



Evrard Cauwbergs
Prisoner 45636 – Neuengamme

Evrard was married to Mathilde and lived with his 9 children in the village of Meensel, at the heart of Belgium. He was a drainer at the local farms. During the Second World War, his two oldest sons Jules and Theofiel joined the resistance. After the murder on a collaborator, they came looking for the sons on August 11, 1944, but as they fled, they arrested Evrard instead. He was taken prisoner and deported at the end of August 1944 to Neuengamme, together with 70 other men from the village. As he was 61-years old, he couldn't cope with the harsh circumstances, and he collapsed on November 7, 1944. He was still alive when he was cremated by the Nazi's at the camp. For more than 20 years, we have visited Neuengamme to pay our respects to Evrard, my great grandfather, laying flowers at the ruins of the crematorium, so that he would never be forgotten.

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