



Sam Garnet

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Sam Garnet

- Born in 1923
- Jewish Canadian
- 16 when the war started
- He got married when he was 18.
- Joined the air force
- Served in the army until the war was over



Childhood

- His childhood was affected by the fact that he was Jewish.
- His parents divorced when he was just 12 years old.
- He worked as a linotype operator for three years (16-18), and spent 8 hours a day, reading and setting type.



The War



<http://www.old-picture.com/american-history-1900-1930s/pictures/Compositors-Linotype.jpg>

- Sam Garnet knew what the war was about since he was a linotype operator. He had been reading about it for the past three years he had been working.
- When a journalist wrote badly about the Germans, he would show the article to his German friend.

Jazz Age

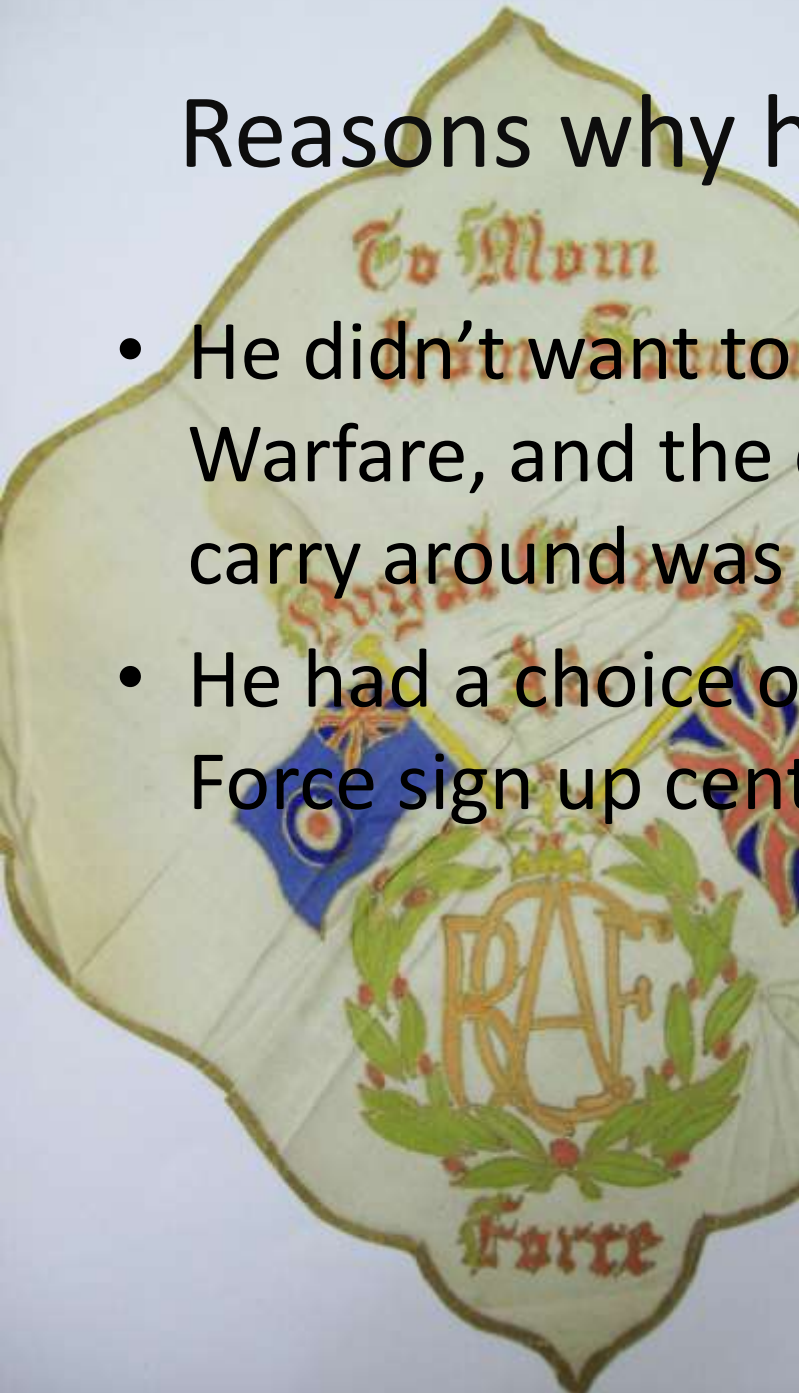
- He was a zoot suitor. He would often go dancing a lot and spent every nickel he had to spend it at dancing.
- He thought that he was going to be a **zombie** when he went to sign up in the air force with his zoot suit on.



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Zoot_suit_yokum.JPG

Reasons why he joined the Air Force

- He didn't want to get involved in Trench Warfare, and the equipment the army had to carry around was heavier than himself.
- He had a choice of joining the Navy but the Air Force sign up center was closer to his house.





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PILOT OFFICER S.L.GOLDBERG (CAN.J.94281)

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Conditions of Service on Appointment to Commission

6th April, 1945

1. In connection with your appointment to a probationary commission as Pilot Officer in the G.L. (Wireless Officer Operator),..... Reserve, Special Section of the Royal Canadian Air Force you are advised that the basic conditions of service are as follows:-

(a) Part-time appointments to commissions are in the Reserve Special Section, Royal Canadian Air Force, and terminate either on cessation of hostilities or at such time as officers' services are no longer required by His Majesty the King.

