



Private Paul RUSCART

Pte. Paul Ruscart Paul, born on February 18, 1923, was as a soldier (paratrooper) part of a Belgian unit of the 2th Army troop of SAS Regiment (Special Air Service) headed by the Belgian major

Blondeel. The Belgian unit was commanded by the 2nd Canadian Armoured Brigade and a Polish Division.

In early April 1945 they were involved in the liberation of eastern and northern Netherlands, including the city of Winschoten.

On April 23, 1945 the whole unit moved into the German Niedersaksen to clean the area. The goal was the German town of Varel. The advance was slowed by the Kriegsmarine, who tried to maintain much destruction and damaged lot of roads and bridges. In these battles Ruscart was hit by a heavy shell and wounded on May 1st 1945. He died the same day of the consequences of the attack in Godenholt, near Willemshaven, although some records say the date of death was May 4, 1945. The unit returned to the Belgian base Tervuren. A total of 15 Belgians from this unit were killed. Paul Ruscart was 23 years old.