



Cornelis Johannes OVERWEEL
(1921-1994)

After a wasting disease Cornelis Johannes Overweel died on the 8th February 1994 at the age of 72 years in his dwelling-place Alphen aan den Rijn, The Netherlands.

Although born on the 25th April 1921 in Haarlem, North Holland Province, he spent his first 25 years in the former Netherlands Indies, where he lived in Bandung, Java Island. As an officer of the Royal Netherlands Indies Army, he was actively concerned in the war, as well as in the military actions, just after the war. Kees received three high War Honours because of his extraordinary courage, discretion and loyalty shown during these years. The American Honour was presented by Douglas McArthur himself.

After finishing his geological education in 1953 at Leiden University, Kees went to Peru in order to serve the Cerro de Pasco Cooperation as a mine-geologist. However, after three years he was asked to accept the position of petrologist in the National Museum of Geology and Mineralogy in Leiden, The Netherlands, a task which he kept until his retirement.

In 1977 Kees received his doctor's degree on a thesis: "Distribution and Transport of Fennoscandinavian Indicators". Apart from his work on erratics, he was also engaged with age determinations of fossil bones by using an X-ray diffraction method in order to measure the fluor-content of the apatite present in these bones.

Kees was a very kind person, always willing to assist. After the sudden death of his wife, just ten years ago, we all saw with admiration how he absorbed this shock and how he took over the daily education of his relatively young sons.

He will live on by his work ; his will-power and his perseverance. Not only the Museum, but also the EMU owe him much for a job excellently done.

May he rest in peace.

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