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Today was Saturday, which I found out after I looked at my watch. The alarm went off at 08:00. Once I looked out of the window, I saw that the visibility was so good that we could see the Alps from the Grenchenberg. After a nice breakfast we were picked up at 09:30 and drove to the airport for some glider flying.



After a short briefing about flying over hills we went to the hangar to prepare the gliders. Dominic went shopping for a barbecue we had at lunch. Today was also our guide Benjamin's last day with us. The cadets from every country got him some presents. After an emotional goodbye we continued the flights. The thermals were good, so everybody could stay at least one hour in the air. On my last flight I met Floris for an air to air photosession above the Jura mountains. It was a nice formation flight. The thermals were so strong that we even climbed with 60° bank with three meters per second. We reached an altitude of 2500 meters above sea level. After two hours flying in the thermals we joined Benjamin (French cadet) who got a second flight.



Even though I felt a bit nauseous I agreed for some aerobatics. After two loopings it didn't seem to have been such a good idea, as I almost had to vomit. Almost, fortunalety! After flying, we went to the lake of Biel to see a big firework over the lake. It was a beautiful day.