

Invitation

for the ceremony to remember

THE LAST MISSION OF
LANCASTER LL-851-BQ-V
“LONDON’S PRIDE AND JOY”



22th May 1944



25th May 2019

Dear member of the 550 Squadron Association

Dear family member

M. Andy Daelman, chairman of the NSB dept. Waasmunster, kindly invites you to attend the 75th memorial service of the crash of the

LANCASTER LL-851-BQ-V from the 550e SQUADRON

At Heimolen district in Sint-Niklaas

***WHEN:**

-SATURDAY 25th MAY 2019

***ADDRESS:**

- 1) Inauguration of the memorial stone for the killed crew at Heimolenhoek Sint-Niklaas (one-time ceremony)
- 2) Cemetery "TEREKEN" at the SINT-JOZEFKERK Tereken 3, 9100 Sint-Niklaas

***PROGRAM OF THE CEREMONY:**

-09h15: Meeting at the Tereken cemetery to get on the bus

-09h30: Departure to Heimolenhoek for the inauguration of the memorial stone

-10h00: Start of the ceremony at the Heimolenchapel:

Speech by M. Andy Daelman followed a speech by M. William Albertyn

Inauguration of the memorial stone by the mayor M. Lieven Dehandschutter with short speech

Blessing of the memorial stone by Supreme Chaplain of the Belgian Army

Father Van Den Eeckhout Johan

Playing of the "Last post"

"Roll call crew members"

"Exhortation"

Flower tribute

Playing of several national anthems:

The Flemish anthem "de Vlaamse Leeuw"

The National anthem of the United Kingdom "God Save The Queen"

The Canadian anthem "O Canada"

The Belgian anthem "Brabançonne"

-10h30: Departure with the bus to the cemetery

-10h50: Formation at the entrance of the cemetery and march on to the graves on the music of the pipers
"Dun Deagh Music Band"

-11h00: Start ceremony at the cemetery Tereken

-12h00: End of the ceremony

-12h10: March on to "Ons Huis" Schoolstraat 270, 9100 Sint-Niklaas, only to the prominent and
Family member's (for free) and to those who have subscribed to the lunch.

***PROGRAM OF THE CEREMONY AT THE CEMETERY:**

- Meeting at the graves of the deceased crew
- Opening speech by organizer M. Andy Daelman
- Speech in English and French by M. William Albertyn
- The “LAST POST”
- Rol call crew members followed by “THE EXHORTATION”
- Tribute to each grave with music by the piper band “Dun Deagh” led by pipe major Fonny Van Dun
- Flower tribute by the mayor, (Ambassadors), followed by the family members and associations
- Playing of the National Anthem of the United Kingdom, Canadian and Belgian Anthem
- Brief ceremony for the memorial of the 3 French pilots who died on May 13th 1940
- Speech by M. Bernard Legay, délégué général adjoint du souvenir français pour la Belgique
- Flower tribute for the memorial of the 3 French pilots
- Playing of the French anthem
- End of the ceremony

After the ceremony, the prominents and the attendees who subscribed to the lunch will go to “Ons Huis”, Schoolstraat 270 9100 Sint-Niklaas.

You are offered an aperitif for free

Followed by a lunch buffet, existing of bread, 5 spreads, salad and cake at the price of 15 euro per head.

Drinks (coffee, tea, white & red wine, beer and softdrinks) are available at a low cost.

When you wish to subscribe to the lunch, and if you will lay down the flowers please notify the organizer M. Andy Daelman before May 15th 2019.

Payment of 15 euro per head on the day. Family member’s of the Dukelow crew for free.

“The fighters are our salvation but the bombers alone provide the means of victory”

Winston Churchill

September 1940

“WE WILL REMEMBER THEM...”

