

## FLYING PERSONNEL OF KLM/KNILM IN THE N.E.I. ON 8 DECEMBER 1941

### Vliegers / Pilots KLM

J.J. van Balkom  
C. Blaak  
P.A. Deenik  
E. van Dijk  
E.E. Hulsebos  
M.S. Rab  
G.J.C. te Roller  
I.W. Smirnoff

### Vliegers / Pilots KNILM

P.C. André de la Porte  
A.H.J.A.C. Arens  
P. Badings  
F. van Breemen  
E.W. Dunlop  
A.G. Ekels  
E.C. van Galen  
U. de Gioxa Salvi  
H.K. de Graaf  
G.J. de Haas  
J. Hofman  
C. ten Katen  
J. van der Kooy  
G. van Messel  
H.W. Nieuwdorp  
R. Ph. A. van Rees  
A. Reyers  
J. Rouffaer  
K.J.T.M.F.F.M. Rüpplin von Keffikon  
G.J. Schipper  
H.H.J. Simons  
H.C.A. Smits van Burgst  
W.C.J. Versteegh Jr.  
R.W.C.G.A. Wittert van Hoogland (KNILM Chief Pilot)

### Boordwerktuigkundigen / Flight Engineers KLM

J.H.W. Belie  
J.F.M. Blaauw  
J. Boon  
J. Deltenre  
M. de Lange  
C. Spaans  
M. Veenendaal  
M. Weststrate

### Boordwerktuigkundigen / Flight Engineers KNILM

G. Elleman  
W. Feith  
J. Gijzemijter  
J. van Hoeven  
E.H. van Hummel  
C. Kop  
F.W.L. de Meel  
C.H.O. Meier  
J.A.J. Meyer  
J.N. van Onselen  
A. van het Riet  
J. de Reus  
H. Schultz  
H. Veen

### Boordwerktuigkundigen Grote Oost Flight Engineers Far East

C. Bergisch  
J. Doornbos  
M. Koster  
F. Lischer  
J.W. van der Putten  
A.F. van Rassel

### Leerling-Boordwerktuigkundigen KNILM Trainee Flight Engineers

A. Bruins  
E. de Graaff  
H. van Romondt

### Telegrafisten - Wireless Operators KLM

W.J. van Aarem  
W.C. Bosson  
H. Buytendijk  
K.W.F. Groothoff  
J.W. Hoogland  
P. Matron  
G. Mulder  
J.J. Muller  
J.H. Pool  
P. Pronk  
D.K.R. Sweitser

### Telegrafisten - Wireless Operators KNILM

Brittijn  
W.F. Lambrechtsen  
Mandias  
Misdale  
H.O. Richards  
F. Ruyter  
W.H.F. Verheyen

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## ADDITIONAL NOTES - KLM / KNILM AIRCREW

|                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| P C André de la Porte (1)                                                         | Killed in action during a reconnaissance with RAAF/N.E.I 18th Squadron 26AUG44.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| A H J A C Arens (1)                                                               | Presumed returned to civilian life after the war.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| P Badings                                                                         | After evacuation was reassigned to KLM West Indies and was killed in the crash of the Lockheed Super Electra PJ-AIP in Trinidad on 22AUG42.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| C. Blaak<br>H. W. Nieuwdorp<br>F/E M. Veenendaal<br>W/O P. Pronk                  | DC-3 PK-AFZ, was on a mission from Broome to Bandung to evacuate personnel when it missed the coastline of Java and flew on to Sumatra where it made an emergency landing due to lack of fuel and crashed into the jungle during the night of 26/27FEB42. All crew were captured by the locals. Capt C Blaak was murdered by the Sumatran Japanese sympathisers. H.W. Nieuwdorp was missing presumed murdered by local sympathisers. W/O. J Pronk was severely wounded and captured by the Japanese and later executed. |
| E C van Galen (1)                                                                 | Killed in action during a patrol in a B-25 Mitchell during a patrol over Borneo DEC41.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| G J de Haas (1)                                                                   | Returned to civilian life after the war.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| J van der Kooy (1)                                                                | Recalled to military service and died during a training flight.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| H H J Simons (1)                                                                  | Returned to civilian life after the war.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| H C A Smits van Burgst (1)                                                        | Recalled for military service.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Jonkheer mr. Reyndert Willem Carel Godard Adriaan "René" Wittert van Hoogland (1) | Returned to civilian life after the war. Jonkheer is the noble title for the son of a Baron.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| C. ten Katen<br>F/E J. Doornbos<br>W/O F. Ruyter                                  | Shot down on 26JAN42 by a Japanese Zero over the airport at Penfoei, Koepang, Timor, flying a KNILM Grumman G21A PK-AFS.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| F/E J. F. M Blaauw                                                                | Died of injuries as a result of the Japanese attack on DC-3 PK-AFV (Capt I.W. Smirnoff) on 03MAR42 after the emergency landing at Carnot Bay, W.A.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| W/O S van de Molen (1)                                                            | A KLM W/O who was stranded in the NEI after the outbreak of war in Europe. He does not appear on the list on page 1 so probably never joined KNILM before being recalled to the military.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

### NOTES

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| 1 | This crew member had been in military service prior to joining KLM/KNILM and was recalled at the beginning of the war. |
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