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STAY ALIVE TO '85

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With such muted optimism and mortal aspirations, Calgarians are plotting a five-day reunion of the Ex-Air Force POW Association for August 22 through 26, 1985.

Phil Bridgeman is chairman of the Calgary reunion committee and Gord Harrison is vice chairman. Alex McQuarrie as secretary and Wilkie Wanless as treasurer complete the executive foursome. Wilkie had no sooner been confirmed in office than he sped to Toronto this spring to advise president-of-all-our-criegles Don Morrison that the Calgary committee were "now ready to accept some seed money."

Don was not only happy to oblige the West-erners with a start-up fund until registration money starts rolling in two years hence, he has ordered an historic plaque to be mounted at the base of the moth-eaten Lancaster memorial at Canadian National Exhibition's waterfront park in Toronto. The plaque will commemorate June 1, 1983 as "Like Old Times Day." The engraved message will read: "Here this June day in 1983 on behalf of Upper Canadians and Far Eastern countrymen, Don Morrison presented a small sum of money to a Calgary committee to assist them through a difficult two-year period. It is the first time that Eastern Canada has had to assist the West since the Great Depression of 1933-38."

NATIONAL POW CONVENTION

August 4 to 7 at Hamilton, Ontario's Royal Connaught Hotel, the National POW Association holds their 1983 convention and they are anticipating a record attendance from across the country. Ed Carter-Edwards, president of the Hamilton Branch which is hosting the assembly, has extended a welcome to "all former POW's and their escorts." (It may be time to detach the handcuffs!).

Ex-riegles will renew acquaintance in a hospitality suite on the opening evening (Thursday) where dress, a cash bar and orientation are all optional. There will be



Pictured at recent Toronto Kriegies' Aquaque are Newt Turner, Grace Elliot, Lynne Silver, Bob Alldrick, Ray Silver, Canada's man in New Zealand on a 6500-mile bivouac—Roger Rousseau and Ray Stinson.

more hospitality suiting on Friday, tours for non-drinkers and an "evening lunch." The Association's annual general meeting is Saturday morning. While members are engaged in electing new officers in the afternoon the ladies will wine and cheese. This is a switch on the old days when the boys got into the sauce while the little women decided who would be boss. There is a banquet that night. Sunday morning the convention-goers will fall in at Hamilton Armouries and proceed to wreath-laying ceremonies and service at Hamilton's Gore Park. Registration will be \$30 per person.

CANADIAN SQUADRONS

All RCAF and RAF veterans will be welcomed to another Allied Air Forces Reunion at Toronto's Royal York Hotel on Saturday, October 22. Organized for many years by George Sutherland who had been adjutant of a Canadian bomber squadron in Yorkshire, the annual one-day get-together was taken over following George's death in 1981 by a committee that embraces Phil Milard, Jack Smith, Joyce and Roy Inkster. George is said to have learned protocol with Wellington at Waterloo and he conducted the annual reunion dinner with traditional regard for service customs. Resplendent in mess jackets, the men would dine in the Royal York banquet room while the ladies had tea and toast downstairs. "We

changed that," Joyce Inkster says without elaboration.

For \$75 a couple you can register in the morning, see several wartime movies in the afternoon and both attend the reunion dinner. Each year two or more of the Canadian Halifax squadrons that took over Yorkshire bases from 4 Group RAF in 1942 are honoured at these reunion dinners. Joyce Inkster has tracked down hundreds of members from each of these squadrons in recent times. 419 and 428 Squadrons which flew from Middleton-St. George were honoured in 1981. Last year 424 and 433 Squadrons of Skipton-on-Swale and 407 and 413 Squadrons which served with Coastal Command were the honoured ones. This year the honoured squadrons will be 420 of Middleton-St. George, 425 of Dunsford, 431 and 434 of Tottorpe. Next year the Inksters say the Reunion will honour Squadrons 427 and 429 of Leeming, 405 Pathfinder Squadron which flew out of Driffield and Pocklington and 415 which was another coastal command squadron. The 1984 event will also mark all those ex Polish Flyers who flew with the RAF and RCAF as well as an unknown number of Americans who joined the RCAF in the years before the U.S. entered the war. Contact the Inksters, 28 Battersea Cres. Toronto M6L 1G8.

TWO IN FIVE CANADIAN MEN VOLUNTEERED IN WORLD WAR II

The Royal Canadian Legion, with a concerted policy of enlisting the sons and daughters of veterans along with their parents as members, may well be conducting the only organized efforts in this country to remind a generation raised in peace what Canadians did in wars.

