

## 76th ENTRY FINAL REPORT

### General

1. The entry commenced training in January, 1954 with a strength of 265. The entry has therefore been involved in three different administrative systems and the finished product has no doubt suffered as a direct result of these changes. In particular when in January, 1956 the "nine-way" split was introduced all the 76<sup>th</sup> Entry NCOs lost their rank.

2. In August of this year upon becoming the Senior Entry they provided 3 FSAs, 25 SAs and a considerable number of CAs and LAs. The standard of these N.C.O. apprentices has been good although they have not completely fulfilled their responsibilities.

### Drill

3. Because of the frequent moves during their period at Halton their General Service Training has not been consistent. Their standard of drill has been poor and their general attitude towards General Service Training has been apathetic. Some effort was made during the final drill examination and the marks obtained were reasonable.

### Discipline

4. Generally the discipline of this Entry has been good, there have been very few instances of serious indiscipline, although they have not set a shining example to their juniors. A slight improvement has been detected upon previous entries and one of the reasons has been the prompt discharge of unsatisfactory apprentices for disciplinary reasons, before they were able to spread dissatisfaction amongst others.

### Ground Combat Training

During their last year of training the Entry improved considerably and were the best entry who went to Summer camp during 1956. Their results are as follows:

#### (a) Range Results

(i) Rifle - 30% Marksmen, which is three times the average score.

(ii) Bren - 60% Marksmen, which is an average result.

#### (b) Written Examination

Average mark 70%.

(c) All apprentices passed the tests of Elementary Training.

### Physical Fitness and Games

6. This entry, has not been outstanding although the standard of Physical Training has been satisfactory. The standard of swimming has been below average and there are still a fair number of non-swimmers in the entry. The entry has been more successful at organised games and there have been enthusiastic participants in all sports at Squadron, Wing and School level. The general standard has been good and this has been supplemented by a number of individuals who have achieved a high standard.

7. The entry has three ISBA Boxing Champions, two McEwen Trophy event winners and numerous winners in the Inter-Service Quadrangular Tournament, two being record holders. Some 15 members of the entry gained School Colours.

### Bands

8. The interest shown by the Entry as a whole has been average but the skill

and ability of those who took up the duties of Bandsmen has been above average. This is equally true of both Pipe and Military Bands. During the time which it has spent at Halton the entry has provided about ten members for the Pipe Band and about six members for the Military Band. These include the Senior Drum Major on the station and the Station Trumpet Major.

#### GLIDING AND FLYING

##### Gliding

9. Gliding facilities commenced for the entry during their last term. Twenty four were selected on the basis of one from each flight and up to the end of October 110 launches had been made. The dark evenings and inclement weather has rather restricted the amount of gliding which has been available. Two apprentices have completed 15 launches and it is hoped that some solo flights will be achieved before December, when the British Gliding Association 'A' and 'B' Certificates will be awarded.

##### Powered Flying

10. During their Final Airfield training Stage the aircraft establishment at Halton was increased to three Chipmunk aircraft, and all of the entry have had at least one familiarisation flight in these aircraft. During these flights the apprentices were given the chance to handle the controls in the air and also given experience of aerobatics if they wished.

#### Halton Society Activities

11. Members of this Entry have taken some part in the activities of the Halton Society. They have been represented in the Aeronautical Society, the Dramatic Section, the Model Aircraft Clubs, the Aircraft Recognition Section and the Scouts, and have been very active in the Sailing Club. Four apprentices took part in the Organised Tour of Germany which took place in the summer of 1956.

#### Religion

##### Church of England

12. A very good entry, many of whom have been regular attenders at Holy Communion. One choir member.

##### PMUB

13. Members of the entry have taken part in Church and Club activities, and in one or two cases have provided valuable leadership.

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