

NO. 1 RADIO SCHOOL  
ROYAL AIR FORCE



*Passing Out Parade*  
*of the 84th Entry of*  
*Aircraft Apprentices*



*Reviewing Officer :*

*Air Chief Marshal Sir Hubert L. Patch,*  
*K.C.B., C.B.E.*

*Air Member for Personnel*



LOCKING

28th July, 1959

## *The Occasion.*



To-day's Parade and Inspection marks the successful completion of their training by aircraft apprentices of No. 84 Entry who joined the Wing in September, 1956.

Today No. 84 Entry parade with the Apprentice Wing for the last time before passing into the Royal Air Force as qualified tradesmen in the trades of Air Radio Fitter, Ground Radar Fitter or Ground Wireless Fitter. They will shortly be posted to Service units to commence their duties.

On the parade, of which a more detailed form is given overleaf, the aircraft apprentices of No. 84 Entry make up one flight.

After the final General Salute, the aircraft apprentices of the 84th Entry will march off parade in slow time in their last ceremonial act as aircraft apprentices. As they leave the Parade, the remainder of the Apprentice Wing will present arms as a tribute to the passing-out Entry.

The Officers and N.C.O.'s. of the Wing do not take part in the Parade.

Also on parade is Leading Aircraft Apprentice "Hamish McCrackers," the Pony Mascot who joined the Wing on the 25th November, 1953. Leading Aircraft Apprentice McCrackers is making his sixteenth appearance on a Passing Out Parade.

## *Parade State*

Commanding the Apprentice Wing- Flight Sergeant Aircraft Apprentice  
NOTTINGHAM, J.

Flight Commander Passing out Entry  
Sergeant Aircraft Apprentice MILLIGAN, F.

Parade Warrant Officer — Sergeant Aircraft Apprentice  
FREEMAN, K. L.

Commanding Junior Entries — Sergeant Aircraft Apprentice  
NANSON, R. C.

"A" Squadron  
Commanding — Sergeant Aircraft Apprentice  
DIMS, D. C. J.

Flight Commanders — Corporal Aircraft Apprentices  
HOLROYD, J.  
SHILCOCK, M. J.  
SOMERVILLE, D.

"B" Squadron  
Commanding — Sergeant Aircraft Apprentice  
CROFTS, J. A.

Flight Commanders — Corporal Aircraft Apprentices  
PYE, W.  
PRIOR, S. K.  
KELLY, M. J.

"C" Squadron  
Commanding — Sergeant Aircraft Apprentice  
O'KEEFE, J. M.

Flight Commanders — Corporal Aircraft Apprentices  
PHILLIPS, R.  
STRICKLAND, B. J.  
HINE, J. F.

No. 1 Radio School Apprentices Band

No. 5 Regional Band



## *Sequence of the Parade*

### **1. March On, Junior Entries**

At 10.15 hours the three Squadrons, less the Passing Out Entry, march on parade and form up in line of Squadrons in close column of flights.

No. 5 REGIONAL BAND: "Imperial Echoes"

### **2. March On, Passing Out Entry**

At 10.20 hours the Passing Out Entry marches on parade and forms up in line, in front of the Squadrons.

PIPES: "Scotland the Brave" and "Hielan Laddie"

### **3. Arrival of the Reviewing Officer**

At 10.30 hours the Reviewing Officer arrives at the Saluting Base accompanied by:—

AIR MARSHAL SIR ARTHUR McDONALD, K.C.B., A.F.C.  
(Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Technical Training Command)

AIR VICE-MARSHAL J. MARSON, C.B., C.B.E.  
(Air Officer Commanding No. 24 Group)

AIR COMMODORE H. G. LEONARD-WILLIAMS, C.B.E.  
(Commandant, No. 1. Radio School)

Spectators stand whilst the Reviewing Officer is escorted to the Saluting Base.

FANFARE

TRUMPETS: "State Occasion"

### **4. General Salute**

The Parade receives the Reviewing Officer with a General Salute.

Spectators stand.

No. 5 REGIONAL BAND: "General Salute"

**5. Inspection**

The Reviewing Officer inspects the Passing Out Entry.

No. 5 REGIONAL BAND: "Golden Spurs"

The Reviewing Officer returns to the Saluting Base.

**6. March Past**

The Passing Out Entry forms up on the right flank in readiness to March Past in quick time.

No. 5 REGIONAL BAND: "Royal Air Force March Past"

The Passing Out Entry then marches past in slow time and re-forms on the Reviewing Base.

No. 5 REGIONAL BAND: "Elizabethan Echoes"  
"Steadfast and True"

**7. Advance in Review Order**

The Passing Out Entry advances in review order, halts and presents arms in General Salute.

No. 5 REGIONAL BAND: "The Advance in Review Order"  
Spectators stand.

**8. General Salute**

No. 5 REGIONAL BAND: "General Salute"

**9. The Passing Out Entry Marches Off**

The Passing Out Entry marches off parade in slow time.

PIPES: "Auld Lang Syne"

**10. The Apprentice Wing Marches off**

Under the command of the new senior Aircraft Apprentices, the Apprentice Wing marches past the Reviewing Officer and retires from the Parade Ground.

PIPES: "Magersfontein"

No. 5 REGIONAL BAND: "Royal Air Force March Past"

The Reviewing Officer leaves the Parade Ground.

