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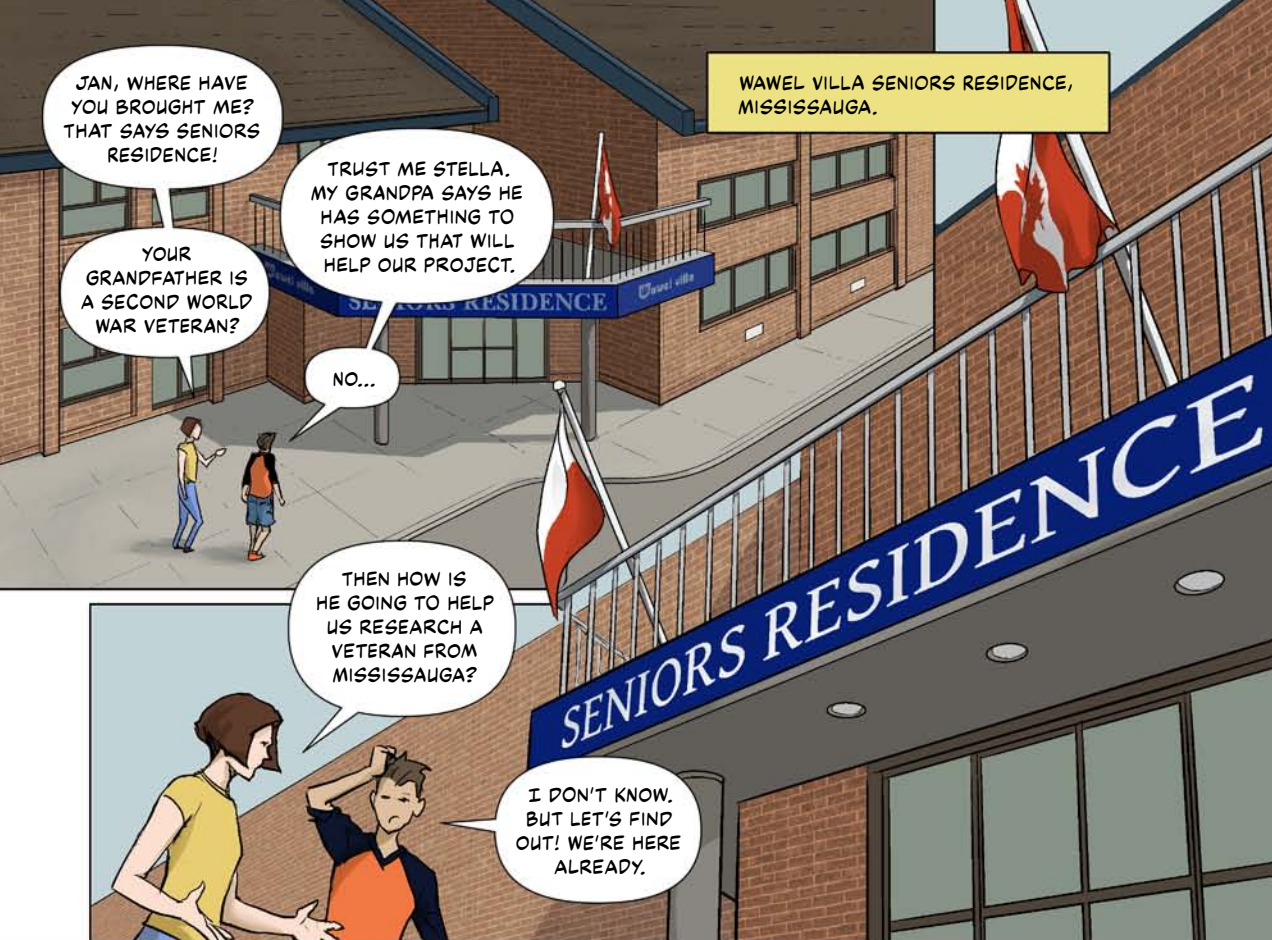


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WAWEL VILLA SENIORS RESIDENCE,  
MISSISSAUGA.

JAN, WHERE HAVE  
YOU BROUGHT ME?  
THAT SAYS SENIORS  
RESIDENCE!

YOUR  
GRANDFATHER IS  
A SECOND WORLD  
WAR VETERAN?