Military companies were raised parish by parish back in 1665 and six militia battalions helped defend Quebec in 1759. A permanent force bore the brunt of Canadian defence in the War of 1812. The militia were recalled to active service in the Rebellion of 1837 and on three more occasions before putting down the Riel rebellion in 1885. That same year the first Canadian soldiers to serve abroad fought with Wolseley on the Nile. It was a foretaste of Canadian contingents in the South African War at the century's turn. The Royal Canadian Navy was established in 1910 with two cruisers (not the same two as now).

Some 7,300 Canadians saw service in the South African War and 224 were killed. It was an unwitting rehearsal for WW I when 665,000 enlisted and nearly one in ten of them died overseas. In WW II more than a million men and women joined the Canadian armed forces and nearly four per cent were killed. Of some 50,000 aircrew members who served abroad 27 per cent were killed and one-in-twenty of us wound up in the bag. There were about 9,000 Canadian POW's in WW II, one in six in the Far East where non-Conventional treatment, climate and diet took a high toll. Canada, which provides 50% disability pension benefits to more than a thousand survivors of Japanese captivity and up to 20% disability pensions to those who were kriegies in Europe, is the only country in the world which pays such benefits to ex-POW's.

The 223,000 members of the RCAF, 100,000 RCN, and 86 per cent of the 709,000 in the Canadian Army were volunteers, another matter unique to Canadians. In fact 38%, or nearly two in five Canadian men aged 18 to 45 during WW I years, volunteered to serve in the armed forces abroad. In addition some 50,000 Canadian women volunteered for service in the armed forces in 1939-45. They included nearly 22,000 CWAC's, 17,000 RAFC Women's Division, 6,800 Canadian Wrens and 4,500 nursing sisters.

The safest place to have been either of the world wars was the navy where only two to three per cent of those who enlisted were killed. Army casualties in WW I were nearly 10% of all enlistments and Air Force dead were close to 7% of enlistments. In WW II the Canadian Army suffered 3% killed and the Air Force about the same 7% fatalities. Flying in the Air Force was more dangerous. In fact, there was four times as much chance getting killed in the air as on the ground during the war. Today it is vice versa.

AMERICANS EX LUFT III

Americans who were kriegies at Stalag Luft III held their 1983 reunion at Chicago in April. Advance billing promised a thrilling one-act play written by Joe Consoimagno and cast impromptu from early registrants. When and if our correspondents resurface from the reunion headquarter's at Chicago's Bismarck Hotel we will let you know how it all turned out.



Norris (Joe) Hunt of Huntsville, Ont. gave a Spitfire a nostalgic pat on the wing during the reunion visit to RAF Abingdon last fall. Wing-patting was a friendly RAF fighter-boy gesture. Italian Air Force pilots had a similar custom. They gave the wing a little scratch.

National Council Speaks for 14 Groups

There are about 700,000 Canadian war veterans today and we probably enjoy more liberal benefits than any other ex-servicemen in the world. Some 6,300 former POW's get disability pensions by virtue of their time behind barbed wire. Following World War II about 50,000 veterans went to university on DVA grants; another 75,000 got DVA help for farming fishing or operating small holdings. Some 23,000 housing units were built in the immediate post-war years for ex-service families.

A number of organizations prodded the government to establish and subsequently boost such benefits. As E.V. Heesaker, national president of the Canadian Corps Association, noted last fall The Army & Navy Veterans of Canada spoke for ex-servicemen before World War I. In 1925 several small veterans groups coalesced to form the Canadian Legion. It began to pursue updated benefits under the 1919 Pension Act however, individual veterans groups still sought changes in the Pension Act through a loose-knit organization. In the late 1930's three such groups, The Arthur Pearson Assoc. of War Blind, the War Amputations Assoc. of Canada and the

War Pensioners Assoc. of Canada formed a National Council of Veterans Associations. In 1940 they were joined by the Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada and the Canadian Corps Assoc. Post-war the Canadian Paraplegic Association and the Hong Kong Veterans Association became National Council member groups as well.

In the 1968-71 period the National Council of Veterans Association and the Canadian Legion made joint representations to Mr. Justice Mervin Woods who was probing the Canadian Pension Commission. Subsequently the National Council was joined by Dieppe Veterans & POW's Association, the National POW Association, Royal Canadian Air Force Association, Royal Canadian Naval Association and the Nursing Sisters Assoc. of Canada. In the past year our Ex-Air Force POW Assoc. and the Korean Veterans Assoc. representing the 30,000 veterans of the Korean War, have joined the National Council.

