



**Royal Canadian Legion  
Liberation of the Netherlands  
Branch 005**



**JULY 2022, Edition 2022-07**

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**BACKGROUND STORY IS BACK**

**More than 80,000 Chinese travelled secretly across Canada.**

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**CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY**  
**RAILWAY TELEGRAM**  
FORM 147  
J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs.

**JK** Montreal, October 17, 1917.

H. W. Brodie, Vancouver. G. A. Walton, Winnipeg.

TRANSLATION

Seventeen thirty eight circumscribe ex "Asia" and sixteen eighty ex "Monteagle" together with five eighty two out of twenty fifty one expected on "Teesta" twenty-sixth are to sail from here first November second. Have asked Naval Service Department, Ottawa, to have "Teesta" discharge at WilliamsHead fourteen sixty nine and proceed to Vancouver Harbor with balance five eighty two. This means four thousand circumscribe to arrive Montreal November first. How do you propose getting the thirty four eighteen WilliamsHead to Vancouver and will you not need any assistance from Steam Boat Inspector's Department. Wire requirements fully. Joint Brodie and Walton. Letter so General Hughes may be advised.

W. Maughan.

4.25 P.M. 61928



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**Canada Day @ Lochem.**

For the „Dutchies“ this year held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

More appropriate because we also said goodbye to Sergeant Jo-Anne Wiseman, assistant to the Defense Attaché of the Canadian Embassy in the Netherlands.



In the three years that she was stationed in our country, Jo-Anne has made an enormous effort to commemorate and honour the many Canadians, buried in the Netherlands. We are very grateful to her for all the work she put into. We wish her ‚good luck‘ in her new posting back in Canada. Extra guests were present this year. Among others, the Canadian Embassy in The Hague, the Groesbeek Airborne Friends Foundation, Faces-to-Graves, members of the Dutch Polar Bears and a delegation of the 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders of Holland Pipes & Drums, who provided an emotional note at the farewell of Jo-Anne Wiseman.

The BBQ, as usual organized by Berry and Yvonne Swarthoff with their employees, was excellent. It was good to be together again and that led to pleasant conversations.

Matching music made everything complete.

The photos speak for themselves.

Thank you Anneke Poppenk, Monique Bogerman and Kim of the Polar Bears.

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There she goes. Good luck Jo-Anne.



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**July 4, 2022. Lochem.**

**Students visit Liberation Museum.**



On July 4, 2022, 60 children from the St-Joseph school from Lochem visited the museum. It is a good thing that schools are (again) paying attention to the Second World War. It cannot be said often enough: Freedom is not self-evident, it has been fought for and paid for with many thousands of, mostly young, lives. It is also always fascinating to listen to children how they think about freedom and how they experience it. Thank you St-Joseph school for the visit.





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**July 18, 2022. Groesbeek.**

The usual commemoration prior to the Nijmegen 4-Days marches.

The military - many foreign - contingents (or their representation) were present to commemorate the victims of the Second World War, especially those who are buried here in Groesbeek.

Also this year under the leadership of RSM Derk de Vries, who could welcome several contingents and guests.



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The ceremony was tightly organized, short, but impressive.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Liberation of the Netherlands' Branch 005, was represented with a number of members and the Colour Party.





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After the 'Last Post', and the two minutes of silence, the 'Lament' and then the 'Reveille' were played by a piper.



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Then, various representations laid wreaths.





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Closing with a short speech by Colonel Marc LaFortune, Defense Attaché of Canada to the Netherlands.



Unless otherwise stated photo's by:  
Anneke Poppenk and Monique Bogerman.

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**4-Days Marches in between.**

**Pink Wednesday.**

**Statement of a Canadian FB-friend.**

"This is my 11<sup>th</sup> time marching. I am so happy to be here. I honour Pink Wednesday with my pink skirt. Walking is not my thing. Actually, I don't like it at all. I am not in the army but in the Royal Canadian Navy. We love to sail. Yet I am here again to walk the 4-Days Marches. Mainly because of the atmosphere and the people. It is a fantastic event with a lot of fun. Walking is an afterthought for me.

It's over for today, I'm going to look for a little fun.



Look for the differences



*Stephen Kaufman*



Team Nijmegen back in the office.