TRUST ME STELLA.  
MY GRANDPA SAYS HE  
HAS SOMETHING TO  
SHOW US THAT WILL  
HELP OUR PROJECT.

NO...

THEN HOW IS  
HE GOING TO HELP  
US RESEARCH A  
VETERAN FROM  
MISSISSAUGA?

I DON'T KNOW.  
BUT LET'S FIND  
OUT! WE'RE HERE  
ALREADY.



HI  
MAGDA!

WE ARE HERE  
TO SEE MY  
GRANDFATHER.

GO RIGHT  
IN. HE'S BEEN  
EXPECTING  
YOU.



JANUSZ!

STELLA,  
THIS IS MY  
DZIADZIU.

NICE TO  
MEET YOU  
STELLA. YOU  
CAN CALL ME  
GEORGE.

OH JANUSZ,  
IS THIS YOUR  
GIRLFRIEND?

NO NO...  
I'M JUST HIS  
CLASSMATE!

WE'RE  
HERE FOR A  
PROJECT?...



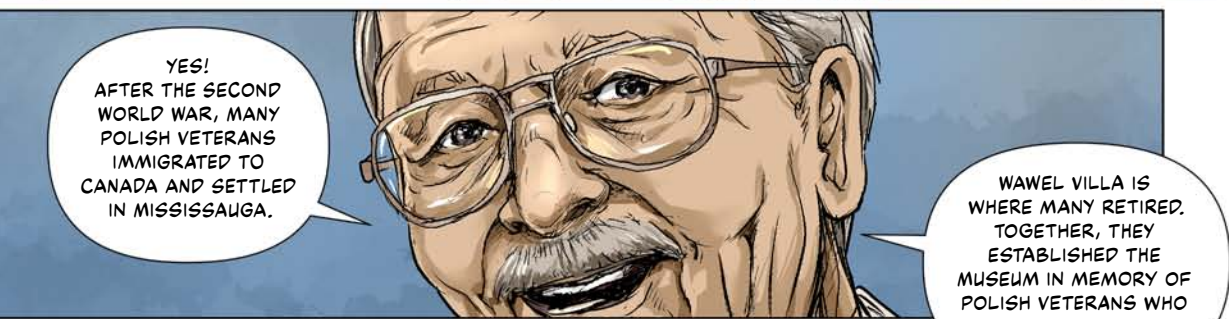


YOU SAID  
YOU HAD  
SOMETHING TO  
SHOW US...

...SOMETHING  
TO DO WITH THE  
SECOND WORLD  
WAR?

RIGHT, RIGHT!  
FOLLOW ME TO  
THE ORLINSKI  
MUSEUM.

A MUSEUM?  
HERE IN THE  
SENIORS  
HOME?



YES!  
AFTER THE SECOND  
WORLD WAR, MANY  
POLISH VETERANS  
IMMIGRATED TO  
CANADA AND SETTLED  
IN MISSISSAUGA.

WAWEL VILLA IS  
WHERE MANY RETIRED.  
TOGETHER, THEY  
ESTABLISHED THE  
MUSEUM IN MEMORY OF  
POLISH VETERANS WHO  
CALL CANADA THEIR  
HOME.



SO ALL THESE  
VETERANS WERE  
POLISH CANADIAN  
SOLDIERS?

THEY MAY NOT  
HAVE BEEN BORN IN  
CANADA, BUT THEY  
CERTAINLY HELPED  
SHAPE MISSISSAUGA'S  
THRIVING POLISH  
COMMUNITY.

SOME EVEN  
FOUGHT ALONGSIDE  
CANADIANS DURING  
THE WAR.

WOW!  
HOPEFULLY, WE  
WILL FIND A LOCAL  
HERO HERE FOR  
OUR PROJECT.

YOU MOST  
CERTAINLY WILL!  
WELCOME TO THE  
ORLINSKI MUSEUM!  
COME ON INSIDE. I'LL  
BE YOUR GUIDE.



