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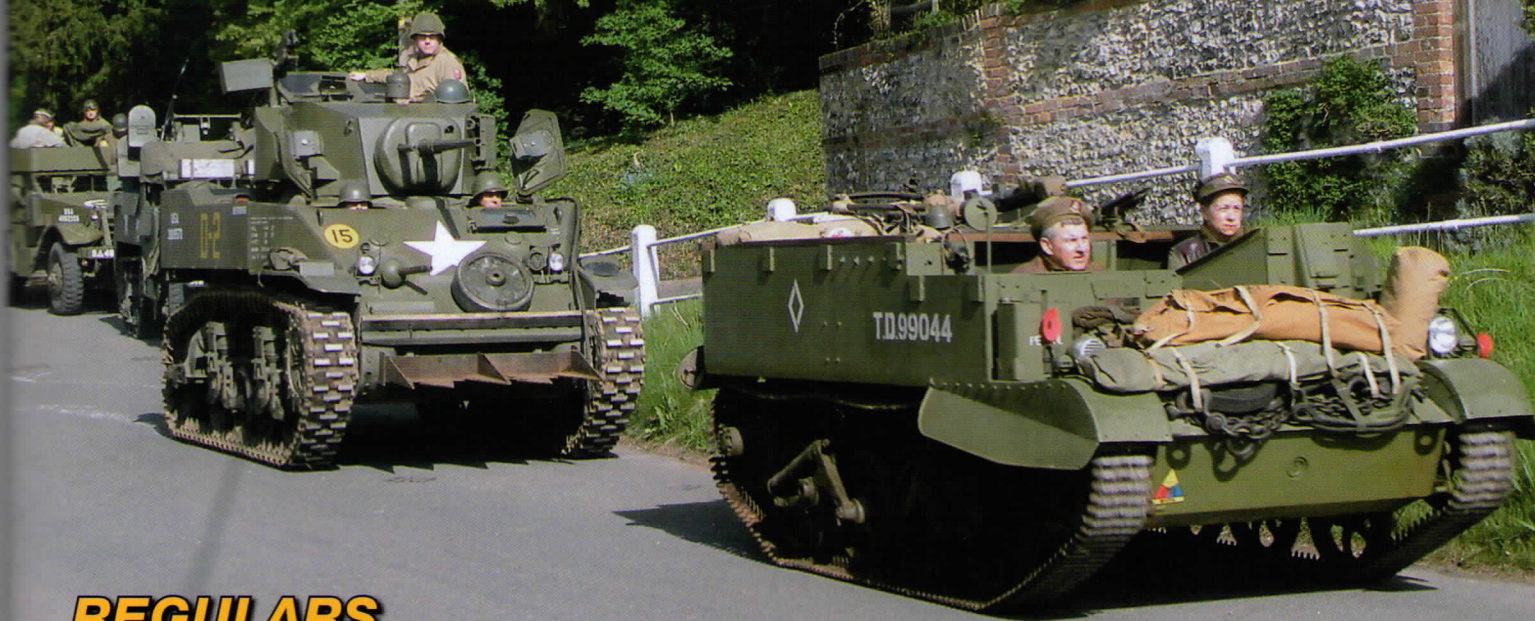
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# Readers' Letters

## 'A Real Normandy Experience'

by Conrad Lowen (Member No. 3163)

**I felt compelled to write this letter to report about somewhere I stayed last summer in Normandy, where the staff were very interested in our club and indeed would very much like to welcome members with open arms.**

There were ten in our group who stayed at a Chateau; we travelled to Normandy for the unveiling of a very special Royal Engineers' plaque on Juno Beach and although we never took military vehicles it was very spacious and could easily accommodate anyone's needs.

The place we stayed at was called Chateau du Baffy. Situated in a village called Colombiers-sur-Seulles, it's set in its own parkland. The Chateau is just 2kms from Cruelly and 6kms from Courseulles-sur-Mer, Juno Beach. It was once occupied by the Germans during WWII. It's a perfect central location for a base within the British / Canadian sectors.

When you arrive, you are greeted in the reception by the walls covered with images of the invasion tastefully presented and the manager Roland, or one of his team who ensure that all your initial needs are met.

It is a very clean, well presented hotel of incredibly good value for money. The bedrooms are basic with only single beds available but we very quickly settled in and it felt so wonderfully at home.

We had a very successful but busy trip, after our days of gruelling commitments and touring it was wonderful to return to the Chateau to be greeted by staff that genuinely wanted to know how your day went. We relaxed on the terrace sipping that well earned beer and looking forward to the chief's delights at dinner.



The food was excellent cooked by an international chef—I am no food critic but everyone in my party enjoyed it and there was also the flexibility in the menu from the set choices to steak or fish of the day and if you fancied some French cheese with your wine so be it!

After dinner, each evening we retired to the lounge where all our whims were met by the staff, from beer, wine or coffee to that glass of calvados if you were brave enough! Here we socialised with other travellers and guests, learning where the best places were to visit around the area and to understand people's reasons as to why they were in Normandy.

If you fancy that real Normandy experience in a historic location, Chateau du Baffy is the ideal location to choose.

The staff were very keen to assist. Their dedication to the job and the excellent customer service received is a real credit to the way Roland and his management team run the Chateau.

I do recommend you take a look at the website and if you're planning a trip, I would consider contacting Chateau du Baffy. I'm sure you'll

be very surprised at the excellent value this Chateau has to offer. I would also recommend that you mention you are a member of the Invicta Military Vehicle Preservation Society as they are keen to meet members.

I am going back to the Chateau next year—I only hope they have room now I have recommended it to the club!

All the best, Conrad

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