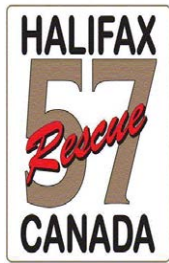


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RCAF HALIFAX LW170 RECOVERY (424 Squadron)



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As Remembrance Day is upon us once again we give thanks for the warriors of Canada and our Allied forces who sacrificed all they had for our Freedom and peace. Every man, woman, and child in this great country should be very thankful for all we have. They must be taught that Freedom is not automatic and that someone paid for this with their very lives.

Canada has had unique eras in its history such as the battle of Vimy Ridge in the First World War when our historians tell us that our Canadian forces and men, for the first time in our brief national history, formed an all-Canadian fighting force that led the attack on the "impregnable" German forces and defenses of Vimy Ridge. They were victorious and captured this fortress area when all other Allied experts said it was impossible.

Those valuable qualities of ingenuity, determination, and old fashioned intestinal fortitude were the ingredients of this pivotal Canadian battle on the road to Victory in the First World War.

And yet, even greater efforts and excellence in battle were to be recorded in the Second World War by Canadians in our Allied army, navy, and air forces. Once again, Canada provided a huge Allied contribution, totally beyond all proportion to her size of population, to become the number 1 nation on the Allied side with the greatest % of population serving in the military.

Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada), her directors, members, and supporters along with our dedicated partners in Remembrance - the Bomber Command Museum of Canada - have upheld and always will uphold the huge sacrifice of the personnel of the Royal Canadian Air Force and Bomber Command. It is a effort of

air combat excellence unprecedented in Canadian military history with a sacrifice and loss rate of bomber crews so high as to be almost unbelievable.

And so we labour on, knowing what they have done for all of us, trying to pass on this true message of sacrifice and excellence. Sometimes it is difficult on those days when we think few of our fellow citizens are listening or even care. But they should, for everything they have of value in their lives comes from a time when young aircrew went forth into battle and gave us Victory and Freedom.

Every day is Remembrance Day at Halifax 57 Rescue and the Bomber Command Museum of Canada. Enjoy your November 11th and come see us and follow us as we continue on our historic quests in honour of these young warriors who saved our world from tyranny.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

On to business - these are the Hali-facts:

After weeks of preparation those super rare Halifax/Hastings wing sections and landing gear are almost ready for shipping to Canada from a storage location in Europe. We should be able to ship in Dec or Jan-2011 if all is arranged on my next trip over to finalize shipping arrangements and costs.

The leading edges and trailing edges of the wing sections have been taken off and preserved with the landing gears extracted, all in preparation for inserting into the shipping container. Our friends Mario and Malcolm have, under the direction of yours truly, been able to down-size the wing sections, without damaging existing components that were taken off.



All of this preparation was not free as the labour, tools, materials, and fuel for power units had to be paid for by Halifax 57 Rescue and so far we have spent close to 2000 Euros on the preliminaries to ship. Remember, if we did not downsize the wing sections we would have to pay double the shipping rates for special handling and using flatbeds instead of a container.

But we now have the logistic solution of the high-top 40 foot container that should take almost all the large and small sections of our Halifax/Hastings wings.

Right now we have about \$10,000 in the bank, from all sources, and I figure we will need upwards of another \$10,000 just to cover the shipping costs.

We have had donations totaling about \$3000. in the last few weeks but this has slowed and we urgently need your help to top up our funds to get our wings/gear/engines home from Europe.

Please consider that as the 2010 year ends and we start a new year of fund raising that you could donate your 2011 contribution in the immediate future which would really help us with this shipping cost pinch that we are having. There is so much we can do when the parts get back to Canada, if we can only get them back without delay and financial hardship.

Thanks to the following support we have all the ingredients in place to really set up our Halifax rebuild beginnings.

CPR has agreed to ship free the container of parts (arriving by ship) from the port via their rail system!

Mullen Trucking has agreed to ship the container free to the unloading facility from the rail yards!

We have had an offer of a prominent national facility in the Ottawa area to store and even possibly start rebuilding the wings on site.

George Roskopf, our director living in Ottawa and the Halifax rebuild engineer from the Trenton museum, has already started the gathering and copying data for the actual rebuild of the wings which could start in Ottawa.

A CAD computer operated machine shop has agreed to assist in making up the final plans for computer machining of the replacement and rebuild structures need to begin our wing sections rebuild.

