

Record for Soldiers Killed In Normandy

ASN 39901732
Name Cowdell, Melvin C.
Rank Private
Division 1st Inf Div
Regiment 16th Inf
Battalion
Company Co L
Cemetery Name St. Laurent #1
Plot Number C-10-189
Date of Burial 6/12/1944
Original Cemetery
Original Burial Plot #
Original Burial Dat
Date of Casualty 6/6/1944
Type of Death
Report Number 96.054
Burial Line Number 1063
Original Report Number
Original Burial Line #
Location of Death
Age 00
Month of Admission June
Last Treatment Facilit Not in a medical installation prior t
Type of Case Casualty, battle
1st Diagnosis Killed in action
1st Anatomical Locatio -
1st Operation -
2nd Diagnosis -
2nd Anatomical Locatio -
Causative Agent None or Unknown
Final Result Aid Station Unit
Month of Dispositio June
Current Days /Gen Hosp 000
Overseas Days
Place of Final Cure

COMPANY RESTRICTED
MORNING REPORT ENDING 2400 - 6 June 1944
 (DAY) (MONTH) (YEAR)
 1 Mile N. of
 STATION Colleville Sur Mer, France
 ORGANIZATION Company "L", 16th Infantry
 (CO. DET. ETC.) (PARENT UNIT) (ARM OR SERVICE)

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
01285793	Monteith, Jimmie W. Jr.	Lt	M
Fr duty to KIA. Reld of Prim duty			
Co. Off.			

6844568	Sohatski, Carl C.	T-Sgt	M
7070168	Townsend, Albert (NMI)	S Sgt	
37198822	Cain, Mervin J.	Cpl	
37325142	Baker, Sylvin J.	Pfc	
34338052	Knight, James R.	Pfc	
31238421	Noonan, John J.	Pfc	
33388721	Thorpe, Billy S.	Pfc	
34611357	Thurmond, Edward B.	Pfc	
39901732	Cowdell, Melvin C.	Pvt	
34625382	Morgan, Charles E.	Pvt	
Above 9 E.M. fr duty to KIA.			

33130979	Frock, Frederick A.	SzSgt	2
39261605	Izaguirre, Erasmo G.	Pvt	
35536456	Joiner, Frank A.	Pvt	
33404630	Jordan, James H.	Pvt	
31060946	Kirslis, Vincent C.	Pvt	
Above 5 EM fr duty to abs sk LD (Cont'd)			

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

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A MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT } TOTAL } AVERAGE

T BREAKFAST DINNER SUPPER } 3 }

O MEN AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY } MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS } TOTAL

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S MEN PRESENT : LESS PLUS }

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SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
35057689	Stark, Robert J.	Tec 5	2
LWA NOT EVAC (Shell frag wd rt shoulder)			
33446160	Minetree, James A. Jr.	Pfc.	
LWA NOT EVAC (GSW rt arm)			
35264109	Thomas Lawrence L.	Pfc.	
LWA NOT EVAC (Shell frag wd lt knee)			
35675555	Eastridge, Eugene A.	Pvt.	
LWA NOT EVAC (Shell frag wd lt arm)			
34768518	Gravitt, Howard O.	Pvt.	
LWA NOT EVAC (Shell frag wd rt leg)			
6979696	Oates, Thomas E.	Pvt	
LWA NOT EVAC (Shell frag wd rt hip)			

RECORD OF EVENTS

In defensive position 600 yds S.W. of Le Gd. Gameau, France. Company got up at 0130, ate breakfast, policed ship & prepared to debark.

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T BREAKFAST DINNER SUPPER

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SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
Moved to debarkation point, loaded onto LCA's & were lowered to the water at 0325. Landed on the coast of France in the vicinity of Colleville Sur Mer at 0700 hrs. H hour was originally scheduled for 0630 but heavy seas & poor visibility caused the assault waves to land 30 minutes late. All naval shelling had lifted and there was no supporting fires on the beach defenses at all when the Co. landed. The supporting tanks were also late, coming 20 mins. after the assault waves had landed. The company at this time consisted of the 1, 2, 3, 5 & Hq. sections. The 4th section had capsized in the heavy seas shortly after debarking from the transport. The landing crafts beached just short of several rows of underwater obstacles. The company (Cont)			

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waded ashore and crossed 200 yds. of open beach under intense enemy machine gun, rifle, mortar, artillery and anti tank weapon fire. This brought the company into the shelter of a vertical cliff approximately 15 ft. at the highest point. The section leaders immediately reorganized their sections. The 1st section boat had been hit numerous time by artillery shells & many of the men were missing. On the beach, the company aid men distinguished themselves by their cool & effective treatment of the wounded while under fire. The assault on the beach strong points were begun immediately and the company began to push inland from around the west edge of the cliff. The company commander was seriously wounded when he was hit by fire			

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from enemy anti-tank weapons. The			
exec. off immediately took command			
of the company. The second section			
under Lt. Monteith was ordered to			
push up a small draw & engage pill			
boxes on the left strong point. The			
3rd section, under Lt. Williams was			
to advance on the right of the 2nd			
section & the 5th section under Lt.			
Marincic was to follow the 3rd sec-			
tion. The remainder of the 1st sec-			
tion under Lt. Klenk passed around			
the right flank, made contact with			
elements of the 116th Inf. & assaul-			
ted the right strong point, which			
was the original company mission.			
In this maneuver, Lt. Klenk combin-			
ed the remnants of his own section			
& parts of the 116th Inf. teams.			
Lt. Klenk then sent a 5 man patrol			
out to clear a path through mine-			
fields & barbed wire obstacles. (Contd)			