## *Prize-Giving*

---

Report by the Commandant No. 1 Radio School

Presentation of Prizes and Awards by  
AIR CHIEF MARSHALL SIR HUBERT L. PATCH,  
K.C.B., C.B.E.

Address by the Reviewing Officer  
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

---

## *The Prizes*

### Technical Subjects :

Air Radio Fitters	.	.	L.A.A. HILLMAN, P.
Ground Radar Fitters	.	.	L.A.A. HOBBS, B.A.
Ground Wireless Fitters	.	.	L.A.A. DRAKE, B.R.
Highest Educational Marks	.	.	S.A.A. EVERITT, W.M.
Highest Marks in English and General Studies	.	.	S.A.A. MILLIGAN, F.
General Service Subjects	.	.	C.A.A. GOODWIN, D.
Highest Aggregate Marks	.	.	S.A.A. EVERITT, W.M.

## *Wing Trophy*

Victor Ludorum Trophy	.	.	C.A.A. STRAUGHAN, G.
Wing Championship			TIE-"A" & "B" SQUADRON



## *A brief history of Aircraft Apprentice Radio Training*

In 1922 the first Aircraft Apprentices to be selected for Signals duties entered the Royal Air Force and commenced training at the Electrical and Wireless School. The School was then located at Flowerdown, near Winchester, and was established to train all tradesmen required for the maintenance and operation of Signals equipment. The Aircraft Apprentices were trained as Wireless Operator Mechanics, Electricians and Instrument makers.

In August 1929, the Electrical and Wireless School moved to Cranwell, and in the pre-war expansion of the Royal Air Force became No. 1 Radio School, concentrating solely on training of Signals personnel. In 1950, No. 6 Radio School was formed at Cranwell with responsibility for radio training of Aircraft Apprentices only. On the 1st December, 1952, No. 6 Radio School was disbanded at Cranwell and reformed at Locking as No. 1 Apprentice Wing, No. 1 Radio School.

Early Entries of Aircraft Apprentices were trained to operate and maintain all Signals and Electrical Equipment used by the Royal Air Force both in the air and on the ground.

The increasing complexity and wide range of Signals equipment gradually made it necessary to train the Signals Aircraft Apprentice in Signals maintenance duties only, the electrical and operating commitments being assigned to other suitably trained airmen. It later became necessary to train Aircraft Apprentices specifically for Ground or Air Radio maintenance duties. Of the Aircraft Apprentices passing out to-day, 62% have been trained as Air Radio Fitters, the rest as Ground Radar Fitters and Ground Wireless Fitters.

On leaving us for their new units, Apprentices of the 84th Entry will be joining a select band of highly qualified Radio Technicians. Since the first Aircraft Apprentice passed out at Flowerdown in 1925, over 6,000 have successfully completed Signals training and of these over 1,100 have been selected for and granted commissions, several now holding Air rank.

## *Wing Colours*

The following Apprentices of the 84th Entry have been awarded Wing Colours in the sports shown:—

ATHLETICS	CRICKET	ROAD WALKING
C.A.A. Straughan, G.	L.A.A. O'Connell, R.	C.A.A. Straughan, G.
L.A.A. Pope, B.T.	SWIMMING	A.A. Hillman, P.
C.A.A. Hill, D. P.	C.A.A. Rodgers, D.T.	A.A. Kyte, A.
L.A.A. O'Connell, R.	SOCCER	BASKETBALL
A.A. Atkinson, R.W.	L.A.A. O'Connell, R.	398 A.A. Kyte, A.A.
JUDO	A.A. Bench, J.T.	GYMNASTICS
L.A.A. Hodby, L.A.	CROSS COUNTRY	C.A.A. Armes, C.R.
A.A. Pratt, I.J.	C.A.A. Hill, D.P.	

## *Programme*

**Spectators are requested to be seated on the main Parade Ground  
by 10 15 hours**

Item	Time	Remarks
1.	10.15	Parade, less No. 84 Entry, advances on markers.
2.	10.20	No. 84 Entry march on
3.	10.30	The Reviewing Officer and Reception Party arrive at the Parade Ground for the General Salute. Inspection and March Past of No. 84 Entry.
4.	10.55	No. 84 Entry marches off.
5.	11.00	The Supporting Squadrons march past.
6.	11.05	The Reviewing Officer leaves the Parade Ground to inspect No. 1 Training Block.
7.	11.10	Staff, guests and all Entries of Aircraft Apprentices other than No. 84 Entry proceed to the Assembly Hall in No. 3 Block. Staff and guests will proceed via No. 3 Wing N.A.A.F.I. Club where light refreshments will be served.
8.	11.45	The Reviewing Officer proceeds to the Assembly Hall in No. 3 Block to receive a report on No. 84 Entry by the Commandant No. 1 Radio School, to present prizes and to address the Apprentices.
9.	12.30	Lunch will be served for guests of No. 84 and No. 92 Entries in the N.A.A.F.I. Clubs. (No. 84 Entry in No. 1 Wing N.A.A.F.I. and No. 92 Entry in No. 3 Wing N.A.A.F.I.)
10.	13.00	Lunch will be provided for the Reviewing Officer, Reception Party and invited guests in the Officers' Mess.
11.	13.30 17.00	School open for inspection by visitors. Squadron and Flight Commanders will be available to meet parents in No. 1 Wing N.A.A.F.I. (Reading Room). TRAINING BLOCKS will be open between 1330 and 1600 hrs. where instructors will be available to meet parents.