

# INFORMATION FROM THE HOSPITAL ADMISSION CARDS CREATED 06/29/2011 BY THE OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY (1942-1945) AND (1950-1954) INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR 1944

SERVICE NUMBER: 38300260

CATEGORY:	CODE:	EXPLANATION:
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RANK: 2 Enlisted Man

ARM OF SERVICE: 30 Infantry, General or Unspecified

AGE: 23 23 Unknown

YEARS OF SVC: 00 Unknown

MO/YR OF ADMISION: 094 September 1944 STATION OF ADMISSION: 0300 European Area

FINAL TRMT FACILITY: - Not in a medical installation prior to death
INVALID/DIED IN PRSN: 1 Officially declared dead by War Department

TYPE OF CASE: 4 Casualty, battle

TYPE OF ADMISSION: 1 New

TYPE OF DIAGNOSIS: 1 Sole diagnosis, no history of prior disease, injury or battle casualty

LINE OF DUTY: 1 In line of duty

FIRST DIAGNOSIS: 0010 Killed in action

LOCATION: 9000 Unknown, code not applicable

OPERATION: - Not Found

SECOND DIAGNOSIS: - Not Found

LOCATION: - Not Found

OPERATION: - Not Found

THIRD DIAGNOSIS: - Not Found

CAUSATIVE AGENT: 790 None or Unknown

FINAL RESULT: - Not Found

DISPOSITION: 0

FIELD OF CAUSE OF

DEATH OR DISCHARGE: 1 First diagnosis field DISPOSITION DATE: 094 September 1944

NON-EFFECTIVE DAYS

Total Days: 000 000 \*000 = case incl Hospital Days: 000 000 for statistical Cur Yr/GenHosp OS: 000 000 purposes only

CIRCUMSTANCES: 9 Battle casualty or battle injury other than self-inflicted injury or injury intentionally inflicted

by another person.

UNSPECIFIED FIELD: - Not found SAMPLE SIZE: 3 Unknown

Source: This information was obtained from the Hospital Admission Card data files (1942-1945; 1950-1954), created by the Office of the Surgeon General, Department of the Army. During 1988, this secondary source material was made available to the National Personnel Records Center by the National Research Council, a current custodian of the data file. The file was originally compiled for statistical purposes; therefore, name identification does not exist and sampling techniques were used with the result that not all hospital admissions are included. Veterans on the file are identified by service number and other data related to hospital admission.

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merikanen.

De mannen van generaal Gain liepen om die puist heen om na het Zevendal bij de rijksweg komen. Af en toe werd er vanat de bossen van de steile berg reschoten.

Lastig, maar niet ernstig ge oeg voor Gavin om er de klus bij kijmegen voor te onderbreken. aat die paar Duitsers voorlopig maar even zitten, zo werd gelacht. Dat doen we straks wel.

Huissen was Duits. Een kruisount van wegen. De Britten hielien het stadje in de gaten.

In en rondom Opheusden, westelijk van Nijmegen, was het

ook redelijk stil. In het hoofdkwartier van Hiter was weinig van rust te merken. Drs. Thuring: "Het was de Führer persoonlijk die met een plan kwam. Hij was bang dat als het in Arnhem en Nijmegen mis zou gaan, de deur tot Duitsland wagenwijd open zou staan. De Siegfriedlijn liep maar tot Goch en daarna lag de weg naar Berlijn compleet vrij. Hij nam de kaart van Europa voor zich en ging zoeken waar hij in Duitsland, Polen, Rusland en waar dan ook nog reserves aan zou kunnen boren. Alles voor het geval de commandanten ter plekke in Nijmegen en Arnhem het niet meer aan mochten kunnen.'

Vanuit Duits oogpunt gezien hield Arnhem stand, Alleen Nijmegen niet.

Wat kon Hitler nog uit de praktisch lege toverhoed halen? Pasor Thuring somt op: "Kikvorsmannen in Venetië, moderne luchtmachteenheden in Zuid-Duitsland met Mistels, een compleet nieuwe divisie in Stuttgart, die eind september opgeleid zou zijn. Verder nog diverse eenheden, samengesteld vanuit diverse plaatsen ver in Duitsland."

