

COMPANY MORNING REPORT

END: NS
2400 16 June

1944
(YEAR)

STATION Hinckley, 1 mi SE VK 9012 Eng land

ORGANIZATION Co "B" 307 A/B Engr Bn CE

ACC SET ETC

SPARENT M-175

DATE OR NEXT

STATION & RECORD OF EVENTS:

Birbaga, Hinckley, Leicestershire, Eng - 2 Os

1 O atchd 75 EM & 4 atchd EM. 1 EM in combt.
COMBAT ZONE - 3 Os, 43 EM & 1 atchd EM de-
parted by air from Spanhoe Airfield, Upping-
ham, Rutlandshire, England on 6 June 44 to
make Preht jump into combat zone in France.
DEPARTURE AIRFIELD 6 Os 88 EM & 2 atchd EM.

COMBAT ZONE FRANCE- 9 Os, 131 EM & 3 atchd
EM Bivouacked Map ref: Cherbourg-Valognes
sheet 6 E Scale: 1:100,000 Coord: 333 960.

5 June 44 - Company less 3rd plat left
Saltby Airfield, Waltham-on-the-Wolds,
Rutlandshire, England by air 2320.

6 June 44 - Company less 3rd plat landed
by parachute in vicinity of Picaucville,
France, encountering enemy forces upon
landing at 0208. Other strong enemy
forces at town of Etienville, about one
(1) mile fr drop zone.

OFFICER STRENGTH	FLD O & CAPT		1ST LT		2D LT		WO		FLT O	
	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST
ASGD	0/1		7		3					
ATCD										
UNASGD										
ATCD FR OTHER CRGN					1					
TOTAL	0/1		7		4					

AVN CADET & ENL STRENGTH	AVIATION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT NOT FOR DUTY	ABSENT	ABSENT
ASGD			205	ATL	8	213
ATCD						
UNASGD						
ATCD FR CYAER CRGN			7		1	8
TOTAL			212	ATL	9	221

I	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR		DAY OF WEEK <u>Monday</u> DATE <u>19 June 44</u>		NUMBER <u>285</u>				
	MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT				TOTAL <u>855</u>				
II	BREAKFAST	<u>285</u>	DINNER	<u>285</u>	SUPPER	<u>285</u>	AVERAGE <u>285</u>		
III	MEN AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY		MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS		60		ALL		
	MEN ATCHD TO OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS		NET		13				
	MEN PRESENT		LESS		212		PLUS	73	TOTAL <u>285</u>

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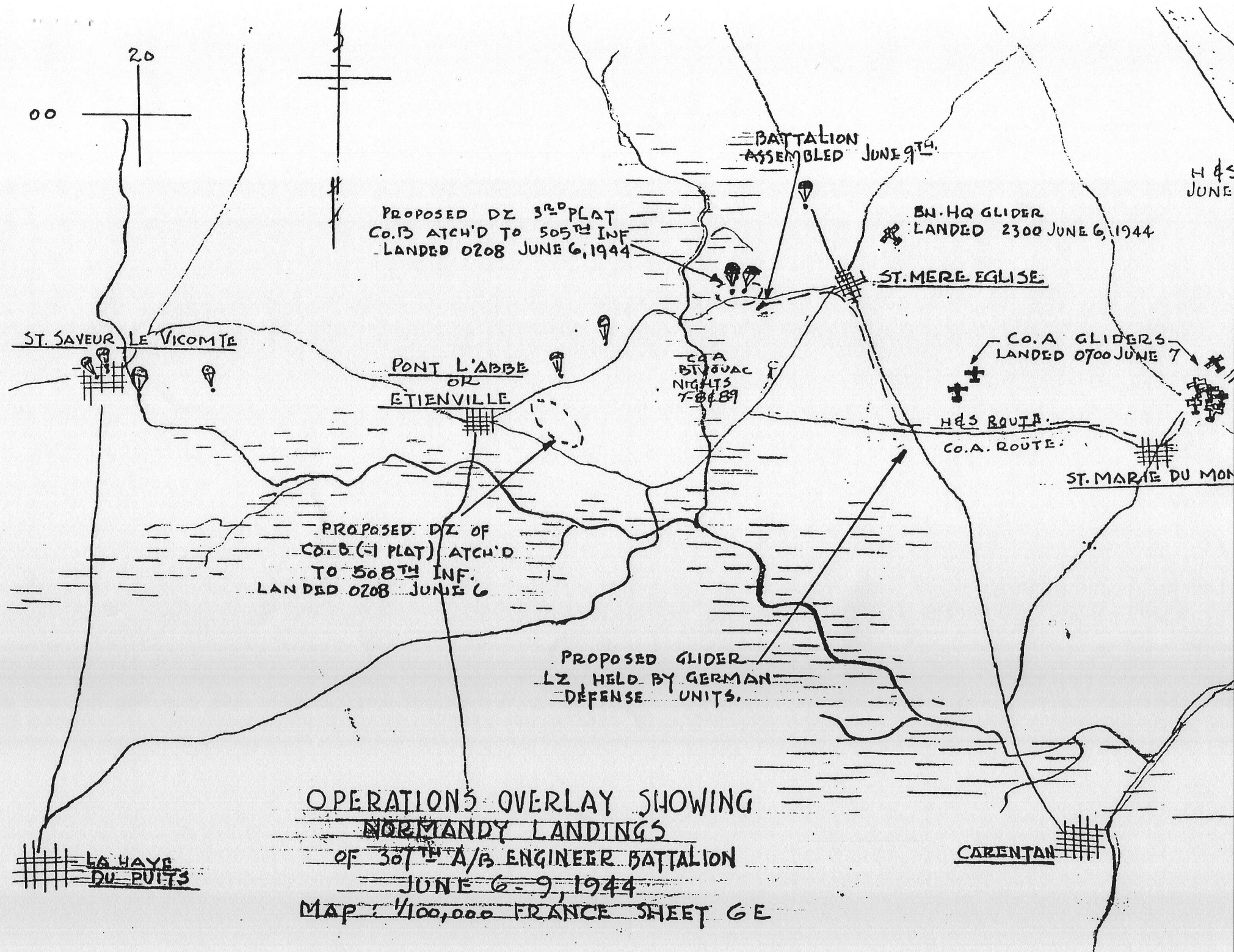
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SIGNATURE A. T. ZBINDEN, CWO, USA.,