(b) R.C.A.F. personnel attached to the Royal Air Force are at all times entitled to pay and dependants' allowances as laid down by Financial Regulations and Instructions for the Royal Canadian Air Force on active service. As and from May 1st, 1945, no part of an R.C.A.F. officer's pay is deferred. The Deferred Pay allowance as an airman, however, will be subject to withdrawal only under the provisions of A.S.G. A.1167/42. The Canadian rate of pay per diem is as follows:

	<u>General List</u>	<u>Non-Flying List</u>	<u>General List</u>	<u>Non-Flying List</u>
Pilot Officer	£6.25	£4.25	Flying Officer	£7.00
and the Drawing Rate will be the entitlement from these rates on a 30-day basis,				

receipt of Form A.42. (Officers Banking Instructions.) You should obtain this Form from your Unit Accountant Officer and on the bank account cannot be opened without it. It is essential that it be completed and despatched at once to the:

United Kingdom Base Accounts Unit,
1 Hans Road, Knightsbridge, LONDON, S.W.8.

It is important to note that the election of your bank must be confined to one of the Canadian Banks listed on the reverse of Form A.42. On receipt of this Form an initial bank deposit will be made covering your pay and the bank will forward to you your pass book and cheque book immediately. If no advice is received from the bank within approximately two weeks, you should communicate with the United Kingdom Base Accounts Unit. Regular pay deposits will commence at the end of the month on which you receive notification of your commission.

(a) Uniform allowance will be deposited in your bank account automatically at the same time as the regular deposit for promotion pay is made. If, when buying your uniform, you wish to sign a Tailor's Order on your bank, you must make sure it is drawn on the Canadian Bank you have elected.

(c) Your Pay book must be retained in your personal possession. A notice covering the change in your entitlement will be forwarded to your Unit Accountant Officer who will make the necessary amendment in your pay book.

(2) Canadian rates of Dependents' Allowance for the two above-noted ranks are £47.50 per month for the wife, £13.92 for the first child, £12.00 for the second, £10.00 for the third, and 68.00 for the next three (maximum 6).

G. E. Middleton
(G. E. Middleton.) A/C
for Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief
R.C.A.F. OVE



Royal Canadian Air Force

This is to certify that

Pilot Officer Can J94281
RANK NUMBER

Solomon Louis GOLDBERG
NAME IN FULL

Served on Active Service with the

Royal Canadian Air Force

15th October, 1942 and was HONOURABLY RELEASED

Transferred to the Reserve, General Section, Class "E"

on the Twentieth day of September 19 45

Particulars of Active Service

length of tour: Yes Number of occasions wounded Nil

Decorations, Medals, Mentions and commendations awarded during above service

Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and clasp

Wireless Air Gunner's Badge

19th September, 1945
DATE

R. J. Gemmels
FOR CHIEF OF AIR STAFF

If holder in reverse side. Should certificate become lost, no duplicate can be obtained. Any alterations render it null and void.

AFTER ORDER

The Squadron Commander wishes to put on Record, his profound appreciation of the magnificent cooperation and enthusiasm of all ranks of this Squadron and 8547 Echelon, which made such a success of the operation carried out on the night of 23/24 March.

The following signal has been received from the Air Officer Commanding in Chief.

" Please convey my congratulations to all crews concerned in the dashing and successful operations against U-Boats and enemy surface vessels in the Baltic on the nights of 23/24 and 26/27th. You have proved to the Hun that he now possesses no waters where his U-boats are free from air attacks. "

The following reply has been sent;

"Your message greatly appreciated by all concerned. We were fortunate in the opportunity. May more come our way."

The following has been received from the Air Officer Commanding 15 Group.

" Please convey to the undermentioned personnel of 547 Squadron my heartfelt congratulations on their awards as follows :-
Distinguished Flying Cross - S/Ldr E F Publicover, P/O R W Miller, P/Lt E R Allise, P/Lt R E Brown and P/Lt G B C Key.
Distinguished Flying Medal - Sgt C W Wiegand."

MESSING CARD

TROOP MESS HALL

2ND

FIRST MEAL 7-30 a.m.

SECOND MEAL 4-30 p.m.

SITTING

This card must be shown at service counter.

NO. 547 SQUADRON.

"D" PLIGHT.

