



SGT. DANIEL BENTON
Killed D-Day in France

COMPANY
MORNING REPORT

ENDING 26 Jun
2400

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STATION Holla on Park, Nottinghamshire, England

ORGANIZATION Hq Co 1st Bn 508th Precht Inf Inf

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
39030264	Decarvalho, George H.	S/Sgt	
32029225	Johnson, Laverne G.	Pvt	
18089018	Brown, Robert L.	Pvt	
14150999	Scott, Sam W.	Pvt	
6981603	Bressler, Joseph C.	Pvt	

Above 5 EM fr abs sk LD
date unknown to abs sk LD
as of 14 Jun 44.

6941082	Benton, Dan R.	Pvt	M
51334689	Babiak, Andrew	Pvt	M

The above named two EM
fr dy to killed in action
as of 6 Jun 44.

0-1298500	Abbott, Edgar R.	1stLt	M
Fr dy to Killed In Action as of 17 Jun 44.			

0-1633571	Snow, Harold E.	Capt	A
Trfd fr Hq & Hq Co this Regt for dy as C O as of 15 Jun 44.			

0-1292614	Taylor, Royal R.	Capt	A
Relvd fr asgmt with			

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 A-SENT
ASGD			0			
ATCHD UNASGD						
ATCHD FR OTHER ORGN						
TOTAL			0	0		

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

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SUBJECT: Q-2 Form No. 2 GRS
Weekly Report of Burials. No. 104

8 NOV 1944

NAME	SOLDIERS NO.	RANK	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF BURIAL		CEMETERY
				Day	M. Yr	
3101. HOPKINS, James P.	12063637	Pfc	507 Para Inf 82 Airborne	15	Jun 44	Blosville
3102. BEAKLER, Ora S. Jr	35614890	Pfc	325 Gldr Inf 82 Airborne	15	" "	"
3103. HAMM, James A.	34666081	Pfc	401 Gldr Inf 82 Airborne	15	" "	"
3104. BARNES, Billy J.	18128780	Pvt	507 Para Inf	15	" "	"
3105. SHOWALTER, Elmer W.	20729789	Pvt	508 Para Inf	15	" "	"
3106. SMITH, Richard W.	35563331	S/Sgt	508 Para Inf	15	" "	"
3107. LOKAN, Herbert F.	12133159	Pvt	508 Para Inf	15	" "	"
3108. HYATT, Morris R.	34395364	Pvt	508 Para Inf	15	" "	"
3109. SMITH, Paul D.	34599552	Pfc	508 Para Inf	15	" "	"
3110. Benton, Dan R.	6941082	S/Sgt	508 Para Inf	15	" "	"
3111. BABJAK, Andrew	31334689	Pvt	508 Para Inf	15	" "	"
3112. HALL, Robert R.	35450012	Pvt	320 Gldr FA Bn	15	" "	"
3113. MORGAN, Robert A.	38321791	Pvt	508 Para Inf	15	" "	"
3114. BARTELS, Donald J.	36413741	Pvt	325 Gldr Inf	15	" "	"
3115. SMITH, Carl	6894087	T/Sgt	325 Gldr Inf	15	" "	"
3116. CHAPMAN, Walker L.	34214077	Pfc	325 Gldr Inf	15	" "	"
3117. STUDENKA, Frank	35043493	Pfc	325 Gldr Inf	15	" "	"
3118. BOWEN, Francis N.	32648434	Pvt	508 Para Inf	15	" "	"
3119. WOODS, Porter E.	38509136	Pvt	508 Para Inf	14	" "	"
3120. WILSON, Earl T.	11100763	Pfc	508 Para Inf	14	" "	"

Information from the Hospital Admission Cards created 12/12/2023
 by the office of the Surgeon General, Department
 of the Army (1944-1945).
 Information for the year 1944

Service Number	06941082
Rank	Enlisted Man
Arm of Service	Infantry, Parachute Troops
Age	
Race	White
Length of Service	
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	Drowning *
1st Anatomical Location	
1st Operation	
2nd Diagnosis	Killed in action
2nd Anatomical Location	
2nd Operation	
3rd Diagnosis	
Causative Agent	None or Unknown
Final Result	Aid Station Unit
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.

COMPANY
MORNING REPORT

ENDING 16 Jun 2400

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STATION Wollaton Park Nottinghamshire England

ORGANIZATION Hq Co 1st Bn 508th Precht Inf Inf

SERIAL NUMBER NAME GRADE CODE

11100763 Wilson, Earl T. Pfc

15325312 Williamson, John H. Tec 4

32100578 Labate, Augustus D. Pfc

The above named three EM
fr Dy to Killed in Action
as of 6 Jun 1944.

