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

Service Number 32162514

Rank Enlisted Man

Arm of Service Engineers, Combat Units

Age

Race Chinese

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 Wound(s), Penetrating

1st Anatomical Location Abdomen, generally

1st Operation

2nd Diagnosis Killed in action

2nd Anatomical Location

2nd Operation

3rd Diagnosis

Causative Agent Bullet, Missile Not Stated

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.

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PÉTAIN (28-4-1944)

Ne prenez pas parti. Ne vous mêlez pas des affaires des autres. PÉTAIN (Mai 1944) Les incidents rompant la monotomie de ma vie d'alors n'avaient pas tous, on s'en doute, un caractère à tout prendre aussi amusant. Il en était qui, en me rappelant aux rudes contingences de la guerre, remplissaient mon esprit d'une tristesse qui s'exaspérait peut-être plus encore de l'inconstance du destin que de l'implacabilité de l'ennemi. Celui-ci avait du moins de la logique dans sa funeste volonté de recourir à la terreur pour vaincre les peuples libres et les asservir. Le destin, lui, avait l'imbécile, la déconcertante versatilité du vent que l'on voit tantôt rageur, tantôt caressant, ici zéphir, là cyclone ; aussi insouciant des catastrophes qu'il sème que des bienfaits qu'il répand.

M'étant un matin rendu à Garnetot pour y rencontrer Colibri, je n'y trouvai que Mme Gresselin, laquelle m'apprit que son mari, à la tête d'une équipe de jeunes gens, explorait la commune à la recherche des corps de parachutistes tués les jours précédents et restés sans sépulture. Au désir d'ensevelir côte à côte, dans le cimetière de Rauville, ces étrangers, ces amis morts pour nous délivrer, se joignait chez Yves Gresselin la volonté de les soustraire à la monstrueuses prolanation des détrousseurs de cadavres.

Le temps était maussade et froid. Un épais « crachin » tissait sur la campagne muette sa ouate grisâtre et liquide, se condensant en gouttelettes le long des branches, d'où elles tombaient silencieusement, comme des larmes. Un vrai temps de Cotentin quand le Cotentin est d'humeur chagrine. J'allais à travers cette déliquescence, la sentant envahir mon cerveau par une sorte d'irréfrénable, de dissolvante capillarité.

Soudain, à un détour du chemin, j'aperçus, venant dans ma direction, un groupe dont l'on n'entendait que le bruit des pas sur le gravier et par intermittences, un grincement aigu de roues protestant à leur façon contre le manque de lubréfiant.

Au milieu du groupe et se suivant deux sortes de camions légers sans ridelles, poussés par deux jeunes gens, ressemblaient