3/LDR. R.B. WILLIAMS (41572). 314695. P/S. Brock, G.V.R. P/O. J.A. Atwill (A.423036). 755647. W/O. Lockhurst, E.S. 2210214. P/S. Rowe, H. 542944. W/O. Blackwell, D. 3.124017. W/O. Bronchuk, E.J. A.420576. W/O. Moore, O.T. 1897921. Sgt. Gray, S.I. 1864840. Sgt. Randall, G.F.	Captain. 2nd Pilot. Nav.B. Nav.B. Flt/Eng. WOP/AIR. WOP/AIR. WOP/AIR. A/G. A/G.	P/Lt. R.D. BOOTHBY (122750). P/O. R.J. Street (151402). P.443990. P/O. Robinson, W.C. P/O. H.P. Brown (A.408163). 333010. P/S. Toddman, P.C. 1579203. P/A. Bird, W. P/O. W. Ozuboka. (J.71022). P/O. M.J. Gracie (A.412774). 2219425. Sgt. Dunton, G.S. 1666174. Sgt. Hall, L.H.	Captain. 2nd Pilot. Nav.B. Nav.B. Flt/Eng. WOP/AIR. WOP/AIR. A/G. A/G.
P/O. K.H. LINDICK (171226). P/O. I.C. Alexander (J.20596). P/O. D.J. Matthews (J.25046). P/Lt. A.G. Scarlott (124763). 1583601. P/S. Tizley, A. 1735007. P/S. Jydenham, P.C. 1/Lt. A.M. Borlan (O-006075). R.101019. W/O. Wozniak, J.W. 1000540. Sgt. Thomas, H. 2219177. Sgt. Hough, J.	Captain. 2nd Pilot. Nav.B. Nav.B. Flt/Eng. WOP/AG. WOP/AIR. WOP/AIR. A/G. A/G.	P/O. J. FINE (140453). P/O. S. Nutcliffe (151391). P/O. P.T. Collins (A.404169). P/O. A.B. Chapman (163519). 337315. P/S. Howell, G. P/O. E.L. Louty (184343). A.422501. W/O. Greenwood, E.C. A.422496. W/O. Coody, H.A. 3050317. Sgt. Payne, L.V. 1736020. Sgt. St. John, A.	Captain. 2nd Pilot. Nav.B. Nav.B. Flt/Eng. WOP/AG. WOP/AIR. A/G. A/G.
1/Lt. G.B.C. KEY (60227). 1/Lt. T.A. Waller (133070). P/O. W. Gibson (A.414017). P/O. A.J. Balsan (153092). 378000. P/Sgt. Lynch, J. 1233220. P/S. Johnston, S. P/O. W.E. Pourn (J.26510). A.421994. W/O. Middleton, P. 2210776. Sgt. Tollitt, G.R. 2220250. Sgt. Milcz, A.C.	Captain. 2nd Pilot. Nav.B. Nav.B. Flt/Eng. WOP/AG. WOP/AG. WOP/AIR. A/G. A/G.	P/O. D. JONES (J.26619). R.50911. W/O. Lordeux, G.D. P/O. W.H. Thorvaldson (A.17019). P/O. A.W. Darlington (A.06590). 1601006. P/S. Green, J.C. A.111754. W/O. Hunkett, D.S. P/Lt. H. Cantell (133297). P/O. G.D. Gales (A.26599). 3015635. Sgt. Lock, J.A. 1475610. Sgt. Taylor, W.	Captain. 2nd Pilot. Nav.B. Nav.B. Flt/Eng. WOP/AG. WOP/AG. WOP/AIR. A/G. A/G.
P/Lt. G.F. DINGLE (J.3570). P/O. A.J. Salmon (153412). P/O. A.W. Search (J.36301). P/O. E. Hobdon (160970). 646609. P/S. Hargreaves, P. R.163055. P/S. Gibson, W. R.164308. P/S. Mikols, W.H. R.163433. P/S. Goldberg, S.L. 1097075. Sgt. Wiegand, G.W. 1632601. Sgt. Richards, D.J.	Captain. 2nd Pilot. Nav.B. Nav.B. Flt/Eng. WOP/AIR. WOP/AIR. WOP/AIR. A/G. A/G.	P/O. G.J. BOXALL (A.419635). P/O. E.S. Doeh (159950). P/O. T.M. Fitzgerald (A.429221). A.417720. P/S. Simpson, W.S. 2207400. P/S. Horneby, H.S. 1330052. P/S. Gillingham, S.J. P/O. L.I. Cox (A.419506). A.419630. P/S. Hart, J. A.435399. P/S. Kenou, A.A. 1610247. Sgt. Shutt, P.D.	Captain. 2nd Pilot. Nav.B. Nav.B. Flt/Eng. WOP/AG. WOP/AG. WOP/AIR. A/G. A/G.
P/O. D.W. ROBERTS (151440). P/O. L.J. McKenna (J.35550). P/Lt. W.E.T. Jones (129397). P/O. J.R. Singleton (J.05577). 200996. P/S. Glanville, A.E.	Captain. 2nd Pilot. Nav.B. Nav.B. Flt/Eng.	P/O. R.W. WEDLER (169473). P/O. A.R. Mairn (A.438199). P/O. R. Swart (171617). P/O. T.T. Gindon (A.436069). 1339426. Sgt. Quarantine, P.D.	Captain. 2nd Pilot. Nav.B. Nav.B. Flt/Eng.

