

D PLUS 2, 8 JUNE 1944

505th Parachute Infantry Regiment

The 1st Battalion initially remained in position north of LA FIERE assisting the 507th Parachute Infantry in guarding the MERDERET River crossing at that point. The 2d and 3d Battalions attacked abreast to the north and seized NEUVILLE AU PLAIN by 0430 hours against slight opposition. Supported by the 2d Platoon, Company C, 746th Tank Battalion, these two battalions continued their attack to the north and seized GRAINVILLE by 2300 hours. The 1st Battalion relieved the 3d Battalion, the 3d then taking up a reserve position southwest of GRAINVILLE in the vicinity of 308993. Attached to the 505th, the 2d Battalion, 325th Glider Infantry, assumed defensive positions west of the town and prepared to attack to the north toward FRESVILLE on the Division's north flank at the close of the period.

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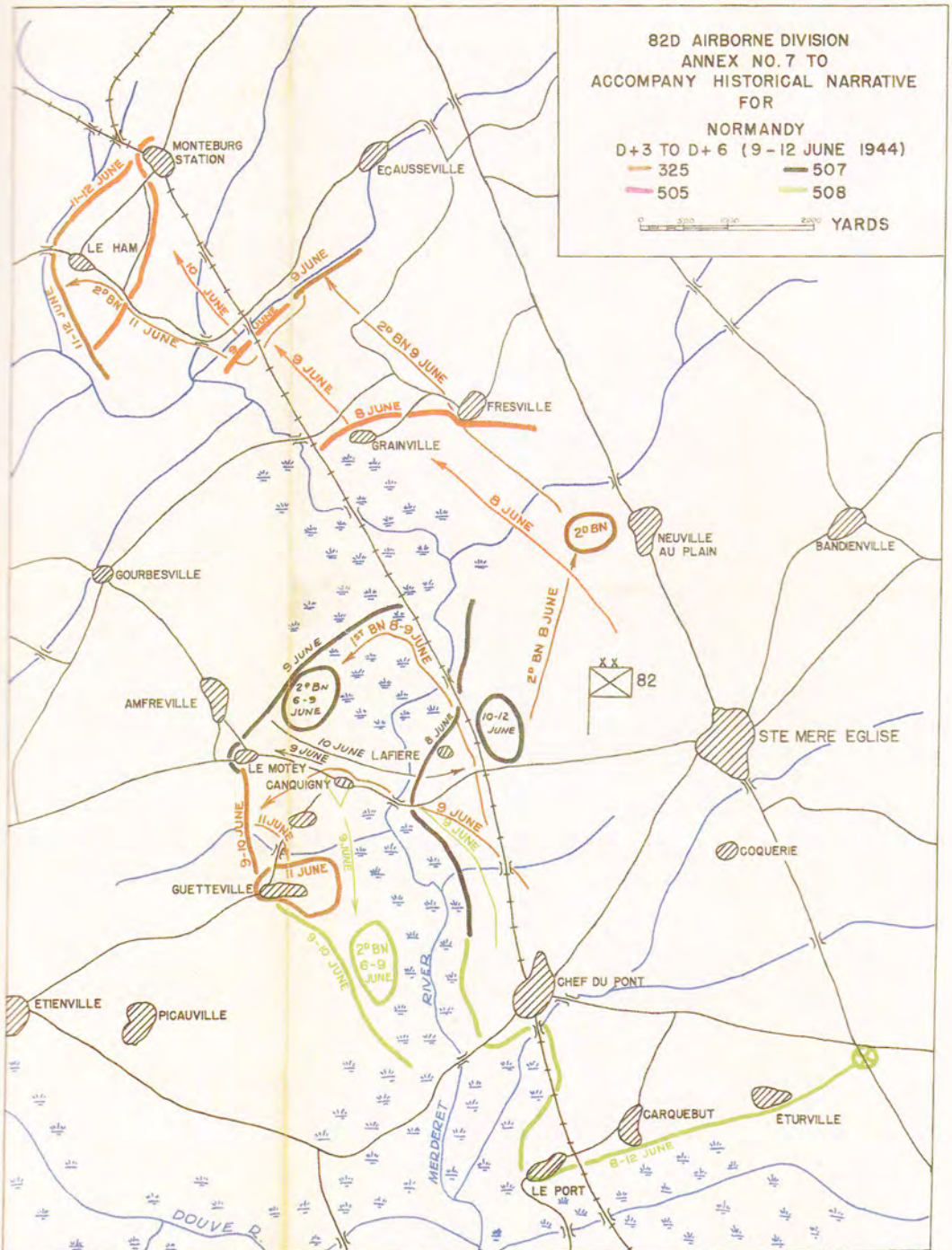
82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
ANNEX NO. 7 TO
ACCOMPANY HISTORICAL NARRATIVE
FOR

