

Air Cadets Of No. 16 Canadair Wing Hold Annual Inspection And March In U.S. Parade

1000 Witness Award-giving

A colorful band, the ensign-party, precision drill, a display by the girls of the St. Laurent air rangers, a general salute and review, and the presentation of many awards were features of the annual inspection of No. 16 Canadair Wing, Royal Canadian Air Cadets, in the amphitheatre of the Royal Canadian Hussars' armory on Cote des Neiges Road last month.

Nearly 1,000 persons, chiefly relatives of the boys but some of the general public, were in the seats of the arena as the 350 cadets of the wing's three squadrons were inspected by Air Commodore H. H. C. Rutledge, chief of training at the RCAF headquarters in Ottawa.

Immediately after the inspection, 75 of the cadets — drawn from all three squadrons — left for New York to march in the Memorial Day parade in New Rochelle, N.Y.

The New Rochelle Star-Standard reported in a lengthy front page story about the 1,500-man procession:

"The hit of the Memorial Day parade was the swinging snappy drill team from Montreal, the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, here as exchange guests of the Westchester group of the Civil Air Patrol.

"When the 75 young men came into view, everyone took notice because of their swing arms - something rarely seen in American dress marches. Dressed in Air Force blue, they marched in three rows, keeping within inches of arm's length of the man in front for the one-and-a-half hour parade."

With a day in New York City, the boys visited the United Nations, the Empire State building and other sights, and were welcomed to the General Dynamics building in Rockefeller Centre by Frank Pace jr., chairman of Canadair and of General Dynamics. He showed them the "Dynamic America" exhibit in the building's lobby and declared himself gratified by their record.

Wing Commander E. E. Simms, commanding officer of the wing, led the group on the New York visit.

In the inspection at the Hussars Armory, Rutledge complimented the wing on its appearance and on its training. Arthur R. Smith, national president of the Air Cadet League and member of parliament for Calgary West, spoke briefly and declared that the wing was one of the finest groups of air cadets he had ever seen. A week earlier, also in a ceremony at the same armory, No. 588 squadron had received the trophy of the air officer commanding Air Defence Command, RCAF, as the best squadron in Quebec.

The principal award open to a cadet in the wing, the Notman sword of honor for all-round proficiency, went to W02 Michael Darling, of 592 Canadair Community squadron. Runners-up for the trophy were W02 Gary Davies of 588 Canadair squadron, and W02 Paul Bourdeau, of 621 Canadair Cartier Squadron.

Key To Photographs

1—The band of 518 Rosemount Squadron plays for the inspection. 2—Mayor Marcel Laurin, of St. Laurent, presents the City of St. Laurent trophy to Sergt. T. Kuiper as the most proficient cadet in 592 squadron. 3—W02 Paul Bourdeau receives the trophy as the outstanding cadet in 621 squadron from S. Boyd Millen. 4—The top award in No. 16 Canadair Wing, the Notman sword of honor, is received by W02 Michael Darling, of 592 squadron, from President J. G. Notman. 5—A general view of the wing on parade. 6—The color-party passes in review. 7—LAC Michael Lynas presents a \$300 cheque from the members of the wing to Dr. R. F. Ingram, executive director of Montreal Children's Memorial Hospital. 8—W02 Darling receives from Squadron-Leader Frank Green the commanding officer's trophy as the most proficient NCO in 592 squadron. 9—Mrs. A. N. Bray, commissioner, gives an award to Ranger Jean Curtis, of the City of St. Laurent Air Ranger group which is associated with No. 16 Wing of the air cadets. 10—Air Commodore Rutledge presents awards to cadets of 621 squadron. 11—A group of the air cadets of the three squadrons examine part of the Canadair section in the General Dynamics

museum in New York the day after the inspection. 12—Sergt. Robert Audet receives from Notman the award for proficiency in drill. 13—Rutledge and Notman discuss cadets' showing. 14—R. Cameron McCutcheon presents to Corporal Gary Bingham, of Flight 2, the Foremen's Association trophy for the best flight in 588 squadron. 15—Stan McGarr, president of the CERA, gives to Squadron-Leader Herbert Brehn, commanding 588 squadron, the CERA trophy awarded annually to the most proficient squadron in the wing. 16—The Air Rangers precision drill team. 17—The trophy donated by Guy Rouleau, M.P., for the best drill team in the wing is received by WO2 Bourbeau from Egan Chambers, M.P., parliamentary secretary to the minister of national defence. 18—C. Douglas Taylor, honorary president of the Air Cadet League of Canada, presents cadets of 592 squadron with their awards in various subjects. 19—Air Commodore J. B. Harvey, chief staff officer at ADC, St. Hubert, is seen in a ceremony a week before the inspection, giving to Squadron-Leader Brehn for 588 squadron, the award of the air officer commanding, ADC, for the best air cadet squadron in the province. 20—Rutledge congratulates WO Barbeau as runner-up for the Notman sword of honor. 21—In the lobby of the General Dynamics Building in Rockefeller Centre, N.Y., the chairman of Canadair and of General Dynamics, Frank Pace jr., welcomes the group of air cadets from Canadair to the city and the corporation.









