

Nismes, the 15th of April 2018

## **FILM : The Short Stirling BF 513 failed to return...**

Ladies and gentlemen,

Dear friends,

Let's begin now with the last step of this weekend. To discover what I called this morning.

**"The icing on the cake".**

For this second ceremony around "the Short Stirling", Mr Guy Lapaille prepared something special for us, something new.

No more book, no more publication but something much greater than all this! He could have written a second publication with more information about some aviators and about the whole story but he chose to **innovate with a film...**

He proposes us a film, a documentary of forty minutes in the footsteps of the seven aviators.

And he was right because if we compare a book and a film, the second one is **more visual, more lively, more moving, in one word, more powerful!**

For our city, this is an **exceptional event.**

This is a very important contribution to our past.

**"A plane for memory"** where the seven aviators come back into the spotlight !

So, with this film, Guy, has become a **"film director and producer"**...

Perhaps, the beginning of a new life or a new career... Who knows?

I won't compare him with the well known and greatest producers of Hollywood.

Perhaps, I may compare him to Spielberg for something as :

**"Pentagon Papers of the Short Stirling"**...

Anyway, dear Guy, in the name of all of us, I'd like to thank you very much again for making this possible.

We are proud of you.

We may be proud of our city that has the opportunity to present this film to the public and the families.

I would also like to thank all the people who participated in the making of this movie, especially Mister Christian Pierlot from the Province of Namur.

Dear Guy, we all know you don't like to be in the spotlight. But here, in this case, it's simply impossible!

Ladies and gentlemen,

For his exceptional work, for his **accurate film**, for our "project assistant", Mr Guy Lapaille and his wife Michèle, let's give them **a well deserved big round of applause!**

**Jean-Marc DELIZEE**

Mayor of Viroinval