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COMMENT

A striking thing about items received for this issue, is the number of queries from various sources about former 47 Commandos. Normally a believer in “thinking positive”, such a long time has passed, it would hardly be surprising if there is no response to some of them. It also makes one wonder, why now? Undoubtedly, more people are showing an interest in their family histories and, perhaps, many individuals are more aware that these men were an intrinsic part of great historic events, that is, the landings in Normandy and the liberation of occupied Europe. Of course, we all contribute to history by being part of the fabric of society. However, so far as these men are concerned, there is probably a positive case for claiming that some are more equal than others. Certainly our generous Dutch hosts in Walcheren always appear to think so and give every indication that they will never ever forget them.

Lannah



Top Left: Birds-Eye view of the civil ceremony from the top of the Lighthouse

Top Right: Bugler Matt Abbott

Bottom: Veterans at Bergan-op-Zoom War Cemetery

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Another year completed and a very eventful one for the Association. Of great note was the visit to Port-en-Bessin. The goodwill, consideration and lavish hospitality of the serving Royals was absolutely marvellous, almost beyond belief.

The 47 Association was represented at the Graspan Parade in Central London in May, the annual RMA reunion and parade at CTCRM in Lympstone, the Walcheren visit (I was AWOL) and the Commando Commemoration at Spean Bridge.

The loss of two members was deeply felt, my dear old friend Tommy Payne from Birmingham and Rose Wood, widow of veteran the late George Wood, from Coggeshall in Essex. Both attended many reunions over the years. Despite such losses, let's hope more of us will be able to attend events in 2008. My regards and best wishes to all members of 47 RM Commando Association and my special thanks to Betty Field, Gemma Davison and Lannah Battley. Without these great folk and Doc Forfar we would have foundered years ago. Sincerely, C.J.Harris ('Chuck')

WALCHEREN 2007

(This account should appear in the next issue of The Globe & Laurel with one or two photos).

47 RM Commando Association in Walcheren

A dozen Association members set out for the Netherlands on 30th October in good spirits. At our hotel in Middelburg we were pleased to find two of our Dutch members to swell the numbers as well as Major Bob Perry accompanied by other Marine officers from 1 Assault Group, already known to us from Normandy earlier this year. They were there following their own particular project (*see article in this edition of Despatch*) but intended to attend several of the planned ceremonies.

We had time during our first day to visit the Polderhuis Museum at Westkapelle and appreciate how much they have achieved since their opening three years ago on the 60th anniversary of the liberation. The first floor also has the advantage of an excellent view of the Tank Monument on the sea wall without having ones ears blasted by the wind from the sea. In the evening we attended a reception at Middelburg Stadhuis, the fifteenth century building incredibly impressive both inside and out. The Mayor warmly welcomed the veterans, their families and friends and Colonel J P C Heal RM, British Defence Attaché in the Hague, responded. Afterwards, there was ample opportunity to chat over wine and snacks.

Next day, 1st November, veterans of 41, 47 and 48 Commandos lined up under the capable command of Captain Hedley Phillips of 48 Cdo for a ceremony at Erica Beach, Westkapelle, close to where 47 had landed exactly 63 years before. Among those attending were the British Ambassador, the British Defence Attaché, the Mayor of Veere and official representatives from Norway and Canada. The Act of Remembrance and Exhortation were followed by the Last Post played by RM Bugler, Matthew Abbott. As is the Dutch custom, a schoolchild accompanied each wreath-layer. After the piper's lament and the Corps Prayer, the National Anthems closed the ceremony.

Everyone moved to the 'Lighthouse' Civil Cemetery for a similar commemoration to the local people who had died following the bombing of the sea walls and the flooding of the island in 1944.

We were then whisked to De Parel, a leisure centre at Domburg, where an excellent lunch was provided. Members of the Association were joined by the British Attaché, Colonel Jerry Heal, much conversation and good cheer being enjoyed before continuing to the monuments at Domburg.

There, following ceremonies at Het Schuttershof and at the civil cemetery, everyone proceeded to the spot above the dunes where a new monument to 41 RM Commando was to be unveiled. During the commemoration, Bill Wilderspin, ex-QMS 41 Cdo spoke the exhortation, followed by the Last Post. HM Ambassador to the Netherlands, His Excellency Mr Lyn Parker, unveiled the monument and wartime Allies who took part in the landings, including Belgium, were represented during the wreath-laying. Thoroughly spoiled, as ever, by our Dutch hosts, we returned indoors to be served a choice of spirits, beer, tea or coffee.

