20th Sept. 1955

Menorial Pilgrimage

Biggin Hill: To St. George's Chapel of Remembrance, (the shrine dedicated to the Battle of Britain heroes) came relatives and friends - for the unveiling of twelve stained-glass windows. These memorial windows incorporate the badges of the seven squadrons that operated from the famous fighter station.

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The ceremony was followed by a procession to the airfield - where four thousand attended a drumhead service.

The Station Commander, Wing Commander Smallwood recalled Sir Winston Churchill's eloquent tribute to "the few." SOUND

Finally, a tribute from the jet age as a squadron of Hunters dipped in salute.

Across the North Sea, sorrowing relatives were joined, in remembrance, by the people of Holland, at the Airborne Memorial, at Oosterbeek. The annual pilgrimage was led by Brigadier Hackett - in paying tribute to the men of the First Airborne Division - who won immortal glory as the "Men of Arnhem".

Eleven years ago, they dropped from the skies to hold the Bhine Bridge, at Arnhem, for the advancing Allied Arnies.

To-day, in the Airborne Cemetery, at Oosterbeek, a wreath is laid on behalf of Queen Juliana - honouring those who died while trying to bring liberation to her country

Throughout the year, the children of Arnhem tend the sector graves - for the "Red Devils" lies among friends - cherished and remembered .

As in former years, relatives and comrades of the fallen made the solemn pilgrimage to the Airborne Division's Own Memorial - on Arnhem Bridge... It was for this vital Rhine crossing that the Red Devils fought and died. The - Their memory will never fade - for theirs is the glory that liveth forever.