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New memorial to be unveiled—Dieppe

A stunning new dark granite memorial is to be unveiled on the Dieppe esplanade in memory of the soldiers of the Essex Scottish Regiment of Canada who fell in the Second World war. The unveiling ceremony will be attended by over 100 members of the Regimental family, including Veterans of the tragic raid in which 6,000 soldiers took part, the majority Canadian, and over 4,000 became casualties. The Essex Scottish landed at dawn on 19th August 1942 on Red Beach, they suffered withering MG and Mortar fire while pinned on the pebble beach for several hours. Battle Honours is proud to be their chosen tour partner for their 10 day tour. See www.dieppememorial.ca for more details.

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Red Beach memorial

This month in History –March

On Land – Montgomery's 21st army group attack across the Rhine on March 23rd 1945. Operation Plunder sees 16,800 Airborne troops spearhead the attacks and link up with ground troops to establish 4 bridgeheads deep into Germany.

VC— Lt Col. Wilfrith Elstob, 16th Manchesters (also DSO, MC) Commanded the battalion in the heroic defence of Manchester redoubt west of St. Quentin on 21 March 1918. Under hours of assault,



surrounded, and twice wounded he organized and rallied the defenders as well as himself using revolver and grenades. His last message reads “Goodbye” We visit the site of action on the Kaisers battle tour and also his memorial at Pozieres.

The following units wear this honour with pride

Xanten (The Rhineland) March 1945.—Wiltshire Regiment. Essex Scottish Regt. Somerset LI. The British Columbia Regt. South Alberta Light Horse. The Black

2006 Tour Schedule

Ham & Jam £329 Walking Normandy tour, from the beaches through the Bocage. 17/21 July

London be Proud £259 90th Anniversary tour walking High Wood, Combles, Gommecourt & Chipilly. 14/17 September

Over the Garden Waal £329 Walking Arnhem/Nijmegen tour studying Op Market Garden. 23/27 September

Walking Gallipoli £775 Walking the Beach heads, inland fighting, Suvla Bay & Anzac 16/21 October

Stop Press Der Tag only 6 spaces left, March 18 tour £299 8/12 April



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