

# Tribute to the Americans

It was September 1944. The retreating armies of the Reich were overtaken by the Americans, primarily by the third armoured division. In what would later be referred to as the Mons Pocket, from 3 to 9 September, between 20,000 and 25,000 German soldiers were captured.

On 3 September in Erbisoeul and Jurbise, the Americans took many German prisoners, despite being outnumbered themselves.

The heroes of this feat belonged to the third armoured division, which was commanded by General Maurice Rose. He was known for always being present with his troop on the front line. He was a victim of his own courage, and was killed in action in March 1945 during the Battle of the Ruhr.

This monument pays tribute to him.

## The Iron Bridge

After an accident that cost the lives of two young Jurbise locals, the iron bridge was built in 1893 to replace two level crossings.

The access ramps were to be built as an extension of the bridge itself, but the local authority obtained the creation of side roads linking the old roads to the new structure.

In 1962, during electrification, the clearance under the bridge was insufficient to allow for the overhead lines to be installed. The bridge's abutments needed to be raised by 45 cm.



*Circa 1962: the bridge's supports have been raised but the overhead lines have not yet been installed.*