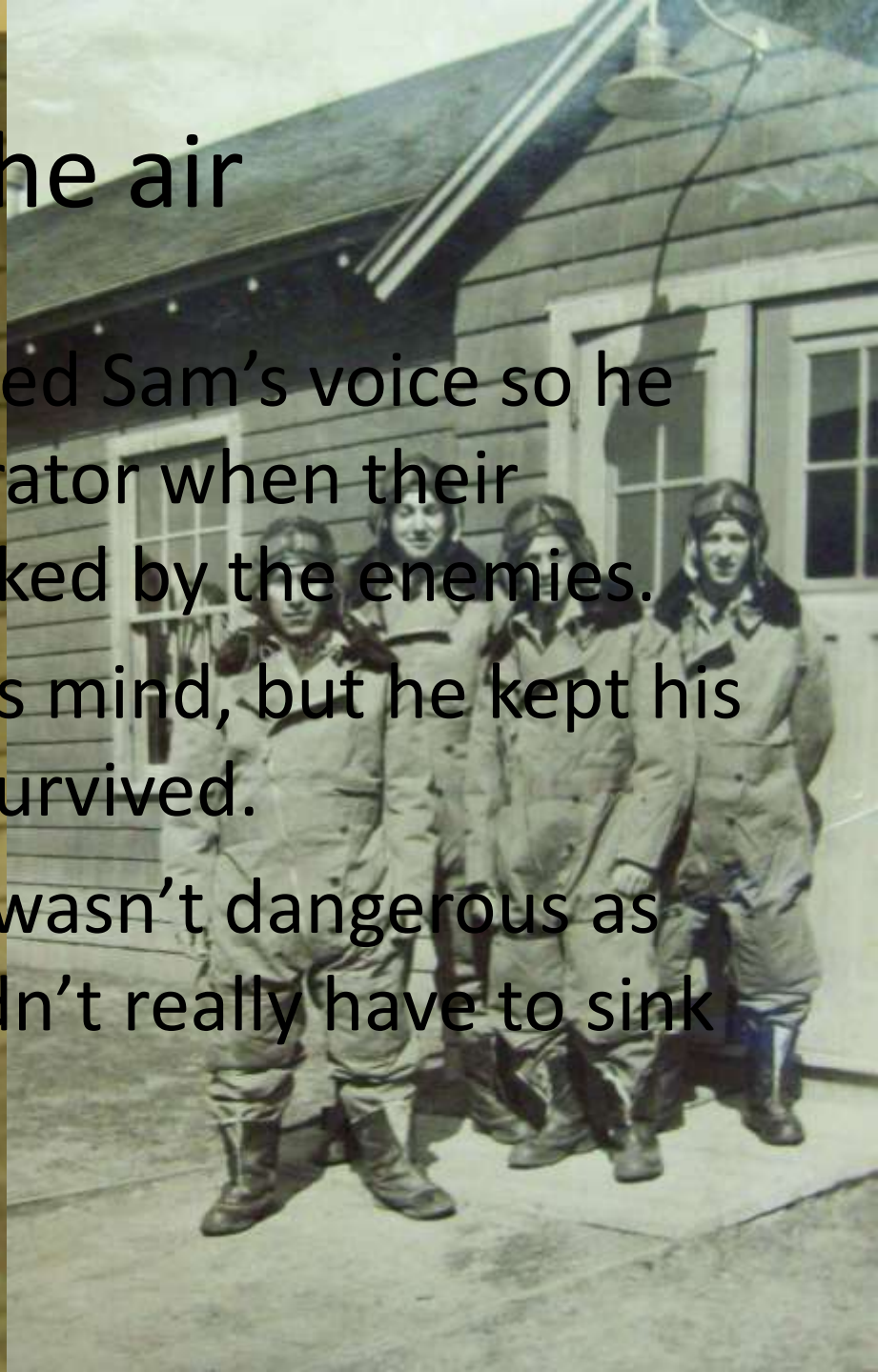
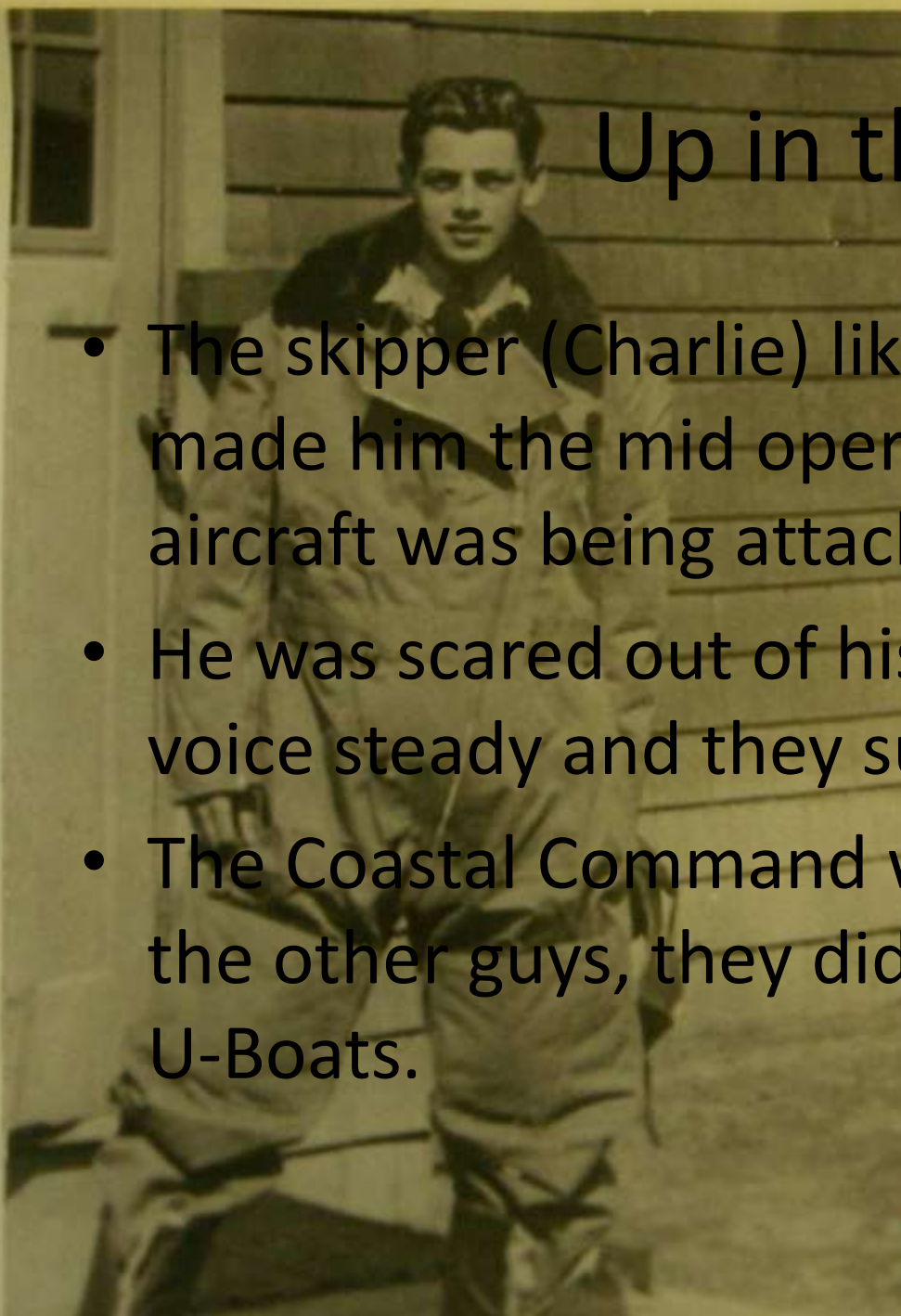
Training

