOPA Owners/Pilots Committee 1979/82. Seriously injured in vintage aircraft accident Apr 83, now General Secretary of Swimming Pool and Allied Trades Association, in Surrey (shortly moving to Andover).

65 Entry Air Commodore T R Morgan – Retired in Nov 85 and after a brief spell working in London, am now Bursar of the College of St Paul and St Mary in Cheltenham.

66 Entry Group Captain P Carter – Retired from RAF in 1985. Appointed District General Manager to Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde Health Authority.

68 Entry Wing Commander E J E Smith OBE – Director, Rolls Royce (China) Ltd. Based in Beijing, China. Delighted to see any OCA visitors. Tel: Beijing 334923.


71 Entry Group Captain M V P Harrington BA FBIM – Returned from Offutt AFB Nebraska USA in 1984 where I was SACEUR's Representative to the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff. Station Commander at the RAF School of Recruit Training, RAF Swindon 84-86. Now posted to Singapore as Defence Adviser.

79 Entry Squadron Leader C J Booth – Happily returned to No 8 (AEW) Squadron this year but unsure whether Shackleton or your Correspondent will reach pensionable age first!


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79 Entry Wing Commander R E Nickson – Now serving as OC Ops and Trg Wg at RAF Waddington after 5 years in the wilderness of MOD(PE).




79 Entry Group Captain G R Pitchfork MBE BA – Back where it all started 28 years ago. Now Director of Department of Air Warfare. Living in OMQs at 4 Bristol House Road. Colleagues please call in.




79 Entry Squadron Leader Saar MBE – Left the RAF in 1977 following Staff Course and a final short tour on BSC. Joined IBM as a trainee salesman; moved to a medium size US Computer Company, and was appointed UK General Manager in 1980. Following a takeover moved to Data Recording Instruments as Marketing Director and MD of overseas subsidiaries. Recently moved to CPU Computers as MD UK operations.




80 Entry Wing Commander L S Penny BA – Now an independent consultant to the Defense Industry and very busy. Live in central Florida which is truly beautiful. Old friends welcome. Call (305) 788-0949.



81 Entry Squadron Leader A G Pearce – Into 7th year as OC Flying and Senior Test Pilot at RAF St Athan. Looking forward to a posting and promotion some time during the next 7 years. Stopped having children (5), and concentrating now on breeding bantams and pheasants.




82 Entry Wing Commander A D K Campbell – Returning to Cranwell for the Air Warfare Course, which is scheduled to commence on 30 Jun 86, after 3 years in the MOD ACAS staff. Hoping next appointment will be either in or near to aeroplanes.




94 Entry Squadron Leader A C E Stacey MRCGP DAv Med – Medical Officer at Minbank Medical Services, PO Box 30209, Lusaka, Zambia.


99 Entry Squadron Leader W J R Kelly BSc – Currently OC MEAS, RAF Wattisham.




99 Entry Flying Officer C D Poate BSc MSc – Back in UK, after five years in Nigeria working in agricultural development. Now running a consultancy company. Always keen to hear from old friends. Our telephone is 0444-400701.



9 GE Squadron Leader R K Taplin BSc (Econ) MInstPS MIDPM MBIM – After punishment tour at RAFSCC Hendon (81-84), had most rewarding year as Initial Supply Course instructor (at Cranwell!) Now Advanced Course lecturer at Defence ADP Training Centre at Blandford Camp, Dorset. Regret unable to make this year's reunion.



16 GE Squadron Leader J G Stevenson MSc BSc CEng MIERE – Following a tour as OC No 6 Signals Unit, RAF Rudloe Manor, I am now at RAF Henlow as a member of the Support Command Signals Staff.



Assistant Commandant (Training) 1971 Air Vice-Marshal Alec Maisner CB CBE AFC – After a few years with industry, I am now director of the Industry and Parliament Trust concerned with bridging the gap of understanding which exists between industry and Parliament. We do this by arranging attachments of parliamentarians to industrial companies, seminars, publications etc. In fact, I am a sort of parliamentary Assistant Commandant (Training)!

The Officers' Association

48 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5JY

Relieves distress among ex-officers or their widows and dependants, with financial grants, help in finding places in Residential Homes for the elderly, Nursing Homes and Convalescent Homes and, if necessary, assistance with fees. A clothing store is maintained for ex-officers in need. It has a Country Home in South Devon for active elderly male ex-officers of limited means, and a bungalow estate in Hertfordshire for disabled ex-officers and their families. The Employment Department is part of the Regular Forces Resettlement Services and helps any unemployed ex-officers to find employment.

If you hear of any ex-officers or officers' widows in distress, please tell them to write to:
The General Secretary, The Officers' Association, 48 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5SY. (01-930-0125).

IN MEMORIAM

We record with regret the deaths of the following Old Cranwellians during 1985/86:

Flt Lt M Barnard 23GE; Flt Lt P J Blewitt 75B; Fg Off D V Browning 65 IOT; Flt Lt C J E T Chubb 90B; Fg Off R H Dennison 57 IOT; Fg Off D C Hyde 81 IOT; Fg Off M A Ramsay 50 IOT; Flt Lt I M Redwood 24GE; Fg Off M J Rowe 60 IOT; Flt Lt W Steele 29GE; Flt Lt L Stovin 41 IOT; Sqn Ldr J P Towl 7GE; Flt Lt M V Vaughan 42 IOT; Fg Off G B Ward 59 IOT; Flt Lt D P Wardell 44 IOT; Flt Lt B D Weatherley 34 IOT; AVM B C Yarde 24-26B.

OBITUARY

Air Vice-Marshal B C Yarde



Air Vice-Marshal Brian Courtenay Yarde, who has died aged 81, played a crucial role in the Berlin Airlift of 1948 after the Russians blockaded the city.

As commander of RAF Station Gatow, Berlin, he handled more than 900 aircraft movements a day at the peak of "Operation Plainfare".

When he took up the appointment in 1947, Gatow was a quiet airfield dealing with only a few passenger aircraft each day but during the airlift it became the busiest airport in the world. Altogether, nearly 116,000 aircraft, carrying more than 860,000 tons of supplies for Western Berlin, landed there.

He was later Provost Marshal and Chief of the RAF Police, Air Officer Commanding No 62 Group and, finally, Commandant-General of the RAF Regiment and Inspector of Ground Combat Training.

He was educated at Bedford School and won the Sword of Honour at RAF College, Cranwell. In the 1930s he was with the School

of Naval Co-operation and served in Iraq.

During the 1939-45 War he served in France, Malaya, and the Middle East. He also commanded the bomber stations at Lakenheath and Methwold and was mentioned in despatches three times.

In 1945 he was appointed deputy director of Bomber Operations at the Air Ministry. He was senior director of the RAF Staff College for a year before being posted to Gatow.

At the Coronation he led and commanded the RAF contingent in the procession.

He retired from the RAF in 1957 and was subsequently chairman of Courtenay Caterers, of Andover.

He was appointed CBE in 1949 for his services in the Berlin Airlift and CVO in 1953 for his part in the Coronation ceremonial.

He is survived by his wife, the former Marjorie Smith and their two daughters.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION 1991

The Old Cranwellian Association Annual Reunion was held over the weekend of 22/23 June 1991.

SPORT

Squash. A welcome last minute entry by AVM Peters to the squash competition changed the course of events. Initially, there was a certain amount of doom and gloom at the College Hall Officers' Mess squash courts because of a power cut, but alternative arrangements had been made. Battle commenced with AVM Peters giving the cadets' number one, SO Bogg, a few lessons in guile and cunning. Youthful exuberance could not match tenacity and, although there were many long and hard fought rallies, it was the more patient stroke player who came out on top: Score 3-1 to OCA.

On the other hand, Sqn Ldr Lynch had to face defeat against OC Oswald. Although keen to run and accurate, Sqn Ldr Lynch was beaten 0-3 by a more potent combination of fitness and accuracy. Flt Lt Tyrell, our Arctic representative (Benbecula), although short of a racket, was not lacking in determination when he squeaked a victory 3-2 against a powerful but less agile SO Hirst.

Finally, Flt Lt Cunliffe, the author (so modesty prevails), beat a valiant SO Valentine 3-0 in an entertaining match: the competition was won 3-1 by the OCA. After the formal event, more squash was played by all and eventually, at 1700 hrs, the teams retired to a well deserved shower and looked forward to a pleasant evening.

Clay Pigeon Shooting. The teams were ready, the guns were loaded and everyone was set for another thrilling duel in the sun - avoiding the occasional rain shower of course! A good duel it turned out to be, with the final result of a win to the OCA by 414 points to the College's 353 points not really indicative of how close the match had been. The OCA team was minus Peter Balean recovering from an accident (again); however, AVM Ian Macfadyen did make it back in time from the Gulf. The President led the team and the friendly barracking when Martin Taylor lost the High Gun Trophy to Sean Jackson, 61 points. The College put out a strong contingent of cadets reinforced by staff as there were insufficient numbers of cadets who shoot clay pigeons. They produced consistent results. The best score was by Fg Off Derek Grimsley who

scored 48 points. The experience of the OCA team, combined with their cunning, was once again the deciding factor. A marvellous day was enjoyed by the teams, the spectators and the unsung heroes - the trappers and scorers. Our thanks to Graham Galbraith and Dennis Roberts for the impeccable preparation of the range and facilities and perhaps next year the College will have revenge.

Cricket. The annual cricket fixture against the OCA was held on the Orange with College Hall standing resplendent in the background. Having inspected the pitch, it soon became clear that runs would be hard to find and the Old Cranwellians, looking to apply pressure from the start, put the College in to bat. It seemed that the strategy would work as the students were restricted to 68 with only Shingles putting up any real resistance, scoring a creditable 34. Most of the damage was inflicted by Rogerson who bowled tightly for his 4-25. Support in the field was good with a number of the more senior members surprising the spectators with their agility! At the interval, Old Cranwellian spirits were high as the total looked well within reach. However, a combination of a variable bounce and some accurate bowling by OC Lumb (7-18) soon saw the Old Cranwellians in trouble and, despite some huge hits by Air Cdre Thorne, victory was denied to them as the last wicket fell with the score on 59, nine runs short of the College total. Discussions on the match continued over the post-match refreshments with a number of veiled comments being made about the future careers of Officer Cadets Lumb and Shingles.

The teams:

College: Richards, Smith, Shingles, Tiddy, Lumb, Gilmore, Jamieson, Godsell, Monroe, Poole, Parker.
Old Cranwellians: Rogerson, Holliday, Evans, Morris, Donnelly, Thorne, Rushmere, Sterly, Fryett, Brooke, Taylor.

Tennis. The players for this year's RAFC versus OCA tennis fixture assembled on what can only be described as a typical British summer day; sun and wind with intermittent showers. Undeterred by the weather and after a short introductory brief from the College Captain, SO James Treweek, the players took to the courts.

In the first round, the College first and second pairs scored victories over their opponents. The play in both games was characterized by some good rallies, although, ultimately, Cranwell power triumphed over the guile and touch of the Old Cranwellian pairs. The final game in the round saw the College third pair of Cooke and Walker up against the Old Cranwellians second pair of Head and Frater. After a confident start by the College side, the Old Cranwellians' pair began to gel and the game was eventually halved. The scores in the second round, when each pair met their opposite number, did not reflect the competitiveness of the games. Although the College won all games, there were some good rallies.

In the final round, the College pairs began to tire and, at times, became complacent, while the Old Cranwellians found a new lease of life. The tide began to turn. In this round, the Old Cranwellians' first pair (Jonklaas and Scroggs) won their team's first rubber and their second pair (Head and Frater) halved their game. Unfortunately, the Old Cranwellians' third pair (Parsley and Legg) struggled against a very strong second pair (Dunne and Timbers), eventually losing the rubber in 2 straight sets.

At the end of an enjoyable afternoon's tennis, staged in a relaxed but competitive atmosphere, the final result was RAFC 7 - Old Cranwellians 2. In mitigation, this year's College tennis team was probably the strongest team for a number of years and were full of confidence having beaten the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst for the first time in the recent history of the Inter-Collegiate Games. Overall, the final result was a triumph for youth and graphite over age and wood: as the Old Cranwellians' Captain was heard to say "We don't get any younger and we can't afford new rackets on an RAF pension!"

The teams for this year's game were:

College: Treweek and Smith (1), Dunne and Timbers (2), Walker and Cooke (3).
Old Cranwellians: Sqn Ldr Jonklaas (Retd) and Flt Lt Scroggs (Retd) (1), Wg Cdrs Head and Frater (2), Wg Cdr Parsley and Flt Lt Legg (3).

Golf. The College side was selected, based upon blend of youth and experience in an attempt to win this important fixture at Sleaford Golf Club. Despite a pre-match storm, the course was in good condition and the 2 sides prepared to do battle on what turned out to be a very pleasant day.

The College had found a Scottish International, Fg Off Mathers, to partner Air Cdre Speed in the opening match against MRAF Sir Keith Williamson and Air Mshl Sir Roy Austin Smith. The match began in great style with an eagle 2 on the first by Fg Off Mathers equalled by a birdie from the Old Cranwellians which prompted Sir Keith to offer some advice to Mathers about his short career in the RAF if such feats continued. The high quality golf continued throughout the match which the Old Cranwellians won 2/1.

The second match featured Air Mshl Sir Michael Graydon and Gp Capt Jeffers against a strong College pair of Sqn Ldr Davis and OC McKeen. Steady golf from the Old Cranwellians provided a healthy lead at the turn but the College fought back, with Sqn Ldr Davis parring 5 of the last 6 holes to bring about an exciting climax on the last green. Sqn Ldr Davis drove the green and scored a birdie 3 which left the Old Cranwellians pair to hole one of their putts to save the match. Air Mshl Graydon missed from 6 feet, but Gp Capt Jeffers, who was equal to the task, holed from 4 feet.

The third match paired AVM Brownlow and Air Cdre Duckett, a 5 handicap new member of the Old Cranwellians team, playing Flt Lt O'Hara and OC Dean. The College side played very well to halve the match as the Air Cdre was back in 34 shots with 4 birdies and finished with a gross 73, one over par.

AVM Dicken and Sqn Ldr Rogers provided the Old Cranwellians team in match 4 against Sqn Ldr West and OC Cook. The match was very exciting with the lead changing hands many times but, despite a good round of golf by Sqn Ldr West, the Old Cranwellian pair were too powerful, especially with Sqn Ldr Rogers course knowledge, and they were victorious.

Match 5, Air Cdre Carver and AVM Price against Wg Cdr Churms and Flt Lt Wright. The steady play characterized by the experienced Old Cranwellian team came to the fore here again; AVM Price birdied the 8th to provide a major turning point in the game retaining the advantage to win 2/1.

The last match paired Air Cdre Robertson and AVM Squire against Sqn Ldr Clark, the OIC golf, and Flt Lt Taylor. The match was very close throughout with many fine shots from all players but the College pair triumphed in the end to make the final match score Old Cranwellians 3 College 1 with 2 halves.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Over 140 members attended the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 22 June 1991

Following the Chairman's welcome to those members present, the minutes of the AGM held on 16 June 1990 were accepted. Moving to the balance sheet, the Chairman reported that the finances of the Association were healthy but pointed out that the cost of the 1990 Reunion compared with 1989 had risen dramatically. The rise was due partly to inflation and partly to the additional costs arising as a result of contractorisation of all engineering services at Cranwell. However, the additional costs of the Reunion had been offset by an increase in income from investments. The Chairman also pointed out that the previous ever-increasing cost of the College Journal had been pegged almost to that prevailing in 1989 and other expenses had been considerably reduced. Thus when the transfers to reserves were 'added back' income actually exceeded expenditure by £547. The Chairman summed up by pointing out that the total assets of the Association were a little under £25,000 of which £19,000 was readily realizable.

The Chairman then turned to Committee appointments and stated that, apart from himself, the only other committee members remaining and continuing in office from last year were the Secretary, Wg Cdr M H Codd, and the FTS member, Flt Lt N Huskisson. All the other members had, or were about to, change. Air Cdre B N J Speed had replaced Air Cdre M J Milligan, and the post of Treasurer had changed twice since the last AGM. The current incumbent was Flt Lt P Stewart. Sqn Ldr D A Slatter had replaced Sqn Ldr B J Tomsett, Sqn Ldr R A A Forster (DSGT) had taken over from Sqn Ldr A Rushmere and Wg Cdr R McLellan (TTTE Cottessmore) would shortly take over from Sqn Ldr F Simpson. Sqn Ldr L Pennell (FTS) would take over from Sqn Ldr A G Galbraith, whilst Wg Cdr R R C Parsley would replace Wg Cdr P R Martin-Smith with special responsibility for wines.

The Chairman also announced that Air Cdre P Millar had agreed to replace Air Cdre G A Robertson as Chairman of the Paintings Sub-Committee and would take over the reins within the next 2 weeks. Air Cdre Robertson then announced that, in accordance with members' wishes, Mr Trevor Stubley had been commissioned to paint a portrait of Air Chf Mshl Arian Singh and that the cost to the Association had been less than £900. Air Cdre Robertson then unveiled the

portrait which won the approval of members present. The meeting agreed a suggestion put forward that following the publication of the Gulf Honours List, the Painting Sub-Committee would make recommendations to the OCA Committee as to a suitable Old Cranwellian worthy of a portrait painting. The OCA Committee would then seek the approval of the President and Past Patron before directing the Sub-Committee to commission the work.

The Chairman then announced that as agreed at last year's meeting, the Wines Member had purchased 7 cases of 1980 Vintage Port and 30 cases of claret had been ordered 'en primeur'. The Committee recommended that no further purchases of claret or port be made for the time being.

Air Cdre Speed, as Editor-in-Chief of the College Journal, then announced that although the accounts had not yet been finalised, the net cost of the 1991 Journal would be in the order of £2,700 despite postage and distribution costs of £1,000. This low cost had been achieved by a less elaborate format, increased revenue from advertising (£1,300) and by negotiating a very tight contract in the climate of recession (£3,000). Most importantly, production costs had been kept to a minimum largely due to the efforts of the editorial team and in particular by utilising the private computer of the Editor. Air Cdre Speed stated that he had carried out a detailed study of the financial and manpower aspects of both OCA administration and Journal production. The areas identified which would benefit significantly from the introduction of a computer were Journal editing, membership and accounts records. Air Cdre Speed pointed out that none of the systems in place at Cranwell met requirements. Therefore, the following elements would need to be purchased from a commercial source: computer, display unit, printer and software capable of handling the production of the Journal and OCA administration. He considered a maintenance contract essential since unwarranted failures could prove to be extremely costly. Putting together all the components would entail a package costing about £3600 plus £200 per year maintenance. Leasing had been considered, but the equipment costs would exceed the price of a complete package and a second-hand purchase was not recommended. A number of

suppliers had been approached and the recommended best buy (including maintenance) was from Anglia Business Computers, an MOD supplier with a proven record. Air Cdre Speed then summarised by pointing out that, although production costs of the Journal had been maintained well within the budget set, this had been due largely to the efforts of the editorial team (none of whom was an OCA member). Revenue was being lost due to inaccurate and incomplete membership records which were time-consuming to update. Computer support was therefore required but Service sources were not available. The meeting then agreed to purchase a computer system and associated software at a cost not exceeding £3600 together with an annual maintenance contract not exceeding £200 and that an IT replacement reserve be created by an annual subscription of 40p per member. This levy was to be met by reducing the levy to the wines reserve.

The meeting then agreed the Chairman's recommendation that the evening's Guest of Honour, Air Chf Mshl Sir Peter Harding be made an Honorary Member of the OCA. The Chairman then announced that the Committee had invited Sqn Ldr B J Tomsett WRAF (Membership Secretary 1988-90) and Flt Lt I G Smith (Editor of the College Journal since 1988) to become Associate Members of the OCA. In addition, the Station Commander, Gp Capt J D Lunt, had been invited to dine together with Gp Capt S M D Williamson-Noble (D DSGT), Maj B Irby USAF (Defence Studies DIOT) and Sqn Ldr D Clark (OIC Golf).

The Chairman reminded the meeting that for the last

2 Reunions 5p and then 10p had been added to the price of drinks to raise money for the RAF Benevolent Fund. However, the amount raised (£25 and £50) hardly merited the administrative effort involved. Therefore, this year the Committee had decided to raffle a bottle of 1966 Dow Vintage Port. This was one of 5 bottles and was one of the 'bin ends' referred to at several previous meetings.

Under Any Other Business, the Chairman announced that Air Cdre Charles Suttle had retired after 25 years as organist to the College although he would continue to offer advice and assistance on the more prestigious occasions. The meeting agreed that the OCA would wish to be associated with a gift for Air Cdre Suttle and authorised the Committee to act accordingly.

The Chairman then pointed out that although, by tradition, the white wine at dinner was always Blue Nun, a better quality wine could be obtained for less cost and it was unanimously agreed that the selection of a white wine should, in future, be left to the Committee.

A proposal was then made from the floor that the Editor of the Journal be presented with a gift in recognition of the time and effort that he had devoted to producing the Journal over the last 2 years, and also for the use of his personal computer in the production process. The meeting readily agreed to the purchase of a decanter to be presented to Flt Lt Smith.

Finally, it was announced that the date for the next Reunion would be the weekend 20/21 June 92.

COMMANDANT'S SPEECH - OCA DINNER 1991

The Commandant welcomed the distinguished guests and the 164 Old Cranwellians present. He mentioned in particular the Guest of Honour, Air Chf Mshl Sir Peter Harding - the Chief of the Air Staff, MRAF Sir Keith Williamson - the most senior member, Air Chf Mshl Sir Hugh Constantine who was on the earliest entry represented (1926), and the most recent member, Fg Off Poole, who had graduated 2 days previously. He mentioned the Entry reunions: the 17 members of 54 Entry, the 17 members of 53 Entry and the 12 members of 79 Entry.

He announced that he would follow the practice he had established last year and only give a brief resume of the

last year's events at the College; a written report had been printed and copies were available to members if required.

Group Captain Brian Cottam would shortly take over HQ UAS; Brian had recently been CI at CFS Scampton. Group Captain Adam Wise would move on to command RAF Benson and to be a Deputy Captain of The Queen's Flight. The only major change in the organisation of the 17 UASs was that a Flt Lt and a SNCO would soon be established for the Northern group of 4 UASs. This was a trial aimed at taking on more students - those who were interested in the ground branches rather than the GD - and the 2 extra staff

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would arrange adventurous and expedition training. Such students had been turned away in the past because the small staff of QFIs had insufficient time to look after them. If the trial was successful then work would begin to provide similar staff for the other groups of UASs, which should produce more recruits for the Service at relatively little cost.

Group Captain Al Ferguson had handed over the Directorship of DIOT and departed to command Finningley. The new Director was Group Captain David Wilby, who had come from OC Ops Wg at Laarbruch via the NATO Defense College in Rome. During the coming year the IOT syllabus would be reviewed by a 3-man Course Design Team led by Wing Commander Dick Parsley and it was very likely that they would recommend an extension of the course from 18 weeks to something like 24. HRH The Princess of Wales would represent Her Majesty at The Queen's Review in July - an event all were very much looking forward to.

The DSGT under Group Captain Miles Williamson-Noble continued to run 23 different courses for the initial and post-graduate training of Engineers and Suppliers and there was a continuous process of change to the courses to ensure they were producing what the Service needed. The Department also played a major role in the organisation of events to mark the 50th Anniversary of the first flight of the Gloster Whittle E28/39 from Cranwell on 15 May 1941. The RAeS Trenchard Memorial Lecture was delivered in the afternoon in the Whittle Hall when Phil Ruffles, Technical Director of Rolls-Royce, spoke on future gas turbine engines. In the evening there was a major dinner at which HRH The Duke of Kent was the Guest of Honour. Among the 80 guests were members of the Air Force Board; Commander of the 3rd USAF; Flag Officer Naval Aviation; Regimental Colonel of the Army Air Corps; Lord Tombs and a team from Rolls-Royce; Mr Eustace, the Financial Director of British Aerospace plus colleagues; and the Presidents of the RAeS and the I Mech E. Completing the guest list were Lord Kings-Norton and a number of the Reactionaries; Sir Frank himself had to cancel his trip from the US to attend, due to a major operation.

The Dinner, which was preceded by a fly-past of 10 significant jet-powered aircraft ranging from a Meteor through Harrier and Tristar to the Tornado, was a great success, a tribute to the organisational skills of our engineering staff and a fitting way in which to honour

one of the most distinguished Old Cranwellians.

