

To the Normandy town of Bayeux came a solemn pilgrimage, led by Field-Marshal the Duke of Gloucester, who was to unveil a Memorial to a brave company that helped to bring freedom to Europe, eleven years ago.

~~located on ground~~ The Shrine commemorates over 1800 Commonwealth and Empire soldiers, who fell during the Normandy campaign and have no known grave.

~~In the~~ nearby, four thousand of their comrades are buried. Such was the sacrifice made by the heroes who formed the spearhead of the greatest invasion of all time.

In the early hours of that June morning and throughout the day, an airborne force - much larger than anything the world had seen before - took off from Britain, to create havoc in the rear of the German ~~coastal~~ coastal defences.

And below the aerial umbrella - sailed the "little ships" A British Army was going back - keeping the promise they had made to ^{their} French Allies - four long years before.

These were the men who landed under withering fire and breached that much-vaunted "Atlantic Wall" ~~By~~

~~past families names~~
~~was recorded, lists included, and~~
~~the~~

D-Day ~~landmark~~ was remembered in Ranville, too, where this ~~landmark~~ landmark, "The Pegasus Bridge", is a tribute to the 6th Airborne Division which liberated the village - the ^{to be freed} first, in Normandy.

The Division landed during the night before the invasion, and one of their many successful missions was to capture this emplacement - from which ~~guns~~ guns dominated the main landing-area.

Leading an airborne pilgrimage, General Gale, the war-time commander, ~~see~~ sees the spot where Captain Greenway was dropped, during that fateful night.

General Gale himself, was the first General to land in Normandy (two hours before the seaborne invasion began) and now - he pays a ~~personal~~ personal tribute to men of the Division - ~~at~~

~~The General~~
~~relative~~

AT THE CEMETERY -

~~_____~~ - they were joined for a special Memorial Service by Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery.

~~The famous war-time _____~~ ^{He} had a ~~firm~~ comforting word for many of the sorrowing relatives, and personally congratulated representatives of the French Resistance. ~~_____~~

And on this day of solemn remembrance - a party of Canadian veterans had made the long journey - to pay homage to those courageous men who dropped from the skies ^{- the} ~~a~~ brave vanguard of liberation.