Heesaker says he has talked with veterans organization spokesmen in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia and "to my surprise I found that their veterans legislation was very good."

Post-mortem on a bomber's demise



Royal Netherlands Air Force historian Walhelm Tiemans plotted the track of a 106 Sqn. Lanc as it crashed near Arnhem 40 years ago. Bob Pegg of Oxbow, Sask. had baled out but seven others died. The crash site was strategic. Just weeks later the Luftwaffe opened their Third Nachtjagddivision headquarters and control bunker just four miles southwest of Terlet with the infamous Teerose I and II radar stations flanking Terlet. A year later Maj. Gen. Roy Urquhart landed with his 1st British Airborne Division (positions 4 and 5 on map) less than 5 miles from the night fighter headquarters, in the hapless Market Garden operation.

Bob (Trapper) Pegg's shot-down story was so typical and inconclusive that he never mentioned it in the bag nor for nearly 40 years after. Pegg was the observer in a 106 Squadron Lancaster that had just bombed the Ruhr target of Oberhausen the night of June 14, 1943. He only knew that "We were hit at about 25,000 feet and set on fire. The pilot told us to grab our chutes and I did."

Later he learned that six crew-mates and a seventh dog along for a "familiarization" flight were buried at Arnhem. Then last year Pegg heard from Dr. Walhelm Tiemans of Arnhem who has researched the air war over Holland. With help from the Royal Netherlands Air Force in which he has served and from old Luftwaffe records, Tiemans reconstructed how Pegg's plane, 106 Sqn. Lanc R-5551 was brought down. Tiemans had already written about Lanc R-5551's demise for Dutch publications when RCAF records in Canadian Public Ar-

chives established that Robert Pegg of Oxbow, Sask. had, in fact, been an eighth occupant and the sole survivor. Following the Kriegy Reunion at Oxford last September, Bob and Betty Pegg visited the Tiemans at Arnhem. There both sides of the story were put together.

R-5551 was one of 17 aircraft lost that night in 1943. It was one of 203 RAF bombers that had raided Oberhausen. At 0140 hours, W.H. Methorst, a restaurant owner at Groenendael just north of Arnhem on the Apeldoorn road, heard the "rising roar of engines" and saw an aircraft pass over his place at about 1500 feet. "It came from the north-east and flew in the direction of Deelen. Flak east of Deelen fired and the ghost craft swerved to the left still losing height. Yet it was not on fire. A few moments later a crash was heard," Tiemans wrote.

In daylight Methorst cycled to the crash site. Pegg's erstwhile crew-mates were spewed with the aircraft debris along both sides of the Eerbeekse road just east of the Arnhem-Apeldoorn highway. "Parts of the Lancaster had uprooted trees along the road and came to rest on the moor," Tiemans wrote. "It would seem the fire was put out and a forced landing attempted but they didn't quite clear the tree tops." Pegg concluded.

Flak finished off the disabled Lanc but it was an Oberleutenant Geiger in a Me110 that brought it down from 25,000 feet. Tiemans' research reconstructed events from the afternoon of June 14 when Luftwaffe Nachtjagddivision noted heightened radio activity as RAF bomber crews air-tested their planes across the Channel. The Himmelbett system was alerted and by the time R-5551 was approaching its target Geiger was being scrambled from Twente night-fighter base about 40 miles to the west. Astride the air lanes that systematically, RAF bombers from the Zuider Sea to Ruhr targets and back, Geiger circled a radio beacon while Nachtjagddivision radar-tracked the returning bomber stream. A Wurzburg radar beam caught R-5551 projecting a red dot on the Seeburg glass-screen in the Nightfighter control room. A second Wurzburg tracked Geiger's fighter with a blue dot. A controller vectored the Me110 onto the Lancaster's track. At about two miles distance the fighter-borne Lichtenstein radar took over and Geiger's radio operator guided him to the heart of the signals pinging a target pattern on his screen. Up and under the Lanc's blind spot the Me110 approached. From about 250 feet below Geiger raked the Lanc with cannon fire.

If Geiger claimed credit for R-5551 it was his 30th kill. When he was drowned in the Zuider Sea 106 nights later Geiger had 53 RAF bombers to his credit.

