

Parachutistes de l'Opération Loyton

Lieux des parachutages et Noms de ces hommes

Cette liste comporte quelques « trous » (Lt Maurice Rousseau et ses hommes : Réchicourt le Château, 10 septembre...). Mais elle a le mérite d'exister

Elle ne mentionne évidemment pas les 3 parachutages complémentaires d'armes et matériels (Côte du Mont, 6 septembre. Charbonnière, 14 septembre. Vieux Moulin, 28 septembre)

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Reconnaissance party (dropped 0145hrs 13/08/44):

1. Capt Druce (commander of recce party, survived operation)
2. Capt Hislop (commander of Phantom party, survived operation)
3. Capt Goodfellow (Padre (?)) - unknown French officer in British army - Goodfellow was not his real name. He was of more use as a translator/liaison with the Maquis than Capt Gough of Jedburgh 'Jacob.' He survived after being sent back through lines by Capt Druce)
4. Lieut Dill (Commanded the rear party left in the area by Lt Col Franks and was captured 05-06/10/44. Tortured at Maison Bartlemy, Saales, until sent to Schirmeck on 22-23/10/44. Transferred to Rotenfels and executed at Gaggenau on 25/11/44. Buried at Durnbach).
5. Sgt Hay (Capt Druce's Jeep gunner at start of operation. He was part of the rear party and was captured 05-06/10/44 and taken to Maison Bathlemy. Executed on 15/10/4. Buried at Durnbach).
6. Sgt Lodge (real name Rudolf Friedlander. Separated from group when Maquis camp was attacked. His body was handed to Pere Gassman on 20/08/44 by the Germans who said he had committed suicide. The body had bayonet wounds and bullet wound to the back of the head - executed. Buried at Moussey).
7. Sgt Davis (Phantom signaller. Separated from Capt Hislop's patrol on 17/09/44 near Vexaincourt when they came under attack from a German patrol. On the 20th September he asked for food from Abbe Colin at St Jean Church at St Saulcy. This was refused and Colin then went to the Kommando Schoner HQ at Chateau de Belval. When he was there a truck left and Sgt Davis was captured. Davis was taken to Schirmeck and interrogated. He was executed in the woods above Moussey. Albert Freine found his body in the Spring of 1945 and he is buried in Moussey).
8. Pct Crossfield (survived operation).
9. Pct Hall (it was first thought that he had been killed in action on 18/08/44 but Barkworth's 'Missing Parachutists' states he was captured on 17/08/44, executed en route from Schirmeck to Struthof and his body cremated there. He is commemorated on the Bayeux War

Memorial).

10. Pct Sullivan (Phantom Signaller - survived operation).
11. Pct Stanley (Phantom Signaller - survived operation).
12. Pct Johnston (Phantom Signaller - Died of wounds 20/10/44 at Fontenoy La Joute. His place of burial is unknown and he is commemorated on Groesbeek War Memorial, Netherlands).
13. Capt Gough (Commander Jedburgh Team 'Jacob' - captured 03/10/44 and tortured at Maison Barthlemy. Taken to Schirmeck 22-23/10/44. Executed at Gaggenau 25/11/44. Buried at Durnbach).
14. Capt Barraud (real name Maurice Boissarie. Killed in action at Viombois Farm 04/09/44. I do not unfortunately know where he is buried).
15. Sgt Seymour (Jedburgh Team 'Jacob' Signaller - only man on operation to survive capture. Believed to have answered Gestapo questioning).

Party dropped 27-28/08/44:

16. Major Power (survived operation).
17. Lt McGregor (survived operation).
18. L/Cpl Robinson (Major Power's rear jeep gunner at start of operation. Stayed on rear party and was captured 05-06/10/44. Executed 15-16/10/44. Buried at Durnbach).
19. Pct Arnold (survived operation).
20. Pct Marchand (survived operation).
21. Pct Mikolajezak (survived operation).
22. Pct Sutton (survived operation).
23. Pct MacQueen (survived operation).
24. Pct Weaver (stayed on rear party and was captured 05-06/10/44. Executed 15-16/10/44. Buried at Durnbach).
25. Pct Green (survived operation).

