

PASSING OUT REVIEW

The Passing Out Review of No.30 Entry of Boy Entrants took place on Tuesday, July 22nd, 1958. The Reviewing Officer was Air Marshal Sir Arthur McDonald, K.C.B., A.F.C. (Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Technical Training Command), who was accompanied by Air Vice Marshal D. Spreckley, C. B., O.B.E. (Air Officer Commanding No.24 Group), and Air Commodore R. Harston, B.A. (Commandant No.2 School of Technical Training).

THE REVIEW

The Passing Out Review consisted of an inspection by the Reviewing Officer of No.30 Entry of Boy Entrants, followed by ceremonial drill and a march past. They were supported by Boy Entrants of No.31 Entry and the Boy Entrants' Trumpet and Pipe Bands.

No officers, non-commissioned officers or airmen took part in the parade which was entirely under the control of the following Boy Entrants.

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| Parade Commander | 1933387 Flt. Sgt/B/E. Leeds, S. C. |
| Parade Warrant Officer | 1933233 Flt. Sgt/B/E. Lewis, P. J. |
| No.1 Flight Commander | 1932802 Cpl/B/E. Usher, H. S. T. |
| No.2 Flight Commander | 1932817 Cpl/B/E. Evans, G. |
| No.3 Flight Commander | 1932881 Sgt/B/E. Wade, I |
| No.4 Flight Commander | 1933440 Cpl/B/E. Adams, K. W. |
| Supporting Entry Commander | 1934049 Cpl/B/E. Robinson, J. W. |
| Trumpet Band - Senior Drum Major (No.1 Wing). | 1932726 Cpl/B/E. Shaw, R. J. |
| Drum Major (No.2 Wing). | 1933184 Cpl/B/E. Bridge, J. |
| Senior Trumpet Major (No. 1 Wing). | 1933314 L/B/E. Carter, L.A. |
| Trumpet Major (No.2 Wing). | 1933290 B/E. Usher, I. B. |
| Pipe Band - Drum Major | 1932788 L/B/E. Lawrence, J. L. |
| Pipe Major. | 1932731 B/E. Collins, C. A. |
| Standard Bearers | 1932763 B/E. King, P. |
| | 1932843 B/E. Browne, R. A. |

No. 30 ENTRY

The boys of No.30 Entry, having been accepted in their trades as Radio Mechanics, Cooks, Telegraphists, Photographers, Clerks General Duties, Clerks Accounting and Suppliers under training, joined the Royal Air Force in February, 1957. A number of boys have been transferred from the Entry and to or from other Entries, through sickness or insufficient progress in their trade. A number have left the Entry, including five who gained Apprenticeships to the Royal Air Force Apprentice Schools.

A total of 236 sat the Final Education Examination with the following results:

Qualified for promotion up to Sergeant, Senior Technician and for training in categories of aircrew: 4.

Qualified for promotion up to Corporal and Corporal Technician: 195.

Still to Qualify: 37.

A total of 249 took the Final Trade Test Board with the following results;

Qualified to Senior Aircraftsman (L.A.C. then S.A.C. after six months):139.

Qualified to Aircraftsman First Class: 60.

Recommended for further training: 33.

Failed to Qualify: 17.

The Entry has taken a full and active part in many hobbies and handicrafts, including sailing, horse riding and amateur dramatics, which are some of the varied activities provided at Cosford.

The Entry has been well represented in all sections of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme which is a vital part of our youth training, and before leaving here, a number will have qualified for their second series Silver Standard.

Boys of the Entry were included in the Boy Entrant Trumpet and Pipe Bands, which have appeared on many civic and service parades. At the Hastings Inter-Service junior Band Contest the trumpet band was second, being beaten only by the Royal Marines (professional) Boys' Band.

SPORT

At Sport the Entry has been extremely successful, and at all times has maintained the fine tradition of sportsmanship at Cosford.

The Entry has been fully represented in all the Inter-Squadron and Inter-Wing teams. Many of the boys have represented the School against other Military and Civilian teams and have thus carried their school colours.

Captain of Sports: 1933406 Leading Boy Entrant Isacsson.

