

Louisville Veteran of Invasions Killed In Battle for France

Pfc. Ferdinand Gnau, 27, son of Mrs. Sarah Gnau, 508 Fehr Avenue, who previously was reported missing June 9, was killed in France June 11, the War Department announced yesterday.



Gnau

After seeing action in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, he was sent to England to prepare for the invasion.

With an airborne division, he was awarded two stars on his European theater ribbon for the Tunisian and Italian campaigns. In-

ducted by the Army December, 1942, and overseas since April, 1943, he attended Theodore Ahrens Trade High School and was a former employe of the Jef-

ersonville Boat & Machine Company.

Pfc. William T. Stillwell, 38, son of Mrs. Feby L. Rayburn, Okolona, was killed in France July 4. Inducted more than a year ago and overseas three months with the infantry, he formerly was employed with the Louisville Pottery Company for eighteen years. Surviving him are two brothers, Edward Stillwell, an overseas veteran of World War I, and two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Hodge, Louisville, and Mrs. Betty Fleener, Coral Ridge.

Pfc. William P. Robertson, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robertson, 3614 W. Kentucky, died in France June 22. Overseas since last May, he was a student at du Pont Manual Training High School before he entered the service in August, 1943. He is survived by four brothers, Earl Robertson, Jr., in New Guinea for fourteen months, Eugene F. Robertson, Gerald S. Robertson, and John F. Robertson, and a sister, Miss Shirley Ann Robertson.

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
14118373	Miller, Charles K. Jr	Pvt	
Fr Abs Sk 90th Gen Hosp to duty as of 25 June 44. (Battle)			
15076353	Speakman, George C.	S/Sgt	
Fr Abs Sk 81st Gen Hosp to duty as of 25 June 44. (Battle)			
36548027	May, Harold M.	Pfc	M
35290438	Scott, Paris L.	Sgt	
35687912	Hawkins, John R.	Pfc	
32193412	Fruciano, Frank J.	Pfc	
36238778	Flores, Salvador	Sgt	
5 KM above fr duty to Missing in Action 9 June 44.			
35690513	Gnau, Ferdinand A.	Pfc	M
Fr duty to Missing in Action 9 June 44			
36628643	Slowik, Henry A.	Pfc	
Fr duty to Abs Sk Hosp Unknown 12 June 44 (Non Battle)			
36396983	Spiker, Joseph R.	Pfc	
Fr Abs Sk Hosp Unknown to duty 16 June 44 (Battle) (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)			

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

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

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR DAY OF WEEK DATE

NUM IS

MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT

BREAKFAST	DINNER	SUPPER	TOTAL	AVERAGE

MEM AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY

MEM ATCHD FOR OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS

MEM ATCHD FOR RATIONS O & OTHERS MESSED

MEM PRESENT: LESS PLUS TOTAL

I CERTIFY THAT THIS MORNING REPORT IS CORRECT AND THAT RATIONS FIGURED IS NOT IN EXCESS OF AN ACTUAL COUNT AS REPORTED TO ME.

Wm. J. [Signature]

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MORNING REPORT ENGINE 2400 **5 July** ISSUE 4
Camp March Base
STATION Leicester, Leicestershire, England
ORGANIZATION Co. H 325th Glider Inf. Inf.

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
34437463	Moser, Thurman G.	Pfc	E
Asgd & Jd fr Det of Pnts Unknown to date LD Non Battle 13 June 44.			
35136475	Harmon, Donald T.	W/Sgt	E
37616993	Weiss, Alois C.	Pfc	G
2 RM above Asgd & Jd fr Det of Pnts unknown to date LD Non Battle 12 June 44			
32199417	Praciano, Frank J.	Pfc	
FR Missing in Action 9 June 44 to Killed in Action 9 June 44			
14099544	Snears, James C.	Pfc	M
FR duty to Slightly Wounded in Action to Abs SK Hosp Unknown 9 June 44 to duty 10 June 44. FR duty to "Lost to Hosp Unknown" LD per Sec 2 Cit 69 HQ HNOUSA 13 June.			
35690513	Gnau, Ferdinand A.	Pfc	U
FR Missing in Action 9 June 44 to Killed in Action 11 June 44.			

