

Progress Report Number 5

Charitable Status and Royal Navy Help

On the 60th Anniversary of this date in early 1945 our Halifax LW170 was with RAF 518 Met. Squadron at Tiree, Scotland. She had survived her combat days when flown by Canadians and an American in RCAF 424 Squadron. Now she was providing less exciting results but all important weather data to the Allied forces as they moved forward into fortress Europe and the drive to Victory.

Every day I wake up and think of the sacrifices and excellence of those bomber crews and airborne warriors who fought for our freedom. I ask myself what can I do to make this project move forward faster for this is the best year in all the years ahead to do this project. I would like to report some vital and essential advances in our quest to locate and recover LW170. Time is of the essence for myself today, in more ways than one, so I will shorten this Progress Reprt Number 5 with the promise of the issue of Number 6 as soon as possible, hopefully in February.

I am very pleased to announce that "Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada)" has received status as a Registered Charity from Canada Customs and Revenue Agency. This all important status will enable and ensure that we can move forward with our fund raising for the expensive activities of this historic project to recover LW170. This means that, along with the ability to issue tax deductible receipts to each and every donation for the project from our members and supporters, we can apply to all foundations and corporations for the financial support we need for the location and recovery of our "Hallie". Our Registered Charity Status is effective from November 4, 2004 and our Charity business number is 84586 5740 RR0001. To all of you who donated funds to our cause in 2004 we thank you and you will receive your tax receipts in due course and on time.

The day of Jan. 17, 2005 was a very good day as not only did we receive our Charitable status, with all of the huge implications for fund raising and success of our project, we also received a letter of good news from the Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom with a positive response to my proposal for assistance from the Royal Navy to locate LW170. Halifax LW170 is sunk in an area which has been surveyed by the Royal Navy and they have agreed to meet with yours truly in early February at Whitehall, London to begin assistance with our efforts to pinpoint LW170. I am very pleased with their response to my request and will be able to report back to you in mid Feb.of the possibilities and progress for the Halifax Project after our meeting at Whitehall with the Naval staff.

As our diligence and determination is now beginning to bear fruit in these concrete ways I must tell you that I will be relying on your support and donations to keep us, "Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada)", moving forward to our goal of LW170. I have paid some of our legal costs incurred fro our Charitable status application from your kind donations and support while paying certain costs from my own pockets. Now the funds are low and we must pay off the remainder of our lawyers bills and hopefully replenish our account for the activities ahead to raise the all important funds for our Halifax project.

As Project Manager I would like all those people who expressed interest in donating to our cause, IF we could get Charitable status and issue tax receipts, to please come forward NOW and send your cheques/checks to "Halifax 57 Rescue (Canada)". We must pay off these legal fees (which were \$1750 total) and move forward to our goal. You can see the potential here with all the latest positive steps taken, with much effort and some personal expense. I am trusting in your sincerity and enthusiasm so will be waiting for your tangible support to keep the ball rolling towards the target, LW170.

She is out there waiting for us. For her and her crews, indeed all those gallant crews who paid so dearly in Victory and for all our freedoms, I ask you now to please step up and support this historic cause.

"Press on Regardless..."

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