



Memorial in front of the church of Bure for the 13th (Lancashire) Battalion



Church of Bure

From the church in Bure we drove up to a chapel, Chapelle Notre-Dame de Haut", on the hill **between Bure and Wavreille** where, as per Geoff's recollection, fierce fighting had been going on



and also reinforcements had been parachuted in. Probably of the 13<sup>th</sup> (Lancashire) Battalion, “The Parachute regiment” for which another memorial in front of the church of Bure reads:  
*“ ‘WIN OR DIE’ – 13<sup>th</sup> (LANCASHIRE) – BATTALION – THE PARACHUTE – REGIMENT – 61 officers and men of this battalion gave their lives during the battle for the village of Bure – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> January 1945 and here in this field were given temporary graves before being moved to their final resting place at the Hotton military cemetery – Remembered with gratitude [...]”*



Chapel, Chapelle Notre-Dame de Haut”, on the hill between Bure and Wavreille where fierce fighting took place and where reinforcement troops had been parachuted in

We closed this long and rainy but rewarding day with dinner in Tellin.

#### Day 2:

August 16<sup>th</sup> we were joined by my sister Leen, her husband Wim, daughter Luna and visited the Bastogne War museum and Mémorial du Mardasson, the American liberators memorial. The museum has also got British battle uniforms and other artefacts on display.



The Bastogne War Museum as seen from the "Mémorial du Mardasson", the American liberators memorial





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British battle dress on display at the Bastogne War Museum



Family photo taken in front of the “Mémorial du Mardasson”. Left to right sitting: Luna, Charlotte, Lucas, Julienne, Geoffrey – Left to right standing: Michael, Leen, Wim, Geert – Lying in front: Baya, Michael’s dog who kept us company during the tour

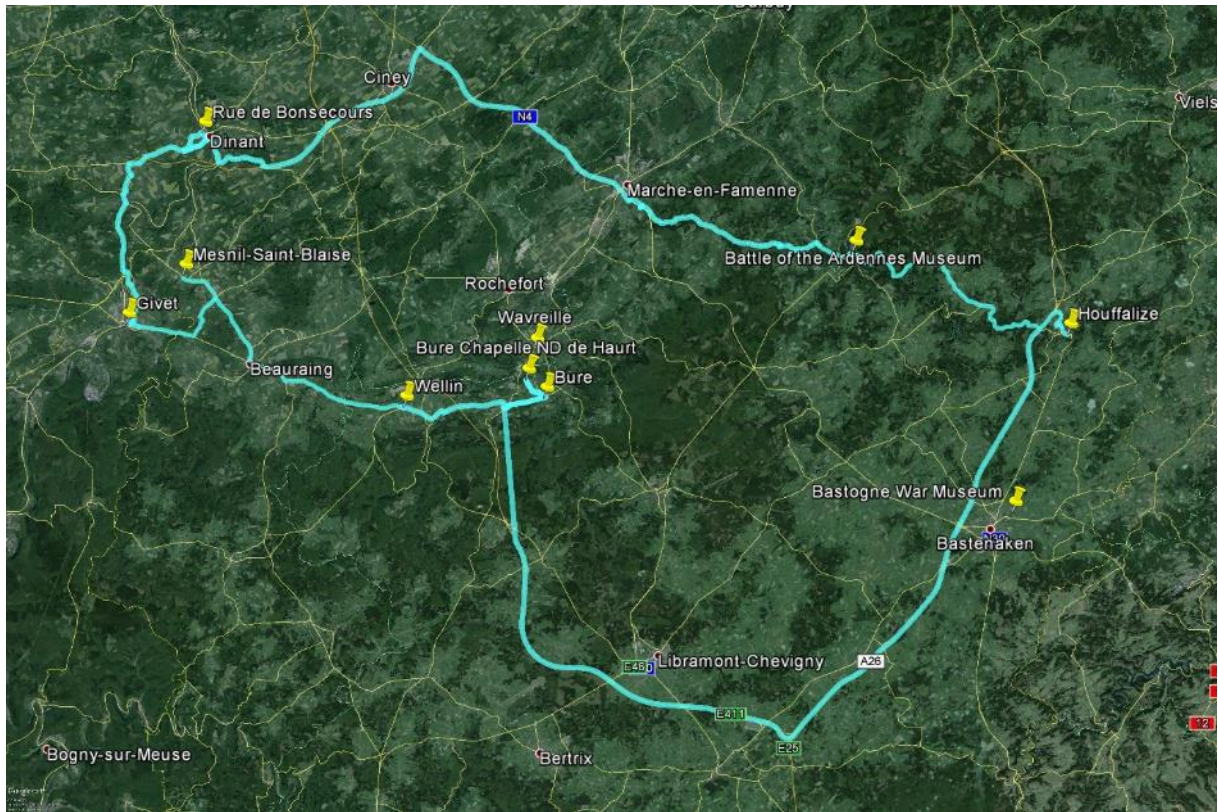
We ended the day in the city centre of Bastogne in front of the Sherman tank on the “Place Général McAuliffe”, where Geoff gave Lucas some instructions as to how such tank should be operated.





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Geoff giving instructions to Lucas as to how a Sherman tank should be operated



The entire tour in the Ardennes of August 15-16 2015 in the tracks of 29<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division (Google Earth)





"Ready for battle" - Artillery Officer and his radio operators with Geoff Pulzer and driver





Geoff relaxing with colleagues