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OFFICER INITIALS	PLD G & CAPT		1ST LF		2D LF		WG		FLY G	
	PRESENT	ABST	PRESENT	ABST	PRESENT	ABST	PRESENT	ABST	PRESENT	ABST
ACC:										
MC:										
WAGE:										
SPCN FR OTHER DCH:										
TOTAL:										

OFFICER INITIALS	SQUADRON CASUALTY		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT FOR SF	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
ACC:						
MC:						
WAGE:						
SPCN FR OTHER DCH:						
TOTAL:						

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF MAYORS REQUIRED FOR	DAY OF WEEK		NUMBER	
	DATE			
MEN ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT			TOTAL	AVERAGE
BREAKFAST	DINNER	SUPPER		
MEN NOTIFIED TO BE SEPARATELY		MEN ATTEND FOR BATHING & OTHERS NEEDED		
MEN ATTEND TO OTHER CHORES FOR BATHING		NET	TOTAL	
NEW PRESENT	LESS		PLUS	

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I CHECKED THIS MORNING REPORT IN CARE OF AND THAT THE
 NUMBER IS NOT IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF MEN

W. H. Bell

RECORD OF EVENTS

7 June 44 Co arose 0300 marched to Marshalling area and left same 0430. Co boarded gliders 0600, took off 0730. Arrived at destination 1300. Co. marched allnite to maneuver into Position for an attack on enemy.

10 June 44 Co took up new position 2300 and holding, preparing for a ~~XXI~~ take-off.

11 June 44 Left Defensive position in attack 1000-reorganized 1800-attacked 1900- took up defensive position at 2300.

14 June 44 Left Bivouac area for new position. On the approach March Co. was halted several times due to shell fire. Arrived new position 2300 and waited for further orders.

15 June 44 Co. still continued to push West on Approach March being held up occasionally by enemy small arms fire.

Information from the Hospital Admission Cards created 8/6/2024
 by the office of the Surgeon General, Department
 of the Army (1944-1945).
 Information for the year 1944

Service Number	35690513
Rank	Enlisted Man
Arm of Service	Infantry, Airborne or Glider Units
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	Wound(s), Penetrating
1st Anatomical Location	Thorax, generally
1st Operation	
2nd Diagnosis	Killed in action
2nd Anatomical Location	
2nd Operation	
3rd Diagnosis	
Causative Agent	Artillery Shell, Fragments, Afoot or unspecified
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.

Record for Soldiers Killed In Normandy

ASN	35690513
Name	Gnau, Ferdinand A.
Rank	Private First Class
Division	82nd Abn Div
Regiment	325th Gli Inf
Battalion	
Company	Co E
Cemetery Name	Blosville
Plot Number	C-10-196
Date of Burial	6/25/1944
Original Cemetery	
Original Burial Plot	
Original Burial Dat	
Date of Casualty	6/11/1944
Type of Death	KIA
Report Number	103.037
Burial Line Numbe	732
Original Report Numbe	
Original Burial Line #	
Location of Death	
Age	00
Month of Admissio	June
Last Treatment Facilit	Not in a medical installation prior t
Type of Case	Casualty, battle
1st Diagnosi	Wound(s), Penetrating
1st Anatomical Locatio	Thorax, generally
1st Operation	-
2nd Diagnosi	Killed in action
2nd Anatomical Locatio	-
Causative Agent	Artillery Shell, Fragments, Afoot
Final Result	Aid Station Unit
Month of Dispositio	June
Current Days /Gen Hosp	000
Overseas Days	
Place of Final Cure	

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JUNE 10 (contd)

Entry	Time		FROM	TO	SUBJECT
	In	Out			
10	1600				Maj Gen Collins, VII Corps comdr, visited CP.
11	1930				Enemy arty falling in vic of causeway.
12	2000				PW Bauman, driver for Gen Falley, CG of German 91 Div, brought to CP by 3rd Bn. Said the general and his aide had been killed by our paratroopers night of June 6 NE of ETIENVILLE.
13		2000		G-2	Yellow pieces of cloth found in captured German vehicles sent to Div - Same color as that used to identify captured vehicles appropriated for use by American troops.
14	2315				2 enemy pursuit ships operated over CP and front lines - troops strafed - bombs dropped. Div CP area bombed.
15	2400			G-2	Report suspected use of gas in ST SAVEUR LE VICOMME area

JUNE 11.

