



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
of SASKATCHEWAN



A Message from Her Honour the Honourable Bernadette McIntyre

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As our Sovereign's representative in Saskatchewan, it is my privilege to extend greetings on behalf of His Majesty King Charles III, King of Canada, to everyone gathered in Malta to commemorate the contributions of the 458th Squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and to mark the 80th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

Among the 2,298 Commonwealth aircrew commemorated at the Malta Memorial, 285 were Canadians, and 27 of those Canadians served with the 458th RAAF Squadron. Four more Canadian airmen from the 458th are buried on Malta for a total of 31 Canadians from nine provinces.

Of those 31 Canadians, Saskatchewan is overrepresented with eight airmen killed in action, namely: Howard Bradley of Moose Jaw, Thomas Griggs of Tisdale, Lawrence Gleason of Canora, William Hailstone of Weyburn, Maurice Kempton of Moose Jaw, Donald McConechy of Paddockwood, Arthur Paga of Saskatoon and Albert Renton of Regina.

I would like to acknowledge Adam Wagstaffe and his daughter Cate for their commitment and diligent work in documenting the service of young Canadians who flew off to foreign parts for their King and country, many never to step foot on their homeland again. Telling their stories is a gift to their families and to all Canadians.

Thank you to everyone in Malta for honouring our countrymen who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we might live in peace. Those who have served in uniform deserve our gratitude and respect, and those who are among the casualties of war must not be forgotten.

I offer my best wishes to everyone attending the ceremonies. You must be extremely proud of your loved one's service. May your time spent with family members of other Commonwealth air force veterans be comforting and edifying. Enjoy your time together and safe travels home.

M. Bernadette McIntyre
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Province of Saskatchewan