

Cadets off to Normandy to join in D-Day festivities

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Three Acton cadets and two officers headed off on Saturday to Europe for the weeklong D-Day celebrations.

They are part of the 197 Typhoon Air Cadet Squadron, which is affiliated with the Royal Air Force 197 Typhoons from WW II.

"It wasn't until 1989 that we found out there was such an (RAF) squadron," said Ed Rulton, the Commanding Officer for the Acton Cadets.

He said the Acton cadets got their name when they started 10 years ago because the Acton Legion is 197.

Then in 1989 he came across a flying magazine with a limited edition print of two typhoon fighter bombers called, "197 Squadron over D-Day beaches."

"That was it. I was off on a hunt," he said. He eventually tracked down a member of the original RAF squadron, contacted the veterans association and in 1990 he and some cadets went to one of their reunions. Since then they have been in regular contact, and were invited to the D-Day celebrations in Normandy, France.

Rulton and volunteer Ken Reich will be going with the three cadets, who are Steve Miles, Mathew Andrews, and Patricia Ellis. These cadets were selected from the 30 Acton cadets, which includes nine girls and 21 boys, through their attendance, lottery ticket sales, dress and deportment, by taking part in activities and showing leadership skills, Rulton said. Each is contributing \$300 towards the travel costs as well.

The cost of the trip will be about \$5,000 for all five. Aside from the personal contributions from those who are going, the rest of the

money is being raised through contributions from the Acton Legion, parents committee, Erin Legion and various fundraising activities.

The group will be spending June 5 to 8 in Caen in Normandy, France, and will be participating in a couple of dedication ceremonies, including one at a cemetery for 48 Canadian Typhoon pilots. They will then spend two days sightseeing in Paris, before coming home June 11.

"I have great rapport with the

197 RAF in Britain. It's reflecting on them, they greatly appreciate this, that the 197 Typhoon name still carries on, albeit that it's a Canadian air cadet unit," Rulton said.

The emblem of the British 197 Typhoons is a lion's paw holding a saber, representing the saber engine that the typhoon planes originally had. This has been adapted to the Acton cadets, by putting a red maple leaf in the background.



Three Acton cadets and two officers left for the D-Day celebrations in France Saturday. From left they are Commanding officer Ed Rulton, Pat Ellis, Matt Andrews, Steve Miles and volunteer Ken Reich. They will meet with the veterans from RAF 197 Typhoon Squadron, with whom they are affiliated.