The following morning we travelled to the British Cemetery at Bergen-op-Zoom where many of 47 Cdo's fallen lie. Among those laying wreaths was Ken Parker on behalf of 47 Cdo and Col Heal representing the British Government accompanied by Lt Col MacDonald RM. After the ceremony, we had lunch provided at the Dutch Commando Barracks at Roosendaal. We were allowed to gather in front of the monument beside the parade ground for a group photo and even allowed to cross the hallowed ground!

Afterwards, we went to the Museum at Westkapelle for the official unveiling of the landing craft which we had all admired on our earlier visit. The ceremony took place under the auspices of Lt Col Bob MacDonald RM who had been very much involved with the arrangements with the Royal Netherlands Navy for its building and transfer. At the end of the ceremony the curator spoke briefly to the gathering then kissed every veteran on parade. It should be added that the curator is a young woman and everyone present appeared to enjoy the occasion, especially the veterans.

Our last day began with a ceremony at Arnhem commencing the losses of French troops in May 1940 and those of Canadian and Scottish regiments in November 1944. Again we were provided with an excellent lunch and enjoyed the company of Col Jerry Heal, drawn to our table by our natural magnetism, of course, though we also noted that he always sat beside the veteran with the hip flask.

After lunch we continued to Vlissingen (Flushing) for the final ceremony followed by a reception in the main bar of Het Arsenaal.

Our special thanks must go to Dr Leon DeWitte OBE, the tireless President of the Liberators Support Foundation who hosts every ceremony and has arranged these events over many years. He also has an incredibly hard-working and always friendly team of people who we cannot thank enough.

Our own group who had enjoyed so much laughter and good fellowship at receptions and in our hotel bar, sadly had to leave and ultimately part company. We look forward to the next time.

LB



Unveiling of the Landing Craft at Polderhuis Museum, Westkapelle

WALCHEREN EXTRA

We were happy to have Marc de Bolster and Mariel with us on our visit and they were always good company and there to help with language queries or anything else for that matter.

In recognition of what Marc does for the Association through maintaining the website, Major Bob Perry presented him with a 1 Assault Group RM plaque. On a separate occasion, Bugler Matt Abbott (also an Association member) presented Marc with a pair of RM Band drumsticks. Appropriately enough, both these events took place in the hotel bar.

SPEAN BRIDGE - NOVEMBER 2007

With son, John Stuart, at the wheel, we drove overnight on 9th November to Fort William. The temperature was 3C in Essex but up to 7C on arrival at the Alexandra Hotel. In the morning we joined our friends and old comrades of the Commando Veterans Association for the Saturday celebrations.

On Sunday morning the parade took place in bright sunshine at 1100 hrs in Fort William. It was very well attended by old and younger commando veterans. I laid a wreath for 47 Commando. Following the parade and service and after a short visit to the bar we made our way to Spean Bridge for the afternoon ceremony at the Commando Monument. The parade was taken by ex-RSM Jack Quarrie and the service conducted by the Rev Donald McQuarrie. The names of commandos killed in Iraq and Afghanistan were read out and quite a few relatives of these lads were in attendance and laid wreaths. There was a large turn-out of marching vets and many relations and local people attended. A presentation was made to WO1 Alistair McGill RM, who had recently returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan, for his sterling work in clearing up the area of the Memorial and building a wall around the Garden of Remembrance. 47 RM Cdo Association contributed towards the cost, as did many

other Associations. Minute guns were fired at both Fort William and Spean Bridge by Royal Artillery Commandos. In all it was an excellent day.

