

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

The first that Princethorpe College heard, as far as the boys were concerned, about having an Air Training Corps Squadron within the College was in early June 1969. We were given a general talk about Air Training Corps by some of the Southam cadets and officers. In July, we were taken to Southam Headquarters and were shown around. Many of us were interested.

In September, after the summer holidays, we were given the opportunity of joining the A.T.C. as Southam Cadets, but it was not until February that we were in uniform. Most of us had our 1st Class cadet badge by April.

This enabled boys from Princethorpe to attend camp at R.A.F. Thorney Island, where much flying and shooting was done as well as various exercises. Until July we were trained mainly by Southam Cadet N.C.O's, but by May, we already had four of our own. During the summer term we had night exercises, Chipmunk flying at R.A.F. Shrewsbury and .303 and .22 shooting. There was also a dance at the College.



Presentation of Trophies

It was not until January 1971 that we had proper Headquarters at Princethorpe. At first we used to meet in the classrooms, then we moved to the tower and back to the classrooms. However, now we have an H.Q. in the village that we can call our own, but which still needs some renovation. When we moved into the "old school" it was in a state of ruin, but now it looks quite smart, although the work is not yet complete. All the work was done by the Cadets, Warrant Officer Mohammed and Flying Officer Penn, to whom we owe our many thanks for making 2028 Squadron at Princethorpe what it is today.