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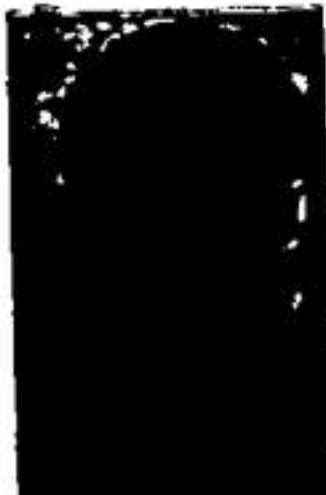
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These Men Flew With Andy Mynarski

by Jim Kelly

as told to Jack Brickenden in the Winnipeg Free Press. (Jim Kelly, a former Georgetown resident, is the son of Town Clerk John D. and Mrs. Kelly)



Jim Kelly

(second of three articles) "The next day the people from the village came to gape at us. They brought dozens of cold boiled eggs in the evening brought us some hot soup - our first hot meal in nearly a week. One kettle, two spoons and a dozen grinning staring women, but we fell to with a will. After the food the woman who had found us in the wood led us along a path between double fences till we reached her house. 2 men were there, one of whom, we learned later, was the leader of the local underground.

"The leader of the pair brought a huge German Luger out of his jacket and laid it on the table. Then he began to question us in broken English. Particularly he wanted to know why we used the word "yeah" for yes. To the French this sounded too much like the German "Ja."

"It wasn't easy, even with the precious phrase book, trying to explain the difference. [What clinched the deal for them, though, was a picture I had taken of myself and my wife

Lee in a Canadian setting and another of myself and some friends at Halifax.

"After a lot more questions they let us go back to the barn to sleep. We slept all day and at night the villagers came back again - this time with hot roast chicken to show their appreciation of what the Canadians were doing in the war. And during the next few days we had long talks with them about Canada and about France. Our high school French was pretty useful.

A Doubtful Treat "We learned that the woman who'd found us in the wood was well educated and therefore very helpful in the underground. However she wasn't an actual member as only very people like doctors, teachers, lawyers and others with unlimited contacts were permitted to be members.

"We stayed two more days during that time the villagers paid us another tribute. It was a special treat - a half-raw steak in which raw onions had been buried. It was barely warm and just about made us sick, but they presented it to us with such good heart and sat around watching while we forced it down, so we tossed off every scrap of it rather than hurt their feelings.

"The next day we were given old clothes that were much too big for us. Our own clothes were taken and burned. The man who had interrogated us arrived and we started off for Hennencourt. He walked ahead of us pushing his bicycle and we kept our distance behind. We traveled only by day as this was the safest time to be on the road. Anyone found out at night would be shot on sight. The Germans weren't likely to suspect anyone travelling in broad daylight. At least we hoped they wouldn't

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New Hiding Place "If our guide was stopped by soldiers we were to keep on walking and ignore him. If we'd been stopped our guide would simply climb on his bike and leave us to the Germans. We got away with it though. We passed some Jerries once but nothing happened.

"It was five miles to Hennencourt. The town was a small crossroads with gun emplacements still there from the First World War. We were led to a house in the centre of town, less than a hundred yards from a large German transport unit stationed in the town's villa. Hennencourt had a population of about 200.

"We ate well there. Friends of the people who were harbouring us came to visit and stars and sash brought something from his own meagre ration to help feed the exhibits. Sunday afternoon was the favourite visiting time. Now I know how the bears in the zoo must feel. All afternoon they would sit and chatter and stare. The instant Bob and I uttered a word all conversation ceased and everyone in the room would focus their attention on us.

We Hear the BBC "While we were on display at this home we heard the radio for the first time since we were shot down. We heard BBC news and once I even heard a program that mentioned my home town - Georgetown, Ontario. It was pathetic how glad I was to hear that a house in my home town had burned down.

"The presence of radios in French homes was an indication of the German's applied psychology. Radios kept the French content and also gave Jerry a medium for spreading propaganda. The BBC was firmly verboten. German soldiers would barge into French homes and inspect radio dials at will. "It became a household rule in occupied France that after listening to the BBC or Allied station the radio was to be turned away from the station when shut off. It was through this German-controlled radio that we heard that the buzz bombs had devastated London. The biggest city in the world was reported to be in flames. However, the BBC claimed a minimum damage had been caused by the robot bomb. After a while we couldn't help wondering who was right. The persistence of the German propaganda had a telling effect.