Over the next few days, John Stuart and I were able to tour the Highlands and our visits included Mallaig, Oban and Inverary where the early 19th century prison with absolutely no mod cons proved to be a real eye-opener. We also visited many other places in the County of Argyle and Bute which was a very pleasant way to complete our trip.
CJH

DUTCH COMMANDOS 1944

Ed Thoden van Velzen asked for the names of Dutch commandos who served with 47 in 1944. I circularised everyone on my email list, without optimism, but Marc de Bolster came up with all the names in a very short time. Twenty-five, all serving with No 2 Dutch Troop – 10 Inter Allied Commando, landed at either Flushing or Westkapelle. The eleven at Flushing with no 4 Commando Brigade, comprised a Lieutenant and ten Non Commissioned Officers. The fourteen commandos with 47 at Westkapelle were also NCOs with one Captain. Of the fourteen, nine were wounded and the majority were awarded the Dutch Bronze Cross. If anyone would like the names please get in touch.

Ed sent me thanks via email (though it was Marc who did all the work), ending MVCG which he translated as Dutch for With Kind Commando Greetings. I feel sure he would be glad of any further details of these men if anybody has any memories of them. Again, you can contact him via the *Despatch*, write, phone or email. Ed also sent me a big kiss (much appreciated) but I don't guarantee that anybody else will receive one.
LB

IN MEMORIAM

We have learned of the deaths of the following veterans and supporters and offer sincere condolences to families and friends:

Rose Wood, September 2007, Halstead, Essex.

The widow of George ("Chopper") Wood, Rose has taken part in 47 Cdo reunions over decades. After George's death she continued to support the Association and joined our visits whenever she could. Always kind, helpful and with a very pleasant personality, she has, unfortunately, suffered from increasingly poor health in recent years. She will be sadly missed.

Tommy Payne, October 2007, Birmingham.

Tommy served on a Naval Sea Fort outside the Thames estuary from 1942 and gave us a vivid account of the horribly rigorous life on board (*Despatch 13*). After transfer to Achnacarry and completing his commando training, he joined 47 at Wenduine just prior to the Walcheren landing. He served in X Troop and remained with 47 Commando until it was disbanded. He will be missed by all who met him.

Leslie L A Rogers, 2007.

Corporal Rogers served with 47, landing in Normandy, and remained with the Commando all the way through to Germany. Post-war he stayed with the RM serving in various trouble spots, including Malaya in 1951 with 40 Commando. He leaves a wife, children and grandchildren.

(This information is extracted from a longer obituary in the Nov/Dec issue of the Globe & Laurel in case any veteran should remember him).

'HISTORIC' BATTLEDRESS

Marc de Bolster had an enquiry from a fellow-collector of militaria about a battledress jacket which may or may not have belonged to a marine who served with 47 RM Commando. The jacket appears to have '47' and the name Saldwell or Caldwell inside and the owner may have been a sergeant. The late Daniel Caldwell was an Association member until his death in 2005 (reported in *Despatch 13*) but I have no other information about him. Marc has doubts about the authenticity of this item, anyway, but if anyone has any knowledge or theories please get in touch. LB

IN THE PRESS

As well as our own report of the June 2007 Normandy trip, the Reverend Dave Devenney RN had an excellent article in the same issue (July/Aug 07) of the *Globe & Laurel*, headed 'Return to Port-en-Bessin'. One of the main instigators and organisers of the landing by serving Marines, he gives an, at times, humorous account of the work and planning it involved and the difficult landing, in which he took part. Expecting calm summer seas, they in fact had the same rough weather experienced in June 1944 and instead of a dry landing stepped out into water waist-deep. Dave Devenney goes on to relate the following events and ends with high praise for the achievements in the most difficult of circumstances of 47 RM Commando.

REVIEWS

BOOK

The following review of James's novel should appear in the next Globe & Laurel, space permitting:

James Delingpole: ***Coward on the Beach***, , Bloomsbury, £12.99

Dick Coward, the hero of this novel is not at all cowardly, of course. Scion of an uppercrust family, and already an exponent of wartime derring-do, he becomes not an officer but a Marine with 47 RM Commando, taking part in the landings in Normandy and the vital capture of Port-en-Bessin.

Coward is there through some unwanted string-pulling by his father and rivalry with his rather odious younger brother who may deprive him of the family estate. He is also influenced by the girl of his dreams who has asked him to 'keep an eye' on her cousin. This officer, who seems quite capable of looking after himself, doesn't exactly take to the new Marine and the feeling is mutual.

