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RCAHMS NATIONAL COLLECTION
OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Welcome to the NCAP Newsletter - Summer 2015, which aims to keep our subscribers informed of new releases and upcoming projects here at NCAP.

NEWS

Partnership with US Holocaust Museum



At a poignant event at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, in Washington DC, Scotland's [First Minister](#), Nicola Sturgeon, unveiled a new partnership and presented the museum with the first copies of photographs from NCAP, on behalf of the people of Scotland.

Historical aerial photography held in NCAP records the Holocaust throughout the Second World War from a unique aerial perspective. By working in partnership with the museum, a programme of digitisation will allow scholars at the museum to enhance their understanding of events on the ground by using aerial photography from NCAP alongside textual records and eyewitness testimony.

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In the first instance, the partnership will inform the [Camps and Ghettos Encyclopedia Project](#) and provide imagery for the museum's Permanent Exhibition, which provides a comprehensive historical narrative of the Holocaust.

Oblique Images of Scotland Released



A new batch of 4,624 aerial photographs of locations across the UK has been made accessible online for the first time.

The photographs were taken by Canberra photographic reconnaissance aircraft between 1960 and 1982 and feature towns, military installations and landscapes across

the UK. The images depict the cities of Glasgow, Dundee, Edinburgh and Newcastle, the coastline of Northumberland, RAF airfields and radar stations in northern England and complete cover of the Isle of Man.

[Richard Shirk Collection Now Accessible](#)



Over 700 photographs taken by a US airman during the Second World War are now accessible on the NCAP website.

Richard Shirk was a professional photographer who served with the 155th Night Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron in England, France and Germany between 1943 and 1945. In his spare time he photographed bomb damage, local landscapes, air force life and the local population.



His photographs include aerial views of bomb-damaged German cities, the bridge at Remagen and Dachau concentration camp.

[Toulon Mosaic Now Available](#)



A mosaic of the Toulon naval port is now available to website subscribers. Created from photography flown on 20 August 1944, it shows the damage caused by Allied bombs dropped in support of Operation DRAGOON, the Allied amphibious landings in southern France.

The mosaic shows sunken and damaged ships throughout the port, alongside burning and shattered dockside facilities. Oil slicks can be seen, streaming away from stricken vessels on the rising tide.

NEW FEATURES

[Oil Refineries](#)

[Cotswold Way](#)

NEW GALLERIES

[Richard Shirk – Trolley Trip](#)

[Richard Shirk – Off-duty](#)

[US Holocaust Memorial Museum](#)