

# EASY COMPANY

EUROPEAN WAR ROUTE

WWII • 1944 - 1945

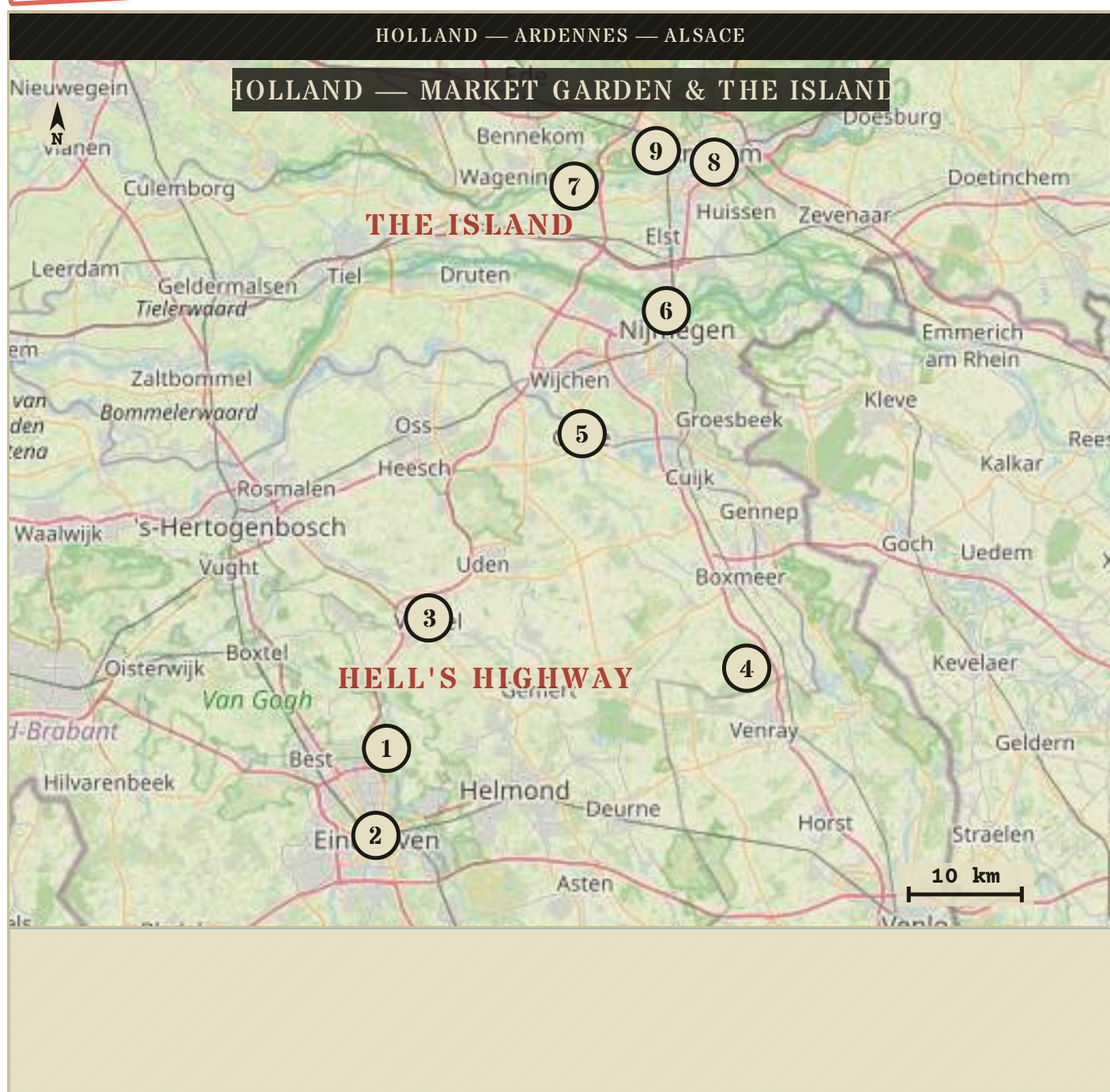


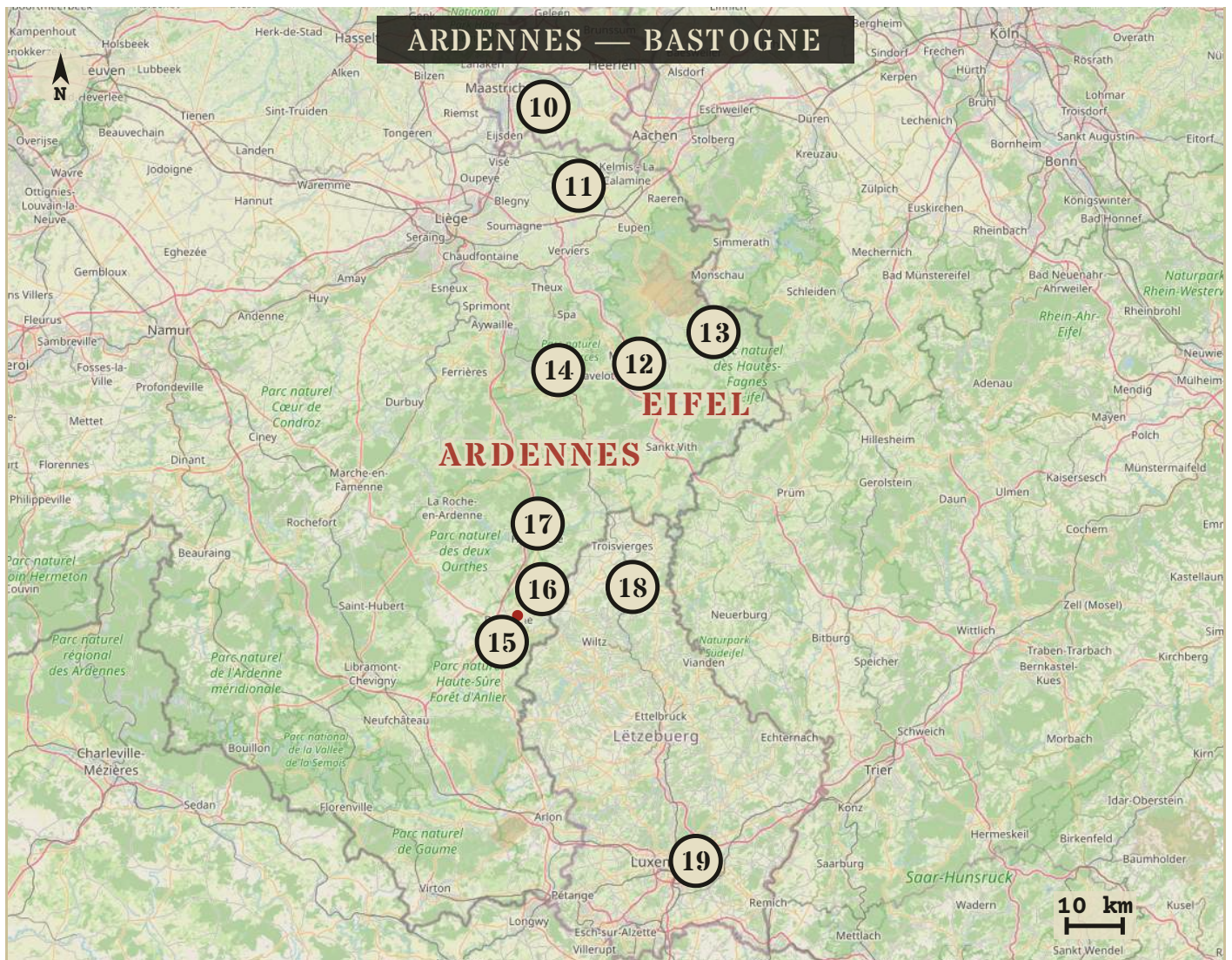
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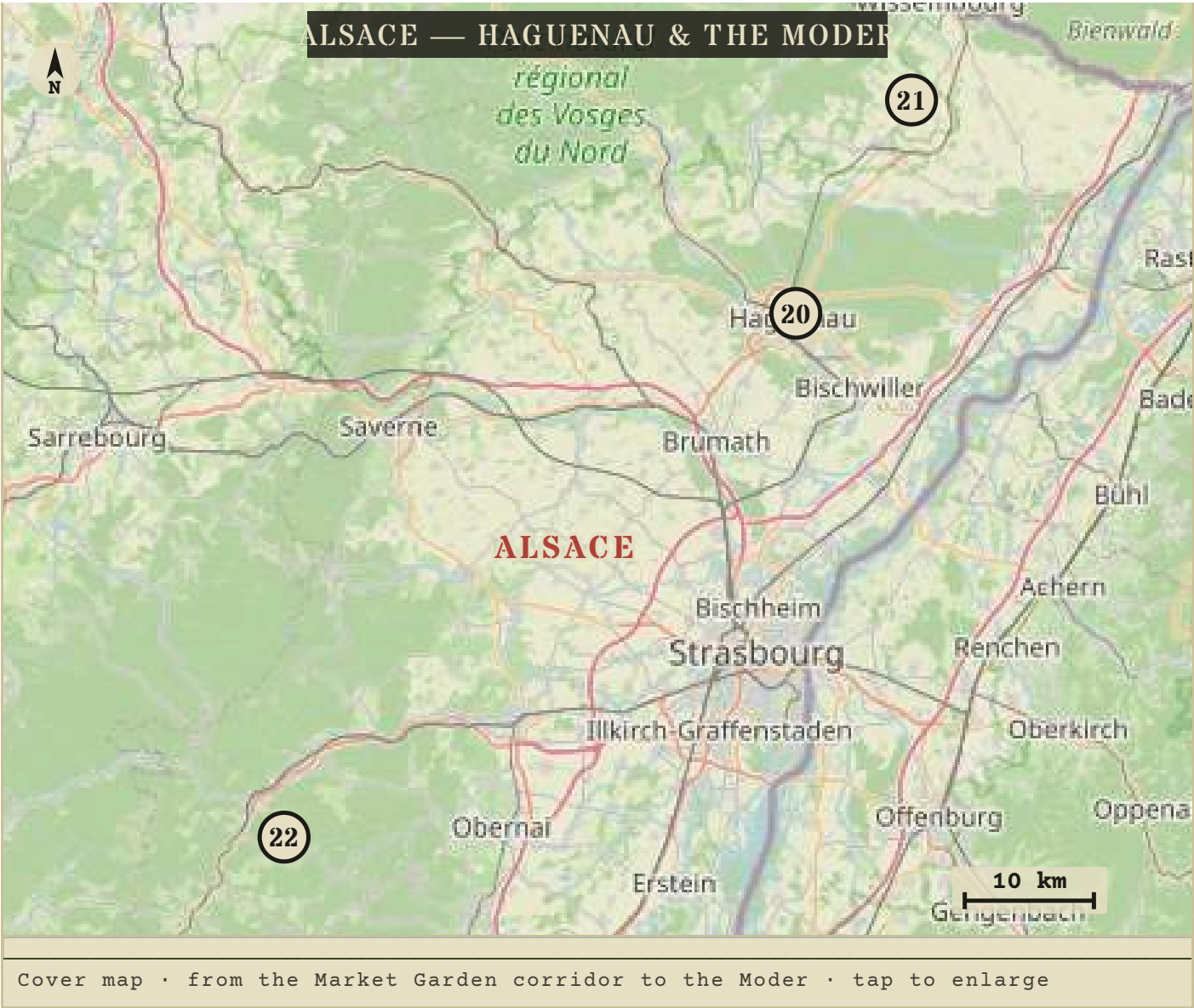
## HOLLAND • BASTOGNE

Company E • 506th Parachute Infantry • 101st Airborne Division

17 SEPTEMBER 1944 – 25 FEBRUARY 1945







Follow the company through its principal combat period: the daylight jump into Holland and the single road to Arnhem, the polder winter on the Island, the frozen woods above Bastogne, and the last patrol across the Moder at Haguenau – every position rated for certainty, every stop linked to your maps.

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## ORDERS — WHERE TO GO FROM HERE

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### TOUR PLANNER

Tell it how many days you have; it builds the route, the overnights and the map links.

EASY-ONLY OR FULL  
CAMPAIGN · 1 - 7 DAYS

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### TIMELINE

21 historical positions in date order, from Drop Zone B to the Moder river.

17 SEP 1944 - 25 FEB  
1945

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The anchor museums from Best to Bastogne, and the extras worth a detour.

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How the Airborne was born, how the 506th and Easy Company were built at Toccoa, and the chain of command from squad to army.

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Twenty-five of the men of Easy Company: who they were, what they did, the medals they earned and what became of them.

25 BIOGRAPHIES ·  
DECORATIONS

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### HONOR THEM

This guide is free. Help restore Camp Toccoa, where Easy Company began.

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#### STANDING ORDERS

**Accuracy.** A pin marked **LOW** is the centre of a search area, not a foxhole. **Respect.** The Bois Jacques foxholes are a paid, protected site — stay on the marked paths. Dikes and polder roads are working farmland; cemeteries and memorials are places of remembrance first.

REMEMBER · EXPLORE · RESPECT

# BRIEFING

## ORDERS OF THE DAY · READ BEFORE MOVING OUT

This guide follows Company E, 506th Parachute Infantry, from the jump into Holland on 17 September 1944 to its last combat at Haguenau in February 1945 – the campaigns of Market Garden, the Island, Bastogne and Alsace. Two sets of positions are kept apart on purpose:

**TIMELINE** – 21 historical positions in date order: what happened, where and when. **TOUR** – 38 stops in driving order across five days: where to go, for how long, and where to sleep. Every stop opens directly in Google Maps.

## THE ACCURACY RULE

Memorials, museums, bridges and villages are exact. Foxholes and the dike crossroads are documented and marked. But a company's billets in Haguenau, a patrol route on the Island or the exact spot a sentry fired are not – those positions are marked Area or Medium, and the pin is the centre of a search area, not a foxhole.

The meaning of the **HIGH / MEDIUM / LOW** labels, the **Words to know**, how to use the app, the **Origins** chapter, **The Men** (25 biographies), the **Armoury** (weapons & ammunition) and **Honor them** are the same in all three guides, so they are printed once in the separate PDF **Easy Company – Common Reference**.

**Respect the ground.** The Bois Jacques foxholes are a paid, protected site – stay on the marked paths. Dikes and polder roads are working farmland; cemeteries and memorials are places of remembrance first.

