

HERE ARE SOME OF THE 'STARS' OF AIR FORCE DAY

# Open House Saturday To Feature Air Might

An exciting program is promised when R.C.A.F. Station Summerside, throws its gates open on Saturday, June 14, at 1 p.m. A.S.T., as the public is invited to join in the observation of the annual Air Force Day.

The Canadair Argus, the most modern and largest of the Maritime Air Command's anti-submarine killers will be on display throughout the afternoon for the general public.

This plane was designed especially for Maritime Reconnaissance and is the "pride" of the Maritime Command. NATO countries have accepted it as the most modern plane of its type now in operation.

## HERE'S YOUR BID TO RCAF DISPLAY

The following invitation has been sent out by Group Captain W. H. Swetman, DSO, DFC, CD, Commanding Officer RCAF Station Summerside, P. E. I.

"I wish to extend a cordial invitation to the citizens of Prince Edward Island on behalf of all the personnel at your Royal Canadian Air Force Station near Summerside to attend our Air Force Day activities.

"The Royal Canadian Air Force is your Air Force and this is your opportunity to see how it operates in its task of providing national security through air power. I trust your visit will be pleasant, interesting and informative."

## RCAF Establishes Island In Second 'Cradle' Role

The capital city of Prince Edward Island is often called "The Cradle of Confederation", a title it earned at the meeting place of the Fathers of the country. Some 30 miles west of Charlottetown, as the crow flies, a second birthplace has been formed; one which might well be called the "Cradle of Maritime Air Command".

R.C.A.F. Station Summerside, is the home of the Maritime Operational Training Unit; here men who fly the aircraft of Maritime Air Command are formed into efficient fighting crews, dedicated to the defence of the nation.

To the OTU come men from across Canada. Some are fresh from basic training in the practices, others are veterans of World War II or Korea, a few have never flown before, but all now have a common aim—to complete their training at Summerside and join one of Canada's Maritime squadrons.

During their 16 week stay at Summerside the pilots must master the P2V7 Neptun and learn to command a 10-man crew. The navigators are taught to guide this machine over vast unmarked areas of ocean and perform complicated patrols far from land.

The radio officers must master the delicate eyes and ears of the aircraft, maintaining constant contact with land radio stations and scanning the seas for unfriendly objects.

The flight engineer must care for the aircraft engines and learn to detect the slightest change in engine performance.

Together these men form a crew; their job is a vital one to "deny the enemy the use of his submarines." Today, in the age

of guided missiles, the task of OTU trained crews is of paramount importance in the North American defence system, for they must prevent enemy submarines from launching these deadly weapons as they defend vital shipping lanes.

When a member of the RCAF graduates from the Maritime Operational Training Unit, he is well prepared for duty in a Maritime Squadron.

He can then proudly claim to be part of a complex defence team, a graduate of the "Cradle of Maritime Air Command" destined to defend the nation conceived so long ago at Charlottetown, "The Cradle of Confederation".

**BILLY RELEASES FIGURES**  
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Evangelist Billy Graham's office released figures today comparing his San Francisco Crusade with the 1957 New York series. Through 34 meetings in each city, attendance was 592,200 in Madison Square Garden and 545,300 in the San Francisco cow palace. "Decisions for Christ" were 19,710 and 19,551 respectively.

## Major Role Taken By RCAF In NATO

With nearly five years operational duty completed, Canada's NATO Air Division is now firmly established as a smooth-running fighting machine defending Central Europe. Attention has been turned to the importance of this record as RCAF Station Summerside prepares to observe Air Force Day on Saturday.

The roles of the Canadian Air Division are the gaining of air superiority, intercepting, attacking forces and escorting allied atomic or other bombers to their targets.

The Canadian squadrons work harmoniously with an efficient radar controlling organization and logistic supply system. When an aircraft, which cannot be identified through normal filtering channels, is in the area, ground radar controllers direct the Canadian "watchdogs" to it.

