

## CO retires

# ***Canadair air cadets hold annual inspection***

Annual inspection of the Number 16 (Canadair) Wing, Royal Canadian Air Cadets was held last Saturday on the tarmac of Canadair's plant at Cartierville.

Taking the salute and inspecting the Wing was Air Vice Marshall (Ret.) J. B. Harvey, AFC, CD, assisted by Lieutenant Colonel E. E. Simms, commanding officer of the wing; Joseph Venis, and John Barnes, Air Cadet League of Canada; W. N. Gagnon, Canadair Limited, and C. Lionel Bernier, Wing Civilian Committee.

Civil Defence Medals for long service were presented to Captain Gordon A. Connolly, Adjutant for No. 592 Squadron, and Major J. O. Dubuc, Commanding Officer of No. 621 Squadron.

The Notman Sword of Honour for the most outstanding cadet of the wing was won by WO/2 J. Wiechold of No. 588 Squadron; receiving runners: up trophies were W/O R. Frechette No. 621 Squadron; and W/O Andrew Morris of No. 592 Squadron.

Other trophies awarded were: City of St. Laurent Trophy, W/O Andrew Morris; Lodge 712 Aircraft Workers Union, LAC Frank Dubuc; C. E.R.A. trophy for the top squadron of the wing, No. 621 squadron; the Baltins Flying Scholarship award, W/O Claude Levasseur; and the Civilian Committee Award to No. 588 Squadron.

Special guests for the inspection were a Civil Air Patrol Corps from New Rochelle, New York, under the command of Major Louis Wolff. Canadair Wing presented trophies to Jean Amabile and Richard Harris as being the outstanding cadets of the Corps.

Following the presentation of awards there was a ceremony in which Lieutenant Colonel E. E. Simms relinquished command of the wing, which was taken over by Major Allan Becker.

In acknowledgement and appreciation of his fifteen years as the first commanding officer of the wing, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Simms were presented with a pair of airline tickets for London, a gift from the cadets, civilian committee and Canadair

At the reception which followed, a charcoal portrait of the retiring commander, which was executed by Capt. Gordon Connolly, was presented to Lt. Col. Simms by the artist in the name of the officers of the wing.

Further presentations were also made to the retiring officer by the band, the Civil Air Patrol, and the wing instructor.