Hitler had zijn plan klaar. Thuring: "Op één dag wilde hij Nijmegen heroveren, de bruggen vernielen en zo de toegang tot Duitsland afsluiten. Alles zou op een en het zelfde moment moeten gebeuren. Een offensief op 30 september en 1 oktober."

#### Aanval

Nijmegen moest van vijf kanten aangevallen worden:

- De splinternieuwe Duitse divisie uit Stuttgart zou via Utrecht en Geldermalsen Opheusden pakken en zo via de West-Betuwe naar Nijmegen doorstoten:

- Een andere uit diverse onderdelen samengestelde divisie kreeg de opdracht via de Kiekberg bij Plasmolen Nijmegen van het zuiden af in de tang te nemen;

- Een andere groep zou via de Wylerbaan moeten doorstomen naar de Karelstad;

- Huissen zou de sleutelpositie

De 'Kiekbergwood' zeiden de vormen voor Duitse troepen vanuit Zuid-Duitsland, die zo Nijmegen uit het noorden zouden pak-

- De kikvorsmannen moesten via de Waal en de Mistels via de lucht de aanval openen op de Nijmeegse bruggen.

#### Studies

Nieuwe studies brachten verband aan het licht. Het waren niet vijf afzonderlijke offensieven, maar onderdelen van één plan, Het plan van Hitler persoonlijk, aldus Thuring. "Op het Bevrijdingsmuseum konden we de lijnen ontdekken. Onder meer via telegrammen: op 17 september kreeg de luchtmacht de opdracht: klaarmaken voor Nijmegen. Een telegram van dezelfde 17e september aan de kikvorsmannen in Venetië: ga naar Nijmegen. En ook in Stuttgart kwam tegelijkertijd op 17 september een telegram binnen met een marsbevel voor Nijmegen. Telegramman die niet zoals gebruikelijk van de bekende generaals af kwamen, maar vanuit het hoofdkwartier van Hitler zelf werden gestuurd.'

#### Waal

Dom doordrammen, pech onderweg naar de frontlinie en een dosis geluk aan Amerikaanse zijde lieten het plan van Hitler sneuvelen.

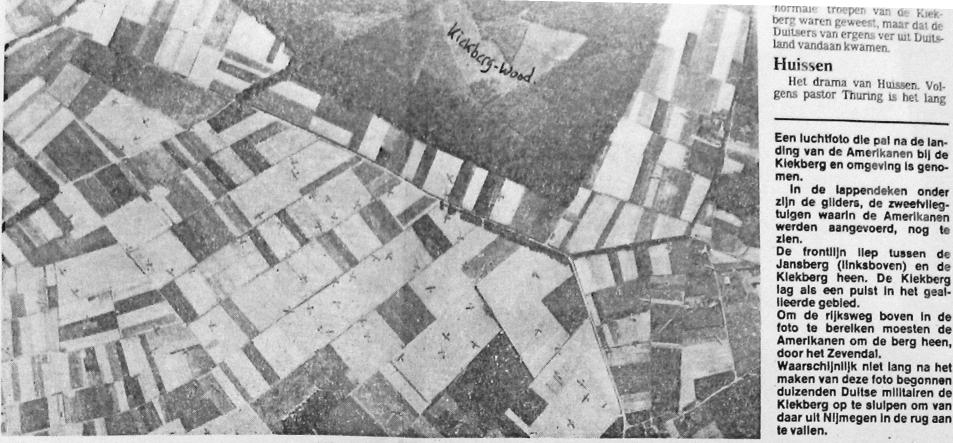
De pogingen van de vliegtuigen en de kikvorsmannen via de Waal zin bekend. Slechts ééndrijvende mijn kon aan de pijlers van de spoorbrug tot ontploffing gebracht worden. Ook de slag bij de Wylerbaan is een bekend verhaal. "De enige plek, waar de Duitsers zich aan de datum van het aanvalsplan hebben gehouden. In de nacht van 30 september op I oktober vielen ze aan. In een bloedige slag werd 1 kilometer gewonnen, maar daar bleef het

De tweede misser.

