

Kent: "The Many" came to Biggin Hill. Some with poignant memories. Others too young to remember the chapter of history dedicated to those "immortal few"

On this Battle of Britain anniversary, R.A.F. Stations throughout the country were "at home" to the public - who joined the pilots and machines of the jet age in paying tribute to a brave company.

And by this day of aerial display and mock attacks - we, in Britain, did keep their memory green...

At Biggin Hill (the most famous of all fighter ^{stations} ~~stations~~) the Standards of Commonwealth and Allied Squadrons who operated from the Station are paraded at a Drumhead Service.

Air Marshal Sir Dermot Boyle presented a Station badge (recently approved by the Queen) to ^{the C.O.} Wing-Commander Smallwood, ~~the Station C.O.~~

And on the edge of that famous flying field - the Bishop of Rochester, Dr Chevasse dedicated a Hurricane and a Spitfire - to stand as permanent reminders of a great sacrifice...

Meanwhile, across the North Sea, in Holland, bereaved relatives and "men of the Red Beret" have made their annual pilgrimage of remembrance to the Airborne Cemetery, at Oosterbeek. Ten long years have passed since the "Battle of Arnhem" - and to-day, General Urquhart, who commanded the First Airborne Division - lays a wreath in memory of his gallant "Red Devils" who did not return.

And ^{the general} sprinkled the ashes of crosses from the Field of Remembrance, at Westminster, on "this corner of a foreign field"

Since that September day, the Dutch people have lovingly tended the graves of the Airborne fallen ~~on which stood the graves and preserved memories~~ ~~for the tributes...~~ SOUND

In silent procession, the pilgrimage moves to Arnhem Bridge, where, during the action, the hard-pressed airborne defenders received this actual message from General Urquhart. SOUND.

At Arnhem Bridge, stands the Airborne Men's own Memorial - and here, Gen. Urquhart and his men must have recalled the events leading up to those epic days of September. 1944... (3)