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## Harley Davidson Liberator

**EN** • The American and Canadian Army used the Harley-Davidson motorcycles on a huge scale during World War II.

The Harley-Davidson 'Liberator' was not just a motorcycle of a world famous brand, but also an icon during the liberation of the Netherlands. The latter explains the name Liberator. After the fighting finished, many Harley-Davidson motorcycles were left behind. Because of a shortage of vehicles directly after the end of the Second World War, the Liberator was widely used on the Dutch roads. The Harley-Davidson brand became popular in the Netherlands. The Liberator thus not only played a role during the liberation, but also in the post-war period.



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WINGS OF LIBERATION  
MUSEUM,  
Best

**EN** • The Wings of Liberation Museum tells the compelling story of the liberation of the southern Netherlands. The museum is situated in the area where, on 17 September 1944, airborne operations as part of Operation Market Garden marked the beginning of the liberation of the southern Netherlands. The exhibition covers the period of the occupation 1940-1944 to the liberation in the final months of 1944.

**NL** • Bevrijdende Vleugels vertelt het heftige verhaal van – onder meer - de bevrijding van Zuid-Nederland. Bevrijdende Vleugels ligt op het terrein in het gebied waar op 17 september 1944 luchtdroppings plaatsvonden tijdens de Operatie Market Garden. Deze operatie luidde de bevrijding van Zuid-Nederland in. In de verschillende hallen worden de bezetting en de onderdrukking tussen 1940-1944 en de uiteindelijke bevrijding eind 1944, uitvoerig belicht.



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CAMP VUGHT  
NATIONAL MEMORIAL,  
Vught

**EN** • The Camp Vught National Memorial is located on part of the former SS camp Konzentrationslager Herzogenbusch, also known as Camp Vught (January 1943 – September 1944). The combined memorial centre and museum features various exhibitions, a memorial room and wall of reflection. The Children's Memorial lists the 1,269 Jewish children who were deported in June 1943.

**NL** • Het Nationaal Monument Kamp Vught bevindt zich op een deel van de voormalig SS-kamp Konzentrationslager Herzogenbusch, ook bekend als Kamp Vught (januari 1943 – september 1944). Het gecombineerde monument en museum beschikt over diverse tentoonstellingen, een herdenkingsruimte en een muur van reflectie. Het Kindermonument vermeldt de 1,269 Joodse kinderen die in juni 1943 gedeporteerd werden.



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WAR MUSEUM  
OVERLOON,  
Overloon

**EN** • The War Museum Overloon presents the entire history of WWII, with a special emphasis on the Dutch and German perspectives. Located in the Overloon forest, location of the Battle of Overloon, it was the first museum on WWII in western Europe, opening in May 1946. The museum features a number of exhibitions telling the history of the war and the liberation as "war belongs in the museum."

**NL** • Het Oorlogsmuseum Overloon presenteert de geschiedenis van de Tweede Wereldoorlog met nadruk op het Nederlandse en Duitse perspectief. Het museum is gelegen op de locatie waar de Slag om Overloon plaats vond. Het museum was het eerste museum over de Tweede Wereldoorlog in West-Europa en bestaat sinds mei 1946. Het museum toont verschillende tentoonstellingen waarin de geschiedenis van de oorlog en de bevrijding verteld wordt.

