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HALTON ROSE TO A ROYAL OCCASION



REPRESENTATIVES of many Women's Sections of the British Legion from throughout the County lined the route with their Standards as the Queen left Halton via Wendover. The town was gayly decorated for the occasion and the Queen was given a Royal send-off by all sections of the population.

1,700 Apprentices parade like veterans No. 1 SCHOOL OF TECHNICAL TRAINING HONOURED

CONGRATULATIONS. R.A.F. Halton. Last Friday you accepted the high honour of receiving the Queen's colour, presented to No. 1 School of Technical Training, with a dignity and an awareness that this was your big occasion which did credit to Officers, Apprentices and everyone concerned. We know the difficulties of such occasions. We know how easy it is to make that fatal slip which can entirely ruin the effectiveness of a ceremonial parade such as you so brilliantly staged for the Queen's visit. But there was no slip. Let it be said that not a foot was put wrong and that your bearing was a credit to the R.A.F.

Foot drill and arms drill reached a standard which, let us be truthful about it, surprised some of us who might be tempted to look back on our own parade ground days with modest pride. But be that as it may, even the most seasoned veteran had to admit that the smartness, efficiency and excellent turn out of those 1,700 air apprentices on Friday would be difficult to surpass.

As you swung round your parade ground in that march past in review order, we noted, not without a glow of pride, the rhythm with which the entire parade executed each turn on the march. Orders were given with a clarity and power which commanded smart responses and not one man let his tail-leaves down as column after column checked beautifully and sweetly round a new line of direction. It looked as if you were all on the same page. Equally impressive was the bearing of the Queen's Standard as the new Colour-bearer, Sergeant Armstrong, with his bearing throughout was a perfect example of the quality of work which you supported him so well on this notable occasion.

Royal Salute

Comment is also needed on the impressive manner in which the parade gave the Royal Salute as the Queen took her position on arrival. The arm drill was wonderfully good. Royal Salute—Present Arms and one could almost feel the perfect timing with which hundreds of rifles were slapped against the muzzles of the rifles. "Present." It was a pleasure to watch the parade salute for the hand work which had been put into the preparation of the salute. The hand work was hard work more fully revealed, and one can only add that it is the general standard at Halton there is nothing to be ashamed of as far as the salute and training is concerned.

On parade for the first time was the Camp's mascot, Aircraft Apprentice Lewis III, a two-month-old dog who was obviously anxious to be a part of the occasion and behaved himself admirably well. It had been feared that Lewis would be such an important part of the parade, but Lewis III was not to be disappointed. Lewis III was not to be disappointed. Lewis III was not to be disappointed.

THE QUEEN acknowledges the leaves, Halton. With her is Lady Margaret Hay, Lady-in-Waiting.

The smartness of the Colour Bearer, Sergeant Armstrong, F. M. A. Hines, promotion should not be long delayed. He will obviously maintain the high standard set by previous parades at Halton.

Coronation Programme Many of those who saw the Queen on Friday will note with interest that Bucks will also play an important part in the B.E.C.'s T.V. Coronation programme next year (see report on page 7).

HER MAJESTY MAKES HER INSPECTION



ON her arrival at Halton House the Queen was received by Lord Lieutenant of Bucks, who presented the Commandant, Air Commodore J. G. W. Weston, and Mrs. Weston, and the Chief of Staff, Colonel T. R. P. Warren. The Queen was received at the Royal Air Force, Vice-Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Slessor, Chief of Air Staff, and Air Vice-Marshal R. O. Jones, Air Officer Commanding No. 24 Training Group. As Her Majesty approached, "bills" were sounded, and as she came to a halt, she carried a grey handbag.

R.A.F. had to be able to place as much reliance on the technical skill of its tradesmen as the experience and imagination of its Commanders. "Halton," said the Queen, as the first School to be started for this purpose, and it is known that the Royal Air Force will give you a good deal of its own experience which is needed wherever the R.A.F. is a representative of the Country and Commonwealth. The Queen said she was sure that those who had taken part in this occasion would be proud to be associated with the apprentices on the parade ground. "I give you your Colour in the name of the Royal Air Force, March Past," March of the Halton Apprentices, and you will see that you will carry it well," she said. "Let it be a reminder of the trust I place in the R.A.F." Response: Air Commodore Weston told the Queen that the presentation of the Colour would be an inspiration to apprentices under training; it would be a source of pride to those who had trained and would bring remembrance of those called to a higher service.

