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607TH QM GRAVES REGISTRATION COMPANY
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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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