

## The Film:

The story has already been turned into a

Movie:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Dam\\_Busters\\_%28film%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Dam_Busters_%28film%29)

in 1955.

The film got an Oscar-nomination and influenced scenes in other famous movies

e.g. Star Wars. See

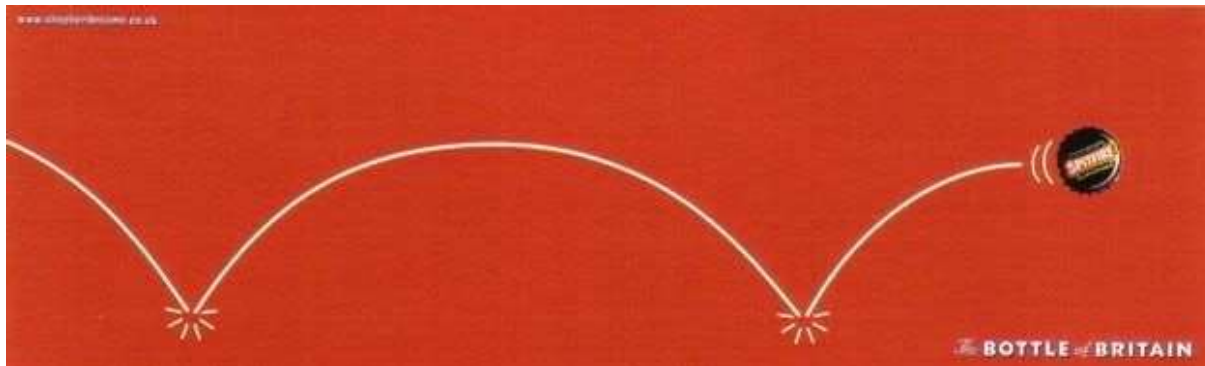
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=-q47GlgmQWo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-q47GlgmQWo) or [cineleet.com/2008/05/22/before-the-galaxy-far-far-away/](http://cineleet.com/2008/05/22/before-the-galaxy-far-far-away/)

The movie-score itself is quite famous: Here it is played during for Olympia in 2012:

<http://dambustersblog.com/2012/07/30/sounds-familiar-as-queen-and-bond-fly-in/>

It was also played during the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen in 2007. More than 1 Mio. people saw a Lancaster pass over the Buckingham Palace. The bomber dropped 4 Mio. poppies.

In fact, the topic is in England THAT famous, that even advertising-campaigns play with it:



Or watch for hilarious ads: <http://embed.vidyard.com/landingpage/aPhAVFFkJaoUAsdi0dZBg> or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qKHc-U2FNHk>

The remake:



**Dam good:** The full-scale replica of a Lancaster bomber for the *Dambusters* movie.

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## Busted: British bomber is built in China

PETER'S JACKSON'S *Dambusters* movie is finally taking off – with the director yesterday unveiling the first glimpses of a mock battlefield complete with full-scale replica of a Lancaster bomber.

It took a large crew a week to put together the life-size replica British bomber, one of 10 designed by Weta Workshop and built in China out of fibreglass and steel.

Sand bags, guns, tanks and hired extras in war uniform all helped set the scene at Masterton's Hood Aerodrome, which was overseen by the *Lord of the Rings* director.

Although the \$US40m (NZ\$52.6m) movie about the famous dam assault

was announced to the world in 2006, little has been said about its progress – other than confirmation that British writer and comedian Stephen Fry would write the script. The film is the directorial debut of Kiwi Christian Rivers.

A spokesman for Jackson, Matthew Dravitzki, confirmed the movie was still in development stages, with work focusing on building the Lancasters for filming, and writing scripts in preparation for production.

Just when shooting will start is still under wraps and the movie is yet to be cast.

"Right now we are having fun working on a number of different

projects and have the luxury to make things at our own speed. We are yet to choose the location for the film's shooting, and that is going to come down to wherever is most suitable for our needs."

Yesterday's mock-up was also a chance to test new camera technology.

"We are not shooting any scenes that are project specific; this is about just keeping up with technology and trying new things."

It seems producers have also resolved the dilemma of what to call RAF hero Guy Gibson's dog in the new movie. It was feared his original name Nigger could cause offence.

Sir David Frost, executive producer,

asked Fry to come up with an alternative. He told the UK's *D* last month: "Guy sometimes calls his dog Nigsy, so I think that's what we will call it. Stephen has been coming up with other names, but the one I want."

Preparation for *Dambusters* is a hectic schedule for Jackson.