The Department of Air Warfare continued to run 14 different courses under the direction of Group Captain Tony Chaplin. Tony was due to leave the Service within a few months and he would be succeeded by Group Captain Ian Dick. There was to be a study to determine the future need for reinstating the Air Warfare Course.

Finally, the last JP course had started at 3 FTS; deliveries of the new Tucano totalled 15 to date and the first Tucano course, having completed Ground School, would start to fly on the following Monday. Females were now a normal part of the student scene and Cranwell's 5th girl was on the first Tucano course. One had already graduated from BFTS, one withdrew after 30 hours and 3 were currently under training.

Field Aviation had taken over what was Engineering Wing and they are responsible for all aircraft engineering, MT and Supply Squadron. They were doing a good job, the majority of their employees being ex-Service, but the down side was that sports clubs and leisure activities were on the wane, the NAAFI struggled to break even and the combined effect of contractorisation and NMS meant that, for example, the provision of MT and a photographer for events such as the Reunion cost real money. If catering were to go out to contract, Cranwell would boast no more than 100 airmen.

Finally, Cranwell had provided a number of individuals as reinforcements during the Gulf War. The College Band went en masse to Saudi Arabia as hospital orderlies, and Cranwell accommodated 500 USAF medical staff when the Americans moved a field hospital into Nocton Hall. Cranwell hosted the RAF Gulf War debrief which more than 500 senior officers attended, including CAS, the AFB, the CinCs, AOCs and virtually every commander of an operational unit. It was possibly the largest such gathering since Sir Dermot Boyle brought together a similar number of commanders post-Sandys in 1958. That 1958 conference was called PROSPECT I!

The Commandant reported that the College was in good order and very busy. He added that his tour of duty ended in February 1992 but was delighted to announce that his successor would be Air Vice-Marshal David Cousins of 84 Entry who was currently DGA2 in MOD(PE).

CAS' ADDRESS AT THE OLD CRANWELLIAN DINNER

CAS opened his address by recalling that he had joined the Royal Air Force not as a Cranwell cadet, but as a National Serviceman although he had been a flying instructor at the College. This, he reminded everyone, was under the 'old' scheme, which was highly valued and, the desire of young people to go to university apart, it was a great pity that we had to do away entirely with the longer course. There had never been any doubt, in his view, that the ideals - the ethos - of the Royal Air Force had emanated from Cranwell and the cadets in the Service, where the same high standards set by former Commandants of the College were still demanded today. Nevertheless, it has been acknowledged that the current course was too short and work was in hand and money had been earmarked to remedy this.

Despite the many changes occurring in the RAF as a result of Options for Change, the rationale for Cranwell, both the Station and The College, had become stronger with the additional flying instructional task and the impending arrival of the Officer and Aircrew Selection Centre. Nor did CAS think that the RAF in general would suffer. Recent events in the Gulf showed how adept and quick the Service had been able to react to the challenge, and how magnificently the young men had acquitted themselves in battle, bringing out so very clearly all those ideals forged by Trenchard in the early days. For CAS, the Gulf War was more about people than equipment despite the rapid advances in technology and the scale of the Iraqi inventory. Modern equipment could not make up for well trained and motivated men and women, led by those who carried on the example set by the early founders of the Service. This had been vividly illustrated when CAS visited the Service men and women in the Gulf. He recalled going out of his way to reassure everyone that once the Gulf conflict was over it should be possible to ease back on the demands made on Service personnel given the changing threat. However, one young Tornado aircrew had remarked that, despite a sense of apprehension, he was ready to go to war for 2 reasons: firstly, an enormous respect for his aircraft and the rapid work that had been achieved to make it more ready for the Gulf War, and secondly - and more importantly - the demands of the senior hierarchy constantly to do better. The officer suggested that if the RAF did not continue to demand high standards, we might never again attain the level of combat readiness achieved in the Gulf.

CAS then went on to say that one of the problems facing the Services today, despite the Gulf, was convincing the public generally of the need for a credible defence force provided with the right people and the right equipment. The world, he added, would still be a dangerous place. Notwithstanding the collapse of the Warsaw Pact Treaty Organisation and the return of most troops to their homeland, Russia would still remain a formidable threat for the next 20 or 30 years. There were real risks of insecurity in Eastern Europe and the uncertain command and control of nuclear and chemical weapons. More than ever before, it was crucial to keep the USA locked firmly into NATO and Europe. There was the problem of the likely large-scale movement of people across the world, its population doubling by the turn of the century at the current rate of exponential growth. Ethnic groups were finding it more difficult to live in harmony and he cited Yugoslavia and the Kurds in Northern Iraq. There were many areas of great potential instability. There was a clear requirement to invest in the right technology and to maintain the Services' width in force capabilities. If we did not, this capability would be lost overnight and would take many years to restore. In most cases it would be too late if we waited for a different threat to materialise.

CAS paid tribute to the resolution of the United Nations and the Security Council in the Gulf affair, but the resolution would have been absolutely useless if nations had not invested in the right mix of forces. He foresaw in the future the need for the technologically rich nations to develop arrangements, understandings, friendships, treaties whatever, in order to be able to come to one another's aid and to help the UN keep the peace in the world. CAS then examined where the RAF fitted in to this plan. Subject of course to adjustments that might be made if there was a change of government and how well the RAF did in the Treasury round, he felt confident. Accepting that we were going forward on the basis of Options for Change - which the Chiefs supported - the size and shape of the 3 Services would be affordable for the country and we should be fully manned. The overspends in the RAF budget should disappear over the next 3 years as we adjusted, and most importantly we should be able to keep our breadth of capabilities. For the future, the RAF would concentrate on multi-role capabilities ie getting the maximum width from one type of aircraft, eg the European Fighter Aircraft. Returning for a

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moment to the Gulf, CAS went on to put on record the fine achievements of all the elements of air power that had had such a decisive effect in the area - including the part played in support of Special Forces. He also paid warm tribute to the superb management of the air battle by the Americans and the way in which the UK forces were fully integrated into their plans. Out of the Gulf War there were many lessons to be learned and Air Chief Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans was undertaking, on behalf of all 3 Services, an evaluation of Operation Granby. Already, it was abundantly clear that people had been a key factor; furthermore, no one was left in any doubt about the crucial role of air power.

OLD CRANWELLIAN NOTES

1 Entry Gp Capt C J Collingwood OBE DFC celebrated his 90th birthday on 12 Jan and he is still mobile despite various bits and pieces beginning to wear out. Liver and kidneys OK; may be good to 100 years!

Sir Arthur Marshall OBE DL, in 1990, was made an Hon Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge and awarded the Order of El Istiqlal, First Class, Jordan.

1934 (C Sqn) AVM A G Dudgeon CBE AFC has written a book "The War That Never Was".

47 Entry Sqn Ldr D H (Dai) Williams (B Sqn) has retired from schoolmastering and together with his wife Joan spends much time in France playing golf at as many different courses as possible and negotiating concessionary green fees for Old Cranwellians and others. Telephone 0359 269279 if you wish to take advantage of his services.

Sqn Ldr J G Bourn FRAeS FRMetS FBIM (B Sqn) has finally retired after 22 years with the British Airports Authority and (latterly) BAA plc. The past 6½ years were spent at Gatwick Airport.

54 Entry Wg Cdr D A Cooper CBE AFC BA (B Sqn) has retired from the post of Chief Inspector of Air Accidents, Department of Transport. Would be pleased to see old friends at 7 Lynch Road, Farnham, Surrey. Tel 0252 715519.

55 Entry AVM Sir Richard Pierse KCVO CB (B Sqn) was appointed Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod in 1990.

CAS concluded that the future for the RAF was sound. The Tornado update and EFA were on track and there was a range of programmes to modernise weapon systems. A great deal was happening for the Service man and woman and this was always a top priority. This brought CAS once again back to the value of people and to Lord Trenchard and the founder members of the RAF College who demanded excellence from the leaders of yesteryear, as we do today and our successors would tomorrow.

The President followed by thanking the Guest of Honour.

Gp Capt R J Bannard (B Sqn) having retired in Oct 81 is about to complete 10 years service with Smiths Industries Aerospace and Defence Systems at the London HQ as the Military Executive.

Sqn Ldr John Cochrane (B Sqn) retired from Cyprus Airways and is living as an off-shore company executive in Cyprus. Happy to hear from old friends and colleagues visiting Cyprus. Address: POB 2097 Lamaca.

58 Entry Air Chf Mshl Sir Michael Armitage KCB CBE (C Sqn) retired happily in 1990 and after 42 years it was high time! Writing and lecturing keep him in touch, but what they say about the lack of spare time in retirement is all too true.

62 Entry Sqn Ldr G M Turner AFC QC (B Sqn) If you have not already heard, he took silk in the Province of New Brunswick at the end of last year - is this a first for a cadet?

62 Entry Air Cdre M J Allistone CBE (C Sqn) notes that 62 Entry has never been renowned for reunions but, since Summer 1994 marks 40 years since commissioning, he asks that those interested in celebrating this otherwise unremarkable anniversary contact him at The Old Cottage, Church Lane, Sidlesham, Chichester, PO20 7RH Tel 0243 641774, with a view to attending.

69 Entry Air Mshl Sir Kenneth Hayr KCB KBE AFC (A Sqn). The post of Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Commitments) doubles as Director of Operations in MOD. As a result, the Middle East has consumed the best part of the past year.



70 Entry Gp Capt R F Robertson (B Sqn) retired in May 90 and is now with the International Staff at NATO HQ, Brussels.



74 Entry Gp Capt J G Saye (B Sqn) retired early and has been living in Alabama since 1989. Always pleased to see anyone passing through. Call (205) 260 0405



75 Entry Gp Capt C J Sturt OBE (C Sqn) retired in Nov 90, now works for CSE Aviation Ltd, Oxford Airport, Kidlington and Weston-on-the-Green.



76 Entry Wg Cdr R M Trowern (C Sqn) retired in Nov 89 to return to flying as a Chipmunk QFI at the AAC Centre, Middle Wallop in the company of 2 other Old Cranwellians; Hugh Rigg (67A Entry) who has been there since 1985 and Mike McKinley (81B Entry) who joined the Centre in Summer 1990.



77 Entry Air Cdre Norman Bonnor FRIN FRAeS (B Sqn) left the post of Deputy Controller of NATO Airborne Early Warning Force at Mons, Belgium in Dec 90 and retired from the Service in Apr 91. He then joined GEC-Marconi Electronic Systems Corporation of Newark, New Jersey as Director European Programmes.



Wg Cdr F G Allen (C Sqn) is project manager (until May 92) for a major IT project for spares procurement in support of Tornado and EFA. Based at NAMMA, Munich and thoroughly enjoying the multi-national environment. Hopes to return to Brampton in Jun 92 for a last tour of duty before retiring in the Cambridge area.



79 Entry Sqn Ldr Rod Saar MBE (A Sqn) has spent almost 5 years as managing director of a UK subsidiary of the Mannesman Engineering Group. Responsibilities are split between commercial activities in the UK and some other 20 countries stretching from Scandinavia down to South Africa and across to India. Occasionally, on his travels he bumps into ex-RAF colleagues and has the pleasure of sitting up front in a world far removed from the Shack or Super B16. Anyone in Sandhurst area very welcome - Tel 0344 778979.



Gp Capt R E Williams (C Sqn) after 102 graduation parades for over 13,000 recruits handed over command of RAF Swindon in Jul 91. Now trying to find recruits as Deputy Director Recruiting at MOD.

Paul Jenner (A Sqn) left Hong Kong in early Feb this year. He can be contacted c/o IASCO Japan Airlines Ops Center Bldg, 1-1, Hanedakuko, 2-Chome, Ota-ku, Tokyo 144, Japan, Tel 81 03 747-3906 until around September when he will update with his permanent address.

81 Entry Gp Capt F J Hoare (D Sqn) moved in Feb 1992 to Barn House, Ham Lane, South Cerney, Glos, GL7 5UF. Tel 0285 860491.

82 Entry Wg Cdr A D K Campbell (B Sqn) has been Naval and Air Attache in Ankara since Jul 90.

83 Entry Wg Cdr David Robert Green OBE (A Sqn) retired in Dec 85 taking up a general management appointment with the Health Service in Cornwall running an organization of some 2000 staff including the County's Ambulance Service. On 1 Apr 87, introduced the first helicopter dedicated to accident and emergency service with any ambulance service in the UK. Since then has successfully applied to become one of the first wave NHS Trusts of which he is now the Chief Executive.

Gp Capt Dan Needham BA MBIM (C Sqn) has taken command of RAF Turnhouse/Pitreavie and moved to Edinburgh after 3 very happy years at SACLANTHQ, Norfolk, Virginia. At Turnhouse, one of his several hats is that of Director (RAF) Joint Maritime Operational Training Staff (JMOTS). JMC participants and OCA travellers through Edinburgh please note!

Wg Cdr A R Freeman (D Sqn) is Chief Pilot, Emirates, PO Box 686, Dubai, UAE. Tel (Office) Dubai 245112, (Home) Dubai 480886.

84 Entry Gp Capt M A Wood (A Sqn) took early retirement from the Royal Air Force at the end of 1990 and has now joined Lockheed Aeronautical Systems Company, based in the Corporate Office in London, as Director of International Requirements for Europe.


87 Entry Gp Capt P J Gooding has moved home to 31 Park Lane, Brampton, Cambs.

88 Entry Gp Capt R Dixon OBE (B Sqn) was appointed to command RAF Stafford, returning to the county from which he started his career in the RAF. Wg Cdr Dick Parsley (B Sqn) is now OC CDT, DIOT, RAF College, Cranwell.


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89 Entry AVM G A Robertson CBE BA (A Sqn) was appointed Dep Cdr, RAFG in Aug 91.




90 Entry Sqn Ldr Glynn Leaney (B Sqn) retired in Jun 89 and is now a senior adviser with Hill Samuel Financial Services.




92 Entry Gp Capt P R Jeffers (B Sqn) has returned from SHAPE and now commands the Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre at Brampton.

Flt Cdt B Feater (D Sqn) The memory of FC B Feater lives on. When will 96 have a reunion and will he attend?




93 Entry Sqn Ldr Tim Benford BA (A Sqn) is Program Manager of USAF Fuels Automated Management System (FAMS) development project. Working for Century Technologies Inc, Dayton, Ohio. Old Cranwellians very welcome to call (513) 426-9220.



94 Entry Wg Cdr G J Goodman (A Sqn), following 7 years of desk jobs, is now thoroughly enjoying running the Air Navigation School at Finningley (in post until mid-summer 92).

Sqn Ldr A G Galbraith (B Sqn) left the staff of Cranwell (for a second time) and moved to Leuchars, in Nov 91, to command 27 Sqn RAF Regt.

Wg Cdr B R Neal (C Sqn) has proved the theory that you cannot have an exchange tour with the USAF unless you have had one before. He returned in Aug 90 to become OC 241 OCU at Brize Norton.




95 Entry Sqn Ldr Peter Slawson AMRAeS MBIM (B Sqn), unbelievably entering his eighth year of retirement, with his wife, Jenny, is well established in Central England close to the fount of Bass beer. Tel 0530 70605. do drop in if you are on the northern end of the new M42 - you will not be very far away. Springfield Farm, Chapel Street, Oakthorpe, DE12 7QT.

Some of you will have noted the imminent closure of units such as Brawdy, Abingdon and Kemble. How many of you recall the attempts, in 1969, to sell the assets of the RAF though an advert placed in the Times newspaper. The advert read:
LINCOLNSHIRE. Stately residence with impressive frontage dominated by own charming clock tower set in extensive grounds including own air-


field, stables and swimming pool. Off A17 near Sleaford. **Inquiries 'phone 01 405 3434.** Was there any connection with the graduation of 95 Entry? Ed.

97 Entry Wg Cdr A J W Boyd is currently with the Combined Task Force involved in Operation WARDEN, BFPO 598. On his return from that detachment, he is posted to 2 ATAF. He remembers his time at the College about 10 years ago and recalls obtaining some College commissioned Wedgwood plates. He is considering disposal of them with a contribution going to the RAF Benevolent Fund. Anyone interested should contact him direct.


1 GE Rumours exist of an incident involving shoes. It is understood that a 'fault' developed in shoes made by tailors trading at Cranwell. The shoes were to be labelled and collected, however, the labels mysteriously 'fell' off. Is anyone still looking for their left shoe?




4 GE Gp Capt P O Sturley MBE BSc MRAeS has completed his tour as Director of Air Staff Briefing and Co-ordination (DASB&C) in the MOD and is currently on refresher flying before taking command of RAF Cottesmore later this year.



5 GE Gp Capt R S N Perry MA moved to MOD Harrogate at the end of 1990 after a tremendous 3 years at HQ AFCENT, Brunssum. He has just returned from a spell at HQ BFME in Riyadh where he was ACOS Logistics - responsible for packing up the RAF Gulf forces and getting them back home.




16 GE Wg Cdr J G Stevenson MSc BSc C Eng MIEE has recently completed a very enjoyable 26 months as Station Commander of RAF Digby and is now a Chief Instructor in DSGT at RAF College Cranwell.




22 GE Sqn Ldr F M Simpson BA MIL ALCM RAF started a course at the German Armed Forces Staff Academy in Sep 91 and expects to return to the UK in 1993.

26 GE Neil Raynor has emigrated to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada to take a Masters in Business Administration. A return to home for Heather, an adventure for the rest of the family. He would welcome contact with OCA colleagues - especially those from 26 GE: "look us up in the phone book!"




38 IOT Sqn Ldr A L Wilson BSc MSc MBSC (B Sqn) enjoyed a year on an MSc course at RMCS Shrivenham and is now halfway through his tour as Engineering Sponsor at MOD. He lives with his wife, Pamela, in Wimbledon.



42 IOT Sqn Ldr J M Guthrie is now the RAF Cdr at RAF Upper Heyford.

College Chaplain 1985-87 Venerable (AVM) Brian H Lucas QHC BA was appointed Chaplain-in-Chief to the Royal Air Force in Jul 91.



115 IOT Flt Lt Kerry Hutchinson BA MIL (B Sqn) is currently a language instructor at the Defence School of Languages and any ex-115 IOTC B Sqn cadets are welcome to drop in if passing through Beaconsfield. He is contactable on GPTN 800725 Ext 3287 (work).

Assoc Member 1974-79 Sqn Ldr Philip Boreham recently moved to Shottesbrooke, White Waltham. Since 1982, he has been working with British Aerospace as Director Defence Marketing with responsibilities for the sale of defence equipment in the Middle East, principally Gulf countries. Very busy period recently supporting RAF operations in the Gulf War. Several visits to Kuwait.

Asst Comdt 1973-74, Comdt 1980-81 AVM J B Brownlow CB OBE AFC is still enjoying the aviation scene with Marshalls of Cambridge whose wide-ranging activities provide much interest

Editor 1989-Present and Associate Member Flt Lt Ian Smith, after 3 years as an IOT flt cdr, remains at the College, having joined the College Secretariat in Jan 92, and it is hoped that he will unravel the mysteries of the OCA and commit them to computer prior to his leaving the RAF in March 1993.

Associate Member Air Cdre R C Allen lives at 33 Highover Park, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 0BP. Tel 0494 726964.

ODDS 'N ENDS

HORNETS Last year, the Commandant received a letter from Mr Lewis G Cooper, Woodpeckers, 7 Sidlands, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8UE, who is engaged on a research project covering the full history of the Hornet fighter. After exploring many avenues, he learned that former Cranwell cadets had flown the aircraft and requested that an appeal for information be made. In particular, he has had great difficulty tracing former pilots of No 19(F) Squadron. He hopes to publish his results, on a non-profit basis, during 1992 so any information should be forwarded to him soonest.

COMPUTERS This is the first issue of the College Journal to be produced on the new computer. The process involves the Editor collating all the material from submissions made on disks. Since there should be no need to retype material, this dramatically reduces the time needed in formatting the text ready for the printing stage. Furthermore, those items which are standard parts of the Journal can be prepared well in advance, requiring only minor changes as they occur.

For the technically minded, the computer, supplied by ADACS of Andover, is a Twinhead 600 which has a 386DX processor, 100Mb hard disk and 4Mb RAM. It uses a SVGA colour monitor and outputs to a Mannesman Tally 24-pin printer. The software consists of ALDUS Pagemaker for the publishing, Wordperfect for general text work, Supercalc for the accounting and a database application for the membership data. The system uses Windows and is equipped with a mouse. For those who are baffled by the above - its a great bit of kit with lots of things to play with, is like a good colour TV with lots of channels and handles like a sports car. The only problem at present is the steepness of the learning curve due to immense capabilities of the software. Thanks must go to all the people who have given their technical expertise and their own time to help the Editor get the computer on line.

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provided boats, lifejackets, helmets and very capable guides for our excursion, making our day both enjoyable and exciting (especially when one of our party - yes, the instructor! - went "overboard"!). Each boat carried up to 12 persons and, although the river was at low ebb, some of the white-water still drew wary respect, especially when we learned that someone from a party ahead of us had, minutes before, died in the Sunshine Fall Rapids!

On Sunday 23 Aug the party split. The AOC & Commandant accompanied by Sqn Ldr John Long departed for Officer Training School (OTS) at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas on a similar mission to that at Colorado Springs. The junior officer contingent returned to the United Kingdom next day.

Lackland was found to be in a state of profound change. An amalgam of IOT and the Recruit Training School at Swindon, OTS is capable of training 10,000 airmen and 2000 officers per year; however, OTS was being used as the "safety valve" of USAF training and was actually having a throughput of 10% of this. Moreover, in the 7 months from Feb to Aug, the status of the officer training element of Lackland had declined from that of a full school in its own right

with a col and 3 Lt cols each running their own wing, to that of a group and, finally, down to a mere sqn with one Lt col in charge. Indeed, on the second day of our visit we were invited to watch a large parade where we witnessed the formal handover and decommissioning of the group.

Nevertheless, OTS is a very professional organization and, in many ways, is more akin to the modern IOT than the USAF Academy. However, at Lackland they only train university graduates and ex-NCOs who have gained a degree part-time; a degree is the minimum entry standard for a commission in the USAF! The course lasts only 12 weeks and, interestingly, includes very little practical leadership although the RAF exchange officer (an ex-IOT flt cdr) is introducing more with the active encouragement of his superiors. Strangely, many of the exercises we saw were remarkably similar to those seen at IOT!

The briefings and the tour of Lackland were very interesting and several good ideas were picked up which will almost certainly be included in the IOT syllabus - which rather proves the value of exchange, does it not?!

OLD CRANWELLIANS ASSOCIATION WEEKEND SPORTS REPORTS

CRICKET: RAFC 204 FOR 9 (DEC) - OCA 126 ALL OUT

Due to essential repair work on the Orange the OCA Cricket match against the College side was played, for the first time, on the No 1 Pitch near to the splendid Qaboos Pavilion. Air Cdre Tim Thorn (OCA skipper) playing his 20th OCA match, put the College side into bat on a warm and very sunny morning. The College openers survived the pace of Keith Patrick and Tim Thorn making 61 before Plt Off Jeremy Richards was caught off the bowling of Thorn for 22. Just before lunch the OCA side made a significant breakthrough with Terry Earl taking the wicket of Plt Off Dave Catlow for an excellent 70 runs (105 for 2). Steady progress, after a delicious lunch in College Hall, soon faded when Thorn returned on a shortened run up and soon the College were struggling on 148 for 8. The College

captain, Flt Lt Gordon Pert, came to the wicket and turned the game to College's favour scoring 52 not out (including nine 4s and one 6). With the loss of one more wicket the College side declared on 204 for 9 wickets. In the field, Keith Minton took a magnificent catch, Paul Deakin held 2 difficult catches and AVMSquires showed some class behind the stumps. Bowler Terry Earl took 3 wickets for 34 and Tim Thorn completed 13 overs taking 6 wickets for 57 runs. The OCA side, with ages ranging from 43 to 65 years, suffered a number of casualties in the field with pulled muscles to Vince Yates (in the first minute of the game), Keith Minton, Keith Patrick and Paul Deakin. Notwithstanding their injuries, the OCA went into bat with Dick Parsley and Pat Pey looking confident until they faced the accuracy of the College bowlers.

Six wickets fell cheaply for 27 with only Earl reaching double figures. Patrick and Sturley put on a good partnership of 31 before Sturley was out for a supportive 9 runs. The College changed tactics and introduced "lob" bowling of which the "old boys" took full advantage with Minton scoring 21, Paul Deakin 25 and the Venerable veteran Richard Taylor 2 not out. The OCA managed 126 runs before the "11th" wicket fell just after tea, allowing sufficient time for the OCA to buy drinks for the worthy College winners.

