

Commemoration 80th Anniversary Operation Market Garden

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Overview of all Movements

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Introduction

It promises to be a unique memorial procession for both the public and participants; The XXX Corps Military Remembrance Convoy from 14 to 21 September 2024.

Approximately 250 military vehicles and over 700 crew members (mostly from the United Kingdom) will participate in the 80th anniversary of Operation Market Garden. "It's will be if an old black-and-white photo comes to life".

Market Garden was a daring military operation in September 1944 to finally break the Nazi German resistance in Western Europe before Christmas. In a rapid and devastating large-scale advance of thousands of paratroopers, over 50,000 ground troops and approximately 22,000 vehicles, the Rhine and other waterways in East Brabant and Gelderland had to be crossed. Despite the fact that a large part of the southern Netherlands was liberated, Market Garden ultimately became a tragedy and Arnhem proved to be a bridge too far. The Rhine was not crossed, the devastation was enormous, and the Allies suffered heavy losses.



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XXX CORPS MILITARY REMEMBRANCE CONVOY

The upcoming Remembrance commemorates the advance of the ground troops (XXX Corps Military Remembrance Convoy). The tour starts in Leopoldsburg, Belgium and the route will be approximately 160 km long and will end in Bemmel.

In this tour, for which preparations have been started 2 years ago, there will be many stops for the public along the way and there will be 11 overnight camps. For safety and traffic flow, the convoy has been divided into smaller groups of approximately 25 vehicles.

The vehicles are owned by enthusiasts who invest a lot of time, money and effort in their maintenance and management. They, and many of their co-drivers, will be dressed in authentic uniforms and equipment in September, with remembrance as the central theme.

The organization wants to coordinate the tour as much as possible with official local commemorations and programs that take place in Belgium, North Brabant and Gelderland during that period.

No financial support

The event is organised by the Liberation Taskforce, which receives no financial support from the government or elsewhere and is entirely self-financed by the participants, the majority of whom come from the United Kingdom. These participants are often sons or grandsons of our liberators.

Certified traffic controllers / Police

The vehicle groups, consisting of all authentic British vehicles, are accompanied by certified traffic controllers of the Dutch SBNS Foundation (<https://mbsmotards.nl/>). Event permits/declarations of no objection have been requested per municipality and most of these have already been received or are well advanced in the process.

In consultation with the regional police services; represented by the responsible police officer for events; Mr. W. de Louw, it has been agreed that;

- provided that groups of 25 vehicles are used,
- with an interval of 10 minutes between them,
- and a maximum speed of 25 kph

the supervision of these tour can be provided by voluntary **certified traffic supervisor motorcyclists**.



Note:

If, against all expectations, there are no or insufficient traffic controllers present, a maximum group size of 9 vehicles must be maintained and a distance of 10 minutes between them must also be maintained.

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Insurance / Admission to public roads

A Legal Liability Insurance (Event Permit) has of course also been issued for the event.

In addition, all participating vehicles of the participants have a valid license plate, are road legal, so that they are allowed to travel on public roads. Their owners have at least a statutory liability insurance.

Weapons, cannons and ammunition

With regard to the weapons, cannons and ammunition to be carried on the march (whether or not deactivated), the Dutch Ministry of Justice and Security has granted permission for, possession, exhibition, transport and carrying of historically correct and period-appropriate military (fire)arms for the purpose of:

- Carrying out re-enactment activities,
- Participating in commemorative marches and/or exhibitions with historical military equipment (displays)
- Firing salutes.

Number of groups

The operation consists of 12 packages of maximum 25 vehicles:

- **A Squadron:** Guards Armored Brigade (tracks including tanks)
- **B Squadron:** Guards Armored Brigade (tracks including tanks)
- **C Squadron:** Armored Brigade (tracks including tanks)
- **D Company:** Armored Brigade (wheels)
- **E Company:** Reconnaissance Brigade (wheels)
- **F Company:** Princess Irene Brigade (wheels)
- **G Company:** Reconnaissance Brigade (tracks)
- **H Company:** Logistics (wheels)
- **I Company:** Guard Reconnaissance (tracks)
- **J Company:** Royal Artillery (wheels)
- **K Company:** Logistics (wheels)
- **L Company:** Logistics (wheels)

Note: in the above Half-track vehicles are classified as wheeled vehicles.



