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B-DAY FALLEN REMEMBERED:

The Duke of Gloucester visits Bayeux to unveil the new memorial to British Commonwealth soldiers who fell in the Normandy campaign eleven years ago. Accompanied by General Canaval, representing the French President, the Duke inspects the guard of honour.

On the memorial are the names of nearly 2,000 soldiers whose graves are unknown. Thousands more are buried around the monument, at peace in the French countryside for whose freedom they gave their lives.

The flags fall away - and the Duke salutes, on behalf of us all, these men who were our brothers.

Normandy was William the Conqueror's country, from which he sailed against England nine centuries ago. Above the new memorial is a Latin text which reads "We whom William conquered have liberated the land of the conqueror"

The Duke inspects the cemetery, while others have their own private homage to pay. Side by side, Britain and France remember with gratitude the soldiers to whom both owe so much.