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A local man from Caronport has released a book outlining a vastly unknown part of history surrounding an RAF Base located in Caron.

The book is Called In Plain Site and is the result of 10 years and thousands of hours of research in archives both in Canada and abroad finding uncovering the history of the base.

Joel From is the author and described why he started the project.

"So it wasn't until 2009 when the last remaining hangar was dismantled that I began to realize that I knew so little about these buildings even though I had played hockey in them, gone to school in them, I had maintained them, so I knew the buildings very well and many people did but the history of what went on in that place during the war was lost."



From explained what he learned from letters written in World War II by Vernon Peters who spent 18 months at the base in Caron.

"He was a newlywed and wrote his wife back in Somerset 100 letters. So when I read these letters it took me a few trips to Regina to read the whole set of them but it became apparent to me then that we know now enough about the after-hours life that it's possible to write a more fully developed account. I believe this is one of the few sets of letters like this that gives us that kind of insight into a World War II airbase."

In Plain Site can be found at Post Horizon Books, the Western development Museum and on its website at https://www.caronairbase.com.