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You will have probably noticed that May and June are generally busy in the military vehicle world; May because the show seasons gets underway and June because it contains the annual anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, which a lot of members attend. The Yorkshire Area is no exception and a group went to Normandy from where Gary Docherty sent some of the photos that accompany this report describing them as 'a few shots from Camp Texas.'

Simon Balding reports that he and the Troubleshooters team attended the Yorkshire Air Museum "We'll meet again event," in May with seven vehicles, and were well looked after as always, with a prime display slot next to Friday the 13th Halifax bomber. He

said, "Adam's GMC was converted to a Dakota overnight on Saturday, as the photographers that came to do a night shoot, placed all the display boards against his truck (see photo). Soon afterwards they attended the first Bingley 1940s day. Simon said, "There were a modest amount of vehicles, our D15 and Jeep, and a couple of other Jeeps along with some brilliant local vintage cars made by Jowett of Bradford. Graced with a Dakota flyover from BBMF, we left feeling it was a really well organized day with a great vibe."

Sadly the August Bank Holiday event at the same aviation museum is not being supported by the Yorkshire Area because the museum and Area Secretary Brian Slingsby couldn't come to an agreement re the charges for exhibitors. While it's sad, it's not really a problem because Brian has

circulated entry information for a considerable number of events that the MVT is invited to including the ever popular Masham steam rally so plenty to look forward to as well as Yorkshire Wartime at its Doncaster venue.

I attended the unveiling of a memorial to Marine David Moffat at The Crossley Gallery in D Mill in Halifax (see photo). Moffat was a Halifax lad and one of the Cockleshell Heroes on the Operation Frankton kayak raid. This involved paddling up the Gironde river in two-person kayaks and affixing limpet mines to German shipping.

Sadly Moffat died from hypothermia in the course of the raid during December 1942. His nephew had raised the money for the memorial that is now on the wall of this mill where he worked prior to the war.

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