NORMANDY

D+3 TO D+6 (9-12 JUNE 1944)

325 — 507
505 — 508

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COMPANY MORNING REPORT

ENDING 2400

DATE: _____ MONTH: _____ YEAR: _____ (1944)

STATION: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

CO. DET. ETC.: _____ PRESENT UNITS: _____ (ARMY OR SER. A.C.): _____

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
above 100			
action for			
5370000			M
1807000			
1405000			
above 200			
action for			
5020000			M
5480000			M
2 above 100			
France 2 June 44			
1507000	Irving, George	Sgt	✓
1400000	Grady, Kelly	Sgt	✓
1507000	Vanich, Sam	Sgt	✓
3 above 100			
(date killed in)			
8 June 44			
1500000	Vanich, Sam	Sgt	7
France 8 June 44			
(lost in) bottle			

OFFICER STRENGTH	PLD O & CAPT		1ST LT		2D LT		WO		FLT O	
	PRES	ASST	PRES	ASST	PRES	ASST	PRES	ASST	PRES	ASST
ASGD										
ATCD										
BRASGD										
ATCD FR										
OTHER CRGN										
TOTAL										

AVN CADET & ENL STRENGTH	AVIATION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ASSENT	PRESENT P.R. LUTY	PRESENT DCT P.R. BY	ABSENT	PRESENT AND A SEAT
ASGD						
ATCD						
BRASGD						
ATCD FR						
OTHER CRGN						
TOTAL						

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR: _____ DAY OF WEEK: _____ NUMBER: _____
 DATE: _____

MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT

BREAKFAST	DINNER	SUPPER	TOTAL	AVERAGE

MEN AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY: _____ MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS O & OTHERS MESSED: _____ TOTAL: _____
 MEN ATCHD TO OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS: _____ NET: _____ PLUS: _____
 MEN PRESENT: _____ LESS: _____

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I CERTIFY THAT THIS MORNING REPORT IS CORRECT AND THAT RATION FIGURES IN PART II REPRESENT AN ACTUAL COUNT AS REPORTED TO ME.

SIGNATURE: _____

Information from the Hospital Admission Cards created 1/4/2024
 by the office of the Surgeon General, Department
 of the Army (1944-1945).
 Information for the year 1944

Service Number	15076814
Rank	Enlisted Man
Arm of Service	Infantry, Parachute Troops
Age	22
Race	White
Length of Service	2 Year(s), 0 Month(s)
Month of Admission	June
Year of Admission	1944
Last Treatment Facility	Not in a medical installation prior to death
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), character not stated (includes Wound(s), multiple, Not Elsewhere Classified: Wound(s) unqualified) with no nerve or artery involvement
1st Anatomical Location	Shoulder
1st Operation	
2nd Diagnosis	Killed in action
2nd Anatomical Location	
2nd Operation	
3rd Diagnosis	
Causative Agent	None or Unknown
Final Result	Graves Regis/Not in Med Instal prior to Death
Disposition	
Cause of Disposition	First diagnosis field
Month of Disposition	June
Year of Disposition	1944
Total Days (non-effective)	
Hospital Days	
Current Days /Gen Hosp Overseas Day	
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.



