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Steve Blackburn has sent in the following report:

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Trip to Laon ,France 14th -17th September 2017



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Steve Blackburn (Pres Lancs RU) Ian McIlrath(Vice President Ireland RFU), Mark Flett (President Firwood Waterloo), Dennis Gethin (President WRU), Rob Flockhart (President Scotland Rugby Union), Michel Merkel (Rugby Author and Historian)

Firwood Waterloo U16's recently travelled to Laon In France. Chairman George Moore, President Mark Flett and coaches were accompanied by our very own Lancashire President , Steve Blackburn. They were travelling to attend Memorial ceremonies at Chemin de Danles and see the new memorial that was there.

Firwood Waterloo very kindly offered assistance to the Welsh , Scottish and Irish Presidents who's transport had not arrived, they also plied them with Champagne in the spirit of true Lancastrian hospitality on the coach on the way to the Dinner. Steve Blackburn commented that 'this was a very special 'one off' occasion as there were five Presidents on the coach'.

The U16's won both of their games against one French team and one English team.

It was a very special and emotional tour and one that was enjoyed by all and Steve send his thanks to 'Firewood' Waterloo !!.

Steve Blackburn

Lancashire President

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