

## Email Exchange Assignment

Your name is Nowy van Hedel. You are a 30-year-old Dutch man who has always had a passion for World War II history. As a result, you have put in an application to adopt the grave of a World War II soldier at the nearby Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten. Typically people spend years on a waiting list until they are able to adopt a grave, but you get lucky and you are soon assigned the grave of Private First Class Stanley Clark of the 401<sup>st</sup> Glider Infantry.

You're psyched! You do as much research on your soldier as you can: you read through PFC Clark's file from the National Archives, you check out several books about the Glider Infantry Regiment, you visit sites throughout the country where he might have fought, and you perform many online searches to find information about his background. One problem: you cannot seem to locate a single photograph of PFC Clark and you still have lots of unanswered questions about him.

You have realized that you need to try to track down a living family member for PFC Clark and, after several days of searching online, you finally locate a potential email address for PFC Clark's nephew.

### Your mission:

1. Write an email to PFC Clark's nephew.
2. Be sure that your email is thoughtful and sensitive — there are a lot of nutty people out there!
3. Briefly introduce yourself and why you are writing.
4. Explain some of what the Dutch experienced during World War II.
5. Explain why you have adopted the grave of this person's uncle.
6. Close by requesting an interview with this person online or over the phone.
7. Use at least five details from your notes in class throughout the sections of your letter.
8. Underline all the details that you use from your notes in class within your email.

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From: Nowy van Hedel <nowy@yahoo.com>

To: Freddy Clark <fclark@gmail.com>

Subject: PFC Clark

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Dear Mr. Clark,