

R.A.F. RECEIVES FIRST COLOUR

Cranwell, the Sandhurst of the Royal Air Force turns out an incomparable parade. The King - who served here as a young officer during the first world war - returns to inspect four squadrons of flight cadets at present undergoing training.

Wearing the uniform of a Marshal of the R.A.F. the King presents the first colour to be borne by the Royal Air Force. In the skies of Britain, over the battlefields of Europe, the Middle East and Burma, the nation's young airmen earned these colours a thousand times over. Today, at the training base through which many of them passed, their valour is commemorated.

Before their Commander-in-Chief, Cranwell's cadets troop a colour, which (in the words of the King) is now the R.A.F.'s symbol of honour.