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Purpose of this document

The purpose of this document is to give the reader a global impression of both the content of the event, the planned movements, legal aspects but also the addresses of the various overnight locations. It is therefore intended to be informative. If desired, the substantiation for this can of course also be provided on request.

What we are bringing to Belgium and the Netherlands in rolling stock on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of Operation Market Garden is without a doubt special. We have had a very pleasant collaboration with many municipalities, governments and other organisations during the process of the past 2 years. Unfortunately, we also had to deal with some disappointments here and there, which has sometimes caused considerable delays in the planning.

Commemoration is absolutely important and it is therefore our task to ensure that future generations continue to do so.

We have many family members in the convoy of those who fought in the Netherlands in 1944, who come on a pilgrimage with their vehicles to visit the places that are now part of their family's history. Sir Winston Churchill once said: **"A nation that has forgotten its past has no future"**. He also gave us the following; **"Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it"**. We cannot learn by forgetting, so let us do everything in our power to make it a memorable commemoration and to give the descendants of your British liberators a warm welcome.

Trusting that we have informed you sufficiently,

Sincerely yours,



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Daily Program:

From 10 September 2024 – 13 September 2024
Assembly of all units at Basecamp Leopoldsburg, Belgium
See for more detail's newsletter August 2024

Saturday 14 September

Departure of all vehicles and all groups from Basecamp Leopoldsburg.
YAP, Guillaumelaan 11, 3970 Leopoldsburg, Belgium.



Main Timeline

08.30	J	Departure > Joe's Bridge	09:45	Arrival Joe's Bridge
10.30	F&K	Assembly N715 > BE/NL Border	11.55	Arrival BE/NL Border
10.30	Others	Assembly N715 > BE/NL Border	11.55	Arrival BE/NL Border

14.15	Departure to Valkenswaard > Camp Leende	15.45
12.30	Departure to Camp Bergeijk	13.05
12.45–15.15	Departure if Squadron A,G,B,C,E,D,I,L,H,J with intervals of 10 minutes to Valkenswaard	
13.35–15.05	Arrival Valkenswaard: parade Market Square	
	Exit Valkenswaard > Leenderweg > Leende	14:00–15:45

Camp Bergeijk: Eerselsedijk 4, 5571 TM Bergeijk Netherlands.
Camp Leende: Breedvennen, 5595 DG Leende.

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Sunday 15 September

Departure F&K Squadron: Camp Bergeijk: Eerselsedijk 40, 5571 TM Bergeijk Netherlands.

Departure all other Squadrons: Camp Leende: Breedvennen, 5595 DG Leende.

From Bergeijk to Leende

09.00	K	Camp Bergeijk > Leende	09.20	Passing Valkenswaard via the ring road	10.00	Stop Leende (see also below)
09.30	F	Camp Bergeijk > Leende	09:50	Passing Valkenswaard via the ring road	10.20	Arrival Leende (see also below)

From Leende:

