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Electric Scotland's Weekly Newsletter for July 10th, 2020

For the latest news from Scotland see our ScotNews feed at:

<https://electricscotland.com/scotnews.htm>

Electric Scotland News

I made a video about Scottish Independence where I argue that Scotland would be better staying in the UK.

You can view this at;

<http://www.electricscotland.org/showthread.php/5554-Scottish-Independence-in-2020>

Scottish News from this weeks newspapers

Note that this is a selection and more can be read in our [ScotNews](#) feed on our index page where we list news from the past 1-2 weeks. I am partly doing this to build an archive of modern news from and about Scotland as world news stories that can affect Scotland and all the newsletters are archived and also indexed on Google and other search engines. I might also add that in a number of newspapers you will find many comments which can be just as interesting as the news story itself and of course you can also add your own comments if you wish which I do myself from time to time.

Father of Scottish democracy Thomas Muir restored to Faculty of Advocates after 227 years
He was persecuted during his lifetime for daring to challenge a vindictive establishment fearful of change, but has come to be regarded as the father of Scottish democracy.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/uk-news/father-scottish-democracy-thomas-muir-restored-faculty-advocates-after-227-years-2904159>

Also read more about him on our page at:

https://electricscotland.com/history/other/MUIR_THOMAS.htm

A history of the square sausage, including a recipe for making your own
Lorne sausage is one of Scotland's best loved breakfast foods. Fraser Wright discovers its surprisingly rich history and provides a recipe to make your own

Read more at:

<https://foodanddrink.scotsman.com/food/a-history-of-square-sausage-including-a-recipe-for-making-your-own/>

Boris should make a new nuclear plant the keystone of our green recovery

The facts are plain to see - nuclear power is much safer than fossil fuels

Read more at:

<https://capx.co/boris-should-make-a-new-nuclear-plant-should-be-the-keystone-of-our-green-recovery>

Why are our pro-union politicians so useless?

THIS QUESTION occurred to me while attending the excellent These Islands conference way back in March before the Coronavirus pandemic befell us all.

Read more at:

http://www.thinkscotland.org/todays-thinking/articles.html?read_full=14217

Tour a lost Highland settlement destroyed during Clearances
Perhaps up to 2,000 people lived in the part of the Highlands in the early 1800s. Today, barely a handful call it home.

Read more at:

<https://www.scotsman.com/heritage-and-retro/heritage/tour-lost-highland-settlement-destroyed-during-clearances-2905566>

Scottish Conservatives need a leader to take the fight to Sturgeon - not make swipes at colleagues
This last weekend was a hugely depressing and worrying one for anyone who is pro-UK in Scotland.

Read more at:

http://www.thinkscotland.org/thinkpolitics/articles.html?read_full=14218

Canada projects \$343bn deficit amid Covid uncertainty
Canada is projecting a \$343bn (\$241bn, £200bn) deficit - more than a 1000% increase - for the upcoming fiscal year.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-53340277>

US surpasses three million coronavirus cases
Over 131,000 deaths have been reported, and on Tuesday the US broke its record for most new cases reported in one day.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-53342222>

Scottish politicians call for urgent action to stop Gaelic dying out
Finance secretary, Kate Forbes, among those asking for language to be prioritised

Read more at:

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/jul/05/scottish-politicians-call-for-urgent-action-to-stop-gaelic-dying-out>

Joining the CPTPP is how this country can show it's serious about being Global Britain
The UK also needs a narrative for its new place in the world, which promotes our interests and frames how we would like to be viewed by others.

Read more at:

<https://www.conservativehome.com/thecolumnists/2020/07/stephen-booth-joining-the-cptpp-is-how-this-country-can-show-its-serious-about-being-global-britain.html>

Brave New Britain
Boris Johnson's U.K. appears more willing than the EU to adapt to a changing world.

Read more at:

<https://www.city-journal.org/rise-of-global-britain>

Uninhabited Loch Lomond wallaby island up for sale
An uninhabited Loch Lomond island, famous for its colony of wallabies, has gone up for sale.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-53345309>

Musings of a REAL Tank Commander – Part 10 Hairy moments, wild mustangs and Medicine Hat
THE ULTIMATE training, for us tank soldiers at least, was in Canada, or more specifically at the British Army Training Unit, Suffield (BATUS), in Alberta.

Read more at:

http://www.thinkscotland.org/thinkculture/articles.html?read_full=14193

Coronavirus pandemic: Tracking the global outbreak
Some great graphs in this report.

