



Stichting Herdenkingsmonument Mierlo-Hout
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Dear Friends,

2017 is almost at it's end.

Our foundation participated for the first time in "NL-Doet" this year. With the help of the St Odulfus school children and some friends of the foundation, the area around the monument was cleaned up in spring time.



During the unveiling of the information board and remembrance stone in the Slegersstraat, the place where in 1944 the fallen soldiers had their temporary grave, the 8th grade kids of the St. Odulfus school closed their adoption year. Teacher Pauline, received a certificate from our chairman Mario Coolen, to show our appreciation for the adoption of the memorial monument.



The adoption was handed over to the 8th grade of the Jorisschool for the 2017-2018 season.

September 21 and 22 was a very informative day for this group. They received a lesson in class and more information at the monument and they had a ride in the old military vehicles to the English war cemetery in Mierlo. Also here they received more information from Ad Hermens regarding several soldiers and what they meant to us during the liberation of our area in September 1944.

During the remembrance days, we were again visited by English guests.



Patrick and Maxine Edgington.

Patrick is the son of late army chaplain Charles Edgington.

Charles Edgington made sure that after the liberation of Mierlo-Hout the fallen soldiers received a temporary grave near the cemetery. Next to that, he personally informed the soldiers' family members by letter what had happened to them.



Patrick read a letter from his father out loud during the remembrance at the monument. This letter was a copy of a letter to one of the fallen soldier's parents.

A copy of this letter is also included in the information board in the Slegersstraat.



Patrick was clearly moved by seeing a picture of his father at the information board in the Slegersstraat.

Patrick and his wife Maxine have informed us they want to be present at the 75th remembrance in 2019, given their health allows them to travel.

Ken Robinson, one of the last living WOII veterans that visited our monument, recently passed away unfortunately.

Ken Robinson revealed the left panel of our monument in 2012. During the remembrance, Ken Robinson received the Medal of Honor of Helmond, out of the hands of former Mayor Fons Jacobs.



Ken Robinson would have reached the age of 93 in November.



We would also like to thank the relatives of those that passed away and gave to or placed flowers at our remembrance monument.

We deeply appreciate these gestures, thank you.

In the meantime we have started putting ideas together for and we are approaching people to support us for the 75th remembrance in 2019.

We are aiming for a day that will be visited and remembered by people of all ages.

As this is our last news letter for 2017; we would like to wish you great holidays and a happy and healthy 2018!



For more information and pictures of our events, please be invited to visit our website. www.hmmh.nl