**READY FOR CRISIS**  
When the identification is friendly, the Sabres leave and return to base; but if the suspect is not on the friendly side, it is requested to land and failing compliance with these instructions could be shot down.

So far Canadian pilots have not been forced to take this action, but if a crisis did arise there need be no worries about the accuracy of their shooting. RCAF pilots have amassed amazing records in air firing competitions.

When the Canadian Air Division arrived overseas, there was no established air firing range. The French Government, realizing the Division's need, offered the use of one of their air fields. However since then a new tri-service air field where Canadian, Italian and German pilots work side by side has been completed.

A NATO sponsored exercise which is looked forward to by Canadian pilots involves exchanges between NATO squadrons. Object of this exercise is to familiarize each NATO Air Force with the working methods of the other, so that in the event of a war liaison between national forces will be merely routine.

**GAP CLOSED**  
On the lighter side, this exercise enables pilots to meet each other, exchange ideas and generally close the gap between nationalities.

Although the constant waiting role played by Canadian pilots is a tedious one, they know that this is a necessary part of NATO's defence and realize the danger of one enemy aircraft carrying a nuclear weapon slipping through to a strategic target.

This, to them, is the most important mission of their overseas tour — the peace-time culmination of their long training program.

**CRACK RADAR UNIT**  
The pride and joy of Canada's NATO Air Division, however, is its radar squadron. Since it began operation in 1955, the crack radar unit has won a widespread reputation among NATO airmen for its fabulous range and remarkable reliability.

Although RCAF pilots and their aircraft have already won high respect for Canada, the truly amazing performance of the Air Division Radar Squadron and its personnel, working round-the-clock seven days a week, has considerably enhanced this reputation.

1957 saw the transfer of four CF-100 all-weather interceptor squadrons to Canada's Air Division in Europe. These four squadrons, together with the Division's eight F-86 Sabre day-fighter combat forces with an around-the-clock combat capability.

## Two Training Plans Offer Opportunities For Youth

With observation of Air Force Day scheduled for Saturday at Station Summerside and elsewhere across Canada, attention has been directed to the fact that the RCAF is offering exceptional educational opportunities to Canadian youth.

These are offered both through the university reserve training plan and the regular officer training plan.

The URTP was inaugurated in 1955 with the aim of providing an inflow of university-trained graduates into the regular and reserve components of the RCAF. Since that time flights have been established at 17 Canadian universities and applications have been accepted from 20 additional universities and colleges.

Applicants must be between 17 and 29 years of age and fulfill the laid-down requirements. The training program is of three years duration and is completed prior to graduation from university by utilizing winter training at the university and summer training which is carried out at RCAF Stations, for which the cadet receives Air Force rates of pay and allowances.

**OPTIONS OFFERED**  
After successfully completing three summers of training with the rank of Flight Cadet the trainee is commissioned as a pilot officer and upon graduation from university may accept a permanent commission with the rank of Flying Officer in the RCAF Regular or hold the same rank in the RCAF Auxiliary Primary Reserve or the Supplementary Reserve.

The regular officer training plan has been organized to train young men as highly qualified officers for each of the three armed services. The applicants selected under this scheme must be between 16 and 21 and hold either junior or senior matriculation as well as other specified qualifications and will then be enrolled as officer cadets in the regular force of the Service of their choice.

After being accepted the junior matriculants are required to attend either a preparatory year at College Militaire Royal de Saint-Jean or a university and the senior matriculants enter one of the Canadian Services Colleges at first year level or a university. The cadet is entitled to receive pay at ROTP rates as well as board and lodging and is supplied with a uniform.

Under the ROTP the cadet is expected to enter a service career upon graduation but machinery does exist for release or voluntary withdrawal during cadet training or on completion of three years duty as a commissioned officer. As under the URTP the ROTP provides the cadet, on successful completion of his training, with a commission in the Service of his choice.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Diplomatic officials said today the United States and Britain have agreed to supply about 50 jet fighter aircraft to Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon.

