



Robert Heckadon



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Robert Heckadon was a pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1952 – 1958. He flew the Harvard Basic Trainer, the T33 Jet Trainer and the Mustang.

His photos were taken one day from the back seat of the T33 while they were flying in formation and during a plane roll over. All of Robert's instructors were WWII Fighter Pilots since this was just 6 years after the war.

"They were excellent pilots. As a student you didn't dare ask these guys for stories, but these guys knew much more about flying than what the air force had, as they could teach real life experience".

He recalls times when instructors would randomly force "all students to fly now". They would find out after that someone had just died in a plane crash. The instructors didn't want students to hear about this first then question their own confidence and abilities.

"Pilot training was difficult. Something I definitely learned from the Air Force was you don't think you can do something, but other people know that you can...and then you do. It certainly gave me confidence and leadership skills." Robert went on to become a Plastic Surgeon in Windsor, ON.