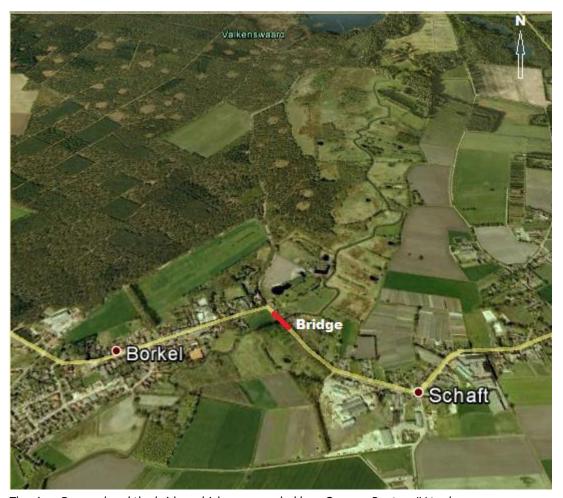
September 11, 1944; a remarkable story of the 2nd Household Cavalry.



The river Dommel and the bridge which was guarded by a German Pantzer IV tank.

Sept 11, 1944; some British soldiers entered the area around Borkel and Schaft which was controlled and occupied by the Germans until Sept 17, 1944; the British Army liberated Valkenswaard.



Two Daimler Scout Cars of the 2nd Household Cavalry.

On Sept 11, 1944, on special orders from Division, two Daimler Scout Cars of the 2nd Household Cavalry, led by Lieutenant Rupert Buchanan-Jardine of D Squadron, carried out a daring reconnaissance into Holland to see whether the Dommel Bridge just south of Valkenswaard was intact and would carry the XXX Corps tanks. Crossing the enemy lines shortly after noon, two Daimlers drove on for some five miles, questioning several Dutch civilians on the way, until they reached a roadside cafe, 'Rustoord', about a mile short of the bridge, where they were surrounded by a large group of overjoyed Dutchmen who thought liberation had come. While Lt. Buchanan-Jardine tried to calm the civilians, the commander of the other scout car, Lance Corporal-of-Horse Jack Brook, carried on the recce to the bridge. It was intact for he saw a German Mark IV parked right on it. Returning to the cafe they sent back a radio report. This done, the patrol returned the way it had come, racing through the German lines at full speed and regaining friendly territory with everything on their cars punctured and broken by German bullets.

General Horricks of XXX Corps was to later judge the exploit 'The most daring reconnaissance that was carried out in the last war'. Jardine received a Military Cross for this expedition, but Bob received nothing.



One of those Dutchmen who met the patrol along the way was the parish priest of the nearby village of Borkel en Schaft, Pastoor Hendrik Goyarts. He took these unique pictures. Here Lt Buchanan-Jardine (Standing) and his driver, Trooper Bob Buckley (In the scout car), pose with locals from Borkel en Schaft.



Lance Corporal-of-Horse Brook (With the rather splendid tash) and his driver, Trooper Bateman, in the other scout car. Brook and Bateman did not officially belong to Buchanan-Jardines No.2 Troop, being part of No.3 Troop, D Squadron. Buchanan-Jardine had 'borrowed' them because the second Daimler in his own troop was temporarily out of action.