Pegg's shot-down story epitomizes the lethal game that put one in seven of us in the bag. But time and place give the story a certain symbolism. The Himmelbett system of radar-guided fighter boxes had been established across the Netherlands by the spring of 1942 and as Tiemans says it "reached perfection that summer of 1943." But less than six weeks after Pegg was shot down the RAF "managed for the first time to jam the radar equipment which

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Gen from around the circuit

Roger Rousseau, currently Canadian High Commissioner to New Zealand, has been at Toronto's Princess Margaret Hospital this Summer for out-patient radiation treatment of a malignant growth in his left eye. Looking fit despite the eye trouble, Roger and wife Francoise expected to return to Auckland, N.Z. in July or August. A member of Canada's diplomatic corps since the war and a veteran of the ambassadorial circuit in some tough times, Roger was Trudeau's pick as the man who could keep Montreal Mayor Jean Drapeau under control during preparations for the Olympic Games in 1976. The big-city mayor was intent on building an astrodome to cover the Island of Montreal. Roger was just the man to restrain him. He always appeared to be slapping Drapeau on the shoulder while standing on his foot.

Speaking of down under where the water swirls wrong-way round when you pull the plug, Dan and Joyce London have just left their namesake city to take up residence near Perth in Western Australia where two daughters raise erstwhile Londoners and sheep. After a decade as Secretary of the Royal Air Forces Ex-POW Association in Blighty, Dan will be a hard act to follow. Conned into trying is John O'Reilly at 2 Bradley Rd., London SE19 3NS. The RAF ex-POW's held their annual general meeting and "Staf Reunion" this spring and it was Dan's last performance as secretary. He anticipated a fair sale of Association blazer badges, windscreen stick-ons, tie tacks and embossed cuff links. But in Britain's recent austerity the stages were keeping their antlers down and unadorned.

David E. Osment, having survived war, kriegydome and peacetime life in the RAF, would like to spend his retirement gloating. He wants a photograph of a crashed Spit-

fire. His address is 29 Queen St., Henley-on-Thames, RG9 1AR. Graham Miller over at 45 Mitchell St., London, EC1, wants to contact F/Sgt. Whellum who was with 102 Squadron until late on the night of June 29, 1944. Then he joined us at Luft III. Anyone late of 102 Sqdn. who can offer pertinent gen should contact Graham Miller. And Secretary O'Reilly, as above, wants to get in touch with William J. Perry who was rear-gunner in their crew before the hostilities heightened. Perry was on Bruce Avenue in Nanaimo, B.C. when last heard from.

Eric Grove at 188 Buckingham Drive, Hamilton, Ont. L9C 2G7, has a problem. Back in 1978 he bought a RAF tie with navigator insignia at Pipe & McGill, the London haberdashers. Eric bought it for a friend back in Canada who turned out to have been a bomb-aimer and wanted no part of the navigational neckware. So Eric kept the tie neatly embalmed with mothballs until last September when he returned it to England. But Pipe & McGill were no longer in retail trade and didn't want the tie back. Eric reports that the tie is embalmed with a navigator wing in silver on a background of standard RAF stripes. It is 42 inches long, four inches wide, and the polyester is as good as the day the esters spun it. Eric paid eight pounds sterling back in 1978 and is prepared to wave the impact of inflation, storage and mothball costs should someone want the nice navigator neck-piece for \$17.

Theo Durieux of 84 rue H. Docquier, B 4370, Waremmes, Belgium did enforced labour at Luftgau Kdo xii, Luftlager I, Luft II and Luft III among other POW camps in Germany during the war. What he is looking for are Postkarte or other Kriegsgefangenenpost letter-forms that kriegy kin received. He is interested in the various forms that were used and especially the Geprüft and censor stamp marks. A long-time RCAF veteran, E. Ritch Toop, Box 9026, Ottawa K1G 3T8 has the

same interest in military and POW mail. Can you help them out?

Tony Pengelly, whose success at helping to con our captors prompted a career in marketing and public relations, has partially retired from Warner-Lambert Canada Inc. where for the past 18 years he has directed corporate marketing and community services. But he is still at W-L two or three days a week as director of community relations to continue his volunteer work with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada and the Greater Toronto United Way.

Syd Poser at 843 N. Nechako Rd., in Prince George B.C. V2K 1A4 wants to contact a Luft III kriegy, Flight-Lieut. Dennis Maxwell who was a fighter pilot from Johannesburg, S. Africa.

Leonard Matter out in Decorah, Iowa 52101, would like to reach Ed Bell of North Vancouver, Gordon Cooper of Powell River and Tom deBloom of Guelph, Ont. all of whom were at Luft III, North Compound, with Matter.

