

# Records for Individual Soldiers In Normandy

**ASN** 37544458

**Name** Songstad, Melvin J.

**Neptune Rank** Private First Class

**Division** 82nd Abn Div

**Regiment** 507th Prcht Inf

**Battalion**

**Neptune Company** Co H

**Company Attached**

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**Neptune Platoon** 3rd Plat

**Neptune Squad** 1st Sq

**Neptune MOS**

**Combat Infantry Badge** Normandy

**Combat Medical Badge**

**Neptune Tail #** 42-32837

**Neptune After Action Status** LWA

**Neptune After Action Date** 6/7/1944

**Age** 22

**Month of Admission** June

**Type of Case** Casualty, battle

**1st Diagnosis** Wound(s), Lacerated

**1st Anatomical Location** Leg

**1st Operation** Closure of wound, delayed (suture, secondary to wound) (delayed closure)

**2nd Diagnosis** -

**2nd Anatomical Location** -

**2nd Operation** 000

**Causative Agent** Artillery Shell, Fragments, Afoot or unspecified

**Final Result** 307th Station Hospital

**Disposition** Duty

**Month of Disposition** November

**Current Days /Gen Hosp Overseas Days** 164

**Place of Final Cure** 6167

STATION **2nd Battalion 100th Airborne Division**  
 ORGANIZATION **Company 2nd Battalion 100th Airborne Division**

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
1	100th Airborne Division	100	100
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30	100th Airborne Division	100	100

OFFICER STRENGTH	FLD O & CAPT		1ST LT		2D LT		WO.		FLT O	
	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST
ABSD	1		4		5					
ATCHD UNASGD										1
ATCHD FR OTHER ORGN										
TOTAL	1		4		5					

AVN CADET & ENL STRENGTH	AVIATION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT NOT FOR DUTY	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
ABSD			125	2	10	137
ATCHD UNASGD						
ATCHD PR OTHER ORGN			6		2	8
TOTAL			131	2	12	145

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR: **133** DAY OF WEEK: **1** DATE: **1** NUM. IR: **1**

MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT

BREAKFAST	DINNER	SUPPER	TOTAL	AVERAGE

MEN AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY: **133** MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS O & OTHERS MESSED: **133**

MEN ATCHD TO OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS: **133** MEN PRESENT: **133** LESS: **133** PLUS: **133**

## FORM B PARACHUTE

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

A/C NO. (TAIL NO.)

42-32837

CHALK NO.

44

PERSONNEL

DROP ORDER	ASN	RANK	NAME AND INITIALS	UNIT
1	0-1318426	2nd Lt	Hale, Bartley E.	Co "H"
2	13039429	Pfc	Carlson, Donald M.	" "
3	38070612	Pvt	Westcott, Earl M.	" "
4	36573459	Pvt	Stetz, Stanley F.	" "
5	39615443	Pvt	Lang, John E.	" "
6	36721098	Pvt	Condich, John J.	" "
7	34761708	Pfc	Vermillion, Royce M.	" "
8	34050250	Pvt	Lasseter, Idris E.	" "
9	32752366	Pvt	Wolfinger, Henry J. III	" "
10	34006398	Pfc	Gladney, Alfred J.	" "
11	12081892	Cpl	Hansson, Eloy A.	" "
12	17157287	Pvt	McGrath, Joseph E.	" "
13	34334537	Pvt	Rooks, Noah F.	" "
14	35390747	Pfc	Richesson, Harry E.	" "
15	37544458	Pfc	Songstad, Melvin J.	" "
16	20811329	Sgt	White, Howard P.	" "
17	35032592	S/Sgt	Gunka, Chester A.	" "
18	0-129921	2nd Lt	Denziger, Benjamin NMN	" "
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## CONTAINERS

RACK NO.	TYPE CONTENTS	GROSS WEIGHT	PARACHUTE COLOR
1	LMG Comp & Ammo & 1 Dem Kit	241	
2	LMG Ammo & 12 03 Gds	238	
3	LMG Comp & Ammo & 1 Dem Kit	238	
4	COMM Ammo & 2 Allum	184	
5	LMG Comp	220	

Inspection completed \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

I certify this to be a true and correct copy.

