

Dear all of the Infogroup and the Projectgroup,

I am happy that I can inform you more in detail after the breakthrough since our last newsletter.

I was with Johan Wieland and Norbert-Jan Nuij at the institute of the Amsterdam Archives.

They hold 47 kilometers of shelves with boxes with documents.

Only a part has been digitized. So we got 5 boxes with all of the deadcertificates made up by doctors in may 1945. Not sorted on name or date. Not the half of that we could research while we took 6 hours of time.

But the results so far are astonishing, but also very sad.

We have discovered 33 victims of the the Dam shooting and 4 more of whom the location is not clear.

All these have been shot with one ore more bullets. So automatic weapons were used by the Germans.

About 2 more victims could have died because they were trampled in the panic.

We have still 4 more boxes with documents to investigate, I fear that the number of victims will be over 40.

The historical number is 22 victims, but this was made up with no real effort to investigate.

Also I have read the summary of all the discussions of the Council of Amsterdam between the liberation in 1945 and the end of 1947. In 1947 the plaque without names of victims seems to be installed without connection with the Council or with family of the victims and payed for by firms and business like the commisionairs firm of C.F.Overhoff, the so called hero and leader of the BS on 7 may 1945. He was later convicted for fraude with the selling of the belongings of rich Jews that were sent to the concentration camps and mostly murdered. Between 5 may 1945 and 10 may 1945 he was also the most powerfull person in Amsterdam.

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