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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **'Air Cadets' Modelling Success'**

Members of 207 (Cranfield) Squadron Air Training Corps worked together to recreate one of the most significant moments in the Royal Air Force's history for the Wing Model Construction competition held at the Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing Field Weekend at RAF Wyton.

Cadets from the squadron worked many hours to recreate the moment Flight Lieutenant Michelle Goodman bravely flew her Merlin into a Basra hot spot under heavy enemy fire to rescue an injured British soldier. The brave actions of Flt Lt Goodman and the crew led to her becoming the first female pilot in the Royal Air Force to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross. This is an example of how the modern day Air Force is continually evolving into a diverse and modern fighting force.

To commemorate the brave actions of Flt Lt Goodman and her crew, the cadets worked for hours to create a diorama of the events that led up to her award. Their reward was receiving a 1<sup>st</sup> place gold medal for their hard work. The diorama will now be put against other entries at the Regional Field Day at RAF Wittering.

In addition to the Wing Diorama category, a 1:48 scale model of the Canberra B1 Bomber was entered as an example of Royal Air Force history. Once again a lot of time and effort was taken to creating a very delicate and fine example of the aircraft. The 207 Squadron's Canberra was narrowly beaten to first place by a beautifully constructed example, however the cadets were not disheartened and are looking forward to representing the Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing at the Regional competition.

207 Squadron are now recruiting new cadets from the age of 13 to 18. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the Squadron on 01234 752030 or call in at their Headquarters off Merchants Lane, Cranfield between the times of 7:30pm and 9:30pm on a Monday or Thursday evening.

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#### Notes to Editor

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- 'The gold medal winning Merlin'
- Attached photo: 'Canberra.jpg'
- 'The runner up: The Canberra'
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