The Teams:

College: Pert, Richards, Arnold, Boden, Catlow, Dean, Dowling, Hesketh, Joiner, Skirving and Stuchfield.

Old Cranwellians: Thorn (capt), Deakin, Earl, Minton, Parsley, Patrick, Pey, Squires, Sturley, P Taylor, R Taylor and Yates.

SQUASH: RAFC 0 - OCA 4

A resounding victory for the OCA did not seem likely when, at the eleventh hour, AVM Woodford's regrets were received. Success was left to the 4 remaining team members, Flt Lt Rod Cunliffe, Wg Cdr Peter Williams, Sqn Ldr Walt Lynch and Flt Lt Paul Whitelegg. The College team comprising Off Cds Dave Potts, John Robinson, Richard Moran and Richard Wells from DIOT had been training over the past few weeks and were keen to start. Each put up a valiant effort to contain the more crafty Old Cranwellians. However, in the second string match, Wg Cdr Pete Williams' power and quickly rediscovered timing proved too much for John Robinson, winning 3-0. Sqn Ldr Walt Lynch, playing third string, dropped one game to Richard Moran before winning 3-1 in a hard fought contest. Paul Whitelegg's inherent talent at squash (he said it had to be that because he has hardly played at all this year) was too strong for the enthusiastic Richard Wells, giving the OCA a 3-0 win. Finally, Rod Cunliffe's short legs seemed better equipped than Dave Potts' with a 3-0 victory in a close competition at first string.

Overall, the afternoon was a most pleasant diversion and many thanks go to all participants and those who came to watch.

TENNIS: RAFC 2 - OCA 2

With the sun shining down on a group of highly honed tennis players, the scene was set for the annual tussle

between the OCA and RAFC. History has shown that the guile of the more "experienced" OCA players can usually overcome the youthful exuberance of the RAFC team. However, with the current reduction in cadet numbers, RAFC was obliged to field 2 DIOT staff members to bolster the team and add a little guile of their own.

The first round started with the OCA first pair, Wg Cdr Head and Sqn Ldr Turnill, being surprised by the cut and thrust of the RAF second pair of Fg Offs Burton and Manns. After some high pressure tennis, Burton and Manns won the first set 6-1. Not to be deterred, Head and Turnill raised their game and with some consistent tennis, interspersed with very telling defensive lobbing, the wiser pair wore down their younger opponents and took the second set 7-5.

On the adjacent court the OCA second pair, Sue Reynolds and Tim Scroggs were up against the RAFC first pair of Sqn Ldr Lynch and Flt Lt Willis. The first set was a one-sided affair, with Lynch and Willis playing consistent tennis, while Reynolds and Scroggs were struggling to cope with their opponents power. However, Lynch and Willis did not have things all their own way. In the second set Reynolds and Scroggs put up spirited resistance to counter their opponents top-spin drives. The second set went to RAFC 6-2.

The second round saw Lynch and Willis pitted against Head and Turnill. In the interval, Head and Turnill had obviously secretly been "main lining" Sanatogen. Playing a game based on consistency and tactical lobbing, they neutralized the power of Lynch and Willis forcing them to make numerous errors, and they won a hard fought first set 7-5. Head and Turnill quickly consolidated their advantage in the second set and finally won the set 6-2.

Meanwhile, the second pair match again saw Reynolds and Scroggs being subjected to the power game, this time of Burton and Manns. However, not to be deterred, the OCA pair maintained their effort and held RAFC to a creditable 6-1, 6-2.

Following a cream tea in the Sultan Qaboos Pavilion, Head and Turnill and Burton and Manns were required to play the deciding set of their match. In the early stages, it appeared that Turnill's tea-time attempts to devour all the strawberry flans would give the College pair an advantage, as they took an early 2-0 lead. However, the OCA pair called on their carbohydrate

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reserves too and eventually overcame RAFC by 6-2. At the conclusion of an enjoyable afternoons' tennis, the result of a highly competitive match was: RAFC 2 OCA 2 - a most satisfactory result.

GOLF MATCH: RAFC 4 - OCA 2

Once again the College did battle with the OCA at Sleaford Golf Club in ideal weather. The lead match saw a new face in the College Team; Air Cdre Duckett, for many years a stalwart of the OCA team but now, as Asst Comdt, had been claimed by the College. He partnered OC Nixon and faced MRAF Sir Keith Williamson and AVM 'Black' Robertson. The College took the first 2 holes with pars, before the OCA duo responded in kind on the third and fourth. The match see-sawed to the turn but then AVM Robertson won the tenth and Sir Keith the eleventh with a fine putt. The next 3 holes were halved with par golf but Air Cdre Duckett played a fine tee shot at the difficult par 3 fifteenth and duly reduced the deficit to one hole. The OCA responded once again with Sir Keith chipping in from 30 yards at the sixteenth to put them dormie 2 up. On the seventeenth, OC Nixon was on the green in 2 and, with a shot, seemed well-set to take the match to the final hole. However, AVM Robertson, not to be outdone by his partner, chipped in from 25 yards, halving the hole and winning the match 2 and 1.

In the second match, Wg Cdr Churms and Sqn Ldr Clark, the previous OIC College Golf, played Sqn Ldr Brian Rogers and Flt Lt Brian Reader. This time the OCA struck first, with a birdie, but Wg Cdr Churms levelled the match at the second. He continued in fine form, winning 3 of the next 5 holes to be one under par gross at that stage. The OCA halved the eighth and ninth but lost the tenth and eleventh to fine birdies to go 5 down to a college pairing who were now 3 under par gross! But, the match was far from over, for wins on the twelfth and fourteenth, where Brian Rogers sank a long birdie putt, and then the fifteenth reduced the OCA deficit to 2 holes with 3 to play. However, they could only halve the next 2 holes and so the College won 2 and one to level the fixture.

In the third match, Air Chf Mshl Sir Robert Freer and AVM Price, both playing off 16, were in good form and ran out winners 5 and 3 against Sqn Ldr Tom Leech and OC Wray to put the OCA ahead. As well as being the lowest handicap player in the match and hence the 'donor' of strokes to both of the opposition, it is only fair to record that Sqn Ldr Leech was also handicapped

by having hosted, as PMC, the York House Summer Ball the night before(!).

The fourth match saw Sqn Ldrs Pennell and Clarkin, also 'survivors' of the Ball, play Air Mshl Sir Roy Austen-Smith and Sqn Ldr 'Chick' Chamberlain. The match was one of many missed opportunities, with few good putts being sunk, but the College pair generally prevailed and won 4 and 3, despite their fatigue, to level the fixture once more.

The fifth match was an evenly-balanced affair with Gp Capt Dave Wilby and SO Derbyshire facing AVM Brownlow and Gp Capt Sturt. For the first 4 holes, Gp Capt Wilby kept the College team alive, before they eased ahead on the fifth, a lead they were never to surrender. Despite being 3 down at the turn, the OCA pair fought back to be only one down on the fifteenth tee. However, they promptly lost that hole and then AVM Brownlow was left with a 50 ft putt breaking left to right on the sixteenth green to keep them in the match. The length was perfect but the ball lipped the cup to give another match to the College by 3 and 2.

The final match was also one of missed opportunities, with the OCA pairing of AVM Robinson and Sqn Ldr Lucking also never ahead. They lost 4 and 3 to give the College the match by 4 games to 2.

Once again, our sincere thanks go to the Committee of Sleaford Golf Club for allowing us to stage the match and to their staff for the efficient and friendly service.

CLAY PIGEON: RAFC 133 - OCA 173

The day dawned bright, despite the omens (and weather forecast) of the previous day, and by the start of shooting the wind had dropped to a gentle breeze and the warm sun made it a perfect shooting afternoon. The College team opened in grand style, with OC Nott killing 5 of the 6 "Springing Teal". Regrettably, the College team were not able to sustain this standard, and on completion of the "Springing Teal" stand, the OCA team had forged ahead. The "Driven Partridge" was shot next, and on this stand College performed much better, establishing a small lead and hopes of a favourable result. However, the OCA took their revenge on the "Pheasant with Pigeon on Report" stand and achieved an unassailable lead. The competition concluded with most of the guns performing well on the "Bolting Rabbit".

The High Gun Trophy was won by Sqn Ldr C G Vallance with a creditable score of 21 Ex 25. Air Chf Mshl Sir Neville Stack was a close runner-up with 20 Ex 25. Top scoring member of the College Team was Flt Lt Colin Hill with 17 kills.

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking the members for attending. The minutes of the 1991 meeting were agreed subject to the amendment of a typing error. Under matters arising, the Chairman reported that because of the comparatively low numbers involved and the small amount of subscription, it had not proved possible to interest the banks in operating a direct debit system. There would be a substantial fee and the OCA would also incur considerable cost in converting to Direct Debit. Following a suggestion from the floor he undertook to explore the possibility of direct debit through the Giro Bank. The Chairman also reported that the gift of a decanter to the Editor of the College Journal had been very much appreciated.

The Secretary presented the balance sheet for the year ending 31 Dec 91. He firstly drew attention to the Income and Expenditure account and in particular the reduction in cost of the Annual Reunion and the College Journal. Subscription receipts had increased, but this increase had been offset by a drop in investment income as interest rates had fallen. He went on to point out that although the years trading showed a paper loss of £2,315, in fact £2,167 of this expenditure was in reality a transfer of money into wine, portrait and IT reserves thus the actual loss on the year's trading was £148. He also pointed out that a computer had been purchased during the year at a cost of £3,200. The Secretary then turned to the balance sheet and, dealing in round numbers, pointed out that the OCA was still operating within the guidelines put forward 4 years ago whereby there was adequate cellar stock for foreseeable needs amounting to some £4,800; reserve funds for future purchase of wine, portraits and IT replacement amounting to some £12,000 and a core of uncommitted capital of some £7,000. The latter figure was below the recommended £10,000 but, given the current trend, the position should recover in 2-3 years time. The Secretary pointed out that net assets remained at a little over £24K which was on a par with last year's figure. Assets had merely been moved around.

Once again the Old Cranwellians won the clay pigeon shooting, with a mature demonstration of skills acquired over more years than they would care to admit!

OCA REUNION 1992 - AGM

The Chairman announced the following changes on the Committee:

- a. **Vice Chairman.** Air Cdre R B Duckett had replaced Air Cdre B N J Speed.
- b. **Treasurer.** Flt Lt I Palmer had taken over from Flt Lt P Stewart.
- c. **Membership Secretary.** Flt Lt D C Cramp replaced Sqn Ldr D A Slatter.
- d. **Members.**
 - 1) Sqn Ldr P R Mercer had replaced Sqn Ldr R A A Forster.
 - 2) Flt Lt P D Hamilton had replaced Flt Lt N Huskisson.

The Chairman reminded members that at the last AGM it had been agreed that when the Gulf War Honours List was published, the Paintings Sub-Committee would make recommendations to the Committee as to those Old Cranwellians thought worthy of a portrait. There had been only one recommendation - Air Mshl Sir Bill Wratten. This recommendation had been concurred by the Past Patron and the President. The Chairman then called on Air Cdre Millar, Chairman of the Paintings Sub-Committee, to unveil the portrait and outline his proposals for the subject of the next portrait.

Air Cdre Millar suggested that in the near future it was likely that the appointment of CAS would be held by an Old Cranwellian; he suggested that the OCA might therefore wish to husband its resources with a view to commissioning a large portrait in 3 - 4 years' time. On the other hand, Air Cdre Millar pointed out that there had been 6 other gallantry awards to Old Cranwellians during the Gulf War. If one of the recipients was to be painted, the question arose as to which one? The recipient of the highest award or the youngest of the other recipients? Air Cdre Millar also suggested that the meeting might like to consider whether or not to extend the portrait gallery to include distinguished officers who were not Old Cranwellians.

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During the discussion which followed, it was suggested that to extend the proposal to include officers who were not Old Cranwellians widened the scope to such an extent that it would be almost impossible to select a subject. Moreover, the original decision had been taken to portray only Old Cranwellians, and a more recent decision had been taken to concentrate on the current generation of serving Old Cranwellians who had distinguished themselves during hostilities. Whereas the original thought had been that the OCA would have to comb the records of previous military actions, the scope now for selecting subjects was much wider. This view received the tacit approval of the meeting. The meetings' attention was drawn to the fact that the OCA had adequate stocks of wine and port for the next few years. However, there was considerable financial advantage in buying 'en primeur', and the Chairman sought approval for the Committee to purchase claret up to the sum of **£1,000**. This proposal was agreed.

The Chairman stated that he had received several favourable comments on the latest edition of the College Journal which not only had a colourful centrefold but more pages (80) than in previous years. The estimate of cost was **£2,900**. In comparison, the 1990 Journal, which also had a colour centrefold but contained only 64 pages, had cost **£3,876**. The Committee sought a budget of **£3,000** for the 1993 edition; this was agreed.

The Chairman stated that in accordance with the rules of the Association, an invitation had been extended to the Rev (Wg Cdr) Bob Bailey to become an Associate Member of the OCA. He had accepted and would dine with the members after the meeting. Invitations had also been extended to:

*Gp Capt Peter Moore - Stn Cdr
Sqn Ldr Tom Leech - Cat Off
Sqn Ldr Chris McHugh RAAF - DAW
Father (Sqn Ldr) Alan Wilson - RC Chaplain*

The Chairman said that following the sad death of AVM Desmond Hughes, a Memorial Service had been held in St Michael and All Angels Church. Appropriate hospitality had been extended after the service to the many very senior guests who formed the congregation. The cost had fallen to the College, and the Committee had agreed a donation of **£100** towards these costs. The meeting tacitly concurred the Chairman's action.

The Chairman stated that the introduction of the 24 week IOT Course later in the year would cause a movement of course graduation dates. Because of pressure on

accommodation, it suited to hold the OCA Reunion on the weekend following a graduation. Ideally, therefore, the 1993 Reunion should be held on 5/6 June; such a change of traditional date would reduce the workload on Mess staff. There were no objections from the floor to this change of date. However, following the meeting there was a representation from several members who, on reflection, considered that the Reunion should always be held on the third weekend in June as was traditional. **However, the President and the Chairman subsequently agreed that the 1993 Reunion should be held on 5/6 June as this was the only date convenient to the Guest of Honour.** Thereafter the Reunion would revert to the third weekend in June.

AOC & COMDT'S SPEECH

Air Vice-Marshal Cousins warmly welcomed all members of the OCA and in particular the Guest of Honour, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Gingell. In paying tribute to Sir John's long and distinguished career, the Commandant recounted tributes paid to him on his retirement from the office of Black Rod. The Commandant also welcomed the Guest Preacher, the Reverend Tony Smith, and other guests.

As the first Old Cranwellian to hold the appointment of Commandant of the College since 1985, AVM Cousins said how delighted he was to learn of his appointment and that he readily accepted the challenge of maintaining the standards, tradition and ethos of Cranwell which all Old Cranwellians had assisted in forging. He saw his task very much as managing change and improving standards.

Turning to the College itself the Commandant reported that all departments were in good shape and responding to the many changes in and around them. DIOT in particular was about to embark on the new 24-week course - a course which would endeavour to meet the ideals of a former CAS who once said, *"We would be wise to retain the objective of regaining something akin to the intensity of purpose of the Old Cranwellian system in Initial Officer Training"*. AVM Cousins added that the aim of the longer course was to restore some of the tone and texture of Cranwell past, and to provide a little more depth and width to the syllabus.

Over the past 12 months the College had had some success in sporting fixtures against other military colleges and had participated in exchanges with former Eastern

Bloc countries. The first Hungarian cadet was due to start IOT, at Cranwell, later in the year. Another milestone would be reached in August when the OASC and DofR combined together at Cranwell to form the Directorate of Recruiting and Selection.

In summary the Commandant said that many enthusiastic young men and women were seeking to prove themselves at Cranwell, and he and his staff relished and accepted the responsibility of training them for their future role in the Royal Air Force.

SPEECH BY GUEST OF HONOUR

Sir John Gingell said that he was delighted to be invited for the second time to an Old Cranwellian Reunion although he had not been educated at Cranwell himself. It was a great pleasure to dine in such a splendid setting surrounded by the paintings of illustrious airmen; in particular that of Sir George Mills, the second Royal Air Force Officer to be appointed to the office of Black Rod and in whose footsteps he had eventually followed.

A recurring theme of his address was "damage limitation". He said that in his Service career he had had to face the consequences of Defence Reviews, and had also held several senior appointments where damage limitation had been an important element of his task. He suggested that the experience had been taken into account when he was offered the post of Black Rod; the House of Lords being, in a sense, a chamber devoted to damage limitation, particularly in its role of refining legislation proposed in the Other Place.

Sir John went on to describe the many facets of his duties as Black Rod and recounted a number of interesting anecdotes about his experiences.

Sir John said that to assist him in his duties as Black Rod, he had a corps of doorkeepers all of whom had been warrant officers in one of the 3 armed services; they were superbly loyal and efficient, and also knew a great deal about damage limitation. This had proved particularly useful, for example, during the 2 occasions when the Chamber had been invaded by protesters.

Sir John modestly attributed his successes, both during his Service career and as Black Rod, to being surrounded by very capable Servicemen or ex-Servicemen. He had decided therefore, that henceforth he would have to take retirement seriously.

Sir John concluded his address by paying tribute to some of the disabled ex-Servicemen whom he had met during his involvement with St Dunstons. They were people of whom everyone in the Royal Air Force could be proud, and to whom we owe a great deal. In cheerfully overcoming their disabilities, they had certainly demonstrated that they knew about damage limitation.

PRESIDENT'S REPLY

The President, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville Stack welcomed Air Vice-Marshal Cousins back to Cranwell in the appointment of AOC and Commandant and thanked him and his staff for their efforts in organizing the 1992 Reunion. In particular, the President thanked Sir John Gingell for giving up his time to be the Guest of Honour. Sir Neville Stack then presented Sir John Gingell with an Old Cranwellian tie.

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WE RECORD WITH REGRET THE PASSING OF THE FOLLOWING CRANWELL GRADUATES WHOSE DETAILS WERE NOTIFIED TO US DURING THE LAST YEAR;

Wg Cdr A R **Atkins** Jan 34 A Sqn (12 Aug 92)
Gp Capt C E J **Baines** Sep 28 B Sqn (20 Apr 92)
Sqn Ldr R J **Burge** 39 IOTC (16 Oct 92)
Gp Capt J P **Cecil-Wright** Jan 29 B Sqn (31 Mar 92)
Air Mshl Sir Edward **Chilton** Sep 24 B Sqn (4 Aug 92)
Air Chf Mshl Sir Hugh A **Constantine** Jan 26 B Sqn (16 Apr 92)
Gp Capt D J **Eayrs** Jan 27 B Sqn (25 Sep 92)
(also Stn Cdr RAF Cranwell 54-56)
Air Cdre H **Eeles** Jan 29 A Sqn (15 Jul 92)
(also Comdt 25 Aug 52 to 15 Apr 56)
Sqn Ldr M **Haverson** 101 IOTC (26 Nov 92)
Flt Lt J D **Henderson** 92 IOTC (9 Jul 92)
Gp Capt H J **Hobbs** Sep 32 A Sqn (14 Mar 92)
Gp Capt S W T **Holding** Assoc (23 Dec 92) D HQUAS Nov 84 - Jan 87)
Fg Off E G **Horder** Sep 23 B Sqn (7 Dec 92)
Sqn Ldr M P **Legg** 52 IOTC (7 Sep 92)
Flt Lt P W **Martin** 80 IOTC (30 Sep 92)
Sqn Ldr A D **Meeks** 64 Entry A Sqn (31 Jul 92)
Wg Cdr N B **Norris** Jan 26 A Sqn (19 Sep 92)
Air Cdre H M **Pearson** Jan 27 B Sqn (21 Nov 92)
Gp Capt H W **Pearson-Rogers** Jan 24 A Sqn (17 Aug 92)
(also Stn Cdr RAF Cranwell 46 - 48)
Air Cdre H M **Probyn** (24 Mar 92) Stn Cdr RAF Cranwell Jun 40 - Jul 44
Flt Lt S M J **Roberts** 94 IOTC (26 Nov 92)
Sqn Ldr B J **Selby** 70 IOTC (7 Nov 92)
AVM Sir Geoffrey L **Worthington** Sep 21 B Sqn (28 Apr 92)
AVM B P **Young** Sep 36 C Sqn (26 Jul 92)

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stairs which went straight up. At 1,951 metres we came to the first of 6 rest shelters, which come like blessed gifts from above. The rest shelters have local names (this one was Pondok Kondis) and have guides showing how long the average trekker should take to reach the next shelter. They also provide a welcome chance to rest and refill water canteens, as well as to enjoy the spectacular views. The seemingly never ending climb is punctuated at intervals with examples of exotic vegetation. For example, at the third shelter at 2,225 metres, Low's Pitcher plants can be seen. These plants are so-called because the end of each leaf is modified into a "pitcher" - a container of liquid which attracts unwary insects. These drown and as they dissolve their nutrients are absorbed by the plant. By early afternoon the group had reached Gunting Lagadon at 3,352 metres, which was the destination for that evening. Tired and sweaty, the group was in awe as they looked down upon the landscape of Sabah. Standing on terra firma, looking at the clouds passing by below, a wonderful feeling of achievement was felt by all. A cold shower and some hot noodles soon refreshed everyone and we spent that evening enjoying the sunset from 11000 ft. However, by 2000 hrs everyone was in bed because we planned to begin our final ascent on

the summit at 0230 so that we could watch the fabulous sunrise from Low's peak.

The following morning, having devoured tea and sandwiches, we set off. We all had torchlights and with a clear night sky our procession of small lights could be easily seen. Once more we were faced with a seemingly never ending flight of steps. In the darkness, the only indication of the height we had to conquer was from the tiny beams of light from those above us. After an hour the vegetation abruptly ended and we had to clamber over bare rock, or to use ropes for the really steep parts.

By 0530 our efforts paid off and we reached the peak. It was still dark and quite cold. Having signed the "Visitors' Book" at the summit we sat and waited for the sunrise. Shortly after 0600 the sun rose between the 2 peaks called "Donkeys Ears" to our right. As the sun continued to rise we looked down into the deep chasm called Low's Gully. Borneo was spread out beneath us. The coast away to the west, the peaks of the Crocker Range to the north east and, between them, the hazy blanket of the jungle. All that was left to do was to open our bottle of wine and raise toasts to the beautiful Mount Kinabalu and to 101 Basic Flying Training Course.

OLD CRANWELLIANS ASSOCIATION WEEKEND

SPORTS REPORTS

CRICKET: RAF College 173 for 8 declared - OCA 109 all out RAF College won by 3 wickets

The sun shone down on a resplendent Orange for this prestigious annual fixture. After a quick inspection of the wicket, the captains found it to be present and correct, and the College were asked to bat. OCA were off to a dream start when College captain Singleton, self-promoted to opener, was caught off Earl without troubling the scorer. When 4 overs later, Earl also dismissed Rawnsley the College were struggling

at 10 for 2. A bright 24 by Stuchfield restored some confidence before a stand of 40 by Slater and Dean saw the College through lunch. After lunch Slater achieved an impressive 52 before being deceived by an Aunger donkey drop. A washbuckling Caribbean 36 by Brown (including five 4s and one 6) pushed the score on and quick runs by Griffin, Davies and Spence enabled the home side to declare on 173 for 8. The pick of the OCA bowlers were Deakin (2-67) and Abbott (2-30).

The OCA innings began steadily with Holliday (28) and Morris (9) seeing off the College

opening attack of Davies and Spence. The introduction of spin forced a breakthrough with Crane trapping Morris LBW and McLaughlin bowling Aunger. The wickets of Owen and Culpen quickly followed and only a resolute 27 by Deakin bolstered the middle order. Stubborn resistance by the OCA tail kept the result in doubt until the College's ninth bowler, spinner Brown, removed the last 2 batsmen on 109 with 3 minutes playing time remaining. The high playing standard in this fixture was no more aptly reflected than in the batting of the 2 current RAF players on show. Singleton and Aunger, a little out of their depth in this company, managed only one run between them.

GOLF MATCH: RAFC 5 - OCA 1

The OCA v College Golf Match took place once again at Sleaford Golf Club in excellent weather. The College was fielding a strong team, with 3 single figure players, and were confident of making a good showing.