THE FIRST SCHOOL. Continuing, the Queen said that the General Salute was ordered as



TRING gave the Queen an affectionate welcome as Her Majesty passed through on her way to Halton. Big crowds lined the route with many schoolchildren in the forefront of this demonstration of loyalty. Many people assembled for hours before the Queen was due to arrive and a large number cavorted in from surrounding villages.

It was Halton's 6th Royal visit

FRIDAY provided Halton with its sixth Royal visit. King George VI visited the Station twice in 1923 when he was Duke of York, he inspected the new barrack blocks and took the salute at a march past of apprentices. On April 14th, 1939, he inspected the new workshops.

The Princess Royal has also visited the Station twice. On October 31st, 1927, she opened the new hospital buildings known since then as the Princess Mary Royal Air Force Hospital. On November 1st, 1948, the Princess Royal made a return visit in honour of the coming-of-age of the hospital.

The late Duke of Kent, who was an Air Commodore in the R.A.F., visited Halton in June, 1944, and inspected the Air Training Corps Camp and the apprentice workshops.

No. 1 School of Technical Training Entry of Halton Apprentices graduated in March, 1950. Some 21,600 apprentices have passed out from the school and more than 4,000 of them have subsequently been commissioned in various branches of the R.A.F. Halton apprentices have also been awarded a large number of decorations.

The Colour presented to the No. 1 School of Technical Training was the third to be presented to the Royal Air Force. The first was presented to King George VI at the R.A.F. College, Cranwell in 1914, while the second was presented to the Royal Air Force in the name of King George VI by the Princess Elizabeth on behalf of her father in May, 1951.

Recipe for Success Air-Marshal Sir Victor Groom, the seventh officer graduating Halton Apprentices at the "Passing-Out" yesterday. "I want you to recognize the importance of reliability. If you don't know your own trade, you can't take a pride in your work. Don't leave things to chance and avoid the 'don't care' attitude. Take a pride in your work. You'll give your second best."

The Colour was marched back to its position in the centre of the Escort Squadron in slow time. The band played the National Anthem. Her Majesty by the Escort Squadron in slow and quick time. The parade moved forward in review order. Again the Royal Salute was ordered and was followed by one of the most stirring scenes of the day—Remove handbags, ordered Group Captain Finlay, and the customs' three cheers for the Queen were then given in full-blooded style.

The glittering scene ended as the Queen's main parade marched off, foot step to the left. The band played "The Royal Air Force March Past," March of the Halton Apprentices, and you will see that you will carry it well," she said. "Let it be a reminder of the trust I place in the R.A.F." Response: Air Commodore Weston told the Queen that the presentation of the Colour would be an inspiration to apprentices under training; it would be a source of pride to those who had trained and would bring remembrance of those called to a higher service.

Our Smiling Queen



A HAPPY picture of the Queen as she glanced in the direction of our photographer shortly before leaving the parade ground at the conclusion of the ceremony.

S/A HINES IS AWARDED A CADETSHIP

SERGEANT APPRENTICE F. M. A. Hines, who received the Queen's Colour from the Queen on Friday, has been awarded a cadetship. This was disclosed when the 63rd Entry of Halton Apprentices graduated yesterday. Only two boys of the Entry were cadetships, the other being Air-Apprentice Papworth.

The Halton Commandant, Air Commodore J. G. W. Weston, congratulated all who had taken part in the presentation of the Queen's Colour. He said that the school has accomplished up to date.

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BANK CASHIER RETIRES

ONE name rate on the counter of the Aylesbury branch of Lloyds Bank Ltd., which has been seen by customers of the bank for the last 30 years, will be missing from today.

Mr. William Cyril Pennington, of 41, Abbots Road, Master Park, Aylesbury, who rose to be chief cashier during his employment at the Bank, retired yesterday at the age of 60.

Mr. Pennington gave a party for his colleagues last Friday at the "Bulls' Head" Hotel, Aylesbury, and three managers who had been his working superiors in past years were present. Fellow employees had contributed to the silver rose bowl which was presented to him.

He began his career in the Capital and Counties Bank, at Worcester, and worked for that firm at Malvern, Monmouth, Wisbech and North Walsham, before coming to Aylesbury in 1922. His first and Lloyds Bank Ltd. was chairman of the Aylesbury branch of Lloyds ever since.

