

FILM PRODUCTION GOES INTERNATIONAL



JOIN US IN LONDON ON JUNE 12

Yale Unit Documentary Film Production in Europe and London Screening

The production team is now in Europe for several weeks through the first week of July. Producers Harry Davison and Darroch Greer will rendezvous in London where they will hold a screening/fundraiser for the film at the Courthouse Hotel in Regent Street on June 12th. We would be happy to see any of you there if you, or someone you know, are in town.

Open Invitation To Our Supporters

Please join producers Harry Davison and Darroch Greer for an evening of drinks, canapés and conversation in one of London's nicest screening venues. We will show a portion of the film, which tells one of the great unknown historical stories of initiative and daring during wartime!

DATE: Tuesday, June 12, 2012

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Courthouse Doubletree by Hilton, 19-21 Great Marlborough Street | London, W1F 7HL

<http://www.courthouse-hotel.com/cinema/index.html>

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Production Details

While in Europe the production team will interview Michael Fleming-Gates, the grandson of Di Gates, and Tommy Sopwith, son of the designer/builder of the famed Sopwith Camel WWI fighter aircraft. Filming locations in England, France and Belgium, where Yale Unit members trained and fought, will expand the visual palette of the film. Of particular interest are Felixstowe on the North Sea coast from whence they flew "spider-web" patrols searching for German U-boats. The team will be location scouting at WWI aerodromes in preparation for a shoot with a Sopwith Camel air-to-air (pending anticipated funding). Dunkerque, on the northern French coast, will be filmed as well as the harbors and canals in Belgium from which the Germans deployed their submarines. The team will pay a visit to Flanders Field American Cemetery and the American Cemetery at the Somme to film the graves of First Yale Unit members Kenney MacLeish and Curtis Read respectively.

2011 Wrap Up

As many of you know, 2011 finished off with a screening at Yale University on Veterans Day in support of the newly founded Yale Veterans Association. The filmmakers attended a moving ceremony at Beineke Plaza in front of Woolsey Hall and the WWI memorial cenotaph - paid for and dedicated by Trubee Davison in 1927. The cenotaph reads, "In memory of the men of Yale who, true to her traditions, gave their lives that freedom might not perish from the earth." The team then presented the 86-minute rough-cut to a full house at the Whitney Humanities Center, followed by a panel discussion moderated by Harry Davison with the filmmakers, *The Millionaires' Unit* author Marc Wortman, and Captain Thomas Sass, former Navy Seal and professor at the Naval War College (and, coincidentally, a Yale classmate of Harry's from class of '84). The following week was spent doing more research at the Sterling Library where writer Darroch Greer ordered 400 pages of correspondence from the First Yale Unit members. Mr. Greer has reworked the script into a more linear storyline, told using more of the thoughts and words of the young fliers.

U.S. Moves

Stateside, the team has begun talks with public television partners and PBS, which is at the top of the list of places to find a home for the film on television. With the support you have already given and the work that has been completed, the team has been told the film is very eligible.

Challenge Grant Received

On April 4th in San Francisco the filmmakers hosted a screening for an audience of over 30 guests including several relatives of Yale Unit aviators. We are very pleased to announce, that as a result of that screening, Overlook International Foundation offered a challenge grant in the amount of \$15,000 toward the completion of film production. This is in addition to the substantial contribution Overlook International has already made. We humbly thank Overlook International Foundation for this opportunity and we are pleased to report that we have already raised \$500 toward the match. With your help we can raise the balance and be able to enhance the production with exciting aerial filming and an original score.

Contribute online at <http://www.millionairesunit.org/home.php> and click the *donate* button or send a check made out to **Humanus Documentary Films Foundation** to:

Humanus Documentary Films Foundation
11165 Barman Ave.
Culver City, CA 90230

Here's wishing you a grand start to your summer.

Sincerely,

The Production Team