## THE STORY IN BRIEF

**Holland – 17 September 1944.** Market Garden was the opposite of Normandy: a daylight jump, on target, the company together within the hour. The 506th's bridge at Son was blown as they reached it; they crossed on a footbridge that night and walked into Eindhoven the next day to a liberation party. On 19–20 September Easy rode British tanks toward Helmond and ran into the 107th Panzer Brigade at Nuenen and was thrown back – about fifteen casualties by the company's own accounts, Randleman hiding in a barn. (Easy moved out on the 19th; many Dutch and battlefield accounts date the main fighting at Nuenen to the 20th.) For a week the company ran up and down Hell's Highway as the Germans cut it

at Veghel and Koevering, while at Arnhem the British were being destroyed.

**The Island.** When Arnhem was lost the 101st took over the polder between the Waal and the Neder-Rijn. On 5 October Winters led about 35 men against a much larger SS force (often put at two companies, mainly on Winters' own estimate) at a dike crossroads near Heteren and drove it back – his last fight as company commander. Easy covered the night crossing of Operation Pegasus that rescued about 138 Allied evaders, mostly British, lost its new commander Heyliger to a nervous sentry, and spent seven weeks in the wet under shellfire. It jumped into Holland with 154 men and left with 98.

**Bastogne – December 1944.** From the barracks at Mourmelon the 101st was thrown into the Ardennes on 18 December with grossly inadequate winter clothing and not enough ammunition. Easy dug in on the edge of the Bois Jacques looking down on Foy and was cut off there for about six days in bitter cold. The 4th Armored Division of Patton's Third Army broke through on the 26th; the shelling of 3 January took Toye's and Guarneri's legs; a barrage on 10 January killed Muck and Penkala.

**Foy, Noville, Rachamps – January 1945.** On 13 January Easy attacked across the open snow into Foy; when Dike's advance stalled – described by Winters, Lipton and most other witnesses as freezing; Clancy Lyall later gave a different recollection, that Dike had been hit in the shoulder – Winters sent Speirs, who ran through the village and back. Noville fell on the 15th and Rachamps on the 16th – the night the schoolgirls sang in the church. The 101st was relieved on 17 January. Bastogne cost the company fourteen dead – the names on the Bois Jacques memorial – with about 32 wounded and 21 more evacuated with frostbite or trench foot.

**Haguenau – February 1945.** Moved to Alsace in late January, as Operation Nordwind (begun 1 January) was ending, Easy fought its last combat here, holding one bank of the narrow Moder inside Haguenau with the Germans on the other. A patrol on the night of 15 February crossed the river and brought back two prisoners; Jackson was mortally wounded when his own grenade went off during the raid – accounts differ on whether enemy fire caused it. Winters cancelled the second patrol. On 25 February the company left the line for the last time.

**What came next.** Presidential Unit Citation at Mourmelon on 15 March; then the Rhine, Bavaria, the camps at Landsberg and the Eagle's Nest – the Germany & Austria app picks up the story.

## WHY THE WIDER TOUR

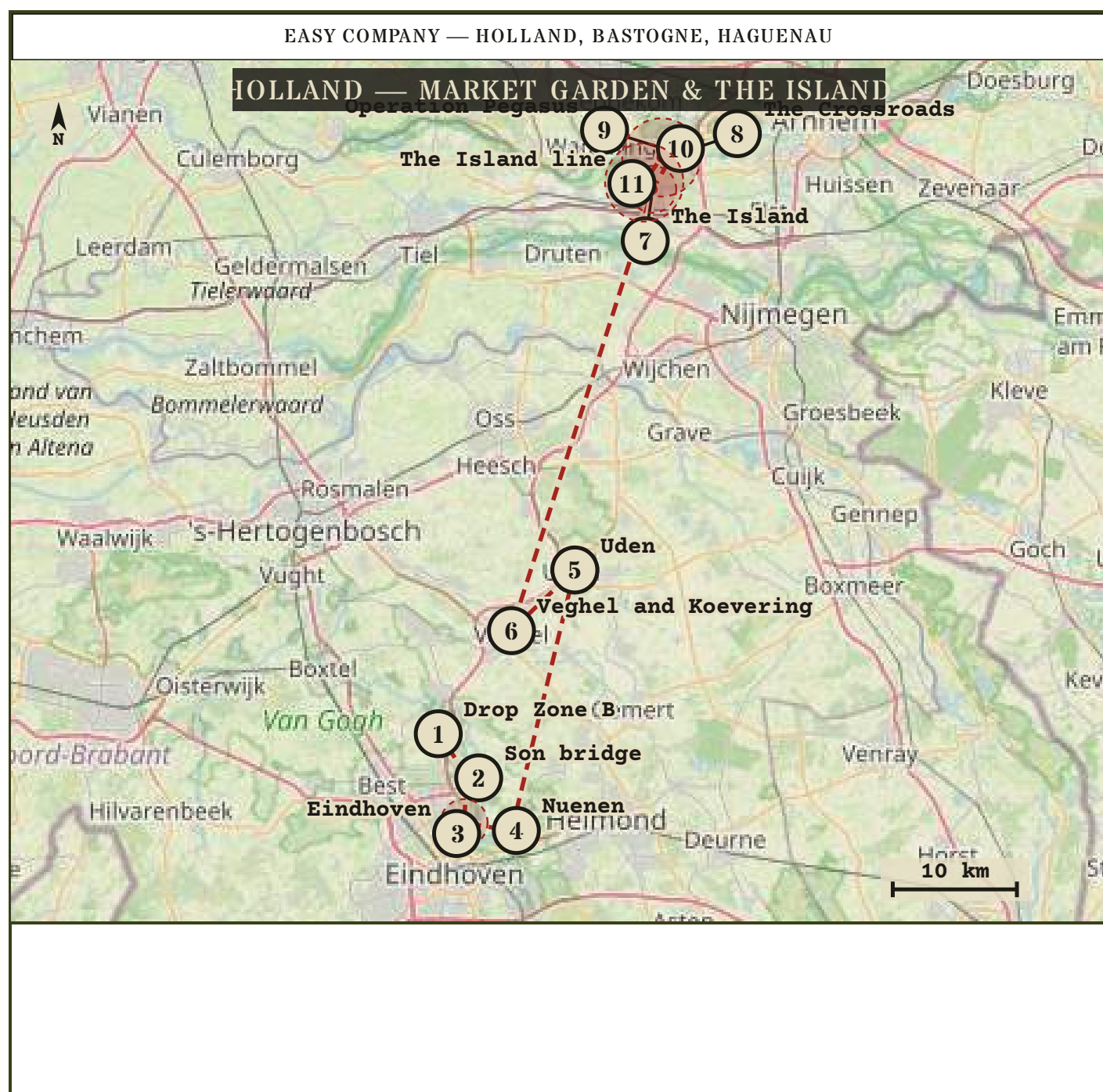
The full route adds the bridges the plan turned on – Grave, Nijmegen, Arnhem – the Bulge's northern shoulder at La Gleize and Malmedy, and the headquarters cellar where "Nuts!" was written, so that Easy's foxholes make sense inside a battle of half a million men.

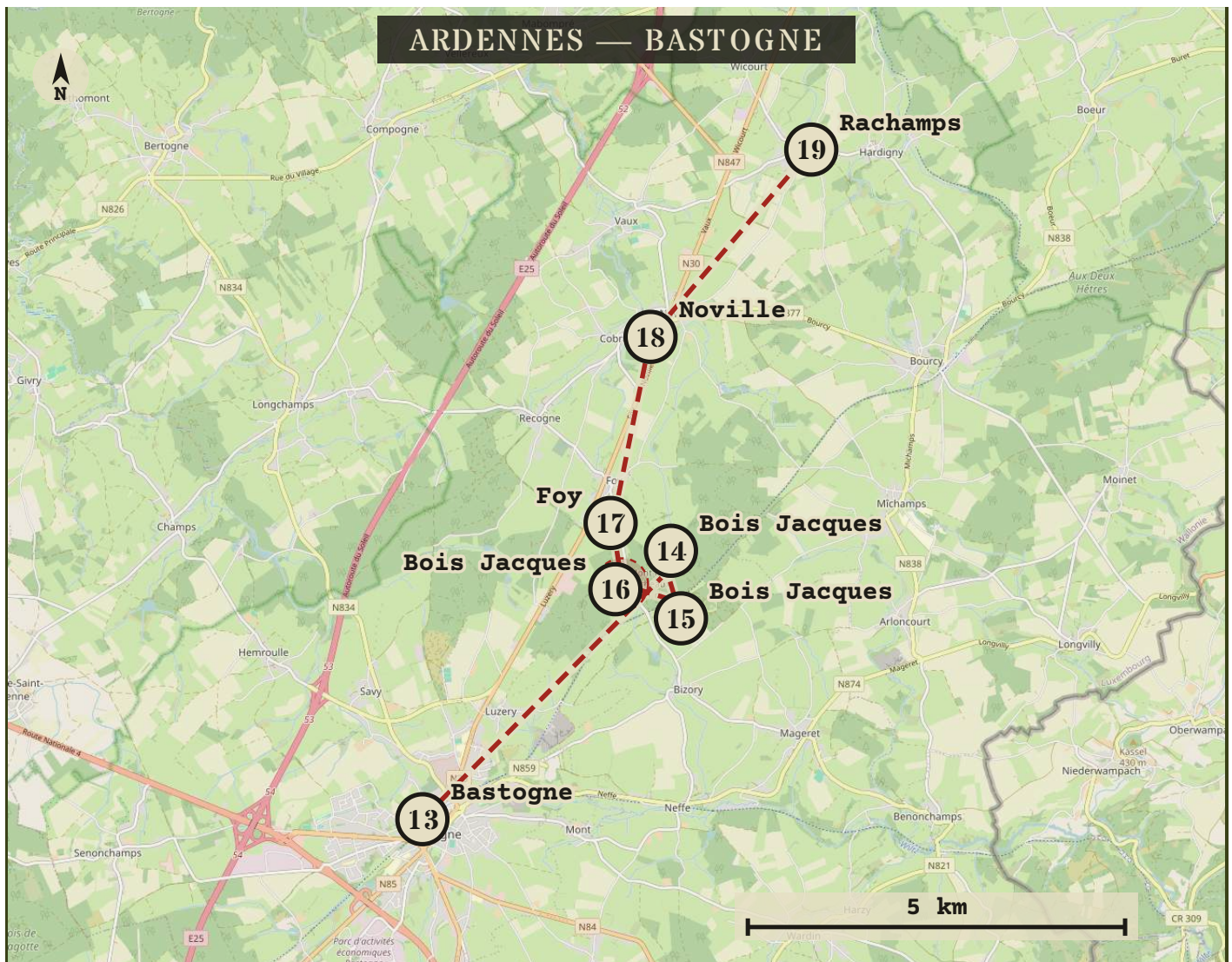
## CHRONOLOGICAL MOVEMENT

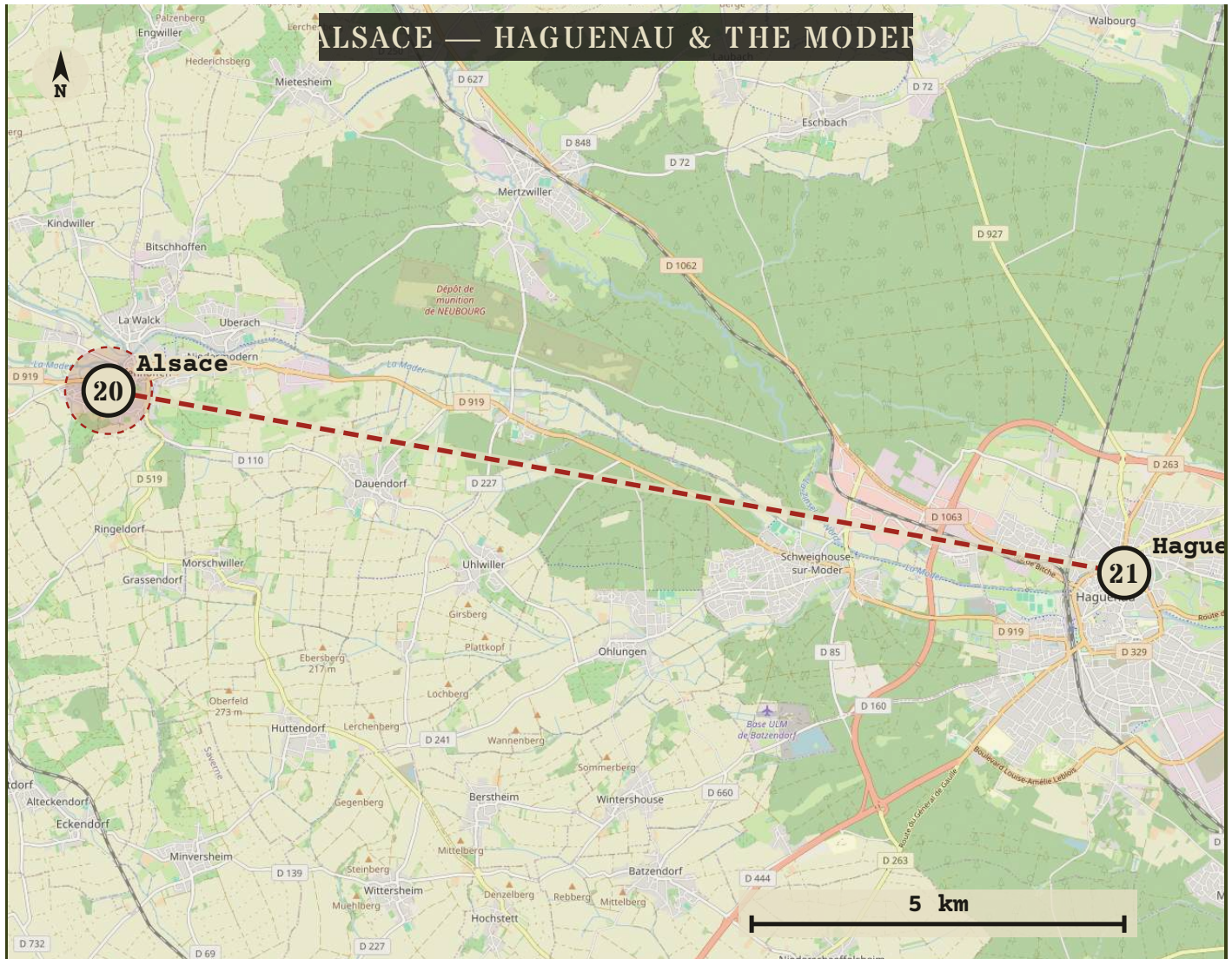
21 positions from the drop zone at Son to the Moder river at Haguenau, with the refit at Mourmelon between. Lines on the map join points in date order – they are not the exact wartime track, and the Holland → Bastogne → Alsace legs are 200-400 km apart.