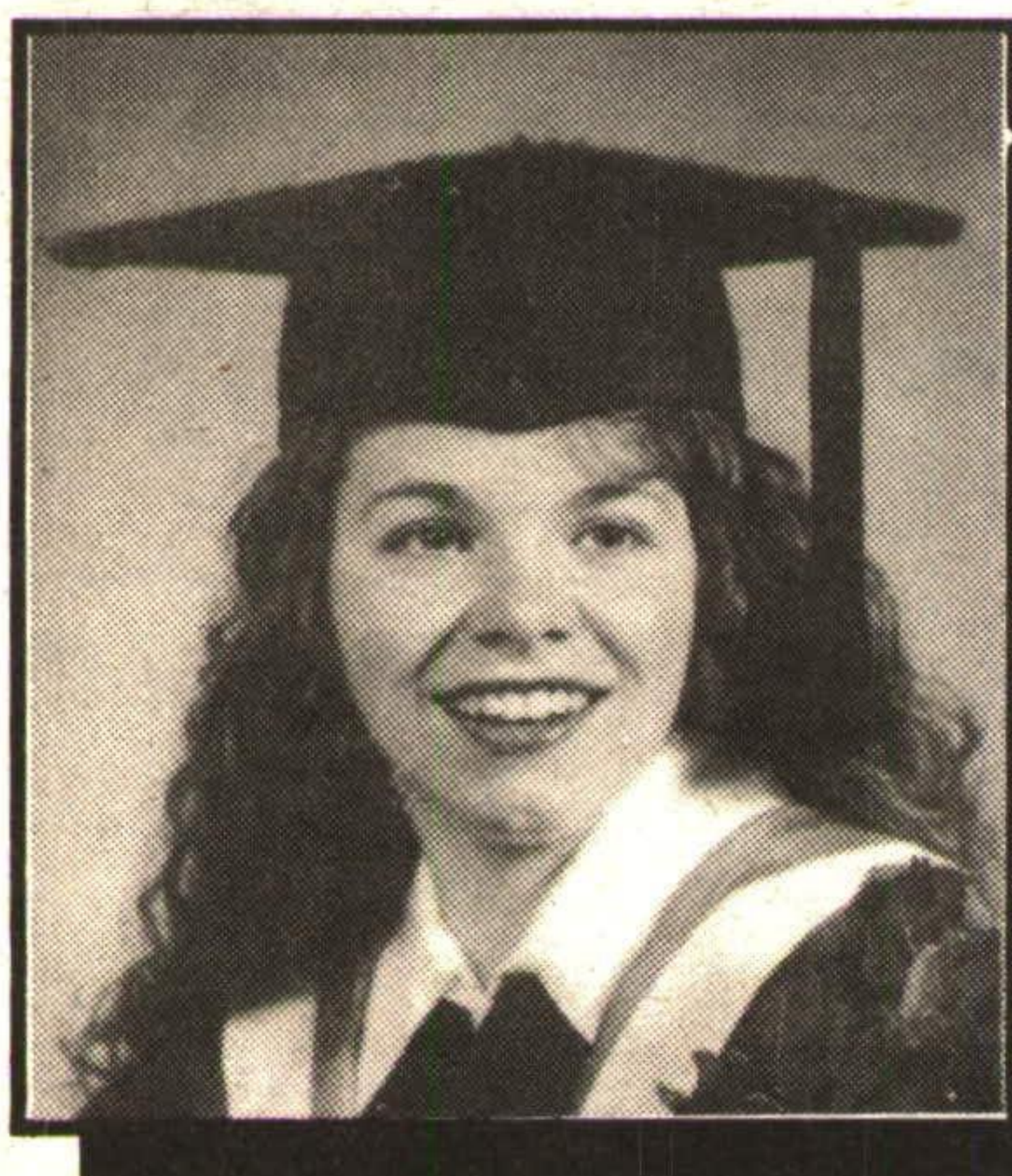
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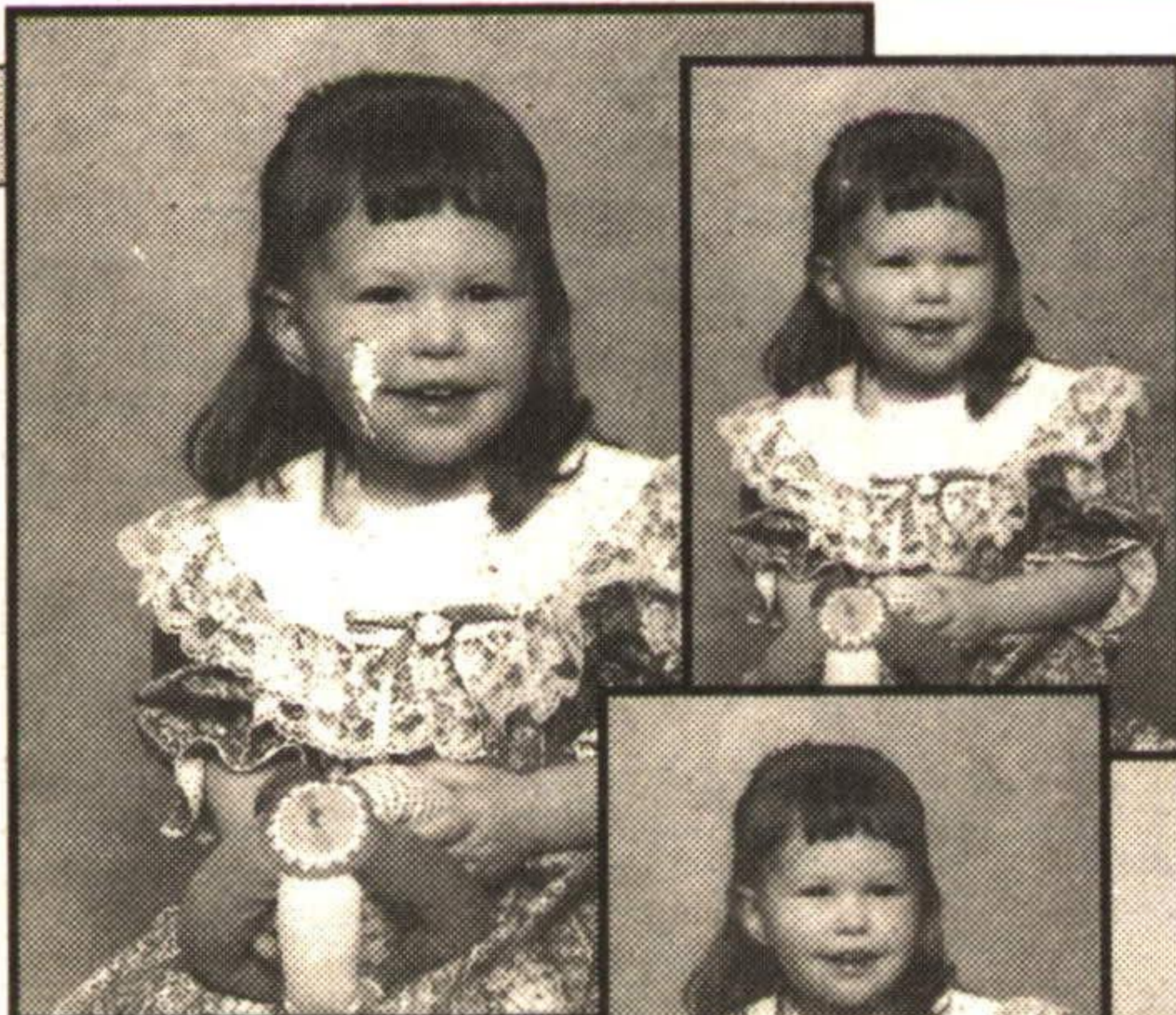
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