

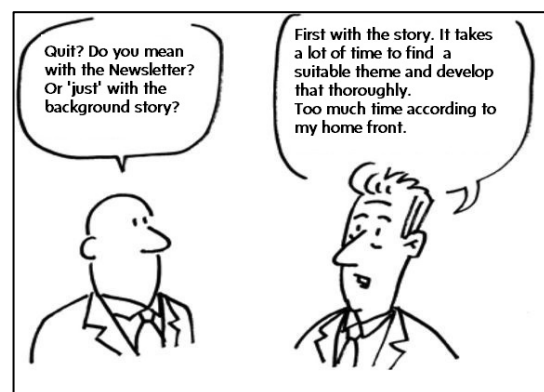
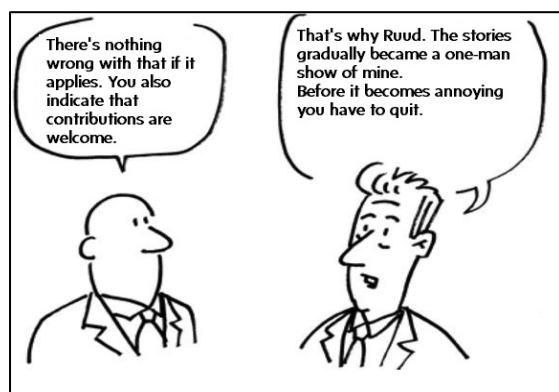
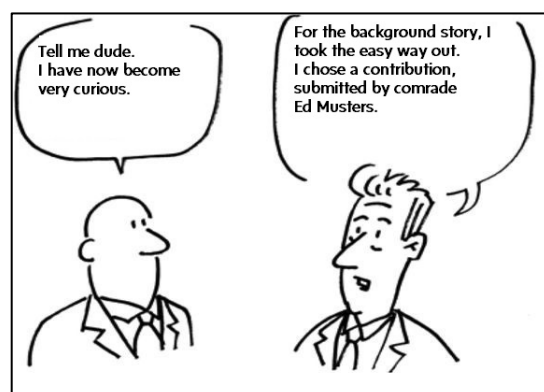
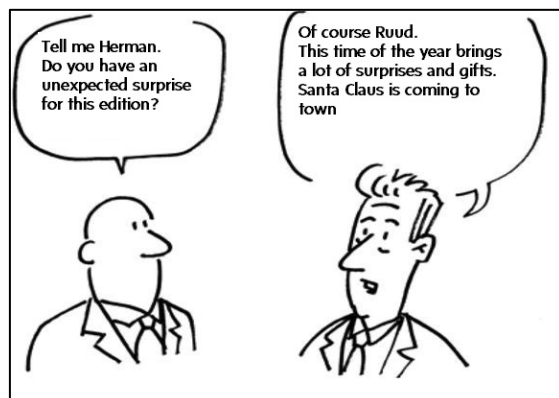
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Objective Nr 1: Encourage and Support of Commemorations and Remembrance

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- From the Board (In Memoriam Martin Reelick)
- Several activities
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The background story is a contribution by Comrade Ed Musters.
Suitable for the October-November time frame.

In the 'Battle of the Scheldt' there was fierce fighting near Woensdrecht. Ed Musters studied the role that the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (RHLI) had in this. The regiment he later served with.



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**IN MEMORIAM MARTIN REELICK (1949-2023) PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
'LIBERATION OF THE NETHERLANDS' BRANCH 005.**

As previously reported to you, our President Martin Reelick passed away on November 4. We hereby would like to do a brief retrospective on him.

Martin was born in Amsterdam in 1949. He emigrated to Canada at a relatively young age, where he was active in the IT sector for many years. His son Armand Reelick was born from his marriage in Canada.

He eventually returned to the Netherlands and was mainly active in the IT sector there also.

It must have been around 2006/2007 that I met Martin at a meeting in Brabant regarding the recovery of a Halifax Bomber. I was there as one of the initiators of this salvage, which mainly involved finding missing Canadian and British crew members. Martin was very interested and I told him that I was a member of the Dutch Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Martin recently reminded me of our first meeting. In our members list I saw that Martin became a member of our Branch on March 17, 2008, so that is correct.

His membership has not remained passive. After a number of years, Martin became Sergeant at Arms and Vice President and he maintained that position for a long time.