Show

All 21 positions







Map © OpenStreetMap contributors (openstreetmap.org/copyright) · three areas, north to south · dashed line = order of visit, not the road · dashed circle = uncertain spot · tap ↗ to enlarge · Mourmelon refit (12) omitted — 300 km south-west of Bastogne

## PHASE 1 — MARKET GARDEN

### 1 DROP ZONE B — SONSE HEIDE, NORTH OF SON

17 Sep 1944 ~13:00

HIGH

Operation Market Garden opened in daylight. The 506th jumped onto the heath between Son and Best in the best drop the regiment ever had: on target, little flak (*anti-aircraft fire*), the company assembled within the hour. Compared with Normandy it was a parade.

**On the ground:** The Wings of Liberation museum stands beside the old landing ground. Look at the flat, open heath and imagine 6,700 men of the 101st coming down in one lift.

#### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Market Garden](#) ↗ [Wings of Liberation \(official\)](#) ↗

51.53200, 5.47000 **HIGH** exact spot known

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## SON BRIDGE — WILHELMINA CANAL

**HIGH**

17 Sep afternoon

The 506th's first objective. As the lead battalion reached the canal, the Germans blew the bridge; an 88 mm gun on the far bank fired down the road. Engineers rigged a footbridge that night and Easy crossed in the dark. The delay cost the whole corridor a day.

**On the ground:** Stand on the modern bridge and look at the canal's width: the whole timetable of Market Garden turned on this gap.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Market Garden ↗](#) [Liberation Route: Son marker ↗](#)

51.51050, 5.49300 **HIGH** exact spot known

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## EINDHOVEN — WOENSEL AND THE CITY CENTRE

**MEDIUM**

18 Sep 1944

The 506th entered Eindhoven from the north through Woensel and cleared the town by early afternoon; Easy moved through the celebrations. The Guards Armoured Division's tanks arrived that evening and the corridor was open — a day late.

**On the ground:** The Airborne Memorial on Airbornelaan marks the entry route; the centre is where the crowds were.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Market Garden ↗](#) [Airborne Memorial Eindhoven \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

51.47650, 5.48970 **MEDIUM** close — exact spot uncertain

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## NUENEN — THE AMBUSH OF 19–20 SEPTEMBER

**HIGH**

19–20 Sep 1944

Easy rode east on British Cromwell tanks toward Helmond and ran into the 107th Panzer Brigade at the edge of Nuenen. Tanks were knocked out, the company was pinned and pulled back with about fifteen casualties; Bull Randleman, missing, spent the night hiding in a barn. The memorial names nine Easy men who died in Holland.

**On the ground:** The village where Van Gogh painted the Potato Eaters. Read the open fields east of the memorial — this was tank country, not hedgerows.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: E Company, 506th ↗](#) [Nuenen memorial \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

[Wikipedia: 107th Panzer Brigade ↗](#)

### EASY MEN HERE

Randleman

51.47060, 5.54510 **HIGH** exact spot known

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## UDEN — CUT OFF ON HELL'S HIGHWAY

**MEDIUM**

20-22 Sep 1944

Winters and part of Easy moved to Uden while the rest of the battalion was still at Veghel. On 22 September the Germans cut the road between the two towns; for a day the group in Uden held the town with a handful of men, bluffing strength they did not have.

**On the ground:** Market town on the corridor; the highway through it is the original single road.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Market Garden ↗](#)

### EASY MEN HERE

Dike

51.66000, 5.61900 **MEDIUM** close — exact spot uncertain

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## VEGHEL AND KOEVERING — THE ROAD CUTS

**HIGH**

22-25 Sep 1944

The 101st fought to reopen Hell's Highway at Veghel (22 Sep) and again at Koevering, where the Germans cut the road for a day on 24-25 September. Every hour the road was shut, the men at Arnhem were nearer defeat.

**On the ground:** Veghel's canal bridges were the German objective; the Koevering hamlet lies on the straight road south toward Sint-Oedenrode.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Market Garden ↗](#)

51.61600, 5.54500 **HIGH** exact spot known

## PHASE 2 — THE ISLAND



### THE ISLAND — ZETTEN / RANDWIJK SECTOR

2-4 Oct 1944

MEDIUM

After Market Garden failed at Arnhem, the 101st relieved the British on the Island — the flat polder between the Waal and the Neder-Rijn. The 506th took the western sector around Zetten, Randwijk and Heteren, facing the river dike.

**On the ground:** Polder country: dikes are the only high ground and the only roads. Everything else is flat, wet and observed.

#### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Battle of Arnhem ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Richard Winters ↗](#)

51.93500, 5.71000 **MEDIUM** close — exact spot uncertain



### THE CROSSROADS — RANDWIJKSE RIJNDIJK, HETEREN

5 Oct 1944, dawn

HIGH

Winters took a squad, then a platoon, against two companies of SS troops at a road junction below the dike. A bayonet-led assault at first light and a covering line of machine guns broke the German force: about 50 killed and 11 captured for one Easy man killed (William Dukeman) and 22 wounded. Winters' last fight as company commander; he became battalion executive officer on 9 October.

**On the ground:** The memorial stands at the junction. Walk up onto the dike and look north toward the river — the Germans came from there.

#### DIG DEEPER

[Crossroads memorial \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Richard Winters ↗](#)

#### EASY MEN HERE

Winters

Webster

Liebgott

51.95860, 5.73170 **HIGH** exact spot known



### OPERATION PEGASUS — THE RHINE CROSSING

22-23 Oct 1944, night

HIGH

Easy provided the covering force on the south bank while about 138 Allied evaders from Arnhem, mostly British, were brought across the Neder-Rijn in boats by the 506th. Lt. Heyliger, now commanding Easy, led the crossing party.

**On the ground:** Look across the river toward Renkum: the escapers gathered in the woods on the far bank and signalled with a V-for-victory light.

#### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Pegasus ↗](#)

#### EASY MEN HERE

Heyliger

Shames

51.96300, 5.73000 **HIGH** exact spot known

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### THE DIKE — HEYLIGER SHOT BY A SENTRY

LOW

31 Oct 1944

Walking the line at night with Winters, Moose Heyliger was shot by a nervous Easy sentry and badly wounded. Norman Dike took command – the beginning of the leadership problem that would surface at Bastogne.

**On the ground:** Area only; the incident happened on the dike road in the Randwijk sector.

#### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: E Company, 506th ↗](#)

51.95800, 5.72000 **LOW** general area only

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### THE ISLAND LINE — PATROLS, SHELLING, FLOOD

LOW

1-25 Nov 1944

Seven weeks of static war: outposts on the dike, night patrols across the flooded polder, German artillery, rain and cold. On 25-27 November the 101st was finally relieved and moved to France. Easy had jumped into Holland with 154 men and came out with 98.

**On the ground:** Area reference for the whole sector between Zetten, Randwijk and Heteren.

#### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Battle of Arnhem ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Richard Winters ↗](#)

51.94000, 5.70000 **LOW** general area only

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## MOURMELON-LE-GRAND — REFIT IN CHAMPAGNE

HIGH

28 Nov - 17 Dec 1944

Old French army barracks near Reims: replacements, passes to Paris, football, and a company that expected to spend the winter here. On 17 December the German offensive in the Ardennes changed everything; the division was alerted that night.

**On the ground:** The camp is still a French military base; the town is the reference point.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: 101st Airborne Division ↗](#)

49.13000, 4.36500 **HIGH** exact spot known

## PHASE 3 — BASTOGNE

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## BASTOGNE — ARRIVAL BY TRUCK

HIGH

18-19 Dec 1944, night

Ten hours in open trucks, winter clothing grossly inadequate, short of ammunition and food. The 101st arrived at Bastogne on the night of 18-19 December, walking in past retreating troops who handed over what they could spare. The 506th moved out to the north-east at once.

**On the ground:** The town square and the roads radiating from it explain why Bastogne mattered: seven roads meet here.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Siege of Bastogne ↗](#) [Bastogne War Museum \(official\) ↗](#)

[Wikipedia: Battle of the Bulge ↗](#)

50.00400, 5.71500 **HIGH** exact spot known

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## BOIS JACQUES — THE FRONT LINE FACING FOY

HIGH

19 Dec 1944 - 2 Jan 1945

Easy dug in on the edge of the Bois Jacques looking down on Foy. Encircled from 21 December, without winter gear or enough ammunition, the company held its line through fog, snow and shelling. The skies cleared on 23 December; Patton's 4th Armored Division broke through on the 26th. Harry Welsh was wounded on Christmas Eve.

**On the ground:** The foxholes are still there, either side of the Bizory-Foy road. Stand in one and look at Foy: that was the view for three weeks.

#### DIG DEEPER

[Bastogne War Museum: Bois Jacques ↗](#) [Foxholes \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)  
[Easy memorial \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

#### EASY MEN HERE

Muck

Toye

Guarnere

Lipton

Malarkey

Roe

Powers

Heffron

Speirs

Dike

Shames

50.03350, 5.76040 **HIGH** exact spot known

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### BOIS JACQUES — THE SHELLING OF 3 JANUARY

**HIGH**

3 Jan 1945

After a morning attack into the woods across the road, Easy was caught by German artillery in the trees: Joe Toye and Bill Guarnere each lost a leg, Buck Compton was evacuated – officially for severe trench foot; the ‘breakdown’ of the book and the series is Ambrose's interpretation, which Compton himself rejected. Tree bursts made the wood itself the weapon.

**On the ground:** Same ground as the foxholes; the memorial beside the road lists the fourteen Easy men killed around Bastogne.

#### DIG DEEPER

[Bastogne War Museum: Bois Jacques ↗](#) [Foxholes \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)  
[Easy memorial \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

#### EASY MEN HERE

Muck

Toye

Guarnere

Lipton

Malarkey

Roe

Powers

Heffron

50.03000, 5.76200 **HIGH** exact spot known

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### BOIS JACQUES — 9–10 JANUARY

**MEDIUM**

9–10 Jan 1945

Renewed attacks into the woods toward Foy and Noville; on 10 January a barrage killed Skip Muck and Alex Penkala in their foxhole. The company was now down to about half its Holland strength.

**On the ground:** Wood-line west of the foxhole site; approximate.

### DIG DEEPER

[Bastogne War Museum: Bois Jacques ↗](#) [Foxholes \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)  
[Easy memorial \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

### EASY MEN HERE

Muck

Toye

Guarnere

Lipton

Malarkey

Roe

Powers

Heffron

50.03200, 5.75200 **MEDIUM** close — exact spot uncertain

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## FOY — THE ATTACK OF 13 JANUARY

13 Jan 1945

HIGH

Easy attacked across the open snow into Foy. Lt. Dike's advance stopped in the open — Winters and Lipton described him as freezing; Clancy Lyall said he saw Dike wounded in the shoulder — and Winters, watching from the wood-line, sent Ronald Speirs to relieve him. Speirs ran through the village to link up with I Company and back again. Foy fell; Easy lost one man killed and several wounded — Shifty Powers shot the German sniper who had done much of the damage.

**On the ground:** Walk from the wood-line down to the village: about 250 m of open ground with no cover. That is what the company crossed.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Foy, Belgium ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Siege of Bastogne ↗](#)

### EASY MEN HERE

Speirs

Dike

Lipton

Powers

Shames

50.03920, 5.75030 **HIGH** exact spot known

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## NOVILLE

14-15 Jan 1945

HIGH

The 506th pushed north from Foy to Noville, the village the 10th Armored's Team Desobry had held on 19-20 December. Easy took it on 15 January, the day the US 1st and 3rd Armies were about to meet at Houffalize and close the Bulge.

**On the ground:** The church and the crossroads are the same; the village was rebuilt after the war.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Siege of Bastogne ↗](#)

50.06150, 5.75730 **HIGH** exact spot known

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## RACHAMPS — THE LAST BASTOGNE ATTACK

**HIGH**

16 Jan 1945

Easy's final objective in the Ardennes. The company spent the night in the church, where the village schoolgirls sang for them; the Easy Company memorial is beside it. On 17 January the 101st was relieved. Bastogne had cost Easy fourteen killed, about 32 wounded and 21 evacuated for cold-weather injuries.

**On the ground:** The church appears in the series; Guarneri and Heffron planted a tree here at the unveiling.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Siege of Bastogne ↗](#) [Bastogne War Museum \(official\) ↗](#)

[Wikipedia: Battle of the Bulge ↗](#)

### EASY MEN HERE

Liebgott

50.08380, 5.78710 **HIGH** exact spot known

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## PHASE 4 — ALSACE

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## ALSACE — THE MODER LINE

**LOW**

20 Jan - 4 Feb 1945

In late January the 101st moved to Alsace as Operation Nordwind, the last German offensive in the west, was ending. The 506th held sectors of the Moder valley west of Haguenau in deep snow, mostly patrolling and being shelled.

**On the ground:** Area reference: the villages between Pfaffenhoffen and Haguenau along the river.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Nordwind ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Haguenau ↗](#)

### EASY MEN HERE

Speirs

Webster

Lipton

Randleman

48.84200, 7.60600 **LOW** general area only

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## HAGUENAU — THE MODER RIVER PATROL

5-23 Feb 1945

HIGH

Easy held the south bank of the Moder inside Haguenau, the Germans a street away on the north bank. On the night of 15 February a patrol led by Lt. Jones crossed the river, blew into a German outpost and brought back two prisoners; Eugene Jackson was mortally wounded when his own grenade detonated in the fight at the outpost; accounts differ on whether enemy fire made him drop it or it went off early. Winters quietly cancelled the second patrol ordered for the next night. Relieved on 23 February; back to Mourmelon by rail on the 25th – the company's last combat.

**On the ground:** The river is startlingly narrow. The Liberation memorial on the Moder canal marks the axis the Americans finally crossed on 16 March, after Easy had gone.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Nordwind ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Haguenau ↗](#)

### EASY MEN HERE

Speirs

Webster

Lipton

Randleman

48.82000, 7.79200 HIGH exact spot known

## PLAN YOUR TOUR

**Printed tour:** the app's full recommended route at its standard length, day by day. In the app you can switch to the Easy-Company-only route, choose 1-7 days, and add or drop stops.

