



Dear Fellow Canadian Churchillians:

New Friend of Winston Churchill

A very warm welcome to: Barry Webster

Events

For obvious reasons no events are scheduled at this time.

News and Views Newsletter

As advised in the previous issue of this newsletter, please advise our Administrator, Ed Kurak, icsadministrator@cogeco.ca, if your e-mail address is changed.

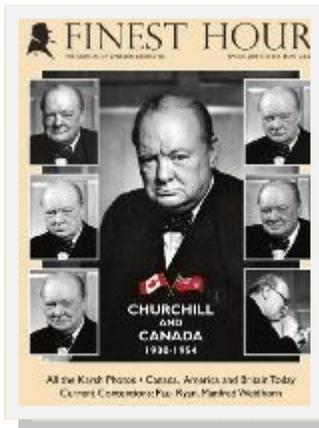
Renewal Subscriptions



A question has been raised on renewal subscriptions, which are not always due one year after the previous. The system which has been in place since the early days of the Society is that it is based on the timing of the *Finest Hour* magazine i.e. the first renewal letter you receive will state “will end with the next issue of *Finest Hour* (issue #...)”

If there is any confusion please contact our Administrator Ed Kurak – icsadministrator@cogeco.ca. It will be much appreciated if, as most do, you renew at this stage to obviate having to receive further reminders.

Finest Hour Archives



The splendid “*Finest Hour*” magazine has a wealth of stimulating articles in its past issues –

winstonchurchill.org – Learn - *Finest Hour*

Especially recommended is the Issue #154, Spring 2012, (Churchill and Canada, 1900 – 1955).

From The Bookshelf

A Portrait of War 1939 – 1943

A World in Flames 1944 – 1945

By Richard S. Malone

After the first extract from “A Portrait of War” in the last Newsletter, we were delighted to receive an e-mail from a long time subscriber Colin T. Brown, and this included – “Dick Malone was a friend of my father and I tagged along for several dinners with my parents and Dick and his wife Joanna. Fascinating guy but, like my dad, never spoke much about the past. I wish I had known the WSC connection.”

2nd. Instalment

Several days later, we reached a point of some serious dispute with the British...Each night a special uniformed messenger from Downing Street or Whitehall would arrive and deliver to my custody a beautiful red-leather despatch box containing page after page of minutes of our various meetings held three or four days previously, all finely typed on onion skin paper. On top would be a brief note on crested stationery, addressed, to myself. “My dear Malone,” or “Dear private secretary” – would you kindly have your chief initial the dozen or more minutes of our meetings at the Ministry of Supply last Thursday, etc.

These daily despatch boxes were a source of great irritation to Ralston, who would shout “We never agreed to that. They have changed it all.”

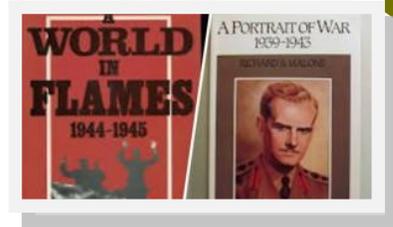
Finally, one day he lost his temper over this situation and he challenged Churchill directly on this manner of doing business with the British Government. I was much impressed with the vigour and directness of Ralston’s complaint to Churchill...” I can’t go back over the old files later,” he protested. Churchill listened thoughtfully and then quietly agreed.

Then, rather to relieve the tension but also to relieve his own conscience a little, Ralston jokingly informed Churchill that he had taken the liberty of having me record in memo form, Churchill’s freewheeling remarks at the dinner party.

The Prime Minister was immediately alert. Turning to me he said, “Well, send those minutes over for my signature if you please.”

Recalling the easy manner in which these minutes were drawn, with the use of the odd profanity and description, I tried to avoid his requirement, protesting that they were simply some rough notes I had written. Nevertheless, Churchill demanded to see them. In due course, they were returned to me with all Churchill’s own corrections marked by himself in green ink, deleting the profanities and correcting my grammar.

A further extract will be in our next newsletter.



Canadian officers enter Normandy Left to right they are Colonel Richard S Malone, Lt General Henry Crerar

Comments and suggestions are appreciated.

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