09.30	B	Leende > Camp Son	10:30	Stop Mierlo Hout	12.00	> Helmond > Stiphout > Nuenen > Son	13.15
09.40	J	Leende > Camp Son	10:40	Stop Mierlo Hout	12.10	> Helmond > Stiphout > Nuenen > Son	13.30
09.50	G	Leende > Camp Son	11.20	Stop Helmond	15.20	> Stiphout > Nuenen > Son	16.25
10.00	H	Leende > Camp Son	11.30	Stop Helmond	15.10	> Stiphout > Nuenen > Son	16.20
10.10	I	Leende > Camp Son	10.55	Stop Mierlo War Cemetery; Depart 12:00	12:15-13:30	Stop Mierlo Hout > Stiphout > Nuenen > Son	15.15
10.20	C	Leende > Camp Son	11.05	Stop Mierlo War Cemetery; Depart 12:10	12:25-13:45	Stop Mierlo Hout > Stiphout > Nuenen > Son	15.05
10.20	E	Leende > Camp Son	10.40-11.45	Stop Leenderstrijp;	13.00-14:00	Stop Mierlo Hout > Stiphout > Nuenen > Son	15.20
10.30	F	10.25-12.20: Stop Sterksel	12:45-13:45	Stop Geldrop	14.10-15:10	Stop Mierlo Hout > Stiphout > Nuenen > Son	16.35
10.40	D	11.10-13.00: Stop Heeze	13:40	Stop Mierlo Mill	14.40	> Mierlo > Stiphout > Nuenen > Son	16.10
10.50	L	11:55-13:55 Stop Geldrop	13:35	Stop Mierlo Hout	14.35	> Stiphout > Nuenen > Basecamp Son	15.50
10.00	K	10.00-13.00 Stop Leende	14.00	Stop Mierlo Mill	15.00	> Mierlo > Stiphout > Nuenen > Son	16.15
11.00	A	Leende > Camp Son	12:10	Stop Mierlo Hout	13.50	> Helmond > Stiphout > Nuenen > Son	15.10

Location Basecamp Son: Driehoek 1, 5691 NE Son

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Monday 16 September Main Convoy

All day Basecamp Son Public day for visitors on Camp and fuelling

Monday 16 September Operation Bolster

08.15	F	Son > St. Oedenrode	08.40	Static show at market St. Oedenrode	St. Oedenrode market	overnight
08.25	J	Son > Eerde	09.10	Static show around Windmill Eerde	Windmill Eerde	overnight

Location Eerde:

Zandvliet, 5466 PL Eerde (next to the Windmill)

Location St. Oedenrode

Markt, 5492 AB Sint-Oedenrode



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Tuesday 17 September Main Convoy

09.00	A	Son > Camp Overasselt	10.40	Uden > departure 11.40	12:05	passing Zeeland; 12.40 Grave > Overasselt	13.00
09.10	B	Son > Camp Overasselt	10.50	Uden > departure 11.50	12.15	Zeeland; Departure 12.45 > Grave > Overasselt	13.40
10.10	L	Son > Camp Overasselt	12:55	passing Uden, Zeeland > Grave	13.15	Balgoij > departure 14:30 > Overasselt	14.55
10.20	D	Son > Camp Overasselt	12.00	Uden > departure 13:00	13:25	passing Zeeland > Grave 14.00 > Overasselt	14.20
10.30	H	Son > Camp Overasselt	12.10	Uden > departure 12:40	13.05	passing Zeeland > Grave 13.40 > Overasselt	14.00
10.40	E	Son > Camp Overasselt	12.20	Uden > departure 13:20	13.40	Zeeland; Departure 14.40 > Grave > Overasselt	15.30
10.50	K	Son > Camp Overasselt	13.40	Uden > departure 13:10	13.35	passing Zeeland; 14.10 Grave > Overasselt	14.50

Stop Uden

Stop Balgoij

Camp Overasselt

Markt 5401 GP Uden

'Dorpshuis' in Balgoij, Boomsestraat 2-B, 6613 AH Balgoij

Corner N846, Hutsestraatje 6611 AB Overasselt

Tuesday 17 September Operation Bolster

08.30	J	Son > Eerde Koeveringsdijk	09.15	Static show during para droppings		Koeveringsdijk > Mill Eerde-overnight	overnight
08.30	G	Son > Eerde Koeveringsdijk	09.15	Static show during para droppings	15.30-15.55	Eerde > Veghel, Noord Kade-overnight	overnight
08.30	I-carrier	Son > St. Oedenrode	09.00-10.00	Carriers evacuation show at castle	10.35	Boekel stop till 12:45 > Camp Overasselt	14:05
	I-other	Son > St. Oedenrode	09.10	Static show market St. Oedenrode	10:40	Boekel stop till 12:45 > Camp Overasselt	14:05
All day	F	St. Oedenrode-Market	all day	Static show <arket St. Oedenrode	all day	St. Oedenrode	overnight
--	--	St. Oedenrode cemetery	11.00	Wreath laying ceremony (till 12.00)	--	--	--
11.20	C	Son > Camp Overasselt	12.05	St. Oedenrode market Paddy McRory	13:30	Stop Zeeland (departure 13:50) > Overasselt	15.20