Iraq, an ally of Britain in the Baghdad Pact, and Jordan and Lebanon, both targets of Cairo expansionism, requested the jet fighters several months ago.

Officials said that about 10 days ago a final decision on the relative roles of Britain and the United States was reached—well in advance of the talks here this week between President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Macmillan.

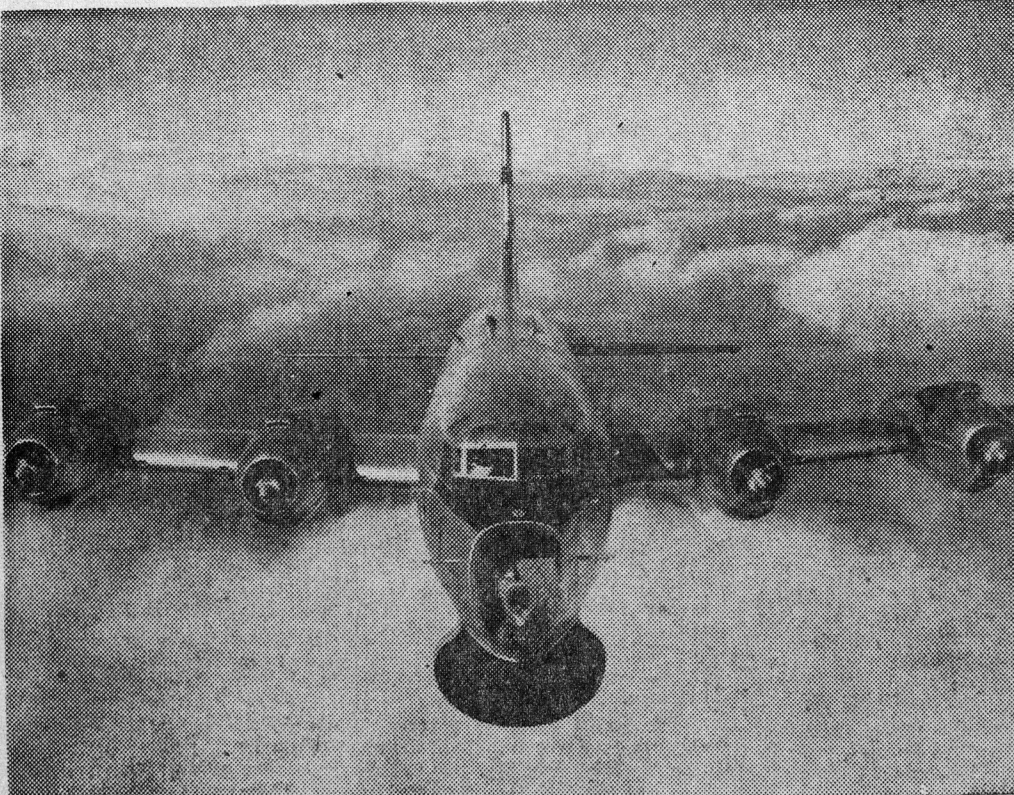
It was reported Iraq would get a cut-down squadron of U.S. F-84 jets, about 18 planes; that Jordan would get 18 British Hunter Hawker jets and that a dozen of the Hunter Hawkers would go to Lebanon.

