

X-OF 8401

AIR MAIL

STC/MF/SR

22nd July, 1952.

R. Alexandre, Esq.,
Le Redacteur en Chef,
Societe Nouvelle Pathe Cinema,
6, Rue Francoeur,
Paris 18e, France.

Dear Mr. Alexandre,

We are sending you herewith a copy of an official "hand-out" we have received from the British Legion, which is self-explanatory.

We are interested in this story and shall be glad to know if you can arrange to cover it for us entirely. If, however, you cannot do this, perhaps your cameraman could co-operate with one of ours.

In view of the nearness of the date, I would be grateful if you would advise us as soon as possible what you can arrange in this connection.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
ASSOCIATED BRITISH-PATHE LTD.

G. T. CROOKS,
Editor,
PATHE NEWS.

c.c. Mr. Thomas



*yes. Cooperate
with French
unless they
cover
whole for us.*

PALL MALL, LONDON, S.W.1
TELEPHONE: WHITEHALL 5731

RETURN TO THE BEACH-HEAD

From August 1st to 4th British survivors of all arms of all services will be making a pilgrimage to the scene of the beach-head campaign of 1944. This, the first British Legion pilgrimage to the second war battlefields, will be led by the Legion's Chairman, Major General Sir Richard Howard-Vyse. The pilgrims will be quartered in Caen before whose War Memorial there will be a ceremony on August 2nd attended by the Prefect of Calvados, the mayor and French ex-servicemen, as well as the British visitors.

The Pilgrims will also be received by the people of Arromanches, Courseulles and Luc-sur-mer and there will be a Service in the military cemetery of Bayeux. The old university of Caen, where the pilgrims are to be quartered, is taking a leading part in the receptions and the students will offer their own entertainment on the evening of August 2nd.

During the week-end the pilgrims will also pay private visits to cemeteries where old comrades lie buried.

A trumpeter of the Royal Horse Guards, the Blues, will sound the Last Post and Reveille at the Bayeux ceremony. Sir Richard Howard-Vyse commanded the Royal Horse Guards during the first world war and is now their Colonel and Gold Stick to the Queen of England, being responsible for her personal safety on ceremonial occasions.

14.7.52

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE PRESS OFFICER