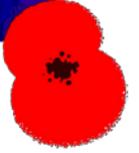




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## RBL Chairman's September report,



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For those members who are finding it difficult receiving the Legion Magazine, I thought it might be a useful link.



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**The next meeting will be Tuesday September 10th.** at the San Rafael Yacht Club, 200 Yacht Club Drive San Rafael CA. at 6.00 p.m. this meeting will be strictly about the Festival of Remembrance and also helping to send out the Invitations.

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We would like to welcome our new member Pedraich Tubridy of Maine.

One of our members Jeremy John has asked if we have any members who were involved in the Dunkirk evacuations, he would like to get in touch with them and hear their stories. If you would like to get in touch with Jeremy, please let me know and I will send you, his e-mail address or phone number.

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**My wife and I were sitting at a table** at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken woman swigging her drink, as she sat alone at a nearby table.

My wife asks, 'Do you know her?' 'Yes,' I sighed.  
'She's my old girlfriend.'

I understand she started drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since.'

'My God!' says my wife. 'Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?'

So you see, there really are two ways to look at everything

## **Submitted by Mr. Bob Bell**

Perhaps some of you have seen this before, for me it's the first time and I am more than impressed. I had no idea this took place. Just a warning, there are a couple of stutters during the playing of the video, just sit back, count to ten and you won't have missed a thing. This video is approx. 1hr. in length so be sure to have some libation handy. Although these guys received decorations for their bravery, John. Thanks to my friend Eddie Struckholt for this Video. See you soon Ed.

**Subject:** XM607 - Falklands' Most Daring Raid

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40knj0gg\\_Us](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40knj0gg_Us)

**Published on Mar 20, 2012**

On 30 April 1982, the RAF launched a secret mission: to fly a Vulcan bomber to the Falkland Islands and bomb Port Stanley's runway, putting it out of action for Argentine fighter jets. The safety of the British Task Force depended on its success.

However, the RAF could only get a single plane - a crumbling, Cold War-era Vulcan - 8000 miles south to the Falklands; because just one bomber needed an aerial fleet of 13 Victor tanker planes to refuel it throughout the 16-hour round-trip. At the time, it was the longest-range bombing mission in history.

From start to finish, the seemingly impossible mission was a comedy of errors, held together by pluck and ingenuity.

On the brink of being scrapped, only three of the ageing nuclear bombers could be fitted out for war, one to fly the mission and two in reserve.

Crucial spare parts were scavenged from museums and scrap yards - one vital component had been serving as an ashtray in the Officers' Mess.

In just three weeks, the Vulcan crews had to learn air-to-air refuelling, which they hadn't done for 20 years, and conventional bombing, which they hadn't done for 10 years either.

The RAF scoured the country for Second World War iron bombs, and complex refuelling calculations were done the night before on a £5 pocket calculator.

With a plan stretched to the limit and the RAF's hopes riding on just one Vulcan, the mission was flown on a knife-edge: fraught with mechanical failures, unreliable navigation, electrical storms and lack of fuel.

Of the 21 bombs the Vulcan dropped, only one found its target. But it was enough to change the outcome of the war.

Astonishingly, this great feat has been downplayed into near obscurity by history, but this documentary brings it back to life, providing a thrilling and uncharacteristically upbeat account from the Falklands War: the Dambusters for the 1980s generation.

## The Chilling History of How Hollywood Helped Hitler (Exclusive)



'Adolf Hitler (center) and Joseph Goebbels (left) being saluted in 1933. Photo courtesy of Corbis.

This story first appeared in the Aug. 9 issue of [The Hollywood Reporter](#) magazine.

The 1930s are celebrated as one of Hollywood's golden ages, but in an exclusive excerpt from his controversial new book, *The Collaboration: Hollywood's Pact with Hitler* (Harvard University Press, on sale Sept. 9), Harvard post-doctoral fellow **Ben Urwand** uncovers a darker side to Hollywood's past.

Drawing on a wealth of archival documents in the U.S. and Germany, he reveals the shocking extent to which Hollywood cooperated and collaborated with the Nazis during the decade leading up to World War II to protect its business.

Indeed, "collaboration" (and its German translation, *Zusammenarbeit*) is a word that appears regularly in the correspondence between studio officials and the Nazis. Although the word is fraught with meaning to modern ears, its everyday use at the time underscored the eagerness of both sides to smooth away their differences to preserve commerce.

### **[PHOTOS: Hitler's Hollywood: The Films Nazis Loved and Hated](#)**

The Nazis threatened to exclude American movies -- more than 250 played in Germany after Hitler took power in 1933 -- unless the studios cooperated. Before World War I, the German market had been the world's second largest, and even though it had shrunk during the Great Depression, the studios believed it would bounce back and worried that if they left, they would never be able to return.