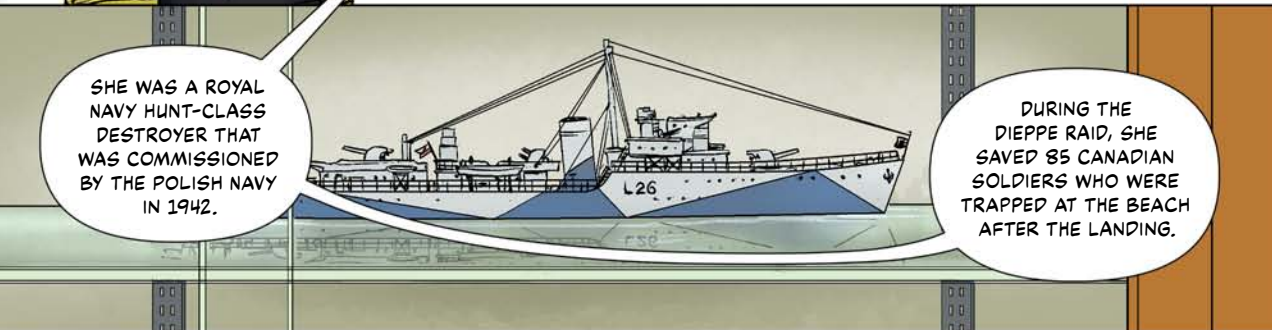
I HAVE  
THE PERFECT  
LOCAL HERO  
FOR YOU!

LET ME  
INTRODUCE  
YOU TO REAR  
ADMIRAL ROMUALD  
NAŁĘCZ-TYMIŃSKI.


HE LIVED OUT  
HIS RETIREMENT  
RIGHT HERE AT  
WAWEL VILLA.

AND WE  
ARE HONOURED  
TO HAVE HIS  
UNIFORM  
HERE.










THE DIEPPE RAID, AUGUST 19, 1942.

THE ENGLISH CHANNEL OFF THE COAST OF FRANCE.



WSZYSTKO W  
PORZĄDKU?!  
ARE YOU  
ALRIGHT?

WE THOUGHT  
YOU TWO  
WERE GONERS.

WE CAN'T  
AFFORD ANY  
ACCIDENTS, NOT  
SO CLOSE TO OUR  
OPERATION.

WE ARE  
OK. BUT, SIR,  
WHAT IS  
HAPPENING?

YOU WEREN'T  
BRIEFED?  
OPERATION JUBILEE  
COMMENCES  
SHORTLY.

STELLA,  
THAT'S THE  
CODE NAME FOR  
THE DIEPPE  
RAID.

...THEN WE  
MUST BE ON  
THE ORP *ŚLĄZAK*?!  
WE SHOULD GIVE  
A HAND.

WHAT  
ARE YOUR  
NAMES?

I AM  
JAN.

AND I AM  
STELLA.

WE WOULD  
LIKE TO HELP  
IN ANY WAY  
WE CAN.

PLEASD  
TO MEET  
YOU.

I AM LIEUTENANT  
COMMANDER ROMUALD  
NAŁĘCZ-TYMIŃSKI,  
COMMANDER OF  
THIS VESSEL.

REPORT TO  
THE BRIDGE  
ONCE YOU HAVE  
DRIED OFF.



"JANUSZ, YOU WILL MAN THE RADIO AND BE MY EARS.  
I NEED YOU TO REPORT ALL MESSAGES AND ORDERS."



"STELLA, YOU WILL BE MY EYES. REPORT  
EVERYTHING YOU SEE ON LAND, SEA AND AIR."

I SEE LAND!  
IS THAT  
DIEPPE OVER  
THERE?

YES, IT'S TIME  
FOR US TO PUT  
HITLER'S SUPPOSED  
"FORTRESS EUROPE"  
TO THE TEST.



BUT WON'T  
IT BE  
DANGEROUS?



ALL THINGS WORTH  
FIGHTING FOR ARE. IF  
WE DO NOT AT LEAST TRY  
TO STAND UP FOR  
OURSELVES, THEN THE  
WAR IS ALREADY LOST.



COMMANDER!  
ORDERS ARE  
COMING IN!