#### Kiekberg

De Kiekberg, de puist in het geallieerde front. Geluk bij een ongeluk was de redding voor Nijmegen en Groesbeek. Gavin had nog geen tijd gehad om de steile berg uit te kammen. "Och, die paar Duisters." Die paar Duitsers kregen echter rond 27 september versterking van een paar duizend infantristen, die via Ven-Zelderheide en Ottersum de Kiekberg op slopen voor de grote aanval in de nacht van 30 september op 1 oktober.

Het toeval kwam in dit geval uit de lucht. Op 23 september landden bij Overasselt 400 gliders met 2000 man van de 325 Glider Infantry. Ze waren zes dagen te laat in verband met het slechte weer. Rond die tijd kwamen ook



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werden aangevoerd, nog te zien.

De frontiljn liep tussen de Jansberg (linksboven) en de Klekberg heen. De Klekberg lag als een pulst in het geallieerde gebied.

Om de rijksweg boven in de foto te berelken moesten de Amerikanen om de berg heen, door het Zevendal.

Waarschijnlijk niet lang na het maken van deze foto begonnen duizenden Duitse militairen de Klekberg op te slulpen om van daar uit Nijmegen in de rug aan te vallen.

de Kiekberg gaven de doorslag. Huissen moest gebombardeerd. Honderduen Hussenaren vonden de dood, maar het Duitse leger was door de aanval compleet lam gelegd: de geplande aanval op Het drama van Huissen, Vol-Nijmegen werd afgeblazen."

Opnieuw was er een poot weggevallen onder het totale aanvals-

#### Opheusden

Opheusden. Daar zou het splinternieuwe vers-opgeleide 363 Volks Grenadier Division aanvallen en zich een weg banen naar Nijmegen. Maar ook deze divisie van 12.000 man had pech onderweg. Treinrails werden door jagers kapotgeschoten en moesten gerepareerd worden. Zo kwam de divisie niet als geheel maar in drie afzonderlijke regimenten aan. Elke dag een: op 4, 5 en 6 oktober. "In plaats van te wachten tot de hele divisie bij elkaar zou zijn besloten de commandanten van de diverse regimenten om direct aan te vallen. Zó bang waren ze van de Führer. Drie uur na aankomst moesten ze al gaan vechten."

Ook hier toeval. Normaal is het gebied rond Huissen redelijk rustig, maar net op 4 oktober had het Amerikaanse 101-ste de klus aan de Corridor tussen Eindhoven en Nijmegen geklaard. Ze komen 's avonds aan en krijgen de kous op de kop. Een verschrikkelijke Duitse aanval. De Amerikanen worden gedecimeerd. De volgende dag stort ook het tweede regiment van de Duitsers zich in de strijd. Zware verliezen zijn het gevolg en de Amerikanen worden weggeslagen. Zes oktober komt het laatste Duitse regiment in Opheusden aan en duizenden militairen storten zich in de strijd. Zware verliezen, maar de Amerikanen hoeven zich maar tot aan Dodewaard terug te trekken. Verder komen de Volks Grenadiers niet. Nijmegen blijft buiten schot, waarmee de laatste pijler van Hitlers grote aanvalsplan op Nijmegen is weggevallen.

### Skelet

Thuring: "Waarom zijn er zo weinig soldaten gesneuveld op die plaatsen die je als kind in en om Nijmegen zo kent van de gevechten? De slag om de Duivelsberg bijvoorbeeld. Waarom zijn er op andere plekken wel veel soldaten gevallen? Dan ga je dat onderzoeken. Wij hebben op het Bevrijdingsmuseum bronnen die de anderen niet hebben. Het museum is niet aleen een kijkmuseum, maar ook een studieplaats."

De vondst van een skelet in juli op de Kiekberg was het begin van een nieuwe speurtocht in het verleden, naar de dagen van eind september en begin oktober.

"Daar vonden we de rode draad, het verband tussen wat tot nu toe losse acties leken te zijn. Hitlers plan. Ik denk dat veel mensen in Nijmegen en omgeving niet wisten wat er zich ach-

ter hun rug afgespeeld heeft." "Nijmegen is in die begindagen van oktober door het oog van

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The Roll of Honour in het Bevrijdingsmuseum in Groesbeek. OB Grofe panelen staan de namen van de gevallenen: de plek Klarbergwood en 'Klekberg' komt vele vele malen voor. Op de naald gekropen." 27 september (links) en 30 september (rechts).

