

2nd Lt Adrian Klaas Mooy Bronzen Kruis
AKA - Arie Mooy
Training Name - Adriaan Klaas
Alias -Colenbrander; Burner
Field Name - Willem Wijnard Mooy
Code Name - Cauliflower; Gerard; Thomas

Adrian was born on 11 July 1919 in Amersfoort, Utrecht, Netherlands, the son of Anton Jacobus Cornelis Mooij and Jannetje Brendina Mooij nee Molenaar.

Educated at The Elementary and High School, Amerfoort, in 1936 Adrian commenced study at the Royal Marine College at Den Helder, but opted for re-mustering to the Army. In September 1938 Adrian left the College to join the Military Academy at Breda as a Gunnery Cadet Officer. In June 1940 Adrian was serving with the Royal Netherlands East Indies Army when the Germans invaded and he was discharged from military service.



In October 1941 commenced his journey to the UK. Travelling via Antwerp, Brussels, Lille, Paris and Toulouse, Adrian was taken to the Dutch Refugee Camp at La Fourgette and from there to the French camp at Clerfond for enforced work. Quickly realising he was unable to progress further, Adrian returned to Paris and commenced a second attempt via Paris - Brussels - Geneva - Barcelona - Madrid, arriving in Lisbon in March 1942. In April Adrian travelled by air to Bristol and then on to London where, in May 1942, he was recruited by the SOE.

Identified as a leader, Adrian was selected to assume the duties of the Regional Commander for either Overijssel or Gelderland, the region to be selected by the leader of the "Marrow" Section on arrival.

At 21:25 on 24 September 1942, together with three other Agents, Adrian departed RAF Tempsford, Bedfordshire in 138 Sqn in Whitley Z9286(NF-H). The drop consisted of the four agents to be dropped in two separate locations, and six containers.

Successfully dropped at the drop zone near Rijssen, Overijssel, the Gestapo were waiting. Unbeknown to SOE, the Germans had infiltrated the Dutch Section and were operating a very successful counterintelligence operation, known as "Englandspiel". Immediately arrested, Adrian was interrogated by the SS and transferred to the SD prison Haaren in North Brabant. Following the escape of prisoners from Haaren on 29 November 1943 the remaining agents, including Adrian, were first transported to the prison in Assen, then in 1944 to Rawicz, Poznan, Poland. Adrian was executed in Rawicz on 30 April 1944.

Adrian has no known grave and is commemorated on the Englandspiel Memorial, Den Haag, Netherlands

Adrian is commemorated on Wall Panel - Not Yet Erected

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