During the general membership meeting on February 24, 2019, Martin was elected President of our Branch. He performed this position with great enthusiasm and expertise while also remaining active as our webmaster. He was also never afraid to participate as a member of the RCL005 Colour Party.



During his period as President, he unfortunately experienced a number of difficult situations. I would like to mention in particular the Corona period, which meant that many requests to attend commemorations with a Colour Party could not take place.

But I also mention the situation where a significant number of members have wrongly left our Branch to directly join a special Branch in Canada. The departure of these members deeply affected him. Fortunately, a number of former members later repented.

Martin was always there for everyone and during meetings with Canadian and British relations, Martin often gave beautiful and humorous speeches in excellent English.

It is therefore not surprising that many members and associates responded with sadness and respect upon his death. I will provide some abbreviated responses below.

In a letter from Paul and Ingeborg Versijp, on behalf of the municipality of Bergen op Zoom, it is recalled that RCL Branch 005 is one of the pillars on which the commemoration in Bergen op Zoom is based. And within the prominent position that RCL occupies, Martin in turn took a leading position. His excellent idea for the implementation of the Freedom of the City Parade is also remembered with gratitude.

In a message from former Zone Europe Commander of the Royal Canadian Legion Dan Saulnier and his wife Venah, Martin is referred to as a "good friend and comrade" and is praised for his "always positive attitude."

The former Ambassador of Canada Ms. Sabine Nölke calls Martin "a deeply committed leader of our Branch".

We are very grateful to Martin Reelick for his tireless efforts for our Branch. A true comrade has left us.

On November 13, 2023, we were able to say goodbye to Martin Reelick with a full Colour Party, the banner of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation, the Standard Bearer of The British Legion and in the presence of many members.

We wish Louise, Armand and family all strength.

On behalf of the Board,
Royal Canadian Legion
Liberation of the Netherlands Branch 005



Mr. Jan C.K. van Loo LL.M., secretary

Pictures Martin by courtesy of Mr. Chris Ram

Welberg, November 4 2023.

Source: Steenbergse Bode.

Commemoration at the Liberation Monument 'De Klok'.

The official part started early with a reception at the Town Hall. Members of the South Alberta Horse Regiment Association, who had made a battlefield tour through Western Europe, were received, as well as members of the Welberg Liberation Monument Foundation. In the group of Canadians were two sons of soldiers who had fought in the area.



There were speeches on behalf of the foundation and Mayor Van den Belt also spoke.

He pointed out, among other things, the current wars. *'We involuntarily start to wonder whether the war suffering from the past that we now commemorate has not been forgotten,'* said Van den Belt.

A Canadian guest recited 'In Flanders Fields' and the 'Act of Remembrance' was read out. Two minutes of silence followed the playing of the 'Last Post'. Wreaths and flowers were laid by Canadian Defense Attaché Colonel Marc LaFortune and Mayor Van den Belt and his wife.



There were also wreaths and flowers on behalf of the Province, South Alberta Light Horse Regiment, The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 005 'Liberation of the Netherlands', relatives and others.



The Canadian and Dutch national anthems were then sung.

At the end of the commemoration, the clock was set in motion.

At the same time, the 'Liberty Bell' was rung in Edmonton-Canada. One ocean, 8 time zones and seven thousand kilometers west.



Zandvoort, November 4, 2023.

A combined action by Youth Auxiliary, Poppy team Zandvoort and the Promotion team.

Contribution Reinier Groeneveld.

Youth Auxiliary during the Poppy Campaign 2023.

On Monday, October 30, the first Poppy was traditionally pinned to Mr. Moolenburgh, Mayor of Zandvoort. During the preliminary discussion, the objectives of RCL005 and the Youth Auxiliary were discussed in detail. Our ideas to involve youth more in commemoration were received with enthusiasm.

On Saturday, November 4, we were again at the Albert Heijn Supermarket in Zandvoort. The promotional tent was in front of the entrance, next to the Willy's Jeep.

Here we spoke to passers-by and offered Poppies. Fortunately, both members of the Youth Auxiliary, Victoria Geurts and Suzanne Groeneveld, were present. This meant we had a solid team both inside and outside.



The first Poppy we offered turned out to be to the Canadian man who was very positively surprised. Later in the morning we were also able to offer Poppies to a family from Quebec. They were very surprised.

