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The Regimental Association of The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, (Keighley Branch) and friends recently had a visit to Holland, organised by our Chairman Mr J. Duckworth. We have a sub branch in Holland consisting of three honorary members, I have been in contact with them for three years via the internet so it was very good to go and meet them in person.

Mr C. Moulton who served with the 7th Btn of the Regiment in a carrier platoon and was with them when Ede was liberated, he lives there, his son Cedric and Mr R. Twyford who's father also served with the 7th Btn.

On Thursday 17th April, the anniversary of the Liberation, we laid wreaths on the 49th Division "Polar Bear" memorial at Ede. and had a short service.

In the afternoon Mr Moulton (a recent recipient of the Dutch liberation medal) was invited to Wageningen to unveil a plaque to commemorate his friend Cpl Walter B. Dewe who was killed in action on the 17th April 1945, the Burgermeester invited us all to attend the ceremony , he made us very welcome and the event was televised. Also there was a Mr C. F. Petter who holds an Honorary M. B. E. for his work tending the war graves of Soldiers and Airman who lost their lives during the Arnhem campaign, he does this as a token of gratitude to members of the forces who lost their lives.

During our stay we visited the landing ground for the Paratroopers, various Memorials including the bridge at Arnhem and the war cemetery at Oosterbeek , a number of "Dukes" are buried there, amongst them Mr Moultons friend Corporal Dewe. Also a private museum "The Island" consisting of items found or donated by local people. Items associated with the Regiment were noted.

We look forward to going back again next year to meet the friends we have made in Holland and of course keep in touch with our sub branch.

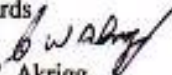
Regards

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