Something of a Flashman character, Coward becomes crucially involved in the

problems of capturing the port and, in the process, has some dalliance with a lady in a nearby chateau. None of those present at the time would have had time for this kind of respite but novelist and journalist, Delingpole, has done his homework. The background, based on John Forfar's *From Omaha to the Scheldt* and taped interviews with some of those who were there, is accurate and, throughout, the fiction and the fact seamlessly interlock.

Though clearly of appeal to those interested in commandos and the Normandy landings, this is also an entertaining novel in its own right. The narrative is pacy and often humorous but manages not to ignore the death, destruction and other realities of war.

Like Flashman, Coward is due to have further adventures in other theatres of war. Though lacking some of the utter selfishness of that warrior, Coward is nonetheless an intriguing character and, still with family machinations to confront, will be well worth following up.

LB

Additional comments

The above review is for a more general audience. For our members it's worth pointing out that James taped interviews with many veterans during one of our trips to Walcheren. The help he received from all of them and many other people is acknowledged, often quite humourously, at the back of the book. Although names are changed, there are also quite a few recognisable characters. There's an officer who manages to reach the beach, despite being badly wounded, name of Captain Frost. Now, who could that be based on??

TELEVISION

Commando, on the front line. ITV Series of 8 half-hour episodes. Though a somewhat familiar format, a group of recruits' painful progress, it was well above average and being the RM that bit extra special. The commentary was excellent, not at all over-the-top as so many can be. However, in one episode, they barely stopped swearing; true realism, perhaps, but it can get 'expletive' boring. The worst culprit was an anonymous Special Services bod who talked to the recruits about undercover operations overseas. With every other word beginning with f, it was quite difficult to comprehend what he was saying, like listening to backslang.

For me, that was the only downside. The intensity of the training came over exceptionally well and those who stayed the course (a very small minority!) achieved the fitness of an international athlete. A great deal of mental fitness was required, too. Everyone knew that once through the course, they would immediately be posted to Afghanistan yet they were all mad keen to get that green beret.

There were scenes shot on the front in Afghanistan and the parents of a young marine officer killed in action agreed to be interviewed. It was painful but they were proud. Their son had been doing what he always wanted to do, be a Royal Marine Commando.

Unfortunately, a minor blip prevented me from seeing the final episode which I hope to catch up with some time. My favourite scene? After the raw recruits were shown the way to iron a shirt, they were taught how to take a shower. The instructor had a great body and obliged with a full frontal treat for the female of the species. 'Phwoo-

ahr!' as they say in the tabloids (apparently) and I never thought to record it. LB

PETITION

Geoff Murray, Secretary of the Commando Veterans Association, circularised everyone on his email list regarding a petition to enable the SSAFA to buy a large house in Ashted, Surrey for families to use to be close to injured service personnel resident in nearby Headly Court. Apparently some local people were opposing the application.

I duly circularised everyone whose email address appears on my 47 Cdo circulation list and Ted and I both duly 'signed' the Downing Street petition. Thanks to Mark Bentinck for informing me shortly afterwards that planning permission had finally been given. I should think so, too. LB

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Anyone with an email address who would like their Despatch sent electronically, please let me know. It saves a lot of postal charges. Even if you prefer to receive a proper copy through the post, it is still useful to have an email address if you have one, for other information which may arise such as the petition as mentioned above. Please let me have your addresses for my file and let me know your preference regarding the *Despatch*. Simplest way is to email lannabatt@aol.com

TRACING THE PAST

Increasingly, we are getting enquiries about former members of 47 RM Commando, mainly through the website and often via John Forfar. Here are the current ones. Any information will be warmly received:

1. (Part I) - Friends of the Allied War Graves in Waalwijk sent John Forfar the two following photos of 47 Commando marines, hoping that somebody would be able to identify them.



Photo 1



Photo 2

If you recognise either (or both) please write to John (Prof J O Forfar, 9 Ravelston Heights, Edinburgh, EH4 3LX) with their names and anything which you can

remember about them indicating, of course, whether you refer to photo 1 or 2.

(Part 2) Betty also received an email from the same people, judging by the web address given, but with the names: Marines Samuel Greenhalgh and Raymond Williams though it's not known which are which. Marc de Bolster was able to provide some details. They were both killed in action 14th January 1945 at Kapelsche Veer and lie in the British War Cemetery, Bergen-op-Zoom. Marine Greenhalgh was 20 and his parents lived in Pendlebury, Lancashire. Marine Williams was 19 and his parents lived in Kingstanding, Birmingham.