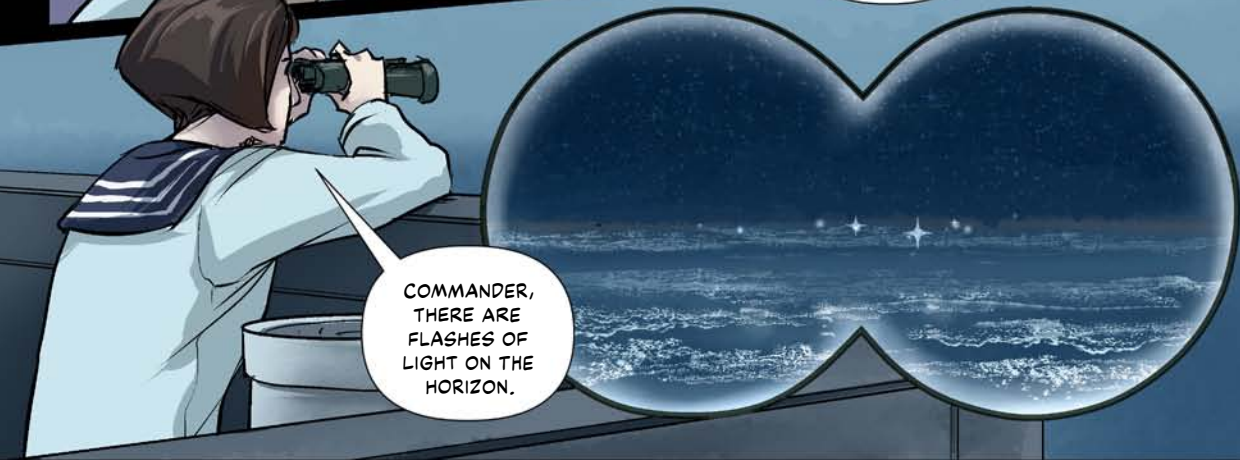
...TAKE  
EVASIVE ACTION  
IF CONTACT IS  
MADE WITH ENEMY  
FORCES...

....AVOID  
CONTACT IF  
ENEMY ARE  
KNOWN TO BE IN  
THE VICINITY...



...RESUME  
COURSE AS  
SOON AS  
POSSIBLE...

...TIMELY  
ARRIVAL IS  
VITAL TO THE  
OPERATION.



COMMANDER,  
THERE ARE  
FLASHES OF  
LIGHT ON THE  
HORIZON.



POTENTIAL  
GUNFIRE BEARING  
190°. CONTINUE COURSE,  
TOWARDS LE TRÉPORT,  
2 MILES OFF THE RED  
AND WHITE BEACHES.

SHOULDN'T  
WE GO SEE IF  
THEY NEED  
OUR HELP?



OUR ORDERS WERE  
CLEAR. WE ARE NOT TO  
ENGAGE. IT IS PROBABLY  
JUST FIGHTING ON THE  
COAST. OUR TROOPS AND  
LANDING CRAFT SHOULD  
STILL BE BEHIND US.



IF WE RUSH  
OVER, WE WILL ONLY  
ALERT THE ENEMY TO  
THE OPERATION. BEST TO  
LAY LOW FOR NOW.  
DON'T WORRY, WE WILL  
GET OUR TURN.



ONE HOUR LATER.

SIR, FIGHTING  
REPORTED WEST  
OF BERNEVAL-  
LE-GRAND.

THEY  
ARE EARLY!

THE ATTACK  
SHOULDN'T HAVE  
STARTED YET.  
SOMETHING IS  
WRONG.

