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GRAVES REGISTRATION  
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# REPORT OF BURIAL

American

26 June 1944

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

Date 10-11-44

292 Devaney,

PR RALPH B

PA 36858478  
D-8178

Last Name

First

Initial

Rank

Serial No.

506 PRCH T. Corp. Regt.

101st A/B Div.

Unit

Organization

Normandy, France

20 June 1944

K.I.A.

934

Place of Death

Date of Death

Cause of Death

20 June 1944

VII Corps

St. Mere Eglise #1

Time and Date of Burial

Name of Cemetery

Name or Coordinates of Location

94

5

N

Temporary

Grave Number

Row Number

Plot Number

Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes  No  Attached to Marker Yes  No

If No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

By Markings on Pants.

What means of identification were buried with the body?

Embossed Tags.

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:	Battigaglia, T.J.	35409360	Pfc.	3812 QM Trk Co.	95
Deceased's Right:	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
Deceased's Left:	Ruggiero, T.J.	32573715		101st A/B Div.	93
	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.

If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:

Emergency Addressee Unknown Name

Address

Religion

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

None Found.

*Joseph J. Sales*  
*2nd Lt. MC*

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

File  
11-13-44  
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## DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

10

SECTION A —  
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER

3584 00466

DATE

15 12 47  
DAY MONTH YEARNAME  
DEVANEY RALPH B

SERIAL NUMBER

36858478

RANK

PVT

ARM

1

DATE OF DEATH

DAY MONTH YEAR

CEMETERY  
ST MERE EGLISE NO 1 - CARENTAN

1

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

6200 07  
CODE DIST. PT.PLOT ROW GRAVE COUNTRY  
N 5 94 FRANCE

CAUSE OF DEATH

1

## SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE

W. L. CASE & COMPANY *Funeral Home*  
413 ADAMS  
SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

BENJAMIN A. DEVANEY (FATHER)  
605 CATHERINE  
SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

## SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME SERIAL NUMBER RANK DATE OF DEATH DATE DISTINTERRED  
DEVANEY, Ralph B. 36858478 Pvt 20 Jun 44 10 Mar 48IDENTIFICATION TAG ON  
 REMAINS  
 MARKERORGANIZATION  
USAGF

RELIGION

Unk

IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY

W. T. BUSH, Embalmer

NAME AND TITLE

## SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL

Jump Suit, Parachute harness

CONDITION OF REMAINS

Advanced decomposition - Fractured skull

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

Embossed plate on remains and marker

MINOR DISCREPANCIES /

None

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN ~~CASKET~~ Transfer Case

DATE 22 Mar 48

BY

W. T. BUSH, Embalmer

CASKET SEALED BY

H. F. PERGANDE

EMBALMER (Signature)

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

All markings, tags and  
plates verified by *John Palyok Jr*

DATE 24 Mar 48 BY R. COOK

JOHN PALYOK, Jr., 1st Lt., FA

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.  
except casketing*G. E. Tomlinson*  
G. E. TOMLINSON, 1st Lt., FA

SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.



Information from the Hospital Admission Cards created 11/29/2015  
 by the office of the Surgeon General, Department  
 of the Army (1944-1945).  
 Information for the year 1944

Service Number	36858478
Rank	Enlisted Man
Arm of Service	Infantry, Parachute Troops
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	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 (	
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.

**COMPANY MORNING REPORT**

ENDING 2400 6 July 1944  
(DAY) (MONTH) (YEAR)

STATION Hungerford 3rd W VU7490 Cassini  
 ORGANIZATION Co "H" 506 Prcht. Inf Inf  
REG. DET. ETC. CASUALTY DUTY OR SERVICE

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
11 131 546	Lecuyer Leo J H	Pfc	M
dy to KIA 13 June 44			
39 686 920	Alvarez Secundino M.I	Pvt	M
36858478	Devaney Ralph B	Pvt	M
dy to KIA 29 June 44			
11 070 819	Wilson Alexander O	Pvt	9x79
dy to Hosp ID LNA reld fr usgd & atchd unassd 13 June 44			
14 164 612	Brooks James W Jr	Pvt	1-17
13 117 971	Mitchell Howard D Jr	Pvt	12/06
37 126 506	Brahmsteadt Warren E	Pvt	
38 371 701	Freeman Ros L	Pvt	
39 092 (1)2	Hamaker Jessie V	Pvt	
33 082 866	Harris Joseph M.I	Pvt	
31 298 831	Tarquini James V	Pvt	
37 229 590	Wyss Robert C	Pvt	
37 560 496	Anywaush Francis E	Pvt	
35 867 556	Deen Charles R Jr	Pvt	
37 543 760	Hegemes Donald E	Pvt	
18 078 130	Hester Robert G	Pvt	
39 687 535	Keener Walter L	Pvt	
16 109 607	Malik Frank J	Pvt	

