“Had a great time and they seemed pleased to see me!”
(See picture above, as proof, with the 2 ladies)

This was the 70th Anniversary of the start of the encircling of a German garrison commanded by an admiral who by using the canals etc of the area had made an enclave out of Dunkirk.

The Czech Independent Armoured Brigade was given the job in August 1944 and held them in until VE day as they would not surrender.

I only got there in Dec 1944. See my autobiography Chapter 7 page 21 and onward for full details.

Hard Back edition below

“Had a great time talking to some wonderful people and having photos taken”

“In these troubled times we must not forget or let others forget the sacrifices that men and women, mostly young, gave then and continue to do so today for the democratic freedoms we take for granted”

www.skyllogservices.co.uk/cgs
Many nostalgic exhibits in tents

“I guess my Czech dictation was a little too slow for her, as she could type quickly on a manual typewriter as my Czech was slower than her typing”

Went paddling too

“NOW, all I have to do is find my shoes and socks, with the help of this lovely Czech Army lady”

Not forgetting the Nurses and Doctors

Lets not forget the fallen….

…but who were not as lucky as me.

“This simple moving ceremony and the end of the day, is a reminder of all those that could not be here today as they gave the ultimate sacrifice, their life”
“Just back from Photokina in Cologne Germany, the international photo trade show held every 2 years. I flew myself there in my Piper twin engine aircraft after passing my aviation medical examination once again, that certifies my ability to fly in all weather conditions on instruments”

“I receive VIP Status as only living person to have attended every single Photokina, as a dealer, distributor or exhibitor, since the first one in 1951.”

“Car with driver, VIP lounge access, as we say in UK ‘The Full Monty’, which means, ‘You get the best of everything' and I did

“How things have changed since 1951, men had hats and ladies had tailored suits. Photo taken at the Photokina entrance in 1951…….somehow the photographer missed me!……..but got a snap in 2014”