

Records for Individual Soldiers In Normandy

ASN 39540548

Name Brightsman, Gerald

Neptune Rank Private First Class

Division 82nd Abn Div

Regiment 508th Prcht Inf

Battalion

Neptune Company Co F

Company Attached

Company Attached

Neptune Platoon 2nd Plat

Neptune Squad 2nd Sq

Neptune MOS Rifleman

Combat Infantry Badge

Combat Medical Badge

Neptune Tail # 43-15643

Neptune After Action Status LWA

Neptune After Action Date 7/6/1944

Age 23

Month of Admission July

Type of Case Casualty, battle

1st Diagnosis Wound(s), Penetrating

1st Anatomical Location Knee region - Popliteal space

1st Operation Debridement without closure

2nd Diagnosis [Withheld by USGOV]

2nd Anatomical Location -

2nd Operation 00S

Causative Agent Artillery Shell, Fragments, Afoot or unspecified

Final Result 10th Station Hospital or 108th Gen Hosp Det A

Disposition Duty

Month of Disposition August

Current Days /Gen Hosp Overseas Days 042

Place of Final Cure 10th Station Hospital

FORM B LOADING MANIFEST (PARACHUTE)

Exercise/Operation OverlordDate 6-5-44A/C No. (Tail No.) _____ Chalk No. 32

PERSONNEL

Drop Order	Army Serial Number	Rank	Full Name	Remarks
1	0-496744	2nd Lt	Cook, Mack G.	
2	39191534	CPL	Jackman, James A.	
3	33653393	PVT	Morrison, Calvin C.	
4	16075800	PFC	Seebach, Delmar L.	
5	33674976	PFC	Thompson, Harry S.	
6	35608804	PVT	Miller, Daniel L.	
7	31136271	PVT	McAvoy, Frank A.	
8	33536323	PVT	Vought, Edgar B.	
9	39540548	PFC	Brightman, Gerald	
10	38403602	PVT	Ferguson, Albert W.	
11	39218993	CPL	Wright, Donald F.	
12	39319541	PVT	Cunningham, Clifford R.	
13	35067850	PVT	Rickard, Patrick J.	
14	14161395	PFC	Moore, Donald	
15	39192574	SGT	Broderick, Robert J.	
16	32545237	S/SGT	Menter, George H.	
17				
18				
19				
20				

CONTAINERS

Rack No.	Type	Contents (Gen.)	Gross Weight	Prcht.	Color/light
#9	A/S	1- LMG	46		
		4-BOXES LMG AMMO	74		
		1-SPARE BARREL	7		
		1-CAMOUFLAGE NET	10		
#8A	.	2-BAGS w/c AP GRENADES	20		
#10	A/S	7-BOXES LMG AMMO	130		
		30 RDS 60MM AMMO	120		
		2 BLANKETS	8		
	A/S	SPARE LMG-AMMO	300		
	A/S	MINES, AT	300		
Inspection Completed				Signed	

COMPANY

MORNING REPORT

ENDING

2400

29

June

1944

(DAY)

(MONTH)

(YEAR)

STATION Hollaton Park, Nottinghamshire, England.ORGANIZATION Co F 508 Frecht Inf Inf

(CO. DET. ETC.)

(PARENT UNIT)

(TYPE OF SERVICE)

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
01013473	Fraser, Hugh W.	1 Lt.	
	Fr dy to DS(Hq 82d A/B		
	Div as of 20 June 44.		
39191534	Jackman, James A.	Cpl	
	Fr dy to hosp(Unknown) LD		
	Seriously wounded in action		
	as of 21 June 44.		
39540548	Brightman, Gerald	Pfc	
39319541	Cunningham, Clifford R.	Pvt	
	Above 2 EM fr dy to hosp		
	(Unknown) LD as of 23 June 44		
	(Non-battle casualties).		

STATION & RECORD OF EVENTS

- 20 June 44 In defensive position in bivouac area.
- 21 June 44 Usual CP duties.
- 22 June 44 Co moved out of area SW of Etienville, France into defensive position. Casualties: 1 EM seriously wounded in action.