## Audio spots

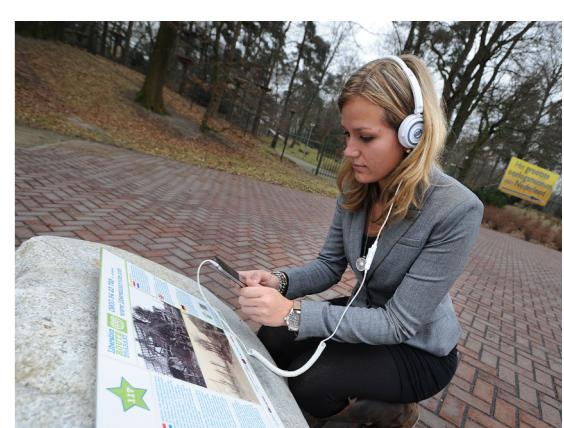
## Luisterplekken



**EN** • Currently, there are over 200 audio spots, located in eight different Dutch provinces. Liberation Route Europe started creating so-called 'audio spots' in the Arnhem/Nijmegen region in 2008. At each spot, you can read and listen to a moving story that can be downloaded for free in three different languages via [www.liberationroute.com](http://www.liberationroute.com). By doing so, you can learn about what happened at a specific location in 1944 and 1945, linking major, well-known events with very impressive personal stories and experiences.

**NL** • Momenteel zijn er meer dan 200 audiospots, gelegen in acht verschillende Nederlandse provincies. Liberation Route Europe begon met het creëren van zogenaamde 'audiospots' in de Regio Arnhem-Nijmegen in 2008. Op elke plek zijn ontroerende verhalen te lezen en te beluisteren die bovenend gratis kunnen worden gedownload in drie verschillende talen via [www.liberationroute.com](http://www.liberationroute.com). Door de verhalen leer je wat er op een locatie in 1944-1945 is gebeurd. Grote, bekende verhalen worden afgewisseld met indrukwekkende persoonlijke getuigenissen en ervaringen.

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**EN** • Operation Market Garden was the largest airborne operation in the history of warfare. Launched in September 1944, was divided into two parts. "Operation Market" was the airborne assault to seize the key bridges over the rivers Meuse, Waal, and Rhine in the Netherlands. "Operation Garden" was the ground campaign by the British 30th Corps to provide reinforcement and secure the river crossings in order to allow a swift advance towards Berlin. The allied airborne forces landed in two drop zones, the Americans around Eindhoven and British / Polish around Nijmegen and Arnhem. Despite the successful battle of Nijmegen, the bridge at Arnhem turned out to be a bridge too far.



**NL** • Operatie Market Garden was de grootste luchtdlandingsoperatie in de geschiedenis van de oorlog. De operatie startte in september 1944 en bestond uit twee delen. "Operatie Market" was de luchtaanval om de belangrijkste bruggen in Nederland over de rivieren Maas, Waal en Rijn te veroveren. «Operatie Garden» was de grondcampagne van het 30e Britse Korps om te zorgen voor versterking en beveiliging van de rivierovergangen om zo een snelle opmars richting Berlijn mogelijk te maken. De geallieerde luchtdlandingstroepen landden in twee landingsgebieden; de Amerikanen rond Eindhoven en Britten en Polen rondom Nijmegen en Arnhem. Ondanks het succes bij de gevechten om Nijmegen, bleek de brug bij Arnhem een brug te ver.

More than 35,000 airborne troops participated in Operation Market Garden. Casualties included 1,800 British and Polish soldiers, 1,800 German soldiers, and about 1,000 citizens. Out of 10,000 allied soldiers, only 2,300 reached safety where as the rest were captured or injured.

Meer dan 35.000 luchtdlandingsstroepen namen deel aan Operatie Market Garden. Slachtoffers bestonden uit 1800 Britse en Poolse soldaten, 1800 Duitse soldaten en ongeveer 1000 burgers. Van de 10.000 geallieerde soldaten, wisten er slechts 2.300 een veilig gebied te bereiken terwijl de rest gevangen genomen werd of gewond raakte.



