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The Trinity Historical society (THS) is pleased to report that donations in the amount of \$8,634.00 have been received thus far toward the “Adopt a Headstone Project”. A description of the project and how to donate can be found on the THS Website and our Facebook Page. We are also selling tickets on an original painting, The Dunfield Rocks, donated by Ed Roche in support of this project. Tickets are \$2.00 each; three for \$5.00 and are available at multiple locations as outlined on our Facebook posts and website. We anticipate completing restoration of the 50 most damaged headstones in May of this year.

As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.

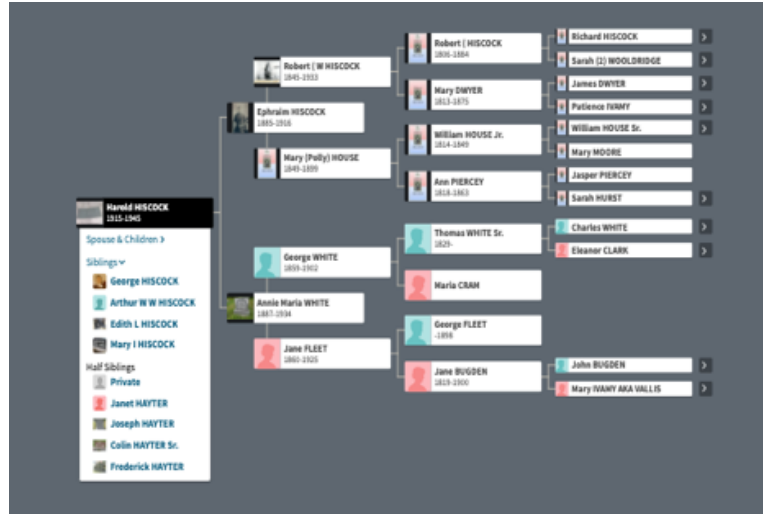
In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of the 14th of the men whose names are inscribed on the War Monument in St. Paul’s Churchyard.



Harold Hiscock



Harold Hiscock, the son of Ephraim Hiscock and Annie Maria White, was born in Trinity on April 26, 1915. He enlisted in the Royal Navy in WW II and was placed in the Royal Navy Patrol Service. Petty Officer Hiscock joined the 14 Commando Unit in December of 1942 and took part in Operation Checkmate. He was captured and interred at Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp where he was executed on February 2, 1945. He was 29.



Operation Checkmate was a combined operations raid on Axis shipping in the harbour at Kopervik, Norway. This raid was a No 14 Commando operation. The raiders managed to sink several ships using limpet mines, but were eventually captured and initially taken to Haugesund for interrogation before being transported to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp. All but one of the group were executed whilst Prisoners of War.

Extract taken from captured enemy document.

Blowing up of ships in the HAUGESUND.

On the 28.4.43. and the following days a number of German steamers was sunk in OSLO harbour and at KOPPERNVIK in the HAUGESUND by adhesive mines, (leaf 21, 2,4,28, Folder II). After an intensive search had been made by the Army authorities and the police, a number of those responsible were captured in uniform on 15.5.43 on the HAUGESUND with the co-operation of Norwegian civilians. They were the Britishers,

- (1) 1st Lt. GODWIN, John born 13.12.19, BUENOS AIRES
- (2) Seaman BURGESS, Neville, born 23.1.24., BEVERLEY
- (3) Seaman MAYOR, Keith, born 27.9.23., BRESTON
- (4) Seaman WEST, Andrew, born 25.4.22, GLASGOW
- (5) Sjt. COX, Victor, born 18.12.18, BUCKHORNWESTON,
- (6) Seaman HISCOCK, Harold, born 26.4.15, TRINITY
- (7) Seaman ROE, Alfred, born 20.10.07, LONDON.

They had instructions to sink ships with adhesive mines, Thus those named under 1) and 2) and those under 3) and 4) in two canoes (leaf 11, folder II) blew up and sank a German ship (mine-locating craft) off KOPPERNVIK (HAUGESUND). They then returned to the three others involved, who had remained behind on an island in charge of the motor-boat. They cruised then for a fortnight amongst the islands, waiting to be fetched away by the British torpedo-boat with which they had arrived.



Sachsenhausen Memorial



Sachsenhausen Location