

# We shall never forget

Georgetown resident Lois Fraser and her husband Al, along with Acton residents Barb and Fred VanSickle, were among 21 Canadians who took part in the Beaches and Battlefields Tour in August.

The group visited historic war sites and memorials in Belgium and France. Fraser supplied *The Independent & Free Press* with photos of the tour for this remembrance section.



The harbour at Arromanche, Normandy in France looks very peaceful today but bears a few reminders of the Allied invasion in 1944. In the water are remnants of the prefab concrete structures used to create a safe harbour for landing craft ferrying troops and supplies.



Artcast Inc., in Georgetown cast this bronze statue that greets visitors to the Juno Beach Centre in Normandy, France. Juno Beach is where Canadian soldiers came ashore during D-Day.



Colonel John MacCrae, the author of *In Flanders Fields*, wrote his famed Remembrance poem in this first aid dressing station located by Essex Farm Cemetery in Belgium. The Guelph native wrote the poem following the death of a close friend.

Below is the gravestone of Gerard Dore who was the youngest Canadian soldier killed in the line of fire. Dore, 15 at the time of his death is buried in Normandy.



A poignant Australian memorial located near Vancouver Corners in Fromelles, Belgium.

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