In addition to these people, we had many nice encounters. Many stories of family members' experiences during the Second World War were shared with us.

For the first time this year, RCL005 members sold the items from the promotional tent inside Albert Heijn in addition to offering Poppies.



Unfortunately, the weather was not very cooperative this year. It rained in the afternoon, which meant that there were clearly fewer people on the streets during the afternoon.

Nevertheless, it was a successful and certainly very enjoyable day.

Reinier Groeneveld

Additional Information regarding Youth Auxiliary.

New brochures for the Youth Auxiliary.

The Youth Auxiliary of RCL005 has had new brochures printed.

They are used, among other things, during the use of the promotional tent.

In addition, the war museums in the Netherlands have been contacted requesting permission to place the leaflets in the museums.

The Juno Beach Center was the first museum we received approval from.




So all Dutch visitors to Normandy can soon read about our plans here.

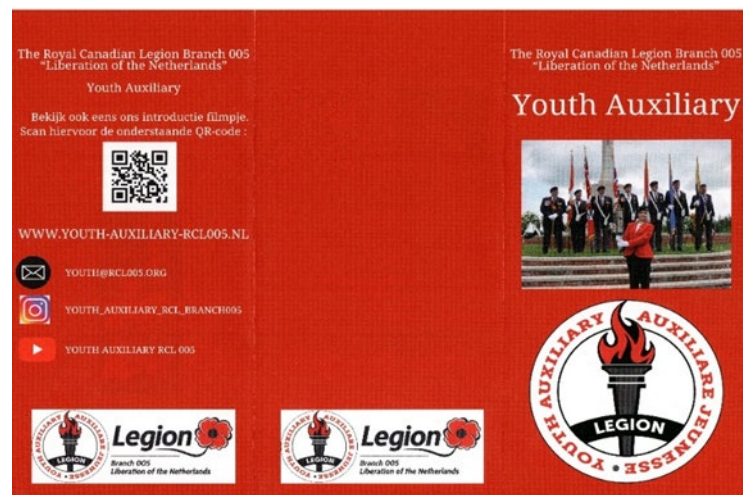
Needless to say, we also use the well-known social media.

We have our own website and you can follow us on Instagram.

Read more?

Check out our website or contact us!

 Youth@RCL005.ORG
 [Youth_Auxiliary_RCL_Branch005](https://www.instagram.com/Youth_Auxiliary_RCL_Branch005)
 [@YouthAuxiliaryRCL005](https://www.youtube.com/@YouthAuxiliaryRCL005)



Outside



Inside



Reinier Groeneveld & Suzanne Groeneveld

More Poppies in the Netherlands.

As already mentioned in our October edition, comrade Gerrit Bruggink has again taken the initiative for a Poppy campaign in his region and his circle of contacts.

The local TV and Radio station 'Ideaal' reported this with the following text and accompanying photo:

'The start of the Poppy campaign in the municipality of Bronckhorst took place on Wednesday, October 25 in the town hall, by pinning a Poppy to Mayor Marianne Besselink.'

The campaign is being held in all Commonwealth countries.

The Poppy is available in various places in the Netherlands. In the municipality of Bronckhorst, the Poppy is available until November 11, 2023 at a general store in Zelhem and at a snack bar in Hengelo. Gld.



The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 005 'Liberation of the Netherlands' makes it possible to hold the annual campaign in the Netherlands.

'With the Poppy Campaign throughout the world, we try to take a moment to reflect on all the misery and the resulting help. That is why it is important that as many people as possible wear the Poppy during this period; last Friday in October until November 11,' explains Gerrit Bruggink.

'The free contribution for the Poppy is therefore intended to provide this help where standard help is inadequate or simply not available.'



While in the east of the country a counter display and a collection box were used, a Schiedam company, the Poppy campaign supported by Gerrit Bruggink, was conducted in a special way.

For a week, a Poppy and a leaflet with an explanatory text were attached to the postal packages that were prepared for shipment.

In this way, a large number of customers from that company were made aware of Poppy's history and objectives.

Hopefully this way of campaigning will lead to new addresses that embrace and adopt the idea.



You didn't think that Comrade Berry Swarthoff would forget to draw the attention of visitors to Poppy's history and objectives at the Liberation Museum in Lochem, did you? Of course he also pinned Poppies on.