Camp Eerde:

Stop & Camp St. Oedenrode

Castle St. Oederode

Stop Boekel

Camp Veghel

Camp Overasselt

Zandvliet, 5466 PL Eerde (next to the Mill)

Markt, 5492 AB Sint-Oedenrode

Castle Henkenshage Laan van Henkenshage 3, 5492 BH Sint-Oedenrode

Sint Agathaplein 5427 CK Boekel

Verlengde Noordkade 10, 5462 EH Veghel

Corner N846, Hutsestraatje 6611 AB Overasselt

and Koeveringsdijk 5491 TJ Schijndel

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Wednesday 18 September Main Convoy

09.30	D	Overasselt > Groesbeek	10:20	Static show Groesbeek	12:00	Groesbeek basecamp	12.30
09.40	B	Overasselt > Groesbeek	10:30	Static Show Groesbeek	12:20	Groesbeek basecamp	12.50
09.50	L	Overasselt > Groesbeek	via Heumen > Mook > Groesbeek			Groesbeek basecamp	10.40
10.00	H	Overasselt > Groesbeek	via Heumen > Mook > Groesbeek			Groesbeek basecamp	10.50
10.10	E	Overasselt > Groesbeek	via Heumen > Mook > Groesbeek			Groesbeek basecamp	11.00
10.20	K	Overasselt > Groesbeek	via Heumen > Mook > Groesbeek			Groesbeek basecamp	11.10
10.30	C	Overasselt > Groesbeek	via Heumen > Mook > Groesbeek			Groesbeek basecamp	11.20
14.40	I	Overasselt > Groesbeek	via Heumen > Mook > Groesbeek			Groesbeek basecamp	11.30
09.50	G	Veghel > Groesbeek	via Uden > Zeeland > Grave > Overasselt > Groesbeek			Groesbeek basecamp	15.05

Arrival from Overasselt via the Mooksebaan from approximately 10:00. In groups of 25 - guided by traffic controllers - with a 10-minute break in between.

- 2 squadrons (approx. 50 vehicles) turn off to the centre of Groesbeek (Dorpsstraat). Display between 10-12 o'clock. Departure ultimately 13:00 hrs. Road will be closed off between Hoflaan and Kloosterstraat; parking on the right side of the road.
- Groesbeek will provide the fences and CO1 signs, LTF please arrange traffic controllers: Hoflaan intersection, Bellevue (exit P-garage), Kerkstraat/Bellevue, Spoorlaan, Pompweg 2 x, Kloosterstraat, Reserve
- Joint departure starting at 12:00 via Molenweg, Cranenburgsestraat, Hulsbroek, Nieuwe Drulseweg to Klein Amerika
- Main Convoy goes to Klein Amerika via Bredeweg.

Stop Groesbeek

From 11.30

Dorpsstraat Groesbeek (Closed off between Hoflaan and Kloosterstraat)

Basecamp Groesbeek: Public day for visitors on basecamp Groesbeek

Klein Amerika 6, 6562 KC Groesbeek

Wednesday 18 September Operation Bolster

All day	A	Overasselt		Camp Overasselt	all day
09.30	J	Windmill Eerde > Uden > Zeeland > Grave > Overasselt		Camp Overasselt	13.25
09.40	F	St. Oedenrode > Uden > Zeeland > Grave > Overasselt		Camp Overasselt	13.35
09.50	G	Veghel > Uden > Zeeland > Grave > Overasselt > Groesbeek		Groesbeek basecamp	15.05