Leading Boy Entrant Isacsson as well as representing the School at Rugby, captained the School Boxing team which won the Scott Paine Boxing Trophy in February 1958. He has at all times set a very good example to all Boy Entrants of the School by his leadership and determination.

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| Swimming | Boy Entrants Keats, Ormiston, Ross and Ringer. |
| Soccer | Leading Boy Entrant Springthorpe and Boy Entrants Kernohan, Mason, Murphy and Pereira. |
| Cycling | Boy Entrant Prentice. |
| Basketball | Leading Boy Entrant Weeks and Boy Entrant Spencer. |
| Boxing | Leading Boy Entrants Anderson, Isacsson, Milligan and Welch and Boy Entrants Burnett, Craig, Kernohan and Ringer. |
| Rugby | Flight Sergeant Boy Entrant Leeds and Leading Boy Entrant Isacsson. |
| Hockey | Boy Entrants Craning, Lobb and Ray. |
| Shooting | Corporal Boy Entrant Evans and Boy Entrant Jones. |
| Cross Country | Sergeant Boy Entrant Moore, Leading Boy Entrant Bryant and Boy Entrant Fudge. |
| Badminton | Boy Entrant Scott. |
| Athletics | Flight Sergeant Boy Entrant Leeds, Leading Boy Entrant Docker and Boy Entrant Ventress. |
| Cricket | Boy Entrants Banner, Hardy, Hibbert, King, Mason and Pereira. |

PRIZEWINNERS

Selected as Head Boy of the School and awarded the Victor
Groom Ceremonial Stick 1933387 Flight Sergeant Boy Entrant
Leeds, S. C. (Photographer II).

1. First in Order of Merit 1933172 B/E. Goodwin, B. J.
(Air Radar Mechanic).
2. First in General Service Efficiency 1933387 Flt. Sgt/B/E. Leeds, S. C.
(Photographer II).
3. Second in General Service Efficiency 1933236 Sgt/B/E. Hayward, P. J.
(Air Radar Mechanic)
4. Third in General Service Efficiency 1933233 Flt. Sgt/B/E. Lewis, P. J.
(Ground Wireless Mechanic)
5. First in Education 1932472 B/E. Kernohan, R.
(Air Radar Mechanic).
6. Second in Education 1932817 Cpl/B/E. Evans, G.
(Air Radar Mechanic).
7. Third in Education 1933406 L/B/E. Isacson, J. C.
(Air Radar Mechanic)

BEST TRADESMEN

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| First Ground Wireless Mechanic | 1933191 B/E. Lew, A. I. |
| Second Ground Wireless Mechanic | 1933444 B/E. Hardy, C. A. |
| First Telegraphist II | 593123 B/E. Thomas, C. J. |
| Second Telegraphist II | 1932684 B/E. Roberts, P.I. |
| First Photographer II | 1932491 B/E. Metcalfe, B. G. |
| First Supplier II ... | 1933210 B/E. Gouck, R. F. |
| First Air Wireless Mechanic | 1933417 B/E. Makins, P. H |
| First Cook II ... | 1933317 B/E. Garmson, M. F. |
| First Clerk General Duties | 1933442 B/E. Hall, H. |

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| First Clerk Accounting | 1933421 B/E. Clerkin, M. J. |
| First Air Radar Mechanic... | 1933224 B/E. Cantwell, M. C. |
| Second Air Radar Mechanic | 1933172 B/E. Goodwin, B. J. |

Qualified for immediate promotion to Senior Aircraftman by virtue of general all round ability.

1932817 Cpl/B/E. Evans, G., Air Radar Mechanic.
1933172 B/E. Goodwin, B. J., Air Radar Mechanic.
1933406 L/B/E. Isacsson, J. C., Air Radar Mechanic.
1933217 L/B/E. Robins, G. F. C., Air Radar Mechanic.
1933444 B/E. Hardy, C. A., Ground Wireless Mechanic.
1933191 B/E. Lewis, A. J., Ground Wireless Mechanic.
1933442 B/E. Hall, H., Clerk General Duties.
1933210 B/E. Gouck, R. F., Supplier II.

Editor's Note. Starting with this edition we will be including a copy of the Commandant's speech to the Senior Entry and an account of the Reviewing Officer's speech to them after the Prize Giving.

