Subject: Dodenherdenking and an educational watch
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Today is Nationale Dodenherdenking (“Remembrance of the Dead") in the Netherlands. A moment to commemorate all victims (resistance fighters, soldiers and civilians) of the Second World War and other wars. I always look at the impressive silent moment on the Waalsdorpervlakte (see link, best to start around 12 mins).

I would say the best time to show a pocket watch that taught me more about these victims. I got it because of my love for watches and watchmaking. The pocket watch of the father-in-law of a friend from my mother’s. It is not a Gruen but an Omega.

The first hint of its history is the incredibly high radioactivity. Radium markers and numbers on the enamel dial and plenty on the hands too. Unbreakable Plexiglas crystal.

The second hint is the case back. The nickel plated brass case is engraved with a broad arrow G.S.T.P. (General Service Trade Pattern) with an army registration number starting with Y. The English RAF in fact.

Inside the Omega calibre 38.5 L T1 with special adjustment in four positions to within 10 seconds a day (as for a chronometer). And inside the case the reference ML 1140. Known to be delivered from March 1944 to the English army.

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