OFFICER STRENGTH	FLD O & CAPT		1ST LT		2D LT		WO		FLT O	
	PRES	ABS'T	PRES	ABS'T	PRES	ABS'T	PRES	ABS'T	PRES	ABS'T
ASGD	1		2	1	3					
ATCHD UNASSG				1						
ATCHD FR OTHER ORGN										
TOTAL	1		2	2	3					

AVN CADET & ENL STRENGTH	AVIATION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT NOT FOR DUTY	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
ASGD			95		21	114
ATCHD UNASSG						
ATCHD FR OTHER ORGN			3			3
TOTAL			96		21	117

R A T I O N S	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR	DAY OF WEEK	NUMBER
		DATE	
I I I	MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT	TOTAL	AVERAGE
	BREAKFAST 96 DINNER 96 SUPPER 96	288	96
M E N	MEN AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY	MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS	TOTAL
	MEN ATCHD TO OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS	NET 96	102
S	MEN PRESENT: 96	LESS	PLUS 6

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JOSEPH H HARTSOUGH, 2d Lt, Inf,

Inf.

STATION Kollaton Park, Nottinghamshire, England
 ORGANIZATION Co F 508 Prcht Inf Inf

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
32546966	Graffius, James E.	Pvt	J
	Er abs sk 90th Gen Hosp seriously wounded in action to dy not id; trfd to and id Sary Co this regt as of 29 June 44.		
32100755	Lazzaro, Joseph C.	S/Sgt	M
	Er dy to killed in action as of 23 June 44.		

STATION AND RECORD OF EVENTS

23 Jun 44 Bn moved to 250-905 set up defensive positions.
 24 Jun 44 Patrols sent out at 2200 hr. No activity during day. Casualties: 1 EM killed in action.

OFFICER STRENGTH	PLD O & CAPT		1ST LT		2D LT		WO		FLT O	
	PRES	ABS'T	PRES	ABS'T	PRES	ABS'T	PRES	ABS'T	PRES	ABS'T
ASGD	1		2	1	3					
ATCHD BRASGD				1						
ATCHD FR OTHER ORGN										
TOTAL	1		2	2	3					

AVR CADET & ENL STRENGTH	AVIATION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT NOT FOR DUTY	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
ASGD			92		20	112
ATCHD BRASGD						
ATCHD FR OTHER ORGN			3			3
TOTAL			95		20	115

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR } DAY OF WEEK } NUMBER

MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT

BREAKFAST 95 DINNER 95 SUPPER 95 TOTAL 285 AVERAGE 95

MEM AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY _____ MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS _____

MEM ATCHD TO OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS _____ NET 95 O & OTHERS MESSED 6 TOTAL 101

MEM PRESENT 95 LESS 95 PLUS 6

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SIGNATURE Joseph E. Hartsough, 2d Lt, Inf

Inf

COMPANY MORNING REPORT

ENDING 2400 4 July 194 4
(DAY) (MONTH) (YEAR)

STATION Hollaton Park, Nottinghamshire, England.

ORGANIZATION Co F 508 Preht Inf Inf
(CO, DET, ETC.) (PARENT UNIT) (ARM OR SERVICE)

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
35600732	Haupt, Donald W. MD	Pvt	
	Aptd to gr of Pfc fr Pvt as of 28 June 44 (Attached to Co fr Med Det, this regt.)		
32218303	Murray, James J.	Pfc	M
	Fr dy to killed in action as of 16 June 44		
33536323	Vaught, Edgar B.	Pvt	9
	Fr dy to hosp (Unknown) LD, slightly wounded in action as of 25 June 44.		
39540548	Brightman, Gerald	Pfc	
	Fr hosp (Unknown) to dy as of 27 June 44. (Non Battle Casualty). LD		

STATION AND RECORD OF EVENTS

26 June 44 Usual C.P. Duties.
27 June 44 Defensive area. Morale excellent. Casualties: 1 EM killed in action. 1 EM slightly wounded in action.

OFFICER STRENGTH	PLD O & CAPT		1ST LT		2D LT		WO		FLT O	
	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST
HEAD	1		2	1	3					
SFCMS HEADS				1						
SFCMS FR OTHER ORGN										
TOTAL	1		2	2	3					

ARMY CADET & CIVIL STRENGTH	AVIATION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT NOT FOR DT	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
HEAD			91		19	110
SFCMS HEADS						
SFCMS FR OTHER ORGN			5			5
TOTAL			94		19	113

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DAY OF WEEK NUMBER
 RATIONS REQUIRED FOR DATE

MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT

BREAKFAST	94	DINNER	94	SUPPER	94	TOTAL	282	AVERAGE	94
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MEN AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY _____ MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS _____

MEN ATCHD TO OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS _____ NET _____ O & OTHERS MESSED 6 TOTAL 100

MEN PRESENT: 94 LESS 94 PLUS 6

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Joseph E. Hartsough
 JOSEPH E. HARTSOUGH, 2d Lt, Inf

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MORNING REPORT

ENDING 2400

11

July

1944

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STATION Wollaton VK 9959 England

ORGANIZATION Co F 508 Pchnt Inf Inf

ICA. DET. ETC.)