Stephen (r) with Marilyn Lemay and Eric Drouin

Source: Mensen uit Nijmegen. <https://bit.ly/3PG2BNd>

**More participants honoured Pink Wednesday.**





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**July 21, 2022. Groesbeek.**

The day that the 'Armada' of 4-Days Marches participants walked the 'Zevenheuelenweg' which leads past the Canadian War Cemetery.

RCL 'Liberation of the Netherlands' Branch 005 was present there with the Colour Party, a delegation and the promotion tent.

Military contingents, but also individuals, payed tribute to the victims who were given their final resting place here.

Report of the day, better yet: the images.

Report: the day started dry, but ended **W E T !!**



A Mounty, real or not, remains attractive, doesn't it, ladies?



Ask our Colour Sergeant.

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Thanks to Monique Bogerman who defied the weather gods.





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The President of RCL Branch 005 was there and so was the Colour Party



Canadians too





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**MISCELLANEOUS.**

**New Foundland soldier identified after 100 years and given a dignified resting place.**

Private John Lambert (17 years old) fought with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.



The remains of him and some others were unearthed in the cornfield of a Belgian farmer in 2016. Nearly 100 years after he died.

But it took years before the identification could be sealed. It was one of the most complicated the Canadian research team had worked on.

For forensic anthropologist Sarah Lockyer, Lambert was the youngest she'd been able to "bring home" yet.



"When I saw his photo I thought he still looks like a child," Lockyer said.

The investigation also found that Lambert had lied about his age and that he was only 16 years old when he applied.

A dozen of Lambert's relatives had come to Ypres to get the information they had waited for a lifetime.

It rained on the last day of June 2022 as the group went to the field where Lambert's remains had been found.

Archaeologists guided Anne Smith, a niece of Lambert, to the exact spot where he was found in 2016.





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A Belgian company, ordered to lay underground pipelines, had mapped the site and found the remains of more than 60 people on the former battlefield.

Among them: John Lambert.

Lockyer and her team of five, have been working on identifying remains for years. Remains of fallen that are found in the European battlefields of that time. Found by farmers, archaeologists or, as in this case, companies that carry out commercial earthworks.

The team's program began in 2007 and has identified 35 "unknown soldiers" to date. However, more than 27,000 Canadian military personnel are still registered as missing in action. In the cemetery where Lambert now rests, are 3,267 graves 'nameless'.

During the investigation, the team learned that Lambert's regiment had been deployed in a British attack known as the "[Battle of Langemarck](#)".

27 soldiers were killed in that attack that lasted about three hours and brought less than a kilometer of ground gain for the British. Lambert was one of the injured and later died of wounds.

The fact that Lambert's remains were 'mixed' with those of three other British soldiers made identifying Lambert extra complicated.

The key to its eventual success was the regiment's name, Lockyer explained. A small piece of weathered metal, with the letters N-F-L-D still legible, linked Lambert to the Newfoundland Regiment.



16 persons from this regiment were registered as missing, which made the list considerably shorter.

A DNA sample from Lambert's oldest niece, military records and biological data confirmed his identity.

The surprise of the family was great.



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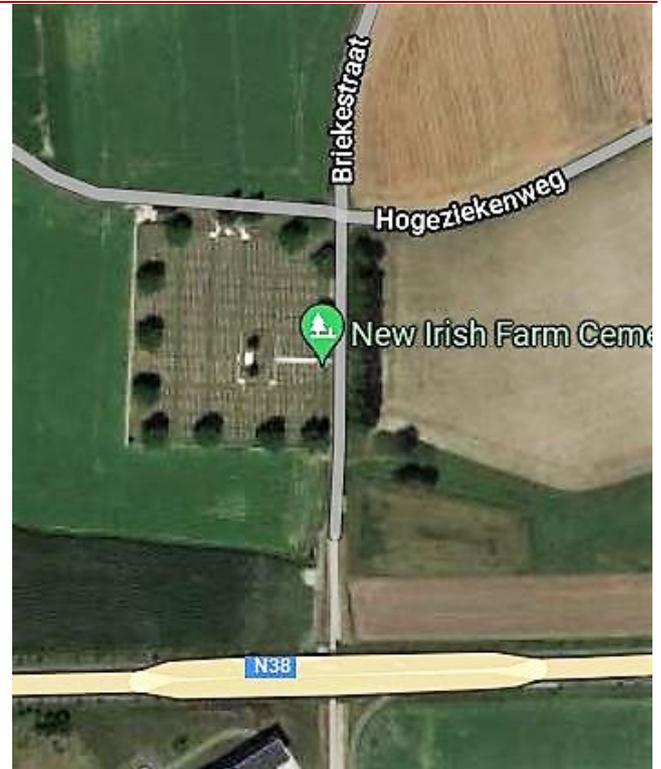


