

ROLL OF HONOR

82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION

WORLD WAR TWO



Bevrijdingsmuseum 1944

Rijk van Nijmegen - Groesbeek

Ooijpolder (flatlands) to protect the northeastern approaches to the conquered Waalbridges, resulting in combat near Erlecom, Wercheren and Thornse Molen. The 325th Glider Infantry Regiment (Colonel Charles Billingslea) arrives 23 September (D+6) at the LZ-O at Overasselt in 402 CG-4A Waco gliders. General Sosabowski's last Parachute Battalion arrives well at DZ-O for a perfect jump. On Sunday 24 September the 325th (including 2nd Battalion 401st Glider Infantry Regiment) takes over the 505th frontline positions, east of Groesbeek, enabling the 505th to secure the Waalbridges at Nijmegen. British XXX Corps units contact the Polish airbornes at Driel, but are unable to reinforce the Hartenstein perimeter in strength. During the night of 25-26 September remnants of General Roy Urquhart's 1st Airborne Division are evacuated over the Lower Rhine into the Nijmegen area.



*Paratroopers of 3rd Battalion 504th Parachute Infantry return to Nijmegen from the northbank of the Waalriver.
Courtesy Moffatt Burriess - JB*

27-30 September.

The 325th, ordered to clear the Kiekberg Woods, enters the forest with its steep valleys and dense overgrowth for a fierce battle which will last for three days. The 505th returns to Groesbeek. The Germans attack the positions of 3rd Battalion 504th along the Wylerbaan Road and at the Den Heuvel estate. German attempts to recapture the Waal bridges, or at least to destroy them, are in vain. The bridges and the town are under constant artillery fire. Special German Air Force units, as Mistle combinations ("pick-a-pack") are flown in to attack the bridges. British

fighters and dense anti-aircraft fire ward off the dangerous attacks. German frogmen destroy the middle span of the railroad bridge in the night of 28-29 September.

Night 30 September - 1 October.

During this night the Germans try to annihilate the Nijmegen Salient, plans which were carefully worked out at Hitler's Headquarters. In the Ooij Polder German attacks are beaten off by the 504th Parachute Infantry. At Groesbeek-Wylerbaan Kamp German spearheads, supported by Jagdpanzers, advance approximately 400 yards in the 508th sector, only to be thrown back in the early morning. South of Groesbeek German columns advance out of the Reichswald Forest. They overrun some 401st outposts and recapture Groesbeek-Breedeweg. General Gavin, aware of the incoming all-out attack by the German Army (190th Infantry "Hammer" Division and the 84th Infantry "Fiebig" Division) has straightened the frontlines to the east, pulled out the 325th from the Kiekberg Woods and prepared his defences in careful cooperation with British artillery in order to be able to take the brunt of this last and desperate German counterattack. By dawn it is clear that the Germans have to forget all further plans to retake the Nijmegen Salient. But the civilian population in these frontlines had to be evacuated to the south as far away as East Flanders in Belgium.

2-5 October.

The British VIIIth Corps, advancing alongside the right flank of XXXth Corps, has reached the Maas near Cuijk. The polderland opposite Cuijk is still in German hands. General Gavin orders the glidermen of the 325th to take the flatlands and the hamlets of Middelaar and Katerbosch. Early in the morning of 2 October the glidermen attack. Progress is made, but when the sun lifts the fog, the 325th in the open is halted by heavy German fire. Fights continue around Katerbosch until during the night of 4-5 October. 2nd Battalion of The Warwickshire Regiment of the British 3rd "Iron" Division takes over near Katerbosch, amidst a heavy German counterattack.

5-12 October: "The Island".

Once the battle in the "Corridor" had ended, the 101st Airborne Division (General Maxwell D. Taylor) took up positions on "The Island". The fresh German 463rd Volksgrenadier Division fiercely attacks the 506th Parachute Infantry and 327th Glider Infantry Regiments positions near Opheusden - in vain. German Panzer units on the east side of "The Island" try to push on as far as the Arnhem-Nijmegen