The first match saw MRAF Sir Keith Williamson and AVM Price facing a 'guest' player - Air Chf Mshl Sir Patrick Hine - and Plt Off Allison, a 2-handicap player. The initial stages of the game promised a close battle but the College pair soon began to draw ahead. Sir Patrick supplied several birdies, using his caddy's advice and his unconventional putting style to good effect, while Plt Off Allison played steady par golf except for the 300-yard sixth hole. Here his drive finished in the rough by the green and could not be found. Suggestions by his opponents that the local Job Centre might be an appropriate place to search fell on deaf ears and the College pair went on to compile a better ball score that would do credit to a tournament professional. Not surprisingly, the OCA were unable to gain a foothold in the match, despite strenuous efforts, and lost 8 and 7.

The second match was a closer affair, with Air Chf Mshl Sir Thomas Kennedy and Flt Lt Reader going down 4 and 2 to another strong College pairing. The Chief Flying Instructor, Wg Cdr Dee, partnered Fg Off McNeill who claimed to have recovered from his Initial Officer Training graduation the previous Thursday. This was obviously the case

as he lived up to the standard of his 3 handicap and combined well with his partner.

The first 2 matches were played at a fast pace and gradually opened up a large gap on the third match where AVM Brownlow and Gp Capt Sturt for the OCA struggled to contain Wg Cdr Churms and OC Harvey. The College players each sank some long putts, with Wg Cdr Churms' nett birdie at the third and 25-footer at the thirteenth to take the match 6 and 5 being memorable. The OCA pair fought hard but could not stop the rot.

AVM Robinson and Air Cdre Atherton faced the Director of the Department of Initial Officer Training, Gp Capt Wilby, and SO Gault in the fourth match and came out on top for the OCA's first success. They played particularly well around the green and were 3 up at the turn. Honours were then shared until the OCA were dormie 3 up and feeling secure, but a fighting revival by the College ensured that the match went to the last hole, where AVM Robinson sank a tricky 20-ft downhill putt for a birdie to clinch the match.

Unfortunately for the OCA, the final 2 matches went to the College. The fifth match saw Air Chf Mshl Sir Roy Austen-Smith and Sqn Ldr Goodman going down 6 and 5 against Flt Lt Fallow and OC Covill. Gp Capt Neale and Dr Butler came close in the final match, coming back from 3 down early in the match to all square after 15 holes, thanks to memorable chip shots for birdies on the twelfth and thirteenth holes. However, they lost the sixteenth and then OC Rennie scored an excellent par 4 on the long seventeenth to seal the match.

Overall, the strong College team gained a convincing victory but all agreed that the matches had been enjoyable and more closely fought than the bare scores suggested. Our thanks go once again to Sleaford Golf Club for allowing us prime tee times, and also to the Catering Staff for their excellent service. Finally, for the 1994 match, slightly earlier tee times have been requested to allow the OCA members a little longer to prepare for their AGM.

TENNIS MATCH: RAFC 8 - OCA 1

A pleasant sunny afternoon in June provided the backdrop for the 1993 RAFC v OCA Tennis

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Match. In previous matches, the College had succumbed to the stealth, guile, gamesmanship and rank of the OCA team. This year, however, due to training commitment, Service representation and the greatly reduced cadet numbers, the College team consisted of 2 DIOT Squadron Commanders, 3 DIOT Flight Commanders, one DSGT student and, regrettably, only one cadet. It was with some justification, therefore, that the College team felt more able to cope with the plethora of knee bandages, elbow supports and dusty, trusty Maxplys fielded by OCA. Following a hearty lunch and the odd beer, the OCA team of Air Mshl Sir Kenneth Hayr, Air Cdre Bruce, Gp Capt Pinney, Wg Cdr Head, Sqn Ldr Hales, Sqn Ldr Turnill and Flt Lt Scroggs took to the College Hall Tennis Courts.

In the opening rubbers, Hayr and Pinney took Perilleux and Baptiste by surprise and won the first set 7-5 with a display of tenacity and agility that belied their years. The College pair was, however, able to redeem themselves by halving the rubber, taking the second set 6-1. Sqn Ldrs Lynch and Guest, the College first pair, managed to overcome the defensive lobbing of Head and Turnill, winning 6-2, 6-1. Willis and Hicks opened against Dales and Scroggs. Again, the defensive lob was much in evidence, especially from the racket of Scroggs, but Hicks' accurate passing drive-volleys proved too strong for the OCA pairing; RAFC took the rubber 6-3, 6-0. On Court 4 a singles match of note was played between Air Cdre Bruce and Fg Off Thurston. Although Thurston took the rubber by 2 sets to love, Air Cdre Bruce recruited him for the Peregrins Tennis Club and, consequently, felt he won a moral victory. The promise of a cream tea at 1615 hrs loomed large in the minds of the OCA team as the second rubbers began. Lynch and Guest playing an orthodox serve, drive and volley game outplayed Hayr and Pinney 6-1, 6-1. Head and Turnill were determined to ensure that only one set was played before tea, hoping that they could ply their opponents with sandwiches and sticky cakes during the interval. Much to Turnill's annoyance, the Strawberry Tartlets and Cream were not in evidence this year, so it was with bitter disappointment and a heavy heart (but empty stomach) that Head and Turnill lost the second set 6-0.

Having gained their second wind during the tea interval, Hayr and Pinney set about their third match with renewed vigour. Although they lost 6-1, 6-1, the score does not do justice to the effort expended, or the amount of court that both players covered. Again, the accuracy of Hicks' volleying proved to be the decisive feature of the match. On Court 2, a tussle of major proportions was taking place between Head and Turnill and Baptiste and Thurston, with the OCA pair taking the first set 6-4. RAFC fortunately summoned all of their reserves to halve the rubber. With the remaining rubber won by RAFC, the final score was 8 rubbers to 1 in favour of RAFC.

Overall, a splendid afternoon of tennis was enjoyed by all, and OIC College Tennis would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the event. Should the match report not accord fully with your individual recollections, remember that a good story should not be tarnished by the truth!

SQUASH: RAFC 4 - OCA 3

Having powered their way to an emphatic win in last year's match, the Old Cranwellians were brimming with confidence in the dressing-room during their pre-match warm-up. Last year, they did not drop a match and it looked as if history was going to repeat itself as AVM Woodford and Mr Weaver showed power, skill, cunning and deceptive speed to overwhelm cadets Parks and Cogley, by 3:0, in the first 2 games, giving the Old Cranwellians a 2:0 lead. Cadet Colin Pease at Number 1, then despatched Wg Cdr Duguid 3:0 with some consistent attacking stroke-play, and at Number 2 Flt Lt Rob Woods of DSGT played some attractive squash to beat Gp Capt P Gooding 3:0 and levelled the score at 2 rubbers apiece. Flt Lt Collier-Baker, also of DSGT, playing at Number 3, showed excellent court-skills to beat Sqn Ldr Walt Lynch, one of last year's victors, by 3 games to 0.

The College were 3:2 up with 2 to play, which meant that Flt Lt Simon Buckingham, minus his usual fluorescent cycling shorts, could have the match sewn up if he could beat AVM Cheshire. Buckingham took the first game, playing to a good length down the walls, but

AVM Cheshire soon adapted, took the ball early, and won the next 3 games to tie the match at 3 rubbers each.

So the match was to be decided by the final game between Flt Lt Cogley and Gp Capt Wood. Cogley took the first, but Gp Capt Wood dug in to take the second with some fine drop shots. Finally, youth won the day as Cogley took the next 2 games to win 3:1.

Overall, it was a keenly fought competition, and many thanks go to the players, markers and all concerned for an enjoyable afternoon's squash.

CLAY PIGEON: RAFC 134 - OCA 137

On 5 June 1993, as part of the Old Cranwellians' Association Reunion and Games, the RAF College competed against OCA at clay pigeon

shooting. The teams, each consisting of 10 men, assembled at the range at 1345 on a fine sunny afternoon and shooting commenced at 1400. The sporting targets were presented in 3 stands: the first was a pair of springing teal, the second a single driven partridge, and the final stand presented a rabbit target followed by a rising pheasant.

After the first stand, the OCA team were narrowly ahead by 5 points. On the second stand, the College defeated the OCA by the narrow margin of 2 points, thus leaving the match finely balanced. The OCA team won the last stand by one point and thus ran out overall winners by 137 to 134, the closest competition for many years. The High Gun Trophy was won by Gp Capt Forsyth with a score of 20+2/25 after a 3-way shoot off.

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(2) Wg Cdr R J Ward had replaced Wg Cdr R McLellan.

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking the members for attending. The minutes of the 1992 meeting were accepted without reservation. Under matters arising, the Chairman reported that annual income would be increased by some £1800 if all members paid the correct subscription. The Chairman informed the meeting that on 16 December 1992 he had written to all those members not paying the correct amount and asked them to amend their Standing Order. As the Standing Orders were not payable until June 1, the response was not yet known.

The Chairman announced the following changes to the Committee:

- Wines Member.** Wg Cdr I J Childs had taken over from Wg Cdr Parsley.
- Secretary.** Sqn Ldr E A H Webb had taken over from Wg Cdr M H Codd.
- Membership Secretary.** Flt Lt T L Annal had taken over from Flt Lt D C Cramp.
- Members.**

(1) Wg Cdr M S Taylor had replaced Sqn Ldr P Mercer.

The Treasurer presented the balance sheet for the year ending 31 Dec 92. He firstly assured members that the Association's account was in a healthy position, with a capital balance of **£11694.10p**. He then said the Balance Sheet had changed little during the year. A decrease in the cash figure by **£500** had been offset by a **£700** increase in the Stock figure, thereby providing a net increase of **£200**. The Reserve Account had remained generally static, because the Portrait Account income of **£1097** had been balanced by an expenditure of **£1067**. The income on the Wines Account was **£548**, but expenditure, on Import Duty for wine held in bond amounted to **£696**. no expenditure had been incurred on the Computer Replacement Account though income was **£548**. The Treasurer then went on to inform members that the Income and Expenditure Account showed a deficit of **£189.21p**. A fall in interest rates had resulted in a reduction in income from the Investment account and expenditure had increased on the Annual Reunion, the College Journal and as a result of a rise in Corporation Tax. The overall increase in expenditure had been partly offset

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by a slight upturn in revenue from the Subscriptions Account and by a reduction in sundry expenses. Despite the deficit, the Treasurer did not recommend an increase in subscriptions. He reminded the members of the Chairman's earlier comments which indicated that a significant proportion of the membership were not paying the correct subscription., resulting in a loss of revenue of approximately £1800. Should this revenue be recovered in the next financial year, then a healthy increase in capital could be expected.

The Chairman reminded members that in his letter of 16 December 1992 he had also raised the subject of membership rules for graduates and non-graduates. As a consequence of the replies received he had again reviewed the Rules and tabled 2 options for consideration by the meeting. The proposed new rule for non-graduates was carried with only one vote against and, after lengthy discussion, a large majority voted in favour of a new membership rule for graduates. The new rules are as follows:

Attendance of Non-Graduates on Special Anniversary Occasions. An entry or course wishing to mark a particular anniversary (for example, the 25th anniversary of their graduation) by inviting non-graduating colleagues may do so with the prior permission of the Commandant. Those attending as non-graduates will be required to pay an economic rate as decided by the Committee.

Attendance at Annual Reunions by Graduates who are not Members of the Association. Graduates who are not members of the Association would be expected to join if they wished to attend the Annual Reunion. However, on particular anniversary occasions only, graduates who do not wish to join may be invited to attend with prior permission of the Commandant. They will be required to pay an economic rate as decided by the Committee.

On the subject of portraits the Chairman asked Air Cdre Millar to unveil the portrait of Sqn Ldr Simon Falla. Air Cdre Millar also informed the Committee that he was seeking a suitable successor due to his impending posting to RAF Germany. In response to a question from AVM Macfadyen, Air Cdre Millar said the intention

was to continue with the smaller portraits. Finally, on behalf of members, the Chairman thanked Air Cdre Millar for his efforts as the Chairman of the Portraits Sub-Committee.

On behalf of the Wines Member the Vice-Chairman informed the meeting that there was some £5000 worth of wine and port in the cellar which was expected to last until 1999. In addition, there was £3400 in the Wines Account. As 1991 was not a good year for claret, none had been purchased. Prospects for 1992 were not good either but, as stocks were at a satisfactory level, there was no great hurry to buy more claret. Nevertheless, there would be a requirement to purchase more wine next year because Cru Bourgeois took 5 years to mature. At present the 1980 vintage port was being drunk and, therefore, consideration would have to be given to buying one of the later vintages. The Vice-Chairman reassured members that there was enough stock for the next 7 years and money had been earmarked to replenish stocks when it was sensible to do so.

The Editor-in-Chief of the College Journal informed the meeting that the net cost of the 1993 Journal would be approximately £2700. Last year over 150 copies of the Journal had been returned by the Post Office. Unless new addresses for these members were received it was not planned to send them copies next year. This action would further reduce the printing and postage costs. The latter costs had already been reduced by some £200 by using the Post Office's Mailsort facility. The Editor-in-Chief also stated that he would be grateful for comments and suggestions on how to improve the Journal. In addition, he would welcome articles or anecdotes from members. Finally, approval was given to spend up to £3000 on next years Journal.

Invitations to dine had been extended to Gp Capt D Wilby, DDIOT and Wg Cdr (Rev) I Thomas, College Cof E Chaplain. Both had accepted and would dine with Members that evening. The Membership Secretary explained that due to restrictions on the use of certain meat products, the traditional 'turtle' soup would be replaced by Beef Consomme.

The Chairman read out a letter from the President in which he announced that Air Chf Mshl Sir Thomas Kennedy would take over as Presi-

dent of the Association in 1994. The President thanked the Chairman and his 4 predecessors who, with their dedicated staffs had done so much for the Association and thus made his time as President trouble free. The Chairman advised the meeting that he had purchased an inscribed Dartington Crystal Bowl as a gift to the outgoing President.

Finally, the date for the next reunion was to be **18/19 June 1994.**

AOC & COMDT'S SPEECH

Air Vice-Marshal Cousins extended a warm welcome to all members of the OCA to the 60th Annual Reunion Dinner. He also took the opportunity to welcome 67, 83 and 84 Entries who were celebrating anniversaries that evening. In particular, he welcomed the Guest of Honour, Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine and paid tribute to Sir Patrick's distinguished career.

The Commandant was pleased to record that the Inter-Collegiate games saw convincing victories for the College. Of particular note was the 22-3 defeat of a very strong French rugby team. The Commandant reported that the 24 week IOT Course had bedded in and, his initial impressions were that the course produced more confident and knowledgeable young men and women better prepared to face the challenges of their early years in the Service. However, he believed that a longer residential course would be required to inculcate a long lasting vocational sense within the student body.

The formation of the Directorate of Recruiting and Selection at Cranwell had proved to be of great value both to selectors and trainers alike. The re-formation of the Royal Air Force College Air Squadron was a most welcome initiative to provide air experience flying to those undergoing officer training.

Finally, the Commandant spoke about the President Sir Jimmy Stack. He recorded Sir Jimmy's close association with Cranwell from being a cadet in 1937, Sword of Honour winner in 1939, Commandant in 1967 and 1970 and President of the OCA since 1984. He felt that Sir Jimmy's enthusiasm for the College and the Association had been unsurpassed; he was a formidably effective President of the OCA. The Comman-

dant then wished the President a speedy recovery from illness. (Just before going to print, Sir Jimmy Stack passed away. His obituary follows this article).

SPEECH BY GUEST OF HONOUR

Sir Patrick Hine expressed his delight at being invited as Guest of Honour. He recalled his association with Cranwell which began when he was a National Serviceman in 1950. In particular, he mentioned some of the characters he had met and the contribution they made to the early part of his RAF career. Sir Patrick went on to describe some of his experiences in the Gulf War. He spoke warmly of his close working relationship with General Schwarzkopf and gave vivid accounts of events during some of the most critical stages of the War. Sir Patrick then said that the main lesson to come out of the Gulf War was that modern airpower, correctly applied, can actually enable you to win a major war against sizable forces decisively, quickly and with a minimum of casualties. Sir Patrick expressed his sadness that this lesson had, very largely, been ignored during recent changes to our own Armed Forces. He said that the RAF had lost 40% of its Strike Attack capability and a third of its Air Defence Fighter capability.

Sir Patrick concluded his speech by giving a personal view of the future of the RAF College. He felt that 24 weeks of Initial Officer Training were not enough to enable students to absorb properly the ethos, traditions and customs the Service, a fault of the system not any individual. In his opinion, there was a need to re-examine ways in which the RAF College could be reconstituted as an Air Force Academy.

PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPLY

The President Elect, Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy, thanked Sir Patrick Hine for being the Guest of Honour and for his excellent and thought provoking speech. In particular, he thanked the AOC and Commandant and his staff for their hard work in organising this year's Reunion.

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AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR NEVILLE STACK KCB CVO CBE AFC RAF

We record with deep regret that the President of The Old Cranwellians' Association, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville Stack died on 26 January 1994.

Neville "Jimmy" Stack was born into the world of aviation, the son of a celebrated air pioneer and test pilot who had made the first flight to India in a light aeroplane. He was educated at St Edmund's College, Ware before coming to Cranwell, in 1937, in pursuit of a career which, with hindsight, seems predestined.



Awarded the Sword of Merit on Graduation in 1939, Jimmy Stack proceeded to Coastal Command where he spent most of World War 2 specialising in anti-submarine operations, although he admitted to having never seen one. Brief "rest" tours, spent instructing at the School of General Intelligence, separated operational tours with Nos 201 and 204 Sqns during which he flew from bases as far apart as the Shetlands and West Africa. The immediate post-war years saw him continue his maritime specialisation on the Staff at HQ Coastal Command and as Chief RAF Instructor at the Joint Anti-submarine School. In this role he was instrumental in developing the tactics and techniques needed to counter the rapidly emerging Soviet submarine threat.

In 1954 his career dramatically changed course when he was appointed to command the Far East Transport Wing, based at Changi. Here, the main role of his Dakota and Valetta transports was to support the counter-insurgency operations of the Army and in addition to the usual supply drops and casualty evacuations his aircraft also took part in psychological warfare operations, dropping millions of leaflets and broadcasting from loudspeaker equipped Dakotas to the villages and jungles of Malaya. In 1957 Neville Stack's contribution was formally recognized by the award of the Air Force Cross. Following this he served successively on the Staff at HQ Transport Command and in command of the transport forces in Cyprus during which time his aircraft played a significant supporting role in the stabilization of the Middle East in the wake of the assassination of King Faisal of Iraq. Then in 1961, following an appointment as Deputy Captain of The Queen's Flight, Gp Capt Stack again returned to the Far East and active service. In the Indonesian crisis, his expertise in air support was put to valuable use as Senior Air Staff Officer at HQ 224 Group at Seletar. In 1965, upon his return from the Far East, he became SASO at HQ Flying Training Command before being appointed Commandant of the Royal Air Force College in 1967.

In this cherished appointment Neville Stack was able to deploy his great personal charm and ability to put even the most nervous Cadet at ease. His relaxed and extrovert personality was ideally suited to the role and Stack was delighted to have the opportunity to command the College. After 3 very happy years Stack became Permanent Military Deputy at the Central Treaty Organisation in Ankara before returning, in 1973, to become AOC in C Flying Training Command and finally, from 1976 until his retirement in 1978, he was the last four star Air Secretary.

Characteristically, Sir Neville Stack sought new challenges outside the Service. He was director general of the Asbestos International Association for 11 years and was always active on behalf of the OCA, becoming President in 1984 and remaining in post despite the onset of his final illness.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville Stack served with great distinction, achieving high rank and public honours. He gave long, dedicated and distinguished service to The College and will be remembered with affection by all who knew him.

IN MEMORIAM

We record with regret the passing of the following Cranwell graduates whose details were notified to us during the last year:

Wg Cdr P H Atkin 58 Entry D Sqn (20 Aug 93)

Sqn Ldr A Dodd 53 IOT (8 Nov 93)

Gp Capt G Francis Jan 25 A Sqn (9 Aug 93)

Gp Capt R J Gosnell Sep 30 A Sqn (23 Apr 93)

AVM HAV Hogan Jan 29 B Sqn (28 Jun 93)

Wg Cdr P I Howard-Williams Apr 39 C Sqn (10 Mar 93)

Sqn Ldr J Hull 43 IOT (2 May 93)

Flt Lt P Jevons 54 Entry A Sqn (Aug 92)

AVM R I Jones Sep 33 A Sqn (25 Jun 93)

Sqn Ldr A M McKelvey 18 GE (24 Jul 93)

Flt Lt S P McNally 99 IOT (27 May 93)

Fg Off J H Owen 121 IOT (27 May 93)

Flt Lt G R J Southard 59 IOT (27 May 93)

Obituary: Sqn Ldr K B E Roberts. Ken Roberts died suddenly on 15 October 1992, aged 60. He entered the College in January 1950, where he distinguished himself as a rugby player. His son, Matthew inherited his father's skills and became a member of the Junior England Squad. Sqn Ldr Roberts graduated from 56 Entry and went on to fly Javelins with 29 Sqn at Leuchers and, later, converted to Shackletons at St. Mawgan. He returned to Cranwell in 1962 as the College Adjutant before moving onto Staff College at Bracknell in 1964. Ken retired in 1971 whereupon he took up an administrative position with a well known veterinary practice. He leaves a widow, Shirley, 3 children and 6 grandchildren. He is sadly missed by family and many friends.

Flt Lt (Rtd) W E Woods 56/57 Entry

A Selection of OCA Members of the Mid-90s (when cadets)



Fg Off PO Sturley



AVM PO Sturley 2002



Plt Off PJM Squires



AVM PJM Squires 2022



SUO TG Thorn



Air Cdre TG Thorn



SFC TWM Scroggs



Fg Off CG Vallance



Fg Off DC Cramp



Fg Off MP Legg



SFC IJ Childs



Fg Off AD Collier-Baker



UO PJ Gooding



Fg Off MD Duguid



SUO RJ Ward



SFC PH Atkin

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INDIVIDUAL SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES 1996

Angling

MAEOp Vongyer - RAF
Flt Lt Payne - RAF

Athletics

Sqn Ldr Gammage - CS, RAF and Team Manager.
Flt Lt Coyne - CS, RAF.
Fg Off Ingram - RAF.
Plt Off Wills - RAF.
OC Booth - RAF.
OC Elliot - RAF.
OC Haxton - RAF.
Sgt Payne - CS, RAF.
Cpl Prestwood - RAF.
Cpl Southern - RAF.
SAC Paine - CS, RAF.
SAC Thompson - RAF.

Badminton

Flt Lt McKenzie - RAF.
Plt Off Hood - CS.
Sgt Metcalfe - RAF.

Basketball

Flt Lt Claringbould - RAF.
Fg Off Wyatt - RAF.
SO Westbrook - RAF.
OC Heede - RAF.
Sgt Swarbrick - RAF.

Canoeing

Flt Lt McDonald - RAF.
Cpl Goodsell - RAF.

Cricket

Fg Off Riddell - RAF
Fg Off Catlow - RAF
OC Harris - RAF U25.
Cpl Chapple - Comd.
Cpl Goacher - RAF.
Cpl Spray - RAF U25.
SAC Gray - RAF U25.
SAC Myers - RAF U25.

Cross-Country

Flt Lt Dazeley - RAF.
Sgt Payne - RAF.
SAC Paine - RAF.

Cycling

Sqn Ldr Daniels - RAF.
Cpl Kaye - RAF.

Equitation

Sqn Ldr Faulkes - RAF.
Flt Lt Rosier - Comd.

Football

Cpl Dawson - Comd.
SAC McIntyre - Comd.

Gliding

Sgt Crocker - Comd.

Golf

Sqn Ldr Griffith - RAF Ladies' Individual Golf Champion.

Hockey

Sqn Ldr Griffin - RAF.
Flt Lt Parry - RAF.
Fg Off Gibson - RAF.
Fg Off Kellett - RAF.
Cpl Simpson - RAF.
SAC Dykes - RAF.
SAC Midgley - RAF.
SAC Nash - RAF.
SAC Orton - RAF.
SAC Watts - RAF.

Judo

Fg Off German - RAF.
SAC English - RAF.

Lawn Tennis

Flt Lt Doherty - RAF.
Sgt Swarbrick - RAF.

Motor Sport

Cpl Edwards - RAF.
Cpl Kenny - RAF.

Netball

Cpl Weir - Comd.

Road Racing

Flt Lt Coyne - RAF.
Flt Lt Dazeley - RAF.

