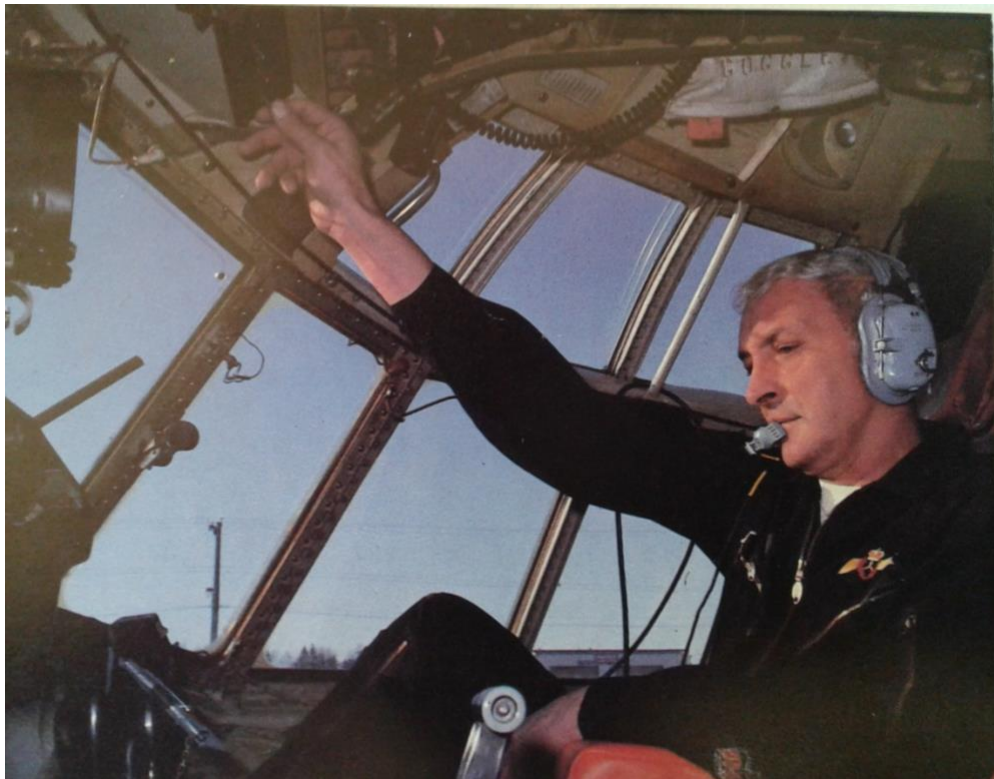


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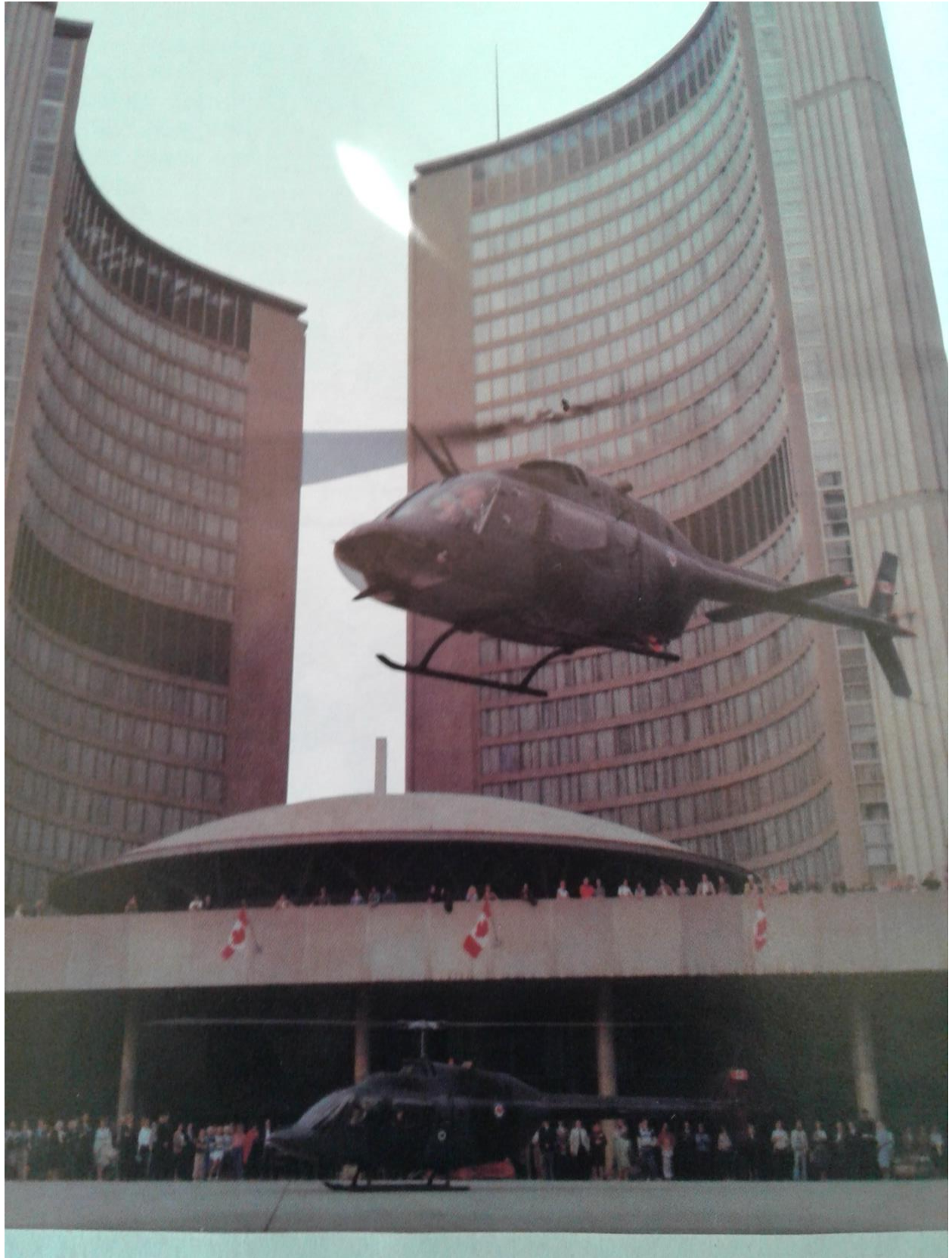
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During the post WW2 era of the Canadian Airforce, the men and women of Air Command had notable successes and personal achievements by its members.

In February 1983, WO Crocker of 435 Squadron in Edmonton was the first Canadian Forces member to log more than 10,000 hours (416.6 days in the skies). The event took place on a February 1983 flight to Victoria. WO Crocker joined the RCAF in the fifties as an aero-engine technician and re-mustered to flight engineer in 1969.



In the fall of 1982, the city of Toronto's 400 Squadron celebrated its 50th anniversary in a special way. They were awarded the freedom of the city and for the first time swooped into Nathan Philips Square in their CH-136 Kiowa helicopters.



If anyone has been to the military museum at CFB Petawawa, you will see on display at the main entrance a C-47 Dakota. Dakotas were used

primarily as a transport and paratroop aircraft. Some of you may ask, how did it get there? Simple, summer of 82, a Chinook crew from 450 Squadron "flew" the Dakota from Ottawa to CFB Petawawa. The Dakota once belonged to 429 Squadron in Winnipeg and had been on display at Shirley's Bay.



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