The planner ranks every site by its importance to the Easy Company story, fills your days in corridor order (Brabant → the Island → Bastogne → Alsace, about 7 hours of visits a day), and picks an overnight base for each night. Five days gives the classic route; six or more adds the campaign extras. Note the long transfers: Arnhem → Bastogne about 2.5 h, Bastogne → Haguenau about 3.5 h.

Full campaign route • Easy emphasis • 5 days • 38 stops • 27 h of visits • 0 visited

## DAY 1 — HELL'S HIGHWAY — SON TO UDEN

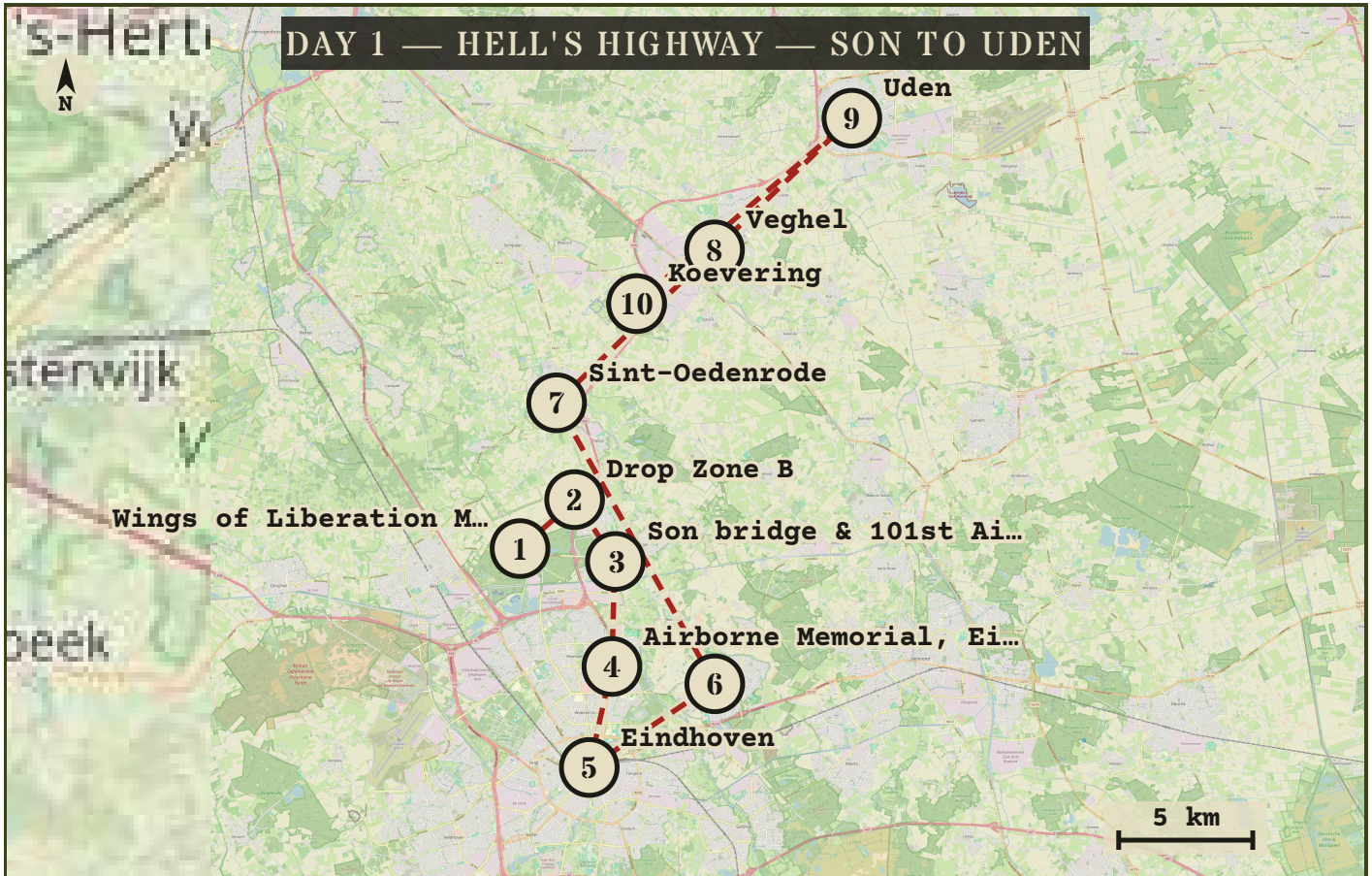
10 stops · ~5 h 35 m of visits + driving

 **DRIVE DAY 1 — 10 STOPS IN ORDER, ENDING AT TONIGHT'S CAMPSITE**

◆ **GOOGLE MAPS ROUTE · PART 1 OF 2**

◆ **GOOGLE MAPS ROUTE · PART 2 OF 2**

Google Maps opens the whole day as one route (in parts – Google allows 10 points per link).



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## 1 **WINGS OF LIBERATION MUSEUM, BEST**

**HIGH**

Visit 105 min · Museum · beside the 101st landing zone

Vehicles, aircraft, a Waco glider and the story of the Brabant liberation, on the edge of the ground the 101st landed on. The right start: it explains the plan before you drive the road.

**On the ground:** Look at the map of the corridor first; the museum sits almost on Drop Zone B.

Sonseweg 39, Best · check bevrijdendevleugels.com for hours.

### DIG DEEPER

[Official site](#) ↗ [TracesOfWar entry](#) ↗

51.51595, 5.44020 **HIGH** exact spot known

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### DROP ZONE B — SONSE HEIDE

**HIGH**

Visit 20 min · Timeline 1

The heath where the 506th came down on 17 September in near-perfect order. Nothing marks the exact spot; the flat open ground is the point.

**On the ground:** Compare with Normandy: daylight, no flooding, the company together in an hour.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Market Garden](#) ↗ [Wings of Liberation \(official\)](#) ↗

51.53200, 5.47000 **HIGH** exact spot known

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### SON BRIDGE & 101ST AIRBORNE MEMORIAL

**HIGH**

Visit 30 min · Memorial · Timeline 2

The Wilhelmina Canal crossing the Germans blew as the 506th arrived; the memorial stands on 17 Septemberplein beside the modern bridge. Engineers bridged the gap overnight; Easy crossed on the footbridge.

**On the ground:** Stand at the water's edge: the far bank is where the 88 was.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Market Garden](#) ↗ [Liberation Route: Son marker](#) ↗

51.51200, 5.49120 **HIGH** exact spot known

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### AIRBORNE MEMORIAL, EINDHOVEN (WOENSEL)

**HIGH**

Visit 20 min · Memorial · Timeline 3

On Airbornelaan, the road the 506th used to enter the city on 18 September. Placed by 101st veterans in 1969.

**On the ground:** Read the plaque: the link-up with the British Second Army happened a few streets from here.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Market Garden ↗](#) [Airborne Memorial Eindhoven \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

51.47640, 5.48970 **HIGH** exact spot known

 [GOOGLE MAPS](#)

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### EINDHOVEN — 18 SEPTEMBERPLEIN

**HIGH**

Visit 45 min · Town

The square named for liberation day. Easy marched through cheering crowds here; that night the Luftwaffe bombed the city and the celebrations ended.

**On the ground:** Walk the centre; the Philips town the paratroopers saw was largely rebuilt.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Market Garden ↗](#) [Airborne Memorial Eindhoven \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

51.44250, 5.47750 **HIGH** exact spot known

 [GOOGLE MAPS](#)

6

### NUENEN — 101ST AIRBORNE MEMORIAL

**HIGH**

Visit 30 min · Memorial · Timeline 4

Beside the village liberation monument, a plaque naming nine Easy Company men who fell in Holland between 19 September and 5 October. The ambush of 19-20 September happened on the road east of here.

**On the ground:** Look east along the road toward Helmond: open fields, no cover – tank country.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: E Company, 506th ↗](#) [Nuenen memorial \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

[Wikipedia: 107th Panzer Brigade ↗](#)

### EASY MEN HERE

Randleman

51.47058, 5.54512 **HIGH** exact spot known

 [GOOGLE MAPS](#)

7

### SINT-OEDENRODE

**HIGH**

Visit 20 min · Town · Hell's Highway

The 502nd's town on the corridor; the highway through it is the original road. A good place to feel how narrow the whole operation was.

**On the ground:** One road, two ditches, flat fields either side.

51.56480, 5.45990 **HIGH** exact spot known

 [GOOGLE MAPS](#)

## 8 VEGHEL — CANAL BRIDGES **HIGH**

Visit 30 min · Town · Timeline 6

Four bridges over the canal and the river made Veghel the corridor's most vulnerable point; the Germans attacked it on 22 September and the 101st fought for two days to keep the road open.

**On the ground:** The bridges over the Zuid-Willemsvaart are the objective everyone wanted.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Market Garden ↗](#)

51.61600, 5.54500 **HIGH** exact spot known

 [GOOGLE MAPS](#)

## 9 UDEN **HIGH**

Visit 20 min · Town · Timeline 5

Where Winters and a handful of Easy men were cut off on 22 September, bluffing a defence of the town until the road was reopened.

**On the ground:** The market square; the corridor road runs through it.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Market Garden ↗](#)

### EASY MEN HERE

Dike

51.66000, 5.61900 **HIGH** exact spot known

 [GOOGLE MAPS](#)

## 10 KOEVERING **MEDIUM**

Visit 15 min · Hamlet · Timeline 6

The last cut of Hell's Highway, 24-25 September, on the straight road between Sint-Oedenrode and Veghel. Burnt-out convoys lined the road here while Arnhem fell.

**On the ground:** Drive it slowly; the road is the exhibit.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Market Garden ↗](#)

51.59800, 5.50300 **MEDIUM** close — exact spot uncertain

 [GOOGLE MAPS](#)

### END OF DAY 1 — OVERNIGHT

Recommended base: Son / Eindhoven

**Campervan:** Son en Breugel / Eindhoven motorhome place — Son en Breugel, Noord-Brabant

Check [park4night](#) or [campercontact](#) for the current municipal aire and services

 [GOOGLE MAPS](#)

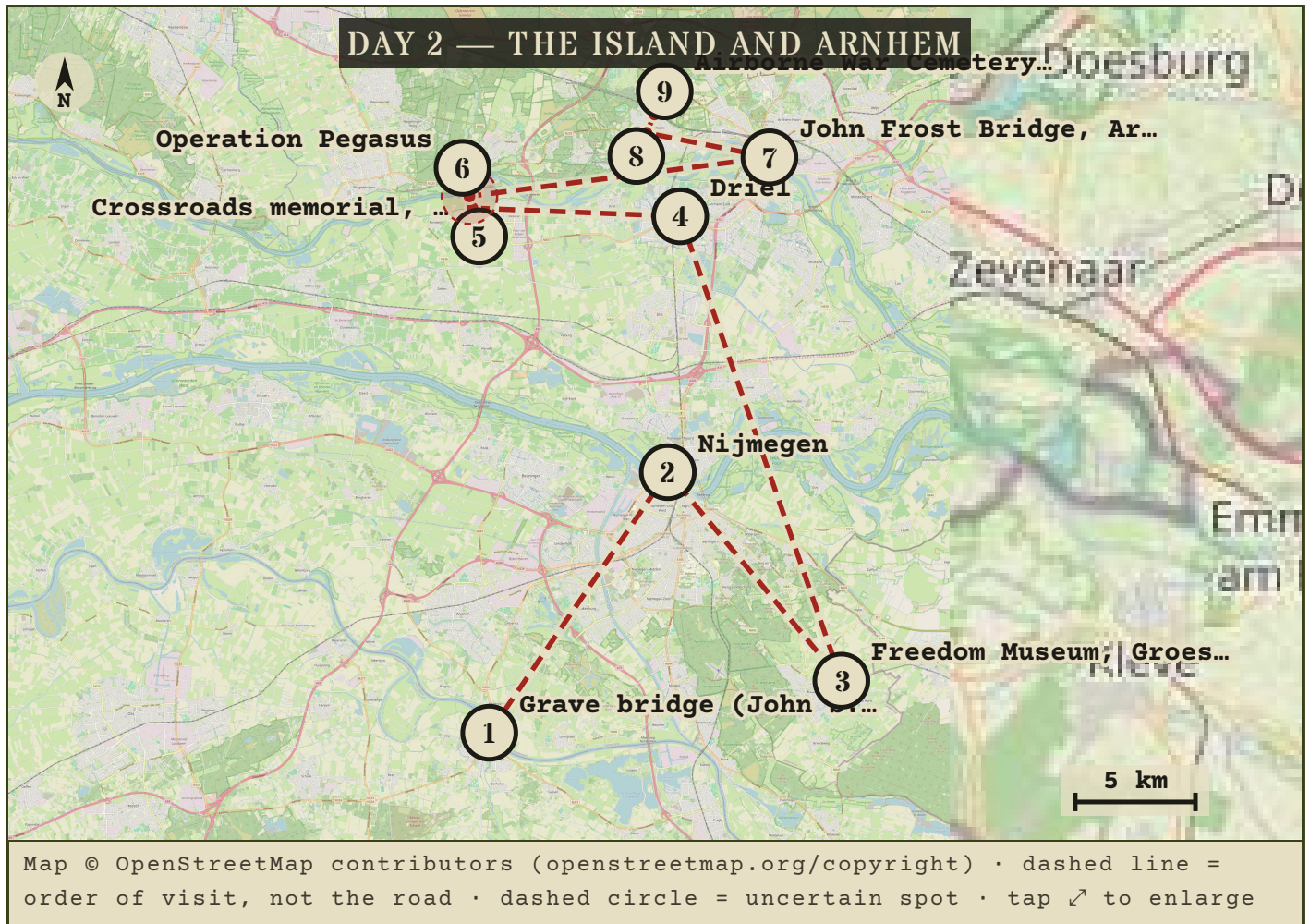
### DAY 2 — THE ISLAND AND ARNHEM

9 stops · ~6 h 15 m of visits + driving

 **DRIVE DAY 2 — 9 STOPS IN ORDER, ENDING AT TONIGHT'S CAMPSITE**

 [GOOGLE MAPS ROUTE](#)

Google Maps opens the whole day as one route.



## 1 GRAVE BRIDGE (JOHN S. THOMPSON BRIDGE) HIGH

Visit 20 min · Bridge · 82nd Airborne

The Maas bridge taken intact by the 504th within minutes of landing on 17 September — the first Market Garden bridge secured.