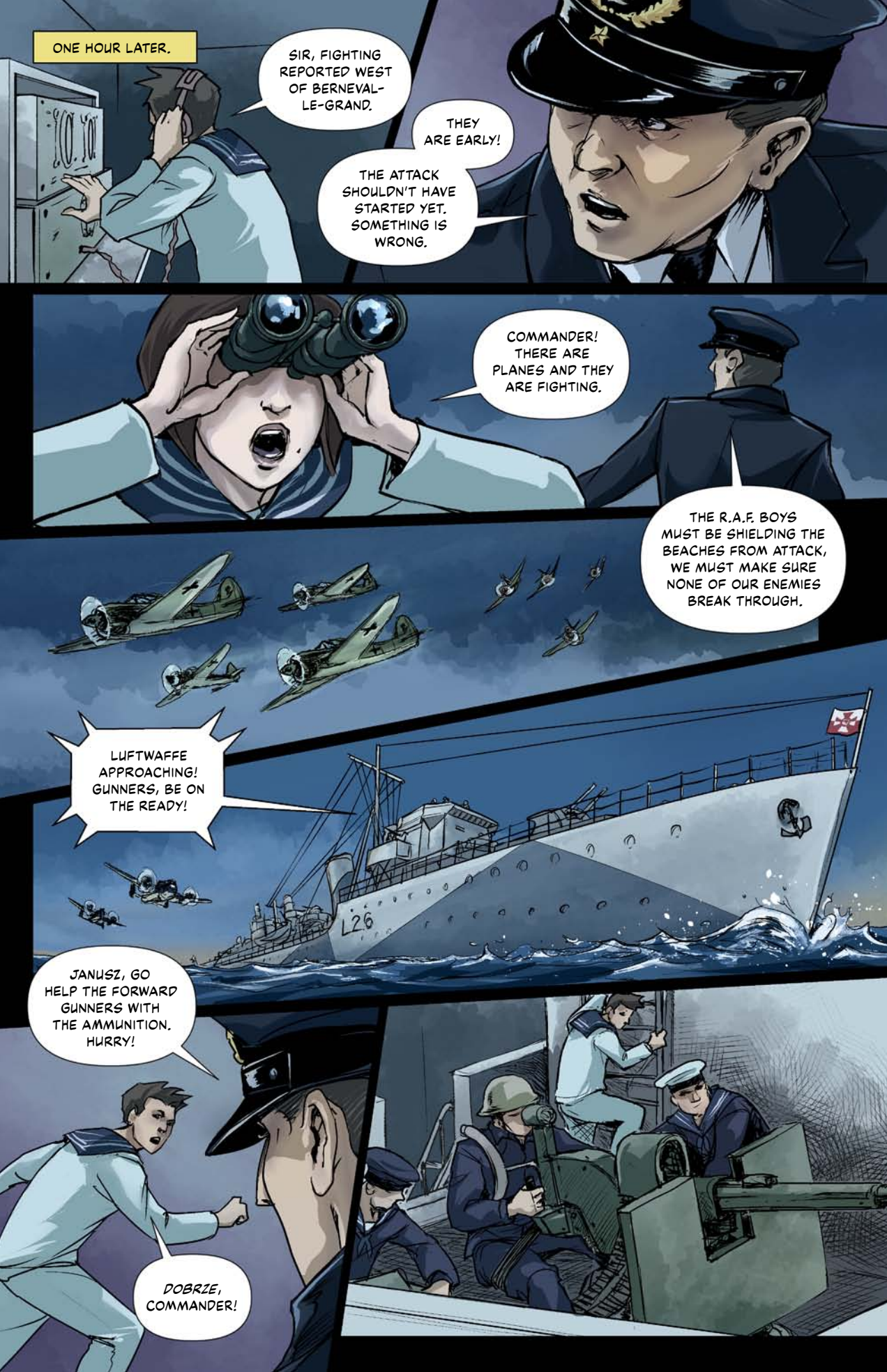
COMMANDER!  
THERE ARE  
PLANES AND THEY  
ARE FIGHTING.

THE R.A.F. BOYS  
MUST BE SHIELDING THE  
BEACHES FROM ATTACK,  
WE MUST MAKE SURE  
NONE OF OUR ENEMIES  
BREAK THROUGH.

LUFTWAFFE  
APPROACHING!  
GUNNERS, BE ON  
THE READY!

JANUSZ, GO  
HELP THE FORWARD  
GUNNERS WITH  
THE AMMUNITION.  
HURRY!

DOBRIE,  
COMMANDER!







THE LANDING  
CRAFT WILL  
JUST HAVE TO  
GO FOR IT.



THE MEN  
ARE GETTING  
TRAPPED ON  
THE BEACH!





THE ENEMY  
SHOULDN'T  
HAVE KNOWN  
WE WERE  
COMING!

GUNNERS,  
TARGET ENEMY  
BATTLEMENTS.



STRZELAJ!  
FIRE!

WE MUST GIVE  
THE MEN SOME  
COVER.



IT'S NO  
USE! THE ENEMY  
HAS THE HIGH  
GROUND...



...WE ARE  
TAKING HEAVY  
CASUALTIES!



RETREAT TO  
THE LANDING  
CRAFT!



HELM,  
BRING US AS  
CLOSE TO THE  
SHORE AS POSSIBLE.  
WE MUST RESCUE  
WHOEVER WE  
CAN!

