

80th Anniversary of the Liberation of Antwerp

Sunday 8 September 2024



The Royal British Legion, Antwerp Branch welcomes you to

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Antwerp
at The Cromwell Tank Memorial, Jan Van Rijswijcklaan, Antwerp

Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Adrian Veale
Music by the Band of the Grenadier Guards
Guard of Honour provided by HMS Cattistock

Special thanks to the Sea Scouts Lange Wapper,
Breevast Development Belgium & Spearhead vzw



WELCOME

by the Master of Ceremonies

ADDRESS

by Mr. Sid Wilkins, Chairman of TRBL – Antwerp Branch

ADDRESS

by Mr. Bart De Wever, Mayor of the city of Antwerp

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE WAR

by Inge Hödl

&

Nadine larchy-Zucher

MUSICAL INTERMEZZO

by Mella Klaessen & Soetkin Gielen

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(Please be upstanding)

EXHORTATION

by the Mr. Mark Atkinson,
Director General of the Royal British Legion, London

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them*

Response by all: We will remember them

LAST POST

ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE

THE KOHIMA EPITAPH

by Mr. Bob Chambers, President of TRBL – Antwerp Branch

*When you go home tell them of us and say:
'For your tomorrow, we gave our today'.*

REVEILLE

THE LAYING OF WREATHS*

The order for the laying of wreaths is announced
by the Master of Ceremonies.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

by Mr. Steve Cook, TRBL – Antwerp Branch

THE PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS

of The United Kingdom and Belgium

MARCH OFF AND MARCH PAST

** Please note that due to time constraints
we will need to group some of the wreath-layers.*



SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE PROGRAMME

- 10:40 am The Parade and Standard Bearers assemble under the direction of the Parade Marshal.
- 11:00 am The Parade marches on.
- 11:05 am Distinguished guests arrive.
- 11:15 am Service of Remembrance and laying of wreaths.

Followed by a March Past at approximately 12.30 pm.
The departure of our distinguished guests will follow the March Past.

A special thank you ...

We are most grateful to have the support of the **Band of the Grenadier Guards** as well as a Guard of Honour provided by the crew of **HMS Cattistock**. Their presence has helped make this 80th anniversary of the Liberation of Antwerp extra special.

THE BAND OF THE GRENAДИER GUARDS

The Band of the Grenadier Guards is comprised of musicians from The Royal Corps of Army Music and is one of 14 Regular Army Bands in the British Army. It is one of the oldest and most iconic military bands in the world. Formed in 1685 at the request of Charles II, the band began as an ensemble of Hautbois (a forerunner to the oboe). This heritage demonstrates the omnipresence of the band throughout a turbulent period of wind instrument development, culminating in the adoption of the wind band instrumentation of today.

The band's quick march, The British Grenadiers, is one of the most recognisable melodies in the world. The regimental slow march, Scipio, was gifted to the regiment by the composer and admirer, George Frideric Handel.

The band has the task of representing the Regiment and is currently visiting locations in Belgium to mark their liberation during the Second World War.



HMS CATTISTOCK

Led by Lieutenant Commander Jonny Campbell, minesweepers like Cattistock play a vital role in maintaining the freedom of navigation on the high seas and supporting the UK's international trade by searching for (and safely removing) mines so larger ships can enjoy safe passage.

Her next mission is to join the Standing NATO Mine Countermeasures Group 1 (SNMCMG1) as part of a three-month deployment to the Baltic Sea.

The current HMS Cattistock is in fact the third of her name. The first HMS Cattistock was a 730-ton minesweeper, launched in 1917, which served in minesweeping flotillas in the Atlantic, the North Sea and in the Baltic. The second Cattistock was a Type 1 Hunt-class destroyer. During the invasion of Normandy, she attacked bombarding German invasion barges in Dunkirk. Today's minesweeper was commissioned into the Navy in June 1982, and has been serving proudly ever since.