



Dear Fellow Canadian Churchillians:

Atlantic Charter Anniversary – “Mysterious Visitors.”



August 14, 1941 was an historic day in the Second World War – the day that the two great leaders of the free world – Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt, released to the world the document they had written in Placentia Bay, Newfoundland – the Atlantic Charter.

The Atlantic Charter Foundation, with which your society is connected, will be presenting, on August 14, 2021, a film of a play, which in an entertaining fashion imagines how the ordinary folk in the Placentia Bay area reacted to mysterious happens in their community.

Details on how to register (free) to view this production will be provided on our web site, in due course.

Key Position Changes.

After many years of dedicated service our Treasurer Barrie Montague has vacated the position although he will stay on the Board of Directors. Our new treasurer is the former Society Administrator Ed Kurak who also joins the Board. Our new Administrator is Myra Dodick.

Thanks again to Barrie and congratulations to Ed and Myra.

E-Mail Address



As advised in the previous issue of this newsletter, please advise our Administrator, Myra Dodick – myra.dodick@gmail.com if your address is changed.

Royal Commonwealth Society Toronto Branch



HRH Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh – a virtual tribute occurred on May 1st.

We hope you were able to watch this special event which we advised by e-mail.

If you were not able to watch it live, here is the link –

<https://youtu.be/yL5lmbhdSqA>

The tribute was presented in a highly professional and entertaining manner and was a fitting homage to a great man.

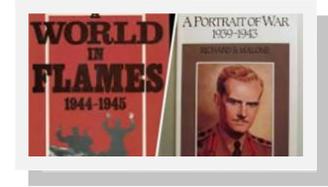
From The Bookshelf

A Portrait of War 1939 – 1943

A World in Flames 1944 – 1945

By Richard S. Malone

Final Instalment



After the War Years, in 1961, Malone was a guest of Lord Beaverbrook at the “Beaver’s” home at Cap- d’Ail on the French Riviera. This was included at the end of the Second Volume.

“Oh, there’s the other chap now, I’ll go and get him,” the Beaver said. As he stumped off to the front gate, I remained in my comfortable chair, enjoying my cigar and the gorgeous view. Shortly afterwards, hearing the Beaver return with his other guest, I turned about to see whom he had produced. I could hardly believe my eyes. “The other chap” was Sir Winston Churchill, wearing his white siren suit and a broad-brimmed straw hat. Aided by a cane and helped along by Anthony Browne, a young man from the British Foreign Office, who now accompanied the great man everywhere. Sir Winston and the Beaver made their way to where I was sitting, both smiling broadly.

Though Sir Winston gave me a friendly greeting and handshake, I wasn’t certain at first whether he really remembered me or not. I had heard that his memory had begun to fail and it was some years since our wartime meetings. I had seen him only once since the war.

After Churchill was comfortably settled he demanded a drink. The Beaver poured a very large scotch and handed it to him. The old warrior studied the drink thoughtfully for a few seconds, then slowly handed it over to me.

“You are still drinking double,” said Churchill. For a moment my memory failed to grasp the meaning of this remark, but then it came back to me.

“Your memory is very good, Sir.” I answered. He was obviously recalling a very trifling but amusing incident, which happened in the very early years of the war when I had accompanied the late Colonel Ralston, Canada’s Minister of Defence, on a trip to London. Ralston, a firm teetotaller, after being repeatedly pressed to a drink by Churchill and Beaverbrook, had jokingly dismissed the offers by saying he had brought along a young chap (myself) “who does the drinking for both of us.” “Does he,” said Churchill. “Well, let me see.” As a result, I had been held to double-duty, for the evening.

Clearly Churchill’s memory had not suffered to the degree I had been told. He volunteered, however, that his good memory was more the memory of youth; he remembered the older things more clearly.

Comments and suggestions are appreciated.

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