**On the ground:** The 82nd's textbook success, in contrast to Son.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Market Garden ↗](#) [Liberation Route: Son marker ↗](#)

51.76250, 5.74200 HIGH exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

## 2 NIJMEGEN — WAAL CROSSING & ROAD BRIDGE HIGH

Visit 30 min · Bridge · 82nd Airborne

On 20 September the 504th crossed the Waal in canvas boats under fire while the Guards' tanks rushed the road bridge. Half the boats were lost; the bridge fell at 19:00. The Waal crossing memorial stands on the south bank.

**On the ground:** The width of the river is the story.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Waal crossing ↗](#)

51.86000, 5.85000 **HIGH** exact spot known

 [GOOGLE MAPS](#)

3

### FREEDOM MUSEUM, GROESBEEK

**HIGH**

Visit 90 min · Museum

The whole Market Garden and Rhineland story, on the 82nd's landing ground above Nijmegen.

**On the ground:** Use the corridor map to place Easy's road inside the plan.

Check [vrijheidsmuseum.nl](http://vrijheidsmuseum.nl) for hours.

### DIG DEEPER

[Freedom Museum \(official\) ↗](#)

51.78200, 5.95500 **HIGH** exact spot known

 [GOOGLE MAPS](#)

4

### DRIEL — POLISH BRIGADE MEMORIAL

**HIGH**

Visit 20 min · Memorial

Where Sosabowski's Poles landed on 21 September and tried to reach the trapped British across the river. The Island begins here.

**On the ground:** Look north across the Rhine to Oosterbeek.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: 1st Polish Independent Parachute Brigade ↗](#)

51.95550, 5.85750 **HIGH** exact spot known

 [GOOGLE MAPS](#)

5

### CROSSROADS MEMORIAL, HETEREN

**HIGH**

Visit 45 min · Memorial · Timeline 8

On the Randwijkse Rijndijk, the junction where Winters' attack of 5 October broke a larger SS force. The memorial names Pvt. William Dukeman, Easy's one man killed.

**On the ground:** Climb the dike, look toward the river, then back at the junction — the whole action fits in the view.

### DIG DEEPER

[Crossroads memorial \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Richard Winters ↗](#)

### EASY MEN HERE

Winters

Webster

Liebgott

51.95861, 5.73173 **HIGH** exact spot known

GOOGLE MAPS

6

## OPERATION PEGASUS — RIVER BANK SECTOR

MEDIUM

Visit 20 min · Timeline 9

The stretch of the Neder-Rijn where about 138 Allied evaders, mostly British, were rowed across on the night of 22-23 October with Easy on the bank.

**On the ground:** The far bank is Renkum; the woods there hid the escapers.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Pegasus ↗](#)

### EASY MEN HERE

Heyliger

Shames

51.96300, 5.73000 **MEDIUM** close — exact spot uncertain

GOOGLE MAPS

7

## JOHN FROST BRIDGE, ARNHEM

HIGH

Visit 30 min · Bridge · British 1st Airborne

A bridge too far: Frost's 700 men held the north end for four days and were overrun on 21 September. The rebuilt bridge carries his name.

**On the ground:** Stand at the north end; the houses the paras held were on this side.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Battle of Arnhem ↗](#) [Wikipedia: John Frost Bridge ↗](#)

51.97750, 5.91150 **HIGH** exact spot known

GOOGLE MAPS

8

## AIRBORNE MUSEUM HARTENSTEIN, OOSTERBEEK

HIGH

Visit 90 min · Museum

Urquhart's headquarters hotel, now the museum of the Arnhem battle: nine days in the perimeter, then Operation Berlin's night evacuation.

**On the ground:** The evacuation route ran south from here to the river — the same river Easy watched from the other side a month later.

Check [airbornemuseum.nl](https://airbornemuseum.nl) for hours.

#### DIG DEEPER

[Airborne Museum \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Battle of Arnhem](#) ↗

51.98660, 5.83710 **HIGH** exact spot known

📍 GOOGLE MAPS

9

### AIRBORNE WAR CEMETERY, OOSTERBEEK

**HIGH**

Visit 30 min · Cemetery

1,700 graves, mostly of the 1st Airborne Division. Local schoolchildren lay flowers here every September.

**On the ground:** End the day here.

#### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Arnhem Oosterbeek War Cemetery](#) ↗

51.99350, 5.84200 **HIGH** exact spot known

📍 GOOGLE MAPS

### END OF DAY 2 — OVERNIGHT

Recommended base: Son / Eindhoven

**Campervan:** Son en Breugel / Eindhoven motorhome place – Son en Breugel, Noord-Brabant

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## DAY 3 — BASTOGNE — THE BOIS JACQUES

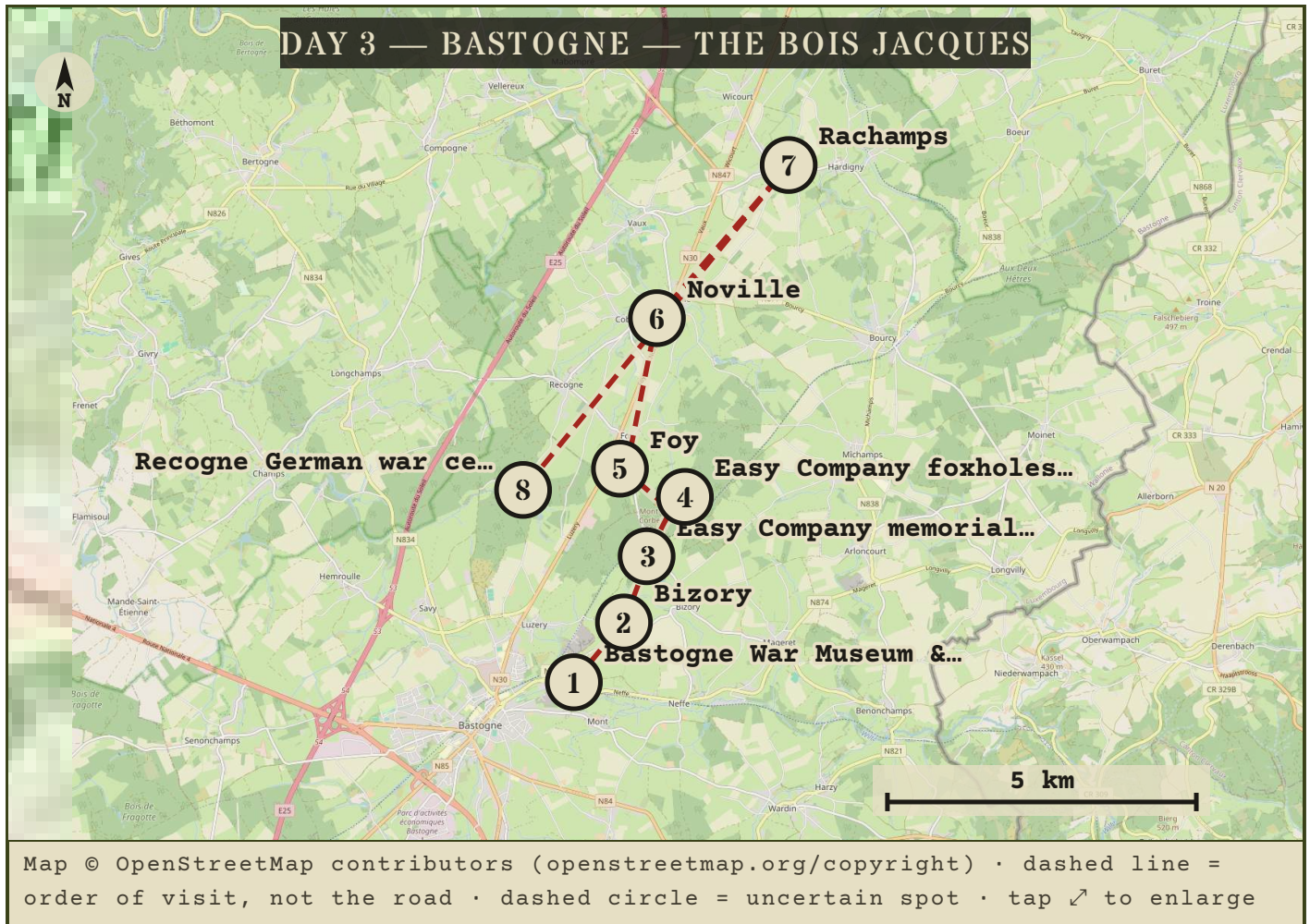
8 stops · ~5 h 30 m of visits + driving



### DRIVE DAY 3 — 8 STOPS IN ORDER, ENDING AT TONIGHT'S CAMPSITE

📍 GOOGLE MAPS ROUTE

Google Maps opens the whole day as one route.



## 1 BASTOGNE WAR MUSEUM & MARDASSON MEMORIAL

HIGH

Visit 120 min · Museum · memorial

The best single museum of the Bulge, beside the star-shaped American memorial. Do it first: it gives the siege its shape before you go into the woods.

**On the ground:** Walk up to the Mardasson after the museum and look north-east — the Bois Jacques is the dark line on the skyline.

Check [bastognewarmuseum.be](http://bastognewarmuseum.be) for hours.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Siege of Bastogne](#) ↗ [Bastogne War Museum \(official\)](#) ↗

[Wikipedia: Battle of the Bulge](#) ↗

50.00850, 5.73850 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

## 2 BIZORY

HIGH

Visit 15 min · Hamlet

The 506th's right-hand village; the road from here to Foy runs straight through the Easy Company positions.

**On the ground:** Turn north onto the Foy road.

50.01750, 5.75000 **HIGH** exact spot known

 GOOGLE MAPS

3

### EASY COMPANY MEMORIAL, BOIS JACQUES

**HIGH**

Visit 30 min · Memorial · Timeline 14-15

Built by the Men of Easy Company Foundation on the Bizory-Foy road: fourteen names of Easy men killed here between 18 December and 13 January, and a text about -28 °C nights with little food and ammunition.

**On the ground:** Read the names, then walk on into the wood.

#### DIG DEEPER

[Bastogne War Museum: Bois Jacques ↗](#) [Foxholes \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)  
[Easy memorial \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

#### EASY MEN HERE

Muck

Toye

Guarnere

Lipton

Malarkey

Roe

Powers

Heffron

50.02890, 5.75671 **HIGH** exact spot known

 GOOGLE MAPS

4

### EASY COMPANY FOXHOLES, BOIS JACQUES

**HIGH**

Visit 45 min · Battlefield · Timeline 14

The preserved foxholes on both sides of the road, looking down on Foy. Shallower now, but unmistakable; numbered markers and an app-guided walk since 2022 (paid entry).

**On the ground:** Stand in a hole facing Foy. The tree line behind you is where the tree bursts came from.

Paid entry since 2022; QR-code audio guide at the entrance.

#### DIG DEEPER

[Bastogne War Museum: Bois Jacques ↗](#) [Foxholes \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)  
[Easy memorial \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

#### EASY MEN HERE

Muck

Toye

Guarnere

Lipton

Malarkey

Roe

Powers

Heffron

50.03353, 5.76039 **HIGH** exact spot known

 GOOGLE MAPS

5

**FOY**

Visit 30 min · Village · Timeline 17

**HIGH**

The village Easy attacked across the open snow on 13 January, and where Speirs made his run. The 101st memorial stands in the village.

**On the ground:** From the church look back up the slope to the wood-line: 250 m of nothing.

**DIG DEEPER**

[Wikipedia: Foy, Belgium ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Siege of Bastogne ↗](#)

**EASY MEN HERE**

Speirs

Dike

Lipton

Powers

Shames

50.03920, 5.75030 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

6

**NOVILLE**

Visit 30 min · Village · Timeline 18

**HIGH**

Team Desobry's stand on 19-20 December, then the 506th's objective on 14-15 January. A small museum and memorials in the village.

**On the ground:** The crossroads and church are the landmarks.

**DIG DEEPER**

[Wikipedia: Siege of Bastogne ↗](#)

50.06150, 5.75730 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

7

**RACHAMPS — CHURCH & EASY COMPANY MEMORIAL**

Visit 30 min · Memorial · Timeline 19

**HIGH**

Easy's last objective in the Ardennes, 16 January. The company slept in the church; the schoolgirls' choir sang. Memorial beside the church, tree planted by Guarnere and Heffron.

**On the ground:** End the Easy Company part of the day here.

**DIG DEEPER**

[Rachamps memorial \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

**EASY MEN HERE**

Liebgott

50.08378, 5.78714 **HIGH** exact spot known

 GOOGLE MAPS

8

## RECOGNE GERMAN WAR CEMETERY

**HIGH**

Visit 30 min • Cemetery

6,800 German dead from the Bulge, a kilometre from Foy – the men on the other side of the snowfield.

**On the ground:** Place of remembrance.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Recogne German war cemetery ↗](#)

50.03650, 5.72700 **HIGH** exact spot known

 GOOGLE MAPS

## END OF DAY 3 — OVERNIGHT

Recommended base: Bastogne

**Campervan:** Camping de Renval, Bastogne – Route de Marche 148, 6600 Bastogne

Motorhome pitches on the west edge of town; verify season and services

 GOOGLE MAPS

## DAY 4 — BASTOGNE TOWN AND THE BULGE

6 stops • ~5 h 20 m of visits + driving

 **DRIVE DAY 4 — 6 STOPS IN ORDER, ENDING AT TONIGHT'S CAMPSITE**

 **GOOGLE MAPS ROUTE**

Google Maps opens the whole day as one route.



## 1 101ST AIRBORNE MUSEUM — LE MESS

HIGH

Visit 75 min · Museum

In the former officers' mess: uniforms, a bomb-shelter experience and a strong 101st collection. Avenue de la Gare 11.

**On the ground:** Good for the human scale of the siege.

Check [101airbornemuseumbastogne.com](http://101airbornemuseumbastogne.com).

### DIG DEEPER

[101st Airborne Museum \(official\)](#) ↗

49.99925, 5.71221 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

## 2 BASTOGNE BARRACKS

HIGH

Visit 90 min · Museum · McAuliffe's HQ

The Belgian barracks where General McAuliffe's staff worked in the cellars and where the German surrender demand was answered with 'Nuts!' on 22 December. Guided visits; large vehicle restoration hall.

**On the ground:** The cellar is the real thing.

Guided tours only; check times.

#### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Siege of Bastogne ↗](#) [Bastogne War Museum \(official\) ↗](#)

[Wikipedia: Battle of the Bulge ↗](#)

50.00450, 5.70900 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

3

### PLACE MCAULIFFE & THE SHERMAN

**HIGH**

Visit 20 min · Town square

The square at the centre of the seven roads, with the general's bust and a Sherman tank knocked out at Renuamont.

