

## 75 years Liberated

### An other Memorial Monument

Memorial Stone  
temporary grave  
1944 - 1945

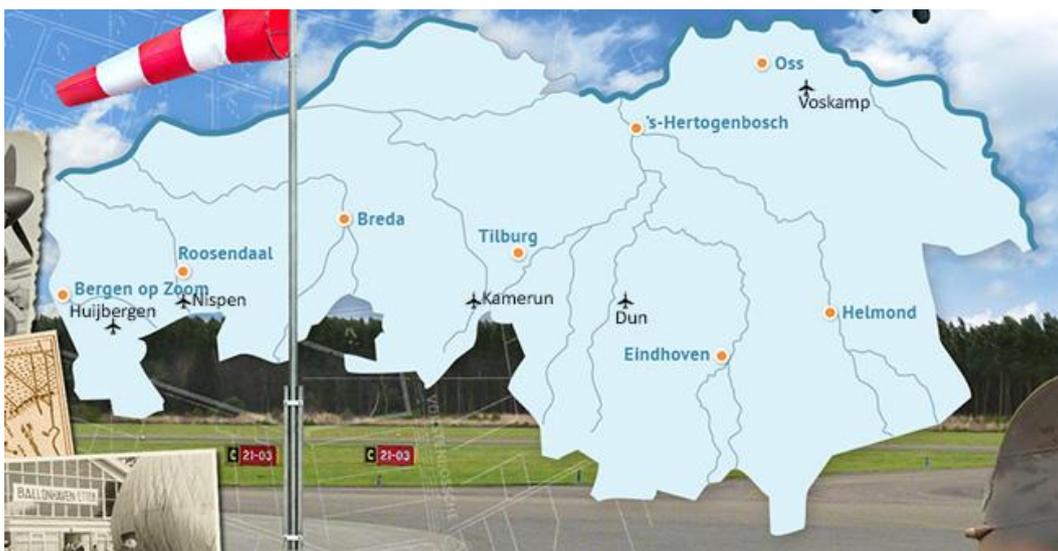
Dear Friends,

As a foundation we started the preparations for the 75th liberation festivities in 2019. First ideas have been put on paper and the first contacts linked to the ideas have been made. We would like to involve you as well. If you have ideas for the festivities, please let us know. We will then review if your ideas can be realised.

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Besides real airports and airstrips, the Germans were quick setting up “fake airports” early in WW II. They were meant to attract more attention than the true airports and with that mislead the bombers.

These tactics were part of the protection of the true airports; almost every German airport had a *Scheinflugplatz*.



Fake airports in Brabant



**Fake airport**  
**Landschotse Heide near Oostelbeers**  
**(Dun)**



Located at Langereijt, near Pels Rijcken Hoeve, a fake airport was created in 1940 to mislead English bombers who wanted to bomb the Eindhoven Airport. Runways were constructed, as were hangars, lights, canons and barracks. They also had a wooden watch-tower located near the house at Hanenberg 1. This watch-tower was located about 20 meters behind the house. They also created a wooden plane and had this move up and down a piece of railway once hostile planes were in the area. The used piece of rail in front of the info sign is the original rails from the fake airport.

During the war, hundreds of bombs of all different kinds, were dropped at this airport, as the Germans hoped for. However the Germans also dropped bombs at this airport. When German bombers could not drop their bombs in England, they were too heavy to make their way back to Germany, to lose weight they would drop their bombs at this airport from the lowest possible altitude. By doing this, they would prevent the bombs from exploding.

**Example of some English humor:**

**After the Royal Air Force (RAF) found out about this fake airport, one of the surrounding fake airports were bombed once more with wooden bombs, according to former German soldiers.**



## **Memorial Stone temporary grave 1944-1945.**

The board will add an item to the Mierlo-Hout memorial route Tuesday morning May 30. The location will be in the Slegersstraat on the right side of the main entrance of the cemetery. As was mentioned in the previous news letter, it is a Memorial Stone with pictures of the three soldiers that were buried in a temporary grave in 1944. Only 1 year later their remains were moved to the British war cemetery in Mierlo.



Temporary grave Slegersstraat

**This Memorial Stone and an info board will be revealed June 20th, by 8th graders of the Odulfus school. You are more than welcome to join us at 10.30 and to possibly answer questions from these children or ask us any question you may have.**