

No. 1 RADIO SCHOOL
ROYAL AIR FORCE



Passing Out Parade
of the 100th Entry of
Aircraft Apprentices

By

Reviewing Officer :

Air Chief Marshal Sir Walter G. Cheshire,
K.C.B., C.B.E., A.D.C., B.A.

Air Member for Personnel

By

LOCKING

15th December, 1964

Sequence of the Parade

1. March On, Supporting Squadrons.

At 1030 hours the two supporting squadrons march on parade and form up in line of squadrons.

No. 5 REGIONAL BAND: "The Thunderer."

2. March On, Passing Out Entry.

At 1035 hours the Passing Out Entry marches on and forms up in line of Squadrons in close column of Flights, in front of the supporting squadrons.

APPRENTICE PIPE BAND: "Scotland the Brave";

3. Arrival of the Reviewing Officer.

At 1045 hours the Reviewing Officer arrives at the Saluting Base, accompanied by :-

AIR MARSHAL SIR DONALD R. EVANS, K.B.E., C.B., D.F.C.
(Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Technical Training Command).

AIR VICE-MARSHAL J. K. ROTHERHAM, C.B., C.B.E.,
B.A.

(Air Officer Commanding No. 24 Group).

AIR COMMODORE C. R. C. HOWLETT
(Commandant, No. 1 Radio School).

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

TRUMPET FANFARE: "The 100th."

4. General Salute.

The Parade receives the Reviewing Officer with a General Salute.

Spectators remain standing until after the Salute.

No. 5 REGIONAL BAND: "General Salute."

5. Inspection.

The Reviewing Officer inspects the Passing Out Entry.

No. 5 REGIONAL BAND: "Golden Spurs."
and "By Land and Sea."

The Reviewing Officer returns to the Saluting Base.

6. March Past.

The Passing Out Entry marches past by Flights in quick time.

No. 5 REGIONAL BAND: "Dunedin."

The Passing Out Entry returns by Squadrons in quick time.

No. 5 REGIONAL BAND: "The Vedette."

The Passing Out Entry reforms on the Receiving Base.

APPRENTICE PIPE BAND: "The Rowan Tree."

7. Advance in Review Order.

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

No. 5 REGIONAL BAND:

"The Advance in Review Order"; "General Salute."

Spectators stand for the Salute.

8. The Passing Out Entry Marches Off.

The Passing Out Entry marches off in slow time, changing to quick time.

APPRENTICE PIPE BAND: "Auld Lang Syne."

No. 5 REGIONAL BAND: "R.A.F. March Past."

The Reviewing Officer leaves the Parade Ground.

9. The Supporting Squadrons March Off.

Under the command of the new N.C.O. Aircraft Apprentices, the Supporting Squadrons march off the Parade Ground.

APPRENTICE PIPE BAND: "The Badge of Scotland."

Prize Giving

Report by the Commandant, No. 1 Radio School.

Presentation of Prizes and Awards by

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR WALTER G. CHESHIRE,
K.C.B., C.B.E., A.D.C. B.A.

Address by the Reviewing Officer.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

The Prizes

Lord Trenchard Memorial Prize	-	-	-	F.S.A.A. HUBBARD, C. N.
Institution of Electronic and Radio Engineers' Prize	-	-	-	A.A. FOWLER, J.
Royal Aeronautical Society Prize	-	-	-	S.A.A. FUNNELL-BAILEY, C.C.
Royal Air Force Prizes for:				
First in Order of Merit	-	-	-	A.A. FOWLER, J.
Air Radar Fitter (First)	-	-	-	A.A. GIBSON, A. J.
Air Radar Fitter (Second)	-	-	-	C.A.A. PRIOR, A. S.
Best Ground Radar Fitter	-	-	-	L.A.A. THOMPSON, R. B.
Best Ground Wireless Fitter	-	-	-	A.A. FOWLER, J.
Educational Subjects (First)	-	-	-	A.A. FOWLER, J.
Educational Subjects (Second)	-	-	-	S.A.A. FUNNELL-BAILEY, C.C.
General Service Efficiency (First)	-	-	-	F.S.A.A. HUBBARD, C. N.
General Service Efficiency (Second)	-	-	-	L.A.A. KNOTT, B.
Best Manual Exercise	-	-	-	A.A. TILLING, C. R.
English and General Studies	-	-	-	A.A. ANDERSON, N.
Best Set Task	-	-	-	A.A. WEBB, M. A.
Parade Commander's Baton	-	-	-	F.S.A.A. LARTER, P. J.