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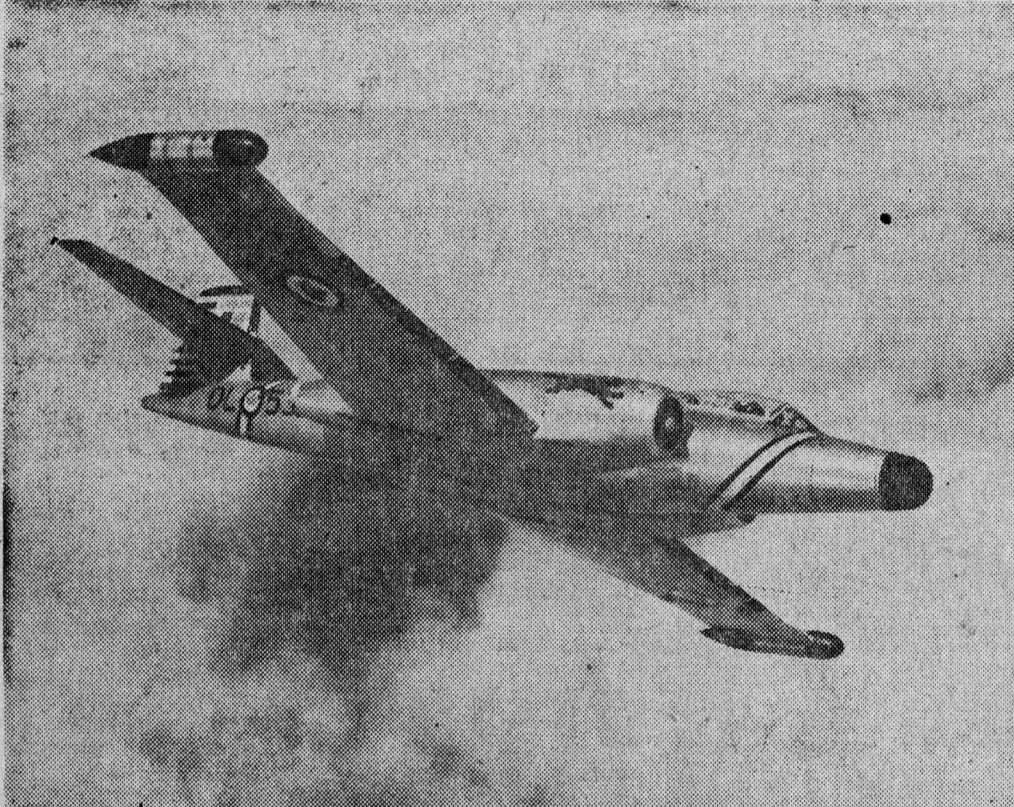
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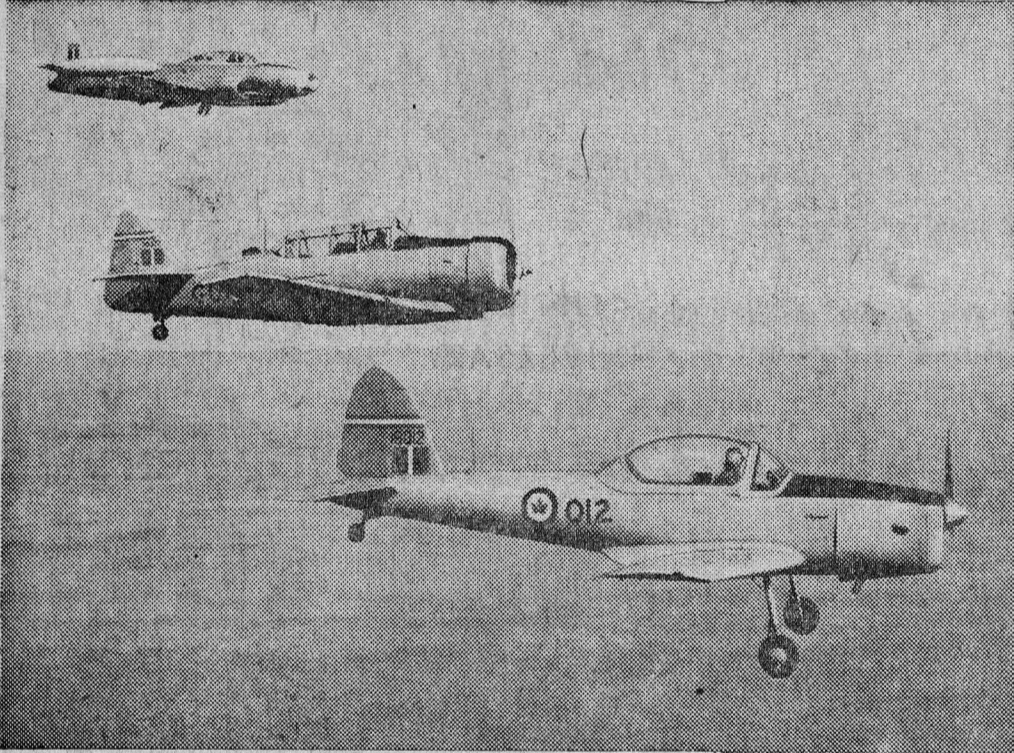
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Saturday, June 14, is Air Force Day, the day when Canadians salute their Air Force and the men and women who keep it flying. Many Air Force stations across Canada will be open to you on Air Force Day, so that you may come and see your Air Force at first hand.