THE COMMANDANT'S SPEECH

Air Marshal Sir Arthur McDonald, Ladies and Gentlemen, first of all may I welcome our Commander-in-Chief, Air Marshal Sir Arthur McDonald, our very distinguished guest. Sir ! we are very pleased to have you here today. May I also welcome the parents who have been able to attend and I would like to take the opportunity of thanking you for your co-operation and assistance, and above all for the letters which you have written to Cosford. They have been a great help to both the staff and your sons.

No.30 Entry have been trained as Air Radar Mechanics, Air Wireless Mechanics, Clerks Accounts, Clerks General Duties, Cooks II, Ground Wireless Mechanics, Photographers II, Suppliers II, and Telegraphists II. Of the 249 who sat the final Trade Test, 139 qualified as SAC. and a further 60 qualified in the lower grade as Aircraftmen first class. However, 33 just failed to qualify and they have been recoursed and will take their examinations later. I would like to stress that these results are much the same as we have had for the last two or three entries. I would like to especially congratulate the boys who came top in their respective trades.

Turning now to the academic side of our training, 236 boys sat the Final Examination. I am pleased to announce that no fewer than

four Boy Entrants exempted themselves from Part I and Part II of the Royal Air Force Education Test, and this qualifies them educationally for promotion up to the rank of Sergeant and Aircrew. No fewer than 195 boys qualified for exemption from the Royal Air Force Education Test Part I and this qualifies them for promotion to as far as Corporal. Unfortunately 37 boys failed to qualify at all. And as I stated to them last night and would like to stress again, when you get to your new station you should see the Education Officer right away and keep up your studies. So far I have covered technical and education training; this however, is only a part of the Boy Entrants' activities at Cosford. We believe that at Cosford with its religious instruction, its organised sports and hobbies and very wide range of activities we have gone far to develop physical fitness and character to the same degree as exists at the bulk of the most expensive civilian schools.

In sport, No.30 Entry joined every one of the activities and members represented the School in a wide variety of sport.

The Captain of Sports represented the School in the boxing team (which won the Scott-Paine Trophy last February) and also in Rugby.

In the Summer of 1957 the entry joined the Apprentices and Boy Entrants' Summer Camp at Woodvale on the Lancashire coast. The programme there included flying, general combat training and they visited a wide variety of local places of interest. They didn't bathe because it was cold but I take it everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The School also took part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and I am pleased to say no fewer than 16 have been awarded the Second Silver Standard.

Boys from the entry have also taken an active part in all the hobbies available and have widened their interests. In addition, many boys of the Entry have participated in Physical Fitness displays both at Cosford and at outside engagements. Many of the boys also have been members of the School bands. For instance this summer many represented the School at Earls Court at the Royal Tournament. In conclusion, I am sure the 30th Entry Boys are both efficient and valuable members of the Royal Air Force. May I wish you all the best of luck at your new Station and in your future careers. I will now call on Air Marshal Sir Arthur McDonald to present the prizes.

THE REVIEWING OFFICER'S SPEECH

Commandant, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Since coming to Technical Training Command in January (I have of course been here before to see what was going on) this is the first Passing Out Parade that I have taken. Cosford is thought very highly of in my Headquarters.

First of all I would like to congratulate everyone concerned on the Parade. It was well up to standard and very good in spite of weather conditions which were not ideal. I know how much hard work goes on for such a parade and perhaps technically minded people may begrudge the time spent on drill while you have been here. Drill is a very important part of your training because a lot of experience has shown that steadiness on the parade ground goes with steadiness under fire. Drill is the outward and physical sign of an inward sense of discipline and high morale, and these things are terribly important. We must never forget in the midst of pre-occupations with technical training that you are all members of a fighting service and in spite of all the scientific and technical development, morale and discipline are the most important factors in war.

I hope that when you go from here you remember this and play your part on your new station, maintaining the high standard you have been taught here. I would like also to congratulate you on the results you have achieved in your training and which the Commandant has already mentioned. I am particularly interested in the number of Boys at this school who have gone in for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and having stuck to it, have qualified. The proportion is higher than at the other youth schools and I do not know the figure but the proportion is probably higher than at any other establishment in this country. It is a very good scheme and the boys have something to be proud of.

