



At Arras, from left, Ernie MacGregor (Wick High School), Dylan Morrison (Kinlochberrie High School), Ben Stuart (Alness Academy), Kian MacKay (Kinlochberrie High School) and Alfie Robertson (Alness Academy).

KLB boys among north pupils at Arras commemoration

TWO S3 history pupils from Kinlochberrie High School had a once-in-a-lifetime trip to France recently to observe the centenary of the Battle of Arras at Scotland's national commemorations.

Organised by WW100 Scotland, students Dylan Morrison and Kian MacKay were among 10 pupils from across the Highlands selected for the five-day trip.

There were 72 students in total, with each local authority in Scotland represented. The pupils were joined by a matching number of French

and Canadian students at a memorial service at the Faubourg d'Amiens Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in Arras on Sunday, April 9, where they laid a wreath on behalf of the nations that fought together and placed poppy crosses on graves.

The Battle of Arras had the highest concentration of Scottish troops fighting in a single battle during World War I and 18,000 Scots lost their lives. Organised by WW100 Scotland in conjunction with the Armed Forces in Scotland, Legion Scotland, the Commonwealth War

Graves Commission, Education Scotland and Mercat Tours International, the commemorations will drive WW100 Scotland's aim to encourage a spirit of research and inquiry, particularly among young people, to help create a lasting legacy.

Pupils soaked-up the history of the battle during their time in Arras in order to share their experience and reflections with the local community on their return. Students also visited a range of other battlefields, cemeteries and memorials.