Flt Lt Gilbert-Simpson - RAF.
MALM Watts - RAF.
Sgt Wilson-Evans - RAF.
Sgt Payne - RAF.
Sgt Young - RAF.
SAC Paine - RAF.

Rowing

Flt Lt Berry - RAF.
Fg Off Hunter - RAF.
Cpl Smith - RAF.

Rugby

Flt Lt Burn - RAF.
Flt Lt Cairns - RAF U21 Coach.
Flt Lt Lamb - RAF Coach.
Fg Off Cloke - Comd.
Fg Off Coffey - Comd.
Fg Off Marter - Comd.
Fg Off Race - RAF.
Fg Off Scourfield - Comd.
Plt Off Everett - Comd.
Plt Off Nelson - Comd.
Plt Off Parr - RAF.
SO Thorpe - RAF.
OC Matthews - Comd.
Cpl Grindrod - RAF.
Cpl Hermond-Halgh - RAF.
Cpl James - RAF.

Sailing Offshore

Flt Lt Blake - RAF.
Flt Lt Rossiter - RAF.

Sailing Yacht Racing

Sqn Ldr Chilvers - RAF.

Skiing Alpine

Sqn Ldr Mutch - RAF.
WO Palmer - RAF.

Squash

Cpl Goodings - Comd.

Swimming/Water Polo

Flt Lt Bauer - Comd.
Flt Lt Buchanan - RAF.
Flt Lt Smart - RAF.
Flt Lt Wilson - RAF.
Fg Off Donaldson - Comd.
Fg Off Hamilton - RAF.
Plt Off Ansell - Comd.
OC Barry - Comd.
OC Chesworth - Comd.
OC Higgins - RAF.
OC Leever - RAF.
Sgt Murphy - RAF.
Cpl Davies - RAF.
Cpl Goodings - Comd.
Cpl Grindrod - Comd.
Cpl Hamer - CS, RAF.
Cpl Simpson - CS, RAF.
Cpl Southern - RAF.
Cpl Watts - RAF.
Cpl Williams - RAF.
SAC Murphy - Comd.

Table Tennis

SAC Buck - RAF.
SAC Oldman - RAF.

Volleyball

Sqn Ldr Leighton - RAF.

OLD CRANWELLIANS' ASSOCIATION GAMES - SPORTS REPORTS 1996

Squadron Leader R D Gammage BSc, OC PEd Sqn, RAF Cranwell

CRICKET MATCH

RAF College 167 for 6
OCA 121 for 3

RAF College Won

With The Orange wicket lying fallow for at least 2 seasons whilst work is undertaken to restore it to its former glory, the 1996 Cricket Match was held on the College's Number One Wicket, adjacent to The Sultan Qaboos Pavilion. The limited overs match started early after the OCA lunch under a bright blue sky and glorious sunshine. A sizeable crowd

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had gathered to enjoy the sporting spectacle, played in excellent conditions. The College Captain won the toss and elected to bat, whereupon Plt Off Simon Gilbert and SO Stuart Lockyer were given the privilege of opening the batting. The opening partnership put on 35 runs before Gilbert fell to a 'slower' ball from the OCA's star fast bowler.



The OCA and College Cricket Teams for the 1996 Games

Although the next College batsman, Fg Off Wilson, was out to the following ball, the College amassed a challenging total of 167 before the end of their innings; SO Lockyer scoring 58 to lead the batting scores. The only wicket lost that involved an outfielder, showed Air Mshl Squire to be as nimble as ever as he removed the bails before OC Noble could ground his rear foot - owzat! The OCA had been set a difficult task. The stars of the OCA innings were undoubtedly Sqn Ldr (Retd) Morris and SO Deakin; Deakin remained unbeaten on 50 before retiring, to enable more of the OCA Team to enjoy a taste of the 'middle'. Although they always lagged a little behind the run rate required for victory, the OCA's sound batting kept them in the race up to the last. Nevertheless, the College victory was a fair indication of the ability of the 2 sides. The weather, crowd and sporting attitude of the participants had once again made for an exciting afternoon of cricket.

GOLF MATCH

*RAF College 3 points - OCA 3 points
Draw*

Blessed by excellent weather, the OCA versus RAF College Golf Match was once again competed for at Sleaford Golf Club. Indeed, in recognition of the excellent service provided to the College and OCA over many years, Air Chf Marshal Sir Jock Kennedy, President of The OCA, presented a bench to the Sleaford Golf Club Captain on behalf of the Association. The strict training regime of the College Team meant they were not allowed to partake of the sherry drinks to toast the Presentation, which may well have had some bearing on the final result.

The first match consisted of OCA Captain, Air Chf Mshl Sir Michael Graydon and Air Cdre Duckett, for the OCA, against Rev (Wg Cdr) Devany and OC Calder, for the College. In a close match, characterized by some excellent birdie putting, the College ran out winners, 2 up, one to play. The second and third matches were even more closely contested, with the OCA and College sides winning

one each. The OCA team of Gp Cpts Buckland and Saye made a fine start to the fourth match, winning the first 4 holes. Despite the College golfers settling down later in the Match they were unable to pull back the OCA lead. The fifth match featured WO Palmer and SO Potter for the College against Air Chf Mshl Sir Robert Freer and AVM Price. Commendable College wins on the eleventh, thirteenth and fourteenth holes allowed them to



The OCA presented a gift to Sleaford Golf Club for their tremendous support over the years

win by 6 holes, with 4 to play. Both teams eagerly awaited the final match. The result was a win on the last for Air Chf Mshl Sir Thomas Kennedy and Air Cdre Atherton for the OCA. The overall match score was thus 3 points all, a draw being the most appropriate result after the close contest at Sleaford.

TENNIS MATCH

*RAF College 80 points - OCA 85 points
OCA won by 5 points*

The Tennis Match on the College courts also benefited from the bright, sunny weather which blessed the 1996 Games. The popular 'American Format' of previous years was once again agreed on by both teams and allowed flexibility and great enjoyment for all. The College Tennis Team's infrequent practices were quickly evident, although they made up for this with youth and enthusiasm. In contrast, the OCA Team was full of its usual mixture of experienced partnerships and competitive spirit. Playing consistent tennis, the OCA Team of Air Chf Mshl Sir Kenneth Hayr, Wg Cdrs Head and Rogers, Sqn Ldrs Deakin, Danks and Leaney and Flt Lt Scroggs quickly asserted their dominance over the College players.



The 1996 OCA Tennis Team

After a poor start by the College, the teams broke for tea which enabled the youngsters to capitalize on the OCA's appetites and claw back a few points after the break. Tactics were now playing an important part in the match, with ingenious lobbing and brave volleying serving to whip up team spirits.



The winning OCA Tennis Team serve/volley tactics helped them to win the match

Despite this, sound serving by the OCA enabled them to maintain the pressure and ward off the burden of the Danish pastries! The OCA went on to earn a notable and well deserved 85-80 win.

SQUASH

*RAF College 1 point - OCA 3 points
OCA won by 2 points*

The annual Squash Match soon showed the OCA's strength in depth over a College team left depleted by the recent graduation of key players. With quick OCA wins in the third and fourth string pairings, the OCA took an early lead. Indeed, AVM Woodford and Gp Capt Stephen (OCA Captain) achieved relatively straightforward victories over their College rivals. Superior technical play and skill had defeated fitness and courageous hard work by OC Duffy and SO Rafferty. The number 2 pairing were closely matched and the first 2 games were keenly contested; Sqn Ldr Deacon-Elliott managed to maintain the upper hand against left-handed SO Rolfe. Rolfe fought back to win the third 9-2, but the OCA Number 2 shrugged off his opponents' revival to win the next 9-3 and secure a win and overall victory for the OCA. The College managed to retain some pride to win the number one pairing, with Fg Off Peeters demonstrating

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superb technical ability against Wg Cdr Duguid's spirited play. The OCA had won 3 - 1 overall, a clear indication of their better ability and tactical experience.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING MATCH

*RAF College 209 points - OCA 251 points
OCA won by 42 points*

The Clay Pigeon Shooting Competition was shot over 4 different standards of 10 birds each. Both teams fielded 9-man teams, the OCA captained by Wg Cdr Taylor and the College by Flt Lt Pearce. The first stand, the down-the-line, was evenly contested by both teams; Wg Cdr Taylor and Sqn Ldr Pearce (no relation to College Captain!) each shooting a straight 10. The second stand of 5 pairs of springing teal proved a more trying test with only Gp Capt Beney and Sqn Ldr Cole shooting straight 10s. By the start of the second half of the

Competition the OCA had pulled out a small, but insurmountable lead of 8 points. With 360 points still up for grabs the battle intensified. Stand 3, the single springing teal, followed by a right to left crosser, put the shooters to the test. Even the irrepressible Wg Cdr Taylor could only manage 9; most were happy to hit 5. By the start of the last stand, the rabbit and crossing bird, the OCA had eked out their lead to 9 points. Air Mshl Macfadyen opened with a splendid 9 from 10 starting a healthy rout from the OCA team. The much younger and less experienced College team buckled under the onslaught from the more experienced OCA shooters, the OCA picking up a massive 15 points advantage from this stand alone.

At battle's end the OCA had won by 42 points. Having lost for the last 2 years, the OCA captained by Wg Cdr Taylor were absolutely delighted to accept the Clay Pigeon Trophy from Air Mshl Macfadyen. The High Gun Trophy was closely contested this year with Wg Cdr M W Taylor narrowly beating the other 2 contenders to win with a very respectable 35 from 40.



The OCA won the Clay Pigeon Competition for the first time since 1993

The intended direct debiting system was seen as a valuable means of ensuring current subscription payment.

Although College Journal production costs were increasing because of reduced advertising revenue, those additional costs had been more than ameliorated by sales of the Journal to the Directorate of Recruiting and Selection. That will continue for 1996. Corporation Tax liability had decreased for the second year running. Sundry expenses had been reduced significantly through careful budgeting, and the Portrait, Wine and IT Accounts income had remained consistent with the slight downturn in subscriptions.

The proposal to accept the Balance Sheets for the Financial Year ending 31 Dec 95 was accepted without demur.

Paintings. AVM Elder briefly summarized the illustrious career of the late Air Chf Mshl Sir John Thomson, before unveiling the Stubley portrait commissioned by the OCA.

The Painting Sub-Committee had been tasked at the 1995 AGM to make proposals on the way ahead. It was proposed that future paintings should be considered in the following order:

Distinguished Very Senior Officers who are Old Cranwellians.

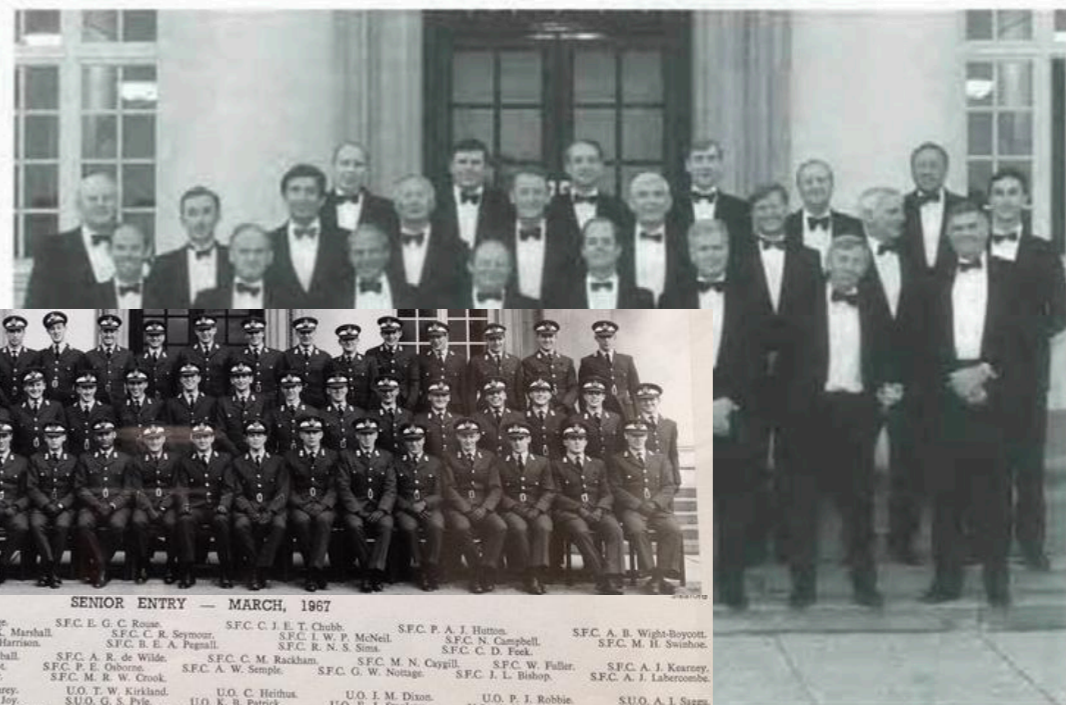
Old Cranwellians who have served with distinction or major achievement for their country (The Stubley Series).

Retiring CAS who were Old Cranwellians.

After considerable debate over these priorities, the consensus view was that these 'guidelines' were a very satisfactory base for pragmatic decisions.

It had been mutually agreed between the artist and CAS, that Andrew Festing would paint the portrait of CAS at a time convenient to CAS.

Gp Capt Phil Pinney had asked to stand down from the Sub-Committee. Wg Cdr Nick Barnes, currently



SENIOR ENTRY - MARCH, 1967

Back Row:	S.F.C. M. E. Tester.	S.F.C. A. F. Legge.	S.F.C. E. G. C. Roane.	S.F.C. C. J. E. T. Chubb.	S.F.C. P. A. J. Hutton.	S.F.C. A. B. Wright-Boycott.
	S.F.C. D. G. Cadwallader.	S.F.C. K. Marshall.	S.F.C. C. R. Seymour.	S.F.C. I. W. P. McNeil.	S.F.C. N. Campbell.	S.F.C. M. H. Swinhoe.
	S.F.C. R. N. Coles.	S.F.C. G. Harrison.	S.F.C. B. E. A. Peggall.	S.F.C. R. N. S. Sims.	S.F.C. C. D. Feak.	
Centre Row:	S.F.C. M. W. Brown.	S.F.C. C. J. Tidball.	S.F.C. A. R. de Wilde.	S.F.C. C. M. Rackham.	S.F.C. M. N. Caygill.	S.F.C. W. Fuller.
	S.F.C. P. R. Morley.	S.F.C. C. D. Elliot.	S.F.C. P. E. Osborne.	S.F.C. A. W. Semple.	S.F.C. G. W. Nottage.	S.F.C. J. L. Bishop.
	S.F.C. M. Reid.	S.F.C. G. Leaney.	S.F.C. M. R. W. Crook.			S.F.C. A. J. Kearney.
Front Row:	P. R. Ooley.	U.O. C. A. Humphrey.	U.O. T. W. Kirkland.	U.O. C. Heithus.	U.O. J. M. Dixon.	U.O. P. J. Robbie.
	S.U.O. E. T. M. Danks.	S.U.O. R. M. Joy.	S.U.O. G. S. Pyle.	U.O. K. B. Patrick.	U.O. E. J. Stapleton.	U.O. K. H. Minion.
	U.O. S. C. Gruner.	S.F.C. R. A. Bealer.	S.F.C. E. G. Norbury.			S.U.O. A. I. Sagna.
						U.O. A. J. Stubley.

Air Vice-Marshal Stables and Old Cranwellians of 90 Entry on the steps of College Hall Officers' Mess

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serving on the Joint Staff College Project, had agreed to replace him, subject to approval. The meeting accepted the change without demur.

Cellar Stock. The Wines Member reported that claret and port stocks were ample. The 1995 claret vintage was reported to be excellent and the Wines Member intended to replenish the Association's claret reserves appropriately.

Dinner Guests. In keeping with custom, the Commandant had extended an invitation to dine with the OCA to those members of the Committee who were not themselves Old Cranwellians. Sqn Ldr Brooke and Flt Lt Brown had accepted the invitation.

Any Other Business.

Charity Raffle. Tickets for the raffle of the bottle of port had raised some £140 which would go to the RAF Dependants Disabled Holiday Trust. CAS drew the winning ticket, purchased by Wg Cdr Semple.

Cricket Pitch. The decision to use the No 1 cricket square, rather than The Orange, for the OCA versus College Cricket Match was discussed. The money to make The Orange wicket safe for competitive cricket, some £20000, was beyond the resource of either the OCA or the College Budget in the foreseeable future. Thus, the No 1 square would remain the venue. Thought would be given to relocating the mid-afternoon refreshments from College Hall to the Sports Pavilion in future years.

Date for 1997 Reunion. The Chairman briefed the membership on the continuing difficulties in finding a date around the traditional time of late June and proposed that the 1997 Reunion be held 26/27 Jun 97. This provoked significant discussion and a general consensus that the membership would have wished to secure a date closer to the end of June and invited the Committee to re-examine the possibility and to report back in a newsletter by end Nov 97. OCA Members will be aware that the decision has been made to hold the reunion on 21/22 Jun 97.

IN MEMORIAM

We record with regret the passing of the following Cranwell Graduates whose deaths were notified to us during the last year

Wg Cdr	A I	Alder	55 Entry, A Sqn	(12 Jan 97)
Gp Capt	T J	Arbuthnot	Sep 24, B Sqn	(31 Dec 95)
Sqn Ldr	P B	Balean	Jan 39, A Sqn	(31 Jul 96)
Wg Cdr	C V	Beadon	Sep 37, B Sqn	(14 Sep 95)
Flt Lt	S J	Burgess	92 IOTC	(13 Feb 96)
Sqn Ldr	N S J	Carter	45 IOTC	(25 Sep 96)
Gp Capt	J J R	Cohu	71 Entry, C Sqn	(4 Jan 96)
Gp Capt	C J	Collingwood	Feb 20, A Sqn	(20 Jan 96)
Gp Capt	L	Crocker	Sep 27, A Sqn	(18 Apr 96)
Gp Capt	R J A	Ford	Feb 23, B Sqn	(12 Dec 96)
Sqn Ldr	R H	Gidman	49 Entry, A Sqn	(1 Mar 96)
AVM	A D	Gillmore	Sep 23, B Sqn	(27 May 96)
Air Cdre	G W	Hayes	Feb 23, B Sqn	(15 Oct 96)
Air Cdre	S J	Marchbank	Sep 30, B Sqn	(8 Jan 96)
Air Cdre	E D	McK Nelson	Jan 31, C Sqn	(5 Dec 96)
Air Cdre	C C	Morton	Jan 30, B Sqn	(6 Nov 96)
Flt Lt	N R	Norton	44 IOTC	(28 Jun 96)
Gp Capt	J O W	Oliver	Sep 29, BSqn	(4 Feb 97)
Flt Lt	J R	Reeves	60 IOTC	(28 Apr 96)
Air Cdre	G N E	Tindal-Carill-Worsley	Sep 26, B Sqn	(28 Apr 96)
Air Cdre	Sir Frank	Whittle	Sep 26, B Sqn	(9 Aug 96)

OBITUARY

AIR COMMODORE E D McK NELSON CB DL

Air Vice-Marshal M D Lyne CB AFC** DL RAF(Retd)

Eric Nelson entered the College in January 1931 and thus starting his flying training in open cockpit Avro 504 aircraft under the most stark conditions. He did his advanced flying in Atlas biplanes, also without protection from the weather.

But as a keen sailor he may have already been prepared to put up with wet, cold and the misbehaviour of craft affected by the wind. At any rate he passed out with an 'Above Average' grading and went on to No 12 Squadron and then into the Fleet Air Arm, where catapulting, deck landings and floatplane flying were difficult skills to be learnt.

His career nearly ended here when he was towing targets for naval gunners and thought that their fire was getting too close to his aircraft. When he gave the order to let out 50 yards more of cable his scarf caught in the windlass and choked him. The airman in the back first cut the scarf and then leaned over to slap his face. Eric came to just in time to alight on the sea and then passed out again. The airman was doubly lucky - he saved his life and was not court martialled for 'Striking an Officer'.

Flt Lt Nelson was a leading boxer, holding the RAF Championship for his weight for 3 years. He was also a natural sportsman, doing the pentathlon and yacht and dinghy racing. In his Service duties he was a flying instructor and, in 1941, was sent with a team to Australia to start a training scheme. Here he did well with the local people and also became a good surfer by their standards.

After a hair-raising voyage back to England in 1943 he took command of a Lancaster Squadron involved in the Battle of Berlin. When promoted to Gp Capt in 1944 he went to Manby. In 1946 he had a happier Lancaster flight round the world on a technology mission.

His peacetime work included being Asst Comdt of Cranwell before starting the unique series of appointments to the pillars of Trenchard's Air



Air Commodore E D McK Nelson

Force, the Aircraft Apprentices School at Halton, the Staff College at Andover and finally as Comdt of the RAF College. No other officer held all of these Commandantships.

He retired in Lincolnshire and the attendance at his Memorial Service showed how beloved he and his wife Yvonne were in our County.

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CRANWELLIAN NOTES

38 Entry (B Sqn) - Air Cdre A M (Peter) Ruston CBE DFC. Flying boats throughout war - areas Atlantic, Mediterranean and Far East. Post-war Coastal Command, Staff College, Episkopi, OC Topcliffe and Director Flying Training MOD. Post RAF 3 years Airwork Riyadh. Current activities sailing from Keyhaven. Member Romsey Town Council and former Mayor.

46 Entry (B Sqn) - ACM Sir Jock Kennedy GCB AFC DL is trying to organize the fiftieth anniversary of the graduation of No 46 IOT Course. Please make contact: Garden Cott, Manton, Nr Oakham, Rutland LE15 8SY.

53 Entry (B Sqn) - Flt Lt D E Hobday retired from the RAF in 1968. Took up civil aviation, flying with Loganair, then with BUA, later to become BCAL. Later flew with BA after they took over BCAL. Retired second time in 1990. Now lives in Horsham, Sussex.

58 Entry (A Sqn) - Capt R E Pyrah retired at his 38/16 option in 1969 and flew for British Steel, RTZ, THF and retired finally after 12 years as Chief Pilot of a ME company completing 43 years of flying. Now living in Colwell Bay, Isle of Wight and getting in a lot of sailing to the West Country and Brittany. A delightful old stone cottage in lovely surrounds, the beach 5 minutes walk and the boat 5 minutes drive; what more could one ask for.

58 Entry (C Sqn) - ACM Sir Michael Armitage KCB CBE happily retired in mid-Somerset these past 5 years - after 43 years in uniform - it seemed long enough! The delights of retirement enhanced by 2 or 3 cruises in the Far East each year where I give talks on military and colonial history.

59 Entry (B Sqn) - Mr D D Mumby. Members of No 58 and 59 Entries have been holding dinners on alternate years at the RAF Club. The next dinner, with wives, is at the Club on 12 Apr 97. Any member of 58 or 59 Entry, with whom we are not already in contact, who wishes to attend should call Derek Mumby on 0115-941-7871.

70 Entry (C Sqn) - Gp Capt D C Scouller AFC MRAcS. Earning an honest crust as Chief Flying

Instructor and Aerodrome Manager at Old Sarum I would be very pleased to see any Old Cranwellians who fly/drive in.

71 Entry (B Sqn) - Wg Cdr C P J Coulcher has written a book 'A Natural History of the Cuckmere Valley' to be published by the Book Guild of Lewes in early 1997 with a foreword by Lord Healey of Riddlesden and superb illustrations by Frank Wooton OBE as the author.

74 Entry (B Sqn) - Gp Capt J G Saye retired in 1989 to settle in USA, having completed 3 exchange tours over there. Returned to UK in 1995 and, with his wife, owns and manages a Residential Care Home for the elderly in the New Forest. Anyone 'Waiting for God?'!

76 Entry (A Sqn) - Sqn Ldr D Lawrence retired from the Service in 1996 (leaving only 2 members of No 76 IOT still serving - both Air Chief Marshals) to take up the appointment of Adjutant, University of Birmingham Air Squadron.

77 Entry (A Sqn) - Sqn Ldr Robin Geach retired in Nov 93 after 4 years at HQ STC dabbling in computers, IT budgets and financial planning under NMS. Retirement is indeed wonderful, with no time for 'proper' work! Joy and I would be delighted to see any ex-98 IOT Entry, D Sqn at GR TL782517 near RAF Stradishall (NMP Highpoint), Suffolk.

78 Entry (B/D Sqn) - Gp Capt E R Cox FRAeS currently Director of the Air League. I would be delighted to hear from ex-colleagues wishing to renew old acquaintances or from anyone wanting to know more about the League. I can be contacted on 0171-491-0470 most days.