For those of you of the 30th Entry who are qualified, I would like to remind you that you should not take the view that your training in the R.A.F. is now completed and that you can relax and take it easy as far as that is concerned. Only the first phase is completed. What you have learnt you must regard only as a

foundation on which to build. You must take advantage of the opportunities the service gives for advanced trades and promotion. The opportunities are there and if you use them you can progress to a position of greater responsibility, due promotion and of course better pay. This will mean a great deal of further study and hard work. The opportunities in the R.A.F. for you to make satisfactory careers will be even greater in the next few years. As we come to the end of National Service the R.A.F. is going to rely more and more on these Schools for manpower than ever before. The opportunities are certainly there for advancement and it is up to you to make the most of them.

In talking about the need for hard work, I do not want to give you the impression that the R.A.F. is all work and no play. In fact one of the advantages of the service is that it offers opportunities for sport and travel which are much greater than in civilian life. That is one of the reasons why I have enjoyed my 30 years in the service so much. Some people sit back and become very inactive and get bored, especially on overseas stations, where in fact there are tremendous opportunities for sport.

I would like to say a word to the 30th Entry about responsibility. You are qualified today as airmen. Whilst you have been here most of the decisions about your life and so on have been made for you, not only in your working hours but in leisure hours as well. When you go out on your Stations you will have to make far more decisions for yourselves and you will also have to take responsibility for your job. Odd mistakes made here at Cosford are not serious ones but if you make mistakes on your new stations it could mean damage to aircraft or equipment and in extreme cases, might lead to loss of life. In your jobs you must be very careful that nothing is left to chance and the responsibility is yours to see that the job is well done. Furthermore, you will have responsibility for other men in the course of your careers and you will have to be quite certain that their work has been done well in addition to your own.

You are going out today as qualified members of the Royal Air Force and you ought to be proud of that fact and I am sure you are. Remember that the R.A.F. is not an organisation that has just come into being; there are the traditions built by many thousands before you during the First World War and the splendid records of

1939/45. The R.A.F. today holds a most responsible position in the keeping of world peace. You now have a part to play to maintain it.

I'd like to say how pleased I am to see so many parents here today. The Commandant mentioned what a great help they can be and I endorse this very much. Interest in the School and the boys is of great assistance in the job we are trying to do here. I am glad so many could come along. I hope you are proud of them: we certainly are.

Lastly I would just like to say a brief word about the staff. A School of this kind holds much expensive equipment but of course it is the staff who are responsible for putting over the training, and who make the School what it is. I know you will also like to offer them our thanks.

Best of luck to the 30th Entry and to you all.

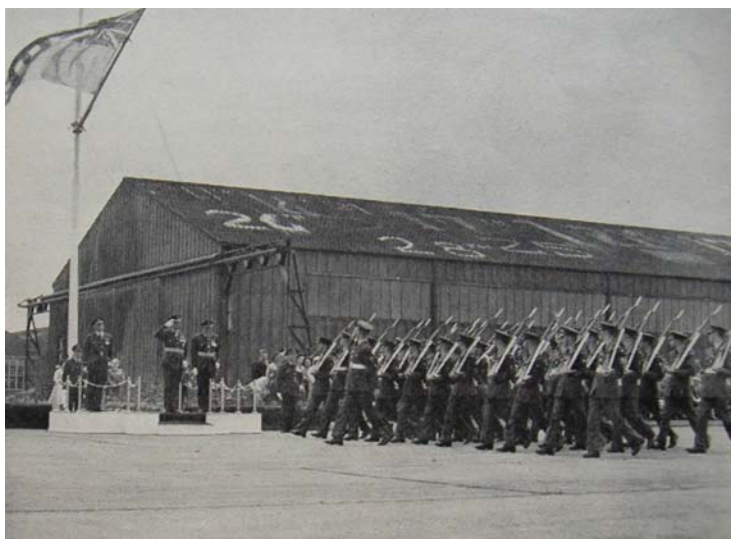
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The Inspection



The Prize Winners



The March Pass