'Poppy Appeal' is not forgotten in Lochem either.



Groesbeek, November 11, 2023.**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Every year, the support unit of the Canadian Army (Canadian Forces Support Unit) from Niederheid, Geilenkirchen, Germany holds a 'Remembrance Ceremony' at the Canadian cemetery in Groesbeek. Based on RCL's objectives, it is customary for RCL Branch 005 to play an active role in this, also this year.



The RCL005 Colour Party was present and carried a black banner in the Branch flag in connection with the death of its President Martin Reelick on November 4 last.



During the speeches he was remembered by the Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Plesence of the CFSU. Martin Reelick's son and daughter-in-law were also present in memory of our President. Two Canadian children read a poem in French and English and laid a homemade wreath. It was cold and rainy, but the program was completed according to the rules.

After the regular part of the day, 1st Vice President Gerrit Bruggink presented the 20-year Legion pin to Danny Murphy.

On behalf of all of us: thank you for your efforts Danny, including many years as a Poppy Chairman.

Furthermore, we let the photos speak for themselves.

Photos by courtesy of Paul ten Broeke. Thank you very much Paul.







N.B.
On this day a photo was placed at the grave of Sergeant A. Cosens of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, who had been posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for his [action at Mooshof](#). (you can read a short report via the link)



Fougère was one of only four survivors of this action.

We have contact with Marlene Fougère, his daughter, through our 1st Vice President Gerrit Bruggink.

For her we have the 'marching route' of the Q.O.R. outdated from D-Day on until VE-Day, because she had no idea about it.

Like many others, her late father had spoken only sporadically about WW2.

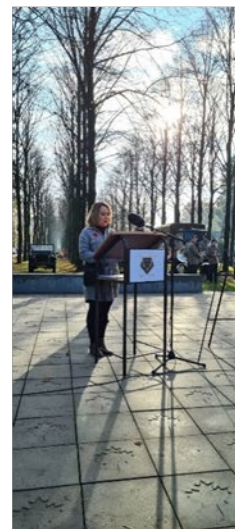


Apeldoorn, November 11, 2023. REMEMBRANCE DAY.

RCL Branch 005 'Liberation of the Netherlands' was also represented here. Unfortunately, the Branch was not able to present a full Colour Party. The cause: multiple ceremonies on the same day somewhere in the Netherlands.

But our Sgt at Arms, Toon van Bussel and his wife represented RCL Branch 005 in a worthy manner.

Also present was Comrade Ben Zonnenberg, who has been involved with our Branch for a long time.



Oosterbeek, November 12, 2023.**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.**

Source: TracesOfWar.

On Remembrance Sunday, the second Sunday in November, the British commemorate their war victims.



Due to several ceremonies on the same day, The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 005 'Liberation of the Netherlands' was present here with a modest representation.

Gerrit Bruggink, 1st Vice President, laid a wreath on behalf of Branch 005, together with Comrade Amanda Slotboom.



The Royal British Legion organized a memorial service on that day at the Airborne cemetery in Oosterbeek.



Comrade Maikel Slotboom was present and, together with daughter Katie, laid a wreath on behalf of Airborne Tulip Memorials.

Perhaps it is unnecessary to mention that many wreaths were laid by the various representations.

Photos by courtesy of Arjan Vrieze.
Thanks Arjan.



Westduin, November 12, 2023.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.

On November 12, 2023, the South African Embassy in the Netherlands organized a successful Commonwealth event at the Westduin Memorial in memory of the heroes of the Second World War.

The ceremonies in several places that day meant that The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 005 'Liberation of the Netherlands' was present with a small delegation.

Jan van Loo, Don Paauwe and Hans van Ekelenburg represented RCL Branch 005.

A wreath was also laid on behalf of the Branch.



The ceremony took place according to the usual protocol.

The South African Ambassador to the Netherlands, His Excellency Mr. Vusimuzi Madonsela thanked everyone who responded to the invitation to attend the ceremony.



Ter Apel, November 25, 2023.

Contribution by Wim Poppenk

Every five years a ceremony is held in Ter Apel to commemorate the crew of the Avro Lancaster B3 JA 939 RCAF, that crashed there on November 23, 1943, now 80 years ago. Six of the seven crew members, five Canadians and two British, were killed. They are buried in Ter Apel. After a reception in the church center 'De Regenboog', an opening word was given by the chairman of the research group.