JOE A. GUAYANTE  
1st Lt., 507th Precht Inf., Ass't Adjutant



FORM E-PARACHUTE

EXERCISE-OPERATION \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DETAILS OF AIRCRAFT

SQUADRON 53rd T.O. A/C TYPE C-47 TAIL NO. 42-32837 CHALK NO. 44

AIRCREW

P	Harold V. Williams, 1st Lt.	0-666489
CP	David B. Prector, 1st Lt.	0-799451
N	William R. Rettinger, T/Sgt	13C11138
R	Albert M. Westrich, Pfc	35470591

/s/ Harold V. Williams  
HAROLD V. WILLIAMS  
1st Lt., A.C.

SECRET --(when filled in)

FORM B LOADING MANIFEST (PARACHUTE)

Exercise/Operation \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

A/C No. (Tail No.) 42-32837

Chalk No. 44

PERSONNEL

Drop Order	Serial Number	Rank	Full Name		Remarks
1	13059429	Pfc SGT	Carlson, Donald M.	H	507th Precht Inf Co "H" P
2	38070612	Pvt	Westcott, Earl M.	H	" P
3	36573459	Pvt	Stetz, Stanley F.	KIA	" P
4	39615443	Pvt	Lang, John E.	H	" P
5	36721098	Pvt	Condich, John J.	MIA	" MIA
6	34761708	Pfc	Vermillion, Royce M.	H	" P
7	34050250	Pvt	Lasseter, Idris E.	MIA	" MIA
8	32752386	Pvt	Wolfinger, Henry J.	III POW	" P
9	34006398	Pfc	Gladney, Alfred J.	MIA	" MIA
10	12081821	Cpl	Hansson, Eloy A.	H	" MIA
11	17157287	Pvt	McGrath, Joseph E.	H	" P
12	34334537	Pvt	Rooks, Noah F.	HOSP	" 1W2
13	35590747	Pfc	Richesson, Harry E.	H	" P
14	37544458	Pfc	Songstad, Melvin J.	HOSP	" 1W2
15	20811329	Sgt	White, Howard P.	HOSP	" 1W2
16	35032592	S/Sgt	Gunka, Chester A.	KIA	" MIA
17	0129921	2d Lt.	Danziger, Benjamin	MIA	" MIA
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CONTAINERS

Rack No.	Type	Contents (general)	Gross Weight	Parachute color/light

Inspection Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Information from the Hospital Admission Cards created 10/16/2024  
by the office of the Surgeon General, Department  
of the Army (1944-1945).  
Information for the year 1944

Service Number	37544458
Rank	Enlisted Man
Arm of Service	Infantry, Parachute Troops
Age	22
Race	White
Length of Service	1 Year(s), 6 Month(s)
Month of Admission	June
Year of Admission	1944
Last Treatment Facility	Station hospital
Circumstances Surrounding Injury	Battle casualty or battle injury other than ; self-inflicted injury or injury intentionally ; inflicted by another person.
Type of Case	Casualty, battle
Type of Admission	New
Type of Diagnosis	Sole diagnosis, no history of prior disease, injury; or battle casualty
Line of Duty	In line of duty
1st Diagnosis	Wound(s), Lacerated
1st Anatomical Location	Leg
1st Operation	Closure of wound, delayed (suture, secondary to wound) (delayed closure)
2nd Diagnosis	
2nd Anatomical Location	
2nd Operation	
3rd Diagnosis	
Causative Agent	Artillery Shell, Fragments, Afoot or unspecified
Final Result	307th Station Hospital
Disposition	Duty
Cause of Disposition	Not death nor discharge (incl cases remaining in hosp at end of 1944
Month of Disposition	November
Year of Disposition	1944
Total Days (non-effective)	164
Hospital Days	161
Current Days /Gen Hosp Overseas Day	164
Place of Final Cure	
Sample Size	Remaining 1944 case

Source: This information was obtained from the Hospital Admission Card data file (1944-1945) created by the Office of the Surgeon General Department of the Army. In 1970 the National Research Council first compiled this for statistical purposes using the EMTs (Emergency Medical Tags) and other Office of the Surgeon General Office Records during WWII.