



The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 005 "Liberation of the Netherlands"



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The main objective of our Branch is to fulfill an active role during commemorations at Canadian and other allied military cemeteries, monuments and ceremonies where fallen soldiers from, in particular WW II, are remembered.

For photos of previous events visit our website. [Click here to have a look](#)

The background story in this edition is about Operation Jubilee. Commonly known as:

The Dieppe Raid.

It turned out to be a tactical disaster and a tragedy for the, predominantly, Canadian troops.

Hardly any of the main goals were achieved, but unbelievable losses were suffered on the Allied side in a short period of time. (About 6 hours).

The High Command later learned lessons from the raid. The toll paid, especially by the Canadian troops, was very high. But they did the job!

On June 6, 1944, they did it again.

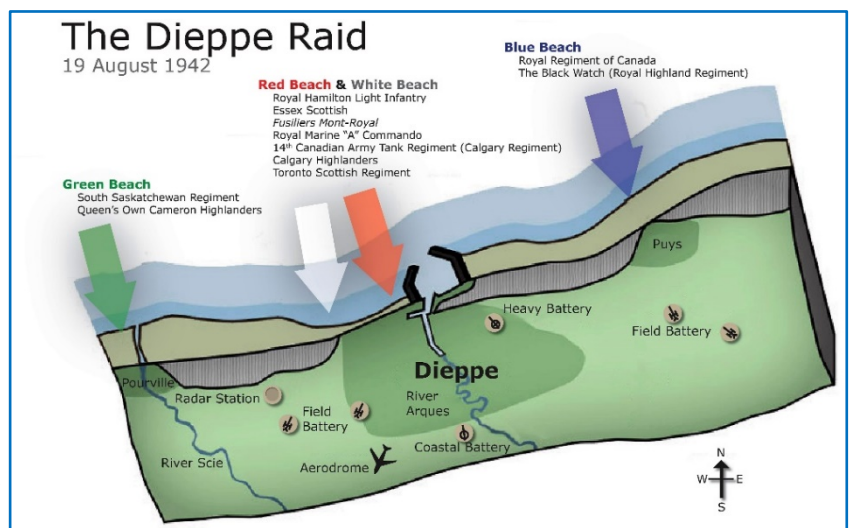
That eventually led to our freedom.

That is why we, members of RCL

Branch 005 "Liberation of the Netherlands", say again and again:

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!

Click on photo to read the story.





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New Governor General.



Mary Simon officially became Canada's new Governor General and the first Indigenous person to hold the role following an installation ceremony in Ottawa on Monday morning. Simon took both the oath of allegiance and the oath of office to become Canada's 30th Governor General. We wish her success in this position.

Click on the photo for a short video impression of the installation ceremony.



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SUMMER TIME – HOLIDAY TIME.

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EMPTY CHAIRS TIME.



With the release of this edition, we already have more than half of 2021 behind us.



Turning another page and we will have September as the first page on the calendar. We hopefully can attend some ceremonies again, after a relatively calm period.

Summer vacation 2021??

To book a holiday or not, that was the question. If yes, do we stay in the Netherlands or do we peek across the border? Can we prove being vaccinated? Do we need additional evidence? Are we welcome in neighbouring countries? Many questions and they all needed an answer. Things you wouldn't have had to think about in other years.

The only certainty is that the uncertainty with regard to COVID-19 will continue for a while.

For RCL Branch 005 we were able to be present twice in July at the Canadian War Cemetery in Groesbeek.

On Monday, July 19, there was the annual commemoration preceding the Nijmegen Four Days Marches.

Due to the efforts of CSM CMSC WW1 Derk de Vries, the initiative has been taken from Military Camp Heumensoord to provide a (limited) commemoration.

RCL Branch 005 was present with its Colour Party and laid a wreath.

On Thursday evening, July 22, under the auspices of the V-fonds, the Dutch National fund for Peace, Security and Veteran Care with their youth department (V-team), placed candles at the Canadian War Cemetery in Groesbeek. Some comrades were present and were able to give essence to our goal of "EDUCATION".

The photos in this edition of both events speak for themselves.

On behalf of the board, we wish you a nice continuation of the summer period.

