

SHORT SUMMARY



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In the Roman Catholic section of the General Cemetery at St. Michielsgestel, the Netherlands, there are the graves for two unknown Polish Airbornes.

On 19 September 1944 a glider was on it's way to LZ-L in Oosterbeek. This glider with chalk number 126 was carrying 1 jeep, 1 Anti Tank Gun and the crew of the gun, two Polish soldiers. Kanonier Kazimierz Nowak and Ogniomistrz Maslorz. After it had been hit (tail shot of) it crashed in a field near St. Michielsgestel.

The bodies of the two British Pilots are still buried at St. Michielsgestel but the two Poles were reburied at Oosterbeek. Since there were no other remains found on the scene, investigation of the Red Cross records and several reports learns that the two remaining graves, now named as unknown Polish Airbornes are empty.

This is caused by a wrong interpretation of the documents. However, these documents state very clearly that the identification papers and shoulder tags (Poland) of two

Polish Airbornes were found during the excavation of the crashed glider.

There are no unknown Polish Airbornes buried at St. Michielsgestel.

The graves are empty.

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In the Dutch version is described how this conclusion arose. Unfortunately, until today there exists no translation in the English language.