Lambert got his final resting place on the [New Irish Farm CWGC Cemetery](#), near Ypres. Near the place where his life ended.

The ceremony, with Canadian military honours, was attended by relatives and members of his regiment

The three British victims, fallen with him in 1917, were buried next to him.

**Source: Ashley Burke  
CBC News July 1, 2022.**



The Canadian Armed Forces laid Lambert to rest Thursday in Belgium's New Irish Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery. He was buried next to the three British soldiers he died with on the battlefield in 1917. (Ashley Burke/CBC News )



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**LATEST NEWS.**

From: National Defense / Canadian Armed Forces - Ottawa . July 28, 2022.

Again a name and a 'face' at the grave of a, up to now, unknown fallen from the First World War.

In Ottawa it has been confirmed to be CSM **David George Parfitt**.

The headstone at [Regina Trench Cemetery in Grandcourt, France](#), read: "an unknown sergeant major of the 8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Battalion.

Want to read more about David George Parfitt? [Click on the photo below.](#)





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**August 19, 2022.**

80 years ago, the Dieppe raid, Operation Jubilee, took place.

Do you remember our background story in the 2021-07 edition?

If not, activate the link by clicking on the photo below.

**DE / FROM**  
**DIEPPE** À / TO  
**JUNO**

80<sup>e</sup> anniversaire  
du Raid de Dieppe / The 80th Anniversary  
of the Dieppe Raid

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**Upcoming.**

Sunday, August 28, 2022,  
MAASSLUIS, unveiling monument 21 Sq. RAF

Wednesday, September 7, 2022,  
LOCHEM Boardmeeting

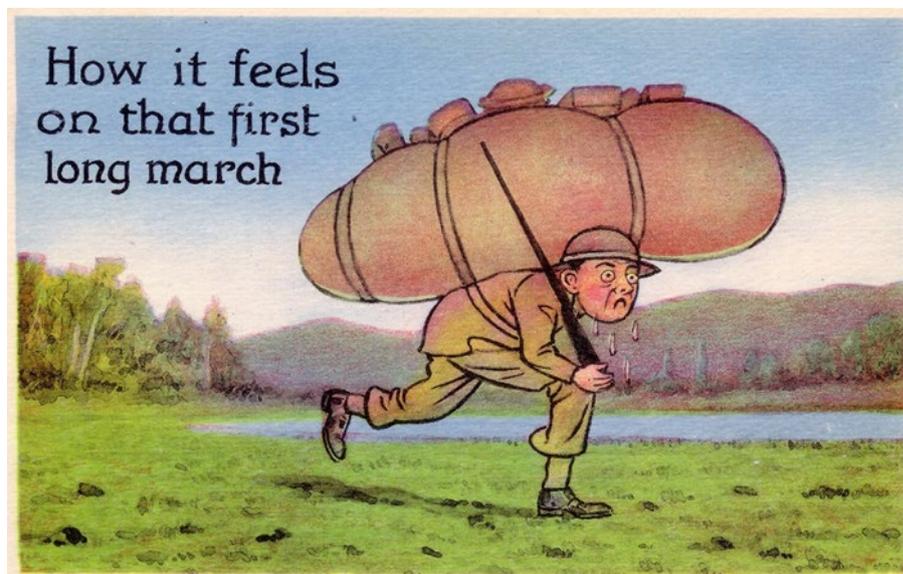
Sunday, September 18, 2022,  
OOSTERBEEK Commemoration

From September 7 until September 19, 2022: [In our Father's Footsteps](#)

Visit from Royal Montreal Association Branch 14 (Qc) (Sept. 19 - Oct. 7, 2022)

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**To end with a smile:**



**and after more than 4 years of composing the Newsletter:**

