



The Raven & The Rock

The Glens' Association Newsletter—April 2020

MISSING IMPORTANT EVENTS

Seventy-five years this month, our 1st Battalion was assisting in liberating areas of Holland for the second time. From our tours, we are very familiar with the loss of 11 Glens in the Leesten area, and how the people of the area remember those losses. Unfortunately with the cancellation of our annual reunion, we will not be able to formally remember the sacrifices of the men of the 1st Battalion (and the others that followed). In turn, the people of The Netherlands have had to cancel their formal 75th Anniversary Liberation ceremonies.

Their liberation was truly a celebration as shown on these Library & Archives Canada photos of our Glens.



Bateman—April 9, 1945



Leeuwarden—April 16, 1945

The destroyed farms and old windmill are gone from Leesten. They have been replaced by a new ultramodern subdivision with most residents being young couples with small children. Few may have grown up in the area or have any knowledge of the fighting in the area in 1945. But we continue to witness their quest for knowledge, and their desire to honour the fallen soldier associated with their home address. As examples, members of the 2018 Glens Tour took part in the unveiling of a plaque on a home on Hawkinsstraat, and through the Glens' Association website, a new resident of Housestraat requested information on Private House. Since then, he and his family have remembered Private House at the Warnsweld Memorial. What great acts of remembrance!



We hope that later in the year, we will be able to have our Association's annual memorial service. Maybe, we should be considering following religious and social groups by having a virtual service.



Up The Glens!

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