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RCAF HALIFAX LW170 RECOVERY
(424 Squadron)



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Tomorrow I leave again for ol' blighty's shore to find all those things Halifax that we need and require for the Halifax Project. I will proceed for hundreds of miles helter-skelter from propeller blades to wing panels to engines to oil companies offices to gain the items and support we need. All of this so as to move forward on our honourable and determined quest to bring a second Halifax bomber to Canada to be included in the Bomber Command Museum of Canada.

Our museum is the people's choice and grass roots capital for a Bomber Command Memorial in Canada. Our bomber boys went out some 60+ years ago and gave us Victory and Freedom from tyranny as such great odds and sacrifice. Every day is Remembrance Day at this fine museum.

For those of you who have supported us at the Museum and in the Halifax Project at Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada), as in the past and hopefully in the future, we know that you would do the same as all our Directors along with all our volunteers and members, to remember our aircrews who flew, fought, and sacrificed for all of us.

We have our Lanc and now, this summer, for the first time in over 50 years we should have all 4 Merlins running on FM159. This will be good news and such good noise. There is only one thing that sounds better than a Merlin and that is 4 Merlins!

Please check the Museum website for all the dates of the engine runs at our special occasions and events planned for the summer of 2013.

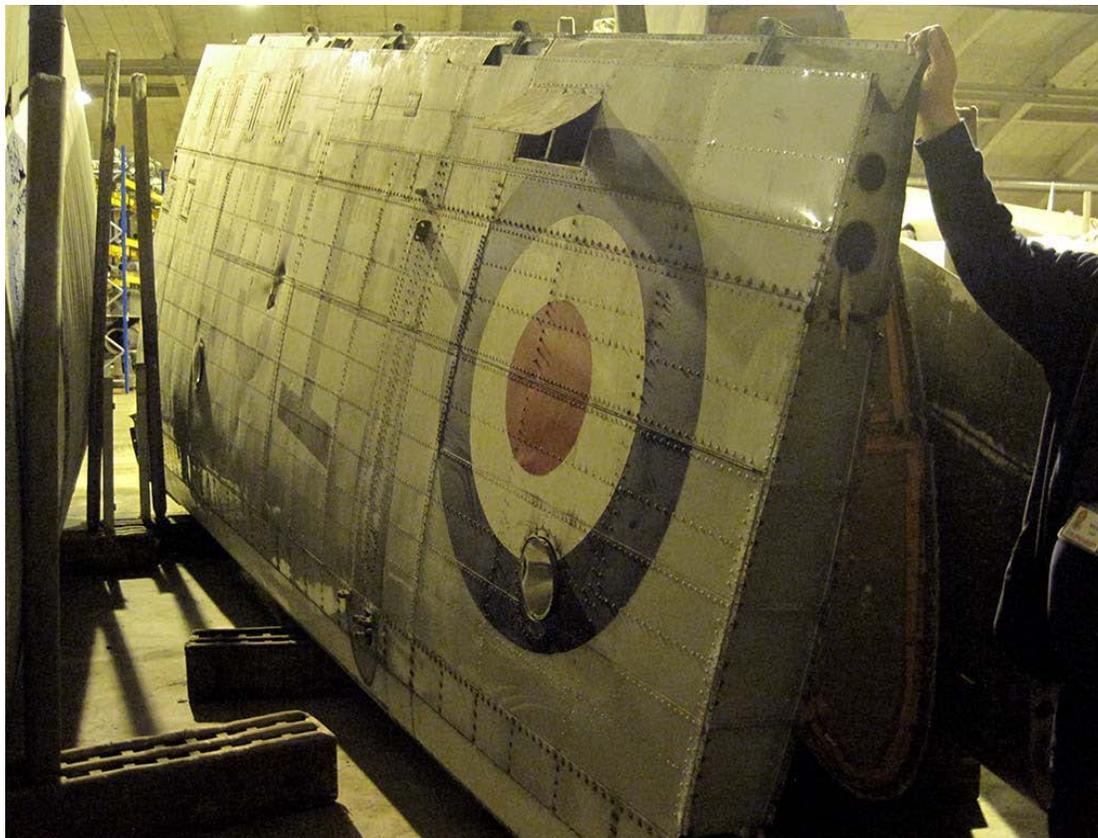
But we must always remember why we are here, why we have become a special "recon group", to find a Halifax and bring her to this museum. The Halifax is that vital and missing Sword of Freedom that will complete our collection at this national bomber crew memorial and we must persevere. Press on regardless...

These are the Hali-facts:

As your project manager I will be overseas this week doing my best stick handling on your behalf to gather all things Halifax. I will be gathering and arranging for shipment to Canada for the Hastings-Halifax outer wing panel, propeller hub and blades, nose perspex, exhaust collector rings for Bristol Hercules, and so many other items on our list of Halifax parts needed. Who knows what other goodies will be discovered as now the people know and are

looking for us to help find more Halifax parts. It is true when they say, “ If you build it - they will come”.

See below the photo of the Hastings-Halifax outer wing panel that has been generously donated by the RAF Museum to Halifax 57 Rescue which will be shipped soon to Canada. It is only 25 feet long, 12 feet at the root and 6 feet at the tip! Logistics, my son, logistics. And yes, I have a solution, with more on this later.