Wim Poppenk

2nd Vice-president



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Canada Day, 01-07-2021.

With minor adjustments, due the still applicable rules, Canada Day could be organized this year.

More than thirty comrades made their way to Lochem. The Canadian Embassy was also well represented, we could welcome four people.

Do we have to mention that everything was in good hands again, thanks to Berry and Yvonne?

That's as sure as the "amen" in church.

Heard everywhere: "IT IS GOOD TO MEET AND HAVE A LITTLE SMALL TALK AGAIN".

Some pictures to show the ambiance.





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Beaumont-Hamel. 01-07-2021.

A memorial service was held on July 1 at Beaumont-Hamel, organized by Veterans Affairs Canada. During the RCL Zone meeting of June 8, it was decided that there would be no Colour Party and no delegation.

The travel advice for France was still too uncertain and the time to organize things properly became too short.

From the internet, we've taken some "stills" from a video report posted by Jean-Pierre J. Godbout of the ceremony at the Newfoundland Memorial. Video about 1 hour.

For an impression: click on the photo below.





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Groesbeek, 19-07-2021.

For years it has been customary for the military participants in the Nijmegen 4-Days Marches to commemorate their fallen comrades of the Second World War, who found their resting place at the Canadian Cemetery in Groesbeek. In 2020 and 2021, the 4-Days Marches could not take place due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, due to the deployment of adjutant Derk de Vries of the Central Military Support Command, the initiative was taken on behalf of Military Camp Heumensoord to organize a (limited) commemoration.

RCL Branch 005 was present with its Colour Party.

Represented were, among others, the Canadian Embassy, the Faces to Graves Foundation, the municipality of Berg en Dal.

As in many previous years, there was a civilian delegation from neighboring German villages. Also German representatives of the 4-Days detachment.

A sober, yet impressive ceremony, in which many wreaths were laid.



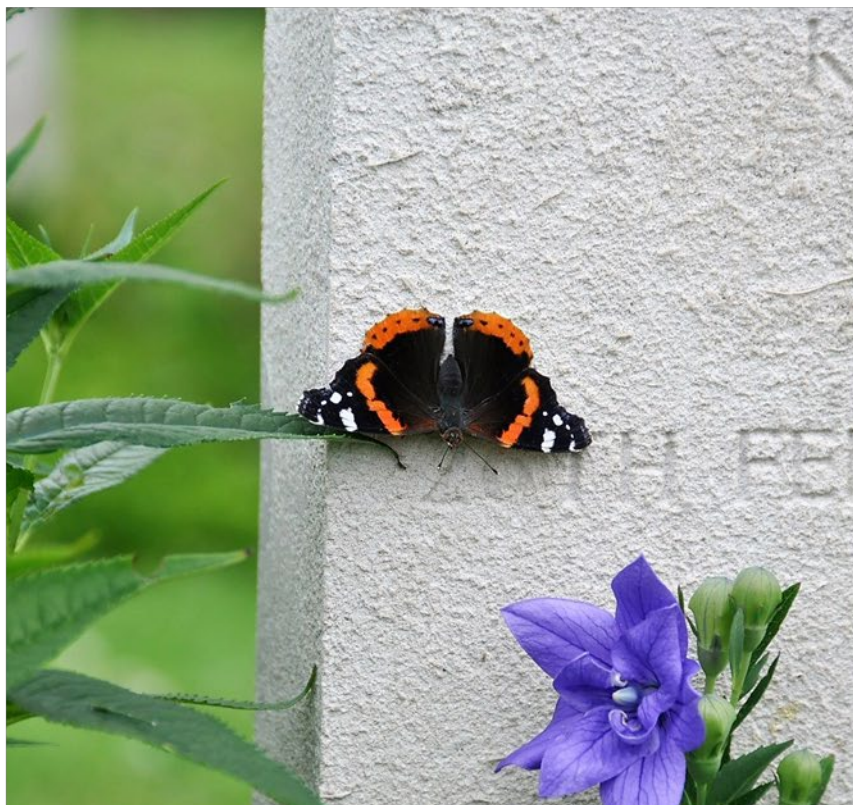


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Miscellaneous.