Main party dropped 31/08/44-01/09/44:

26. Lt Col Franks (survived operation).
27. Capt Sykes (survived operation).
28. Capt Miller (survived operation).
29. Capt Whately-Smith (captured with Major Reynolds 30/10/44 at La Trouche. Interrogated at Saales and Schirmeck. Transferred to Rotenfels. Executed at Gaggenau on 25/11/44. Buried at Durnbach).
30. Lt Johnson (Phantom - survived operation). (Lt Johnsen)
31. Lt Derringer (French Officer - survived operation).
32. Cpl Owens (Phantom - survived operation).
33. Pct Bell (survived operation).
34. Pct Robb (survived operation).
35. Pct Bennett (Major Power's front jeep gunner early in the operation. Stayed with the rear party and captured 05-06/10/44. Executed 15-16/10/44 and buried at Durnbach).
36. Sig Bannerman (Phantom Signaller - killed in action 20/10/44. Buried at Moussey).
37. Lt Marx (survived operation).

38. SSM White (survived operation).
39. Sgt Terry-Hall (separated from Lt Marx's group on 09/09/44 after ambushing German vehicles at La Chapelotte and found shelter with Crosier and Ivison at the Scierie at La Turbine. They were joined by Lt Black's party. Captured there on 15/09/44, taken to Schirmeck, executed 20/09/44. Buried at Durnbach).
40. Cpl Ivison (separated from Lt Marx's group on 09/09/44 after ambushing German vehicles at La Chapelotte and found shelter with Crosier and Terry-Hall at the Scierie at La Turbine. They were joined by Lt Black's party. Captured there on 15/09/44, taken to Schirmeck, executed 20/09/44. Buried at Durnbach).
41. L/Cpl Ferrandi (survived operation).
42. L/Cpl Cowing (survived operation).
43. L/Cpl Austin (early in the operation he had been Lt Dill's rear jeep gunner. Captured on 05-06/10/44 as part of rear party. Executed 15-16/10/44. Buried at Durnbach).
44. Pct Crosier (separated from Lt Marx's group on 09/09/44 after ambushing German vehicles at La Chapelotte and found shelter with Terry-Hall and Ivison at the Scierie at La Turbine. They were joined by Lt Black's party. Captured there on 15/09/44, taken to Schirmeck, executed 20/09/44. Buried at Durnbach).
45. Pct Pritchard (survived operation).
46. Pct Young (survived operation).
47. Pct Griffin (captured Lac de la Maix 10/09/44 and taken to Schirmeck. Transferred to Rotenfels and executed on 25/11/44 at Gaggenau. Buried at Durnbach).
48. Pct Lewis (separated from group on 11/10/44 and captured soon after. Taken to Schirmeck then executed with Brown and one unknown FFI at Harcholet on 16/10/44)
49. Pct Garth (survived operation).

Party dropped 06-07/09/44:

50. Major Reynolds (captured with Capt Whately-Smith 30/10/44 at La Trouche. Interrogated at Saales and Schirmeck. Transferred to Rotenfels. Executed at Gaggenau on 25/11/44. Buried at Durnbach).
51. Lt Black (separated from main group and took refuge at the house of la scierie at La Turbine. Captured after a short battle on 15/09/44 in which he was wounded in the leg. Taken to Le Creche, Raon L'Etape, then to Badonviller. Then taken to Schirmeck. Executed 20/09/44. Buried at Durnbach).
52. RQMS Taylor (survived operation).
53. Sgt Fitzpatrick (stayed with Elliott who broke his leg during parachute drop. Hid near La Fosse Farm, Pexonne. Betrayed by Genevieve Demetz and captured on 16/09/44. Taken to Kommando Wenger house at La Neuveville. Brought back to La Fosse, shot, body burnt in the apiary on 19/09/44. Buried at Moussey).
54. Cpl Winder (separated from main group with Lt Black and took refuge at the house of la scierie at La Turbine. Captured after a short battle on 15/09/44. Taken to Le Creche, Raon L'Etape, then to Badonviller. Then taken to Schirmeck. Executed 20/09/44. Buried at Durnbach).
55. Cpl Spencer (survived operation).
56. L/Cpl Redhead (survived operation).
57. L/Cpl Webb (survived operation).
58. Pct Elliott (Broke his leg during parachute drop. Hid near La Fosse Farm, Pexonne, with Conway and Fitzpatrick. Betrayed by Genevieve Demetz and captured on

16/09/44. Taken to Kommando Wenger house at La Neuveville. Brought back to La Fosse, shot, body burnt in the apiary on 19/09/44. Buried at Moussey).