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1. Lommel German War Cemetery  
3920 Lommel BE

2. Polish Military Cemetery Lommel  
Luikersteenweg 3, 3920 Lommel BE

3. Joe's Bridge  
Jachtweg, 3920 Lommel BE

4. Audio Spot 'Into an Ambush'  
Barrier 25, 5571 TV Bergeijk

5. Audio Spot 'A Beer for Liberation'  
Luikerweg 145, 5556 XG Valkenswaard

6. Audio Spot 'A Fatal Delay'  
Luikerweg 1, 5554 NA Valkenswaard

7. Audio Spot 'A Tank Too Many'  
Onze lieve vrouwendijk/De Run, Veldhoven

8. Audio Spot 'A New Haircut'  
Den Hof 1, 5582 JZ Waalre

9. Audio Spot 'The Bombing of September 19, 1944'  
Biesterweg 24, 5615 AE Eindhoven

10. Audio Spot 'A Paratrooper in Eindhoven'  
Stratumseindijk, 5611 LL Eindhoven

11. Audio Spot 'A Tragic Mistake'  
Bilderdijklaan 10, 5611 NG Eindhoven

12. Audio Spot 'The Cold-Blooded Gardner'  
Willem Hikspoorsbrug, 5632 AT Eindhoven

13. Audio Spot 'Snipers and Guns'  
Vlokhouvenseweg 41A, 5625 WT Eindhoven

14. Audio Spot 'The Bridge or Your Life'  
Nieuwstraat 13, 5691 AA Son

15. Wings of Liberation Museum  
Sonsegeweg 39, 5681 BH Best

16. Robert Cole & Joe Mann Monuments  
Schietbaanlaan, 5681 BH Best

17. Audio Spot 'Liberation from the Air'  
Sonniewijk 42, 5691 PE Son

18. Audio Spot 'Hell's Highway'  
Koeveringsdijk, 5491 SB Sint-Oedenrode

19. Eerdse Molen & Geronimo Museum  
Schoolhuisweg 17, 5466 PG Veghel

20. Audio Spot 'A German Loose Cannon'  
Hoogstraat, 5462 CW Veghel

21. Audio Spot 'Surrounded in Uden'  
Duifhuizerweg, 5406 TB Uden

22. Audio Spot 'Father Sampson'  
Kasteel 1, 5473 VA Heeswijk Dinther