The upper photo is the Blossville Cemetery taken during the first few days. The lower photo is taken June 7 1944 0850 hours by photographers in aircraft 42-100642 piloted by 2nd Lt. Robert Ingram of the 91st TCS, serial 3 chalk 34. X represents where the Legg Cemetery was started in the upper photo. Y is the spot the photo was taken from, either from the wing of the Horsa or a jeep as the view is elevated. If you notice the rows of graves in the photo, there is space in between the rows. Legg is the man in the foreground actually doing work, the rest of the soldiers in the photo have their hands in their pockets.

In the upper photo if you look at the corner where the two tents are pitched, you'll see trees on both corners of the angle. The only spot in the Blossville field where the cemetery was started where this occurs is where the X is located. The upper photo is from the 82nd AB Museum at Bragg. Dave Berry provided the lower photo.

The view in the lower photo is from the SW looking NE. The highway to St. Mere Eglise is in the middle of the photo. The upper photo was taken from the SE looking NW. Judging by the shadows it appears to be mid-day.

CEMETERY





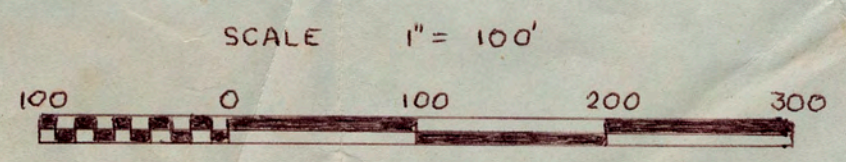
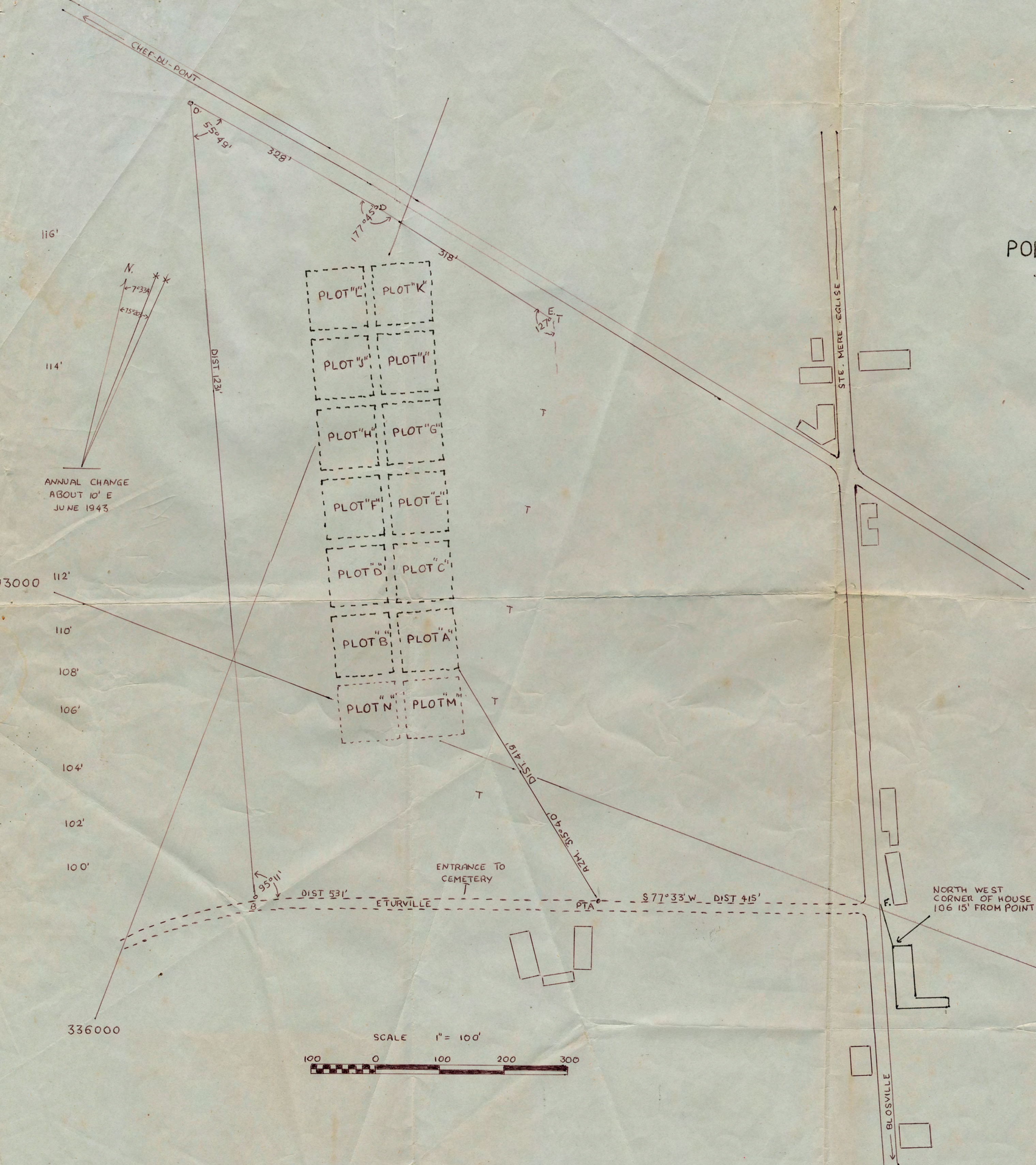
BLOSVILLE CEMETERY (FRANCE)

