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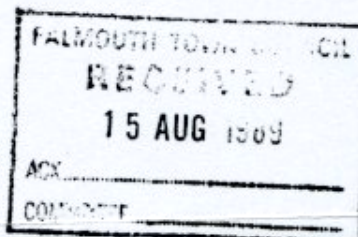
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en rappelant les références ci-dessous :

SECRETARIAT GENERAL
Lettre N°

OBJET :

VOTRE REF :

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

Douarnenez, le 27 février 1989.

Michel MAZEAS
Maire de Douarnenez

A

Eric Dawkins
Town Clerk

FALMOUTH, TR11 2RT

Dear Eric,

How are you ? Fine, I believe !

I send you to day a copy of a letter I sent to the "Musée
de la R.A.F." - LONDON.

I hope you can understand my bad English language !

Please, may you write a few words to the "Conservateur", about our good twinning relations. I suppose that a letter from you would be a good introduction for my request.

Thank you Eric, and so long !

Michel MAZEAS,



SKOL-UEHEL AR VRO
INSTITUT CULTUREL
DE BRETAGNE

Correspondance à adresser

à M. Michel MAZEAS, Maire
Hôtel de Ville

29174 DOUARNENEZ

Douarnenez, le 27 février 1989.

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Maire de Douarnenez

Vice-Président de la Section
Histoire de l'I.C.B.

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Monsieur le Conservateur
du Département des Recherches
Musée de la R.A.F.

HENDON. LONDON NW 9.5 L.L.
GREAT BRITAIN

Monsieur le Conservateur,

We are looking for a lot of historical details about history of our town, DOUARNENEZ, a fishing harbour, in the western part of BRITTANY.

We are trying to write a book about all the events we are able to know, from to day to the prehistorie days.

I am in charge of the story of all the airmen who lived in DOUARNENEZ, or all the airmen who participated in an event in relation with the story of our town.

About one of those events, I cannot find all the details I need. I hope that you can find it for me !

It is about the bombing of TREBOUL, a village near DOUARNE-NEZ, on November the 28th, 1941.

I believe it was an action of the "COASTAL COMMAND", which probably started from SAINT EWEAL, or ROBOROUGH (CORNWALL). But, I am not quite sure.

The target was an Hôtel ("Hôtel de la Baie"), in front of the beach, where a lot of Kriegsmarine's officers, used to meet, in a quiet spot, near an interesting fishing harbour.

The date of one of those meetings was sent by radio from a "Réseau" of French Résistance to their "correspondants" in England.

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If it is possible, can you send me the official note about this event, and if it is not possible, just only the type of the aircraft (was it a "BRISTOL BEAUFORT" ?), the name of the pilot and his "curriculum vitae", and what it resulted about the action.

Your sincerely

Michel MAZEAS

N.B. May be, you have a complete note about "DOUARNENE2 and R.A.F.". I would be very interested by such a note.

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9th March 1989

Dear Michel

Thank you for your letter of the 27th February enclosing a copy of your letter to the Royal Air Force Museum in London. I can assure you your written english is far better than my French.

I have written to the Curator of the Royal Air Force Museum who's correct address is as follows:

P.G. Murton B.A., L.A.A.,
Curator
Aviation Records
Royal Air Force Museum
Graham Parkway
Hendon
London NW9 5LL

In order to assist you further, I have requested the local newspapers to request those residents living near St. Eval Aerodrome during 1941, to forward any information they may have of the Flying Operations. I note that you refer to St. Eval and Roborough (Plymouth) being used by RAF Coastal Command, may I suggest that should you obtain details of the squadrons operating from these Airfields, I could make enquiries to ascertain whether there is an RAF Association of which some members may have served in the respective squadrons.

May I say I was more than delighted to receive a letter from you and I would like to convey the best wishes of Francis and myself, not only to you, but all our friends in Douarnenez.

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OBJET :

VOTRE REF :

Dear Eric,

Thank you for your letter of 9th March. I did received yesterday a letter from Mr R.C. NESBIT who gave me many details about the strike on TREBOUL. You can find it, enclosed, for your information. I try to pursue further, for I would want to know what it happened to F/L WHITE and his crew after their crash on 12th February 1942. I shall be deeply sorry that the sea has been their last grave...

Now, if it is possible, can you find one or two good photos of "BRISTOL BEAUFORT", flying or at ground, during the last war, at SAINT EVAL, or in an other stage ? I have just a photo of a "BEAUFIGHTER" and it is not the same aircraft !!

Mes amitiés à toi et à Francis.

Et merci encore.

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The world is a small bowl !

Best wishes to all our friends in Falmouth (I met, on 14 july, Philip FOX and the crew of "Quaker Girl". We spent a good moment at TREBOUL and at home !).

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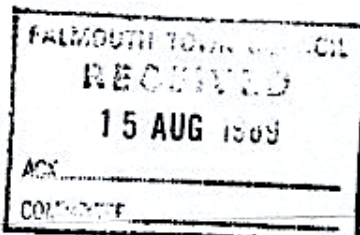
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