23. Audiospot 'Air Armada above Vught'  
Boxtelseweg, 5261 NE Vught

24. Camp Vught National Memorial  
Lunettenlaan 600, 5263 NT Vught

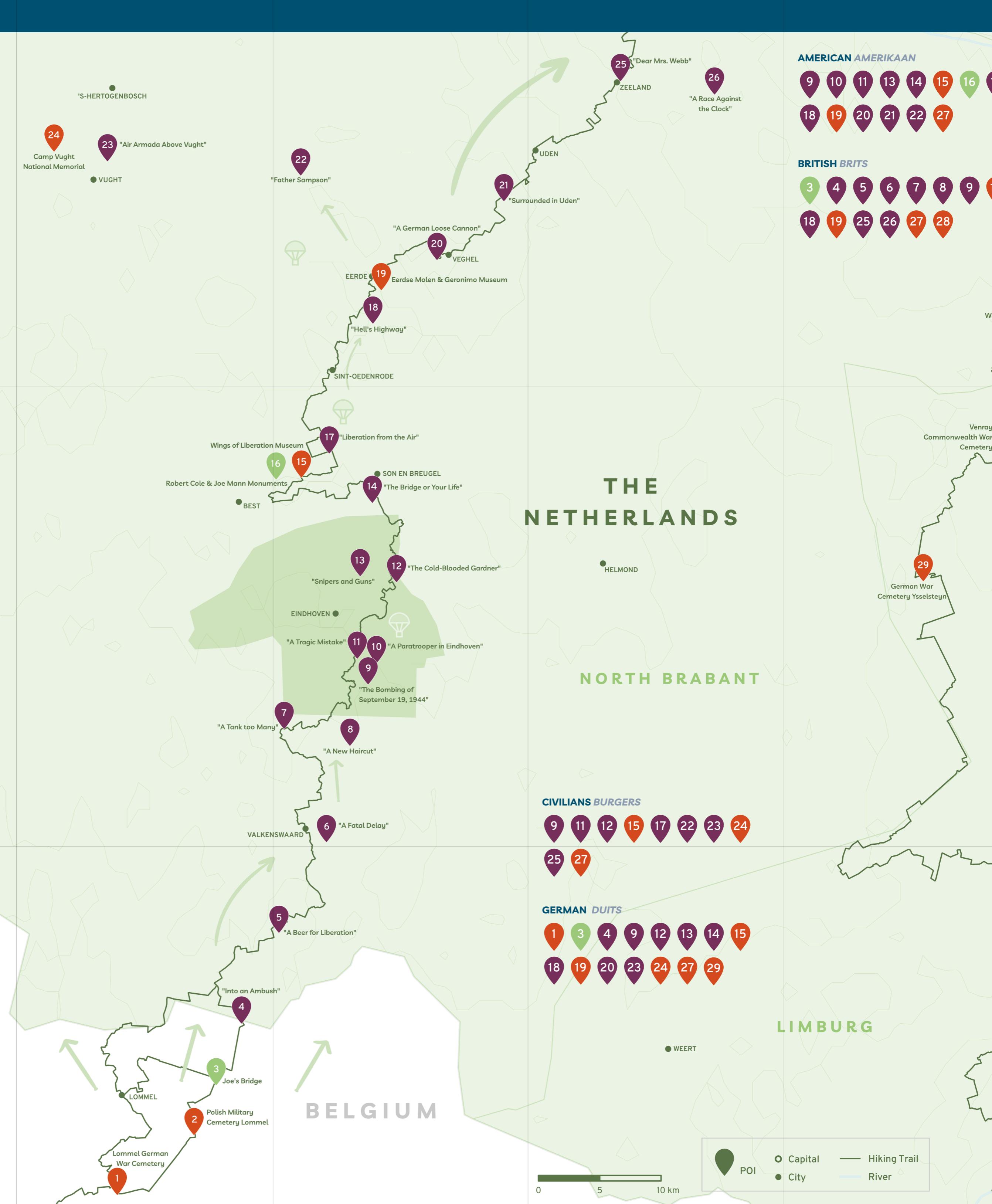
25. Audio Spot 'Dear Mrs. Webb'  
Kerkstraat 39, 5411 EA Zeeland

26. Audio Spot 'A Race Against the Clock'  
Grinderijweg 4, 5453 HW Langenboom

27. War Museum Overloon  
Museumpark 1, 5825 AM Overloon

28. German War Cemetery Ysselsteyn  
Hoenderstraat 5801, Venray

29. German War Cemetery Ysselsteyn  
Timmermannsweg 75, 5813 AM Ysselsteyn



Timeline  
17  
September 1944  
Operation Market Garden begins with airborne and ground force operations

18  
September 1944  
Eindhoven liberated by the U.S. 101st Airborne Division

20  
September 1944  
Nijmegen liberated by American troops

22  
September 1944  
Sosabowski's Polish brigade rescue operation fails

25  
September 1944  
Operation Market Garden fails with Allied loss

7  
October 1944  
American bomber destroyed Arnhem bridge

14  
April 1945  
Arnhem liberated by Canadian forces

Tijdlijn  
17  
september 1944  
Operatie Market Garden beginnt met luchtaanvallen en het inzetten van grondtroepen

18  
september 1944  
Eindhoven wordt bevrijd door de Amerikaanse 101e divisie

20  
september 1944  
Nijmegen wordt bevrijd door Amerikaanse troepen

22  
september 1944  
De reddingsoperatie van Sosabowski's Poolse Brigade faalt

25  
september 1944  
Operatie Market Garden eindigt met een verlies van de geallieerden

7  
oktober 1944  
Amerikaanse bommenwerpers vernietigen de brug bij Arnhem

14  
april 1945  
Arnhem wordt bevrijd door de Canadezen