**On the ground:** Count the roads: this is why 101st was sent here.

#### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Anthony McAuliffe ↗](#)

50.00070, 5.71700 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

4

### HOUFFALIZE — THE PANTHER

**HIGH**

Visit 30 min · Town

Where the US 1st and 3rd Armies met on 16 January to close the Bulge; a German Panther tank sits in the town centre.

**On the ground:** Same day Easy took Rachamps, 10 km south.

#### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Battle of the Bulge ↗](#)

50.13180, 5.78970 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

5

### DECEMBER 44 MUSEUM, LA GLEIZE

**HIGH**

Visit 75 min · Museum

The high-water mark of Kampfgruppe Peiper on the northern shoulder, with a King Tiger outside.

**On the ground:** The German side of the offensive.

Check [december44.com](#).

### DIG DEEPER

[December 44 Museum \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Kampfgruppe Peiper](#) ↗

50.40230, 5.84070 **HIGH** exact spot known

↗ GOOGLE MAPS

6

### BAUGNEZ CROSSROADS — MALMEDY MASSACRE MEMORIAL

**HIGH**

Visit 30 min · Memorial

The crossroads where 84 American prisoners were shot on 17 December. The Baugnez 44 Historical Center beside it closed permanently in January 2023; the memorial wall and the field remain open.

**On the ground:** Place of remembrance first.

Memorial only — the museum is closed.

### DIG DEEPER

[Crossroads memorial \(TracesOfWar\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Richard Winters](#) ↗

50.41280, 6.04350 **HIGH** exact spot known

↗ GOOGLE MAPS

### END OF DAY 4 — OVERNIGHT

Recommended base: Bastogne

**Campervan:** Camping de Renval, Bastogne — Route de Marche 148, 6600 Bastogne

Motorhome pitches on the west edge of town; verify season and services

↗ GOOGLE MAPS

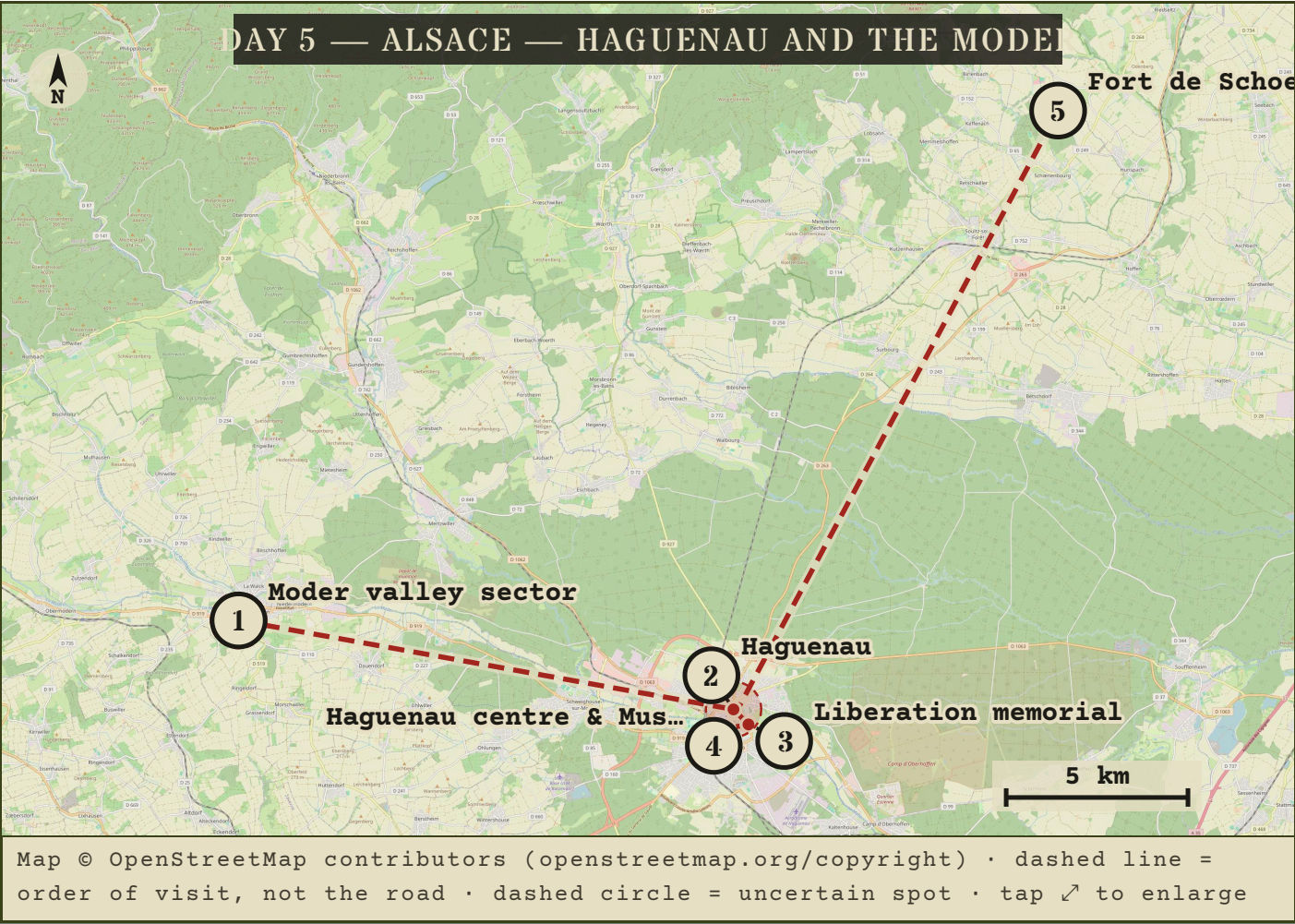
## DAY 5 — ALSACE — HAGUENAU AND THE MODER

5 stops · ~4 h 0 m of visits + driving

 **DRIVE DAY 5 — 5 STOPS IN ORDER, ENDING AT TONIGHT'S CAMPSITE**

↗ GOOGLE MAPS ROUTE

Google Maps opens the whole day as one route.



1 MODER VALLEY SECTOR — PFAFFENHOFFEN

MEDIUM

Visit 15 min · Timeline 20

The villages along the Moder west of Haguenau where the 506th held the line in late January, as Nordwind was ending, in deep snow.

**On the ground:** Drive the river road east toward Haguenau.

DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Nordwind](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Haguenau](#) ↗

EASY MEN HERE

Speirs

Webster

Lipton

Randleman

48.84200, 7.60600 

MEDIUM

 close — exact spot uncertain

GOOGLE MAPS

2 HAGUENAU — THE MODER RIVER FRONT

MEDIUM

Visit 30 min · Timeline 21

Easy's side of the river inside the town. The houses along the south bank were the billets and observation posts; the Germans held the north bank a stone's throw away.

The 15 February patrol crossed here somewhere.

**On the ground:** Walk the south bank. The river is the width of a street.

#### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Nordwind ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Haguenau ↗](#)

#### EASY MEN HERE

Speirs

Webster

Lipton

Randleman

48.82000, 7.79200 **MEDIUM** close — exact spot uncertain

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

3

### LIBERATION MEMORIAL — MODER CANAL

HIGH

Visit 15 min • Memorial

On Boulevard de la Libération, marking where American tanks crossed the Moder canal on 16 March 1945 for the town's final liberation — three weeks after Easy left.

**On the ground:** The bronze reliefs show the crossing.

#### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Nordwind ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Haguenau ↗](#)

#### EASY MEN HERE

Speirs

Webster

Lipton

Randleman

48.81626, 7.79761 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

4

### HAGUENAU CENTRE & MUSÉE HISTORIQUE

HIGH

Visit 60 min • Town • museum

The old Alsatian town Easy knew as a half-ruined front line; the history museum covers the two liberations of 1944-45.

**On the ground:** Compare the intact streets today with the shelled town of February 1945.

Check museum hours locally.

#### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Haguenau ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Operation Nordwind ↗](#)

[Liberation memorial \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

48.81530, 7.78970 **HIGH** exact spot known

GOOGLE MAPS

5

## FORT DE SCHOENENBOURG — MAGINOT LINE

HIGH

Visit 120 min · Fortress

The largest visitable Maginot fort in Alsace, 20 km north: kilometres of galleries and turrets. Context for the fortified border the 1945 winter fighting sat on.

**On the ground:** Bring a jacket — 12 °C underground.

Guided/self-guided; check [lignemaginot.com](http://lignemaginot.com).

### DIG DEEPER

[Fort de Schoenenbourg \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Ouvrage Schoenenbourg](#) ↗

48.96800, 7.91400 **HIGH** exact spot known

GOOGLE MAPS

### END OF DAY 5 — OVERNIGHT

Recommended base: Haguenau / Strasbourg

**Campervan:** Aire de camping-cars, Haguenau / Strasbourg — Haguenau, Bas-Rhin

Municipal aires; Strasbourg (30 min) has more choice — check [park4night](#)

GOOGLE MAPS

## MARKET GARDEN, THE BULGE AND NORDWIND — THE WIDER WAR

Between September 1944 and February 1945 Easy Company fought inside three of the biggest battles in the west: the airborne carpet to Arnhem, the German Ardennes offensive, and its Alsace sequel. This tab gives each its shape, then runs the campaign clock beside what Easy was doing at the same hour.

### THE DECISIVE FACTORS

#### THE PLAN — MARKET GARDEN

Montgomery's bid to end the war in 1944: three airborne divisions (US 101st, US 82nd, British 1st) would seize the bridges along one road from Eindhoven to Arnhem, and XXX Corps' tanks would drive 100 km up it in two days to cross the Rhine. The 101st — Easy's division — held the southern 25 km: Son, Eindhoven, Sint-Oedenrode, Veghel.

17 Sep 1944 · 35,000 airborne troops · one two-lane road · objective: across the Rhine in 48 hours

## WHY IT FAILED

Two SS panzer divisions were refitting near Arnhem; the British landed 13 km from their bridge; the Son bridge was blown, costing a day; Nijmegen's bridge took three; radios failed. Frost's 700 men held Arnhem bridge for four days and were overrun on 21 September; the rest of 1st Airborne was evacuated across the Rhine on the night of 25-26 September. Of 10,000 men, 2,400 came back.

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XXX Corps reached Nijmegen on day 4, Arnhem never

## HELL'S HIGHWAY

The corridor road was cut by German counterattacks at Son (19 Sep), Veghel (22 Sep) and Koevering (24-25 Sep). Every cut stopped the whole army; the 101st spent the operation running up and down its 25 km to reopen it. Easy's Nuenen ambush and the Uden stand were both part of this.

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101st casualties in Holland ≈ 3,800 (official history: 2,110 in the airborne phase + 1,682 on the Island) · Easy: 154 men in, 98 out (company accounts)

## THE ISLAND

When Arnhem was lost, the front froze on the polder between the Waal and the Neder-Rijn. The 101st held it for seven weeks of dike outposts, night patrols, artillery and flooding – the war Easy fought at the Crossroads and at Operation Pegasus. The Netherlands north of the rivers stayed occupied until May 1945 and starved through the Hunger Winter.

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2 Oct - 27 Nov 1944

## THE GERMAN SURPRISE — 16 DECEMBER 1944

Three German armies, 200,000 men and 600 tanks, attacked through the Ardennes in fog that grounded Allied aircraft, aiming for Antwerp. The 101st, refitting at Mourmelon with half its officers on leave, was, with the 82nd, half of SHAEF's continental reserve – XVIII Airborne Corps. The 82nd moved first, to the northern shoulder; the 101st went to Bastogne, on the road within 24 hours.

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5:30 am, 16 Dec · 1,600 guns · weather closed until 23 Dec

## BASTOGNE — THE ROAD HUB

Seven roads meet at Bastogne; whoever held it controlled movement through the southern Ardennes. The 101st arrived on the night of 18-19 December, was surrounded by the 21st, and answered the surrender demand on the 22nd with McAuliffe's 'Nuts!'. Clear skies on the 23rd brought supply drops; Patton's 4th Armored broke through on the 26th. The fighting to push the Germans back from Foy and Noville went on into mid-January.

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Encircled 21-26 Dec · temperatures to -28 °C · 101st casualties ≈ 3,000 · Easy: 14 killed · ≈32 wounded · 21 cold-weather evacuations

## WINTER WARFARE

Grossly inadequate winter clothing, few overshoes, little ammunition, shelling by tree burst in the woods. In Easy Company during the siege, frostbite and trench foot evacuations rivalled the wounded; the 101st went into Bastogne with its artillery still short of shells – by 22 December ammunition was severely rationed – and with rations for a day. The relief columns brought the first proper supplies on 27 December.

Snow from 22 Dec · frostbite evacuations rivalled wounds

## OPERATION NORDWIND — ALSACE

On 1 January 1945 the Germans launched their last western offensive, in Alsace, to exploit the Bulge. The 101st was sent from the Ardennes straight to the Moder valley to shore up the Seventh Army. Haguenau, liberated in December, had been retaken by the Germans on 25 January; Easy held the river line through the town in February.

1 Jan - 25 Jan 1945 · Haguenau finally liberated 16 Mar 1945

## THE END OF EASY'S COMBAT

The Moder patrol of 15 February was the company's last action. On 25 February the 506th went back to Mourmelon by rail; on 15 March Eisenhower presented the 101st with the first Presidential Unit Citation ever given to a whole division, for Bastogne. The next campaign – the Rhine, Bavaria, Berchtesgaden – was occupation, not battle.

Sep 1944 - Feb 1945: Easy's principal combat period · ~45 killed in Holland and Belgium

## TWO CLOCKS — THE CAMPAIGNS AND EASY COMPANY

Times are approximate and in Allied (British Double Summer / Central European) time. Where Easy's position is uncertain the stamp says so.