One out of many silent witnesses that can be found all over the Netherlands. Lest we forget.




Photos from the
Diemen area.

By Martin Reelick



Dutch Airwar Studygroup 1939-1945

Loss Chart on: T2224

Day or Night of operation			Operation			Target		Nickname		
30 Apr/1 May 43			Bombing			Essen				
Factory	Aircraft	Mk	Serial/Wnr.	Call Sign	Unit	Air Force	TO/t	Airfield		
Handley Page	Halifax	II	JB803	KN-G	77 Sqdn	RAF	2353	Elvington		
Time	Cause of the Crash			Crash Location			Damage	Province		
0226	Shot down by NF Fw. H. Vinke II/NJG 1			Crashed at Noordpolder Muiden				Noord-Holland		
Source			Mag / Page			Additional sources				
Prien J, Rodeike P.			130			AB307/16-18				
Function	Mil Rank	Ini	Name	Hon	Mil reg	Air Force	Cemetery	Grave	Remark	
Pilot	Sgt.	G.	Watson		1383608	RAF	Muiden	E 84		
Flight Engineer	Sgt.	I.D.	Crawford		634710	RAF	Muiden	E 80	drowned	
Navigator	F/O.	A.E.	Parsons		J/11636	RCAF	Muiden	E 85	drowned	
Bomb Aimer	Sgt.	L.	Hannam		1383305	RAF	Muiden	E 82	drowned	
Wireless Operator/ Air Gunner	Sgt.	W.R.	Louth		1198324	RAF	Runnymede Memorial	157		
Mid Upper Gunner	Sgt.	R.	Shepherd		929961	RAF	Muiden	E 81	drowned	
Rear Gunner	F/Sgt.	T.D.	Scarff		R/95040	RCAF	Muiden	E 83		
Data on those who were killed from:			www.CWGC.org www.Volksbund.de www.abmc.gov					Design SGLO(V.1000104)		
			© Dutch Airwar Studygroup 1939-1945 / Studiegroep Luchtoorlog 1939-1945					Last update June 2021		





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Up for a challenge?



Announcing the 2021 edition of the Remembrance Day Races! Last year over 1,000 participants raised \$85,000 to help us weather the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, with light at the end of the pandemic tunnel, we are looking ahead to the next four years as we re-launch our programming and prepare to announce some major projects already underway for the 80th anniversary of D-Day in 2024!

This year, the Remembrance Day Races will help us make those plans a reality.

Choose from three virtual running and walking events for participants of **all ages and abilities**, each one honouring an aspect of the Canadians' contribution to Juno Beach on D-Day.

Try out a **new challenge** this year by participating in the **Liberation Route Virtual March**! Participants can "travel" from the Juno Beach Centre in Courseulles-sur-Mer, Normandy, stopping at meaningful sites of commemoration along the way to your final destination: the Vimy National Memorial in Givenchy-en-Gohelle, France. Your \$45 race fee includes a race kit with a commemorative medal, Avro Lancaster collectible pin, race bib, Remembrance Day poppy, and more! Participants can create a **fundraising page** after registering to earn rewards and enter our prize draws!

Run or walk anytime between July 8 and December 25, 2021.

Funds raised help support projects such as exhibitions and educational programming at the Juno Beach Centre and online.

Register today and join us for a race to remember!



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Groesbeek, 22-07-2021.

On Thursday evening, July 22, 2021, under the auspices of the V-fonds, the National fund for Peace, Security and Veteran Care with their youth department (V-team), placed candles at the Canadian War Cemetery in Groesbeek. They were accompanied by volunteers of the Faces-to-Graves Foundation and members of RCL Branch 005 "Liberation of The Netherlands". A special event where life stories of fallen soldiers were told and stories about The Cross of Sacrifice, the Poppies, Flanders Fields and the Act of Remembrance were listened to.

Photos: Richard Hendriks.





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AGENDA.

(up to now)

- August: awfully empty
- September: 1st, Holten, postponed commemoration of May 4, 2021
- September: 5th, General Meeting Lochem
- September: 17th, Groesbeek, annual commemoration Market Garden

Of course subject to the then applicable rules