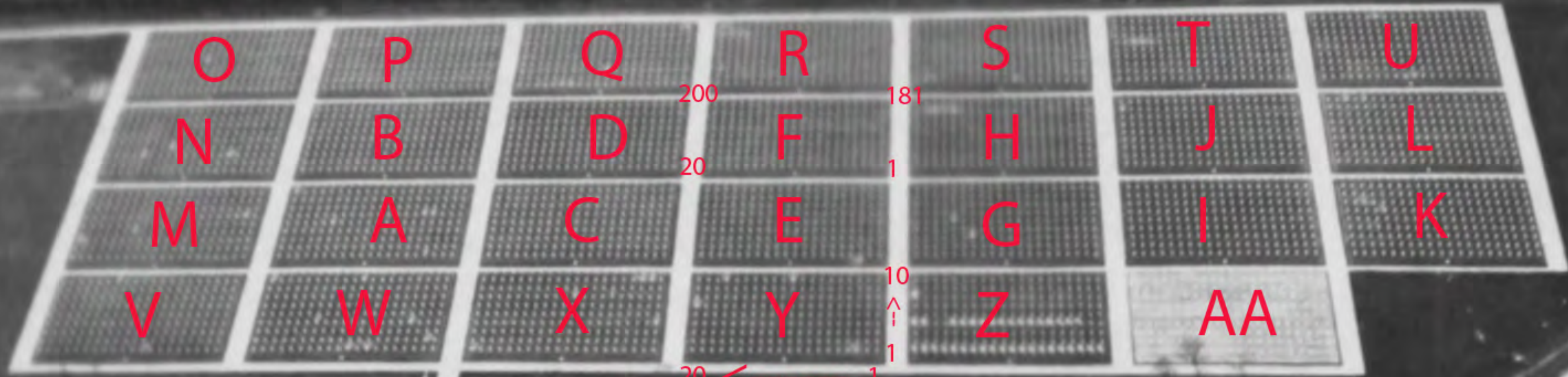
PORTION OF AREA SURROUNDING 8th CORPS CEMETERY

MAP REFERENCE: STE.MERE EGLISE
SECOND EDITION (APR.44)
Sheet No. 31/18 N.E.

ASSUMED ELEVATION STARTING WITH 100'
AT POINT "B"

NOTE: Plots up to and including plot "N" as of July 29, 1944
DRAWN BY Tech. Sgt. James J. Soltysaik
SURVEYED BY Tech. Sgt. Peter Dejanovich





Graves numbered from Right to left 1 to 20

Rows numbered from bottom to top 1 to 10

War Theatre #12 (France) - CEMETERIES

Orig. 10x10 neg. rec'd 12 Nov. 46 from Office Serv.
Unit, Notification Sect., Personal Affairs Br.
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United States Military Cemetery near Bloisville, France.