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ny questions still remain dealing with these numes British and Canadian Soldiers; however they all re the name, made in stone, somewhere in Europe, eady for more as 40 years. Otherwise most of the rerican Servicemen, killed in action in Europe, were now absolutely unknown by name in Europe. Prefore their names are mentionned now - at least MARKET - in this Memorial Hall.

this Hall of Commemoration it was decided to ntion the British and Canadian Servicemen, killed N.W. Europe, by Division and in chronological der, and to mention these too many names in ecial books, under their own Divisional Sign. ese books will be completed in the near future, as a search is nearly completed.

existent to mention too the Servicemen of the special small Units, like the Belgium 'White Brigade' (Piron); Dutch Royal Brigade 'Princess Irene', and other lied Ones, involved in the Holland Liberation battles, W. II. A summary of all people, killed in action in W. II, will be shown too.

#### AFKORTINGEN - ABBREVIATIONS

PVT		Private soldaat
PFC		Private First Class soldaat 1e klas
CPL		Corporal
T/5		Technician 5th Grade
T/4		Technician 4th Grade
SGT		Sergeant
S/SGT		Staff Sergeant
T/SGT		Technical Sergeant
1/SGT		First Sergeant
2LT		2nd Lieutenant
ILT		1st Lieutenant
CAPT	•	Captain
MAJ		Major
LT COL		Lieutenant Colonel

#### VERKLARINGEN - EXPLANATIONS:

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# **ROLL OF HONOR**



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#### S. ROLL OF HONOR JARKET HOLLAND SEPT./NOV. 1944

ok in N.W. Europa werden de gesneuvelde Amerinanse militairen - ca. 140.000 - begraven op tijdelijke ilitaire kerkhoven. In Nederland: te Molenhoek bij ijmegen, te Son bij Eindhoven, en te Margraten in uid-Limburg. Tal van zwaargewonden in Nederland verleden later alsnog in hospitalen in België of ngeland, en werden daar begraven.

iesneuvelden, die pas na de oorlog in veldgraven ierden gevonden, werden meestal overgebracht naar e Amerikaanse tijdelijke Begraafplaats Neuville-eniondroz bij Luik, België.

a 1947 besloot het Amerikaanse Congres, dat de abestaanden van de gesneuvelden zouden kiezen oor een definitieve begraafplaats: ofwel in Amerika, pe een plaatselijk kerkhof, of in een van de vele lational Cemeteries, - ofwel in Europa, in enkele lieuw te stichten grote Militaire Begraafplaatsen.

Ca. 63% der nabestaanden koos voor een herbegraing in Amerika, - hetgeen geschiedde in de loop van 948 en 1949. Ook van de bijna 1800 Amerikaanse jesneuvelden tijdens 'MARKET' rust nu nog slechts ca. 18% in Europese bodem: voornamelijk in Margraten, Neuville of Cambridge.

Zo werd het nagenoeg onmogelijk na te gaan, welke Amerikaanse militairen eens sneuvelden in Normandië, tijdens 'Market' in Nederland, in de Ardennen, België, of tijdens de luchtoorlog.

Slechts in contacten met talrijke Amerikaanse veteranen en Nederlandse ooggetuigen, door onderzoek in locale archieven in Europa en Nationale Archieven in U.S.A., en met behulp van de 'Veterans Administrations' van de vele Staten, en met de bestaande Regiments-geschiedenissen (meestal op mikro-films) kon deze eretaak nu voor 'Market' verricht worden. Nog blijven diverse vraagtekens, en blijkt een aantal sneuveldata op de kruizen niet juist, waarschijnlijk vaker dan door ons met zekerheid kon worden vastgesteld.

Vandaar de hulptekens voor gebleven twijfels:

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#### U.S. ROLL OF HONOR 'MARKET' HOLLAND SEPT,/NOV. 1944

In N.W. Europe too the deceased U.S. Servicemen - appr. 140.000 - were buried in temporary cemeteries, For Holland: at Molenhoek near Nijmegen, at Son near Eindhoven, and at Margraten in Southern Limburg. Several Servicemen, seriously wounded in action during the MARKET campaign, afterwards died of wounds in Belgian or British Hospitals, had the first burial there. After the war still many servicemen were located in scattered fieldgraves; most of them were buried in the temporary U.S. Cemetery Neuville-en-Condroz near Liege, Belgium.