Visit your Air Force on Saturday, June 14, Air Force Day.

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**TOWN OF SUMMERSIDE**  
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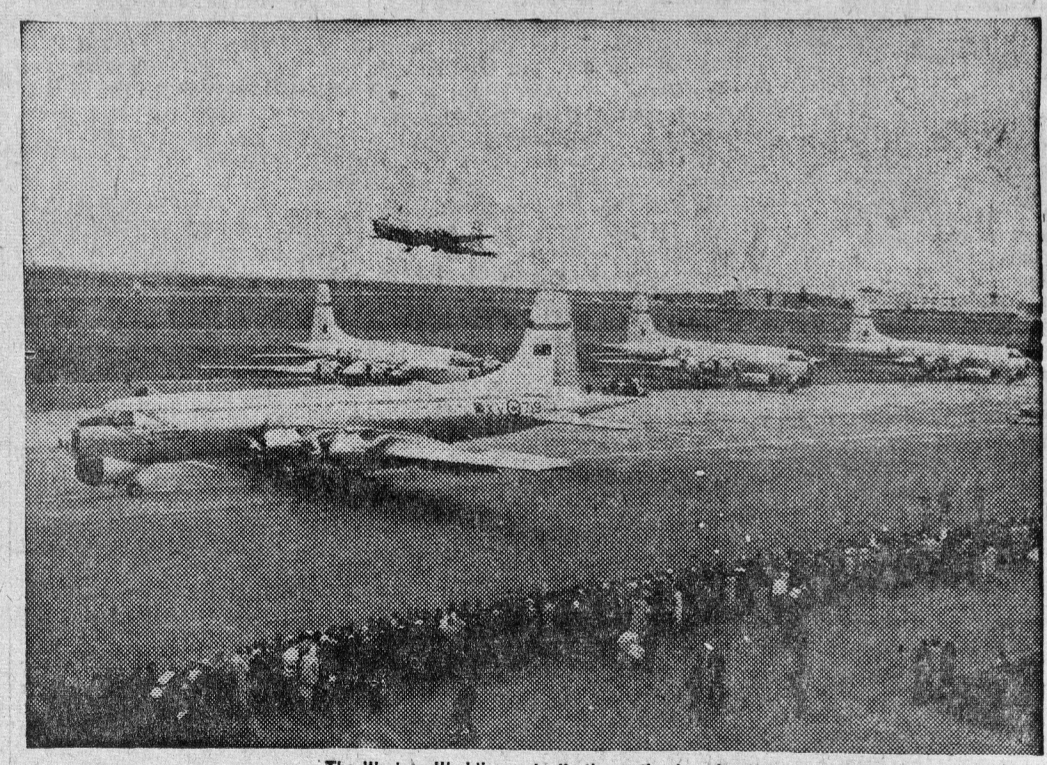
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SATURDAY IS AIR FORCE DAY—  
**It's a big day for Canada!**

Yes, Air Force Day, June 14th, is a big day for Canada. **Big** because the role of the Royal Canadian Air Force is ever greater in national and continental defence; **big** because Canada rightfully honours its Air Force, which, by tradition and by training, is among the finest in the world.

FRIENDS: Go and see at first hand something of your RCAF, its aircraft and equipment, the men and women who keep the Maple Leaf Roundel in the skies.

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