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HEADQUARTERS
607TH QM GRAVES REGISTRATION COMPANY
APO 230
U S Army

15 July 1944

OPERATIONS REPORT 607TH QM GRAVES REGISTRATION COMPANY

- 15 April 44 In compliance with First U. S. Army Orders, Company Headquarters and Fourth Platoon to Knowle Camp, Bristol, England; Second Platoon to Fifth Engineer Special Brigade, Swansea, Wales; First Platoon to First Engineer Special Brigade, Truro, England; Third Platoon to Sixth Engineer Special Brigade, Paignton, England.
- 28 April 44 First Platoon suffered heavy casualties while engaged in problem with First ESB. Six (6) EM killed, 1 Officer and nine (9) EM missing.
- 10 May 44 In compliance with First U. S. Army orders, 4th Platoon replaced First Platoon with First ESB at St. Austell. First Platoon to Knowle Camp, Bristol, for replacements and training.
- 6 June 44 Third Platoon with Sixth ESB landed at 1530 on Easy Red Beach, near St. Laurent Sur Mer, Normandy and began collection of bodies.
- 7 June 44 Third Platoon set up temporary cemetery on beach. Fourth Platoon with First ESB landed 1900 Utah Beach and began collection of bodies.
- 8 June 44 Second Platoon with Fifth ESB landed at 1145 at Omaha Beach and set up first permanent American Cemetery at St. Laurent Sur Mer. Fourth Platoon set up temporary cemetery on Utah Beach.
- 9 June 44 Third Platoon closed beach cemetery after interring 457 Americans.
- 11 June 44 Third Platoon moved to cemetery established at St. Laurent Sur Mer by Second Platoon.
- 12 June 44 Fourth Platoon Detachment processed 97 German dead at 101st Airborne Cemetery.
- 18 June 44 Fourth Platoon closed Utah Beach cemetery after interring 368 bodies.
- 19 June 44 Fourth Platoon moved to Orglandes and set up German cemetery at site selected by 7th Corps.
- 20 June 44 Company Hq and First Platoon left Knowle Camp, Bristol at 0115, per First U S Army orders, and arrived Saltram Park, Plymouth, 1500.

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- 21 June 44 Second, Third, and Fourth Platoons relieved from Attachment to 5th, 6th, and 1st ESB per First U. S. Army Troop Assignment Order 6
- 24 June 44 Fourth Platoon, after interring 760 Germans at Orglandes, moved per 7th Corps orders to disinter temporary Utah Beach cemetery. Orglandes Cemetery records turned over to 603d Q M Gr Reg Co, Lt. Miller, Edwin H.
- 29 June 44 First Platoon landed at Omaha Beach and joined Second and 3d Platoons at St. Laurent Cemetery.
- 30 June 44 Company Headquarters joined 1st, 2d, and 3d Platoons at St. Laurent
- 1 July 44 Fourth Platoon to Orglandes German Cemetery per First U. S. Army orders.
- 2 July 44 In compliance with First U. S. Army orders, 4th Platoon to Hiesville to disinter 101st Airborne Cemetery. (437 bodies).
- 5 July 44 In compliance with First U. S. Army orders, 4th Platoon ordered to Blosville Cemetery. Disinterred 131 German bodies which were sent to Orglandes. Disinterred and reburied 400 Americans. Disinterment of American dead in temporary Omaha Beach cemetery begun. Bodies reinterred at St. Laurent Cemetery.
- 6 July 44 Replacement of temporary markers by permanent crosses begun at St. Laurent Cemetery.
- 12 July 44 First Platoon to Orglandes German Cemetery per First U. S. Army orders.
- 13 July 44 Company Hq and 4th Platoon to Orglandes German Cemetery per First U. S. Army orders.
- 15 July 44 Company Hq, 1st and 4th Platoons assisting one platoon, 603d QM Gr Reg Co with cemetery operation at Orglandes. Second and Third Platoons continuing operation of St. Laurent Cemetery.

HIGHLIGHTS AND OBSERVATIONS TO ASSIST FUTURE PLANNING

1. Graves Registration units need more O55 clerks skilled as typists.
2. Graves Registration platoons should be self-sufficient as to messing facilities.
3. More attention should be paid to identification of unknowns by qualified identification teams using fingerprinting and other recognized techniques.

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