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COMPANY

MORNING REPORT

ENDING 2400 17 June

(DAY)

(MONTH)

1944 4
(YEAR)

STATION Hinckley, 1 mi 3E VK 9012 England

ORGANIZATION Co B 307 A/B Engr Bn

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(CD ETC ETC)

(PARENT M 17)

(ARM OR SERVICE)

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
33600839	De Souza, Moses (MI)	Pvt	M
20406903	Ellis Elmer (NMI)	Pvt	I
13027360	Hause, Robert K	Pvt	L
13059421	Hessler, James E MD	Pvt	
Atchd fr Med Det this Bn (Hessler only).			
6557991	Schuchart, Charles E	Pvt	M
32175104	Tedeschi, Jack L	Pvt	
20402585	Thomas, Raymond W	Pvt	
11065749	Wagner, Jacob C	Pvt	
11042041	Wheeler, Paul D	Pvt	
35000123	Zwir, John R	Pvt	
31157705	Hughes, Thomas P	Pvt	
37506691	Jones, Pearoy C	Pvt	
32439143	Joseph, Horace (NMI)	Pvt	
37541171	King, Stanley Y ATC	Pvt	
13090866	Kreiser, Roy K	Pvt	
36414311	Lambert, Lewis J	Pvt	
39615493	Lansrud, Gaylord A	Pvt	
33575647	Leverknight, Karl T	Pvt	
31362688	Maloney, Francis J	Pvt	
33394148	Marcello, Vincent A	Pvt	
32699574	Mc Millan, Edward P	Pvt	

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

AVN CADET & ENL STRENGTH	AVIATION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT NOT FOR DUTY	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
ASGD						
ATCHD						
UNASGD						
ATCHD FR OTHER ORGN						
TOTAL						

R A T I O N S	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR	DAY OF WEEK DATE	NUMBER
	MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT		
	BREAKFAST	DINNER	SUPPER
	TOTAL		AVERAGE
	MEN AUTHORIZED TO		
	MEN ATCHD TO OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS		NET
	MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS O & OTHERS MESSED		TOTAL
	MEN PRESENT		LESS
			PLUS

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COMPANY

MORNING REPORT

ENDING 2400 17 June

194 4
(YEAR)

STATION Hinckley, 1 mi SE WK 9012 England

ORGANIZATION Co B 307 A/B Engr Bn

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(CO, DET, ETC.)

(PARENT B-17)

(ARM OR SERVICE)

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
32191687	Mc Murdy, Joseph C	Pvt	11
35803109	Moore, Casper (MM)	Pvt	
18248034	Passmore, Joseph H	Pvt	
20938772	Petersen, Leslie V	Pvt	
39194297	Peterson, Tom D	Pvt	
38406659	Pharriss, Arthur G	Pvt	
33418401	Ruskarich, Matthew (W.I.)	Pvt	

Above 4 Os, 61 EM & 2 atchd EM fr dy to missing in action in France as of 6 June/44 (Battle).