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Name		Rank	ASN	Origin	Date of death	Company	Place/Circumstances of death	Temporary Burial	on	LAST INTERMENT
KRESS	Robert W	Pfc	33532841	VA	DOW 6 NOV 44	Co F	Wylterbaan*	Molenhoek E-7-139	08-11-44	VA Radford
LEMERON	Jerald B	Pvt	36774705	ILL	KIA 30 SEP 44	Co G	Kiekbergwoods - fieldgrave till 15-1-48	Neuville DD-10-241	14-02-48	NEUVILLE B-29-21
MASON	Mack C	Pvt	33661096	VA	KIA 1 OCT 44	2Bn	Kiekbergwoods	Molenhoek B-7-134	02-10-44	VA Lynchburg Spring Hill Cm
McDARIS	Merril T	Pvt	42027594	N.Y.	DOW 18 OCT 44	Co G	WIA Groesbeek area	H Chapelle O-10-181	21-10-44	N.Y. Gasport Hartland Central Cm
MOBILE	Pete S	Pvt	35289859	OHIO	KIA 30 SEP 44	Co G	Kiekbergwoods; isolat.grave 744.510	Margraten SS-8-185	17-10-45	OHIO Cleveland Cavalry Cm
MORTON	Marion M	Pfc	34665449	NC.	KIA 5 OCT 44	Co F	Mook plain	Molenhoek B-9-163	05-10-44	MARGRATEN P-1-5
MYERS	Joseph F	1Lt	01301865	DEL	MIA 30 SEP 44	Co G	Weapons Platoon Leader - Kiekberg	----	----	MARGRATEN Wall of Missing
NICHOLSON	Willard E	Pvt	15112641	W.VA	KIA 30 SEP 44	Co G	Breedeweg-Kiekbergwoods; fieldgrave	Neuville D-12-294	12-03-46	W.VA Richwood, 1950
NIEZGOCKI	Walter P	Sgt	36176437	MICH	KIA 1 OCT 44	Co E	Breedeweg	Molenhoek B-10-185	02-10-44	MICH Detroit Mount Olivet Cm
PACE	Wayne N	Pfc	35540721	IND	KIA 4 OCT 44	Co G	Middelaar	Molenhoek B-6-111	05-10-44	IND Mishawaka St Joseph Mem Pk
PATRICELLA	Frank A	Pvt	42081777	N.J.	KIA 2 OCT 44	2Bn	Middelaar-Katerbosch	Molenhoek B-9-170	06-10-44	N.J. Beverly NCm F-1864 31 Jan 49
PAULSEN	Walter J	S/Sgt	35110894	IND	DOW 2 OCT 44	Co E	SWA Breedeweg *	Molenhoek E-3-45	25-10-44	IND North Judson Highlight Cm
READY Jr	Harry B	1Lt	0-402188	TEX	KIA 30 SEP 44	Co F	Kiekbergwoods	Neuville R-7-161	05-07-46	TEX Orange
REED	Burnham E	Pvt	35290910	OHIO	KIA 1 OCT 44	2Bn	Breedeweg-Kiekbergwoods - buried in Cdn Cm	Margraten LL-11-264	28-07-45	OHIO Marysville Oakdale Cm
REEL	Leander	Pvt	35394808	W.VA	KIA 25 SEP 44	Co G	Wylterbaan	Margraten 3A-4-90	12-03-46	MARGRATEN J-3-17
SAVILLE Jr	Harry L	1Lt	0-467866	VA	KIA 30 SEP 44	Co G	Kiekberg - isolated grave	Margraten SS-8-188	17-10-45	MARGRATEN D-21-1
SHORT Jr	Jonathan F	1Lt	01286374	ARK	KIA 1 OCT 44	2Bn	Riethorst-Kiekberg area	Molenhoek B-10-193	03-10-44	ARK Thompson Chapel Cm
SIEFFERT	Regis C	Pfc	33401669	PA	KIA 3 OCT 44	HQ/2	Mook plain - headfractures - 81mm mortar pltn	Molenhoek E-4-71	13-10-44	MARGRATEN M-2-15
SMALDONE	Joseph F	Pfc	32477951	N.Y.	KIA 2 OCT 44	Co F	Mook-Middelaar	Molenhoek B-9-169	06-10-44	N.Y. Buffalo
SMITH	Floyd	Pfc	34792581	FLA	DOW 6 NOV 44	Co F	Wylterbaan area	Molenhoek E-7-140	08-11-44	FLA Darlington Padgett Cm
SPEVACEK	Frank E	T/Sgt	35289528	OHIO	DOW 6 OCT 44	Co E	SWA Groesbeek area died in hospital Brussels	Neuville B-5-109	17-03-45	NEUVILLE D-30-6
STARR	Donald R	Sgt	37291340	MINN	FOD 30 SEP 44	Co G	St Jansberg-Kiekbergwoods (X-7170); fldgr	Neuville DD-10-242	14-02-48	NEUVILLE C-9-57
TERRY	De Witt S	Sgt	39857175	VA	KIA 30 SEP 44	Co G	Breedeweg-Knapheideweg - outpost # 1	Molenhoek E-4-61	11-01-44	MARGRATEN G-3-3
URSHEL	Herbert P	T/Sgt	35044503	IND	KIA 30 SEP 44	Co F	Kiekbergwoods	Molenhoek B-3-50	03-10-44	IND Wabash Fall Cm
WEBER	Norman L	2Lt	01314983	IND	FOD 30 SEP 44	Co G	Bruuk-Breedeweg	----	----	MARGRATEN Wall of Missing
WEIR	Leon	Pvt	35736897	IND	KIA 27 SEP 44	Co F	Bruuk - killed while on patrol - w/Zinn	Molenhoek A-9-178	27-09-44	IND New Albany NCm
WOOLEY	James F	Pvt	36452559	MICH	KIA 10 NOV 44	Co G	Wylterbaan Groesbeek	Molenhoek E-6-102	10-11-44	N.Y. Long Island City Calvary Cm
ZINN	Thomas F	2Lt	0-449423	W.VA	KIA 27 SEP 44	Co F	Bruuk - killed while on patrol - w/Weir	Margraten ZZ-11-268	15-02-46	MARGRATEN H-7-17