1	0830				Div CG visits 325 CP --
2	0900				Regtl CO returns from hospital following rest from battle fatigue.
3	1000			G-2	Reports of possible use of gas apparently false.
4	1000				Lt Mendel, PWI officer, questioned 8 civilians passing thru our lines. They report AT guns at ST SAVEUR LE VICOMME at RJ (200953). Roads leading NE and E from this RJ believed mined. Enemy motor park and supply dump along road S HAUTTEVILLE-BOGAGE (243986). Enemy Aid station at GOURBESVILLE. Woman reports 32 of our troops prisoners; some wounded. Were at this place (283981), yesterday; evacuated last night. All civilians gave negative report on enemy armor in area east of ST SAVEUR.
5	1100			Div	Pfc Riley, 1st Army photog, atchd to 325, ordered to report back to Div.
6	1100				Soldbuch picked up by G R O on dead German gave new enemy identification: 2nd Co of 920 Gren Regt. Awaiting arrival of Soldbuch at CP.
7	1200				Aerial photos of ETIENVILLE area loaned to 358 Regt to aid them in making plans for attack on that town this afternoon. Regt to drive west from PICAUVILLE.
8	1200				S-2 section reproduces chart of German mine laying system taken from body of German found at CANQUIGNY.
9		1300			PW interrogation report No 3 issued. Total interrogated June 10: 33; total to date: 75. Civilians interrogated to date: 18.
10		1320		Ea Bn	C O issues order for Bns to withdraw from lines and go into assembly area at GRETTEVILLE (304947).
11		1400			Paratrooper coming thru our lines reports pathfinder equipment buried north of ETIENVILLE.
12		1700			Regtl CP established in GRETTEVILLE (304947).
13		1730		G-2	Copy of F O of 1057 Gren Regt found on body of German soldier by member of 3rd Bn Int section at (301954) short distance west of site of German regtl CP. Order dated 8 June 1944 and gave plan for defense of Merderet

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Entry	Time		FROM	TO	SUBJECT
	In	Out			
					river sector. Told of landings of 82 and 101 A/B Divs 4 Inf Div and Armd Units on east coast of COTENTIN peninsula. (Reproduced by S-2 section).
14	2100				Village of GUETTEVILLE evacuated of civilians by 2100. MPs started thru buildings firing at all closed doors.
15	2130				C O returns from Div Hq with verbal orders for Div to protect south flank of Corps.
16	2130				Troops informed they can write letters "Somewhere In France."

JUNE 12.

1	0800				Div CG visits Regtl CP.
2		1000			Regtl news bulletin No 1 issued by S-2 section.
3	1100		3rd Bn		Handbooks on German signal equipment found on site of German CP north of GUETTEVILLE. Report much other signal equipment in that area; communication and intelligence personnel out to gather up material. G-2 notified.
4	1145				Belt of bullets made from hollow wood found. Believed to be sniper ammunition to be used on our troops but will expend itself before it reaches German troops.
5	1200		1st Bn Int Sgt.		Reported all 1st Bn CP equipment destroyed when Bn was surrounded near AMFREVILLE following river crossing night of June 8.
6		1215	Ea Bn		Atchd is photo of Royal Navy assault troops that will operate on peninsula.
7		1500			Summary interrogation report issued by PWI team: 76 PWs and 18 civilians. Also statement by captured driver of CG of German 91 Div.
8	1600		G-2		Report German officer circulating through lines, dressed as civilian -- tall, dark, speaks French fluently.
9	2300		In. O.		PWs taken by 90 Div troops in ETIENVILLE sector said they were from 5 Co of 922 Regt and 9 Co of 921 Regt. One German officer captured said they treated paratroopers without respect. Booby traps reported in town of ETIENVILLE.

JUNE 13.

1.	0845				Paratrooper of 505, who had dropped west of STE MERE EGLISE, made way back thru our lines. Said he had been as far west as ST SAVEUR LE VICOMTE. Saw few soldiers there; most civilians evacuated. Saw 3 med tanks E of ST SAVEUR. CO instructed paratrooper to report to G-2.
2	1000				2nd Bn closed in area following arrival from 505 area. No word on fate of Lt. Greene, Bn S-2.
3	1030				G-2 periodic report received. Distributed 1 copy to ea Bn.
4		1230			Ex Officer issued order to alert regt for move to area just east of ETIENVILLE, preparatory to attack morning of June 14.

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Hankis, Forrest E.	36415399	Pfc	Prot	Lois Belle Hankis RR 1 Greenville, Mich.
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