ORDERS BE  
DAMNED!  
IF WE DON'T DO  
SOMETHING FOR  
THEM, WHO  
WILL?







STELLA, GET ON DECK AND HELP WITH THE RESCUE. HURRY!



CHWYĆ SIĘ  
TEGO!

THIS IS  
THE POLISH  
DESTROYER  
ORP *ŚLĄZAK*.

WHAT ARE  
THEY SAYING?!  
I WOULD SOONER  
DROWN THAN BE  
CAPTURED!

YOU ARE  
SAFE. WE'RE  
HERE TO RESCUE  
YOU.



QUICKLY,  
GET THE MEN  
BELOW DECK AND  
THE INJURED TO  
THE DOCTOR.



WE'LL HAVE  
TO RETREAT TO  
PORTSMOUTH  
SOON.







DOCTOR  
SAYS HE'LL  
BE FINE.

MASZ  
HERBATKE.  
DRINK UP!

THANK YOU.  
LANCE CORPORAL  
LLOYD GREEN AT  
YOUR SERVICE.

I DIDN'T  
EXPECT TO FIND  
SUCH HOSPITALITY  
HERE OF ALL  
PLACES, SO FAR  
FROM HOME.

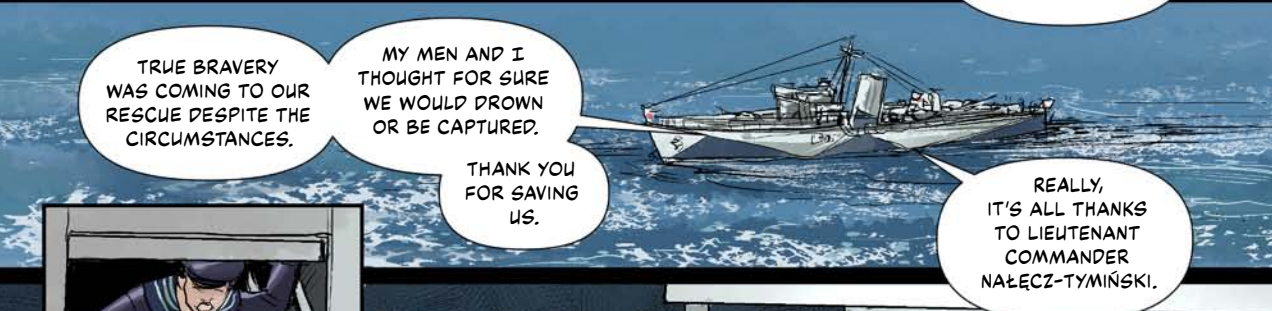
WHERE IS  
HOME?

CANADA,  
IN A LITTLE  
TOWN CALLED  
STREETSVILLE.

OH WOW,  
THAT'S WHERE  
WE'RE FROM AS  
WELL!

...JESTEŚ  
JEDNA Z  
NAS...

HE SAYS YOUR  
BRAVERY IN HELPING  
FREE THEIR HOMELAND  
MAKES YOU ONE OF  
THEM.



TRUE BRAVERY  
WAS COMING TO OUR  
RESCUE DESPITE THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES.

MY MEN AND I  
THOUGHT FOR SURE  
WE WOULD DROWN  
OR BE CAPTURED.

THANK YOU  
FOR SAVING  
US.

REALLY,  
IT'S ALL THANKS  
TO LIEUTENANT  
COMMANDER  
NAŁĘCZ-TYMIŃSKI.

