

NORMANDY 80 COMMEMORATION

Over the week 20-24 May 2024 a group of 31 Borderers and friends visited the Normandy Battlefields to study and remember the men of 1st and 6th Bns KOSB who fought in some of the most intense battles of summer 1944.

Amongst our party we were honoured to have Douglas Baldwin who served with 6 KOSB and was taken prisoner in the village of Estry in August 1944 which was liberated by the 6th Bn.

Talks on the battles were given by John Cooper whose father fought in the campaign, whilst Andy Middlemiss talked about the important work of the CWGC and remembering our fallen.

Two highlights of the visit were having lunch in the chateau where 6 KOSB collected their dead and wounded in the battles of 1st July 1944, and parading through the village of Estry with French veterans, villagers and children who have never forgotten the actions of 6 KOSB in liberating them.



Borderers and friends at Belval Chateau where 6 KOSB fought



British Normandy memorial at Gold/Juno beach silhouettes



Dedication of KOSB Normandy bench memorial



80th anniversary plaque