

***A few busy months has gone by since the
4th of May 2015.***

The most stunning development is the “founding” of the SLO-Drenthe.

The Study group Aerial War Drenthe tries to gather information of planes that crashed during the war, give education and honor the men that fought for our freedom and often paid the highest price.

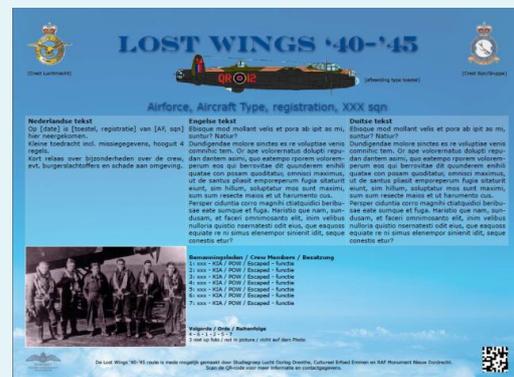
On the fourth of May, Harrie Peters and Peter van der Weide guided a wonderful group of British relatives to the crash site of the Lancaster LL684. After that, they visited the memorial service in the Church of Nw. Dordrecht and paid their respects at the cemetery.

The same day also started an exhibition in Schoonebeek, organized by Rob Wethly (Rob established good contacts with the RAF, Bomber Command and the 514 Squadron RAF).

An exhibition to commemorate the 24 men whom are buried in war graves in Schoonebeek, by telling their story of the fatal crash near Schoonebeek. This exhibition welcomed 675 visitors in 4 days.

Together they work on the idea to create a historical route, visiting all the crash sites in Emmen Township.

Near each site, an information panel will be placed. It tells the story of the aircraft and shows (when possible) pictures of the airmen.



(Example of an information panel)

During the exhibition in Zwartemeer (sixteenth of October 2015) the first two panels will be revealed to the public. These panels will be placed near the site of the Lancaster LL684 and the American B-17 “Blitzing Betsy”.

The whole route will be called:
“Lost Wings ’40-’45”

This project starts in Emmen Township (borough). Hopefully it spreads and other boroughs will follow.

The German organization called Ikarus (Icarus) has offered to help us.

This organization honors airmen by placing wooden crosses (with the names of the airman on a copper plate) on the actual crash sites.

They are doing this for both

sides (Allied and German)

With their help (and from the local German authorities) we might be able to place our own panels in Germany as well.



Furthermore the SLO has joint the collective researching of the Bomber Squadrons in Lincolnshire and some of the graves of downed airmen in the Netherlands (including Nw. Dordrecht and Schoonebeek).

This would be an interesting topic for the Dutch schools to involve.

The renovation of the 24 war graves in Schoonebeek is a project of the CWGC.

With which the SLO gladly lends a hand. By brainstorming, care taking and annual commemoration.



Kind regards,
SLO-Drenthe