Bob Coulter recalls being the lone Yank in block 106 of Luft III North Compound where he bunked with Bob McBride, Paul Ramage, Lucky Luxton and Robbie Robertson of the RACF, a New Zealander named Steve Stephens and a Limey named Ted Wells. He recalls being teamed with an English WOP/Air Gunner on an escape project who kept decrying the "decadent Yankees." Bob retired this spring from an executive post to start the kind of second career most dream of but few achieve. He is now captain of a charter fishing boat on Chesapeake Bay. From North Beach, Maryland Bob and Helen Coulter extend an invitation to any ex-kriegy — including the Limey WOP/AG — "to stop over, wet a line and enjoy an outing." The Coulters say they have extra beds and at last report their phone number was (301) 855-7840.

Mike Niewolski asked fellow kriegies in Toronto to bring along food, clothing or toiletries when they attended the Ex-POW Aquasque on June 19. His aim was another relief shipment to the village of Dobleszyn Poland, population 700. Mike has been forwarding parcels and money to the little village in the Carpathian Mountains for about four years. At the Aquasque get together Mike says he received donations equivalent to about 20 Red Cross parcels. Mike advises that he is the Polish equivalent of ecstatic and wants to thank all donors past and future. If you would like to help with a further relief shipment contact Mike and Ethel at 213 Toyntee Trail, Scarborough, Ont. M1E 1G8. You can provide cash to defray Mike's shipping costs if you wish.

Arnold Feast, who collaborated with the Camp editor in various journalistic pursuits at Luft III North Compound 40 years back, has privately printed his "superluous recollections of life in the pre-war RCAF Auxillary, the RAF, the Italian and Goonland bags plus comparable post-war screw-ups." The book is called *How's That Again* and at last report Arnie expected to have it off the press by September. It will cost \$5; after printing and mailing costs he will give any proceeds to Amnesty International. Formerly of Charlottetown, PEI, Arnie is now at 4917 Twelfth Ave. in South Delta, B.C. which he describes as comparably flat as "urine on a plate." When an ex Spud Islander calls something in BC flat it is undoubtedly undulate.

Charles Clarke, V.P. of the RAF ex-POW's says the Wantage Silver Band were delighted with our Canadian Ex-Air POW's cheque in modest recognition of their performance at the wind-up reunion dinner last September. Like all else that Charles had a hand in arranging, the Wantage Silver Band was first class.

Vince Elmer, Box 1956, Pt. Albert, Sask. S6V 6K1 is writing a second book about No. 419, Moose Squadron. Elmer retires in August and is seeking any log book entries, photographs or other relevant source material. Kriegy V.L. Doug Hawkes of Calgary who joined us in the bag courtesy of 419 Squadron reports that Elmer has distributed 550 copies of his first book on the squadron's history.

Organized by Howie Copeman whose unspoken comment on air force life has been a post-war devotion to sea cadets, the Toronto kriegies first-ever Aquasque was a notable success. An Aquasque (rhymes with ack-kwa-q) is sort of a soiree for sailors not unlike a kriegy bash but held much closer to water. This one was held at the Canadian Armed Forces Toronto waterfront base of HMCS York on June 19. Just retired from Imperial Oil where he helped adjust corporate accountants to the computer age, Howie has joined that other professional engineer with time on his hands, Slim Chalmers, in organizing ex-Air Force POW activities.

Marketing Magazine, the voice of the Canadian advertising industry, has established the Andy Rodgers Memorial Award for Public Service. Named after Marketing's long-time publisher, the award will remind many a kriegy of Andy's own public service which was muted but wide-reaching, compassionate and not to be soon forgotten.

Donald MacDonald reports that he, Pappy James Plant, Wally McCaw and wives are all withstanding the Winnipeg Climate and culture with remarkable vigour.

Johnny Gendron, probably the only kriegy to turn his POW experience into a lifetime career, has just returned from his third or fourth visit back to Stalag 7A at Moosburg. Johnny applied an escapee's insight to his peacetime work when he joined the custodial staff of Canada's Correctional Service. In recent years he has tried to resolve prisoners' beefs at Millhaven Penitentiary near Kingston, Ont. This June Johnny left the family in Picton so he could concentrate on nostalgia and picture-taking back at Moosburg.