Camp Overasselt

Corner N846, Hutsestraatje 6611 AB Overasselt

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Thursday 19 September 2024

Main Convoy:

From 11.00 Basecamp Groesbeek Public day for visitors on basecamp Groesbeek Klein Amerika 6, 6562 KC Groesbeek

Remaining Squadrons:

Thursday 19 September J, F & G Squadron (are still in Overasselt)

09.30	J	Overasselt > Eimeren	via Heumen > Malden >, Nijmegen > Eimeren	11.30
09.40	F	Overasselt > Eimeren	via Heumen > Malden >, Nijmegen > Eimeren	11.40
09.50	A	Overasselt > Groesbeek	Groesbeek basecamp	10:40

Basecamp Pontoon Group '40-'45
Basecamp Groesbeek

Rivierpark Nijmegen Waal (Island Veur-Lent) 6663 Nijmegen
Klein Amerika 6, 6562 KC Groesbeek



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Friday 20 September (Final push)

08.20	J-part	Eimeren > Veur-Lent > Bommel	09:00 – 15:00: Participation Waal Crossing	15:00	Veur-Lent > Bommel Basecamp	15:40
08.20	F-part	Eimeren > Veur-Lent > Bommel	09:00 – 15:00: Participation Waal Crossing	15:10	Veur-Lent > Bommel Basecamp	15:50
09.30	G	Groesbeek > Bommel	10.00 Beek: Static show Kalorama 't Höfke	12:20	12.40 Crossing Waalbrug > Bommel	13.20
09.40	E	Groesbeek > Bommel	10.10 Beek: Static show Kalorama 't Höfke	12:30	12.50 Crossing Waalbrug > Bommel	13:30
09.50	A	Groesbeek > Bommel	11:20 Crossing Nijmegen (no stops)		Nijmegen > Bommel basecamp	12.10
10:00	B	Groesbeek > Bommel	11.30 Crossing Nijmegen (no stops)		Nijmegen > Bommel basecamp	12.20
10.10	C	Groesbeek > Bommel	11.40 Stop Nijmegen (de Kaaij)	15:00	Nijmegen > Bommel basecamp	15.50
10.20	L	Groesbeek > Bommel	11.50 Stop Nijmegen (de Kaaij)	15:30	Nijmegen > Bommel basecamp	16:00
10.50	K	Groesbeek > Bommel	12.00 Stop Nijmegen (de Kaaij)	15:40	Nijmegen > Bommel basecamp	16:10
11:20	H	Groesbeek > Bommel	12.10 Crossing Nijmegen (no stops)		Nijmegen > Bommel basecamp	12.50
11.30	D	Groesbeek > Bommel	12:20 Crossing Nijmegen (no stops)		Nijmegen > Bommel basecamp	13:00
11.40	I	Groesbeek > Bommel	12:30 Crossing Nijmegen (no stops)		Nijmegen > Bommel basecamp	13.10

Basecamp Groesbeek

Basecamp Pontoon Group '40-'45

Stop Beek

Stop Nijmegen (3 squadrons)

Basecamp Bommel

Klein Amerika 6, 6562 KC Groesbeek

Rivierpark Nijmegen Waal (Island Veur-Lent) 6663 Nijmegen

10:00-12:00 static show 2 squadrons; Kalorama 't Höfke Verbindingsweg 6, 6573 BV Beek-Ubbergen

11:50-15:20; De Kaaij: Lindenberghaven 1 C, 6511 XT Nijmegen

Kapel op "De Heuvel" Heuvelsestraat 5, 6681 LG Bommel

Remarks Nijmegen:

- J&F Squadron will join the Pontoon Group 40-45 at the Island (Veur-Lent).
- 3 groups at de Kaaij (Waalkade) near Waalbrug.

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Saturday 21 September

END OF TOUR

Departure: loading location for transport to Ferries; Stationsweg, 6515 AE Bommel



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