I will send out a new Progress Report 49 when I am back from the UK with all we have collected, recovered, and discovered.

Furthermore, I have come into contact with an oil and exploration company, based out of London UK, who have received an exploration permit in deep Irish waters and their exploration block is only 20 miles from the location of our Halifax LW170! I have a meeting with this company on Feb. 27 to discuss the Halifax Project with them and see if their assistance to find our HalifaxLW170 in 2013 could be arranged. The father of the CEO of this company flew Mossies in the RAF in WW2!

I have also been in contact with the Irish Marine Institute who have the “Celtic Explorer” exploration ship which is available to do such exploration work if we arrange the right sonar equipment, which is available with the right financial sponsors for such a sonar survey to find LW170. I am hot on those trails for major sponsors as this report goes out.

George Roskopf, our Director of Engineering at Halifax 57 Rescue, has for the past months in Ottawa started on the monumental and detailed extraction, de-assembly, evaluation, and rebuild of the Hastings-Halifax main spar and center section. To see all that George has done so far just do a Google search and put in the following:

“the dunrobin castles channel + the rebuild shop 8”

When this location opens up on your screen, you should click on the upper left video program and “The Rebuild shop 8” will play for you, newly released via film producer and one of our Directors Jim Blondeau, all about the latest Halifax Project progress on the Halifax –Hastings wing sections recovered from Malta in 2011.

Thanks to our friends at the Canadian Aviation and Space Museum for their timely and valuable storage of these rare wing parts as we built up our own rebuild facilities in Orleans, Ontario. Note that all the other 7 “The Rebuild Shop” programs are listed on the right and are available on the YOUTUBE feature.

See below the photo of wing section “C” being moved by truck to our new facility just last week. Below that our new digs in Orleans, Ontario. We also have wing sections “A”, “B”, “D”, and “E” which are not shown but have been moved to our new facility.

Remember, George has had to work out of his expanded garage and shop in winter just to keep going until we located this new building to expand our wing rebuild work. Thanks to George and Jim Blondeau for their efforts to improve our facilities and share all this progress with you via the internet. Well done, guys!



George and driver with wing section “C”



NEW DIGS

“Meanwhile back at the ranch”, aka the Bomber Command Museum of Canada, great progress has been made on the Bristol Hercules engines and getting these engines to running condition. We have 6 Hercules engines in our collection with 2 close to running condition, 2 needing rebuilds, and 2 parts Hercules engines.

Our Hercules engine crew, led by engineer Dan Hawken, with Derek, Vic, and Ethan assisting have all passed their “Hercules 101” school of hard knocks. They are well into preparing our first Hercules for a possible engine run this summer on an engine stand with all systems being checked, prepped, and remote controls being constructed for engine runs. See our first Herc engine well along to running status below, with Hercules team leader Dan Hawken.



There is a video of our first cranking of the Hercules shown above, after pre-lubing, with the detailed images of the unique Hercules sleeve valve working in unison with the piston as we test crank her over for the first time in many years. We have the technology and we have the team!

Just google <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D26bOxCOKuI>

and click on “Bristol Hercules Sleeve operation – BCMC”

So you see, we are busy and dedicated on your behalf to progress on all fronts for the Halifax Project. As this is the first report of the New Year I wanted to let all of you that did donate and support Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada) in 2012 that all the tax receipts for your generous donations have been sent out and you should have them now. Let me know of any concerns or questions on the receipts.

The wing rebuild process is costly and requires major and constant funding to keep going, as we progress in the weeks and months ahead, and hope that you would consider supporting Halifax 57 Rescue with your donations for 2013. Your renewals as past members from last year or support from our newcomers to this historic Halifax Project would be greatly appreciated. We urgently need your donations and below are 4 ways you can help us keep the Halifax Project going.

1) Donate funds to Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada) via the post – see our 2 addresses available at the end of this report

2) Try our NEW PAYPAL internet payment method for all who have purchased or contributed online (via your PAYPAL account) to our worthy and honourable charity. Go to our website www.57rescuecanada.com and see the golden "DONATE" button which immediately donates these funds to our cause from anywhere in the world (if you have a PAYPAL account!)

3) Donate your unused stocks, bonds, and securities to our Halifax 57 Rescue - Royal Bank Discount Brokerage account and receive a "full market value" tax receipt credit for the donation of these securities. You will not have to pay income tax on the profit portion side of this transfer and donation. You receive full tax deductible credit for said donation. It is a win-win for all concerned.

4) Purchase a beautiful limited-edition signed print of our Halifax LW170 "INVINCIBLE ITEM" for (\$165.00 including postage) or an unsigned print for (\$60.00 including postage). This has to be one of the finest prints of a combat Halifax that has ever been produced. We still have half of the 500 signed prints available to all you Halifax fans. See www.57rescuecanada.com for all our print info.

Help keep us going as we gain momentum for Halifax Project.

Thanks for reading and standby for great new developments in the next report!

And remember,
WE LEAVE NO HALIFAX BEHIND

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