

# Assignments Airborne Cemetery Oosterbeek



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(suitable for the age of 11 to 15 years)



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**Don’t shout, don’t run or yell.**

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Some assignments are easy, others are difficult. Do your best to find an answer or to write down your own opinion.

1. Look at the picture on the front page: if you look to the cemetery from the sky, what strikes you most?

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2. Draw the four different types of headstones you find on this cemetery.

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3. Try to think of the reason for these four different types of headstones: why aren't they all the same?

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4. Look on the headstones for some different military ranks and write them down:

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5. Search for different military units on the headstones and write them down:

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6. Some headstones have “**Known Unto God**” written down on them: what does this mean?

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7. Some headstones are placed very close together. Why do you think this is done? For example: look at the map for row 4.C.1 and 4.D.6 .

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8. Search for the headstone of Richard M. Singer (picture on the right). Row 13.C.9 (look on the map). What strikes you about this headstone? On this photograph you see a couple of little stones on top of the headstone (are there any right now?). Why do you think this is?

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9. What is (approximately) the average age of the 9 militaries (please note that on one headstone no age is mentioned) that are buried on row **31.A**? \_\_\_\_\_ jaar.

How many years higher than your own age is this average age? \_\_\_\_\_ jaar.

10. On this cemetery three Dutch men are buried. Search one of them and write down his name and age.

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KONINKRIJK DER NEDERLANDEN

11. Three non-militaries are buried on this cemetery (row 23). Search one of them and write down his name and age.

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These three men have looked after the cemetery for many years.

12. Many of the fallen Polish militaries are buried next to each other on a special place at the cemetery. Search this place (2 rows). Why do you think they are buried here?

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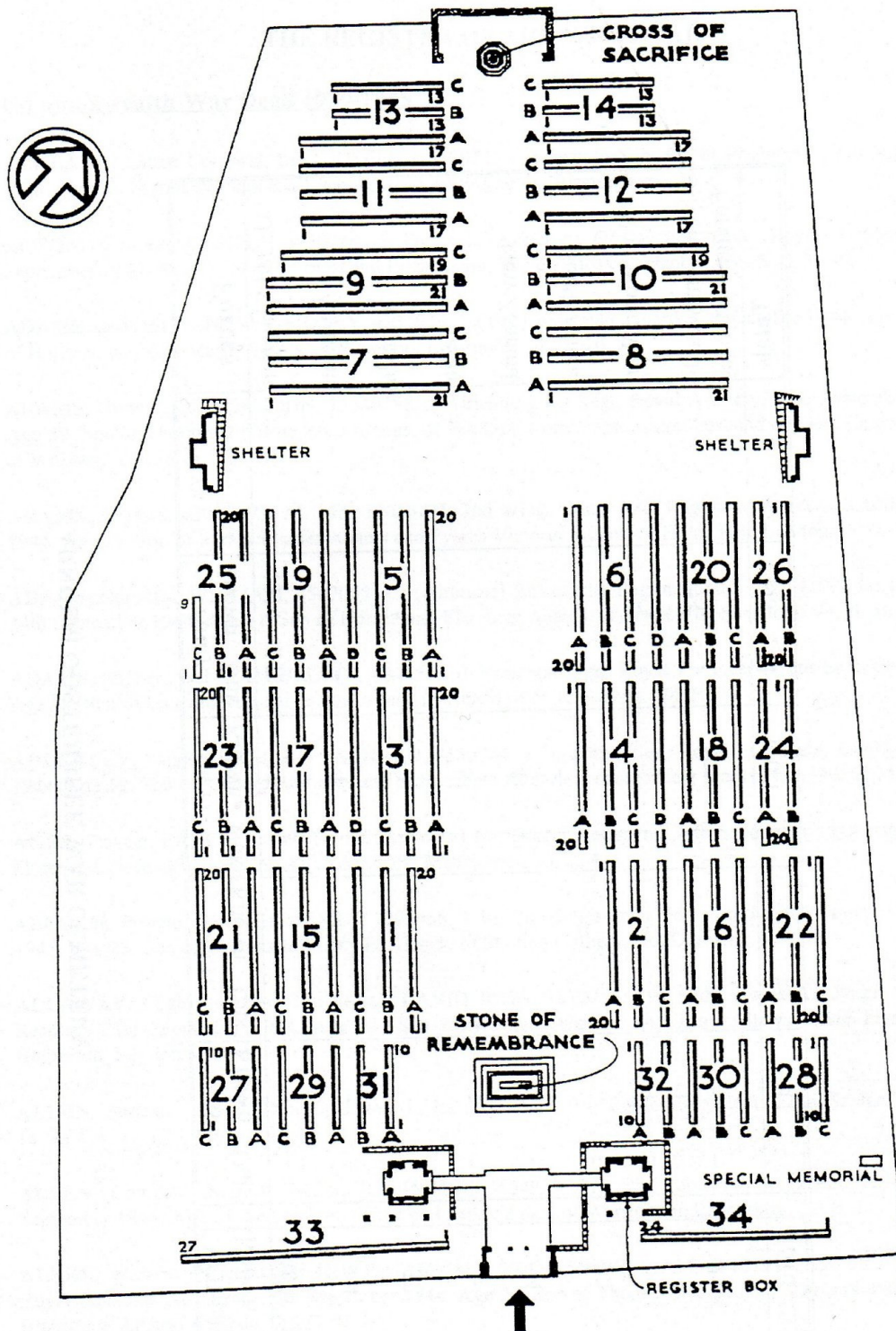
*At the end: an extra assignment for those of you that finish quickly with the 12 questions above!*