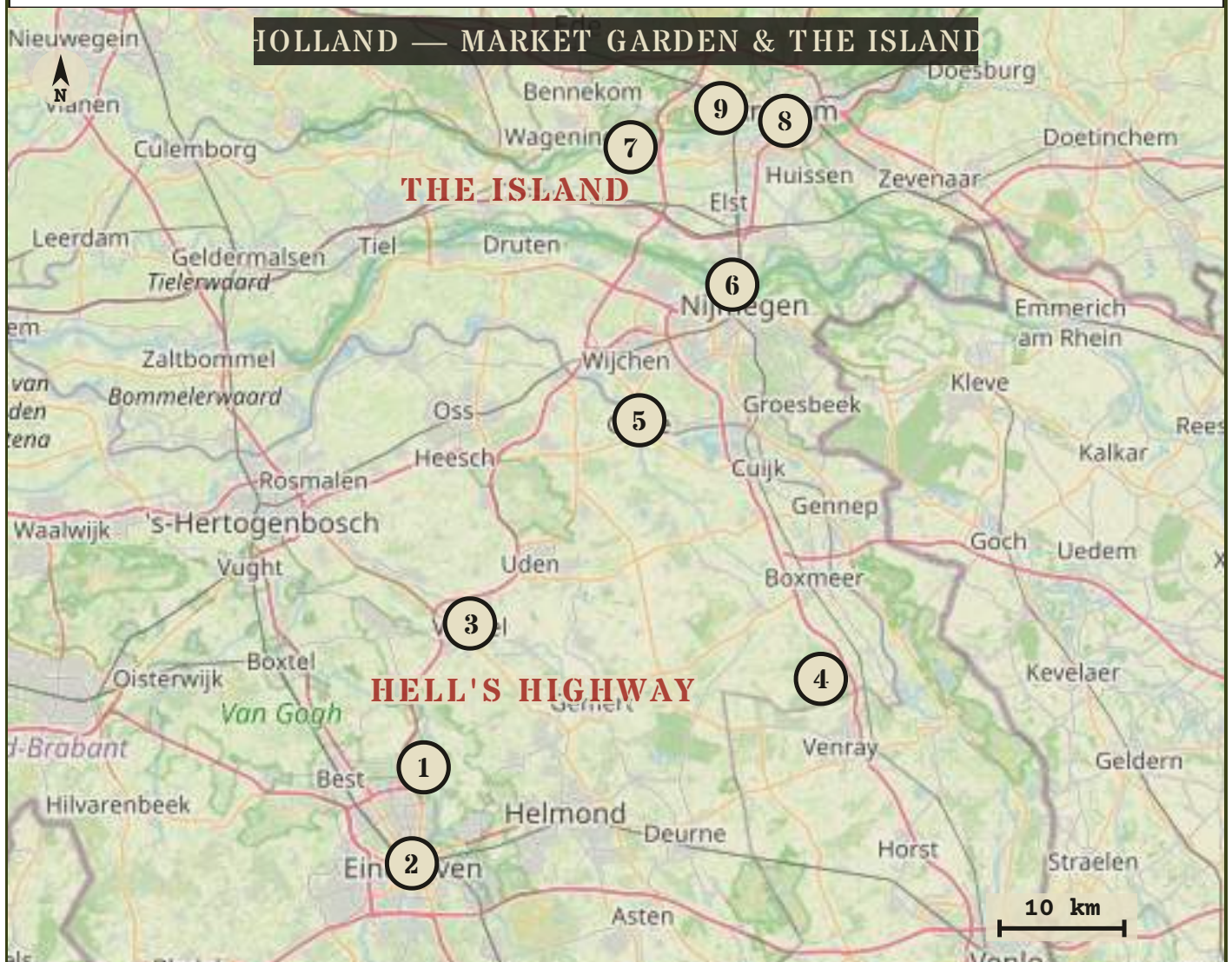
| TIME                              | THE INVASION                                                                                                                                                                          | EASY COMPANY                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 17 SEPTEMBER 1944 — MARKET GARDEN |                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                |
| 13:00-13:30                       | Three airborne divisions land in daylight: 1st Airborne west of Arnhem, 82nd at Grave and Groesbeek, 101st around Son. XXX Corps' tanks start north from the Belgian border at 14:35. | Easy jumps onto Drop Zone B north of Son – the regiment's best drop of the war. Assembled within the hour.<br><b>HIGH</b>                      |
| ~16:00                            | Grave bridge taken intact by the 504th. Frost's 2nd Para Battalion reaches the north end of Arnhem bridge by 20:00.                                                                   | The 506th reaches the Wilhelmina Canal at Son; the Germans blow the bridge in their faces. Engineers build a footbridge overnight. <b>HIGH</b> |
| 18 SEPTEMBER                      |                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                |
| Day                               | XXX Corps meets the 101st at Eindhoven in the evening – a day behind schedule. At Arnhem the 1st Airborne fights toward the bridge and fails.                                         | Easy enters Eindhoven through Woensel with the 506th; the city is liberated                                                                    |

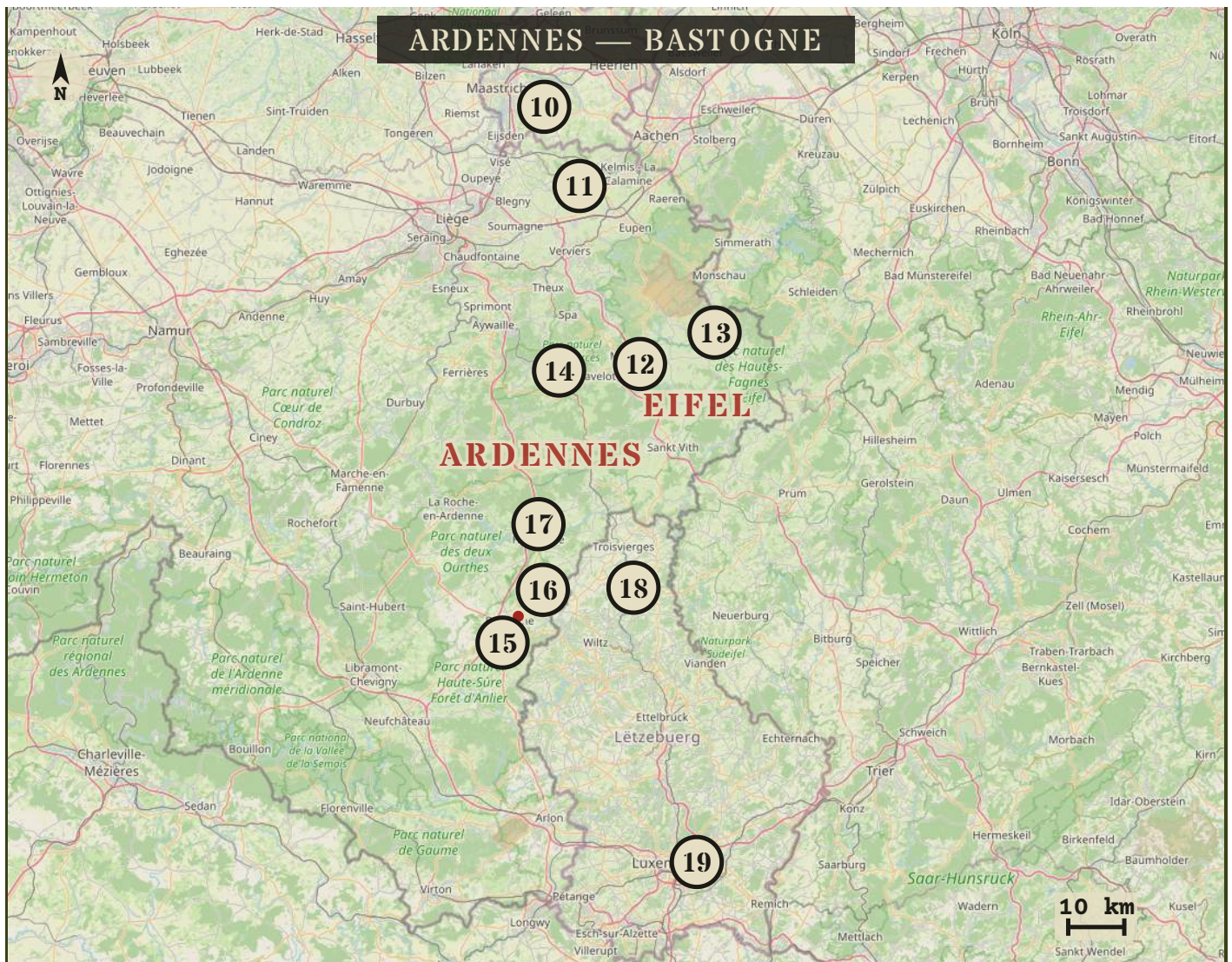
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|                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                   | by early afternoon, then bombed that night. <b>MEDIUM</b>                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>19 SEPTEMBER</b>                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Day</b>                          | Bailey bridge open at Son by 06:15; the Germans attack the corridor at Son and at Best. The 82nd's first attack on Nijmegen bridge fails.                                                         | Nuenen (19-20 Sep): Easy rides British tanks toward Helmond into the 107th Panzer Brigade and is thrown back with ≈15 casualties by company accounts. Randleman hides in a barn overnight. <b>HIGH</b> |
| <b>20-21 SEPTEMBER</b>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                     | 20 Sep: the 504th's Waal crossing at 15:00; Nijmegen bridge taken at 19:00. 21 Sep: Frost's men overrun at Arnhem bridge; the Poles land at Driel.                                                | Easy moves up the corridor to Uden with Winters; the rest of the battalion is at Veghel. <b>MEDIUM</b>                                                                                                 |
| <b>22-25 SEPTEMBER</b>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                     | German attacks cut Hell's Highway at Veghel (22 Sep) and Koevering (24-25 Sep). 25-26 Sep: Operation Berlin – 2,400 of 10,000 British airborne evacuated across the Rhine. Market Garden is over. | Cut off in Uden on 22 Sep; the 506th fights to reopen the road at Veghel and Koevering. <b>HIGH</b>                                                                                                    |
| <b>OCTOBER — THE ISLAND</b>         |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>2-4 Oct</b>                      | The 101st relieves the British 43rd Division on the Island between the Waal and the Neder-Rijn. German attacks at Opheusden on 5-6 October.                                                       | Easy takes over the Randwijk-Heteren sector on the river dike. <b>MEDIUM</b>                                                                                                                           |
| <b>5 Oct, dawn</b>                  | SS troops, reported as two companies, probe the dike to reinforce the Opheusden attack.                                                                                                           | THE CROSSROADS: Winters' 35 men rout the German force – ≈50 killed, 11 captured, one Easy man dead. Winters becomes battalion XO on 9 Oct. <b>HIGH</b>                                                 |
| <b>22-23 Oct, night</b>             | Operation Pegasus: about 138 Allied evaders, mostly British, cross the Neder-Rijn.                                                                                                                | Easy provides the covering force on the south bank; Heyliger leads the crossing. <b>HIGH</b>                                                                                                           |
| <b>31 Oct - 27 Nov</b>              | Static war on the Island; the Netherlands north of the rivers begins the Hunger Winter.                                                                                                           | Heyliger shot by a sentry (31 Oct); Dike takes command. Relieved 25-27 Nov; to Mourmelon. 154 in, 98 out. <b>LOW</b>                                                                                   |
| <b>16 DECEMBER 1944 — THE BULGE</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>05:30</b>                        | Three German armies attack through the Ardennes in fog. The 101st at Mourmelon is the only SHAEF reserve.                                                                                         | At Mourmelon: refitting, football, passes to Paris. Alerted the night of 17 Dec. <b>HIGH</b>                                                                                                           |
| <b>18-19 Dec</b>                    | The 101st drives 160 km in open trucks and enters Bastogne on the night of 18-19 Dec. Team Desobry holds Noville.                                                                                 | Easy walks out of Bastogne to the north-east and digs in on the edge of the Bois Jacques facing Foy. <b>HIGH</b>                                                                                       |
| <b>21-22 Dec</b>                    | Bastogne encircled. 22 Dec: the German surrender demand; McAuliffe replies                                                                                                                        | Holding the line in snow with inadequate winter clothing; ammunition                                                                                                                                   |

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|                                 | 'Nuts!'.<br><br>                                                                                                                                     | rationed to a few rounds a man.<br><b>HIGH</b>                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>23-26 Dec</b>                | Skies clear; C-47s drop supplies. Christmas Day German assault on the west of the perimeter fails. 26 Dec 16:50: 4th Armored's tanks reach Bastogne. | Welsh wounded on Christmas Eve; Christmas in the foxholes. A German attack of 45 men on 24 Dec beaten off in front of Easy's line. <b>HIGH</b>                                                             |
| <b>JANUARY 1945</b>             |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>3 Jan</b>                    | Patton's counter-offensive north of Bastogne begins in deep snow.                                                                                    | Shelling in the Bois Jacques: Toye and Guarnere lose legs; Compton evacuated. <b>HIGH</b>                                                                                                                  |
| <b>9-10 Jan</b>                 | Slow attacks through the woods toward Foy and Noville.                                                                                               | 10 Jan: Muck and Penkala killed by a shell in their foxhole. <b>MEDIUM</b>                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>13 Jan</b>                   | The 506th attacks Foy; the push on to Noville follows on 14-15 January and Rachamps on the 16th.                                                     | FOY: Easy attacks across the open snow; Speirs relieves Dike mid-attack (Dike's stall is disputed: 'froze' per Winters and Lipton, wounded per Lyall) and runs through the village. Foy taken. <b>HIGH</b> |
| <b>15-16 Jan</b>                | 16 Jan: US 1st and 3rd Armies meet at Houffalize; the Bulge is closed.                                                                               | 15 Jan Noville; 16 Jan Rachamps – the last objective. Night in the church; the schoolgirls sing. <b>HIGH</b>                                                                                               |
| <b>17-25 Jan</b>                | The 101st is relieved and sent 400 km south to Alsace. 25 Jan: the Bulge officially ends; Nordwind retakes Haguenau the same day.                    | Trucks to the Moder valley; in line near Pfaffenhoffen in the snow. <b>LOW</b>                                                                                                                             |
| <b>FEBRUARY 1945 — HAGUENAU</b> |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>5 Feb</b>                    | The Seventh Army line settles on the Moder; the Germans hold the north bank of the river through Haguenau.                                           | Easy takes over the south bank inside the town; billets in the riverside houses. <b>HIGH</b>                                                                                                               |
| <b>15 Feb, night</b>            | Quiet front; both sides patrol and shell.                                                                                                            | THE PATROL: Jones's patrol crosses the Moder, takes two prisoners; Jackson killed. Winters cancels the second patrol and tells the men to sleep. <b>HIGH</b>                                               |
| <b>23-25 Feb</b>                |                                                                                                                                                      | Relieved; by boxcar to Mourmelon. Easy Company's last combat is over. <b>HIGH</b>                                                                                                                          |
| <b>AFTER</b>                    |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>15 Mar 1945</b>              | Eisenhower awards the 101st the first divisional Presidential Unit Citation, for Bastogne. 16 Mar: Haguenau finally liberated.                       | On parade at Mourmelon. Next: the Rhine, Bavaria and Berchtesgaden – see the Germany & Austria app. <b>HIGH</b>                                                                                            |

## KEY CAMPAIGN SITES

From the Son bridge to the Maginot Line. Sites already on your tour are marked; the others are the ones to add for the full campaign story. Tap the map to enlarge.