(MONEY UNIT)

(MFB OR SERVICE)

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
	(Cont'd)		
	Fr abs sk hosp unknown (LD)		
	slightly wounded in action 13		
	June 44 to died as a result of		
	wounds as of 6 July 44.		
16075636	Montgomery, Robert L.	Sgt	Mosk
16087804	Chipman, Roy	Pvt	
33756596	Stauffer, James B.	Pvt	
	Above 3 EM fr dy to killed in		
	action as of 6 July 44.		
0-1509822	Polette, Lloyd L., Jr.	2d Lt	
	Fr dy to hosp(Unk)LD slightly		
	wounded in action as of 4 July 44.		
19179623	Miller, James H.	Cpl	
35608804	Miller, Daniel L.	Pvt	
35421508	Teagarden, Robert H.	Pvt	
12198584	Blower, John M.	Pfc	
39540548	Brightman, Gerald	Pfc	
	Above 5 EM fr dy to hosp(Unk)LD		
	slightly wounded in action as of		
	6 July 1944.		

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OFFICER STRENGTH	PLD O & CAPT		1ST LT		2D LT		WO		FLY O	
	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST
ADD										
ETCHD UNADD										
ETCHD FB OTHER OREG										
TOTAL										

AVE CADET & EMA STRENGTH	AVIATION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT DUTY FOR BY	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
ADD						
ETCHD UNADD						
ETCHD FB OTHER OREG						
TOTAL						

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR _____ DAY OF WEEK _____ NUMBER

DATE _____

MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT

BREAKFAST	DINNER	SUPPER	TOTAL	AVERAGE

BEEN AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY _____ MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS

MEN ATCHD TO OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS _____ NET O & OTHERS MESSED _____ TOTAL

MEN PRESENT _____ LESS _____ PLUS _____

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STATION Whitton W 9959 England
 ORGANIZATION Co F 500th Prov Int Inf
ICO, DET, ETC.) (PARAS UNIT) (ARM OR SERVICE)

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
34071987	Smith Wade	Pfc	
	sr sk in gns to dy		
98540548	Brightman Gerald	Pfc	9
	sr stchd unagi ab sk (Keep unknown ID)		
	andi A jd battle casualty		

OFFICER STRENGTH	FLO & CAPT		1ST LT		2D LT		WO		FLY O	
	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST
ADDD			4	2	2	2				
ATCHD UNAGD				2		2				
ATCHD FB OTHER ORDN										
TOTAL			4	2	2	2				

AVR CADET & ENL STRENGTH	AVIATION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT NOT FOR DUTY	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
ADDD			148	4	5	151
ATCHD UNAGD					21	21
ATCHD FB OTHER ORDN						
TOTAL			148	4	26	172

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	TOTAL	AVERAGE
BREAKFAST <input type="checkbox"/> DINNER <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPER <input type="checkbox"/>		
MEN AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY _____	MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS _____	
MEN ATCHD TO OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS _____	O & OTHERS MESSED _____	TOTAL
MEN PRESENT: _____ LESS _____	PLUS _____	

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[Signature]
 SIGNATURE ROBERT E. MARSHALL 21 10 1st Inf

COMPANY MORNING REPORT

ENDING 2400 **2** Oct 194**4**
(DAY) (MONTH) (YEAR)

STATION **Wollaton VK 9959 England**
 ORGANIZATION **Co F 508th Prcht Inf** **Inf**
(CO, BATT, ETC.) (PARENT UNIT) (ARM OR SERVICE)

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
0124999	Everitt, Edward M.	504 Pvt	M
0199906	Hernandez, Joe F.	655 Sgt	M
0715599	Welcott, Jack F.	746 Pvt	M
2090417	Spragus, Edgar P., Jr	745 Pvt	M
0294200	Alva, Fidel	745 Pvt	M

above 5 EM fr dy to killed in action, 18

20 Sep 44.

0290276	Siniari, Lambert C.	675 Pvt	M
0087850	Rickard, Patrick J.	653 Pfc	
0540548	Brightman, Gerald	653 Pfc	
0170952	Spivey, Rex W.	653 Sgt	
0510911	Wilson, Donald A.	504 Pvt	
0170123	Kellogg, Rankin B.	056 Tec 5	
0671957	Smith, Wade	745 Pfc	M

above 7 EM fr dy to killed in action, 19

20 Sep 44.

0216516	Rogan, Charles J.	810 Pfc	M
01505598	King, Edward M.	1510 1st Lt	M

above 1 O and 1 EM fr dy to killed in act-

20 Sep 44.

060365	Berry, Clarence U.	653 Pfc	GQ
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dy to seriously wounded in action to abs

