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Another Monument

**Mierlo-Hout
Then and Now**

NL-DOET

**80th anniversary
2024**

Hello friends,

2023 is on its way for a few weeks now.

Nevertheless, the board still wants to wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy 2023.

Just another memorial



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Uncle Beach

The Allies came ashore at Uncle Beach in 1944 during the battle of the Western Scheldt in World War II. Vlissingen has a strategic location on the Western Scheldt and fierce battles were fought here in the area around the Oranjemolen, which was codenamed 'Uncle Beach'. On September 21, 1944, the Battle of the Scheldt began, consisting of several operations by the Allies, the main objective of which was to secure the passage to Antwerp. At the beginning of October, the dikes on Walcheren are bombed to pieces at various points, as a result of which Walcheren is largely flooded. In the early morning of November 1, the finale of the Battle of the Scheldt, Operation Infatuate, will start.

Hundreds of Allied soldiers make the crossing from Breskens and land near Vlissingen, with the intention of reconquering Walcheren.

The 4th Commando is brought in by landing craft.

Shortly afterwards the 52nd Lowland Division follows.

The Allies enter the city along three routes: along the boulevard, in the direction of Souburg and straight through the city centre. When they approach the city, they see the silhouette of the Oranjemolen against an orange glow of a fire in the city. Now this is an area full of memories and monuments to this battle.

History is kept alive

Around Uncle Beach there are all kinds of reminders of the battle that was fought here. They keep history alive. On information boards you can read background stories about the Battle of the Scheldt and Operation Infatuate.

At the place where this monument stands, next to the Command Monument, there was a rubbish dump during the liberation of Vlissingen.

The dumping ground bordered on the mud harbor in which the liberators came ashore from Breskens with their amphibious tanks under fierce resistance from the enemy.

From there, the liberators marched through various streets towards the Boulevard to Hotel Britannia, where the enemy's Headquarters was stationed.



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Text on the monument:

**52 Lowland Division
landed here from Breskens
on 1 Nov. 1944
to liberate the island.**

On the front of the plinth is the text:

No 4 Commando.

There are plaques on both sides of the pedestal with French, Dutch and English text.

***In memory of all ranks of no. 4 commando
who fell during the war 1939-1945 and to
the local citizens of Flushing who were
killed during the occupation and at the
hour of their liberation***

The French and Dutch text on the plaque:

*A la memoire des officiers, sous-officiers et soldats
du 4me commando et des loyaux citoyens de Flessengue
1939-1945*

*Aan de nagedachtenis van de gevallen van het 4de commando en
van de trouwe burgers van Vlissingen*

Thanks to 'Mia van den Berg, TracesOfWar.nl'

Then and now



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NL-doet



Get to work!

Spring is coming again. Therefore the surroundings of our monuments are being renovated again.

NL-doet, on 10 and 11 March.

Our foundation has again officially registered with NL-doet this year, it is an initiative of the Oranje Fonds.

On March 10, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., we will do various chores this morning on and around the memorial monument, the cemetery and the monument in Slegersstraat. By involving students from “KC in het Hart van het Hout” we show that as a foundation we cherish our youth. This is also their end of adoption year 2022-2023. In the next edition of our newsletter, we will give an impression of this morning.

80th anniversary 2024



On Thursday November 17, we had a brainstorming session with various authorities.

Participants: Local History Circle Helmond; Stichting Helmond 25 September 1944; Group of friends De Badroaven Stiphout; committee Brouwhuis and Stichting HMMH.

What can we do for each other, to make the 80th anniversary commemoration a success in Helmond.

The first meeting was a very positive conversation with all kinds of suggestions. The follow-up session was on January 19.

We will keep you well informed about these preparations, including ours, in the coming newsletters.

Some ideas :

- Passage of authentic vehicles on Sunday, September 15, 2024
- Joint exhibition in the center of Helmond
- Involve schools, for example visit War Cemetery Mierlo
- Carat concert Band of Liberation

For more information about our Foundation, please refer to our website:

<https://monumentmierlohout.nl>.