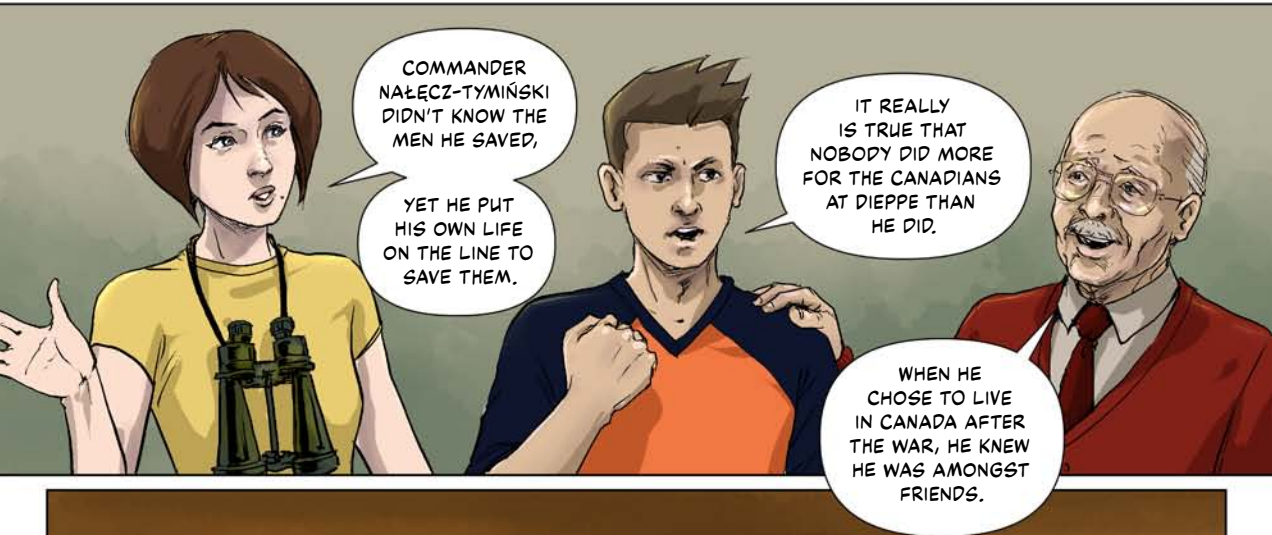
GET READY  
TO DISEMBARK.  
WE ARE LANDING IN  
PORTSMOUTH.



YOU HAVE  
OUR SINCEREST  
GRATITUDE,  
COMMANDER.

WE CANADIANS  
WILL NEVER FORGET  
WHAT YOU DID  
FOR US.







# Legend of the RAID

by Jan and Stella

On August 18, 1942, the ORP *Ślązak* embarked from England, bound for Dieppe, France, as a pivotal part of the infamous Dieppe Raid, known as Operation Jubilee. At the helm was the remarkable Polish-born Commander Romuald Nałęcz-Tymiński. After his escape to England during the German invasion of Poland in 1939, he rose through the ranks, assuming command of the ORP *Ślązak* in 1942. The Dieppe Raid was poised to be his inaugural trial as the destroyer's leader.



*Romuald Nałęcz-Tymiński: Orlinski Museum*

Commander Nałęcz-Tymiński provided indispensable support to nearly 5,000 Canadian troops seeking to test equipment and to gain experience for a future amphibious assault aimed at liberating Europe from German occupation. However, as they approached Dieppe in the predawn hours of August 19, a handful of landing craft and their escorts inadvertently encountered a German patrol. Standing on the deck of the ORP *Ślązak*, Commander Nałęcz-Tymiński initially misinterpreted the lights as emanating from the shore. Following orders to avoid confrontation with the enemy unless necessary, he steered his course, unaware of the impending doom.

An hour later, chaos erupted on land, sea, and sky. ORP *Ślązak's* mission was to neutralize any Luftwaffe threats and engage coastal artillery to support the landing troops. However, they had lost the element of surprise, and the Germans were prepared. A considerable number of soldiers lost their lives or suffered injuries, and those on the shore encountered immense difficulties advancing.



*ORP Ślązak, Republic of Poland, Ministry of Information War Photo Service, 1943 London*

Defying orders to maintain a safe distance, Commander Nałęcz-Tymiński issued a daring command to his crew: rescue as many men as possible. He manoeuvred the ORP *Ślązak* perilously close to the shore, offering cover for retreating landing craft. The Luftwaffe took aim at the destroyer, coming so near that sailors could discern the faces of the pilots as they opened fire. Unperturbed, veteran Joe Ryan recalled the sight of mud and rocks hurtling into the air as the destroyer, guns ablaze, steamed toward the shore, gallantly pulling the trapped soldiers aboard. Astoundingly, the crew aboard the ORP *Ślązak* managed to rescue over 85 soldiers, including 36 from the Royal Regiment of Canada. Initially, many believed they had been taken captive by the Germans, only later discovering that ORP *Ślązak* was the sole Allied destroyer audacious enough to approach the shore so closely. "Nobody did more than [Romuald Nałęcz-Tymiński] did to get the Canadians out," Ryan later asserted. In the process, they downed five enemy planes but sustained three casualties: Seaman Józef Andrzejewski, Seaman George Głowski, and Royal Navy Petty Officer George O'Shea.