Followed by a film about the Lancaster, a speech by Henk Emmens, representative of the province of Groningen, poems by the primary school children, and the telling of the eyewitness account of the crash by family.



A silent procession with a piper to the nearby cemetery where everyone found a place around the graves.

The speech by mayor Henk Velema was followed by the 'Last Post' with two minutes of silence.

Wreaths were laid by the deputy, mayor, military attaché of the Canadian Embassy, RCL Branch 005 and the local research group.



The ceremony came to an end with the playing of the national anthems, by the door de Ter Apeler Harmony, and the raising of the flags. A well organized commemoration. The guests were then given the opportunity to chat with a snack and a drink and which was fully used.

A beautiful, well-organized commemoration.





Text:

Wim Poppenk

Photos:

Anneke Poppenk



Afterburner. Gilze-Rijen.

Gilze-en-Rijen Memorial, May 4, 2023 by comrade Ed Musters.

Introduction.

Hours after my installation ceremony to RCL 005 at Lochem on May 4 2023, I was headed to my first semi-official duty to attend the Gilze-en-Rijen memorial held at the Catholic cemetery. I was notably interested to attend as my parents raised their family in Gilze after WWII before emigrating to Canada in 1961. My sister Hilda, a victim of crib death in 1954, is buried at the cemetery and we maintain her grave there to this day.



The Memorial.

The memorial at the Gilze Catholic church cemetery commemorates the more than 40 civilian WWII casualties – primarily the result of bombardments conducted on the nearby German controlled airfield.

Prior to the ceremony a procession is held led by the Gilze Colour Guard.



May 4 ceremony is attended by the Mayor, youth mayor, the Commodore of the military airfield (and other military representatives), the pastor, school students, youth organizations and the community.



The names of all the victims are read, followed by taps and 2 minutes of silence.



There is also a Polish memorial, as it was the Polish, led by the legendary General Stanisław Maczek, that freed Gilze-Rijen before moving on to liberate Breda.

There are also ten other war graves maintained at the cemetery. One of them being 7 crew members of Stirling Bomber LK131. Amongst the crew were three Canadians that I specifically was there to honour.



Crazy Coincidences!

But it was to be AFTER the ceremony that was to be the most memorable of the day!

I was in my 80s Royal Hamilton Light Infantry uniform that had my name tag "Musters" on it.

As the last part of the ceremony, we salute the military graves and then the citizens file by to pay their respects.
I was standing by the Canadian graves.

A first person sees my name and says "Musters"? Are you related to Hilda Musters? "Because my wife and I look after the children's section – and I look after your sister's grave". I gave them both a tearful and heartfelt thank you for helping to keep her memory alive.

But wait... another person says "Musters of Meester Schrauwenstraat"?

"My wife has lived in her home for 70 years, next door to your parents.
She knows your brothers and sister."
He even showed me a Musters family Christmas photo from Canada (with me in it – I was born in Canada).
I was invited back to their home for a very pleasant evening of conversation.



The couple that look after my sisters grave and the colour guard whose wife was my parents neighbour 70years ago



