

T R A N S L A T I O N

I, the undersigned, Miss Meunier Renee, Schoolteacher at Graignes, declare:

On June 6, I saw the American paratrooper D. J. Wellis member of the 507 PAR CCHF Inf, Hq Co., The American troops stationed here from the 6 to 11 of June. At this date there had a fighting between American and Germans, the Americans were obliged to retreat toward Carentan in the night of 11 to 12 June.

I have no knowledge of soldiers having parachuted in the community on 8 and 11 June.

On 12 June, I was prisoner of the Germans, I saw 11 American prisoners, the Germans took them at Mesnil Angot and killed them. They were removed by American authority and buried at Blosville. I know that 5 bodies were removed from the pool located at Mes Boursier's farm.

/s/ Meunier

Translated by:

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I, the undersigned, Mrs Denise Lereculey-Boursier, residing at Vieux Bourg, at Graignes, declare:

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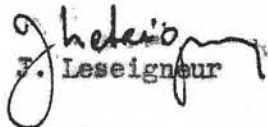
On June 11, 1944 the Germans shot 5 American paratroopers in a field, near our farm. An interpreter who was working with the American troops said that he heard the German officer giving the order to shot them. Then, they throw them in the pool located in our farm. the grave digger Mr Lenormand, and the Mayor Mr Vodis removed 5 bodies from that pool, but the Germans did not permit to bury them in the cemetery. They digged a hole and they put the 5 bodies in it.

At the beginning of August 1944 the American troops removed these bodies.

In the night of 11-12 June the Germans burned several bodies in a field located near the farm, in April 1945 officers came on investigation, and went on the place where the bodies were burnt, and they say that they recognized human bones.

/s/ Lereculey

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TRANSLATION

I, the undersigned, Miss Boursier Boursier, School teacher at Graignes I, the undersigned, Mr Voydie Alphonse, Mayor of Graignes declare:

On June 6, I saw the American paratroopers. After the departure of the American soldiers in the night of 11-12 June, I went at the village on the 12th in the morning. I removed 5 bodies from the pool located in Mrs Boursier's farm, three from the church, those three bodies were killed by the Germans, 2 other bodies were found in the fields. I put those bodies in a field but the Germans did not permit me to bury them. Then I had to evacuate. The American troops liberated the community on 13 July. I came back on 20 July.

Contrarily at what Mrs Lareculey said, the bodies of the 10 American parachuters were removed between the 13 and 20 July and not at the beginning of August.

Besides that if paratroopers had parachuted down in the swamps, their bodies should have been found when mowing grass, therefore it is possible that several paratroopers landed straight in the main canals and streams, but bodies should have floated at the surface of the water.

/s/ Voydie

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NARRATIVE

Investigation of these two cases in the village of Craignes resulted in ascertaining that during the period 6-12 June 1944 witnesses saw a total of nineteen (19) dead American paratroopers.

The mayor of Craignes, Mr Voydie, declared that ten dead American paratroopers had been removed from the village during the period 13-20 July 1944 (see statement). Mr Voydie further stated that if any paratroopers had fallen in the fields the farmers would have found them because the swamps in this area are mowed every year.

The mayor of Mesnil Angot, Mr Boullain, stated that he saw nine dead American paratroopers and that during the period 30 June to 4 August 1944, American troops removed these dead (statement attached).

Two more statements were obtained, one from Miss Meunier and one from Mrs Lereculey. These two women could not shed further light, except for the possibility that these nineteen dead American paratroopers might have been removed to the U.S. Military Cemetery of Blosville.

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Investigating Officer

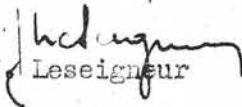
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I, the undersigned, Poullain Jean, Mayor of Mesnil  
Angot, declare:

On June 12, 1944, I saw 9 American parachutist prisoners  
of the Germans, they took them in a field and killed them. A few days  
later I saw these bodies in a hole. The Germans ordered us to evacuate  
on 30 June 1944, we came back on August 4, during that time the 9  
parachutist bodies were removed by American authority, but I could not say  
where they were taken to.

/s/ Poullain

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Mesnil Angot  
28 July 1946

Statement of Mr Poullain Jean, Mayor

On the 11th of June 1944, German troops attacked the American paratroopers. Around the 25th of June when the fight was over I have seen 9 American bodies in a field. I am sure that these soldiers were shot after the fight.


I left on the 30th of June 1944 and when I came back on the 4th of August, the bodies had been removed. I do not know if one of those soldiers was a Major.

The German soldiers were SS troops.

One of these soldiers was wearing a brassard with a red cross on it.

/s/ Poullain Jean

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