- He spent 8 months in Calgary during the summer, and went to NASA during the winter time.
- He also spent nine months in wireless school. (He did 33 letters, no mistake) and he was the 66 entry of the Canadian Wireless School.
- He was really close with the friends he made, and he would also often write to their parents.
- He didn't get his commission when he graduated like others, he got it during the war.



Up in the air

- The skipper (Charlie) liked Sam's voice so he made him the mid operator when their aircraft was being attacked by the enemies.
- He was scared out of his mind, but he kept his voice steady and they survived.
- The Coastal Command wasn't dangerous as the other guys, they didn't really have to sink U-Boats.



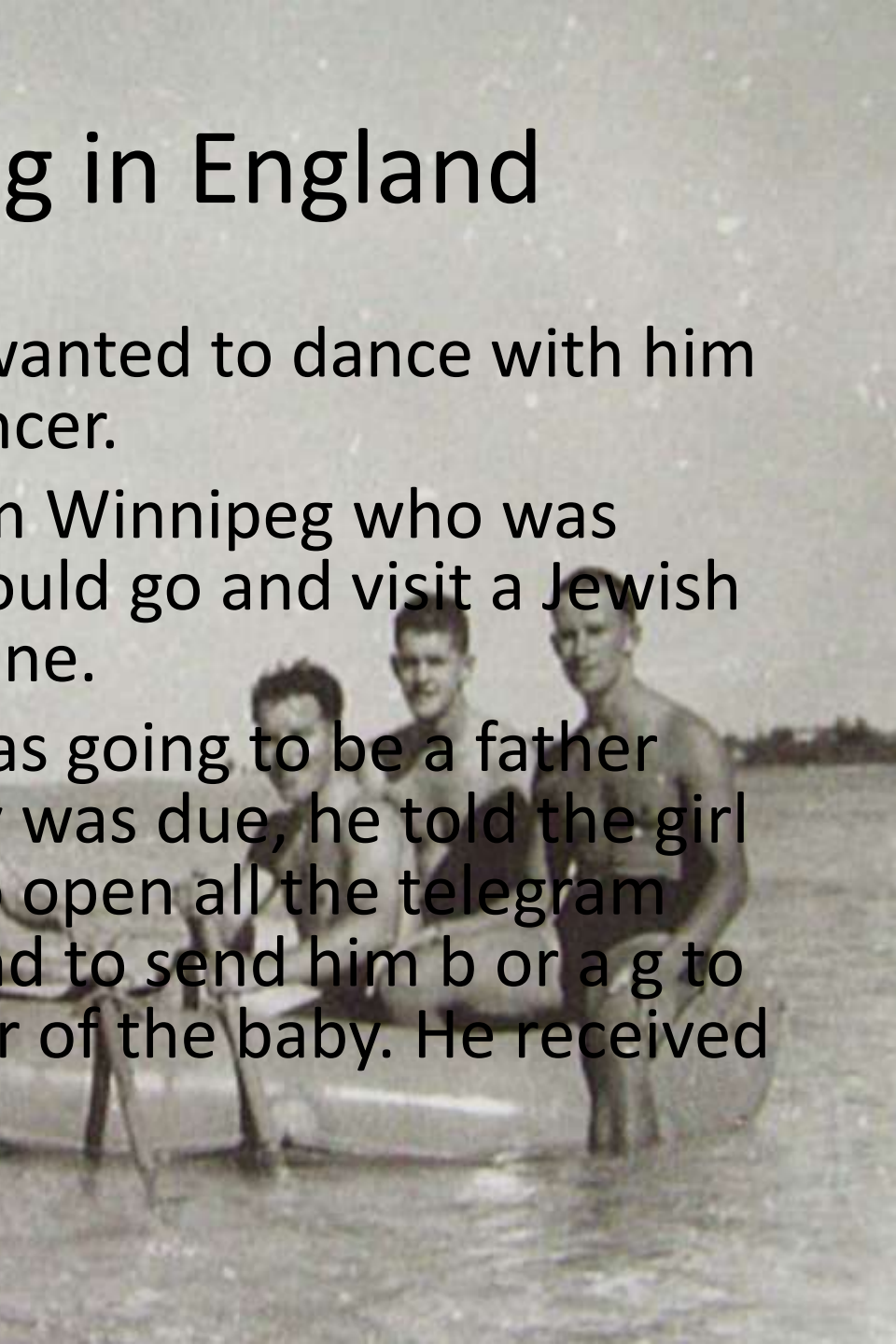
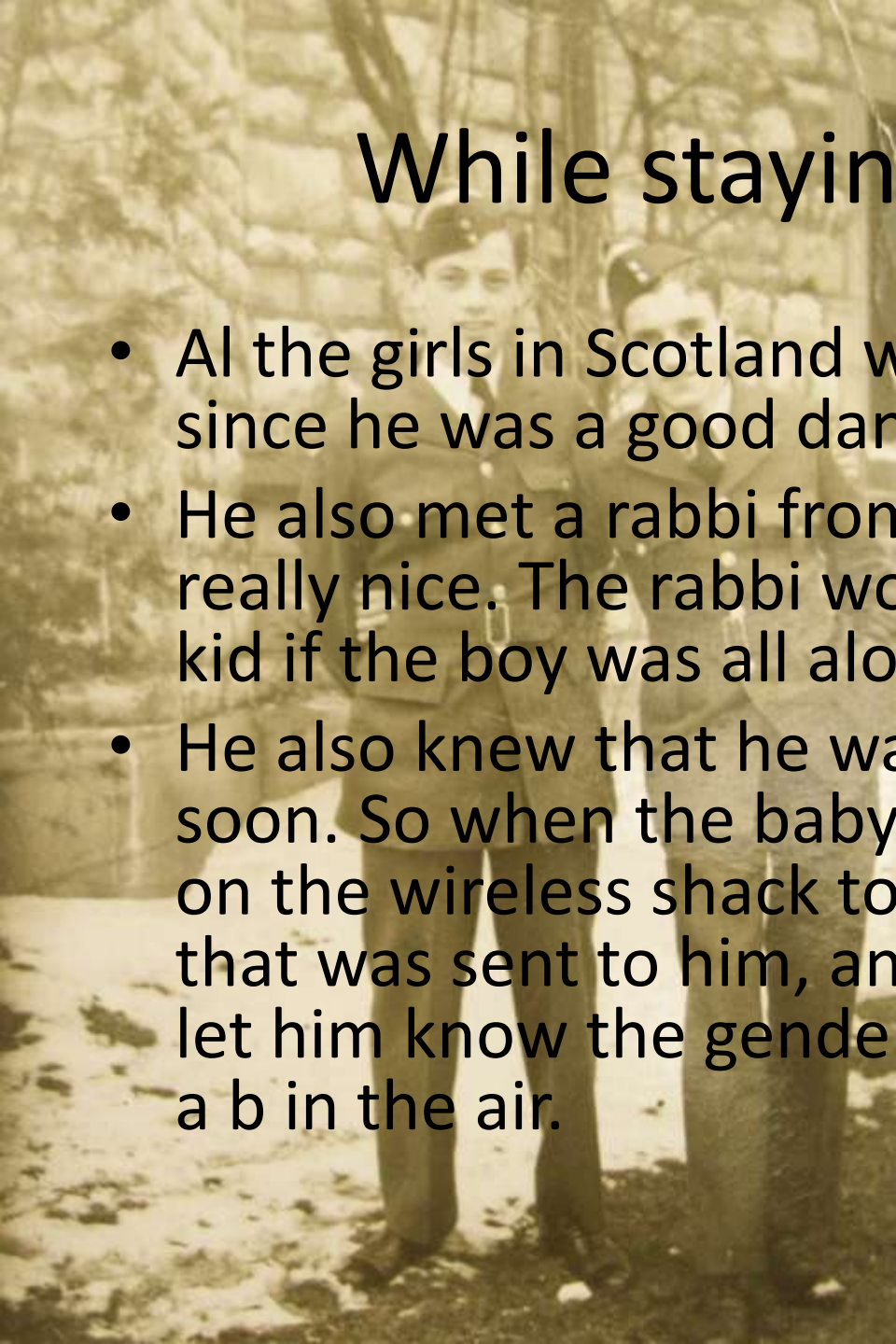
Free Time

- Since he was a married man, others treated him like the old man of the group. They would give him money to bank.
- He would often go dancing during his free time or go to the intelligence library.
- He also wrote letters to his family everyday, and when he missed a day or something, he would fake it and cheat.