Read more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-51235105>

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The Woman - Bless Her

Not as Amiable a Book as it Sounds. THE six chapters of this little book are devoted to studies of women in Canada by Marjory MacMurchy (1916) (pdf)

You can read this at: <https://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/womanblesshernot.pdf>

Letters of a Woman Homesteader

by Elinore Pruitt Stewart (1914) (pdf)

A most interesting collection of letters which I enjoyed and hope you will too. You can read this at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/pioneering/womanhomesteader.pdf>

Canada, The Land of Hope

By E. Way Elkington (1910) (pdf)

A great read and you can get to this at:

<https://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/canadalandofhope.pdf>

Thoughts on a Sunday Morning - 5th July 2020

By the Rev. Nola Crewe

You can view this video at:

<http://www.electricscotland.org/showthread.php/5553-Thoughts-on-a-Sunday-Morning-5th-July-2020>

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A Scotch Insane Asylum

By Dr. John Fraser of the Fife and Kinross District Lunatic Asylum, Cupar, Fife, Scotland, January 28,1875.(pdf)

You can read this short article at: <https://electricscotland.com/history/medical/scotchasyllum.pdf>

Portmahomack on Tarbat Ness

Changing Ideologies in North-east Scotland, Sixth to Sixteenth Century AD

You can read this at: <http://books.socantscot.org/digital-books/catalog/book/4>

Muir, Thomas, Advocate

One of the first and most distinguished Reformers in Scotland added to our Significant Scots section which you can read at:

https://electricscotland.com/history/other/MUIR_THOMAS.htm

Scottish Society of Louisville newsletter for July 2020

You can read this at: <https://electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/Louisville/index.htm>

Aberdeen Shipbuilding - Added three new videos to this page.

You can view these at: <https://electricscotland.com/history/aberdeen/aberdeenshipbuilding.htm>

The Ancient Celts

By Barry Cuncliffe (1999)

You can read this at: <https://electricscotland.com/history/celts/ancientcelts.htm>

Story

An initiative of Historica Canada, The Memory Project is a volunteer speakers bureau that arranges for veterans and Canadian Forces members to share their stories of military service at school and community events across the country. Our speakers have reached 3 million Canadians since 2001.

The Memory Project Archive houses more than 2,800 testimonials and over 10,000 images from veterans of the First World War, Second World War, the Korean War and peacekeeping missions. While the archive no longer accepts submissions, it remains the largest of its kind in Canada. Canadians can access the interviews, digitized artifacts and book a speaker at www.thememoryproject.com/stories.

This project has been made possible by the Government of Canada.

Veteran Stories: F. Stuart Crawford, Royal Canadian Air Force



My life starts in 1942 in the Air Force when I decided that that's what I should be part of. I went to Initial Training School in Belleville, where they selected me as a candidate for a bomb aiming position. On graduation I was surprised when I got my commission, so I now became Pilot Officer F. Stuart Crawford, RCAF, and then overseas to England in 1944.

I don't know whether fear is involved, but extreme apprehension certainly is involved before when you find yourself on the battle order. The battle order lists your crews the day... sometimes the day before, sometimes that day. We'd been briefed on a trip to Hamburg. It was the last big raid on Hamburg on April the 8th and 9th of 1945. Four hundred and forty aircraft taking part on that trip. I'll never forget the run over the target... his accurate flying. I wish I'd had a photograph of that.

Then after that, we dropped down to a lower level, and that's when interesting things happened. The starboard inner engine caught on fire. When the starboard outer engine caught on fire, from then on the pilot had trouble keeping altitude, and the order was given to bail out, and of course as bomb aimer, I'm the first one out of the front. I landed with quite a clatter on a tile roof with my parachute around the chimney. I met the mid-upper gunner. I called him out from behind a tree. So we proceeded to walk and hope for the best, and took our identification off our tunics. We weren't certain whether we were in enemy territory or no-man's-land, or in Allied territory. We thought we were in good shape when we saw white sheets hung out of windows, and the mid-upper gunner climbed up a flagpole and liberated a white sheet and I have half of that. We split it in half. We'd now walked perhaps about seven hours and I found a barn, and by daylight I was able to poke up a tile on the roof and saw a wonderful sight of the stars on the side of the vehicles going by the intersection, so I knew we were home free. I stopped the Corporal and told him who we were, and he called for a jeep and took us to British 2nd Army headquarters in Osnabruck.

When we were taken to a safe house in Eindhoven, the next morning flown out to Britain, I thought I'd better report in to Air Force headquarters in London. I went in and said to Corporal Jackson (he was an old friend of mine from school days), I said, "Mort, am I dead or alive?" and he said, "Well, we'll just have to find your file. So he went in and got my file, and then he came out and he said, "You're dead!" I said, "Oh great. Then my parents have all the telegrams." He said, "Yes, your parents have the telegrams. Let's make out a telegram to your parents and tell them I'm sorry I've caused them all that trouble."

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And that's it for this week and hope you all have a great weekend and mind and keep your distance, wash your hands and stay safe. Don't be stupid or selfish and instead be considerate of others and wear a mask if going shopping or into a crowded place and consider whether you should indeed go into a crowded space in the first place.

Alastair