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When asked at our Annual Service held at Monty's Statue in Colleville Montgomery last year if you would be coming back in 2017 the positive response was overwhelming. Thus I know that many of you will be returning in June this year. Therefore you will be pleased to know that I have made the necessary arrangements with Colleville Montgomery's Mayor and Council for the D-Day Remembrance Service to be held once again this year.

At the request of the Mayor and Town Council of Colleville Montgomery this will be held on Sunday 4th June 2017 at 1100 hours in order that more of the local townspeople and children will be able to attend. This is a specific request so that they can show their appreciation of our efforts in 1944 and to celebrate the many friendships which have been formed over the years.

I do hope that as many of you as possible will be there to take part in our Ceremony. As you know last year I arranged for Monty's Grandson, The Hon. Henry Montgomery to attend for the first time. Unfortunately this year he cannot be with us as he has to attend the wedding of one of his daughters.

The arrangements will be:

Service commences at 1100 hours conducted by Rev. Mandy Reynolds (please be seated by 1045 hours)

The Band of Liberation will be in attendance (with Emma singing)

The Parade will be controlled by ex RSM John Ferry, RE

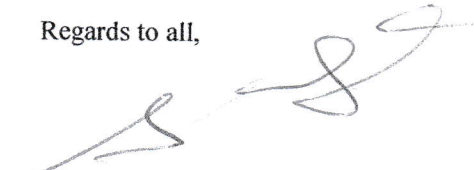
After the Service a Vin d'Honneur will be held on La Plage

You can debus from your coach near to Monty's Statue but your coach must then be parked in the Supermarket as usual. Plenty of seating will be provided but if you wish to march to the ceremony we will form up just outside the entrance, Branch or other Standards will be more than welcome (seating will be reserved for you). After the Ceremony we will proceed to La Plage for the Vin d'Honneur. You can either walk, march headed by the Band, or use your coach or car. The Mayor and Town Council will take the salute in the usual place.

In order that the Town Council can make the necessary arrangements for seating, parking, the Vin d'Honneur etc. please let me now A.S.A.P if you will be coming, the number and whether by coach or car.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Regards to all,



George R Batts, MBE, L d,Hon.,
Chairman.