OFFICER SERIAL	PLD O & CAPT		1ST LT		2ND LT		WO		FLT O	
	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST	PRES	ABST
ADDD										
ATCND UNASSD										
ATCND FR OTHER CODE										
TOTAL										

SERIAL	AVIATION CADETS		ENLISTED MEN			
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT FOR DUTY	PRESENT NOT FOR DT	ABSENT	PRESENT AND ABSENT
ADDD						
ATCND UNASSD						
ATCND FR OTHER CODE						
TOTAL						

**R** ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RATIONS REQUIRED FOR \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF WEEK \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**A** MESS ATTENDANCE FOR DAY OF THIS REPORT

BREAKFAST	DINNER	SUPPER	TOTAL	AVERAGE

**T** MEN AUTHORIZED TO MESS SEPARATELY \_\_\_\_\_ MEN ATCHD FOR RATIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
 MEN ATCHD TO OTHER ORGN FOR RATIONS \_\_\_\_\_ NET \_\_\_\_\_ O & OTHERS MESSED \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

**O** MEN PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_ LESS \_\_\_\_\_ PLUS \_\_\_\_\_

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I CERTIFY THAT THIS MORNING REPORT IS CORRECT AND THAT RATION NUMBERS ARE PART & SEPARATE AS ACTUAL REPORT AS EXPECTED TO BE.

SIGNATURE: Mal J. [Signature]  
REG. S.A. FORM NO. 1 1 JULY 4, 1943 50 COPY THRU REG OR SCU FORMS MADE OR SERVICE





# RALPH B. DEVANEY

The soldier Ralph B. Devaney was 19 when he was dropped on June 6, 1944, near the zone coded "D", south of Angoville-au-Plain. The young man, originally from Saginaw, Michigan, belonged to H Company – 506th PIR (101st Airborne). Like many of his comrades, he found himself isolated during the first 48 hours of the invasion. A week later, on June 13, his unit confronted a violent German counter-attack south-west of Carentan. On this day, Ralph Devaney was gravely hit in the face by shrapnel. On June 20, he would die of his wounds.

His body was buried the same day, in temporary cemetery n° 1 of Sainte-Mère-Église. His helmet was retrieved in 2012 by the current owner of the former hospital of Saint-Côme-du-Mont, where Devaney succumbed to his wounds.

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Portrait of Ralph B. Devaney, dead of his wounds on June 20, 1944. © Lisa Dehays.



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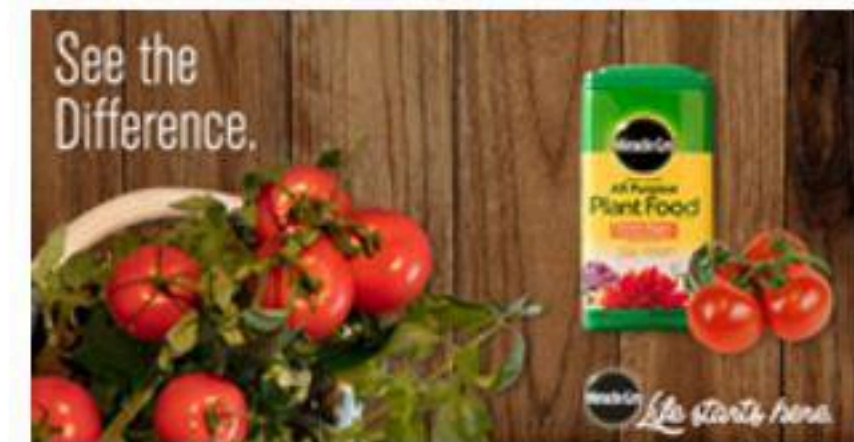


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