



‘Ice Pilots’ planes recreate bombing raid

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**Bombs away on new History Television
special**

While we all wait for another season of *Ice Pilots, NWT* to hit the airwaves next year, the fine folks at History Television, Omni Films and Buffalo Airways have something special to tide us over.

Dambusters Fly Again is a two-hour exploration that finds choice crew members from the McBryan team and their Second World War era flying machines trying something that hasn't been done successfully since that war: blowing up a dam with an airplane.

According to the show's press release, back in 1943 a squad of British Lancaster bombers destroyed two of Germany's dams using a revolutionary weapon called the "bouncing bomb." The people involved in the mission were called Dambusters.

Now, almost seven decades later, *Dambusters Fly Again* recreates the mission. Led by Brit engineer Dr. Hugh Hunt, the group built a 130-foot-wide dam and modified a Buffalo Airways plane to carry the "spinning bomb." Then, flying just 60 feet above the surface of the lake the dam is built into, the bomb is deployed.

"Canada's vast landscape is the perfect backdrop for the re-creation of this unique historical event," executive producer Gabriela Schonbach said in the release. "It's also great to work with the Buffalo Airways team on such a special project."

Tune in to *Dambusters Fly Again* Monday, Aug. 8, at 9 p.m. ET on History Television to see if the team pulled it off.