35457917 | Luke, Richard H | Pfc | 9
fr dy to abs sk Hosp unknown as of 6 June 44. Slightly injured in action in France | FS lt femur sustained making combat parachute jump | (Battle)

35092815 | Northern, Harry H | Pfc | 9
fr dy to abs sk LD Hosp unknown as of 7 June 44. Slightly wounded in action in France. Gunshot wounds in leg. (Battle)

12078130 | O' Neill, John J | Pvt | 11
fr dy to killed in action in France on

OFFICER STRENGTH	FLD O & CAPT		1ST LT		2D LT		WO		FLY O	
	PRES	ASST	PRES	ASST	PRES	ASST	PRES	ASST	PRES	ASST
ASGD										
ATCHD UNASSD										
ATCHD FR OTHER ORGN										
TOTAL										

AVN CADET & ENL STRENGTH	AVIATION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT NOT FOR DUTY	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
ASGD						
ATCHD UNASSD						
ATCHD FR OTHER ORGN						
TOTAL			0	0		

R A T I O N S	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 TO OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS				
MEN PRESENT			LESS	PLUS
MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS			O & OTHERS MESSED	TOTAL

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STATION Hinckley, 1 mi SE WK 9012 EnglandORGANIZATION Co "B" 307 A/B Engr Bn

(CD, DET, ETC.)

(PARENT UNIT)

(ARM OR SERVICE)

SERIAL NUMBER NAME GRADE CODE

16054338 Mylett, James R Pfc 6

fr missing in action in France to abs sk LD

Hosp unknown Slightly wounded in action in

France as of 17 June 44. Gunshot wounds leg

bilateral (Battle).

20308606 Anderson, John R Pvt M

fr dy to missing in action in France as of

18 June 44. (Battle)

35415562 Beathard, Weldon S Pfc 6

19099177 Gach, Theodore I Pfc

31157705 Hughes, Thomas P Pvt 1

Above 3 EM fr missing in action in France

to abs sk LD 307 A/B Med Co as of 17 June 44

Exhaustion syndrome. (Battle)

35415562 Beathard, Weldon S Pfc

19099177 Gach, Theodore I Pfc

Above 2 EM fr abs sk LD 307 A/B Med Co to dy

as of 21 June 44 Exhaustion Syndrome (Non-

Battle)

31157705 Hughes, Thomas P Pvt

fr abs sk LD 307 A/B Med Co to Hosp unknown

in Eng Fractured Rib. (Non-Battle)

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	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST
ASGD										
ATCHD										
UNASGD										
ATCHD FR										
OTHER ORGN										
TOTAL										

AVN CADET & ENL STRENGTH	AVIATION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT NOT FOR DUTY	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
ASGD						
ATCHD						
UNASGD						
ATCHD FR						
OTHER ORGN						
TOTAL			0	0		

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR	DAY OF WEEK		NUMBER
	DATE		
MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT			TOTAL
BREAKFAST	DINNER	SUPPER	
MEN AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY			TOTAL
MEN ATCHD FOR OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS			
MEN PRESENT			LESS
MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS O & OTHERS MESS			PLUS

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GRAND LARK OR SERVICE

STATION Ullenthorpe, 1 1/2 mi NW VK 9609 England
ORGANIZATION Oo B 307 A/B Engr Bn OS
(C. DET. ETC.) (PATENT UNIT) (MTR OR SERVICE)

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
57350604	Kurtz, Edward J	Pvt	
19106131	Gabrielson, John O	Pvt	
<u>Liverpool, Cheshire, Eng</u>			
51157705	Hughes, Thomas P	Pvt	
12158958	Day, Daniel R	Pfc	
57341171	King, Stanley W	Pvt	
33694474	DeMar, Frank E	Pvt	
36725814	Radion, Alfonso O	Pfc	
13122858	Plavin, George W	Pvt	
39154107	Roberts, Floyd E	Pvt	
35000123	Erir, John R	Pfc	
<u>London, Middlesex, Eng</u>			
7030363	Katona, John (FMT)	1st Sgt	
11042952	Matters, Vernon G	S/Sgt	
<u>Llandno, Denbighshire Wales</u>			
<u>Above 30 EN fr dy to fur (destination as shown below respective names) Dur 5 days.</u>			