A big budget sci-fi flick *District* produced by the Wellington firm comes out in October, while his movie, *The Lovely Bones*, is released on Boxing Day. The first of three *Tin Tin* movies is in post-production while two-part film *The Hobbit* will be shot next year with a release in 2011-2012.

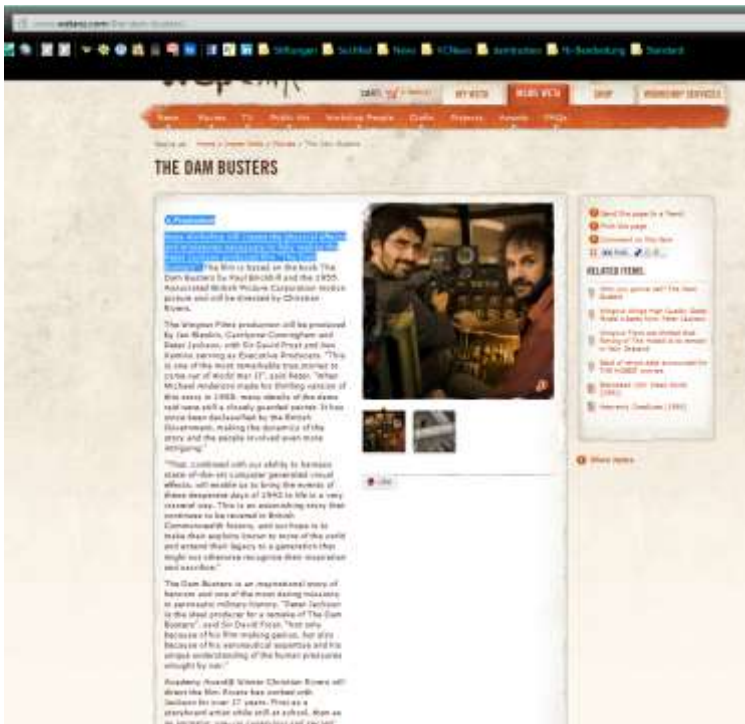
The newspaper clip shows: Peter Jackson already has invested several million € into rebuilding Lancasters

In 2011 a road tanker and Mae-West life-saver vests from 1943 were shipped from RAF base Scampton to NZ. Computer-generated-images are being generated, Stephen Fry ([http://wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen Fry](http://wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Fry), a close friend of Jackson, will write the script.

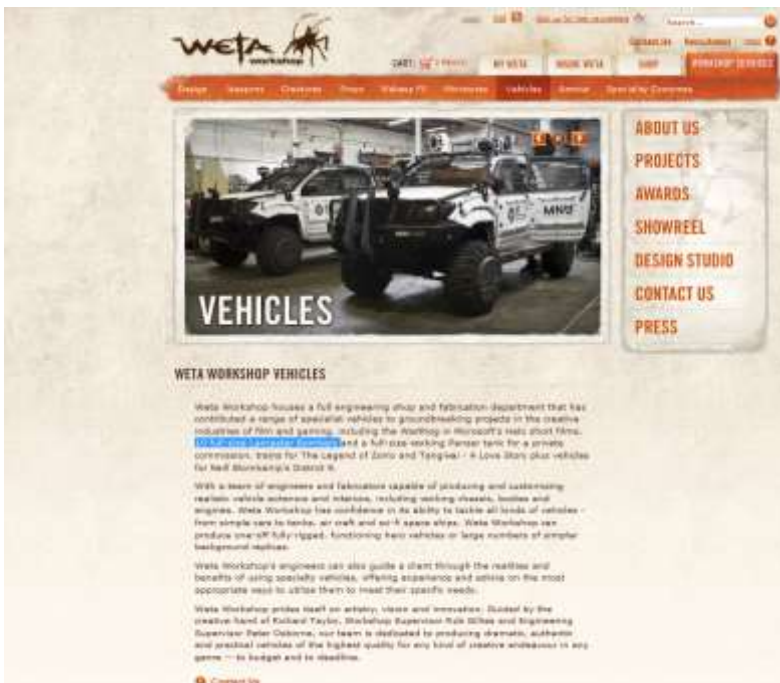
In December of 2012 Jackson again announced that he would create the movie:  
<http://www.empireonline.com/news/story.asp?NID=36033>

The question is: when? We hope for an announcement for the 70th anniversary of the raid on 17. of May 2013.

# Additional information:



Website of Peter Jackson's production company



Website of Peter Jackson's Special-Effect company



The Spitfire he sits in belongs to him - as does the airport in the photo. He is a plane aficionado