



# TRBL Holland Branch Newsletter

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## Chairman's Chat

Dear Members,

Since our last Newsletter, summer has come and gone - or perhaps it never actually arrived! However, I do hope you all managed to enjoy at least some of the 'holiday period', wherever you were.

During this period, your Committee held three meetings: on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2011, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2011 and 27<sup>th</sup> August 2011. Many important issues were dealt with at these, including the always emotive question of increasing the Membership Fees for next Legion Year. An increase in our Branch Membership Fee is essential in order to compensate for the decision taken at the Annual General Conference in England, 'to raise the Membership Fees by £1 per year for the next six years'. You will already have read about this in your July/August 2011 issue of the 'Legion' magazine, page 35. In the light of this, your Committee has no option other than to increase the Holland Branch Membership for next Legion Year - 2011/2012, to €25 per member. If any member has difficulty in paying this amount, please let us know. This fee will remain frozen for the year 2012/2013.

Our Branch continues to flourish, having welcomed a number of new members, and our Committee has been strengthened by the addition of Mr. Ken Lightwood, as 'Eastern Area Representative', and Mr. Laurens van Aggelen, as 'Public Relations Officer'. We look forward to their respective contributions to the Branch.

Ken Lightwood was appointed following the decision of Mr. Dan Murphy,

our former Eastern Area Representative (and Chairman of the former Arnhem/Nijmegen Branch) to step down from 'active service' after more than 45 years of loyal and committed service to the Legion. I shall produce a letter of appreciation for Dan, which I would like to hand to him at our forthcoming AGM.



Meanwhile, our Branch has been, and continues to be, active with various Remembrance / Commemorative / Liberation Ceremonies (the last referring to the 'south of the rivers' part of The Netherlands - in 1944). I hope for as much membership participation as possible at these events.

You will find, later in this Newsletter, details of our forthcoming Annual General Meeting. I do hope for an increased membership attendance this year - I consider this to be the single most important event in our Branch calendar - an opportunity for you members to demonstrate, by your presence, your commitment to

The Royal British Legion.

Looking forward to our AGM, you will find included in this Newsletter a Committee Candidate Nomination Form 2011/2012. This is intended for you, as a member, to be nominated for a position on the Committee, or to nominate a serving Committee member (for any function), who is seeking re-election.

The following current Officers and Committee Members are applying for re-election:

- Chairman: *Mr. J.B. Bright*
- Vice-Chairman: *Mr. D.R. Williams*
- Secretary: *Mr. A.J. Bright*
- Treasurer: *Mr. R.J. Waller*
- Membership Secretary: ***Vacant***
- Welfare Officer: *Mr. D.R. Williams*
- Poppy Appeal Officer: *Mrs. R. Emerson*
- Website Manager/ Newsletter Editor: *Mr. A.J. Bright*
- P.R. Officer: *Mr. L. van Aggelen*
- Rotterdam Area Representative: *Mrs. E.E. van Gelderen*
- Eastern Area Representative: *Mr. K. Lightwood*
- Events Officer: *Mr. H. de Jonge*
- Standard Bearer: *Mr. A. Rotscheid*
- Deputy Standard Bearer/Union Flag Bearer: *Mr. D.R. Williams*

Do take this opportunity to make your wishes/preferences known to our Secretary, Alistair Bright. Please note his new contact details: address - Virulypad 71, 2316 ZT Leiden, e-mail: [caribbright@gmail.com](mailto:caribbright@gmail.com). Nomination forms and questions for raising at the AGM must be submitted to him by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our AGM, if not before, at our lunch in Rotterdam on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

John Bright





## Selection from Tom Lanoye's *Niemand's Land*, *Gedichten uit de Grootte Oorlog* (Prometheus, 2002)

### In Flanders Fields

*John McCrae 1872-1918)*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

*What do you make of Lanoye's translation, has he captured the gist of the poem?  
Would you have translated certain things differently? Do let me know!*

### In Vlaamse Velden

*John McCrae 1872-1918)*

In Vlaamse velden klappen rozen open  
Tussen witte kruisjes, rij op rij,  
Die onze plaats hier merken, wijl in 't zwerk  
De leeuweriken fluitend werken, onverhoord  
Verstomd door het gebulder op de grond.

Wij zijn de Doden. Zo-even leefden wij.  
Wij dronken dauw. De zon zagen wij zakken.  
Wij kusten en werden gekust. Nu rusten wij  
In Vlaamse velden voor de Vlaamse kust.

Toe: trekt gij u ons krakeel aan met de vijand.  
Aan u passeren wij, met zwakke hand, de fakkelt.  
Houdt hem hoog. Weest gij de helden. Laat de doden  
Die wij zijn niet stikken of wij vinden slap noch  
Vrede—ook al klappen zoveel rozen open  
In zovele Vlaamse velden

## New Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

- Mr. T.P.J. Teunissen
- Mr. C. Miller
- Mrs. M. van Draanen
- Mr. P. Thomson
- Mr. L. van Aggelen
- Mr. R.M.J.H. Paulssen
- Mr. F. Bouwens
- Mr. D. Robinson
- Mrs. S. Hoog
- Mr. R. Kloosterman
- Mr. N. de Water



## Forthcoming Events

### October

**19th** Van Ghentkazerne lunch and lecture/drinks, from 12:00.

**23rd** Remembrance service St. Jan's Church, Moergestel, 12:00, followed by wreath laying at the monument of General C.M. Barber, Raadhuisstraat, Moergestel, approx. 12:45.

