

49/77AIRBORNE VETERANS GO BACK TO ARNHEM

Arnhem - a name forever engraved on British hearts. Time has healed the scars of war, yet nothing can ever erase the memory of the men who fought - and died - in this Dutch town. Today, and every day, Britons and Dutchmen alike still recall those stirring, sad September days, when a daring band of men in red berets dropped out of the sky to write a gallant page of history.

For nine days they fought - days that merged into nights without rest. Outnumbered, they did not falter. Outgunned, they pitted rifles against tanks. They knew not surrender. Theirs was an action that made heroes of all who can say "I fought with the First Airborne Division at Arnhem."

They died giving Holland back to Holland - and freedom and hope to an enslaved Europe. Today, their noble sacrifice again proclaims its message. Liberty - for which they gave their all - is again at stake. Only eternal vigilance can preserve it and repay the debt we owe to the men who died at Arnhem.