



Lieutenant-Colonel ADAMSON
405 Squadron, RCAF, Greenwood

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Colonel,

The members of the families of the crew of RCAF Halifax HR872 LQ K would like to express to you our most grateful thanks and heartfelt appreciation for your presence at their side for the Inauguration of the Commemorative Monument in honour of the aircrew. This was an extraordinary day in our lives, a day which will remain with us forever. We are sincerely touched that the crew, comprised of our relatives who volunteered to fight for the return to freedom of the citizens of Europe, have been remembered by the communities over which they lost their lives and were laid to rest.

The site of a terrible human tragedy, with the death of these seven brave young men, has been transformed into a place of great peace and simple beauty. By your wonderful commitment their sacrifice was and will continue to be remembered and celebrated in the years to come.

Their generation was asked to pay a terrible price that we might live as free men and women and this is a lesson we will forget at our peril.

For each and every one of us this was a day of deep emotion; but also a day where, thanks to your presence, we felt upheld and supported in the company of so many people who we would now like to call our friends.

With our sincere gratitude,

Black Family

Evans Family

Gray Family

Hanna Family

King Family

Middleton Family

Pickering Family