

Georgetown girl among 31 Air Cadets who toured Europe

She taught 'em a thing or two

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Jumping at the opportunity to learn more French, Warrant Officer (WO) Elizabeth Groskorth, a seven-year veteran with Georgetown's 756 Air Cadet Squadron, joined 31 other Canadian Cadets earlier this summer and changed a few notions Europeans have about Canadians.

and Spain. Miss Groskorth was especially impressed by the organization of the tour which ran as smooth as clockwork.

"There were so many people, besides our group,

n't buzzing the countryside in airplanes, they were getting together at various receptions, learning about each other's clubs or squadrons. Miss Groskorth was also busy practicing her French and dispelling a few "pre-conceived notions" about Canada and its new Constitution - something, she said, Europeans found rather puzzling.

"That was the best part of the trip - meeting people," she said. "People would ask us things about our country and we'd ask them about theirs. I think there were some lasting friendships formed."



travelling as part of the exchange," she said, "the organizational problems must have been staggering."

EIGHT DAYS
Eight days were spent in southern France and six in Paris. Across the Alps, exchange participants visited Canada's LaRue Air Force Base and the American Rhein-Main base.

"There were so many people there (in Germany) that we occupied four floors of the Holiday Inn in Frankfurt," Miss Groskorth said.

When the Cadets and their counterparts were

TAKE-OFF
To qualify for the trip, Miss Groskorth had to submit an application listing her school academic record, extra-curricular activities and past experience with the Air Cadets. With those soundly endorsed by Air Cadet officials, she was interviewed by six Air force officials before "cleared for take-off".

Other Canadian Cadets went to the United Kingdom, the U.S. and others scattered throughout Europe. Meanwhile, travellers from the other side of the Atlantic Ocean and parts south of the border headed for Canada.

Considering there are several hundred Air Cadets across Canada, 18-year old Elizabeth was one of the few lucky ones to participate in the annual International Air Cadets Exchange, an event which brings together young people from all over the world who share a keen interest in aviation.

There were 18 Cadets in her group, she told The Herald recently: Three Canadians, two Norwegians, two Swedes, three Israelis and eight Americans. Halton Hills' only representative on the trip, Elizabeth left July 15 for a thrilling three-week learning adventure which took her from Paris to the Pyrenees, the northern Mediterranean coast and a couple of air force bases in Germany.

SAW PLANES
"The program was really directed at people who have an interest in aviation," she said. "We got a chance to see some of the (military) planes and do a little gliding."

One particular highlight of the trip, she recalled, was getting a bird's eye view of the Pyrenees, which rise like jagged teeth, separating France



WELCOME ABOARD

A delegation from American Legion Post 40 in Plymouth, Massachusetts, visited Branch 120 of the Royal Canadian Legion last weekend, arriving Friday evening at the Mill Street hall to the applause of their hosts and the skirl of bagpipes. The guests joined the Canadian Legionnaires in the Warrior's Day parade to the CNE grounds Saturday, enjoyed a social evening back in town that night and were treated to a special breakfast Sunday morning before their departure. This week's "Legion Lines" column, featuring another episode in the history of Branch 120, appears on page C2.

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Yes, dear friends, summer is nearly over. Before we look ahead to fall frolics and winter woes, let us look back at the summer that was.

throttling her little darlings. Who can help her?

Riding to the rescue comes the cavalry: the Halton Hills recreation department, the Y and the library. The programs offered by these three groups ranged from clubs of all kinds to camps, swimming lessons, dramatics, crafts, etc., etc. They are an important part of a Halton Hills summer.

Of course the best memories of summer are those special days, when it is sunny and warm but not too hot, when there is a soft breeze and the roses are in bloom. These are the days we try to catch in our minds eye and keep with us to help us through the winter doldrums.

COMING EVENTS:
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—Pat Hretchka

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