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PADGATES LAST PARADE:

A million airmen and airwomen have learned their square-bashing at the R.A.F. Station, Padgate, Lancaster in the past eighteen years - and now the last of the million are on their way. No.3. school of Recruit Training, the only training unit still operating at Padgate, is being disbanded. Most of those million recruits passed through the skilled hands of Arthur Wilsher, the station tailor, who has been here since before the war.

The last recruits prepare for their passing out parade, in huts remembered by men and women now scattered all over the world. Now those huts are being emptied - a nostalgic moment for Group-Captain C.E. M. Inshall, V.C., who was the station's first C.O. and commanded the station for most of the war. Today he reviews the final parade.

The last bus takes its load, and nothing remains - nothing but the memories of a million men and women.