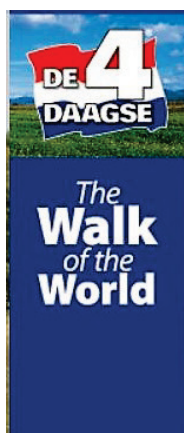




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Nijmegen Marches



Nijmegen Marches 16 to 19 July 2019

A Canadian military contingent will be deploying to the Netherlands from July 11 to 22 2019 to participate in the 103rd International Four Days Marches Nijmegen. The contingent will be marching through the countryside and towns of the Netherlands around the city of Nijmegen from July 16 to 19 2019



July 16 – 19, 2019

Nijmegen, Netherlands

The departure of the Canadian participants is a festive and at the same time official affair. For the video images of this: [>click here< .](#)

Their participation naturally also requires a considerable portion of logistical efforts. We already wrote about this in the 2019-05 edition.



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The JTF Nijmegen 2019, the name for the Canadian contingent, counted more than 200 people. Fourteen teams of 11 or 12 persons each started, accompanied by some special guests.

One of the special guests was Corporal (Rtd) **Lee Harrison**, a firefighter from Peterborough, who represented **the Royal Canadian Legion**.



Peterborough firefighter Lee Harrison will be participating in the Nijmegen March.

Dan Nyznik/Global News Peterborough

Another notable walker was the **military attaché** for Canada in the Netherlands, **Colonel Tim Young**.



Some of the 41 participants in the 2nd edition



Colonel Young (the tall man in the middle)

This year was the 103rd edition of the event in Nijmegen and the surrounding area.

Canada participated for the first time in 1952.



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Not everyone knows that the area, in which the routes are plotted, has historical significance for Canada and the Canadians.

The fighting in this region and the concentration of Canadian troops in late 1944 and early 1945 was enormous. From this area, Operation Veritable, the attack on the Reichswald, started on February 8, 1945. We have also paid attention to this earlier.

After the relocation of the JTF Nijmegen 2019 to Europe, first Vimy Ridge and Ypres were visited. Both striking names in Canadian history. In the run-up to the 4-Days Marches, the Sloedam monument was visited and a memorial ceremony was held at the Canadian Cemetery in Bergen op Zoom. Followed by a march through the streets of Bergen op Zoom. To commemorate the liberation of the city 75 years ago.

For video images: [>click here<](#).

On Monday July 15, 219 the commemoration at the Canadian Cemetery in Groesbeek was held. Attended by many invited guests, military and civil authorities and interested people.

For video images: [>click here<](#).

By attending these commemorations, the Canadian armed forces draw the attention of currently serving soldiers to the sacrifices made by two generations of Canadians for the sake of peace and security.

In 2018 the memorial was held for the first time on the Monday before the start of the hiking tours. For this, the memorial was inserted on the third day (Seven Hills Route). The disadvantage was that the soldiers arrived one after the other. The former had to wait; the latter had to pass almost immediately for the ceremony. A little care and a short rest were hardly there for them. So, no good conditions to stand still for an hour to attend a memorial. The cemetery is still visited on Thursday and a small memorial is added per regiment or individually. The foreign troops also pay tribute to the soldiers who are buried here.



Bergen op Zoom (foto Pix4Profs/Marcel Otterspeer)





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Of course, RCL Branch 005 was represented on Monday 15, with a Colour Party and a fairly large delegation.

Some images from Monday 15.07.2019.





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TABLEAU DE LA TROUPE.





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Some photos from Thursday 18.07.2019



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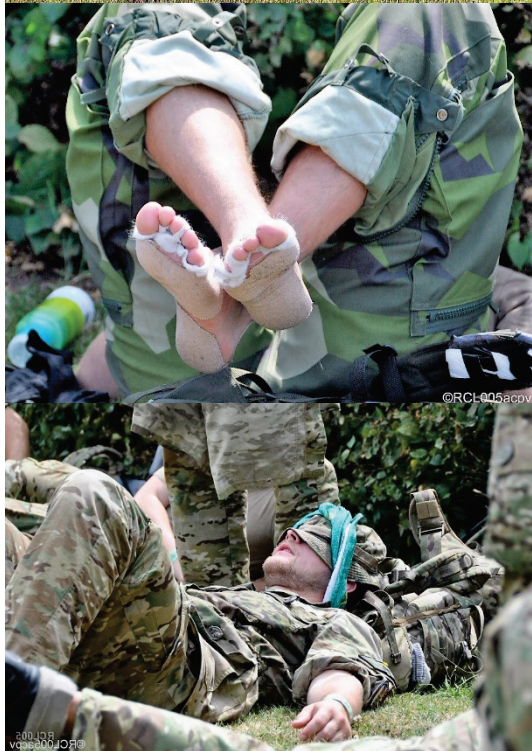
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Hereafter a number of pictures to not forget the sporting performance.



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