Inquiries sustained during his service with the Royal Field Artillery during the 1914-18 war prevented his taking part in the centenary of the branch day. He has been a member of the local Lodge of Freemasons for many years and was chairman of the Aylesbury Library Institution Club during 1933 and 34.

The managers present at the party were Mr. J. Bidder, the present manager of the Royal Field Artillery and Mr. B. Sheldon and Mr. C. Headington, who are past managers of the branch. So, after speeches, a presentation and a celebration, Mr. Pennington said goodbye to his working life behind the Bank counter.

The Colour Presented



THE big moment arrived when Sergeant Apprentice F. M. A. Hines received the Colour from Her Majesty, who is seen making the presentation in the picture above.

A scene of colour and glitter

THE scene as a whole was glittering and colourful. The sun shone from a cloudless sky reflecting brilliantly on the numerous medals worn by Sergeant Armstrong. The ladies excelled themselves in colourful summer dresses which, temporarily at least, turned Halton into Accra in miniature. High ranking officers, including six many "brass hats" to be seen everywhere.

Halton had cared not merely to mark the Queen's visit on Friday the perfect occasion. The date was tactfully decorated in blue and white with a red carpet leading to the microphone and an odd "topper" or two added to the glitter of the scene. High on a specially erected platform film cameras were in action. We noted that a small number of American Servicemen were present, keen to catch a glimpse of the Queen as she passed.

As the Colour was marched past the audience, it was in the same exact manner as had the Apprentices received their colour, civilians removed their hats, and everywhere the occasion was honoured in full-blooded style.

There were one or two lone "opponents" here in the hills behind the parade ground to doubt each other's glimpse of the proceedings, but obviously keen to see a great deal of the Queen, they were actually with the most powerful glances.

First Citizen presented to First Lady

Halton did not forget the neighbour. Borough of Aylesbury when they were honoured by the visit of the Queen. Among those invited to attend the Mayor of Aylesbury, Councillor Mrs. K. M. White, and her husband, Mr. A. S. White, both the Mayor and Mrs. White were among those who accompanied the Queen's entourage. The Mayor was for the occasion a cool-looking drink in a straw cup. White gloves and white shoes completed her ensemble.

As usual Lord and Lady Trenchard were present together with Sir John and Lady Stacey, Squadron Leader Horsley, the High Commissioner for Pakistan, the Lord Lieutenant of Bucks, Lord Constable, Sir Lewis Hollinghurst, Sir Michael Adeane, Air Commodore and Mrs. Tilmans, Mr. Spencer Sumner, M.P. for Aylesbury, Division, Councillor Mrs. K. M. White, Mayor of Aylesbury, and Mrs. White.

After the ceremony the Queen took part in the Officers' Mess and later walked round the gardens. She was presented with a bouquet by 17-year-old Jennifer Weston, daughter of the Commandant. As the Queen left the parade ground she was accompanied by the Queen's Orderlies to increase the splendour of the occasion. The duty Colour and dress of the Queen's Orderlies, Air Commodore J. G. W. Weston, called upon her to commend the service of the Corporation of the Colour. The ser-

The County thanks to the County

The Queen's pleasure at the reception she received and the arrangements made during her visit to Halton is expressed in a letter from Her Majesty's Private Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of the County, Lord Constable. Dated July 25th, it reads as follows—

Dear Lord Lieutenant, When the Queen returned from Halton yesterday Her Majesty told me to let you know how very pleased she had been to see so many of the people of south Buckinghamshire on her journey to and from Halton. There really was a remarkable display of enthusiasm and banking in all the small towns through which Her Majesty passed.

The Queen would be very glad if you would convey her thanks to all in the County who assisted in the arrangements for her visit and particularly to your police who maintained the rather intricate route with great skill. Yours sincerely, (Sgd.) M. E. ADEANE.

The "White Admiral" was also present

Mr. Frederick W. Clarke, of Wendover, 161, Aylesbury Road, which was visited by the Queen on Friday. He has written to this newspaper in the following terms— While waiting by the roadside near Halton Camp on Friday last, July 25th, my wife drew my attention to a large uncommon butterfly. It flew backwards and forwards over the half hour we were there and I had neither difficulty nor doubt in identifying it as a White Admiral, a butterfly I have never seen before in these parts. This insect, normally shy, showed no concern in the crowds of people there present.

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