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GOING UP! - "Passing out" inspection
of Aircraft Apprentices at No.1. School
of Technical Training at Halton.
- Buckinghamshire -

aircraft

Picture:- Four hundred and one apprentices pass out from
the R.A.F. School --

-- of Technical Training to take their places as fully fledged
Aircraft men in pukka air squadrons. Air Marshal, Sir E.L.
Ellington, takes the salute as the gallant four hundred march
past. It's the last time they will do this as mere school --

-- boys. Of course, the rain must --

-- start. It always does at affairs like this. The mass
parade of the whole school is a splendid testimonial to their
training. They're a crowd of fine lads. With the exception
of eleven, who were not examined owing to sickness, one
hundred per cent --

-- of them passed successfully. Awards are presented amid
much excitement. One gets a miniature --

-- aeroplane and a lot of applause. This is --

-- the last part of their life as boys, ^{when} prize giving is
over, all will be classed on service registers as men. Its
a great moment. A real rise in life. And isn't that just
what the Air Force ought to give !