

Capt Jacques Paul Henri Ledoux 197049
Highland Light Infantry
AKA - Jacques Lelong
Code Name - Homere

Jacques was born on 27 June 1921 in London, the twin son of Leonce Ledoux and Marie Ledoux nee Capelle.

Educated in France and England, on the outbreak of war, Jacques volunteered for service in the Army and in July 1941 was commissioned in the Highland Light Infantry.

Jacques was recruited by F (France) Section Special Operations Executive (SOE), his linguistic skills and knowledge of France making him an ideal recruit for field work in France.

In February 1944, Jacques and his fellow Agents were tasked with establishing a new circuit in the Brittany region, and were given a list of targets to sabotage which included locomotive sheds, railways and roads. The Agents were to be dropped to a reception committee from the "Phono" circuit.



At 20:58 on 8 February 1944, despite increasing certainty that the "Phono" circuit had been exposed, Jacques, and the team of three other Agents, departed RAF Tempsford, Bedfordshire in 138 Sqn Halifax II L9613 (NF-V).

Successfully dropped at a site near Sully sur Loire, the Gestapo were waiting. The operation and reception on the drop zone had been arranged by the Germans as part of their "*Funkspiel*", using the captured radio set and codes of Noor Inayat-Khan.

All four Agents were arrested immediately and taken to Gestapo HQ at 84 Avenue Foch, Paris for interrogation. After interrogation, Jacques was imprisoned at 3 bis place des Etats-Unis until he was transferred to Rawitsch Prison, Poland, in June 1944.

In the period 24 June to 4 September 1944, after orders were received from Berlin for the execution of the SOE agents at Rawitsch, they were taken by SS-Obersturmbannführer Dr. Wilhelm Scharpwinkel, head of the Breslau Gestapo, from the prison to the KZ Gross-Rosen concentration camp, 100 km SW in German Silesia. Jacques was executed and his body cremated.

Also killed : Captain Francois Adolphe Deniset, Royal Canadian Artillery; Lt Robert Bennett Byerly; Essex Scottish Regiment, Royal Canadian Infantry Corps Lt Roland Eugene Jean Alexandre (Agent)

Jacques has no known grave and is commemorated at the Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey

Jacques is commemorated on Wall Panel NYE

Jacques twin brother Georges also served with SOE

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