**27th** Bergen-op-Zoom Remembrance Ceremony, Canadian and British Military Cemetery, Ruytershoveweg, 10:00.

### November

**11th** Remembrance Ceremony Lanaken, Belgium, Cultureel Centrum Aan de Engelse Hof, 10:00.

Remembrance service, Reichswald cemetery, Germany, 10:30.

**12th** The Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance, Royal Albert Hall,

London, U.K., 14:00 and 19:00. More information on website.

Remembrance Ceremony RAFA, De Nieuwe Oosterbegraafplaats, Kruislaan 126, Amsterdam, 10:30.

Remembrance Ceremony, British War Cemetery, Nederweert, 15:00.

**13th** Royal British Legion Holland Branch Remembrance Sunday Service, Arnhem Oosterbeek War Cemetery, 11:30. More info to follow shortly.

Remembrance service at the English Reformed Church, Begijnhof, Amsterdam, 10:30.

Rotterdam Crooswijk Cemetery St. Mary's Anglican Church Remembrance Service.

Annual Service of Remembrance, the Cenotaph, Whitehall, London, U.K.

Swartbroek Remembrance Ceremony, Parish Church, 15:00.

Remembrance Service, Anglican Church of St. John & St. Philip, Ary van

der Spuyweg 1, Den Haag, 10:30. Annual Service of Remembrance, Commonwealth War Graves Commission Commonwealth-Netherlands Joint Committee, Westduin Cemetery, Ockenburghstraat 27, Den Haag, 11:45.

Remembrance service Sittard/ Brunssum

**17th** Haelen International Remembrance Ceremony at Monument van Verdraagzaamheid, Roggelseweg 58, Haelen, 14:00.

**18th** TRBL Holland Branch Annual General Meeting, Kromhoutkazerne, Utrecht, 14:00.

### December

**18th** RAFA/KNVOL Christmas Brunch, Holiday Inn, Amsterdam.

More information on website





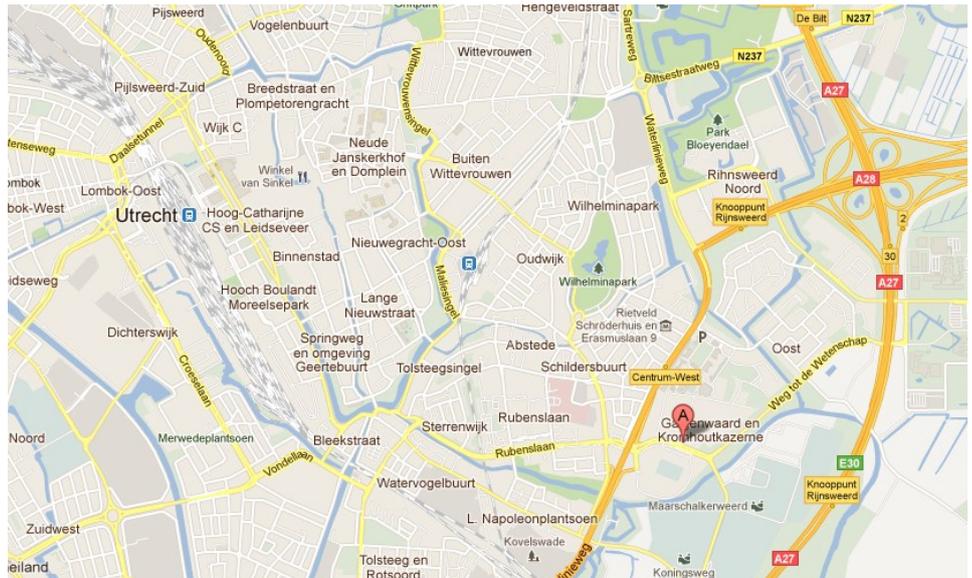
## Branch Annual General Meeting (18-11-2011)

The second Royal British Legion Holland Branch Annual General Meeting will be held on **November 18th 2011** at the Kromhout Kazerne, Herculeslaan 1, Utrecht. The venue will be open from 13:30, the meeting will commence at **14:00 sharp**. Tea and coffee as well as a slice of cake will be provided. The meeting room (Muiden-zaal) is on the ground floor and wheelchair-friendly. The venue is easily reached by public transport: take a train to Utrecht Central Station, hop on the 12 or 13 bus to stop Stadion Galgewaard, then a couple of minutes walk to the venue. The venue is also easy to reach by car with free parking on-site. However, it is imperative that you inform the Secretary of your attendance, as we have to provide a list of all attendees for security reasons. If you are arriving by car, please also pass on your license plate num-

ber. Note that the Agenda for the AGM will be made available at the venue on the day, but there will no item 'Any other Business'. Therefore if members have specific points to raise, they should send these to the Secretary, Mr.