OFFICER LENGTH	PLD O & CAPT		1ST LT		2D LT		WO		FLT O	
	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST
SIGNED										
CHES SIGNED CHES FR ORGN										
TOTAL										

CADET LENGTH	AVIATION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT NOT FOR DUTY	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
SIGNED						
CHES SIGNED CHES FR ORGN						
TOTAL						

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

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COMPANY MORNING REPORT

ENDING 2400

30

Sept

1944

STATION **Wollaton VK 9959 England**
 ORGANIZATION **Co F 508 Prcht Inf**

Inf

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
37495050	Colaw, Richard P.	Sgt	M
35659732	Dennison, Ross	Pvt	M
Above 2 EM fr dy to killed in action, 17 Sept 44.			

STATION & RECORD OF EVENTS

16 Sept 44 Loaded on planes. Took off at 1100 hr and arrived over DZ and dropped at 1338 hr in Holland. Assembled and moved into position south of Ningen. Met little enemy resistance. Set up position with road blocks

17 Sept 44 Continued in defensive position

18 Sept 44 Positions dug in. Received some artillery fire.

19 Sept 44 Artillery fire still coming in on position. Position being held.

Casualties: 2 EM killed in action.

OFFICER STRENGTH	FLD O & CAPT		1ST LT		2D LT		VT		FLT O	
	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST
ASSIGNED	1		2	1	4					
ATTACHED UNASSIGNED				1		2				
ATTACHED FR OTHER ORGN										
TOTAL	1		2	2	4	2				

AVN CADET & ENLISTED STRENGTH	AVIATION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT NOT FOR DUTY	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
ASSIGNED			118	3	2	123
ATTACHED UNASSIGNED					9	9
ATTACHED FR OTHER ORGN						
TOTAL			118	3	11	132

RATIONS	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR	DAY OF WEEK		TOTAL	AV. PER ME
		DATE	DATE		
II	MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT			3	
	BREAKFAST	DINNER	SUPPER		
III	MEN AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY	MEN ATTCHD FOR RATIONS O & OTHERS MESSD			
	MEN ATTCHD TO OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS	NET			
S	MEN PRESENT	LESS		PLUS	

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SIGNATURE **JOSEPH H. HARTSOUGH 1st Lt Inf** (GRADE) (NAME) (SERIAL)

Information from the Hospital Admission Cards created 11/1/2024
 by the office of the Surgeon General, Department
 of the Army (1944-1945).
 Information for the year 1944

Service Number 39540548
 Rank Enlisted Man
 Arm of Service Infantry, Parachute Troops
 Age 23
 Race White
 Length of Service 2 Year(s), 0 Month(s)
 Month of Admission July
 Year of Admission 1944
 Last Treatment Facility Station hospital
 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 Knee region - Popliteal space
 1st Operation Debridement without closure
 2nd Diagnosis [Withheld by USGOV]
 2nd Anatomical Location
 2nd Operation
 3rd Diagnosis
 Causative Agent Artillery Shell, Fragments, Afoot or unspecified
 Final Result 10th Station Hospital or 108th Gen Hosp Det A
 Disposition Duty
 Cause of Disposition Not death nor discharge (incl cases remaining in hosp at end of 1944)
 Month of Disposition August
 Year of Disposition 1944
 Total Days (non-effective) 042
 Hospital Days 041
 Current Days /Gen Hosp Overseas Day 042
 Place of Final Cure 10th Station Hospital
 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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Information for the year 1944

Service Number	39540548
Rank	Enlisted Man
Arm of Service	Infantry, Parachute Troops
Age	
Race	White
Length of Service	
Month of Admission	September
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	Primary 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	Wound(s), Penetrating
2nd Anatomical Location	Stomach
2nd Operation	
3rd Diagnosis	
Causative Agent	Artillery Shell, Fragments, Afoot or unspecified
Final Result	Graves Regis/Not in Med Instal prior to Death
Disposition	
Cause of Disposition	First diagnosis field
Month of Disposition	September
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

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