2. John also had an enquiry from the son of the late John Bullivant (PO/X11846). Marine Bullivant landed in Normandy with H (HQ?) Troop. His son has become a member and would be very grateful for any information about his service.

3. Marc passed on a request for information from Peter Charlton who believes his late father served with 47 and landed in Normandy. His name was Andrew Neil Charlton of Gateshead.

4. Also via the website: Terry January is looking for more information about his grandfather. His name was Samuel James Noel January and he could have used any of those forenames. Terry believes that he joined 47 from its inception and trained as a sniper.

5. Another query came from Captain Rory Kay of United Airlines, based in Virginia, regarding Peter Winter. His parents knew him after the war during the time when he was skippering his own charter vessel around the Mediterranean with many 'celebs' of the day as passengers. This query was passed on to Peter's elder daughter, Susan Parroy, and she was able to get in touch.

PRESENTATION AT EDINBURGH CASTLE

In recognition of their outstanding contribution to the 47 RM Cdo Association the Commandant General Royal Marines has awarded his Commendation to Malcolm Ross and Clifford Kingstone. The awards were presented by Brigadier Andy Salmon OBE ADC, Commandant CTCRM, during an informal black-tie dinner held in the Officers' Mess at Edinburgh Castle on Thu 20 Sep 07. Professor John Forfar MC, Major Bob Perry RM and the Reverend David Devenney RN also attended the dinner and presentation ceremony. The text of each commendation is as follows:

MR MALCOLM ROSS

Presented on behalf of the Commandant General Royal Marines, Commander of the United Kingdom Amphibious Forces, to Mr Malcolm Ross in recognition of the outstanding contribution which he has made to the memory of 47 Royal Marine Commando.

On learning of the Commando's history and of the desire of its veterans to acquire a set of colours Mr Ross presented these to 47 RM Commando Association.

Subsequently, within the Association, the idea of a permanent Memorial honouring the 46 marines killed in the battle for Port-en-Bessin between June 6th and 8th 1944 was mooted. The Memorial was to be sited on the western headland overlooking Port-en-Bessin harbour, at the large defensive bunker - a stark relic of the Normandy campaign - where 11 marines of the commando had been killed. Approached about this proposal Mr Ross immediately undertook to provide a major degree of

sponsorship. In addition, because of his professional and business expertise and dynamic personality he was able to inject a very special input of informed leadership into the project.

The Memorial, in the form of a slightly angled table with the names engraved on it on either side of a Royal Marine badge looks down to the harbour and beyond to the eastern headland where a very critical part of the Port-en-Bessin battle had also been fought. It was unveiled by Brigadier Garry Robison ADC on the 60th anniversary of the battle in the presence of 47 RM Commando veterans, the Mayor, representatives of various municipalities and local inhabitants. Mr Ross dedicated it to his father Sergeant Robert Vivian Ross of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, 1944.

Some two years later Mr Ross, entirely on his own volition and initiative, considered that the surroundings of the Memorial would much better match its presence and purpose if converted into a scenic Memorial Garden. There, in addition to seats, shrubs and hedges there would be another stone table corresponding with that of the Memorial on which would be engraved in English and French written accounts of the battle for Port-en-Bessin and an engraved map of the harbour.

On 7th June 2007, in the presence of veterans, a contingent of currently serving Royal Marines, the Mayor, other civic dignitaries and local inhabitants a memorial service was conducted by the Reverend David Devenney, Chaplain to the Royal Marines, and the ceremonial opening of the gate to the garden was performed by Brigadier Andy Salmon OBE, Commandant of the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines.

Malcolm Ross, has been uniquely instrumental in honouring those who were killed in the Battle for Port-en-Bessin and at the same time in a very special way in honouring those who served in 47 Royal Marine Commando and the Corps of the Royal Marines of which the Commando was a part.

MR CLIFFORD KINGSTONE

Presented on behalf of the Commandant General Royal Marines, Commander of the United Kingdom Amphibious Forces, to Mr Clifford Kingstone Dip.Arch.R.I.B.A. on account of the outstanding contribution which he has made to the architectural design and structure of the Memorial and Memorial Garden to the 46 marines of 47 Royal Marine Commando who were killed in the battle for Port-en-Bessin, 6th to 8th June 1944, 11 of them at the site of the Memorial.