Wing Trophies

Victor Ludorum Trophy	-	-	-	F.S.A.A. LARTER, P. J.
Wing Championship	-	-	-	"B" SQUADRON

Wing Colours

The following Apprentices of the 100th Entry have been awarded Wing Colours in the sports shown:

BOXING

S.A.A. Larter, P. J.
S.A.A. Norton, K.
A.A. Simpson, W. C.

TENNIS

A.A. Randel, J.
A.A. King, W. J.

TABLE TENNIS

L.A.A. Heslop, R. D.
A.A. Randel, J.
A.A. Rolls, G. R.
A.A. Trim, B. M.

ATHLETICS

S.A.A. Ferris, C. C.
A.A. Kinge, B. F.
A.A. Kraft, D.

CROSS COUNTRY

S.A.A. Ferris, C. C.

BASKETBALL

S.A.A. Larter, P. J.
C.A.A. Jardine, J. A.
A.A. Povey, M. A.

HOCKEY

A.A. Mascharenhas, M. L.
A.A. Overton, W. G.

RUGBY

S.A.A. Larter, P. J.
A.A. Gerken, W.
A.A. Povey, M. A.

CRICKET

S.A.A. Larter, P. J.
C.A.A. Reed, E.
A.A. Clarke, B. J.

SQUASH

C.A.A. Lucas, P. M.

SWIMMING AND WATER POLO

L.A.A. Hope, P.
A.A. Smith A.

SOCCER

C.A.A. Dennett, A. H.
L.A.A. Browne, D. C.
L.A.A. Butcher, N. J.
L.A.A. Hope, P.
A.A. Dunsire, D.
A.A. Pattenden, M. J.

BADMINTON

A.A. Madden, R. A.

303 SHOOTING

A.A. Ellis, G. G.
A.A. Loder, P. F.
A.A. Pyrah, E. J.
A.A. Ranson, W.

A brief history of Aircraft Apprentices' 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 due to war-time expansion became No. 1 Radio School in 1942. Aircraft apprentices were trained in the trades of wireless operator mechanic, wireless and electrical mechanic and instrument maker. It also trained boy entrants in the trades of wireless operator and electrician. 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 today 38% have been trained as air radar fitters, 30% as ground wireless fitters and 32% as ground radar fitters.

On leaving us for their new units, apprentices of the 100th 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 1,450 have been selected for and granted commissions, 10 having achieved air rank.

Programme

Spectators are requested to be seated on the main Parade Ground by 1030 hours.

Item.	Time.	Remarks.
1.	1030 hours	Supporting Squadrons march on to markers.
2.	1035 hours	No. 100 Entry marches on.
3.	1045 hours	The Reviewing Officer and Reception Party arrive on the Parade Ground.
4.		Inspection and March Past of No. 100 Entry.
5.		No. 100 Entry marches off.
6.	1125 hours	The Reviewing Officer leaves the Parade Ground.
7.	1126 hours	The Supporting Squadrons march off.
8.	1130 hours	Coffee is served for hosts and guests in No. 3 N.A.A.F.I. Coffee for prize-winning Apprentices and their Relatives is served in the Reference Library, No. 3 (Training) Block.
9.	1150 hours	Staff and guests proceed to the Assembly Hall in No. 3 Block to be seated by 1200 hours.
10.	1210 hours	The Reviewing Officer arrives in the Assembly Hall in No. 3 Block to receive a report on No. 100 Entry by the Commandant of No. 1 Radio School, to present prizes and to address the Apprentices.
11.	1300 hours	Lunch is served for the 100th Entry and their guests in the Apprentice Dining Hall.
12.	1315 hours	Lunch is served for the Reviewing Officer, Reception Party and invited guests in the Officers' Mess.
13.	1330 - 1700 hours	Domestic accommodation (F Block) will be open for inspection by visitors.
14.	1330 - 1700 hours	Training Blocks will be open to visitors; instructors will be available to meet parents.

In the event of inclement weather, the Parade will be held in the Main Hall, No. 3 Training Block, and the timings of items 6 to 11 will be 10 minutes earlier.

Smoking is not permitted in the Assembly Hall.