A major corporation dealing in aluminum beams for structures has researched our needs for main wing spars and has a solution for our spars using one of their major beam applications. This could be huge in cost savings for machining new main spars for the Halifax wing rebuild. Announcements will be order as soon as we fine tune our solutions for the wing rebuild.

Several rare wing and airframe pieces have been located around the world for our Halifax rebuild start in Ottawa and I will report to you soon on the trade/purchase/horse-trading that will be going on into the future months.

This week I have spoken to Mike Stephens of Deep Ocean Research Ltd. on the progress for their deep ocean sonar company to do the RCAF Halifax LW170 sonar survey. We talked about the acquisition of their commercial contracts so that they could do the Halifax survey while transiting from one site to another. basically we are now planning for the summer of 2011.

I did point out that above all other priorities for this sonar survey we must obtain the sonar image of LW170. So we have agreed that I would expand my search for a sonar ship beyond just their vessel to other companies. Time is of the essence and we must find LW170 even if it means using another vessel who may be passing by the Halifax resting site, say on a transit voyage or doing scientific work in the local area. The sonar image is the key and we must not wait any longer.

We have the basic funding to cover the sonar work set aside for this purpose and this will go ahead. The absolute key to this (after funding) is to find a vessel that has the sonar equipment and is closest to our Halifax in the coming months. I will renew my efforts as Russell Earl has told me to get a move on to find his Halibag!

I have come up with a fund raising plan which will help us in these formative and crucial development stages for the rebuild of the new wing sections from the scrap yard, as well as our needs for funding to set up a rebuild shop.

We have (2) center-sections and (4) main landing gears as well as 2 Bristol Hercules engines for the beginnings of a new Halifax project.

We also have acquired with all of these rare parts we need (2) complete Hastings cockpits which were going to be scrapped which we saved before they were cut up !! (1 Hastings cockpit will be going to the local museum for all their help in acquiring our wing parts.)



So I wish to put forward to all of you who read this report that we need to get the word out to the museums and collectors of the world of aviation that we could, as a major fund-raising effort, offer the following:

- 1) That Halifax 57 Rescue would offer for sale 1 of our 2 center-sections and would for the sale price (to be negotiated) also be willing to rebuild the available center-section as the same time as we re-engineer and rebuild a center-section for our own Halifax .
- 2) That Halifax 57 Rescue would be willing to sell for cash or trade (for Halifax artifacts) the second Hastings cockpit to a collector or museum.

We await all offers on these rare and unique components and wish to be seen as eager and willing to listen to all reasonable offers on these parts. I know they will not be seen on offer again and this is a unique opportunity to acquire some real history.

Please contact us if you have a buyer or interested party who want to begin a Halifax Project or wants to save some Handley Page history.

Please note the following positive press and media attention that we are getting for the Halifax Project and our efforts to tell of the real story of the crews of Bomber Command.

CBC radio will be doing an interview with yours truly this week about the place of the Halifax in our aviation combat history.

This interview was due to the great article done by our expert author and friend Ted Barris who was able to create the story about the Halifax and our LW170 Project for the November issue of ZOOMER magazine. It is out on the shelves now and I know that even Chapters is carrying this monthly magazine as it is selling nationally. Thanks Ted for your great coverage and helping out as we proceed to tell the

world what the Halifax means to all of us.

Director James Blondeau and I will be out in Alberta this Remembrance Day week as we will show for the first time to the Canadian public "THE BELGIAN FOREST" documentary. This a true Remembrance Day adventure that took place in Belgium in 1997 where we recovered 3 missing Canadian airmen from a swamp, entombed in their crashed Halifax, and returned them to their families after 53 years. It promises to be a great and poignant program for all who attend.

We will show "THE BELGIAN FOREST" at the Bomber Command Museum of Canada in Nanton, Alberta on Nov. 10 at 2 pm.

The premiere showing will be at the Empress Theatre in Fort MacLeod, Alberta on the occasion of the Remembrance Day Aviation Film Festival on Nov. 11th at 1230pm.

Some of the most powerful moments in the life of yours truly happened on this recovery and ceremony for these fallen airmen. Please come and attend , you will see what it means to be a Canadian on this most special of days, November 11th.

In closing let me say that I am pleased with all we have done as we head towards our ultimate goal to find Canada's only surviving Halifax. Remember, some of the most cherished moments and occasions, as we travel towards our destination, are the ones that we experience with our friends along the way.

We need your support more than ever and we will succeed as we travel together.

WE LEAVE NO HALIFAX BEHIND

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