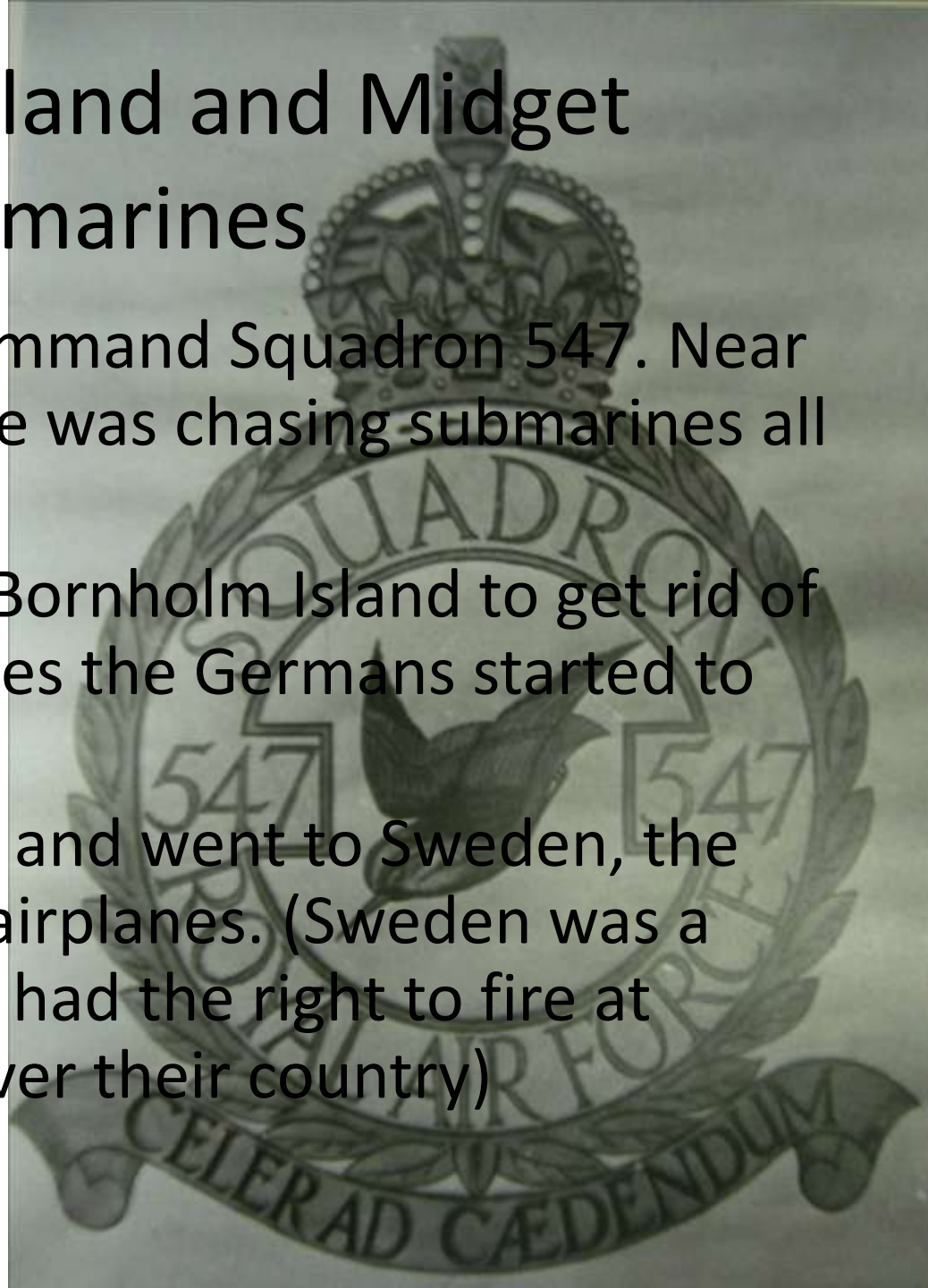
While staying in England

- All the girls in Scotland wanted to dance with him since he was a good dancer.
- He also met a rabbi from Winnipeg who was really nice. The rabbi would go and visit a Jewish kid if the boy was all alone.
- He also knew that he was going to be a father soon. So when the baby was due, he told the girl on the wireless shack to open all the telegram that was sent to him, and to send him b or a g to let him know the gender of the baby. He received a b in the air.



