

56/46.COMMONWEALTH MEMORIAL NEAR NIJMEGEN

The Duke of Gloucester comes to Groesbeck Canadian War Cemetery, near Nijmegen, to unveil a memorial to over a thousand Commonwealth soldiers, who died during the final advance into Germany. Five-hundred pilgrims from the United Kingdom attend the ceremony, as well as Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, and ambassadors from the Commonwealth countries, and contingents from British, Canadian, and Dutch regiments.

The Duke pulls a lever, and one by one the Commonwealth flags fall away from the Monument, revealing the names of the officers and men, whose sacrifice helped to bring the Second World War to its victorious end.

The 1st Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers provide the United Kingdom contingent of the royal guard of honour as the Duke and Prince Bernhard lay their wreaths before the memorial - the twentieth completed by the Imperial War Graves Commission since 1945.