

**Frederick Willem Rouwerd Dutch Army
Bronzen Kruis
Training Name – Frederick Willem Roeleveld
Field Name – Frederick Willem Roozendaal
Code Name – Ernst**

Frederick was born on 31 May 1912 in The Hague, the son of Frederick Willem Rouwerd and Christina Rouwerd nee Hoegee. In November 1937 he married Maria Bastiana Groenendal in Pretoria.

Educated in the Hague, on leaving school Frederick was employed as a carpenter and completed his compulsory military service in Utrecht in 1932. In 1936 Frederick emigrated to South Africa and settled in Pretoria where he was employed in the building trade.



In January 1942, he was called up for Military service. Immediately sailing to London from Cape Town in SS Windsor Castle, Frederick enlisted in the Princess Irene Regiment of the Dutch Army in Wolverhampton, Staffordshire. In June 1942 Frederick volunteered for service with SOE.

Following training at STS 6 West Court, Berkshire, STS 24b Knoydart, Scotland, STS 52 Thame Park, Oxfordshire and STS 51 RAF Ringway, Lancashire for parachute training, in April 1943 Frederick was allocated his operation - "Netball" -, where he would serve as the radio operator for the Corry Section, consisting of "Seakale", "Polo", "Radish" and "Lacrosse" and moved to STS 61 Gaynes' Hall, St Neots where he awaited his drop date.

At 22:47 on 21 April 1943 Frederick, and one other agent, departed RAF Tempsford, Bedfordshire in 138 Sqn Halifax BB313 (NF-M).

Successfully dropped at the drop zone at Gaarden, Gelderland, Netherlands, 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, Frederick 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 Frederick, were first transported to the prison in Assen, then in 1944 to Rawicz. Frederick was executed at Rawicz on 30 April 1944.

Also Killed: Ivo van Uytvanck BK Dutch Army

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

Frederick is commemorated on Wall Panel - Not Yet Erected

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