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Russell's Royal Round Robin

Crowning 7 years of loyal service, an Air Cadet from 134 (Bedford) Squadron flew on a whistle stop tour of the United Kingdom in the Queen's aircraft.

Cadet Warrant Officer Esther Russell, 19 years, was treated like royalty when she spent a day with 32 (The Royal) Squadron on board the flight deck of a BAe 146 aircraft.

CWO Russell is coming to the end of 7 years service as a cadet with the Air Training Corps and is hoping to become an adult instructor when she reaches 20. To mark the occasion and celebrate her outstanding contribution to the Squadron it was decided to reward her with an experience of a lifetime.

Flying from Royal Air Force Northolt, Middlesex, on Wednesday 5th March 2008, CWO Russell flew from London to Teesside, then to Glasgow, the Isle of Man, London City Airport and Plymouth returning back to Northolt. During the 5 hour flight CWO Russell was able to sit on the cockpit 'jump seat', experiencing first-hand several landings and takeoffs from the pilot's perspective.

Taking time out from the flight deck, CWO Russell relaxed in the VIP compartment of the aircraft where she was served by the aircraft's steward Cpl Matt Burnett.

Working with the crew at the various airports they visited, CWO Russell observed the refuelling of the aircraft at London City Airport and witnessed the extensive pre-flight checks carried out by the flight engineer.

Following the flight CWO Russell said, "The flight was amazing, a once in a lifetime experience. I would like to thank everyone involved and I would recommend this trip to anyone!"

Bedford Squadron is currently recruiting new cadets and staff members, if you are interested please contact www.134.org.uk and get in touch with us.