01102724 Finlayson, Adrian J 2d Lt
fr dy to lv of aba Glasgow, Scotland
Dur 5 days.

OFFICER STRENGTH	FLD O & CAPT		1ST LT		2D LT		WO		FLT O	
	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST
ASGD										
ATCHD UNASGD										
ATCHD FB OTHER CREW										
TOTAL										

AVN CASEY & ENL STRENGTH	AVIATION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT NOT FOR DUTY	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
ASGD						
ATCHD UNASGD						
ATCHD FB OTHER CREW						
TOTAL						

R	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR	DAY OF WEEK		NUMBER
		DATE		
Y	MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT	TOTAL		AVERAGE
		BREAKFAST	DINNER	
O	MEN AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY	MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS		TOTAL
		MEN ATCHD TO OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS		
N	MEN PRESENT	MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS		TOTAL
		MEN ATCHD TO OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS		
S	MEN PRESENT	MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS		TOTAL
		MEN ATCHD TO OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS		

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ENDING
2400

31 July

1944

STATION Ullesthorep, 1 1/2 mi NW VK 9609 England

ORGANIZATION Co B 307 A/B Engr Bn

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PATENT UNIT

DATE OF SERVICE

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
20153968	Miale, Frank M	8/Sgt	
Perrybill, Durham Co., Eng			
36857887	Cannon, Russell D	Pfc	
38406659	Pharriss, Arthur G	Pvt	
12078081	Greene, Robert S Jr	Pvt	
Leeds, West Riding Co., Eng			
14124174	Gaskay, Jesse L	Sgt	
37464405	Halladay, Lloyd L	Pfc	
Leicester, Leicestershire, Eng			
37350604	Kurtz, Edward J	Pvt	
19106131	Gabrielson, John O	Pvt	
Liverpool, Cheshire, Eng			
31157705	Hughes, Thomas P	Pvt	
12135458	Day, Daniel R	Pfc	
37541171	King, Stanley W	Pvt	
33644474	DeMar, Frank E	Pvt	
36725814	Radice, Alfonso O	Pfc	
13122858	Flavis, George W	Pvt	
30134107	Roberts, Floyd E	Pvt	
35000123	Zwir, John R	Pfc	
London, Middlesex, Eng			
7030365	Katona, John (NMI)	1st Sgt	

OFFICER STRENGTH	PLD OR CAPT		1ST LT		2D LT		WO		FLY O	
	PRES	ASST	PRES	ASST	PRES	ASST	PRES	ASST	PRES	ASST
ADCD										
ATCD										
STRASD										
ATCD FB										
OTHER CDSD										
TOTAL										

AV. CASEY D. EEL STRENGTH	AVIATION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT ACT FOR DT	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
ADCD						
ATCD						
STRASD						
ATCD FB						
OTHER CDSD						
TOTAL						

R	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR	DAY OF WEEK		NUMBER
		DATE		
A	MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT	TOTAL		AVERAGE
		BREAKFAST	DINNER	
T	MEN AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY	MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS		TOTAL
		O & OTHERS MESSD		
O	MEN ATCHD TO OTHER CDSD FOR RATIONS	NET		TOTAL
		PLUS		
S	MEN PRESENT	LESS		

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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT (Contd)

IMMEDIATE ACTION

307 Airborne Engr. Bn, 10 August 1944

(Organization)

(Date)

ASN	LAST	NAME FIRST	MI	GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	TYPE CAS	MRU ONLY	DATE OF CASUALTY	FLY-ING STA	PLACE	REMARKS
11042041	Wheeler	Paul	D	Pvt	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		All casualties occurred in France.
35000123	Zwir	John	R	Pvt	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		
31157705	Hughes	Thomas	P	Pvt	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		
37506691	Jones	Pearcy	Q	Pvt	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		
32439143	Joseph	Horace (NMI)		Pvt	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		
37541171	King	Stanley	H	Pvt	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		
13090866	Kraiser	Roy	K	Pvt	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		
13073457	DiFabbio	Frank (NMI)		Tec 5	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		
39183714	Goins	Thomas	C	Tec 5	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		
13039592	Morrow	Robert	A	Tec 5	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		
35441824	Pennington	Lawrence	A	Tec 5	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		
12038377	Vallance	Charles	H	Tec 5	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		
35415562	Beathard	Weldon	S	Pfc	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		
18014420	Bishop	James	C	Pfc	MD	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		
33108625	Brown	John	H	Pfc	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		
13087639	Calik	Kimer	G	Pfc	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		
33175272	Dobson	William	J	Pfc	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		
19099177	Gach	Theodore	I	Pfc	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		
14124463	Hester	Ralph	W	Pfc	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		
33225235	Hallman	William	H	Pfc	CE	MIA	•	6 June 44	J		