101 Entry - Sqn Ldr (Retd) Richard Cullingworth DipSurv ARICS. May 1996 - 1997 Chairman of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in Leicestershire and Northamptonshire.

2 GE Entry - Wg Cdr Bratby M J BA MSc posted to Melbourne on Exchange Duties with the RAAF for 2 years from September 1996.



8 GE Entry - Sqn Ldr Andy Shaw BEng continues his wonderful time at RAF Linton-on-Ouse and had the pleasure of reforming and commanding No 3 Sqn at the RAF's only and first BFTS from 2 Oct 95.



16 GE Entry - Gp Capt J G Stevenson. After nearly 3 1/2 years at HQ Allied Forces Baltic Approaches, Karup, Denmark I have returned to the real world as Group Captain Systems Support, HQ Logistics Command, RAF Brampton.

No 42 IOT - Sqn Ldr J M Guthrie posted to RAF Akrotiri as OC Plans and Budgets wef 23 Sep 96.

No 48 IOT - Wg Cdr J K Wheeler OBE BA MIMgt was posted to the Organization Staffs at HQ Strike Command following a detachment in Italy as the Senior Administrative Officer. He was appointed an Officer in the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire in The Queen's Birthday Honours List 1996.

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OLD CRANWELLIANS' ASSOCIATION GAMES - SPORTS REPORTS 1997

Squadron Leader R P Cunliffe BEd MILAM (Dip), OC PEd Sqn RAF College Cranwell

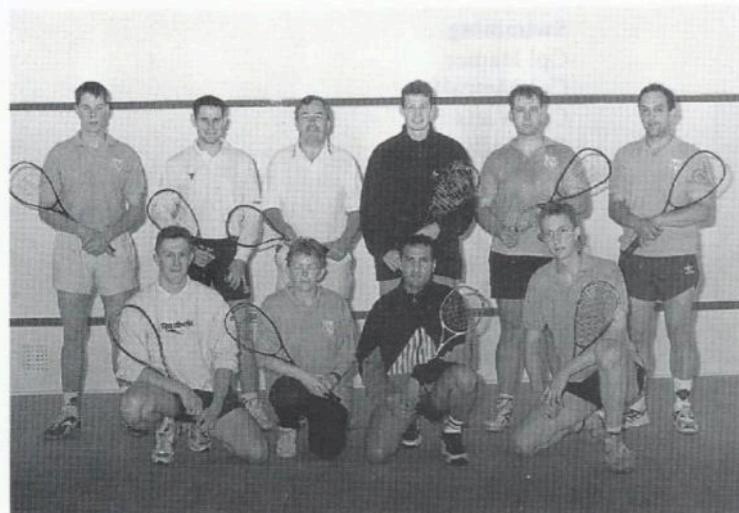
SQUASH MATCH

RAF College 3 points
OCA 2 points

RAF College Won

This was one event in which the abysmal weather was actually a benefit to the match. Unfortunately, the Old Cranwellian Association (OCA) only had one player, so 4 members of the 'washed out' RAF College cricket team switched allegiance and boosted the numbers of the OCA team. As Gp Capt Stephens was the sole 'genuine' OCA team member he willingly took the lead and played first string against Sqn Ldr Broom.

Sqn Ldr Broom quickly settled into his rhythm and Gp Capt Stephens clearly had a lot of work to do. Despite some good rallies between the 2 opponents in the first game, Sqn Ldr Broom eventually won 9-4. Sqn Ldr Broom soon proved to be the stronger player and Gp Capt Stephens struggled to match his opponent, losing the second and third games 9-0, 9-1 respectively and the match 3-0.



The 4 members of No 166 IOT Course swapped their cricket bats for squash rackets, worked out their string order and willingly took to the court for the OCA team against their RAF College opponents. Playing at second string was Fg Off Anderson (RAFC) v SO Forward (OCA). Although SO Forward ran out to a convincing 3-0 win, this was undoubtedly the most competitive match of the tournament. The players were very evenly matched and some exciting squash was played. Fg Off Anderson played a very strong tactical game and some long, hard rallies ensued, but SO Forward clearly had the edge and had a reply for every shot played by Fg Off Anderson.

At third string, Flt Lt Millar (RAFC) was paired against SO Khan (OCA). The opening game was a very close, tactical battle between the 2 players, but Flt Lt Millar's strength and experience soon shone through and he won 9-6. The second game, however, told a different story as Khan dominated the game to win 9-3. Flt Lt Millar went into the third game determined to make up for the second game defeat and comfortably won 9-4. The fourth game proved to be a one-sided affair as Khan struggled to match the quality of shots played by Flt Lt Millar, losing the game 9-0 and the match 3-1.

Fg Off Attack (RAFC) went into her match against SO Boardman (OCA) determined to win for the College and the female race! She started positively and raced into a 5-1 lead, taking control of the first game, eventually winning 9-5. However, SO Boardman fought back admirably in the second game and after some long tactical rallies he reversed the scores from the first game and won 9-5. The third game started with both players determined to take the initiative. Again, a very close game ensued, but SO

agility around the court contributed to a 9-6 win. Despite Fg Off Attack tiring in the fourth game, she took an early 4 point lead; however, she could not sustain her efforts and eventually lost the game 9-7 and the match 3-1.

The fifth string match was between Fg Off Clarke (RAFC) and SO Rose (OCA). During the warm-up period both players appeared to be very evenly matched and a close game appeared to be on the cards. However, as the match started, Fg Off

Clarke soon proved to be a superior player. SO Rose struggled to match his opponent, losing the first game 9-0. SO Rose continued to be run ragged by a very confident and fit opponent in the second and third games, losing 9-0, 9-1 and the match 3-0. Overall, the afternoon proved to be very sociable and successful, particularly for the College team! Congratulations go to all the players for producing good competitive squash in a friendly and sporting atmosphere.

COLLEGE

OCA 2

1	Sqn Ldr Al Broom	9-4	9-1	9-0	Gp Capt Tony Stephens	
2	Fg Off Bob Anderson	4-9	5-9	2-9	SO Jez Forward	
3	Flt Lt Sam Millar	9-6	3-9	9-0	9-0	SO Farid Khan
4	Fg Off Jan Atack	9-5	5-9	6-9	7-9	SO Stan Boardman
5	Fg Off Darren Clarke	9-0	9-0	9-1	SO Paul Rose	

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING MATCH

RAF College 189 points
OCA 183 points

RAF College Won

On a day that was more suited to ducks, the Old Cranwellians' Association Clay Pigeon Shooting Team converged upon the College from far and wide. David Forsythe, the visiting team captain, decided early that, despite the weather, the shoot should still go ahead. After some early practice for those who wished, the 2 teams gathered after lunch and were subsequently confused by the organizer's brief of the stands to the shot. None the less, the match started on time and the Old Cranwellians' team shot themselves into a solid lead after 2 events. However, the home team came back with a vengeance on the third stand, that of quartering birds. For some reason this stand was not enjoyed

build up what was to prove to be an unassailable lead. There was some fine individual shooting from Andrew Young who also very kindly donated 2 shot-guns and some ammunition for the day. The best individual shot of the day was Colin Chester, without whom the home side might well have struggled. However, the Trophy now rests with the Royal Air Force College, who look forward to the challenge of defending it next year.



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TENNIS MATCH - RAINED OFF

The 2 Captains agreed that the match could not be played because of the inclement weather. However, during a break in the weather, some OCA brave hearts, 5 men and one lady (the wife of one), took to the courts. A doubles and singles match were played (one set only before the heavens opened again). The OCA team wanted to claim a win over the College by default and 2 sets to Nil, but this was considered unworthy by the Competition Secretary, even though the OCA team had endured the elements and had played with wet, fluffy tennis balls!

CRICKET MATCH - RAINED OFF

Sadly, the Cricket Match had to be called off. The Captains agreed to reconsider their earlier decision at 2 pm, but their main concern was the safety of the players. Not just the batsmen, but also the slippery underfoot conditions for each bowler.

GOLF MATCH

RAF College 3 points
OCA 3 points

Draw

This year's annual fixture was held at Sleaford Golf Club as part of the Old Cranwellians' Association Reunion on 21 June 1997. As players arrived at the Club, there was clear evidence that the weather was again going to play a keen part in the proceedings; unlike last year when the sun had taken its toll on the Course, this year it seemed as if we were being blessed with June's total rain allocation on the same day. However, the advantage was that the Course was looking particularly green and invitingly attractive. After some deliberations over coffee, it was decided that, as we all had waterproof clothing and umbrellas, a bad day on the Course was clearly going to be better than a good day anywhere else. With that in mind, we agreed that we would Tee-Off for at least 9 holes and allow the first pairing to make the decision on

whether to play 9 or 18 holes on the way round, depending on the severity of the conditions.

The tactical ploy by the College to change most of their pre-named side upon arrival was met with little objection from the Old Cranwellians' Association and eventually, after having the obligatory team photography with very nice jumpers, the first pairing, consisting of AVM Elder and Sqn Ldr Porter for the Old Cranwellians' Association against Cpl Wheldon and OC Squires for the College, donned their waterproof clothing and ventured on to the first Tee. The Old Cranwellians' Association got off to a fine start with both of them shooting drives straight up the middle, while the College pair decided to carry out an investigation of the local trees! This attempt to lull the Old Cranwellians into a false sense of security proved worthwhile, and as the match progressed the College team began to show their true colours and ended up winning the match. So a confident start was made by the College.

Second away for the Old Cranwellians' Association were Air Chf Mshl Sir Thomas Kennedy and Sqn Ldr Rogers, who were matched against Fg Off Dan Yeoman and our special guest in the form of the Sleaford Golf Club Asst Pro. The Old Cranwellians got off to a flying start, shaming the College by winning the first 3 holes. The College managed to claw their way back to one under by the ninth and that is how the game remained up until the seventeenth. It was here that the stamina of the College team began to show its worth and they went on to the eighteenth tee all square. Despite having struggled to keep a grip of their clubs earlier in the match and having forfeited several golf balls, things on the final hole were very controlled and, despite a brave effort by the Old Cranwellians' Association, the lead they held from the start was eventually sacrificed and the College emerged victors by one hole. By now the College players in the Clubhouse were beginning to smile.

The third pairing were Air Cdre Henderson and Flt Lt Wilson for the Old Cranwellians' Association matched against the might of Gp Capt Shields and Air Cdre McKay. The match was closely contested and it was difficult to separate the pairs for most of the game; however, the College finally scraped a win 2 up with one to play. As you can image, with 3 of the games

played and the College having won them all, spirits were high and the College could not lose.

The fourth match was contested between AVM Brownlow and Gp Capt Saye for the Old Cranwellians' Association and Flt Lt Doherty and OC Lawrence for the College. It was very much an up and down match, with the College pair going ahead at the first with a par but moving to one down by the third. The match was all square by the fifth, but consistent play from Gp Capt Saye produced a 2 hole lead for the Old Cranwellians, although 2 pars from Flt Lt Doherty squared the match by the eleventh. A birdie from Flt Lt Doherty at the thirteenth put the College ahead for the first time since the first hole. However, from then on Gp Capt Saye stamped his authority on to the game and succeeded in winning the next 3 holes. A missed birdie putt from Flt Lt Doherty at the seventeenth left the hole halved and the match won by the Old Cranwellians' Association 2 up and one to play.

The fifth group saw AVM Price and Gp Capt Sturt for the Old Cranwellians' Association pitted against Flt Lt John Wright and his partner for the College. Despite a determined effort and well-natured battle, the College pair eventually finished in second place.

The final pairing got off to a very amicable start. ACM Sir Robert Freer and Flt Lt Reeder managed

to half the first hole with their opponents from the College, the RAF Regt pairing of Flt Lt Andy Williams and Flt Lt Andy Dobson. The Old Cranwellians' Association team were obviously not put off by the weather or the extra distance of the white tees and from the second hole onwards began to develop a significant lead. Sir Robert Freer was not tempted to mimic the trick shots being so perfectly demonstrated by the Regt pairing, instead he consistently strayed no more than 5 metres from the fairway's centre line. Having realized by the seventh hole, and being 5 down, that their trick shots were neither assisting them, nor hindering the opposition, it was decided that it was time to change their tactics. It was, perhaps, here that we realized that our youth, fitness and ambition were going to be no match for the experience and consistency of the Old Cranwellians' Association pairing. In the end they managed to complement each other perfectly in their styles and, despite a brave fight back by the College pair in the middle, the Old Cranwellians' Association returned to the Clubhouse victorious, winning comfortably by 5 holes with 4 to play.

The final match score was thus: RAF College Cranwell 3, Old Cranwellians' Association 3. A fitting result after such a well-contested match and, despite the appalling conditions, all those that were lucky enough to participate had a thoroughly enjoyable day's golf.



The Golf Teams

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OCA REUNION 1997 AGM - RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The 1997 Annual General Meeting of the Old Cranwellian Association was held on Saturday 21 June 1997. Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy was present as were 130 Old Cranwellians. The Meeting was chaired by Air Vice-Marshal J H Thompson, the AOC & Comdt, and he opened the Meeting at 1910 hrs by thanking the members for attending and in particular he welcomed the large contingent from 76 Entry.

The minutes of the previous AGM which had been held on 27 July 1996 were accepted as a true record. The Chairman then turned to Matters Arising from the previous meeting. Arrangements for the introduction of Direct Debiting (DD) had been completed. The DD system offered a much simpler method of administering membership fees and the Chairman encouraged members to opt into the system. The first use of DD is intended to be in January 1998.

Appointments to the Committee. The Chairman announced that Air Vice-Marshal Michael Lyne had decided to stand down after many years as the Vice President. His insight and advice would be greatly missed, and the Committee had hosted a luncheon to honour the tremendous contribution of Air Vice-Marshal Lyne to the Old Cranwellian Association at Cranwell, at which a presentation had been made. Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon proposed a formal vote of thanks for the immense effort of Air Vice-Marshal Lyne and Air Chief Marshal Allison seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously.

Financial Statement and College Journals. The Treasurer presented her report, together with the Balance Sheets for the year ending 31 December 1996. There were no questions arising from these Balance Sheets and Air Marshal Squire proposed that the Accounts for the year ending 31 December 1996 be approved. The proposal was seconded by Air Commodore Simpson and was carried unanimously.

Paintings. The incoming Chairman of the Paintings Sub-Committee, Wg Cdr Barnes, presented his report on the way ahead. In discussing the paucity

of funds available for additional works, it was proposed that drawings or other media be considered. The Paintings Sub-Committee was tasked to investigate. Air Marshal Cousins proposed that, in line with the report, the funds remaining in the Information Technology Account be transferred in their entirety to the Paintings Fund, that the present 5% of Membership Income automatically allocated to the Information Technology Fund henceforth be added to the sum allocated to the Paintings Fund (making a total allocation of 15% to the Paintings Fund) and that the proposed way ahead be approved. Mr Keith Mans seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously.

Cellar Stock. In his capacity as Wines Member, Gp Capt Williams reported on the satisfactory state of the OCA wine stock.

Dinner Guests. In line with the tradition that the OCA invites those members of the OCA Committee who were not themselves Old Cranwellians to attend the Reunion Dinner, the Chairman announced that Flt Lt Brown and Fg Off Boyle would be dining with the OCA that night.

OCA Constitution - Membership. The Chairman introduced the next item by explaining that the previous Vice President had expressed concern over the existing Constitution in which Flight Cadets who had completed the full Flight Cadet Course at Cranwell and had graduated successfully, but had then been commissioned into a Service other than the RAF, were prevented from being members of the OCA. Over the years there had been a stream of eminently successful overseas Flight Cadets who had been denied the opportunity to join the OCA and it might be appropriate to amend the OCA Constitution to allow such previous Flight Cadets membership. After discussion on the appropriate wording for such a change, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon proposed that paragraph 3a of the Constitution be changed to read:

'All past and present officers who graduated from the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell after training as Flight Cadets.'

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The motion was seconded by Air Marshal Hayr and carried unanimously. The Secretary was tasked to reissue the Constitution with the change incorporated.

Date for 1998 Reunion. The Chairman reported that finding space to accommodate the Membership overnight was becoming increasingly difficult. He outlined the many courses which had been subsumed into the Cranwell Campus and the pressure placed on the infrastructure. He invited the Membership to note the cross-section of Colour Sunday Parade members taking part the following day, which would illustrate the broader task of present day Cranwell. Nevertheless, he had been able to work with the Vice Chairman to adjust the 1998 Initial Officer Training programme to allow the Reunion to take place, as was tradition, during the third week in June. The Reunion date was to be 20/21 June 1998.

Unveiling of Portrait. Air Vice-Marshal Elder gave a short brief on the illustrious career of recently retired Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, and then unveiled the Andrew Festing portrait of Sir Michael which was



Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy GCB AFC, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon GCB CBE ADC FRAeS and Air Vice-Marshal J H Thompson RAF at the OCA Dinner.*

subsequently hung in place of honour in the College Dining-room.

Charity Draw. In keeping with tradition, the President drew the winning ticket for the bottle of Port. Some £50 had been raised which would, at the request of Air Vice-Marshal Lyne, be donated to Save the Children Fund. The Meeting adjourned at 1955 hrs.

IN MEMORIAM

We record with regret the passing of the following Cranwell Graduates whose deaths were notified to us during the last year

Flt Lt	H A	Bancroft-Wilson	55 IOTC	(6 Aug 97)
Sqn Ldr	A P	Brown	43 IOTC	(28 Mar 97)
Wg Cdr	R J	Burrough	Sep 32, A Sqn	(2 Jan 98)
Flt Lt	L A	Fox	74 IOTC	(22 Oct 97)
Flt Lt	C J	Herd	130 IOTC	(16 Feb 97)
Sqn Ldr	D J	House	58 Entry, B Sqn	(13 Apr 97)
AVM	I D N	Lawson	Comdt Dec, 64-Jan 67	(22 Jan 98)
AVM	M D	Lyne	Sep 37, B Sqn	(21 Dec 97)
Flt Lt	D N	Mills	113 IOTC	(16 Nov 97)
Wg Cdr	G A	Mills	Jan 32, B Sqn	(9 Feb 97)
Sqn Ldr	M J	Murphy	90 IOTC	(21 Jul 97)
AVM	W E	Oulton	Sep 29, A Sqn	(31 Oct 97)
Gp Capt	A J	Parsons	DDSGT, Mar 92-Nov 94	(8 Jan 98)
Gp Capt	M G	Philpot	Sep 25, A Sqn	(Mar 96)
Gp Capt	D R	Shore	Sep 30, A Sqn	(18 Sep 97)
Sqn Ldr	A W	Skinner	64 Entry, A Sqn	(27 Jan 98)
Flt Lt	C T	Smith	126 IOTC	(14 Sep 97)
Gp Capt	N C	Walker	Sep 28, A Sqn	(2 Dec 97)

OBITUARY

AIR VICE-MARSHAL M D LYNE CB AFC** DL MRAeS RAF(Retd)

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Air Vice-Marshal Michael Lyne, who died on 21 December 1997 aged 78, was the first pilot to fly a jet from Europe to America by the polar route. Lyne's flight over the northern icecap was in 1955 and the longest non-stop flight by an RAF jet. His pioneering exploit led eventually to daily non-stop polar flights between Europe and the United States and Europe and the Far East. At the time of his flight Lyne was a Wing Commander and senior instructor at the RAF Flying College, Manby. He set off on June 24 1955 from Bodo, Norway, in Aires IV, a Canberra bomber. He was accompanied by Squadron leaders Dougie Bower and Bob Seymour. Their destination was the American air base at Ladd, 3,000 miles away, near Fairbanks, Alaska. Apart from the length of the flight, the hazards of navigation were considerable in the days before satellites. The flight was timed for a period when the sun and moon would be visible, thus permitting astro-navigation over the polar region.



AVM M D Lyne, photographed in a RAFAT Hawk at RAFC Cranwell, October 1997

After flying over the island of Spitzbergen, Lyne had no land reference for at least 2,000 miles, and in the Arctic Circle he could not rely on his magnetic compass. As he approached Ladd, he had the assistance of Wing Commander Ivor Broom (now Air Marshal Sir Ivor Broom) who, from a Hastings transport aircraft, communicated information on weather in Alaska. When they landed, Lyne and his crew were mobbed by the American press. Lyne, it was noted, had overtaken the sun on his East-West flight. Six hours after he left Norway, he arrived in Alaska earlier in the afternoon of the same day. The US Air Force gave a celebration dinner in honour of the Canberra's crew. Afterwards they played a game of basketball in the midnight sun. More celebrations followed in Canada, before Broom piloted the Canberra on the return flight home.

Michael Dillon Lyne was born on 25 March 1919. His father, a former Army captain, was hard put to send young Michael to the Imperial Service College (ISC), Windsor. Lyne's observation of the behaviour of privileged youth across the river at Eton engendered a lifetime of radicalism and a hatred of snobbery. From the ISC Lyne entered the RAF College, Cranwell. After passing out in July 1939 as an above-average pilot he was posted to No 19, the fighter squadron to be equipped with the Spitfire. In May 1940 the squadron was moved from Duxford near Cambridge to Hornchurch in Essex to help cover the evacuation of the BEF from Dunkirk.

On the squadron's first morning sortie over Dunkirk it claimed 13 enemy aircraft for the loss of four. Although his Spitfire was damaged by an Me 109 of the crack con Richthofen unit, Lyne managed to destroy a Ju 87 'Stuka' dive-bomber. On the afternoon of that day Lyne was cornered by two Me 109s and shot through the knee. After nursing himself and his severely damaged spitfire back across the Channel he crash-landed on the beach at Deal. His injuries were not helped by an over-enthusiastic ambulance driver, who collided with a lamp-post on the way to hospital. Though Lyne was to have a permanent limp, he was fit to fly again after a year and volunteered for the Merchant Ship Fighter Unit. This unit equipped cargo vessels with catapult-launched Hurricane fighters - a desperate measure introduced when losses during the Battle of the Atlantic were at their height. The aim was to protect Britain's lifeline with America - the convoys of merchant ship that were prey to German four-engined long-range Condor reconnaissance bombers. The pilots of "Hurricat" fighters were labelled "the Atlantic suicide squad" by the press. Once launched from the ships, far beyond range of land, they could only hope to bale out or pancake into the Atlantic when their fuel was exhausted.

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Lyne survived. In the course of four voyages his services were not required. Safely ashore again, he was posted in October 1942 to the British delegation in Washington. In December he returned to No 198, a night-fighter squadron station at Digby in Lincolnshire. One day he borrowed a Tiger Moth and flew himself over to Cheshire to marry Joy Buckley, a Wren radio officer whom he had met at a party in Liverpool while a Hurricane pilot.

In May 1943 the squadron moved south to the Kent coastal airfield at Manston, to help counter enemy fighter-bomber tip-and-run raids on seaside towns. A month later Lyne was posted to the Central Gunnery School as an instructor. From there he remained until beyond the end of the war. This posting became more agreeable when his wife persuaded the Navy to send her to Cairo, where she and her husband cohabited in breach of Service regulations. They also shared illicit Tiger Moth joy-rides over the desert. In August 1946 Lyne returned to Britain to command No 54 squadron, just as the squadron converted from Tempest fighters to Vampire jets. From November he began to form - covertly at first and bending the rule book - the world's first jet aerobatic team, the forerunners of the Red Arrows. When in 1947 an international air display was staged at Brussels, jets - let alone jet aerobatics - were so novel that Lyne's participating trio received a stupendous reception at the show and in the Belgian press. By then Lyne was on the ladder to air rank. Following further displays at home, he passed Staff College and served at the Air Ministry as personal staff officer to the deputy chief of the air staff. After completing a tour as a squadron commander at the RAF College, Cranwell, and commanding successively Nos 2 and 3 Initial Training Schools, Lyne was posted as senior instructor to the RAF Flying College, Manby.

The Air Ministry was eager to prove the potential of the RAF's first jet bomber, the twin-engined Canberra, and Lyne was selected to pilot the specially prepared aircraft, Aires IV, on its polar flight. After the successful accomplishment of this historic task, Lyne still only 37, the youngest group captain of his day, joined the directing staff at RAF Staff College, Bracknell.