The U.S. Congress decided, 1947, the next of kin of the deceased servicemen would have the right to indicate the place for the final interment: either in U.S.A. - in a local cemetery or in one of the many National Cemeteries - or in Europe, in one of the newly to be constructed permanent cemeteries.

Appr. 63% prefered a last burial in the U.S.A. - and the bodies of these servicemen were transferred back to the States in 1948/1949.

So for 'MARKET' too only appr. 38% of the deceased Airbornes (nearly 1800) still rest in European soil; most of them at Margraten, 'Neuville-en-Condroz or at Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Meanwhile it is nearly impossible to retrace the names of the U.S. Servicemen, once Killed in Action, Died of Wounds, Missing in Action in the Holland Campaign, in Normandy, in 'The Bulge' Belgium, or during the Air War.

Only in contacting many U.S. veterans and Dutch eyewitnesses, by searching many local archives in Holiand/Europe or the several National Archives and Cemeteries in U.S.A., and especially in close contacts with the Veterans Administrations of the many States of America, and reading the existing Battalion Histories (mostly in microreels) this task of honor could be completed.

Some small questions however remain; possibly still more crosses bear a wrong date of death as could be brought to evidence till now. Therefore one will find some small signs in this 'MARKET' ROLL OF HONOR:

o = the indicated date of death is uncertain.

\* = this information is not sure.

#### DE BRITSE EN CANADESE GESNEUVELDEN IN NEDERLAND EN N.W. EUROPA, 1944-1945.

Voor gesneuvelden van het Britse Gemenebest en van Canada geldt sinds de eerste Wêreldoorlog de regel, dat zij blijven rusten in de grond waar zij sneuvelden; en niet teruggebracht worden naar huis.

Met name de Britse Oorlogskerkhoven zijn vaak bescheidener van omvang, en men treft er derhalve veel meer aan in N.W. Europa, ook in Nederland. Daarnaast werden tal van gesneuvelde Britse militairen begraven op plaatselijke begraafplaatsen van Gemeente of kerk, waar zij nu nog rusten.

Vanaf 1 sept. 1944 tot aan het einde van de oorlog raakten ca. 1100 Britse en Canadese militairen vermist. Overal vindt men hun graven, waarop een steen is geplaatst met de inscriptie: A SOLDIER OF THE 1939-1945 WAR. KNOWN UNTO GOD.

Van enkele honderden zijn de stoffelijke resten nooit gevonden. Ook hun namen worden echter op waardige wijze herdacht: zij staan al 40 jaren gebeiteld in het Memorial op de Canadese Erebegraafplaats te Groesbeek, Zevenheuvelenweg.

Hoeveel vragen er nu nog bestaan omtrent Britse of Canadese gesneuvelden in N.W. Europa, toch staat ergens hier hun naam in steen gebeiteld, al ruim 40 jaren. Aangezien de namen van de Amerikaanse gesneuvelden voor meer dan de helft geheel onbekend zijn in Europa - maar ook in Amerika zelf - worden hun namen afzonderlijk vermeld in deze 'hal der gesneuvelden', althans voor 'MARKET'.

Het bijzondere voor dit Museum is wel, dat de Britse en Canadese gesneuvelden per eenheid worden gerangschikt, en volgens datum van sneuvelen, dit onder het eigen divisie- of brigade-embleem. In een later stadium zal voor de vermelde divisies een boek worden gepresenteerd met de gesneuvelden, of datum van sneuvelen. Tevens zal aandacht geschon ken worden aan kleinere eenheden, als de Belgisch Brigade Piron, de Prinses Irene Brigade en distoutroepen, 1944-1945. Tenslotte aan de totalen van omgekomenen per land tijdens de 2e Wereldoorlog.

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#### FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong. ) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, . Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Private First Class Willie B. Brown, Army Serial Number 38,300,260, Infantry

to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the of September 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have oc-October, 1945. day of curred on the

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