



3rd mobility to the landing beaches at Normandy

24th-27th may 2019

Right after our days in Wormhout, the pupils from Crete, the Czech Republic, Poland and Germany drove with their French partners to Normandy to the D-Day landing beaches.

Almost exactly 75 years after the D-Day, the pupils of the Erasmus+ project "World War II, our cultural and historical legacy" explored a couple of memorial sites along the coast.

The Memorial of Caen 24th may 2019

written by Jano and Sebastian

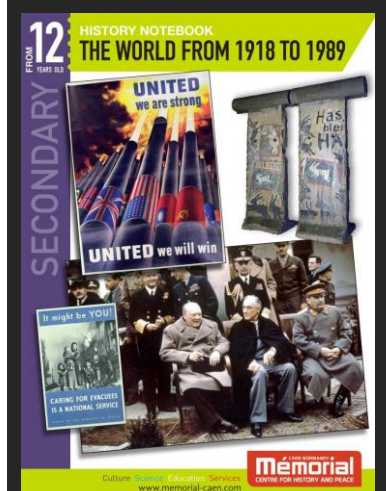


The memorial of Caen shows a very impressive and emotionally stirring exhibition about the atrocities of the Second World War across Europe. The pupils had several hours to explore the exhibition with the help of an elaborately designed brochure and to answer questions in this special history notebook.

A very good online exhibition can be viewed via the following link:

[The Second World War · Mémorial de Caen \(memorial-caen.com\)](http://www.memorial-caen.com)

the history notebook we used to explore the Memorial



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Visit of the Musée du Débarquement at Arromanches

written by Cara

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Arromanches 360°



The story of the Mulberry harbours:

The British constructed a huge artificial harbour; these "Mulberry harbours" comprised floating roadways and pierheads. It took 9 months to complete the work. Huge quantities of raw materials were used and tens of thousands of men were involved.

Arromanches was liberated in the evening of June 6th and the very next day the first ships were scuttled. During its busiest days more than 18,000 tonnes of goods were unloaded each day.

Our group visited the remains of this artificial port at the beach of Arromanches.



The landing beaches – Omaha beach

25th mai 2019



the project group at Omaha Beach



the American military cemetery at Colleville



THE „D-DAY EXPERIENCE“

26th may 2019

For most of the pupils the D-Day Experience was the highlight of all the visits during our mobility – in a 3D theater we could “relive” the events of the 6th June 1944 and we boarded a original aircraft transformed in a aircraft simulator.

The exhibition story is told through the eyes of a real **Colonel Wolverton**: That helped us to understand the stakes and the state of mind in which the soldiers were when they took part to the landings. But sometimes it was a bit too disneylike; the German pupils found the differences between this American design of such a museum and the more German kind of museum education very interesting.

The „Dead man corner Museum“

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The building of this museum was the former headquarters of the German paratroopers before being taken over by the American paratroopers. The strange name comes from a cruel story: The nearby road junction, where the body of a British soldier remained on top of the tank turret for hours, was rapidly nicknamed “The Dead Man’s Corner”

a young french paratrooper, killed at the age of 17 on D-Day



The battery of Merville

27th may 2019



We visited this historic site totally preserved and extending over several hectares on the last day of our mobility. There is an educational trail which explained the way the Battery worked, the role of each bunker and the dawn attack on the 6th June 1944.

After all of these information about the weapons, victims and "heroes" of WW2, we were quite happy to recover a little bit – and once again we were aware of how lucky we are to live in peace!