Alistair Bright, as soon as possible but in any case, in advance of the meeting. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

*Below: Location Kromhoutkazerne (A)*



## Members' Lunch at the Van Ghentkazerne, Rotterdam (19-10-2011)

For Wednesday, October 19, 2011 we have again organised a lunch at the Van Ghentkazerne, Toepad 120, 3063 NJ, Rotterdam. This time the whole 'do' will be held at the EchosHome Het Anker, where we already used to go to listen to our speaker and have a drink. We will be welcomed there with coffee/tea from 12.00-12.30 hrs and then move on to another room for our lunch, 12.30-13.30hrs. Afterwards, we will not only have our 'chat and drink' session, but Mr. Henk Dijkxhoorn has kindly agreed to give a short talk on 'Operation Manna' at the end of WW II (Food droppings over Holland by the Allied Forces). Should you want to participate, please let Mrs. Elsa E. van Gelderen (tel. 010 4827584, e-mail [eevan-gelderen@kpnplanet.nl](mailto:eevan-gelderen@kpnplanet.nl), Karel Doormanstraat 297 B, 3012 GH, Rotter-

dam) know asap, before October 10, and transfer €14 p.p. to her ING bank account, no. 3120249, stating: Lunch 19102011. For that amount you will get coffee or tea and a three-course, simple meal. The drinks at the AMT are at your own expense. We hope to welcome a lot of our members there. Don't forget to bring along your ID (for security reasons at the gate) and a cheerful mood!  
Kind regards,

Your committee

PS The Van Ghent Kazerne is next to the Van Brienoord Bridge. Tram 21 (De Esch) stops (relatively) close by.  
PPS For next year, your committee are also planning some events in other parts of the country!



Rosalin Emerson desperately requires help with her Poppy Appeal collections. Despite our Chairman's appeal to all members last year for support, only Mr. D.P. Williams, of Leiden, has so far volunteered. We need more volunteers for our 'Poppy Collection' period. This is the single most important event of the Legion Year and therefore this is, or should be, the main reason why you, as members of TRBL Holland Branch, joined, and remain, members of this Branch. Please let Rosalin know if you can assist her, either by e-mail ([rosalin@casema.nl](mailto:rosalin@casema.nl)) or telephone (023-5715903). Thank you in advance!





## The Royal British Legion Holland Branch Committee Candidate Nomination Form, 2011/2012

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail address:

The Candidate is nominated to serve on the committee in the capacity of: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Committee member (please circle what is applicable)

Proposer:  
(Please print names  
below signatures)

Secunder:

The nominee hereby declares that he / she accepts the above nomination and will abide by the rules of the Royal Charter

Signed:  
(Please print name  
beside signature)

### Belated Happy Birthday to:

Revd Canon G.G. Allen, Ms. T. Aronstein, Mr. F.A. Asselbergs, Mrs. S.M. Attwood-Martin, Mr. E.T.A. Baanders, Mr. G. Beck, Mr. W.C. Bender, Mr. F. Bouwens, Mr. M. Braniff, Mr. A.J. Bright, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. T. Burggraaff, Mrs. J.M. Carn, Mr. G. Cremers, Mr. A. Dubbelaar, Mr. W.H. Giel, Mr. T. Gonsalvez, Mr. M.J. Gruter, Mrs. D.E. Hoogstraten, Mr J.W.I. Hoogstraten, Mr. M. Huizinga, Mr. B. Katsma, Mr. L.J. Landtman, Mr. K. Lightwood, Mr. W.G. Livingstone, Mr. J. Maessen, Mr. C. Miller, Mr. M. Mooijweer, Mr. N. Mons, Mr. J.C.

Nagtegaal, Mr. H. Rikkengaa, Mrs. G.C. Rotscheid, Mrs. C. Sluyk Van Schooneveld, Mrs. L. Van Solt-Mooy, Mr. P.J. Spelbrink, Mr. A.C. Standen, Mr. J.F. Stolk, Mr. S.J.F. Struik, Mr. R. Swankhuizen, Mr. B.C. Sybesma, Mr. P. Thomson, Mr. A.P. Van Aartsen, Mr. K. Van Aken, Mr. C. Van De Velde, Mr. R. Van Der Veen, Ms. E.E. Van Gelderen, Mrs D.E. Van Gelderen-Davis, Mr. F.M.M.J. Van Hattum, Mrs. J. Vervuurt van Vliet, Mr. R. Waller, Mrs. P.H. Wells, Mr. T.J.H. Werter, Mr. D.P. Williams and Mr. D R. Williams.

And special congratulations to Mr. A.J. Beijerbergen Van Henegouwen, who turned 100 this year, and to Mr. K. Woolley, who turned 90 this year, just like the Royal British Legion itself!



IF YOU HAVE AN INTERNET CONNECTION, DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [www.trblhollandbranch.nl](http://www.trblhollandbranch.nl) EVERY NOW AND THEN FOR UPDATES! YOU CAN NOW ALSO VISIT (AND LIKE) US ON FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Royal-British-Legion-Holland-Branch/165977903485813>.

