

Extracts from Ron Clayton's copy of the 1965 Appy Year Book.

GRADUATION AWARDS

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Warrant Officer/Apprentice MATTERS, R. L.

From the beginning of the Course, Warrant Officer/Apprentice Matters showed the qualities of leadership which culminated in this Award. His service manner and attitude support these attributes and he has been a valuable member of the squadron.

HIGHEST ASSESSMENT FOR ALL-ROUND PROFICIENCY

Sergeant/Apprentice KERR, I. D.

SECOND HIGHEST ASSESSMENT FOR ALL-ROUND PROFICIENCY

Sergeant/Apprentice DENNES, G. P.

BEST ALL-ROUND SPORTSMAN

Warrant Officer/Apprentice MATTERS, R. L.



AIR VICE-MARSHAL HEY WITH AWARD WINNERS.
LEFT TO RIGHT—SGT/APP. DENNES, SGT/APP. KERR, AVM HEY, WO APP. MATTERS.



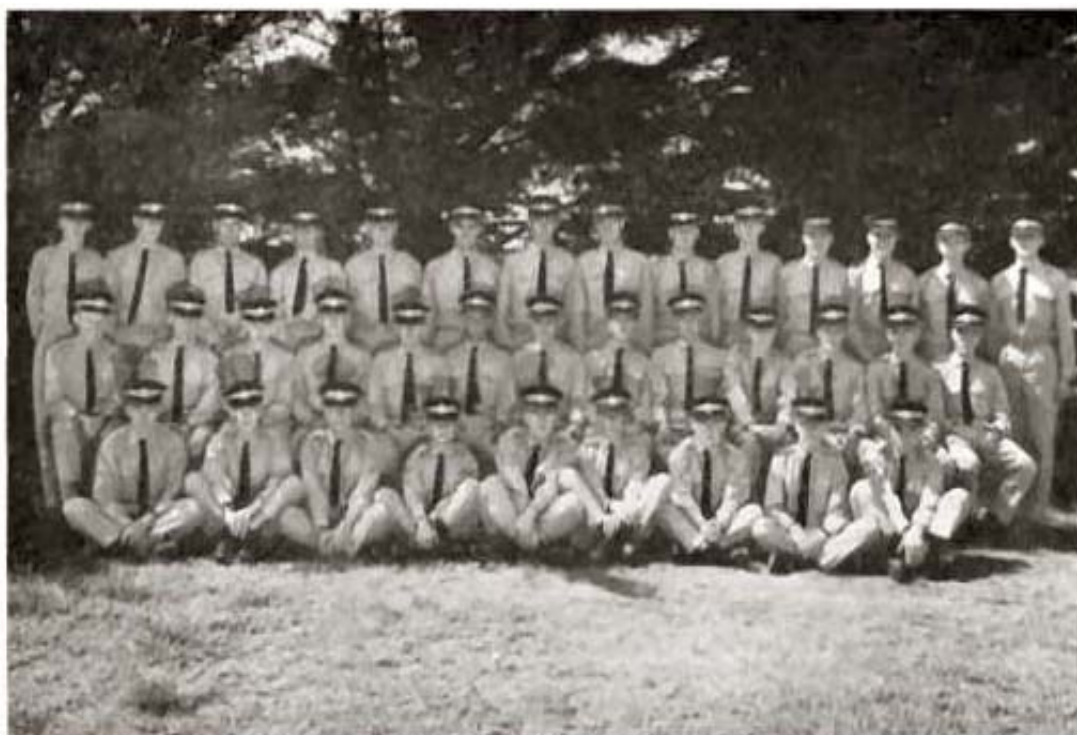
APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR 1965

This year the Apprenticeship Commission of Victoria Award Night was held on Wednesday, 12th May.

At the function the OIC, Apprentice Squadron, Squadron Leader J. G. Mierisch presented to the Governor of Victoria, Major General Sir Rohan Delacombe, KCMG, KBE, CB, DSO, KStJ, the RAAF Radio Apprentice of the Year, Sergeant/Apprentice Kerr, I. D. The Governor presented Sgt/App. Kerr with a plaque and scroll commemorating his selection for the Award.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne invited all award-winning apprentices to a special luncheon on Wednesday, 12th May. Special Church Services were held on Sunday, 9th May, at St. Paul's Cathedral and also at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Ian Kerr joined the RAAF Apprenticeship Scheme in January, 1963, after gaining Leaving certificate subjects at Shepparton High School. Throughout his entire training period he obtained consistently outstanding results in both theoretical and practical subjects, his overall performance being an inspiration to his fellow Apprentices.



NUMBER 18 RADIO APPRENTICE COURSE.



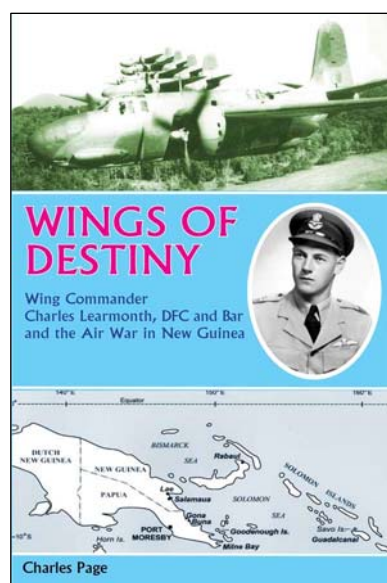
NUMBER 19 RADIO APPRENTICE COURSE.

A blind man and his guide dog enter a bar and find their way to a bar stool. After ordering a drink and sitting there for a while, the blind bloke yells to the bartender, "Hey, you wanna hear a blonde joke?"

The bar immediately becomes absolutely quiet. In a husky, deep voice, the woman next to him says, "Before you tell that joke, you should know something. The bartender is blonde, the bouncer is blonde and I'm a 6' tall, 120KG. blonde with a black belt in karate. What's more, the woman sitting next to me is blonde and she's a weight lifter. The lady to your right is a blonde, and she's a pro wrestler. Think about it seriously, Mister. You still wanna tell that joke?"

The blind guy thinks a moment and says, "Nah, not if I'm gunna have to explain it five times."

Learmonth



Those following the campaign associated with stopping the proposed re-naming of Learmonth airport will be pleased to know that the biography of Charles Learmonth has finally been launched.

It is hoped that this book will assist the campaign by making the Learmonth story better known.

The book is extensively researched, written in a very readable style, and well illustrated. It has received excellent reviews. I hope that you will enjoy reading this book, as much as I enjoyed writing it.

Regards, Charles Page

Chopper



We came across this photo of a helicopter all decked out in SAR livery with the initials RAAF on the side. Does anyone know anything about it??