

A March for the Fallen Done By Cadets of 2504 Squadron

On the 29th of August we started our long journey to Arnhem. We travelled there by coach and a ferry to cross the channel to France. When we finally got to Arnhem, we had the chance to visit some extraordinary museums and some places that played a major part in Operation Market Garden. This operation helped to push back the Germans in World War II, allowing us to win the war.

Some of the places that we visited were the drop zones where the paratroopers had landed. We were told about each battle at each point by Major Bob Derby, our tour guide. We also visited some various bridges that had played a vital role in this operation. Some of the bridges still have the holes where rounds hit during this part of the war, other bridges have been rebuilt as the Germans destroyed. Destroying them had been an attempt to stop the English and American forces from continuing the assault on German forces.

Once we arrived at the army barracks Hars Kamp, we checked and ironed all our uniform for the airborne march. The march was to take place on the 1st of September. The following morning we got on the coach excited to do the march. As soon as we arrived we had a few minutes silence to remember those who gave their tomorrow for our today.

After the minutes silence we started our march, a fun but demanding experience. During the march we sang songs to keep the morale of the team up and encourage us to complete the march in a good time.

When we finished the march we were given the chance to go around the complex and meet new people from all over the world. This also gave us chance to swap some of our own items, such as berets and badges for memorable ones off other people that had also participated in the march. We can now keep these items to remind us of our great experience.

We would like to use this opportunity to give thanks to all members of staff that helped organise this camp. We would also like to encourage cadets to attend this event in the future.

By Cadets Taylor, Shelton and Parkinson.



This is the Cross of Sacrifice. This memorial is in one of the biggest war memorials in Holland.



This is the bridge which is leading into Arnhem and was vital for the Germans to hold back the British and Americans.



This is a tank which was outside one of the museums we had visited.



This picture shows the cadets who attended from 2504, on the left hand side is Cadet Louis Shelton, in the middle is Cadet Adam Parkinson and on the right hand side is Cadet Nicole Taylor.

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