RECORD OF EVENTS

5 Jun 44 Took off fr Folkingham Air
Base Eng. at 1345 hr to make
combat jump in vicinity of
Montessy, France.

6 Jun 44 Made combat jump at 0220 hr
in vicinity of Montessy,
France. Co. scattered.

8 Jun 44 Co. was scattered in groups.
Defended ground & harassed
enemy.

9 Jun 44 No change.
Casualties 3 EM killed.

OFFICER STRENGTH	FLD O & CAPT		1ST LT		2D LT		WO		FLT O	
	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST
ASGD	3		7	1	2					
ATCHD UNASGD										
ATCHD FR OTHER ORGN	2									
TOTAL	5		7	1	2					

AVN CADET & ENL STRENGTH	AVIATION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT NOT FOR DT	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
ASGD			160			160
ATCHD UNASGD						
ATCHD FR OTHER ORGN			8			8
TOTAL			168			168

R A	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR	DAY OF WEEK	NUMBER
		DATE	
T I	MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT	TOTAL	AVERAGE
	BREAKFAST 168 DINNER 168 SUPPER 168	504	168
O N S	MEN AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY	MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS	
	MEN ATCHD TO OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS	NET	O & OTHERS MESS'D 15
	MEN PRESENT: 168 LESS	168	PLUS 15 TOTAL 183

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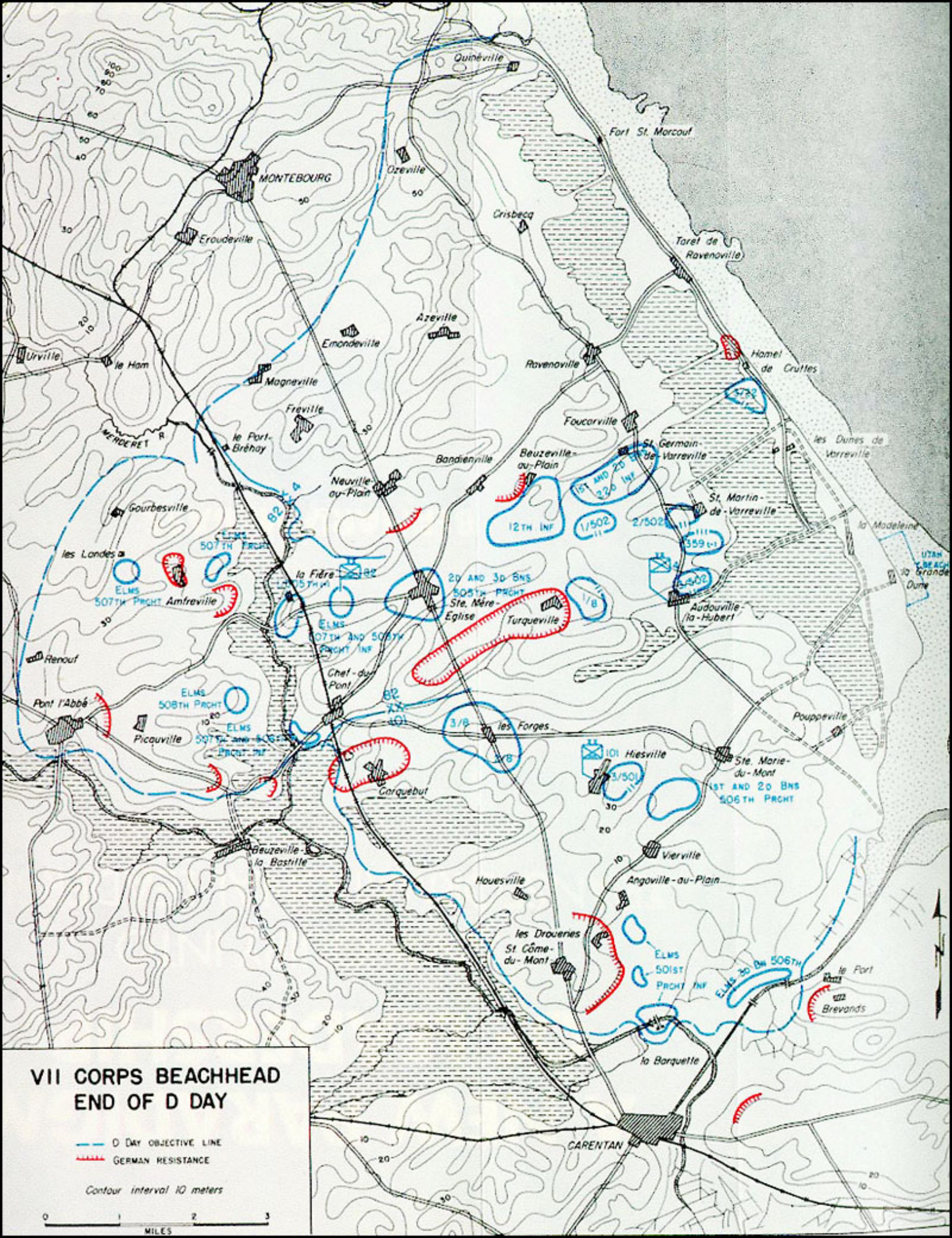
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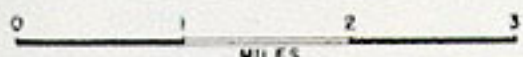
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**VII CORPS BEACHHEAD
END OF D DAY**