[Click below for the full story](#)

<http://movies.yahoo.com/news/chilling-history-hollywood-helped-hitler-exclusive-050000260.html>

## Letter to the Editor

Las Vegas Nevada  
June 17th. 2013

The Editor  
The Weekly Telegraph

Dear Sir:

I am appalled that the British Government has agreed to pay Mau Mau terrorists and their sympathizers millions of British taxpayer's pounds for so-called brutal treatment by British military personnel. Any harsh treatment by us was mild compared to their activities. On one occasion they captured five of our men, in an ambush, before killing them, they chopped off their limbs and hung them from trees, hoping to deter us from hunting them down, it did not.

We built them hospitals, schools, churches, a railway system, roads and an infrastructure. We trained their teachers, their armed forces and their civil servants. We brought medical students to study in our hospitals and trained to be doctors. Doctors in the medical service we established there.

When we gave Kenya her independence, we left them with a stable government, a British style judiciary, an efficient civil service, reliable police and military services and a sound currency.

Just look at the mess they are in today and they are whining about events that happened sixty years ago.

With this action, the Government has opened a Pandora's Box. The claims will come pouring in from all over the former British colonies.

Capt. Edward J. Ward ret.  
Adjutant Emeritus  
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This is an excellent video on the German Invasion of Russia, mainly Stalingrad.  
It is a little long but very interesting.

Click on the link below

<http://youtu.be/ynKTjCrvkig>

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This is very entertaining; do not know how he does it.  
Enjoy.

Click on the link below

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/Ai4tPe80S6Q?rel=0>

A chuckle for the day

A London lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by a Glasgow copper. He thinks that he is smarter than the cop because he is a lawyer from LONDON and is certain that he has a better education than any Jock cop.

He decides to prove this to himself and have some fun at the Glasgow cops expense!!

**Glasgow cop says,** "Licence and registration, please."

London Lawyer says, "What for?"

**Glasgow cop says,** "Ye didnae come to a complete stop at the stop sign."

London Lawyer says, "I slowed down, and no one was coming."

**Glasgow cop says,** "Ye still didnae come to a complete stop. Licence and registration, please"

London Lawyer says, "What's the difference?"

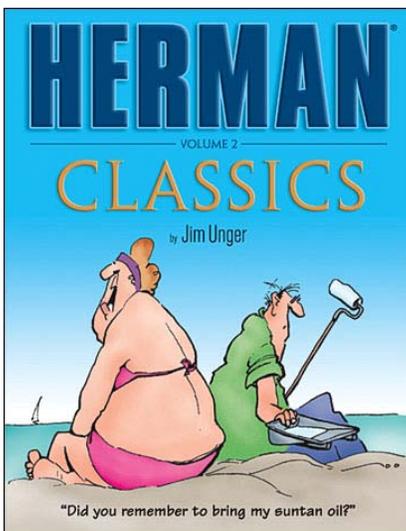
**Glasgow cop says,** "The difference is, ye huvte come to complete stop, that's the law, Licence and registration, please!"

London Lawyer says, "If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my licence and registration and you give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don't give me the ticket."

**Glasgow cop says,** "Sounds fair. Exit your vehicle, sir."

The London Lawyer exits his vehicle.

**The Glasgow cop** takes out his baton and starts beating the living crap out of the lawyer and says, "Dae ye want me to stop, or just slow doon?"



## Found in Germany after 70 years: the lost Lancaster Bomber crew

The remains of five missing British airmen have been discovered inside the wreckage of their Lancaster bomber after 69 years with the help of an eye-witness who saw the aircraft crash on its return from a World War Two raid.



The lost Lancaster Bomber crew members (L-R): Pilot FO Alex Bone, PO Bruce Watt, Sgt Cyril Yelland, Sgt Norman Foster, Sgt Raymond White and Sgt Ronald Cope Photo: BNPS

By [Telegraph reporters](#)

The discovery was made following the work of a team of German historians. Volunteers spent hours digging a muddy field looking for the RAF crew after the witness guided them to the site near Frankfurt.

A Rolls Royce engine and landing gear of the Lancaster bomber was found followed by 'hundreds' of fragments of human bones in what would have been the cockpit.

The dig was questioned by some locals who could not understand why the team were searching for British airmen who bombed their cities.

Uwe Benkel, who led the search, said they felt obliged to find the missing men and bring comfort to their families who knew nothing of how or where they died.

Some of the relatives have now expressed their gratitude to the amateur historians and are hoping to finally bury their loved ones seven decades after their deaths.

**Click below for full story**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/history/world-war-two/9557610/Bodies-of-five-British-airmen-from-Second-World-War-found.html>

## 99 YEARS AGO

A boy chained his bike to a tree, then went to fight WWI. The tree is on Vashon Island, which is between Tacoma and Seattle, Washington U.S.A.

Quite amazing!

### A Monument To The Fallen 99 years ago...



A boy went to war in 1914 and left his bike chained to a small tree. He never made it home, and his family left the bike by the tree in his memory. This is that tree today.

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this if it's one of the best monuments to our fallen soldiers that you have ever seen.