

# **A BOMBER COMMAND MUSEUM OF CANADA BULLETIN**

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## **Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Dams Raid**

**WE HOPE YOU CAN ATTEND OUR FIRST BIG EVENT OF THE YEAR  
ON SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2013.**

**PLEASE PASS THIS NOTE ALONG TO OTHERS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED.**

### **A FULL DAY EVENT FEATURING:**

- Lancaster Engine Runs and Cockpit Tours**
- Aviation Art Exhibit -“The Dambusters –The Legendary Raid in Art”**
- Book Launch: “Big Joe McCarthy –The RCAF’s American Dambuster”**
- Commemorative Program and Display Opening**
- Special Guests including a wartime 617 Squadron Veteran and Family Members of several Canadian Dambusters**
- Bristol Hercules (14 Cylinder Radial; Sleeve-Valve) Bomber Engine Run-ups**
- Premiere of the video: “Dambuster Terry Taerum”, a Calgary Dambuster**
- Replay of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Speech by Canadian Dambuster pilot Ken Brown CGM**
- Special Display of Dams Raid items from the Museum’s Archives**

### **CHECK:**

<http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/event2013dambuster70.html>

for details, updates, and timing.

### **VISIT:**

<http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/damsraid.html>

for background information and Dams Raid articles.

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# THE CANADIAN DAMBUSTERS

*-Canadians played a leading role in all aspects of Bomber Command.  
Of the 133 airmen who took off on the Dams Raid, 30 were Canadians.  
15 of them did not return -14 were killed and one became a Prisoner of War.*

## THE FIFTEEN CANADIANS WHO RETURNED



Back Row: Sgt Stefan Gancica, Sgt Frederick E. Sutherland, Sgt Harry E. O'Brien, F/S Kenneth W. Brown, F/S Harvey A. Weeks, F/S John W. Thrasher, F/S George A. Deering, Sgt. William Radcliffe, F/S Donald A. MacLean, F/Lt Joseph C. McCarthy, F/S Grant S. MacDonald  
Front Row: Sgt Percy E. Pigeon, P/O T. Harlo Taerum, P/O D. Revie Walker, Sgt Chester B. Gowrie, P/O David Rodger

\*F/Lt McCarthy was an American citizen who was serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

\*F/S Deering, Sgt Gowrie, P/O Taerum, and F/S Thrasher were killed on operations later in the war.

## THE FIFTEEN CANADIANS WHO DID NOT RETURN



WO2 James L. Arthur, WO2 Joseph G. Brady, Sgt. Charles Brennan, P/O Lewis J. Burpee, P/O Vernon W. Byers, WO2 Aiden P. Cottam, F/O Kenneth Earnshaw, P/O John W. Fraser, F/S Francis A. Garbas, WO2 Abram Ganshowitz, F/O Harvey S. Ginz, F/O Vincent S. MacCausland, F/S James McDowell, F/O Robert A. Urquhart, P/O Floyd A. Wise

\*P/O Fraser survived the raid but became a Prisoner of War.

## **OTHER NEWS**

-The Bomber Command Museum of Canada has received an "Award of Merit" from the Historical Society of Alberta. The award made reference to, "the outstanding contributions made by the Nanton Lancaster Society in preserving and increasing the awareness of the history and heritage of our province."

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE A VOLUNTEER DRIVEN, REGISTERED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.**

**We depend upon private donations for our operation and development. Please help if you can.**

**For Membership and Donation information visit: <http://www.bombercommandmuseum.ca/membership.html>**

*We encourage you to forward this bulletin to others who you feel may be interested.*

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