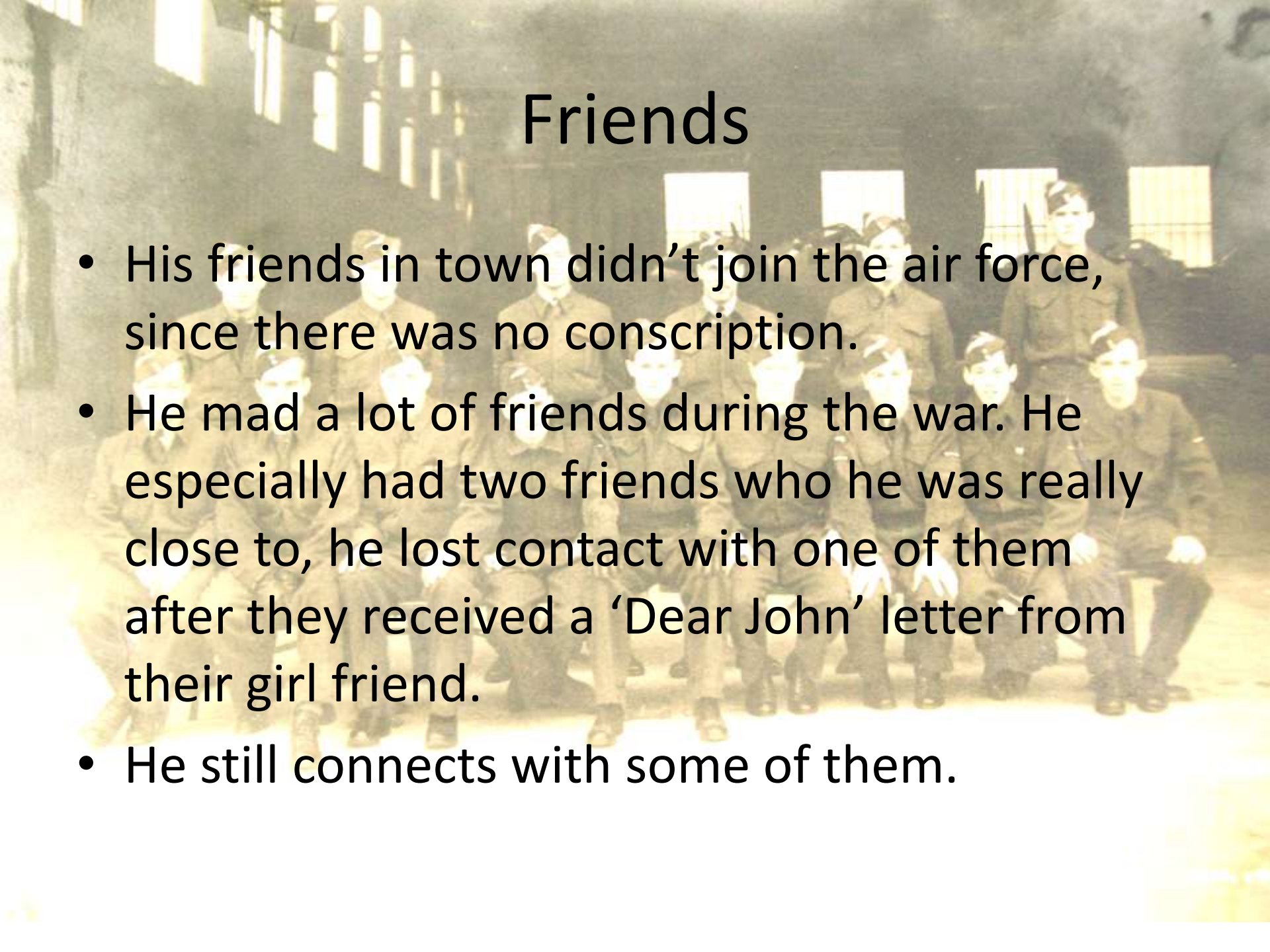
Bornholm Island and Midget Submarines

- He was in Coastal Command Squadron 547. Near the end of the war, he was chasing submarines all over the world
- He also had to go to Bornholm Island to get rid of the midget Submarines the Germans started to invent in the Island.
- He flew over Norway and went to Sweden, the Swedish fired at the airplanes. (Sweden was a neutral country, they had the right to fire at airplanes that flew over their country)



Friends

- His friends in town didn't join the air force, since there was no conscription.
- He made a lot of friends during the war. He especially had two friends who he was really close to, he lost contact with one of them after they received a 'Dear John' letter from their girl friend.
- He still connects with some of them.







D-Day

- The day before the D-Day operation, the planes had three white stripes painted on them.
- He patrolled around the Bay of Biscay. His job was to make sure that the allied ships don't sink during the arrival.
- No allied ships were sunk during the operation.
- Their air force sank over fourteen U-Boats in the first two weeks.

After the war

- It was exciting for him to come back to Canada.
- He came back to Canada in August. Even though he had a chance to go to a University free, or get a land, he took the 600 dollars they sent him and bought a fridge.
- When he came back after the war, he was a father. It was exciting, but he also felt responsible. He didn't know how to be a father since nobody taught him.
- His baby had red hair, which was weird because nobody else in his family had red hair.



Important Moments of the Interview

- Every words Mr. Garnet has told us were all so memorable. They all were fascinating stories and interesting. Everything he told us are all important, but if I have to choose at least one, I would say it was when he told us about his childhood, and how he already knew what the war was about and joined the air force. I think it was very brave of him to join even after knowing all about the war.



Oral History Project

“By interviewing at least one veteran, you can preserve memories that otherwise might be lost”, this is a quote said by Spencer Bachus, an American politician.

Oral histories are stories that living individuals tell about their pasts, or about the pasts of other people. Interviewing a veteran is not a job or homework, it is an opportunity. People who interview the veterans will have the opportunity to listen to their stories alive; they'll be able to hear how they felt fighting. Valuable information can be obtained from listening to the veterans. Also, listening to stories from people who actually experienced them will be much more interesting unlike history textbooks. The Oral History project will help both the students and the veterans.

*“It looked like you could walk across
the channel” – Sam Garnet*