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The hidden secrets of Orkney's Italian Chapel

But what most not be forgotten is the help provided by the British, who sourced the two Nissen huts used for the Chapel and provided other materials. It has become one of the best-known symbols of reconciliation in the British Isles.

Custodian plans at Orkney's Italian Chapel

He carved the 14 Stations of the Cross from mahogany and brought them as a gift in 1964.

The Italian Chapel

In appreciation they left donations lying in the holy water stoop by the door. The work of turning the huts into a chapel fell to the prisoners, led by Domenico Chiocchetti.

Orkney's Italian Chapel

The programme was broadcast all over Italy.

Orkney's Italian Chapel, Philip Paris

The people of Orkney paid for the monument to Kitchener that stands high over the sea. In March 1960, the Orkney Herald announced that Domenico was coming to restore the chapel and would fly in on the 21st. Lights out was at 22:00.

Building the Italian Chapel

The metalworkers were also busy.

Orkney's Italian Chapel: The True Story of an Icon by Philip Paris

They are all that remain to remind us of the occupants of Camp 60, other than the Churchill Barriers themselves. In my childhood I heard stories from people who remembered them.

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