"To add weight to the German propaganda programs, the French in this area had something else to convince them. A flying bomb site was just outside the town and day and night the roaring take-off of V1's would set the ground trembling.

A Mad Race "Sometimes we'd see RAF and the RCAF planes flying over and we couldn't help but think of how the crews would be back in their messes in two or three hours comparing notes over tea and fried eggs. American Flying Forts passed over too, flying their light formation. Once we saw parachutes mushroom out from one American aircraft and begin the long lazy drift to earth. It takes about 20 minutes from height and as soon as it's fairly certain where the chutists will land the Germans head for the spot. So do the French. It was always a strange sort of race - the Jerries in trucks, staff cars and motorcycles, and the French on foot. There was never time for the conquerors to stop the conquered from competing in the race. Both sides just dashed hell-bent-for-election to be first on the scene.

"If the Germans won the race the story ended right there. A prisoner of war camp for the duration.

"If the French got there first it was a different matter. The man in the lead would dash across the field ripping off his clothing as he ran. When he reached the airman he would start tearing his uniform off him and with gestures and words make it clear that they were to switch clothes. When the change was made the rest of the Frenchmen would gather around the disguised airman and point in the direction opposite to that taken by the uniformed Frenchman.

Sabotage "It seemed crazy to us at first, but it's really pretty sensible. The Frenchman in the airman's uniform wouldn't have any trouble keeping out of sight in familiar countryside and the disguised airman wouldn't be easy to detect in a group of peasants. His French might not be so hot, but neither was the Germans. Anyway, it worked.

"Bob and I were amazed at the sabotage being carried out by mere kids working with the underground... The teen aged boy in the family that was harbouring us went out regularly. His antic road like a dime novel. Piano wires across roads to chop the heads off German motorcyclists... twisted spikes on main roads to foul the tires of German convoys - dynamite sticks under railway tracks. And when the invasion came these youngsters would bring out buried arms and ammunition for open aid to the allies.

"We got pretty sick of waiting. We played cribbage and rummy until we'd run up a score of 25,000. But a break came eventually.

"We were sitting in the kitchen playing rummy when the door opened suddenly and a Frenchman walked in on us. This man was known to be on friendly terms with the Germans. (continued on page 11)

MILTON RECTOR REV. D. POWELL, SPEAKS HERE

Rectors of Anglican churches in Georgetown and Milton exchanged pulpits on Sunday in connection with the Advent anniversary observance.

Rev. Kenneth Richardson went to Milton on Sunday morning, while Rev. David Powell took services at St. George's and St. Alban's, Glen Williams.

Mr. Powell recently inducted as rector at Milton, had previously served four years at Harrison. He has been active in choral activities and recently organized a junior choir festival which was held in the Milton church.

Mr. Powell made some pertinent observations about the celebration of Christmas, stressing the religious aspects of the season as well as the holiday spirit. He asked Anglicans to examine their faith in the light of what other religious groups of different persuasions are doing today in their missionary activity at home and in foreign lands.

ST. PAUL'S BAZAAR HELD AT NORVAL

In their parish hall, gaily decorated with lighted Christmas trees and decorations, St. Paul's Guild held their annual bazaar, Saturday, December 10th. The event was well attended, and those in charge of the various booths were:

Mrs. Harold Smellie, Mrs. Walter Fidler, Mrs. Arthur Hurton, Mrs. G. Shering, Mrs. Victor Hazell, Miss Edna Kerr, Mrs. Robert Gollop, Misses Dianne Shering, Barbara Hazell, Nancy Grauby, and Judith Hvedehave.

Many of the patrons enjoyed afternoon tea served by Mrs. John Rawlison, Mrs. Arthur Barnett, Mrs. William Finamore, Mrs. Paul Glead, Mrs. Walter Hvedehave and Mrs. Campbell.

Robinson - Cook Wedding At Erindale Rectory

On Saturday, December 3rd, Mrs. Edna Cook and Mr. Albert Robinson were married quietly at the Anglican Rectory in Erindale by Rev. Banks.

After the ceremony Mrs. Charlie Kerns of Erindale, Mr. Robinson's sister, held a reception at her home for Mr. and Mrs. Robinson.

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