Write down an English poem or text from one of the headstones. Do you understand what it means? Write the meaning down on the other side.

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# Map of the Airborne Cemetery Oosterbeek



# ARNHEM OOSTERBEEK WAR CEMETERY

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1. From the sky you can see the form of a cross in the Airborne war cemetery graves.

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3. (A) this headstone is for the 3 Dutch militaries, (B) this headstone is for the Polish militaries, (C) this one is for the other militaries and (D) this type is for the three men that looked after the cemetery (Commonwealth War Graves Commission).

4. Many answers are correct here. Some examples:

Major	Serjeant	L. CPL.
Private	Pilot	S. SJT.
Captain	Driver	Signalman
Corporal	Sapper	(Air) Gunner
Lieutenant	Fusilier	(Air) Bomber
Flight Sergeant	Craftsman	Guardisman
Flight Lieutenant	Flying Officer	etcetera...

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5. Many answers are correct here. Some examples:

Royal Air Force	The Somerset Light Infantry
Royal Artillery	The Durham Light Infantry
Royal Army Medical Corps	The South Staffordshire Regiment
Royal Army Service Corps	The Royal Berkshire Regiment
Royal Australian Air Force	The East Yorkshire Regiment
Royal Canadian Inf. Corps	The Hampshire Regiment
Royal Canadian Air Force	The Wiltshire Regiment
Royal N.Z. Air Force	The Border Regiment
Polish Forces	Glider Pilot Regiment
Irish Guards	Parachute Regiment
Welsh Guards	The Essex Regiment
The King's Own Scottish Borderers	

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6. These are the graves of unknown militaries. Of 245 killed militaries we still do not know the identity.
7. These militaries were killed on the same spot at the same time and were found there together later on. For example the crew of an airplane that crashed. The remains are brought together in one Grave and their names are written on the headstone.
8. On this headstone you see a star (Davids-star). Richard was a Jew from New-Zealand. It is a Jewish habit that visitors of this cemetery lay down a little Stone on the Jewish graves out of respect.

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9. 23 years old and own answer.
10. A.M. Bakhuis Roozeboom, 22 years old (row 01.A.6), J. Groenewoud, 27 years old (row 20.B.12) and S. Swarts, 27 years old (row 16.B.18).
11. Herbert Alaster Denham, 49 years old (row 23.C.11), Percy Henry Dawson, 71 years old (row 23.C.14) and William Gregory, 80 years old (row 23.C.15) – the eldest man on the cemetery.
12. Row 33 and 34, near the entrances. These Polish militaries are all killed near Driel, south of the River Rhine (not near Arnhem and Oosterbeek). These Polish militaries were First buried at Driel and were later transfered to Oosterbeek War Cemetery.

Some examples:

We oft repeat your name What would we give To see your smile again	You will remain forever in my thoughts, Dear	Our Bun
I gave my life That you may live in peace and freedom	I watched for my boy Until I sadly realized He would not return	They say time helps you to forget Time so far has proved How we miss him yet
Sleep on, dear Arthur, until we meet again	Farewell	Without you, Darling There is forever shadow Where once there was sun
		Yet shall he live