From 1958 to 1960, he commanded the base at Wildenrath in Germany. There was still little contact between the British forces - essentially an occupying presence - and the German people. Lyne taught himself basic German and set about making friends. He went shooting with burgomeisters and for the first time invited Germans to an open day at the station. In 1961 the Air Ministry noticed that 15 years earlier Lyne had learned some Russian from an Italian prisoner of war while serving in the Middle East. By his own account it was this that led to his appointment as Air Attaché in Moscow. The Cold War was at its coldest. During the Cuban crisis Lyne had the disconcerting experience of wondering whether his friends in the RAF V-bomber nuclear deterrent force were about to obliterate him and his family. Even so he enjoyed the assignment: he travelled widely and developed a liking for the Russian people, which balanced his detestation of communism.

As a former cadet and instructor, Lyne was delighted to return after two years to Cranwell as the College's youngest commander. Lyne had a talent for inspiring the young without intimidating them. He sought to take some of the stuffiness out of Cranwell and to prepare it for a shift towards graduate recruitment. From 1965 until he retired in 1971, Lyne held three further RAF appointments, each related to training. Lyne might have been expected to be promoted to Air Marshal, but he was never at ease with the politicking high up in the Ministry of Defence. Instead he accepted the invitation of a friend, the Rt Rev Kenneth Riches, then Bishop of Lincoln, to become Diocesan Secretary. Lyne had always had a serious but private commitment to religion. For five years he devoted himself to Diocesan management. He also became president of the Grantham Constituency Liberal Association and actively supported his wife's work with the guides and the RAF Benevolent Fund.

In 1981 Lyne and his wife sailed the Atlantic in a 29 ft Westerly yacht. They lost the steering gear in a storm but survived the crossing with the help of navigational skills Lyne had acquired for his polar flight. Lyne was appointed CB in 1968 and Deputy Lieutenant for Lincolnshire in 1973. He had won the AFC in 1944, a Bar in 1948 and second Bar in 1956. He married in 1943 Avril Joy Buckley, the daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Albert Buckley DSO and Bar; they had two sons and two daughters. His son Roderic, formerly private secretary to John Major at 10 Downing Street, is British Ambassador in Geneva.

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Sep 37 Entry (B Sqn) - AVM M D Lyne CB AFC
DL was honoured at Valley by being asked to open the new HQ for No 19 Sqn. In celebration of the world's first formation aerobatics display he was a guest of the Belgians at Koksijde Air Display on 5 July (Fiftieth Anniversary).

52 Entry (A Sqn) - Air Cdre Bacon (Max). Retired from Marshall Aerospace in May 1996 and is now an aviation consultant, mainly with Middle East clients. Still very involved in Gliding and now with the PFA.



54 Entry (C Sqn) - Wg Cdr D Wood MIPD was 'invalided' from his second job as Registrar at the Harley (Tertiary) College, and had 5 'visits' to the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, during the period 1988 - 1995. For much of that time he was 'grounded' but in 1996 he regained his driving licence and is now '007'! He has also had a book published 'A Noble Pair of Brothers', detailing the history of No 38 Group.



55 Entry (D Sqn) (6 E & S) - Wg Cdr R H H Dauncey has now finally retired from the RAF Benevolent Fund and continues to live in Naphill.



55 Entry (D Sqn) (6 E & S) - Air Cdre D A Atherton retired from the position of Secretary to the Council at Cheltenham College in August 1997 - free at last from the dates of council meetings clashing with the OCA Reunion and the golf match!



56 Entry (B Sqn) - Sqn Ldr P Deaking (Peter). Continues to trip, not so lightly, round the squash and tennis courts of Amsterdam. Wonders which home-based member is going to organize a 50 years-on reunion in 2002, possibly combined with the other graduates of 1952.



56 Entry (D Sqn) - AVM A Beill CB retired in 1996 after nearly 10 years as the Appeals Secretary for King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers (Sister Agnes's).



76 Entry (C Sqn) - Wg Cdr R M Trowern left the RAF in late 1989 to join brother Fred and Hugh Rigg (ex 67A Entry) at the Army Air Corps Centre, Middle Wallop, instructing on Chipmunks. The

last 7 1/2 years have been very happy and rewarding. Sadly, he was made redundant and is now fully retired, living near Andover, Hants, but still enjoying life.

77 Entry (A Sqn) - Gp Capt R J Howard AFC. Retired for the second time in April 1997 after 2 years at Middle Wallop teaching Army personnel to fly the Chipmunk. Now making golf clubs - anyone need a new set? Tel: (01264) 790970.



81 Entry (D Sqn) - Sqn Ldr T Sindall (Tim). Captain Tim Sindall now holds the post of Head of the Flight Operations Inspectorate (Aeroplanes) in the CAA's Safety Regulations Group.



82 Entry (B Sqn) - Wg Cdr A D K Campbell retired from the active list in June 1996 and is now the RAF Liaison Officer for the SW region, with a commission in the Reserve. Living in Bath with an office at RAF Lyneham, Ext 6805.



83 Entry (A Sqn) - Air Cdre R B Duckett CVO AFC left the RAF in May 1996 and is now the Chief Executive of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution which is based in Oxford. Air Cdre R B Duckett CVO AFC is now living in Henley on Thames and wishes to remind all members of 83 Entry to meet up at the 1998 OCA Reunion to celebrate 35 years since graduation.




83 Entry (B Sqn) - Gp Capt T Eeles BA FRAeS retires in September 1997 and will be working as an Aviation Officer, full time reservist and as a QFI on CUAS, in the exalted rank of Flt Lt. He is looking forward to yet another flying tour, this one being 5 years long.




83 Entry (C Sqn) - Gp Capt D A Needham BA FIMgt. Dan and Margaret Needham are happily settled in Cramond, Edinburgh. Dan directs the Scottish Branch of the RAF Benevolent Fund, Margaret is sister-in-charge of a morningside nursing home. Dan finds time to play golf at Turnhouse and Dramahoy and would welcome instruction from any OCA members passing through Edinburgh.




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83 Entry (C Sqn) - Wg Cdr W S Erskine Crum OBE. Retired in June 1997 after 3 1/4 years in Israel and, as Cranwell did not offer a degree in his time, is planning to go to University to read Archaeology and, hopefully, get a BSc after his name like all the young officers! Still living in Wellingore.




84 Entry (A Sqn) - Gp Capt M A Wood. Left Lockheed Martin Corporation in November 1996 having served 6 years as vice-president UK Sales and Marketing on programmes such as the RAF Hercules replacement C-130J. Formed his own lobbying company, Whitehall Adviser Ltd in April 1997.




86 Entry (B Sqn) - A visit by John Lanham to the UK from New Zealand, where he works for Rex Aviation, gave all graduating members of 86B the opportunity to dine together on 22 July, 1997 at the Royal Air Force Club. Ivan Childs lives in Martock, Somerset, and assists his son with a Picture Framing Business. Roger Davies lives in Olney, Buckinghamshire, and works as an instructor with Cabair at Cranfield. John Featherstone is still serving at HQLC and is due to retire in the near future. Peter Langham lives in Caterham, Surrey, where he provides a computer network advisory service, and also is a Surrey county councillor. Chris Moore lives on the Wirral and is secretary of the The Royal Liverpool Golf Club at Hoylake.


Is having a 100% turn-out of graduates for a squadron/entry reunion 33 1/2 years after graduation a record - or does someone know better!!?




88 Entry (B Sqn) - Gp Capt R Dixon OBE is now back in uniform, after taking early retirement, to command No 4624 (County of Oxford) Movements Sqn RAuxAF at RAF Brize Norton. He finds the challenge of working with Reservists and having a Sqn again most enjoyable and contact with the RAF is still continuing.




89 Entry (D Sqn) - Gp Capt S A Wrigley. Currently serving as the Air Attaché for Bonn and would be pleased to see any OCA members who are passing through on business or pleasure.




94 Entry (D Sqn) - Gp Capt M Mitchell. Assumed post of Defence Attaché Warsaw on 13 June 1997 and would be pleased to hear from any OCA members passing through.




95 Entry (B Sqn) - Flt Lt S J Green. Since November 1995, Flt Lt Green has been a Chief Instructor at BAe Flight Training (UK) Ltd. Enjoying a trip to Australia to visit sister establishment in November 1996, where he met Tim (D H) Mills (54? Entry) who now works as a Ground Lecturer at BAe Flight Training (Australia). He has also had contact with Pete Hoskins (95C Entry) who is now OC Northolt and Chris Morris (96C Entry) who is now OC Lyneham, as a result of BAe training RAF pilots for multi-engine conversion prior to OCU. Any members, especially from the last cadet entries, are welcome to look him up at Prestwick.




96 Entry (A Sqn) - Fg Off P M Akehurst CPLSM. Retired from RHKP as Superintendent on 5 June 1997 (before the handover). Now living in the Algarve 'Apartado 205', 8100 Loule, Algarve, Portugal.



99 Entry (C Sqn) - Wg Cdr A S Humphries. In April 1997 a Supply Policy Branch was formed at HQ Logs Command to provide a focus for all RAF Supply matters and post-cold War strategic direction. As Supply Policy 1, he finds it a privilege to be in on the ground floor of such an auspicious event!




Asst Comdt Apr 64 - Feb 65 - AVM G C ('Larry') Lamb CB CBE AFC had a triple by-pass coronary operation in March 1996. He is now fit and back at work as Chairman of Yonex UK the Japanese Sports Goods Firm. Also Chairman of Lilleshall National Sports Centre and of British International Sports Development and Trust which looks after *inter alia*, the UK-South Africa Sports Initiative set up by John Major and Nelson Mandela in 1994. Briefed President Mandela on its work during his State visit to UK. On leaving Cranwell in 1965 he was posted to Borneo, went on holiday in 1997 to Kota Kinabalo but didn't recognize a thing!! Reading the OCA Painting Sub Committee proposals in the March 1997 issue of the Journal led him to wonder if being the first and only RAF officer to referee on an RFU international panel (Rugby) comes within the definition of a major achievement for their country (only wondering!!).



11GE Entry (A Sqn) - Sqn Ldr S J Oddy BSc BA. Has just returned to the UK after nearly 8 years working for British Aerospace in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and is moving with his family to Oxford to take up a flying instructor's post with the Oxford

Air Training School. Meanwhile, his aviation software company continues to be successful with orders from the RAF and overseas.

26GE Entry (A Sqn) - Sqn Ldr R N Raynor MBA BA BSc MRAS CEng is currently employed as the Executive Director of Halifax Airport Authority, Nova Scotia, Canada. He is responsible for negotiating the purchase of aircraft from the Federal Government. He is greatly enjoying this new challenge and frequently sees RAF tankers and C-130s on the ramp. He would welcome hearing from ex-colleagues. Contact (902) 479-7225.



26GE Entry (A Sqn) - Sqn Ldr N Schulkins MBE BSc CEng MIMechE. Now Group Manager Maintenance and Logistics Engineering at BMT Reliability Consultants Ltd, where through an increasing amount of work for the RAF, he is keeping in touch with old friends and colleagues.

48 IOT (D Sqn) - Flt Lt P Wheeliker. Four years into 'civvy street' and slowly but surely

climbing the corporate ladder. He is now the Group Training Manager for Leigh Interests PLC and old friends can contact Phil on 01785 712666.

72 IOT (C Sqn) - Sqn Ldr P White (Paul). Following a productive 6 months in the Falkland Islands, Sqn Ldr Paul White returned to the UK in January 1997. In February 1997 he was appointed Officer Commanding Combat Support Sqn on the newly reformed No 1 Air Control Centre RAF Boulmer. Paul and Louise send best wishes to friends and colleagues.

SRI Aug 81 - Sep 82 - Gp Capt P A Ryan continues to be employed as an International Civil Servant within the Organization of the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), which finally became operational in May 1997. He and his family now look forward to a less hectic period and to finding the time to enjoy in full the delights of the Hague and the continent. PS, tennis now substitutes for squash.

OCA NETWORK

OCA NETWORK is a Business Directory comprising information received from OCA members. Members are invited to send, to the Editor, details of enterprises in which they are engaged for inclusion in future editions.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Flt Lt D Heath CFS (95A Entry)

Independent Financial Services. Flt Lt David Heath Director, Shire Taxation & Financial Consultants Ltd. All forms of tax and financial planning. Tel: 01530 417777.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Gp Capt R G Bowyer (58A Entry)

The family welcomes visitors! Contact: George Bowyer, Chairman. George Gale & Co Ltd., The Hampshire Brewery, Horndean, Hampshire. Tel: 01705 571212, Fax 01705 598641.

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OLD CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION (OCA)

19 JUN 99

Squadron Leader RP Cunliffe BEd MILAM (Dip), OCPed Sqn RAFC Cranwell

CRICKET

RAFC won by 8 wickets

The OCA had not beaten the College at cricket since 1990 and, captained by AVM Filbey, they fielded a very experienced side. The College, under the captaincy of SO Beckett fielded a somewhat weakened team, since several College players were unavailable due to course commitments.

The OCA won the toss and elected to break with tradition and bat on the slow, green pitch. Despite a steady start, they lost wickets regularly and were never in a position to dominate the bowling. Only AVM Filbey, with a fine innings of 43, offered any real resistance and marshalled a recovery from 50-5 to a total 127 all out.

The College attack was rotated to great effect and Flt Lt Lendon bowled particularly well to secure a figure of 4-19. SO Beckett also bowled tidily, taking 3 wickets for just 11 runs, and some keen fielding and sharp catching put the College firmly in control.

On a wicket that was becoming increasingly difficult to bat on, the RAFC lost an early wicket but never really looked in trouble in their run chase. Sqn Ldr Owens bowled tightly but runs flowed freely at the other end and Flt Lt Cowley held the innings together with some sensible batting, finishing on 66 not out. The College eventually reached its target of 128 for the loss of only 2 wickets, with 5 overs to spare.

This was a comprehensive 8 wicket victory for the College and a thoroughly enjoyable day's cricket.



The College Cricket Team

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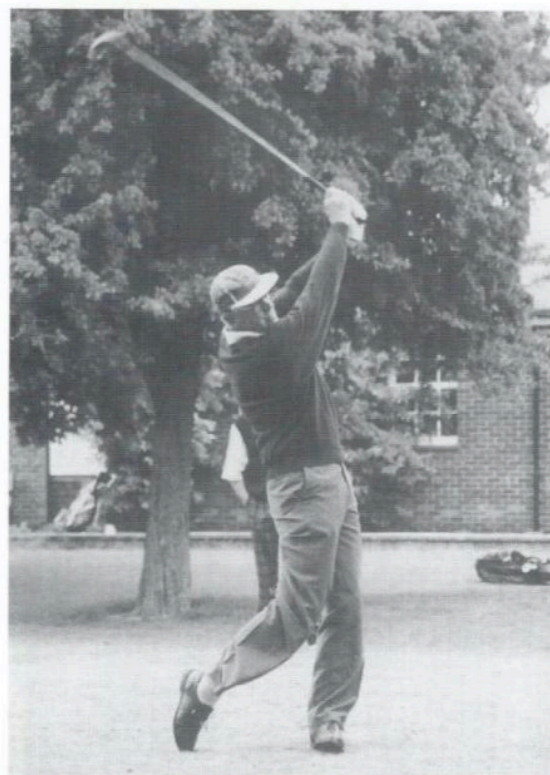
GOLF

RAFC won 4-2

This year's annual fixture was held at Sleaford Golf Club. The competition was promising to be fierce, and with the inclusion of 2 sub competitions (a Nearest To The Pin on the 12th, and a Nearest To The Pin in Two on the 18th), large sums of money rested on the day's outcome!

In Match 1 the OCA took the impetus and struck at the heart of the College golf campaign with Air Chf Mshl Graydon and Gp Capt Price splitting the fairway with their first drives. OC Hood opened up his shoulders winning the 14th and 15th hole and the match for the College, 5 and 3. OC Hood also won the Closest to the Pin competition on the 18th hole.

Second away for the Old Cranwellian Association were Air Chf Mshl Sir Thomas Kennedy and Air Cdre Atherton who were matched against Sqn Ldr Pennell and OC Noel. This was the final straw and



Gp Capt Price taking a shot

the College eventually closed out the match on the 14th hole winning by 5 and 4.

Group number 3 saw the pairing of AVM Robertson and Gp Capt Sturt challenge the partnership of Air Cdre Thorn and Flt Lt Skirving. Spirited resistance was not enough from the latter pair and the OCA finally wrapped up the proceedings at the 16th hole, winning the game 3 and 2.

The 4th group out consisted of AVM Price and Sqn Ldr Rogers for the OCA, and WO Palmer and SO Hughes for the RAFC. The scores were always quite close and after 12 holes, RAFC were 3 holes up with 6 to play. RAFC completed a nerve-racking 4ft putt at the 18th to secure victory. Sqn Ldr Rogers won the Closest to the Pin on the 12th hole, putting his ball only 18ins left of the hole.

Match 5 saw the partnership of AVM Price and Wg Cdr Herd for the OCA take on the youngsters of RAFC, Sqn Ldr Brinkworth and OC Miller. Eventually RAFC edged into the lead with a Birdie on the 13th by OC Miller, and with some solid golf from Sqn Ldr Brinkworth the match was all over on the 16th, with the RAFC recording a 3 and 2 victory.

The final match of the day teed off at 1150 Local with Gp Capt Heron and Flt Lt Wilson for the OCA taking on Flt Lt Reader and OC Leadbeater for the RAFC. Although RAFC put up a spirited fight, his playing partner could not counteract the ball loss rate of OC Leadbeater. Some solid golf in the final holes by Gp Capt Heron and Flt Lt Wilson ensured a victory for the OCA by 2 and 1.

The final score was RAF College Cranwell 4, Old Cranwellian Association 2. This was a fine result for the College and everyone who took part had a thoroughly enjoyable day's golf.

SQUASH

OCA won 0-1

There were only 2 players available for the squash match between the RAFC and the OCA. The match took place as planned with Sqn Ldr Lynch representing the OCA, and OC Stokel representing the RAFC. OC Cross acted as umpire and scorekeeper thus ensuring there would be no foul

play during the game. The match was to be decided on the best of 5 games.

At the start it looked as though the OCA was going to run away with an easy victory taking the game to 6-1 very quickly. RAFC came back, closing the gap to 7-6 before being defeated 9-6. Due to the heat on the court, light refreshments followed before commencing the second game.

In game 2, the experience of the OCA representative was evident as the score reached 8-0 very quickly. Unperturbed, the RAFC swept back to a respectable 8-6 before being beaten a second time 9-6.

After a further short break, the OCA took the first 2 points of the third game to which the RAFC replied with a 6-point rally. RAFC held the lead at 7-3 before OCA brought the game back to 8-8. OCA elected to go to 2 points and, after some well fought rallies, RAFC won 10-8.

As the fourth game was played, scores were tight at 4-4 until OCA produced a convincing win, the final score being 9-4.

TENNIS

OCA won 32-88

The Met man was wrong again, as usual! However, the rain did manage to hold off despite the dark cloud floating around. A full OCA team pitched up and provided the College with some stiff competition. Experience was definitely on their side. Instead of playing matches consisting of the standard sets, we played 9 games per match to ensure no players were milling around for too long. The teams split into pairs and continued to play until the bar opened, albeit having a spot of afternoon tea at the Pavilion. The College was no match for the experience of OCA. The final score in matches stood at 88-32; another OCA victory.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

A marginal RAFC win

The Clay Pigeon Shoot is one of the most keenly contested events of the OCA weekend and this



The College Clay Pigeon Shooting Team

year's shoot was no exception. A source of much pride to the shooting members of the OCA, who have maintained an almost unbroken record of wins, and a spur to the flanks of the current students, the shoot is notable for its friendly rivalry and pleasant social atmosphere. The Old Cranwellians arrived confident that their successes would continue. The College team, comprising of a mixture of cadets and staff, were eager to reverse the trend and end a string of OCA victories. The deployment of their less-than-secret weapon Mr Chester, current holder of the title of best shot, and some last minute training bolstered their confidence.

The shoot was to be over a sporting layout in 2 rounds with shooters being challenged by a variety of birds appearing from different directions and at differing heights and speeds. Each group was finished by the appearance of a 'startled rabbit' clay bounding across the grass. After the first round, and despite a superb 24 out of 25 by Wg Cdr Taylor, the OCA shooters were 2 points behind the College team. The College team, flushed with the scent of victory, became careless and in the second round began to lose ground. By the time the leading shooters had finished the Old Cranwellians were ahead. At this point the College team resorted to weight of numbers. For some, the final result indicated a draw. However, a cunning process of team changes coupled with some highly creative accounting meant a win for RAFC.

Director DIOT, Gp Capt Middleton, who also availed himself of the opportunity to shoot a healthy round, presented the trophies. The trophy for best shot went to Wg Cdr Taylor of the Old Cranwellians and the team trophy was presented to OC Gill on behalf of the College.

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46 Entry (B Sqn) – Air Chf Mshl Kennedy GCB AFC. Come on 46 Entry – support the OCA.



54 Entry (B Sqn) – Sqn Ldr A D R Dawes. Following the passing of my wife, Norma, after a long illness, I have since remarried and am now living in Bexhill-on-Sea and enjoying plenty of golf. Would welcome contact with any contemporaries. Telephone 01424 845378.



54 Entry (D Sqn) – Flt Lt M H D Broad. Regret I am unable to attend the 1999 Dinner of Old Cranwellians. I shall be flying to the UK that Sunday. Just received the 1999 Journal – *Excellent!*



71 Entry (B Sqn) – Gp Capt J D Heron OBE. Retired from Rolls Royce in October 1998 but retain active links with the Company as Chairman of the Bristol Branch of the Rolls Royce Heritage Trust and with the Service through the RAF Historical Society. Ensure plans involve travel, furniture restoration and reducing my golf handicap!



71 Entry (B Sqn) – Gp Capt Michael Harrington CVO BA. I hope that all members of 71 Entry will try to attend the OCA Reunion in 2000 en bloc. This will be 45 years from arrival at Cranwell. Please contact me on 01243 670116.



76 Entry (B Sqn) – Gp Capt David Packman FRGS. Still running the Council for Voluntary Service in High Wycombe but looking forward to second retirement in mid-2000 and some serious music studies. A craft-owning Freeman of the Waterman's and Lighterman's Company, and an active oarsman and rowing umpire.



78 Entry (A Sqn) – Wg Cdr T Cumberland is now retired from being Deputy Chief Executive St George's Healthcare, London SW17, and living quietly in Anglesey.



78 Entry (B Sqn) – Sqn Ldr Dick Woodhead MAP MECI (Retd). Would any 78 Entry interested in a

mini-reunion at the 2000 OCA Dinner please get in touch on Ext 6715 at Cranwell, or e-mail: PMST@Postmaster.co.UK.

83 Entry (B Sqn) – Gp Capt Tom Eeles BA FRAeS. Still thoroughly enjoying life as 'gamekeeper turned poacher' on Cambridge University Air Squadron where I am the CFI, in the exalted rank of Flt Lt, full-time Reserve. Much more time is now available for sailing and skiing expeditions.

88 Entry (A Sqn) – Wg Cdr Ian Gawn FCMA MIMgt MIPD. Continuing to enjoy life as Secretary of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club. Regrettably cannot get to the 1999 Reunion due to 2 regattas to host the same weekend, but hope to get to Cranwell next year.

88 Entry (D Sqn) – Gp Capt Bill Hedges CBE (Retd). Following the excitement of Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War, joined British Aerospace in Saudi, and 7 years' later is now based at Khamis Mushayt as the General Manager. Can be contacted on e-mail: bill.hedges@bae.co.uk.

94 Entry (A Sqn) – Air Cdre J C Jarron. From August 1999 will be Defence Air Attaché Moscow. Old friends always welcome. Contact via British Embassy.

20 GE (B Sqn) – Sqn Ldr Peter Weaver (Retd). Peter is now running his own company 'The Programme Support Office Ltd' and would welcome contacts with past colleagues. He will be moving house during 1999 so suggests e-mail: peter@the-pso.comm or on mobile phone: 0831 395 345.

Senior College Chaplain 1985-87 – Ven (AVM) Brian Lucas CB BA FRSA. While remaining the Rector of Caythorpe, earlier this year Padre Lucas was also elected Secretary of the Savage Club in London. He looks forward to 'Salvaging' his friends in the OCA at this August club!

IN MEMORIAM

We record with regret the passing of the following Cranwell Graduates whose deaths were notified to us during the last year.