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T II MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT
 BREAKFAST DINNER SUPPER TOTAL + AVERAGE
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This patrol pushed forward making progress until they became embroiled in a hand grenade exchange with some Jerries who were in position on their left flank. A destroyer layed in with direct fire & Sgt. Mansfield moved in with re-enforcements & the enemy was cleaned out. A number of enemy were killed & wounded and 15 taken prisoner. The rest of the company reached the high ground in the rear of the defenses & set up a hasty defense. The enemy conducted a local counter attack but it was beat off with few casualties. In the meantime a patrol from the 3rd section reconitered a route into Le Gd Hameau & reported back. Upon their return the rest of the Co. moved forward into Le Gd Hameau & re-organized and then moved 600 yds (Cont			

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S.W. of the town & set up a defensive position. The casualties up to this time were 9 E.M. & 1 Off. KIA, 26 EM wounded - evacuated and 1 Off & 11 E.M. Wounded & not evac. 39 E.M. were believed to be missing. 1 Off. also believed to be missing.			

OFFICER STRENGTH	FLD O & CAPT		1ST LT		2D LT		WO		FLT O	
	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST
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ATCHD UNASGD										
ATCHD FR OTHER ORGN										
TOTAL	1		2		4					

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ASGD			186	1	26	213
ATCHD UNASGD						
ATCHD FR OTHER ORGN						
TOTAL			186	1	26	213

R	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR	DAY OF WEEK	<u>Wednesday</u>		NUMBER	
A		DATE	<u>7 June 1944</u>			<u>198</u>
T	MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT				TOTAL	AVERAGE
I	BREAKFAST	DINNER	SUPPER		<u>594</u>	<u>198</u>
O	MEN AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY		MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS		6	
N	MEN ATCHD TO OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS		2	NET	7	TOTAL
S	MEN PRESENT	LESS	2	<u>185</u>	PLUS 13	<u>198</u>

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NAME	SOLDIERS NO.	RANK	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF BURIAL Dy M. Yr	CEMETERY
1061 CHRISTENSON, Charles W.	33896787	Pvt.	2nd Inf.Div.	1 Jul 44	St. Laurent Cem.
1062 COCHRAN, Lloyd N.	39189039	Sgt.	9th Inf.Rgt. 2nd Inf.Div.	1 " "	"
1063 COWDELL, Melvin C.	39901732	Pvt.	16th Inf.Rgt. 1st Inf.Div.	12 Jun 44	"
1064 CRAWFORD, Russel	33026022	Sgt.	38th Inf.Rgt. 2nd Inf.Div.	30 " "	"
1065 CURTIS, John L.	37543523	Pfc.	16th Inf.Rgt. 1st Inf.Div.	13 " "	"
1066 DANAHY, John J.	11007620	T/4	1st Recon.Trp. 1st Inf.Div.	20 " "	"
1067 DONALD, Thomas V. Jr	0-1322530	2 Lt	26th Inf.Rgt.	20 " "	"
1068 DUKARSKI, Anthony A.	36500675	Pvt.	16th Inf.Rgt. 1st Inf.Div.	13 " "	"
1069 DUNKLEY, Herman W.	13014913	Pvt.	16th Inf.Rgt. 1st Inf.Div.	9 " "	"
1070 EPPLEY, Roger L.	33149498	Sgt.	16th Inf.Rgt. 1st Inf.Div.	25 " "	"
1071 LARRISON, Roy D.	37506791	Pvt.	149 Engr.C Bn	8 " "	"
1072 CLAWSON, John M.	33289865	Pfc.	38th Inf.Rgt. 2nd Inf.Div.	26 " "	"
1073 CLISTER, John	33099731	Pvt.	29th Inf.Div.	12 " "	"
1074 COPPERNOLL, Milton	32579006	Pfc.	26th Inf.Rgt.	11 " "	"
1075 CORRIHER, Robert J.	34777900	Pvt.	38th Inf.Rgt.	24 " "	"
1076 CATTAVE, Francis A. Jr.	32307950	T/4	V Corps	13 " "	"
1077 COX, Edward A.	33233298	Pfc.	16th Inf.Rgt.	13 " "	"
1078 DE CESARE, Thomas A.	32819757	Pvt.	9th Inf.Rgt. 2nd Inf.Div.	20 " "	"
1079 DeSANTIS, James C.	32598511	Pvt.	23rd Inf.Rgt. 2nd Inf.Div.	14 " "	"
1080 DUVALL, Vernon L.	18163149	Pfc.	9th Inf.Rgt. 2nd Inf.Div.	25 " "	"

Information from the Hospital Admission Cards created 12/2/2024
 by the office of the Surgeon General, Department
 of the Army (1944-1945).
 Information for the year 1944

Service Number 39901732
 Rank Enlisted Man
 Arm of Service Infantry, General or Unspecified
 Age
 Race Unknown
 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 Killed in action
 1st Anatomical Location
 1st Operation
 2nd Diagnosis
 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.

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