The Memorial is appropriately sited atop a major concrete bunker - a relic of the battle for Normandy - on the western headland overlooking Port-en-Bessin harbour. It consists of a stone table facing the harbour with beyond that the port's eastern headland where a critical part of the battle was also fought. The names of the marines who died are engraved on brass plates attached to the table top on either side of a Royal Marine badge.

Designing the Memorial in Britain and explaining its structure to those in France who would erect it was a task requiring a great deal of professional architectural skill as well as dedication and patience. As the project advanced evolving technical and linguistic problems meant that frequent planning revisions, often with demanding time-scales, were necessary. These problems were all met by Mr Kingstone with great expedition and tolerance. The result was a greatly admired memorial unveiled on the 60th anniversary of the battle by Brigadier Garry Robison ADC in the presence of 47 RM Commando veterans, the Mayor of the local Council, other civil dignitaries and members of the public.

Mr Kingstone was then involved in the design and structuring of a garden around the Memorial with shrubs, hedges and seats and with a special feature consisting of a stone table matching that of the memorial on which were engraved accounts of the battle for Port-en-Bessin in English and French and a map of the harbour. The garden was completed by 7th June 2007 and in the presence of veterans, a contingent of currently serving Royal Marines, the Mayor, other civic dignitaries and local inhabitants, a memorial service was conducted by the Reverend David Devenney, Chaplain to the Royal Marines, and the ceremonial opening of the gate to the Memorial Garden was performed by Brigadier Any Salmon OBE, Commandant of the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines.

The Memorial and its surrounding garden is not only a very fitting tribute to the men of 47 RM Commando who died but also an impressive local attraction which adds greatly to the historical significance and amenity of Port-en-Bessin.



*Top Left: Brigadier Andy Salmon with Malcolm Ross
 Top Right: Andy Salmon with Clifford Kingstone
 Bottom: John Forfar with Malcolm and Clifford*

47 RM CDO GRAVES VISITED & PHOTOGRAPHED

Major Bob Perry RM, a member of the Association, has recently completed a 3-month project to personally visit and photograph all of the individual headstones, or memorials to those who have no known grave, of the 113 men of 47 RM Cdo who gave their lives in the Liberation of Europe 1944-1945. The work has caused Bob to travel extensively in the UK as well as visiting cemeteries in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Each photograph has been mounted on an A4 page with the personal details of the individual concerned. The work is soon to be transferred to CD-ROM and copies will be available to members of the Association. More detail regarding the project will appear in the next edition of Despatch.

MONEY MATTERS

The annual subscription of £10 per head runs annually from January to December. Please send your sub for 2008 (and any arrears, of course!) to Gemma Davison at:

Mrs G Davison
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Cheques should be made payable to '47 RM Commando Association'. Further to the request for email addresses, please could you let Gemma have your **phone number** when sending your subscription so that the Association has as complete a record as is possible.

NORMANDY 2008

We hope to have a party for Normandy again this year. It's always a good trip and we will more than likely be meeting up with serving Commandos again. Please let Secretary, Betty Field, know **as soon as possible** if you wish to go because she will need to book the hotel and coach very shortly. Also include your deposit of £25 per head made payable to '47 RM Commando Association'. Please send cheques to:

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47 RM CDO WEBSITE

As ever, thanks are due to Marc de Bolster for keeping up our website. The photos in this issue are all downloaded from the web and if you're able to get online you can view many, many more plus masses of other material and information. If you have anything to go online, it can be sent via email to m.de.bolster@xs4all.nl or if you have any problem with that address try Webmaster@47Commando.org.uk Otherwise material may be sent by post to: - Marc de Bolster, Elzendreef 29, 2272 CG, Voorburg, Netherlands. Photos, etc, would appear in the secure section, available only to Association members via their passwords. The web address is www.47Commando.org.uk

RM WEBSITE

There is a new Royal Marines Website at www.royalmarines.mod.uk. Well worth a visit with, as you would expect, extensive coverage of every aspect of RM Commandos and a section on the close co-operation between British and Dutch Commandos.



Veterans and Association members at Roosendaal Barracks

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

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