

# A BOMBER COMMAND MUSEUM OF CANADA BULLETIN

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Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Dams Raid

A great job by our friends at CBC CALGARY to draw public attention to the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and our museum's Commemoration Event on Saturday (the 11<sup>th</sup>).

As well as the radio and TV coverage, both nationally and locally, check out these links to the CBC News Website.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/story/2013/05/09/calgary-dambuster-secret-war-mission-anniversary.html>

-The main story on the CBC News National Website.

<http://www.cbc.ca/calgary/features/dambusters/>

-The story of the raid as told by Barnes Wallis and our museum's good friend Fred Sutherland. Click on the photos for the audio.

<http://www.cbc.ca/player/Radio/Local+Shows/Alberta/Calgary+Eyeopener/ID/2384211837/>

-The feature that aired on [Thursday's CBC Calgary morning show](#).

Fred Sutherland is a great supporter of our museum and we appreciate the efforts he made to work with Dave Gilson of CBC to tell the story and highlight our upcoming Commemoration Event.

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THE DAMBUSTERS 70<sup>th</sup> COMMEMORATION ON SATURDAY.

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

# 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 Oancía, 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.

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