- D DAY OBJECTIVE LINE
- GERMAN RESISTANCE

Contour interval 10 meters





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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 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.

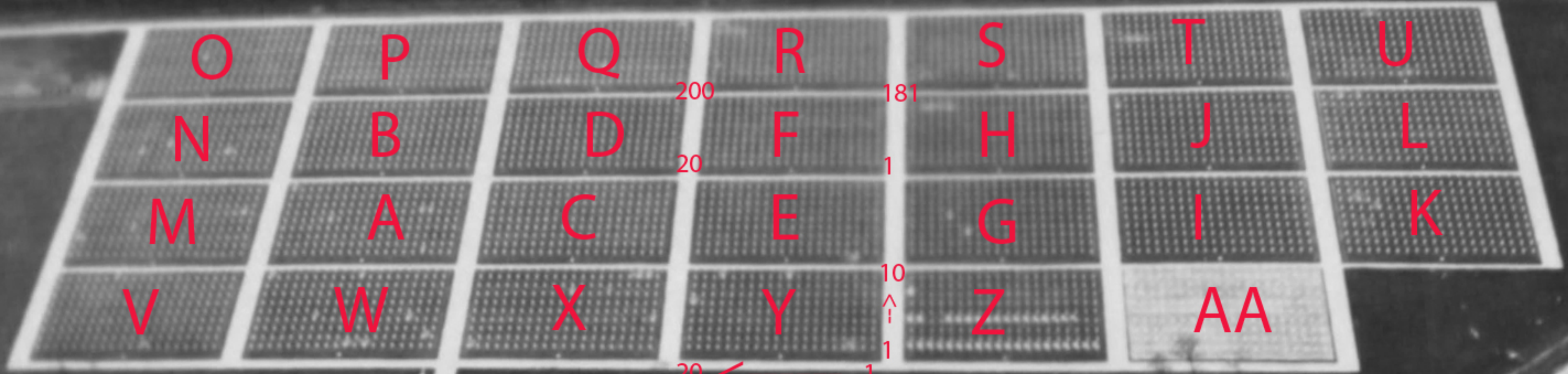
In the upper photo if you look at the corner where the two tents are pitched, you'll see trees on both corners of the angle. The only spot in the Blossville field where the cemetery was started where this occurs is where the X is located. The upper photo is from the 82nd AB Museum at Bragg. Dave Berry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







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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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WHITMAN PEARSON

KILLED ON D-DAY

Staff Sgt. Dan R. Benton, who would have been twenty-four years old Friday, was killed in action on D-Day, June 6, in France, his mother, Mrs. Fred W. Bigler, Klinesville, Columbia R1, was notified Thursday by the War Department. He was attached to a paratroop battalion.

Sgt. Benton was serving his second enlistment in the army. He spent two years and seven months of his first enlistment in Hawaii, and reenlisted in January, 1941. He was assigned to Fort Benning, Ga., where he received his parachute jumping training.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Benton; an eight-month-old daughter, Marvis Linda, of Holly Hill, S. C.; his mother; his grandmother, Mrs. George Young, Klinesville, and two step-brothers, Pfc. Fred W. Bigler, Jr., stationed in France, and Pvt. Marlin E. Bigler, USMC, at Parris Island, S. C.

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DAN R BENTON

PENNSYLVANIA

PVT 508 PARACHUTE INF

WORLD WAR II

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