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**NAZI OCCUPATION
OF
THE NETHERLANDS**

The Netherlands had maintained a policy of neutrality during World War I.



With the beginning of World War II, the Netherlands hoped to again remain neutral.



This hope was inspired by a promise of nonaggression made by Hitler.



However, just like many other promises made
by Hitler and the Nazis,



Hitler Lied!!



On May 10, 1940, Germany invaded the Netherlands .



This brought war that ended five days later as
Dutch forces surrendered.



German occupation of the Netherlands had begun with Rotterdam destroyed.



Adolf Hitler was the leader of the National Socialist German Workers Party.



This was popularly known as the Nazi Party.



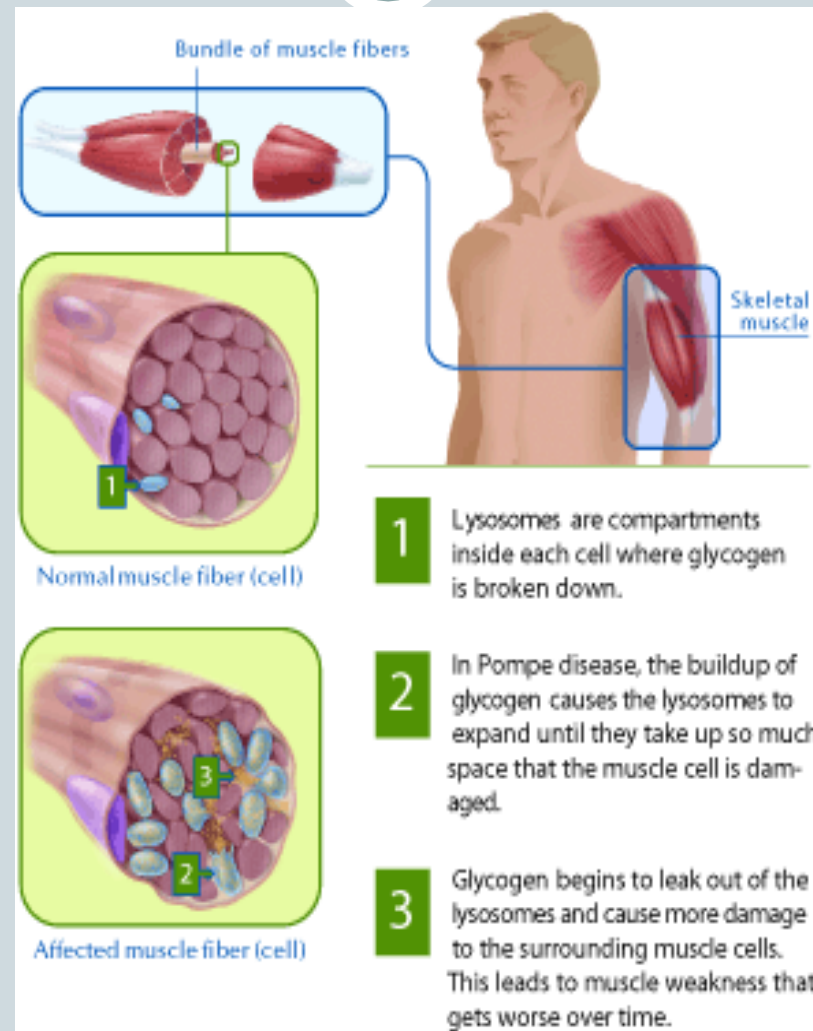
Just like in other countries the Germans had occupied, they began to kill Jews.



Thus begins the story of a hero,
Joannes Cassianus Pompe,



the scientist who first described a disease which now bears his name, Pompe.



Pompe became active in WWII Dutch resistance as a Captain in the medical army.



He was a doctor at the Hospital of Our Lady in Amsterdam, from June 1939 until his death.





He helped Jews find safe hiding places and made contact with the operator of an illegal transmitter.

Dr. Pompe had an isolated laboratory, a good hiding place for sending messages.





- The transmitter was detected by the Germans. 40-50 German Military Police raided the hospital and made straight for the lab.



- A wireless operator was transmitting at the time and tried to resist. He was executed in the courtyard of the hospital.



- After the raid, Dr. Pompe was warned by patients at the hospital of what had occurred.



- He rushed to tell his wife that he was going into hiding. Before he could leave the house, he was arrested in front of his wife and children.



- On April 14, 1945, the resistance blew up a railway bridge, destroying an army train in the process.
- The Germans retaliated. Twenty Dutch prisoners, including Dr. Pompe, were shot.

They were taken in a sealed truck to a meadow and shot in two groups.



The bodies were buried in a mass grave near
Overveen.



A monument was erected to the victims after
the war,



along with this tile panel honoring Dr. Pompe.



In 1999, the first clinical trials for Pompe Disease began at Erasmus University, NL.



In 2006, Myozyme was approved by the FDA as the first treatment for Pompe Disease.



Thank you, Dr. Pompe, for everything.



Thanks for watching!



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