

Dear Mr Pine-Coffin,

Please find enclosed copy of your late fathers war diary for 6th June 1944, which I promised to forward on to you, when I spoke to you at the 7th Battalion Annual Dinner.

Now that I have your permission, I intend sending a copy to the following persons, who are in the process of putting together the personal accounts of men, up to Company Commander, who took part in the "D" day landings.

- (1) Albert GRANDAIS,  
3 Rue Leroy,  
Caen,  
14000, FRANCE.

This book will be written in french, and hopefully English also?.

- (2) Major Roderick de Norman,  
30 Swinton Avenue,  
Bovington Camp,  
Wareham,  
Dorset, BH20 6LD.

The Major, who is a serving officer with the Hussars, is co-operating with his friend, an author, to produce a book whose title will probably be "D" DAY" and will hopefully be on sale for the 50th anniversary on 6th June 1994. He has also asked for a photo, preferably taken during war-time, of the persons who contributed to the book. A copy of these photographs will be reproduced with each account printed.

In closing, I sincerely trust that you were not bored by some of the Old soldiers tales, but that you learned how very much your late father meant to the men in the regiment, and incidentally, the Ariel Square Four motor cycle, brand new when acquired by me from a shed on the banks of the River Elbe, which your father rode for many years after the war, was carried back to England in the bomb bays of the aircraft that brought us home from Germany, after the Col had bribed the pilot of the plane that should have landed at Brize Norton in order that we went through Customs, but which got lost and landed at Netheravon. Wilts. Strange war-time mishap?.

Yours Sincerely,

*Eddy Gurney*

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