Sqn Ldr	M T	Andrews	64 IOT	22 Oct 99
Flt Lt	N	Arkless	154 IOT	15 Aug 99
Sqn Ldr	I G	Aubrey-Rees	88 Entry, A Sqn	10 Aug 99
AVM	A M	Bentley	Sep 34, A Sqn	Oct 99
Flt Lt	S P	Casabayo	123 IOT	14 Oct 99
Flt Lt	G N	Dunlop	59 IOT	4 Jun 98
Air Mshl		Sir Donald Hall	55 Entry, C Sqn	12 Jan 99
Gp Capt	R P	Hallam	78 Entry, B Sqn	25 Apr 99
Air Mshl		Sir Maurice Heath	Sep 27, A Sqn	9 Jul 98
Flt Lt	G J	Hurst	106 IOT	21 Jan 99
Sqn Ldr	B R	Kent	63 Entry, A Sqn	17 Jul 99
Gp Capt	D S	Kite	Jan 31, A Sqn	18 May 99
Gp Capt	J R	Lees	Chief of Staff, May – Nov 99	1 Nov 99
Gp Capt	K P	Lewis	Sep 27, A Sqn	20 Jun 99
Gp Capt	R C F	Lister	Sep 32, A Sqn	7 Mar 98
Gp Capt	C R D L	Lloyd	Sep 30, A Sqn	13 Oct 99
Air Cdre	A R D	MacDonell	Sep 32, B Sqn	7 Jun 99
Flt Lt	D S	Maisey	156 IOT	14 Nov 99
Sqn Ldr	J D	Mallock	74 Entry, B Sqn	1 Jun 99
Air Chf Mshl		Sir Nigel Maynard	Sep 39	18 Jun 98
Sqn Ldr	D S	Morris	85 IOT	10 Nov 99
Flt Lt	D M	O'Herlihy	76 Entry, C Sqn	6 Oct 99
Air Cdre	J M N	Pike	Sep 35, A Sqn	23 Mar 99
Sqn Ldr	F A	Robinson	Sep 38, A Sqn	19 Mar 98
Sqn Ldr	J A F	Ross	77 Entry, D Sqn	19 Jan 99
Sqn Ldr	G M	Scarrott	51 Entry, C Sqn	22 Jul 99
Air Cdre	R H D	Singh	Sep 33	30 Nov 99
Wg Cdr	R A	Streatfield	56 Entry, A Sqn	11 May 99
Flt Lt	M E	Tester	90 Entry, B Sqn	6 Oct 99
Flt Lt	S G	Todd	151 IOT	22 Oct 99
Gp Capt	W P	Welch	Sep 29, B Sqn	1 Nov 99
Flt Lt	R A	Wright	132 IOT	14 Oct 99

NB: List as at 8 December 1999

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Old Cranwellian Association Annual Reunion Weekend – 11-12 June 2010

Flight Lieutenant Litster, Aide-de-Camp to the Commandant, Royal Air Force College Cranwell

Considered by many to be the Royal Air Force College's best kept secret, the Old Cranwellian Association's (OCA) Annual Reunion gives officers who have graduated from the College an opportunity to socialise with old friends, revisit former haunts and perhaps most importantly, honour those friends and colleagues they have lost along the way. For the RAF College's incumbent officer cadets, the OCA Annual Reunion provides them with an ideal opportunity to brush up on their sporting skills ahead of the next Intercollegiate Games.

Planning for the 2010 Annual Reunion began with a yuletide meeting of the OCA Committee in Dec 09. Once the Committee's chosen Guest of Honour confirmed his availability in early April, invitation letters were soon circulating around the globe to each of the 540 OCA members. Unlike in previous years the 2010 Annual Reunion fell on the 2nd weekend of June and despite the date change proving too much for one Old Cranwellian tennis player, the Reunion was well subscribed. Although a special mention must be given to the largest and cheekiest (!) contingent, the 16 members of 77 Entry who were celebrating 50 years since their graduation.

As OCA members converged on the College on Saturday 11 June, they were greeted by an excited cadre of officer cadets keen to prove that youth and enthusiasm could win the day! Having settled into their rooms within College Hall Officers' Mess, caught up with old friends and successfully resisted all attempts to entice them into purchasing a new OCA tie, the Old Cranwellian sporting teams prepared to do battle.

The day's first sporting fixture took place on the neutral battlefield of Sleaford Golf Club. The competition was hard fought, with hole 4 proving a challenge for even the most experienced golfers. Nevertheless, after some excellent shots and despite the defection of Air Commodore Stevenson, with a final score of 4-1 the RAF College team proved victorious.

Encouraged by their early lead, not even the temporary removal of clay pigeon shooting from the list of available sporting fixtures could dampen the Old Cranwellians' fighting spirit. Hoping that youth and vigour would tip the advantage towards the College, a small but quietly confident RAF College team took to the squash courts. Undaunted, Squadron Leader Lloyd the OCA's only Squash player, set about giving the RAF College team a run for their money. On the opposite side of College Hall the OCA tennis warriors stepped out to face a well trained RAF College team keen to hold onto their winning streak. But despite the OCA tennis warriors being down a man they proved victorious winning 31-23.



77 Entry celebrate their 50th Graduation Anniversary



The OCA and College Golf Teams



The OCA and College Tennis Teams

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The OCA and College Football Teams

For the second year running, the football match saw a well-organised team from Icarus Football Club bolstered by the presence of a single OCA player, facing a physically robust RAF College team. During the first half both teams played well despite the warm weather and after each side scored a single goal apiece, both teams went into halftime with plenty to think about. The second half saw several changes to the RAF College team, allowing them to regain their lead on the hour and score a third goal in the 75th minute. A second goal from the OCA team within the last ten minutes set the nerves jangling, however, with 5 minutes to go Officer Cadet Toogood scored the College's fourth goal, putting the final result beyond doubt.

On the Orange, the RAF College's croquet team assembled ready for action. Known for their charm, wit and ability to withstand the effects of Pimms in the summer sunshine, the OCA croquet team approached the match with undisputed zeal. Captained by the croquet veteran Group Captain Williams, the OCA croquet team were last defeated in 2006. Consequently, the relatively inexperienced RAF College team knew this wasn't going to be the sedate game of croquet around the pin that they had hoped for!

As the ensign was lowered over College Hall the day's sporting fixtures drew to a close. Having won the golf, squash, football and drawn in the croquet victory clearly lay with the RAF College. However, it did not go unnoticed that whilst the

officer cadets retired for an early night, the Old Cranwellians prepared themselves for an evening of entertainment!

As in previous years the evening commenced with the OCA Annual General Meeting, which this year included the unveiling of the latest portrait commissioned by the OCA for College Hall. Naturally the portraits artist, Mr Theo Platt, and the portraits subject, Flight Lieutenant Michelle Goodman DFC, both attended the meeting and the annual dinner as guests of the OCA.

After some final adjustments to the seating plan by OCA members during pre-dinner drinks, OCA members were called to dinner. The

customary 5-course dinner was, as always, of the highest standard and praise must be given to Group Captain Williams for his fine choice of wines from the OCA cellar. Following an outstanding rendition of The Post Horn Galop by a young male bugler from the Royal Air Force College Band, OCA members were then treated to an inspiring speech from the Guest of Honour, Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Dalton, Chief of the Air Staff.

As Sunday morning dawned, Saint Michael's and All Angels Church filled with Old Cranwellians and cadets from C Squadron, Initial Officer Training Course Number 20. During a short but poignant service, The Venerable (Air Vice-Marshal) Robin Turner gave a thought provoking sermon and the congregation paid their respects to those Old Cranwellians no longer with us. Following the church service there was a short parade in front of College Hall during which Air Chief Marshal Sir 'Jock' Kennedy presented the Jack Holt Memorial Pace Stick to Flight Sergeant Dean Betts of OACTU.

During post parade refreshments in the Rotunda, final farewells brought the Annual Reunion to a close. The event had been a resounding success, however, perhaps more importantly in returning to their spiritual RAF home, each OCA member had connected with the present and hopefully, imparted a little of their wisdom on the future officers of the Royal Air Force.



The Guest of Honour, Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Dalton, with Sir Jack Kennedy and Air Commodore Ubborn.

The Parade marches toward College Hall from St Michael's and All Angels Church.



The OCA Annual Reunion Dinner



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Old Cranwellian Association Reunion Weekend 9–10 July 2011

Flight Lieutenant C Litster RAF, Aide-de-Camp to the Commandant, RAF College Cranwell

In the 91 years since its official opening on 5 February 1920, the Royal Air Force College has trained in excess of 14,000 officer cadets. Whilst each of these cadets has a story to tell about their time at the College, only a select few return each year to attend what many consider to be the College's best kept secret, the Old Cranwellian Association (OCA) Annual Reunion Weekend.

This year, association members travelled to the College from as far afield as New Zealand, Canada and the USA to catch up with old friends and to challenge the present cadet contingent in several sporting fixtures. Whilst members of 53, 54 and 79 Entry gathered to commemorate the 60th and 50th anniversary of their graduation respectively, a small but lively contingent of members from 95 Entry remembered their admission to the College in 1966. With 18 members attending the Reunion to commemorate the anniversary of their admission into the College, 85 Entry were officially the largest, and perhaps noisiest, entry.

Having located their rooms, settled their mess bills and shrewdly avoided the Treasurers subtle efforts to convince them to purchase an OCA tie, association members prepared to do battle on the sporting fields. Keen to retain the title of sporting champions, the current College sports teams had been practising hard and were keen to demonstrate their sporting prowess to the 'old and bold' OCA members. Whilst the weather did not look especially favourable, it soon became apparent that it would take more than a spot of rain and strong winds to deter the competitors!

Having reassured the OCA team that the unprecedented change of location of the golf match was not a clever tactic employed by the College team to win the upper hand, battle commenced at Belton Woods Golf Course. Having started out strongly with a win in the opening match, the OCA team looked to be the obvious winners, but the College soon struck back and took a 2-1 lead. In the end it all came down to the final match, with the OCA team taking overall victory, 3 matches to 2.

Eager to even up the scoreboard, and hoping that the temporary absence of the OCA croquet team captain would give them the advantage they needed, an inexperienced but enthusiastic College team headed for the Orange. Although it soon became apparent that perhaps the OCA team

had a little more experience than they had originally suggested, the College team remained hopeful that they could steal a win. However, even the addition of a conveniently placed refreshments tent was not enough to overcome the cunning tactics and expert skills of the OCA team, who glided effortlessly to a 3-1 victory.

At Royal Air Force Digby, the Clay Pigeon Shooting competition saw 2 evenly matched teams battle it out for the title. With members from both teams shooting exceptionally well during the first round, it soon became clear that victory would be won or lost during the second 'game shoot' round. After a well fought competition, Range Officer Kirk announced the final scores and the OCA team claimed victory by the narrowest of margins – 5 targets.

At a faster pace on the College tennis courts, the College team awaited Wing Commander Head's OCA warriors with anticipation. Having calculated the average age difference between the two opposing teams, the younger, and possibly fitter, College team remained quietly confident. After choosing to play club tennis, each and every point was fiercely fought. But even the introduction of umpires and ball boys could not break the focus of the dynamic OCA team, who after eight impressive games grasped victory 20–34.

As the day's sporting fixtures drew to a close, OCA members headed into College Hall to sample the delights of afternoon tea. Having achieved a clean sweep, OCA members celebrated their victory whilst sharing a few words of wisdom with their exhausted cadet opponents. While the lowering of the ensign signalled the end of a busy day at the College, association members made a few final adjustments to the dinner's seating plan, before drifting back to their rooms to change ahead of the evening's entertainment.

After a short, but well attended, Annual General Meeting in the Longcroft Room, OCA members were treated to a surprise bagpipe serenade during pre-dinner drinks, courtesy of 54 Entry.

With the arrival of the Guest of Honour, Mr Michael Nicholson OBE, the annual formal dinner commenced. Whilst the new, lighter menu chosen by the OCA Committee proved a resounding success, an ensemble of the

The OCA and RAF College tennis teams along with umpires and ball boys.



Mr Michael Nicholson OBE, Guest of Honour at the OCA Annual Formal Dinner.



band of the Royal Air Force College once again impressed with their musical accompaniment.

Mr Nicholson made a heartfelt speech about his 25 year career as a Senior Foreign Correspondent for ITN. During his distinguished career he reported on 15 separate conflicts and was awarded both the Falkland Islands and Gulf Campaign Medals.

His witty account of his many exploits impressed association members; however, for most the highlight of Mr Nicholson's speech was his emotional account of his

time in war-torn Sarajevo, where he courageously rescued a 9 year old Muslim orphan named Natasha. On retiring to the bar, Mr Nicholson regaled OCA members with further tales and was much sought after by those who hoped to find out more about Natasha.

On Sunday morning, not even a late night could deter the faithful and Saint Michael's and All Angels Church filled with association members keen to remember those they had lost along the way. Following a poignant church service conducted by Reverend (Wing Commander) Gatrill, cadets from B Squadron, Initial Officer Training Course 25, proudly paraded in front of College Hall.

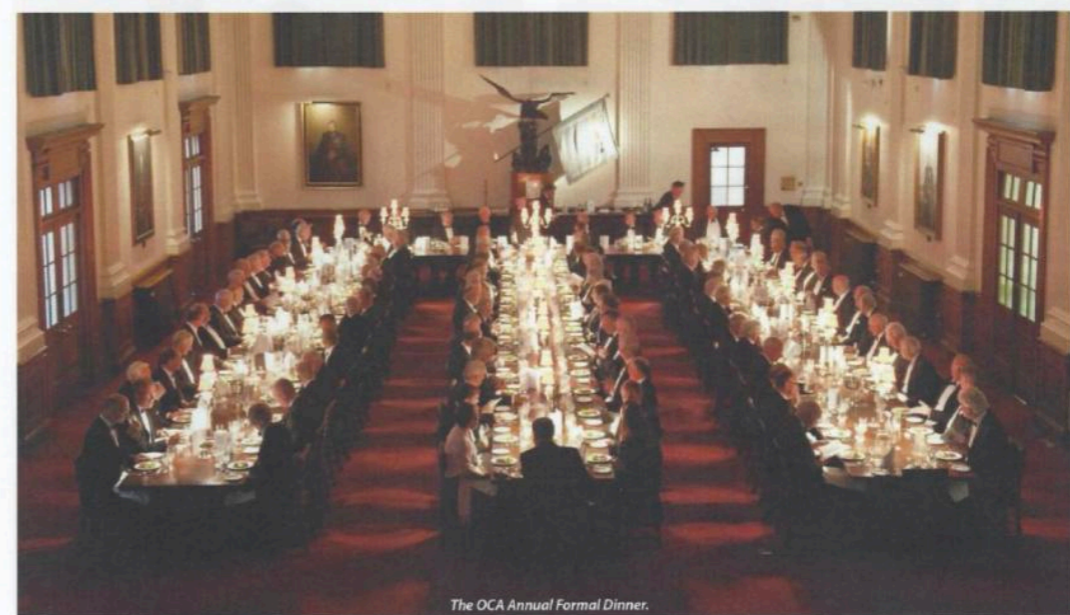
The OCA President, Sir Thomas Kennedy, presented the Jack Holt Memorial Pace Stick to Flight Sergeant Partyka of the Officer and Aircrew Cadet Training Unit. The Pace Stick is awarded to the Senior Non-commissioned officer engaged in Initial Officer Training who has by instruction and personal example done most to instil into the officer cadets the qualities needed of an officer in the Royal Air Force.

With final farewells and plans to meet up again soon, the Annual Reunion Weekend drew to a close. Since the formation of the OCA in 1926, the format of the Reunion has changed dramatically, but as the last association member departed the College on Sunday afternoon, it is hard to imagine a better setting in which to bring together the past, present and future officers of the Royal Air Force.

The OCA and RAF College golf teams.



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The OCA Annual Formal Dinner.

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CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION REUNION 2015

In January, members voted for a significant change in how the Association goes forward in the future. With membership steadily increasing, we hope to continue to work towards our aim of setting the conditions for an association that honours the past whilst shaping future air power leaders.

This year's Annual Reunion took place on the weekend of 25-26 July. Once again the Reunion was able to bring together current serving and

retired members of the Association all within the magnificent setting of College Hall Officers' Mess. In addition to the various sporting activities and formal dinner, this year saw three significant course celebrations; 71 Entry's Diamond, 77 Entry's 55 years and 87 Entry's Golden anniversaries.

On the Sunday, the Jack Holt Memorial Prize was presented to Flight Sergeant Philip Holt during the Colour Sunday Parade.



CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION YOUTH COMMITTEE

Fg Off Ben Chergui - Cranwellian's Media Coord

The Cranwellian Association Youth Committee was formed in 2015 to inspire and attract the modern day Officer graduates of Cranwell to the legacy that lay before them. With numbers sadly dwindling within the Old Cranwellians' association, it was clear that a new approach had to be found to stop the association fizzling out. With this in mind, a rebrand to simply 'The Cranwellians' Association' took place, in the hope of attracting a steady demographic of members from all RAFC Cranwell graduates.

The Youth Committee is aiming to attract young serving officers to the Association. Through modern social media, facetime with cadets and word of mouth, the Youth Committee is working to increase the number of officers joining to become active members. The Reunion Weekend has always been the premier event of the Cranwellians' Association calendar, and the Youth Committee have been put in charge of the sports taking place this year on Saturday 23 July. With a range of team sports being played

against the newly expanded College, young officers are invited to compete during the afternoon; and then retire for dinner, drinks and a chance to meet other members in the CHOM bar. The integration between serving officers and older members is a fantastic opportunity to share stories as well as pass on experience that will benefit our Royal Air Force for years to come. Other events in the pipeline are being aimed to benefit young officers to give a platform to network with others, gain experience from retired officers, support during their career and boost job prospects after leaving the service. Details for the Reunion Weekend and future events will be available in due course.

The Youth Committee, made up of Junior Officers from a range of branches and backgrounds, including the University Air Squadron, meets regularly and is chaired by Fg Off Calum Morrison, based at RAFC Cranwell.

INAUGURAL AIR POWER LECTURE

with Sir Glen Torpy - 19 November 2015

Over 60 members and guests of the Cranwellian Association gathered at the RAF Club on Thursday 19 November for the first of a series of planned events. Those present enjoyed listening to Air Chief Marshal Sir Glenn Torpy reflect on his time in the RAF, through service in Gulf War 1, Op Telic and latterly as Chief of the Air Staff. He also spoke about his experiences as senior military advisor to British Aerospace and the increasing importance of the relationship between major British industries and the Armed Forces today. In a lively question and

answer session, Sir Glenn fielded questions about cooperation with foreign allies outside of NATO, the importance of our people, and the relationship with contractors.

After the lecture and Q&A session, a number of attendees joined Sir Glenn for an excellent dinner of steak and kidney pudding followed by sherry trifle. Many attendees have commented on what a pleasant atmosphere was generated by the mix of UAS, young serving officers and retired members.

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IN MEMORIAM

We record with regret the passing of the following Cranwell Graduates or Cranwellians whose deaths were notified to us during the last year.

Air Cdre Tony Carver	Graduated 49C Entry
Sqn Ldr Mike Doggart	Graduated 95D Entry
Sqn Ldr George England	Graduated 61A Entry
Gp Capt Maurice Fenner	Graduated 49D Entry / 1 E&S
Sqn Ldr John Horsfall	Graduated 76C Entry
Sqn Ldr Bill Howard	Graduated 77A Entry
Gp Capt Richard Kidney	Graduated 70B Entry
Gp Capt David Luck	Graduated 51A Entry
Air Cdre Terence Morgan	Graduated 65C Entry
Air Cdre Brian Sills	Graduated 69B Entry
Gp Capt John Turner	Graduated 65A Entry
Gp Capt 'Tubby' Vielle	Graduated 32 Entry (S32)
Gp Capt Russ Williams	Graduated 79 Entry



International Cranwellians

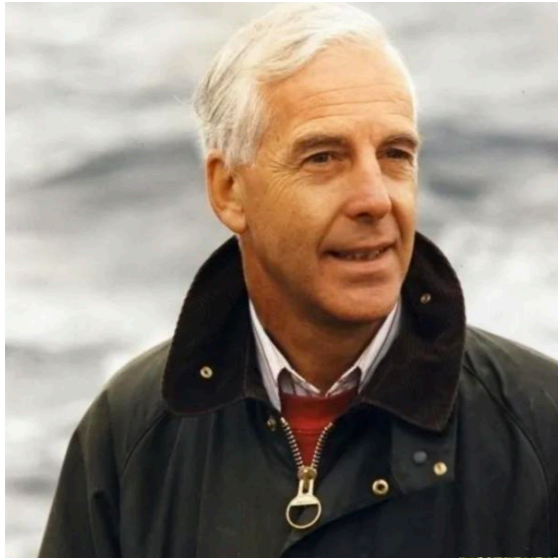
Over 1,900 Foreign Students from 59 Different Nations

Canada, Siam/Thailand and Persia/Iran show flags at the time cadets were trained.
The first international cadets in 1920 were from Siam and cadets from Thailand attended the College in 1957.
Similarly, cadets from Ceylon attended in 1953 and from Sri Lanka as recently as 2009.
There are a number of cadets (41) whose nationality we are unable to place at the moment.



The Cranwellian Association 2023

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Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, GCB, CBE

President

Sir Michael flew Lightnings in the 1960s, served at HQ AFCENT as PSO to the DCINC, in Joint Warfare at MOD in the 1970s, became OC 11 Squadron at RAF Binbrook then military advisor to the Chief of the Defence Staff in 1979. As a Group Captain, he became Station Commander at RAF Leuchars in 1981 and at RAF Stanley in the Falkland Islands in 1983. Promoted to Air Commodore in 1984 he became Senior Air Staff Officer at Headquarters No. 11 Group at RAF Bentley Priory in 1985; he took up post as Assistant Chief of Staff at the Policy Division at Headquarters SHAPE in 1986 on promotion to Air Vice- Marshal. In 1989 he was appointed Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief at RAF Support Command and was in post during the Gulf War. He became AOC-in-C Strike Command in 1991 overseeing major change in the RAF post Cold War. He was Chief of the Air Staff from 1992 to 1997 in which role he advised the British Government on the implementation of 'No Fly Zones' in Iraq and Bosnia and implemented the Front Line First initiative which contributed to reducing the RAF manpower from around 89,000 to around 57,000. He retired in 1997.

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Charitable Objects

To promote the efficiency of the Royal Air Force by: -

Fostering esprit de corps and comradeship among serving and retired officers

Providing facilities and activities to foster and maintain links between youth organisations, officer cadets and officers

Advancing the education and understanding of the general public and serving / retired officers in the fields of leadership and air power

Preserving the ethos and heritage of the Royal Air Force and the Royal Air Force College in particular.

Air Marshal Sir Christopher Coville, KCB FRAeS

Chairman of the Executive Committee

Sir Christopher joined the RAF in 1964, at the height of the Cold War. Early in his career he flew Lightnings and F4 Phantoms. He assumed command of No. 111 (Fighter) Squadron in 1983 and then became Group Captain Air at Headquarters No. 11 Group. In 1986 he became Station Commander at RAF Coningsby, where he flew Tornado F3 and displayed Hurricanes and Spitfires on the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. Promoted to Air Vice Marshal, he became Air Officer Commanding Training Units in 1992. Assistant Chief of Defence Staff Operational Requirements (Air Systems) in 1994 and Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces Central Europe in 1998. In 2000, his NATO command was absorbed into the Regional Headquarters Allied Forces North Europe of which Sir Chris became the Deputy Commander-in-Chief. In March 2001 he became the Air Member for Personnel and Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Personnel and Training Command. He retired in 2003.



Air Commodore Andrew 'Chas' Dickens OBE ADC
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Commandant RAF College Cranwell

Air Commodore Dickens was appointed Commandant RAF College Cranwell in November 2021. He is tasked to inspire, attract, train and develop the Next Generation Royal Air Force. He is the RAF Phase 1 Force Commander, Air Officer Lincolnshire, Head of the University Air Squadron Organisation and Chair of the Astra Trust.

Commissioned aged 18 as a Direct Entrant Pilot in November 1990, he completed flying training on the Chipmunk, Jet Provost, Mik 3&5 and the Hawk before being posted to the Tornado F3 OCU in 1995. Staff appointments have included the Ministry of Defence Saudi Arabia Project, Air Capability, Joint Services Command & Staff College and twice within the Air & Space Warfare Centre. Operational appointments have included Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan as Chief of Staff (Operations) at 904 Expeditionary Air Wing and RAF Akrotiri, Cyprus as Commanding Officer 903 Expeditionary Air Wing on Operation SHADER.

Away from work, Air Commodore Dickens is married and has a teenage son. In his spare time, he enjoys keeping fit with cycling and flying Air Cadets with Number 7 Air Experience Flight when time and the weather permits.