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1

## SON BRIDGE & 101ST MEMORIAL

HIGH

Market Garden · 101st · on your tour

The blown bridge that cost the corridor its first day.

**On the ground:** Memorial on 17 Septemberplein.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Market Garden ↗](#) [Liberation Route: Son marker ↗](#)

51.51200, 5.49120 **HIGH** exact spot known

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2

## EINDHOVEN — 18 SEPTEMBERPLEIN

HIGH

Market Garden · 101st · on your tour

The first Dutch city liberated by the airborne corridor.

**On the ground:** City centre square.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Market Garden ↗](#) [Airborne Memorial Eindhoven \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

51.44250, 5.47750 **HIGH** exact spot known

 GOOGLE MAPS

3

### VEGHEL — CANAL BRIDGES

**HIGH**

Market Garden · Hell's Highway · on your tour

The corridor's most-attacked point.

**On the ground:** Bridges over the Zuid-Willemsvaart.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Market Garden ↗](#)

51.61600, 5.54500 **HIGH** exact spot known

 GOOGLE MAPS

4

### OVERLOON WAR MUSEUM

**HIGH**

Market Garden aftermath · not on the 5-day tour

Site of the October 1944 tank battle east of the corridor; one of the largest vehicle collections in Europe.

**On the ground:** Two hours; big halls.

### DIG DEEPER

[Overloon War Museum \(official\) ↗](#)

51.57600, 5.95300 **HIGH** exact spot known

 GOOGLE MAPS

5

### GRAVE BRIDGE (JOHN S. THOMPSON BRIDGE)

**HIGH**

Market Garden · 82nd · on your tour

Taken intact in minutes on 17 September.

**On the ground:** Bridge over the Maas.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Market Garden ↗](#) [Liberation Route: Son marker ↗](#)

51.76250, 5.74200 **HIGH** exact spot known

 GOOGLE MAPS

6

**NIJMEGEN — WAAL CROSSING & ROAD BRIDGE**

HIGH

Market Garden · 82nd · on your tour

The canvas-boat assault of 20 September.

**On the ground:** South-bank memorial and the bridge.

**DIG DEEPER**

[Wikipedia: Waal crossing ↗](#)

51.86000, 5.85000 **HIGH** exact spot known

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7

**CROSSROADS MEMORIAL, HETEREN**

HIGH

The Island · Easy Company · on your tour

Winters' fight of 5 October.

**On the ground:** Dike road junction.

**DIG DEEPER**

[Crossroads memorial \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Richard Winters ↗](#)

51.95861, 5.73173 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

8

**JOHN FROST BRIDGE, ARNHEM**

HIGH

Market Garden · British 1st Airborne · on your tour

The bridge too far.

**On the ground:** North end of the bridge.

**DIG DEEPER**

[Wikipedia: Battle of Arnhem ↗](#) [Wikipedia: John Frost Bridge ↗](#)

51.97750, 5.91150 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

9

**AIRBORNE MUSEUM HARTENSTEIN, OOSTERBEEK**

HIGH

Market Garden · British 1st Airborne · on your tour

The Arnhem battle from Urquhart's HQ (*headquarters*).

**On the ground:** Museum.

### DIG DEEPER

[Airborne Museum \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Battle of Arnhem](#) ↗

51.98660, 5.83710 **HIGH** exact spot known

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10

### NETHERLANDS AMERICAN CEMETERY, MARGRATEN

**HIGH**

Cemetery · 8,300 graves · not on the 5-day tour

American dead of Holland, the Bulge and the Rhineland, including 101st men.

**On the ground:** Between the Dutch and Belgian legs of the tour.

### DIG DEEPER

[ABMC: Netherlands American Cemetery](#) ↗

50.82150, 5.80350 **HIGH** exact spot known

📍 GOOGLE MAPS

11

### HENRI-CHAPELLE AMERICAN CEMETERY

**HIGH**

Cemetery · 7,900 graves · not on the 5-day tour

Bulge and Rhineland dead, north of Liège.

**On the ground:** On the way to the northern shoulder.

### DIG DEEPER

[ABMC: Henri-Chapelle](#) ↗

50.69600, 5.89200 **HIGH** exact spot known

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12

### BAUGNEZ CROSSROADS — MALMEDY MASSACRE MEMORIAL

**HIGH**

The Bulge · northern shoulder · on your tour

84 American prisoners shot on 17 December.

**On the ground:** Memorial at the crossroads; the Baugnez 44 museum closed in 2023.

### DIG DEEPER

[Crossroads memorial \(TracesOfWar\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Richard Winters](#) ↗

50.41280, 6.04350 **HIGH** exact spot known

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13

**ELSENBORN RIDGE**

HIGH

The Bulge · northern shoulder · not on the 5-day tour

Where the 2nd and 99th Divisions stopped the 6th Panzer Army – the shoulder that held.

**On the ground:** Open ridge; memorials at Rocherath-Krinkelt.

**DIG DEEPER**

[Wikipedia: Battle of Elsenborn Ridge ↗](#)

50.46300, 6.23000 **HIGH** exact spot known

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14

**DECEMBER 44 MUSEUM, LA GLEIZE**

HIGH

The Bulge · Kampfgruppe Peiper · on your tour

Peiper's furthest point; King Tiger.

**On the ground:** Museum.

**DIG DEEPER**

[December 44 Museum \(official\) ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Kampfgruppe Peiper ↗](#)

50.40230, 5.84070 **HIGH** exact spot known

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15

**BASTOGNE WAR MUSEUM & MARDASSON MEMORIAL**

HIGH

The Bulge · Bastogne · on your tour

The siege in one museum; the American memorial beside it.

**On the ground:** Museum and memorial.

**DIG DEEPER**

[Wikipedia: Siege of Bastogne ↗](#) [Bastogne War Museum \(official\) ↗](#)

[Wikipedia: Battle of the Bulge ↗](#)

50.00850, 5.73850 **HIGH** exact spot known

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16

**EASY COMPANY FOXHOLES, BOIS JACQUES**

HIGH

The Bulge · Easy Company · on your tour

The company's line facing Foy.

**On the ground:** Paid entry; app guide.

### DIG DEEPER

[Bastogne War Museum: Bois Jacques ↗](#) [Foxholes \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)  
[Easy memorial \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

50.03353, 5.76039 **HIGH** exact spot known

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17

### HOUFFALIZE — THE PANTHER

**HIGH**

The Bulge · closing the pocket · on your tour

Where the two US armies met on 16 January.

**On the ground:** Town centre tank.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Battle of the Bulge ↗](#)

50.13180, 5.78970 **HIGH** exact spot known

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18

### CLERVAUX — CASTLE & MUSEUM

**HIGH**

The Bulge · Luxembourg · not on the 5-day tour

The castle held for two days by the 110th Infantry on 16-18 December, delaying Panzer Lehr on the road to Bastogne.

**On the ground:** Museum in the castle.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Battle of Clervaux ↗](#)

50.05450, 6.02700 **HIGH** exact spot known

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19

### LUXEMBOURG AMERICAN CEMETERY — PATTON'S GRAVE

**HIGH**

Cemetery · 5,000 graves · not on the 5-day tour

The Third Army's dead of the Bulge and their general.

**On the ground:** Hamm, outside Luxembourg city.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Battle of Grave? \(Market Garden\) ↗](#)

49.61150, 6.18550 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

20

## HAGUENAU — THE MODER RIVER FRONT

HIGH

Nordwind · Easy Company · on your tour

Easy's last line.

**On the ground:** South bank inside the town.

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Operation Nordwind ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Haguenau ↗](#)

48.82000, 7.79200 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

21

## FORT DE SCHOENENBOURG — MAGINOT LINE

HIGH

Alsace · fortress · on your tour

The fortified frontier the 1945 winter battles sat on.

**On the ground:** Guided/self-guided.

### DIG DEEPER

[Fort de Schoenenbourg \(official\) ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Ouvrage Schoenenbourg ↗](#)

48.96800, 7.91400 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

22

## NATZWEILER-STRUTHOF

HIGH

Alsace · concentration camp · not on the 5-day tour

The only Nazi camp on French soil; liberated November 1944.

**On the ground:** Memorial site in the Vosges.

### DIG DEEPER

[Struthof \(official\) ↗](#)

48.45480, 7.25250 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

## MUSEUMS & SITES

The anchor museums along the route — Brabant, Arnhem, Bastogne, Alsace — plus the extras worth a detour on a 506th-focused visit.

1

**WINGS OF LIBERATION MUSEUM**

HIGH

Best · Day 1

Brabant liberation and Market Garden, beside the 101st landing zone.

1.5-2 hr

**DIG DEEPER**

[Official site ↗](#) [TracesOfWar entry ↗](#)

51.51595, 5.44020 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

2

**FREEDOM MUSEUM**

HIGH

Groesbeek · Day 2

Market Garden and the Rhineland; the 82nd's landing ground.

1.5 hr

51.78200, 5.95500 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

3

**AIRBORNE MUSEUM HARTENSTEIN**

HIGH

Oosterbeek · Day 2

The Arnhem battle in Urquhart's HQ (*headquarters*) hotel.

1.5 hr

**DIG DEEPER**

[Airborne Museum \(official\) ↗](#) [Wikipedia: Battle of Arnhem ↗](#)

51.98660, 5.83710 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

4

**AIRBORNE AT THE BRIDGE**

HIGH

Arnhem · Day 2

Small museum at the north end of the John Frost Bridge.

30 min

51.97800, 5.90900 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

5

**BASTOGNE WAR MUSEUM**

HIGH

Bastogne (Mardasson) · Day 3

The best single Bulge museum; beside the Mardasson memorial.

2 hr

#### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Siege of Bastogne ↗](#) [Bastogne War Museum \(official\) ↗](#)

[Wikipedia: Battle of the Bulge ↗](#)

50.00850, 5.73850 **HIGH** exact spot known

 GOOGLE MAPS

6

### BOIS JACQUES FOXHOLES

**HIGH**

Foy · Day 3

Easy Company's preserved positions; app-guided walk.

45 min

#### DIG DEEPER

[Bastogne War Museum: Bois Jacques ↗](#) [Foxholes \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

[Easy memorial \(TracesOfWar\) ↗](#)

50.03353, 5.76039 **HIGH** exact spot known

 GOOGLE MAPS

7

### 101ST AIRBORNE MUSEUM — LE MESS

**HIGH**

Bastogne · Day 4

Uniforms, artefacts, bomb-shelter experience.

1-1.5 hr

#### DIG DEEPER

[101st Airborne Museum \(official\) ↗](#)

49.99925, 5.71221 **HIGH** exact spot known

 GOOGLE MAPS

8

### BASTOGNE BARRACKS

**HIGH**

Bastogne · Day 4

McAuliffe's 'Nuts' HQ (*headquarters*) cellar; vehicle hall. Guided.

1.5 hr

#### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Siege of Bastogne ↗](#) [Bastogne War Museum \(official\) ↗](#)

[Wikipedia: Battle of the Bulge ↗](#)

50.00450, 5.70900 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

9

## DECEMBER 44 MUSEUM

**HIGH**

La Gleize · Day 4

Peiper's high-water mark; King Tiger.

1-1.5 hr

50.40230, 5.84070 **HIGH** exact spot known

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10

## BAUGNEZ CROSSROADS MEMORIAL

**HIGH**

Malmedy · Day 4

The Malmedy massacre memorial. The Baugnez 44 museum closed permanently in January 2023 – memorial only.

30 min

### DIG DEEPER

[Crossroads memorial \(TracesOfWar\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Richard Winters](#) ↗

50.41280, 6.04350 **HIGH** exact spot known

◆ GOOGLE MAPS

11

## MUSÉE HISTORIQUE DE HAGUENAU

**HIGH**

Haguenau · Day 5

The town's history including the two liberations of 1944-45.

45 min

### DIG DEEPER

[Wikipedia: Haguenau](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Operation Nordwind](#) ↗  
[Liberation memorial \(TracesOfWar\)](#) ↗

48.81530, 7.78970 **HIGH** exact spot known

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12

## FORT DE SCHOENENBOURG

**HIGH**

Hunspach · Day 5

Maginot Line fortress; galleries and turrets.

2 hr

### DIG DEEPER

[Fort de Schoenenbourg \(official\)](#) ↗ [Wikipedia: Ouvrage Schoenenbourg](#) ↗

48.96800, 7.91400 **HIGH** exact spot known

📍 GOOGLE MAPS

13

### OVERLOON WAR MUSEUM

Overloon · Extra

**HIGH**

Large vehicle collection on the site of the October 1944 tank battle east of the corridor.

2 hr

### DIG DEEPER

[Overloon War Museum \(official\)](#) ↗

51.57600, 5.95300 **HIGH** exact spot known

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14

### NETHERLANDS AMERICAN CEMETERY

Margraten · Extra

**HIGH**

8,300 American graves, including men of the 101st from Holland.

1 hr

50.82150, 5.80350 **HIGH** exact spot known

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15

### LUXEMBOURG AMERICAN CEMETERY

Hamm, Luxembourg · Extra

**HIGH**

5,000 Bulge dead and General Patton's grave.

1 hr

### DIG DEEPER

[ABMC: Luxembourg American Cemetery](#) ↗

49.61150, 6.18550 **HIGH** exact spot known

📍 GOOGLE MAPS

16

### NATZWEILER-STRUTHOF

Natzwiller, Alsace · Extra

**HIGH**

The only Nazi concentration camp on French soil, in the Vosges south-west of Haguenau.

2 hr

### DIG DEEPER

[Struthof \(official\)](#) ↗

48.45480, 7.25250 **HIGH** exact spot known

📍 GOOGLE MAPS

## IF YOU HAVE A SIXTH DAY

SUGGESTED INSERT – THE AMERICAN CEMETERIES AND THE NORTHERN SHOULDER

Margraten (Netherlands American Cemetery) → Henri-Chapelle →  
Elsenborn Ridge → Baugnez → La Gleize, between the Dutch and Belgian  
legs. Or, for the Easy purist, a slow second day in the Bois Jacques  
with the app-guided foxhole walk and the Recogne cemetery.

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Coordinates are navigation references, not proof a soldier stood on that GPS point.