



## Rifleman Tour Group

As the Class Leader for the SEMC(CF) group presently employed at HMS Sultan I would like to take this opportunity to express a sincere thank you for the service provided for our tour within France.

After considerable conversations with the group a variety of feedback was raised. As a collective we felt that the bus arrangements exceeded our expectations. The outlay of beverages to snacks gave one a sense of true pampering. The driver Ian and as well the guide Tony were both complete professionals and at the same time approachable and eager to impart their knowledge. I found this to be extremely helpful and beneficial for the diverse group present.

There may have been a few that found cemeteries a little uneasy for visiting but overall everyone had a sense of connection. As a collective we did feel that maybe passing on items such as Pegasus Bridge, and taking in more Canadian content (such as the Canada House) would have been of more relevant but we understand the complexities of arranging a realistic and achievable programme. The video clips displayed on the bus prior to visiting sites was particular well suited. It provided context and a visual display of the true conditions. It is unfortunate that a navigation error created on the return trip created the four hour delay. We would like to commend Tony for the quick and expedient process he underwent to reroute and bring the group back to Sultan as soon as possible.

I must also commend them on the dedication and passion to your trade, everything is considered from detailed knowledge at individual sites to the laying of a wreath at the Canadian Cemetery. It was a truly emotional journey. Again we express our most heartfelt thanks for a job well done, I'm sure there will be some that will take there memories with them for years to come and others that feel a sense of belonging to Canada as did the French resistance fighter with his Canadian family of soldiers.

Sincerely  
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