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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT (Contd)

IMMEDIATE ACTION

307 Airborne Eng Bn 10 August 1944

(Organization)

(Date)

ASN	LAST	NAME FIRST	MI	GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	TYPE CAS	MRU ONLY	DATE OF CASUALTY	FLYING STA	PLACE	REMARKS
35415562	Beathard	Weldon	S	Pfc	CE	RTD		17 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
19099177	Gach	Theodore I		Pfc	CE	RTD		17 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
31157705	Hughes	Thomas	P	Pvt	CE	RTD		17 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
32175104	Fedeschi	Jack	L	Pvt	CE	RTD		7 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
35536460	Wagner	Eugene	F	Pfc	CE	RTD		26 June 44	J		fr LFA 7 June 44
35044168	Lasley	Anthony	G	Sgt	CE	INA		9 June 44	Z		fr SMA 9 June 44
32162514	Chin	Foon	G	Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
32489143	Joseph	Horace (NMI)		Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
33575647	Levernigh	Karl T		Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
18248034	Pasmore	Joseph	H	Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
11042041	Wheeler	Paul	D	Pvt	CE	KIA		6 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
30306606	Anderson	John	R	Pvt	CE	RTD		19 June 44	J		fr MIA 19 June 44
33175272	Dobson	William J		Pfc	CE	RTD		16 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
36396108	Stephenson	Virgil W		Pfc	CE	INA		12 June 44	Z		
36396108	Stephenson	Virgil W		Pfc	CE	RTD		30 June 44	Z		fr INA 12 June 44
13600839	Dodson	Wesley (NMI)		Pvt	CE	KIA		24 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
33310586	Yee	William W		Col	CE	KIA		17 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
11042952	Maiters	Vernon	G	S/Sgt	CE	RTD		16 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
19106131	Gabrielson	John	G	Sgt	CE	RTD		15 June 44	J		fr MIA 6 June 44
											All casualties occurred in France

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Pfc Perkins, Luther E.	6945691
Pfc Radice, Alfonso G.	36725814
Pfc Strabie, William J.	15010601
Pfc Wilson, Austin B.	18209705
Pvt Arellanes, Augustine L.	39249767
Pvt Cannon, Russell D.	36757887
Pvt Clancy, Joseph F.	32784924
Pvt Davis, Johnnie B.	14123487
Pvt Dekar, Frank E.	33694474
Pvt Durben, Fred H.	15084385
Pvt Ellis, Samuel F.	14050159
Pvt Frederick, Charles F.	33679331
Pvt Gabrielson, John G.	19106131
Pvt Gallinari, Paul L.	32273592
Pvt Grove, James M.	33272607
Pvt Hall, Jessie D., Jr.	6969929
Pvt Hinman, George A.	19179695
Pvt Huddleston, Otis B., Jr.	14131718
Pvt Hughes, Thomas P.	31157705
Pvt King, Stanley W.	37541171
Pvt Lewis, Peter G.	16109809
Pvt Petersen, Leslie V.	20938772
Pvt Peterson, Tom D.	39194297
Pvt Pharriss, Arthur G.	38406659
Pvt Roberts, Floyd E.	39134107
Pvt Rumbaugh, Carroll B.	6891940
Pvt Schenck, Richard H.	33760598
Pvt Shirey, Max H.	34435485
Pvt Standlick, Donald J.	36569410
Pvt Stevens, James F.	14045258
Pvt Thomas, Ivan L.	95091481
Pvt Watts, Wilbur E.	35867383
Pvt Zair, John R.	35000123

Brian Siddall

3 soldiers from Co B 307th Abn Engr Bn (C), Pvt Thomas P. Hughes, Pfc Weldon S. Beathard and Pfc Theodore I. Gach spent 12 days trapped in Normandy after their June 6 jump.

They couldn't move at all because a German unit was just yards away. The only way to get water was to lick the dew from the blades of grass in the morning. They only had enough rations for a few days.

When found they were sent to a hospital due to malnutrition due to lack of food and water.

After the war in the late 1940s out in LA Ted Gach saw someone wearing a jacket that looked like the one the pilot who flew the plane that night in Normandy.

Ted walked up and asked his name. It turned out it was the very same pilot who mis-dropped them miles short of their drop zone. Ted wanted to punch his lights out but the people with Ted kept him from hitting the pilot.