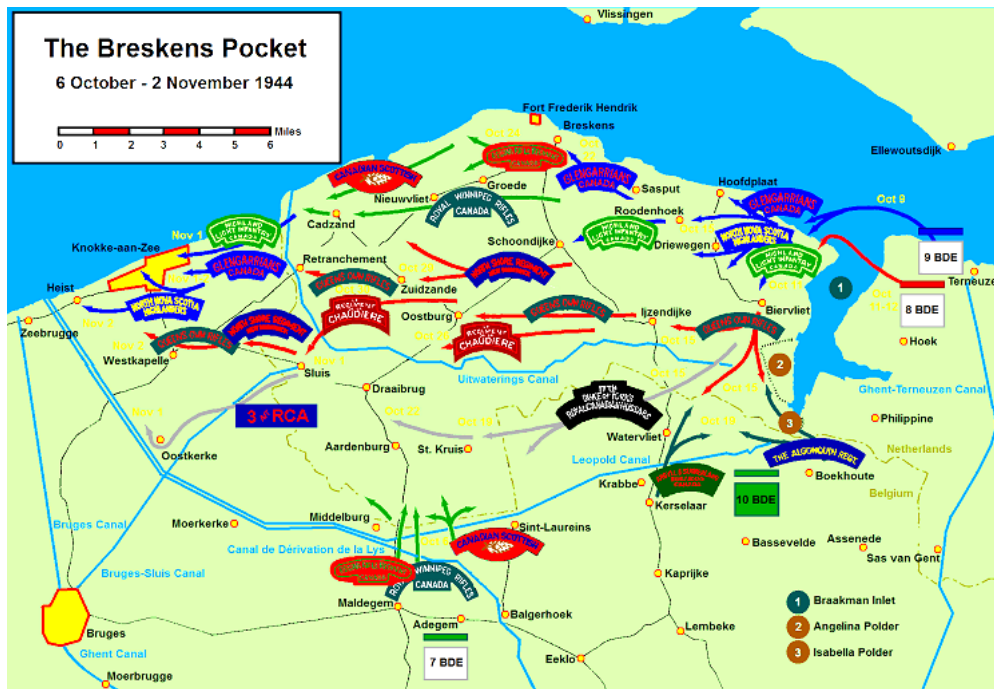
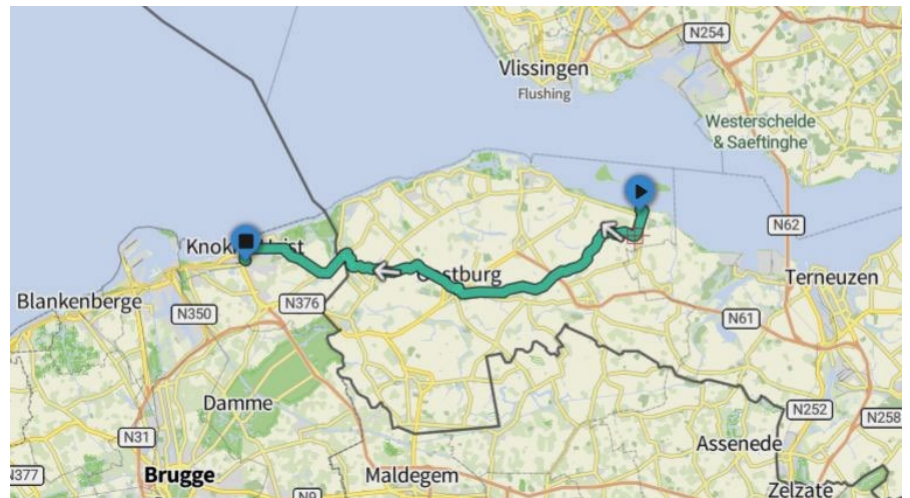
Thank you to the Royal Canadian Legion Netherlands for making this day possible!

Miscellaneous.

Source: Zeeland Broadcasting.
Sunday, November 5, 2023.

Hundreds of participants walked the 'Canadian Liberation March'.
'Honouring by following in their footsteps'.

Through wind and weather,
Dutchmen, Canadians and Belgians
walked from Hoofdplaat (NL) to
Knokke (B) for the annual Canadian
Liberation March.



With this, the walkers
commemorated the
liberation of South-West
Zeeland in the Netherlands
and Knokke-Heist in
Belgium. The so-called:
Breskens Pocket.

Organizer Danny Lannoy:
'The best way we can
honour those Canadians by
following in their footsteps
and walking the road that
took them three weeks to
get from Hoofdplaat to
Knokke.'

During the march, which is held every year on the first Sunday of November, walkers passed various war monuments, such as those in Biervliet and Oostburg.
Wreaths were laid there and a minute silence was held.

*'We have to keep the memory alive and
keep walking, because we still haven't
learned from it.
We honour the war victims of that time.
But to this day, people still die every
day as a result of war.'*

Lannoy wants to organize another
march next year.

*'Then we have the 50th edition. That is
unique, that something has survived for
so long. Younger generations are ready
to go for it. And we want to expand the
march. We also want to honour other
soldiers who fought for the freedom.'*





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On request a few additional photos by courtesy of Ph. H. Van L who participated in the most recent March.



Nijmegen, November 11, 2023.

Source: gelderlander.nl – Harry van der Ploeg.