Percy Carruthers at 1 Whamlane, New Longton, Preston, which is PR4 4XE in Britain, regales a select group of fellow kriegies thrice yearly with a newsletter recalling days at Interberg. Heydekrug et al — including Ray Stinson's favourite memory, The Run-Up-The-Road. Percy reports that ex-kriegy Jim Barnes is now Sir James Barnes in New Zealand and recently re-

covered his wartime dog tags lost when he went to New Zealand 20 years ago. Carruthers has caught up with Richard Passmore with whom he flew Blenheim in 1941 before both of them were shot down. Passmore has written "Blenheim Boy" and "Moving Tent", both books based on his wartime experiences. Carruthers punctuates his handwritten newsletter periodically with cryptic references to "Sywell '83". The reference intrigues us. Is it an English brew of noteworthy vintage? Or a report that Cyrus is okay for another year?

From Bristol, England there is word that the local branch of the Ex-RAF Kriegies feted Dixie and Molly Deans aboard the pub ship (that's what they call it) Lochiel in Bristol Harbour on June 30. Dixie and Molly were reported to be both looking just fine.

Graham Welsh at 522 Pine Tree Drive, London, Ont. N6H 3N1 is looking for responsible-minded kriegies to serve as volunteer representatives for the Air Force Benevolent Fund in the West End of Toronto, in Newmarket and Whitby, Ont., respectively. If you have a little time now drop him a line.

Out Edmonton way Doug MacNeill and Stan Bryant are in good shape; Don (Red) McCrimmon has retired from politics and Bob Holloway has come back to the city from the farm.

AYLMER in 1984

If you were at #14 Service Flying Training School at Aylmer, Ontario during the late unpleasantness and served there in peacetime, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 81 and the Ontario Police College want to get in touch. They are planning a reunion at Aylmer on May 25 to 27 in 1984 that will be held at the College which now occupies the old SFTS site. Air Commodore N. Irwin who was first C/O at Aylmer back in 1941 is honorary chairman of the reunion committee. If you were ever stationed at Aylmer RCAF Station contact the Reunion Secretary, Box 205, Aylmer, Ont. N5H 2R9.



The splendour of bygone days wears well on Reid Gordon and Wally Floody pictured one recent occasion in the editor's backyard.

Ted Musgrove Gone

Ted Musgrove, who helped to organize the Dieppe Veterans and POW's and then went on to be a co-founder of the National POW Association, died June 10 just two hours after coming home from Canadian Legion Branch 73 in Scarborough where he was president. Ted was president of the National POW's for nearly a decade from 1973 to 1981. His business was the sale of office equipment but his pre-occupation was organizing ex-kriegy activities and very effectively representing their interests at Ottawa. Ted was with the Calgary Tanks at Dieppe when captured. He was age 62.

Bob Barr, formerly of Winnipeg and late of Nepean, Ont. was another sudden victim of a heart attack in June. Len Lindsay, a kriegy at Hydekrug and Luft III, died in Valerida, California in May. In April Robert Elvin, of Toronto, lost a four-months fight with lung cancer. A long-time advertising man, Bob had flown 42 ops when he was shot down over Berlin.

R. Grant Brown, a long-time organizer of Edmonton kriegy affairs, died there in January. Grant had been at Luft III for three years.



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HORNELL'S CREW

On June 25, 1944 David Hornell was fatally injured while pressing a Catalina attack on a German U-boat in the North Sea. For his performance in the Coastal Command attack and for his efforts to save crew-mates after the Catalina crashed into the sea Hornell was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross. The Air-Sea Club which includes a lot of our colleagues fished from the drink would like to contact any of Hornell's crew who can add background details. Hornell died on an Air-Sea rescue boat.

PEGG'S SHOT-DOWN STORY

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formed the backbone of the Himmelbett tactic." By then the Germans were ready to switch over to a new 3rd Nachtjagddivision headquarters at Schaarsbergen four miles north of Arnhem. It had been begun in August 1942 and it went into operation the same week Geiger died. The Nachtjagddivision bunker with its Seeburg screen was flanked by two vector stations Teeroso I and Teeroso II. The bunker and vector stations formed an equilateral triangle, each side about four miles long. It was at the centre of that death-making triangle just weeks before its completion that R-5551 came down.

FALKLANDS SYNDROME

The short Falklands War last summer was "a unifying experience for this country," the Chaplain-in-Chief of the RAF, the venerable H.J. Stuart told us at the wind-up reunion dinner. "It provoked a sense of pride that the country hasn't known for many a day. The speed with which the task force was sent out was amazing. Merchant seaman volunteered to man charter boats. Factories worked around the clock."



Don Sugden made a honest woman of Phyllis Orton at Kitsilano United Church, Vancouver last October. We pictured them in the last issue of the Camp but not many kriegies are getting married these days, and this was the only bridal picture we had to run.