Although the Dieppe Raid ended in failure, it yielded invaluable lessons instrumental to the successful Normandy landings of 1944. For the men saved by Commander Nałęcz-Tymiński and his intrepid crew, their lives bore an enduring debt to the ORP *Ślązak*. Among the soldiers from historic Mississauga who participated in the Dieppe Raid, Private Robert Charles Butler of Port Credit perished, Flight Lieutenant John Morrow

Godfrey of Port Credit provided aerial support, Captain David Clare of Port Credit was taken captive, Sergeant Thomas Anderson of Clarkson was one of the few surviving members of the Toronto Scottish Regiment, and Lance Corporal Lloyd Garnet Green of Streetsville, was one of the final soldiers to be rescued.

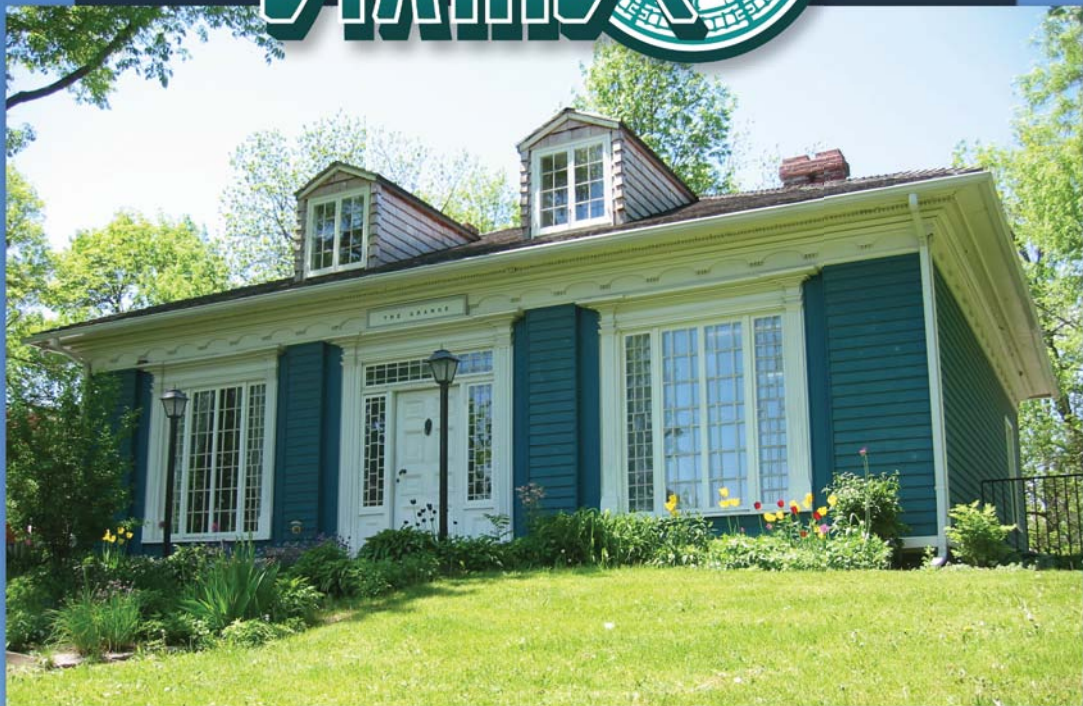


*Lloyd Green: Ottawa Journal, 1942*

Commander Romuald Nałęcz-Tymiński and his family immigrated to Canada in 1980. The Royal Regiment of Canada played a pivotal role in assisting their settlement, and he remained closely associated with the Regiment, as well as various Polish and Canadian veteran organizations. His life's calling revolved around preserving the memory of those who had valiantly fought for freedom. Rear Admiral Nałęcz-Tymiński spent his final years in Mississauga at the Wawel Villa Seniors Residence, contributing significantly to the Orlinski Museum before he peacefully passed away in 2003 at the venerable age of 98. His enduring legacy reverberates through the lives he saved, touching both Poland and Canada profoundly.



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