'Grandma Trees' (96) commemorates her lost hope for liberation and walks the 'Sunset March' near Nijmegen: *'I can still move forward just fine'*



© David van Haaren

Trees Welling, a sixteen-year-old girl during the Battle of Arnhem, walked the 'Sunset March' on the 'Crossing' over the river Waal near Nijmegen on Saturday. To honour the fallen American soldiers who crossed the river here in 1944 in their fight against Hitler's Germany.

But unfortunately Arnhem was a bridge too far, she notes. *'We were not liberated. It became a very anxious, unpleasant time.'*

Sunset, Saturday 4:45 p.m. The procession starts moving on the south side of the Crossing. Since 2013, an iconic river crossing has commemorated the men of the American 82nd Airborne Division who crossed the river in boats on Wednesday, September 20, 1944 in the hope of quickly capturing the Waal Bridge, as a springboard to Arnhem. The bridge was captured, but the advance of the ground army stalled.

Welling, now 96, walks along with her walker. She realizes how historic this place is.

'I can still make good progress with the car,' she joked the day before.

'My Mercedes. I hope it stays dry.'

The weather is a bit disappointing. A total of 48 lanterns on the bridge are lit pair by pair in the falling wet darkness as a reminder of the 48 fallen men. All this in the slow cadence of the march, in twelve minutes.

'I have a son and a son-in-law who are both colonels in the army,' says the Arnhem girl from 1944, who now lives near her daughter in Geldrop.

The men enticed 'grandma Trees' to make the crossing, together with a detachment of more than fifty veterans from the Royal Air Force Veterans Peace Mission association.

On the other side, at the De Oversteek Monument, deputy commander of the Air Force Major General Robert Adang, lays a wreath.

Veterans of the Indigenous People were honoured.

Source: Bridge City News.

First Nations and Métis soldiers buried in the Netherlands recently received a special tribute. We paid extensive attention to this in our [September edition](#). That didn't go unnoticed in Canada, as it turned out.

Here is a summary as distributed via Bridge City News:

The Indigenous Legacy Project helps identify and mark the graves of indigenous soldiers buried in cemeteries throughout the Netherlands.

Retired Warrant Officer Glenn Miller of Lethbridge took part in the ceremony and said it was great to talk to First Nations and Métis families.



Glenn Miller

For the video:
click the photo to activate the link



'It was very moving for me. Very- it was a sacred ceremony. We had a sharing circle in the morning, and it started to rain. And as the family members were talking about their own individual members, one of the family members referred to those as tears of joy. The delegation was there. And so that was very powerful, the elders, very emotional for them to be able to connect with so many families across Canada and for the Branch 005 'Liberation of the Netherlands' they're honoured to be able to have that come to fruition from their idea. How do we recognize, halfway around the world, the Indigenous veterans that helped to liberate the Netherlands? So through the full support of Veterans Affairs and partnering with the Aboriginal Veterans Autochtones, it was a great fit. And the Deputy Minister had committed to another trip sometime in the future, so we only hope to make this as a good model for future endeavors.

Miller says as part of the Last Post Fund Indigenous Veterans Initiative the group has marked over three hundred graves across Canada.

Ottawa, November 11, 2023.

Source: Legion.ca/news

Tens of thousands of participants gathered at the National Remembrance Day Ceremony this year. The Royal Canadian Legion hosted the solemn yet striking event at the National War Memorial in Ottawa; in honour of all those who have given their lives in service to Canada.

The arrival of the Veterans Parade captured everyone's attention, along with the marching contingents, and 21-gun salute. An expected fly-past of four CF-18 Hornet aircraft could not take place due to weather conditions.



The ceremony also paid respects to the 130 Canadian Armed Forces members who have died in the line of peacekeeping duty.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the first United Nations peacekeeping mission.

The Act of Remembrance was read in English, French and the Indigenous language of Ojibwe this year.

'We will never forget the members of our armed forces from all backgrounds who have given their lives to protect our freedoms,' said Dominion President Bruce Julian.

'Remembrance Day is when we share our collective gratitude, but in reality, we feel it every day of the year.'



Mrs. Gloria Hooper, this year's National Silver Cross Mother laid a wreath on behalf of all military mothers who have lost children in service to their country.

Her son, Sapper Chris Holopina died in 1996 when the armoured vehicle he was in, rolled over trying to avoid an accident while on the way to rescue allied soldiers.

He was performing peacekeeping duties in Bosnia at the time of his passing.

