

when we came bounding into the daylight, we were all very new and extremely raw. Our determined O.C., backed whole-heartedly by his Adjutant, Flight Commanders and the handful of N.C.O.s who had been moulded from the Quail Island Camp at Easter of 1942, gradually built up the Squadron to a standard comparable to our "winged" brothers of the Aircrew Squadron.

One of our first real public appearances was made on Anzac Day, when we paraded through the streets of our "City Beautiful". This event started the Cadets on a real footing and public criticism made them work hard at their drill to maintain the standard set on this day. During the earlier part of the year we competed with the other Squadron in both a Tabloid Sports Meeting and a Cricket Match; these events helping to brush up the lads to a high standard of physical efficiency which we have since splendidly maintained. In conjunction with these activities, a swimming class was formed and Cadets from the Squadron who were not up to the desired standard, attended these classes regularly. They were a lot of fun and made a great break between working hours and parade time. Let us hope that these classes will be resumed in the coming year.

During the days of June, we said "hullo" to a new baby in the Squadron, a flight formed under P/O C. Perkins, who took the responsibility of commanding this "D" Flight, by which name it is known. Up to this point, we had had only three Flights, "A", "B" and "C", under the command of Pilot Officers Stannage, Brown and Gresham.

Social activity in the Squadron was naturally a very important consideration, and on July 4th a most successful Dance was held at the Canterbury University College Hall, a Dance organised entirely by the Officers. This Dance was a Wing activity and Cadets from the two Squadrons well patronised the evening. Shortly after this, the Social Committee, about whom you will read much elsewhere in these pages, was formed and much valuable work was put in organising picture parties, a concert and several further dances.

During the month of August, Cadets from the Squadron attended weekly courses of instruction at a southern station and gained much valuable knowledge while working alongside our elder relations in the Senior Branch of the Service. Much has already been said of these visits, which carried on for some while, in our previous issues. Any newcomers to the Squadron may read this for themselves. (A few copies of previous issues are still available from the Squadron Warrant Officer - Ed.)

A short time ago, the A.T.C. Band was formed under Mr. A.M. Hatch, and the Squadron was represented in this organisation. The Band has proved invaluable on our parades and we hope to see a much enlarged Band on the parade ground to help us out when we re-open in the New Year.

One of the hardest jobs at this point is saying farewell to some of our older members and pals. Already, the O.C. has spoken to them and there is not much further we can say to them. We wish them all the best in the Senior Branch of the Service and we ask them especially to remember us all back here and remember those who taught them in the primary stages of the jobs they are now doing -- whether it be grousing along in a Bomber,