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**March 8th 1943 / VILLERS-ECALLES – Upper NORMANDY
B24 Liberator « Miss Dianne » - 41-23784**



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PALUEL –Upper Normandy



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March 28th, 2022, Patrick and I took the Remembering Americans in Europe camera to the small town of Paluel along the Normandy coastline about 45 minutes north of Le Havre to lay flowers on the graves on 10 US Airmen whose B17 Flying Fortress was shot out on the sky exactly 79 years ago. The former mayor who held the wreath laying ceremony for us was an 8 year old boy who remembers seeing what happened. This is the off the cuff interview during which the truth beats the best fiction imaginable....

Diane Condon

A la mémoire des membres de l'équipage de la forteresse volante B17
N° F 42 29537 du 324th Bomb Squadron, 91st Bomb Group
Abattue en ces lieux, le 28 Mars 1943.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tqn5vcJO5Zo>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pl4VaSc-Z98>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3s5s2MBFAw>

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Our Non-Profit Organization is heading an initiative to erect a monument on the beach in Dieppe this august 19th to mark the 1st engagement of the US Rangers - ever. It also honors the first three Americans to give their lives in active combat in Europe in WWII. The names of all 50 US Rangers from the 1st Ranger Battalion who took part in Operation Jubilee will be inscribed. We are raising funds to pay for the monument. The linked PayPal account works from the USA. We need your help.

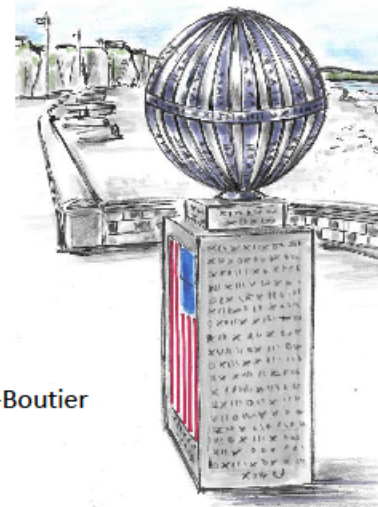
Ranger Memorial In Dieppe

SOUSCRIPTION / DONATION

- Somme/Amount : _____ € / _____ USD
- Nom/Name : _____
- Adresse/address : _____
- Tel/Phone : _____
- E-mail : _____
- **Comment soutenir notre projet ? / How To Donate ?**
- Paypal : https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=2EB5WETD6RE64
- Par chèque : A l'ordre de Remembering Americans in Europe / A envoyer chez Diane Condon-Boutier
10 route de Bacqueville – 76 590 Bertreville Saint Ouen - France
- Par virement / Transfer of funds : IBAN : FR76 1027 8021 3800 0209 5610 121 / BIC : CMCIFR2A

- Une feuille de don vous sera transmise dès réception,
- A receipt can be sent by email
- Nous contacter / contact us : Diane +33 6 26 04 32 61 / patrick.ober1@gmail.com

Rangers Lead The Way



August 19th 1942
August 19th 2022

80
YEARS

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Original 1st Btn Rangers in the Dieppe Raid

Capt. Roy A. **Murray**/Texas
1st Lt. Leonard F. **Dirks**/Iowa
2nd Lt. Charles M. **Shunstrom**/New Jersey
2nd Lt. Edward V. **Loustalot**/Louisiana/KIA Dieppe
2nd Lt. Joseph H. **Randall**/D Co/Washington D.C./KIA Dieppe
1st Lt. Robert **Flanagan**/Washington
Sgt. Harold R. **Adams**/A Co/Iowa
Sgt. Mervin T. **Heacock**/A Co/Minnesota
T/5 Joe C. **Phillips**/A Co/Kentucky
Pfc. Howard T. **Hedenstad**/A Co/South Dakota
Pfc. James C. **Mosely**/A Co/Arkansas
Pfc. Erwin J. **Moger**/A Co/Minnesota/WIA Dieppe
Sgt. Lloyd N. **Church**/A Co/Iowa/SWA/POW Dieppe
S/Sgt. Merritt M. **Bertholf**/B Co/Minnesota
Sgt. Albert T. **Jacobsen**/B Co/Iowa/POW Dieppe
Pfc. Walter A. **Bresnahan**/B Co/Minnesota/POW Dieppe
Pfc. Edwin R. **Furru**/B Co/Minnesota/WIA/POW Dieppe
Pfc. William E. **Lienhas**/B Co/Pennsylvania
Pfc. Donald L. **Hayes**/B Co/Iowa
Sgt. John J. **Knapp**/C Co/Nebraska/WIA Dieppe
Sgt. Richard **Sellers**/C Co/Iowa
T/5 John H. **Smith**/C Co/Pennsylvania
Pfc. James O. **Edwards**/C Co/Pennsylvania
Pfc. Charles F. **Grant**/C Co/Tennessee
Cpl. William R. **Brady**/C Co/Texas

Pfc. Donald G. **Johnson**/C Co/North Dakota
Sgt. Kenneth G. **Kenyon**/C Co/Minnesota/WIA Dieppe
S/Sgt. Gino **Mercuriali**/D Co/Iowa
Sgt. Marvin L. **Kavanaugh**/D Co/Georgia
T/4 Howard M. **Henry**/E Co/Kentucky/KIA Dieppe
T/5 William S. **Brinkley**/D Co/Indiana/KIA Venafro
T/5 Michael **Kerecman**/D Co/Ohio
Pfc. William S. **Girdley**/D Co/Indiana
Pvt. Jacques M. **Nixon**/D Co/Arkansas
Cpl. Franklin M. **Koons**/D Co/Iowa
S/Sgt. Lester E. **Kness**/E Co/Iowa/WIA Dieppe
Sgt. Theodore Q. **Butts**/E Co/Minnesota
Pfc. Clare P. **Beitel**/E Co/Iowa
Pfc. Charles R. **Coy**/E Co/Iowa
Pfc. Charles **Reilly**/E Co/New York/WIA Dieppe
Pfc. Owen E. **Sweazey**/E Co/Indiana
Sgt. Edwin C. **Thompson**/F Co/Iowa
Pfc. Howard W. **Andre**/F Co/Pennsylvania/KIA Anzio
Pfc. Stanley **Bush**/F Co/Michigan/WIA Dieppe/KIA Gela
Pfc. Pete M. **Preston**/F Co/West Virginia
Pvt. Don A. **Earwood**/F Co/Iowa
Sgt. Tom **Sorby**/F Co/Minnesota
S/Sgt. Kenneth D. **Stempson**/HQ/Minnesota
Sgt. Marcell G. **Swank**/HQ/Minnesota/WIA Dieppe
Sgt. Alex J. **Szima**/HQ/Florida

(Source : <https://wwiirangers.org/our-history/ranger-history/dieppe-raid/>)

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April 2022 : Commemorations In Upper-Normandy

April 24th 1944

Saint Saens – Upper Normandy

B17 Fortress 42-31445

1939  1945

Morts pour la Liberté le 24 avril 1944



Lt PETERSON (Pilote) - Sgt BURTON canonnier

Lt KING (Co Pilote) - Sgt SMITH radio

S/Sgt CELLI bombardier - Sgt BELL canonnier



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