Read more:

<https://www.legion.ca/news/articles/2023/11/11/the-royal-canadian-legion-hosts-canada-s-2023-national-remembrance-day-ceremony>



Regina Trench Cemetery, Grandcourt, France

Source: CWGC.org

CANADIAN COMPANY SERGEANT MAJOR
REDEDICATION CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT
REGINA TRENCH CEMETERY, FRANCE

A rededication service for Company Sergeant-Major David George Parfitt was held at Regina Trench Cemetery, Grandcourt, France, in November 2023.



A delegation of The Royal Winnipeg Rifles attended the ceremony.

David was born on July 4, 1891, in London, England before emigrating to Canada at aged 18. He enlisted in September 1914 and was promoted to Sergeant upon enlistment. The 8th Canadian Infantry Battalion, with Sergeant Parfitt in its ranks, arrived in France in February 1915.

In September 1915, he was promoted to the rank of Company Sergeant Major.

David was killed in action on September 26, 1916, at the Battle of Thiepval Ridge as part of the Battle of the Somme. Company Sergeant-Major Parfitt lost his life leading a platoon from D Company of the 8th Infantry Battalion in the attack that day.

David emigrated to Canada aged 18, taking up work in a mill in Keewatin, Ontario, before enlisting in Valcartier. David's three brothers (William, Arthur, and Frederick) also enlisted and all three survived the war.

Although his body was later found and buried in Regina Trench British Military Cemetery, there was insufficient evidence of his identity for the grave to be named.



Following extensive archival research by the CWGC and the Directorate of History and Heritage to corroborate the findings of an independent researcher, the identification was confirmed in November 2019. Due to a coincidental circumstance, comrades Yvonne and Berry Swarthoff were on site. They visited France in connection with an appointment with Mr. John Desrosiers, Director, International Operations, etc. etc. and responsible, among other things, for the activities surrounding the Canadian monument of the First World War in Vimy, France.

Thanks for the photos comrades.

Nijmegen, November 18, 2023.

Source: De Brug Nijmegen and Richard's FB account.
Silver Waalbrug pin for Richard Hendriks

Comrade Richard Hendriks received the Silver Waal Bridge Pin from Mayor Bruls.
Since 1990, Hendriks has been active in various organizations that are committed to organizing commemorations for the fallen soldiers of WWI and WWII.

For example, he supported the Royal British Legion and the Royal Canadian Legion with organizing commemorations. And he was involved in several other organizations that ensure that commemoration is honored in Nijmegen.
So much for, in part, the newspaper article.

Richard Hendriks' personal story:

*'I was pleasantly surprised on Saturday November 18 that I received the silver Waalbrug pin from the municipality of Nijmegen. They told me that I had to go to a reception for 100 years of the University. But I was taken to the Jonkerbos Military Cemetery Nijmegen via a detour and with excuses on Saturday around 5 p.m.
It wasn't until I got there that things started to dawn. There were some family members there, a few friends and of course Mayor Bruls.
He pinned the Waalbrug pin on me and also gave me the corresponding certificate.
I received the pin because since 1990 I have been organizing commemorations for veterans and families from WWII.
I first did this for the Royal British Legion Arnhem Nijmegen Branch.
But when it was closed, I continued with The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 005 'Liberation of the Netherlands.'
I am still a member of this.
In particular, I also received the pin for organizing the Evening of Lights at the Jonkerbos military cemetery in Nijmegen.
We have been doing this since 2017. This year we will do it again on Sunday, December 24, 2023 at the CWGC Military Cemetery Jonkerbos Nijmegen.
I am proud to have received this award.'*

Editorial addition:

The Silver Waal Bridge Pin is an award for people who have made a special contribution to Nijmegen society for at least 10 years.

We congratulate Richard on this special award

It's wonderful that we have people like you in our Branch.



Holten, November 12, 2023.

Source: Holten Extra
and CWGC Canadian Cemetery Information Centre

The annual commemoration for Remembrance Day was held on Sunday, November 12, at the Holten Canadian Cemetery.

This was well attended and was again very impressive.

Photos: Gerrit Willems.



Rembembrance Day op Canadese Begraafplaats



UPCOMING.

Check the agenda to see the planned activities on:

<https://www.rcloos.nl/agenda-google-versie-3/>



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