59. Pct Salter (separated from main group with Lt Black and took refuge at the house of la scierie at La Turbine. Captured after a short battle on 15/09/44. Taken to Le Creche, Raon L'Etape, then to Badonviller. Then taken to Schirmeck. Executed 20/09/44. Buried at Durnbach).

60. Pct Lloyd (separated from main group with Lt Black and took refuge at the house of la scierie at La Turbine. Captured after a short battle on 15/09/44. Taken to Le Creche, Raon L'Etape, then to Badonviller. Then taken to Schirmeck. Executed 20/09/44. Buried at Durnbach).

61. Pct Conway (stayed with Elliott who broke his leg during parachute drop. Hid near La Fosse Farm, Pexonne. Betrayed by Genevieve Demetz and captured on 16/09/44. Taken to Kommando Wenger house at La Neuveville. Brought back to La Fosse, shot, body burnt in the apiary on 19/09/44. Buried at Moussey).

62. Pct Dowling (captured 11/09/44 and executed 20/09/44. Buried at Durnbach).

63. Pct Salthouse (survived operation).

64. Pct Zandarce (survived operation).

Dropped 19-20/09/44 with jeeps:

65. Cpl Kubiski (survived operation).

66. Pct Perrin (survived operation).

67. Pct Kasperovitch (often served as George King. He was accidentally shot when he answered the password in Russian. Buried at Moussey).

68. Sgt Thorpe (survived operation. Later killed in action in Germany).

69. Pct Milliken (survived operation).

70. L/Cpl Larley (survived operation).

Party dropped 21-22/09/44 with jeeps:

71. Capt McGibbon-Lewis (survived operation).

72. Sgt Nevill (served as Capt McGibbon-Lewis' jeep rear gunner at start of operation. On 02/10/44 he was sent by Lt Col Franks with Pcts Church and McGovern to recce the Col du Hanz. Captured some time after and taken to Saales. Executed on 15/10/44. Buried at Durnbach).

73. Pct Brown (served as Capt McGibbon-Lewis' jeep front gunner at start of operation and also as the camp cook. Captured 07/10/44 and taken to Schirmeck. Brought to Harcholet and executed with Lewis and an unknown FFI on 16/10/44).

74. Lt Lord Manners (survived operation).

75. Pct McGovern (served as Lt Manners' jeep front gunner at start of operation. On 02/10/44 he was sent by Lt Col Franks with Pct Church and Sgt Nevill to recce the Col du Hanz. Captured some time after and taken to Saales. Executed on 15/10/44. Buried at Durnbach).

76. Pct Mason (survived operation).

77. Pct Church (served as Lt Manners' jeep rear gunner at start of operation. On 02/10/44 he was sent by Lt Col Franks with Pct McGovern and Sgt Nevill to recce the Col du Hanz. Captured some time after and taken to Saales. Executed on 15/10/44.

Buried at Durnbach).

78. Lt Silly (captured 11/10/44 with Pct Lewis and taken to Schirmeck. He was then seen being held in a cave near L'Ecole du Vivier at Etival with 5 or 6 Frenchmen. Here he managed to pass his mother's address to another man. Executed at le scierie Barodot. Buried with 5/6 French Maquis at Moyenmoutier).

79. Pct Herbert (survived operation).

80. Pct Merryfield (survived operation).

81. Cfn Hopkins (survived operation).

82. Lt Swayne (survived operation).

83. Pct Daines (survived operation).

84. Pct Puttick (probably captured and executed at the scierie at La Barodot. Body not found. He is commemorated on the Groesbeek War Memorial, Netherlands).

Arrived on foot when Capt Druce returned through the lines to the operation:

85. Pct Pendli (survived operation).

I hope this is help to you. Best regards,

Wesley Richards