

2nd ARMORED DIVISION

**VETERANS LIBERATION TOUR**

**FRANCE—BELGIUM—THE NETHERLANDS**



**August 31th—September 14th  
2009**



1944

2009

65 years later

Welcome to our Liberators

We like to welcome you all to this "*Veterans Liberation Tour*" from "*Normandy trough Belgium into the Netherlands.*"

How has this started ?

September 2007, the yearly convention off the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division in Washington DC. One evening I was sitting together with Rudi, Chris and some off our American friends, at the bar in the hotel. Suddenly someone said:

"In 2009 it will be 65 years ago that Europe was liberated. What do you think to set up a tour to visit some sites in France, Belgium and the Netherlands. Places wherever **2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division** was involved into."

We looked to each other and said : " First meeting tomorrow." And so it started.

Rudi, Chris and I, myself, arranged everything in Europe and Barbara was the contact person in the US.

Rudi took contact with his friends in Belgium and Erik was the one who helped us out with contacts and his part off the convoy.

And, as you can see, it took us 2 years to have everything arranged.

With this brochure we will give you an idea what we are going to see during this period, day by day, and to start we open this brochure with the pictures off the veterans that will accompany us , pictures from the past and pictures from now. Some of them you will recognise immediately and some you have to look twice.

We hope that you will enjoy the trip.

Greetings,

Rudi, Chris , Jeff and Niki

**Francis C Turner**  
**2nd Lt.-A Company**  
**17th Armored Engineer Regiment**



**Peter D Burland**  
**M / Sgt Intellegence HQ**  
**2nd Armored Division**



**Junior Riley Propps**  
**S / Sgt -MP Section**  
**41st Armored Infantry Regiment**



**Paul Hicks**  
**S / Sgt "H" Company**  
**67th Armored Regiment**



**Robert George Bergman**  
**Cpl-Reconnaissance Regiment**  
**67th Armored Regiment**



**Robert Joseph Connerton**  
**Cpl - C Company**  
**82nd Armored Reconnaissance Battalion**



**Joseph J Ververloh**  
**Pfc - F Company**  
**41st Armored Infantry Regiment**



**Kalman N Isaacs**  
**Pfc - Reconnaissance Company**  
**67th Armored Regiment**



**George Smilanich**  
**Pvt - E Company**  
**67th Armored Regiment**



**Walter Schendig**  
**CO-E**  
**67th Armored Regiment**

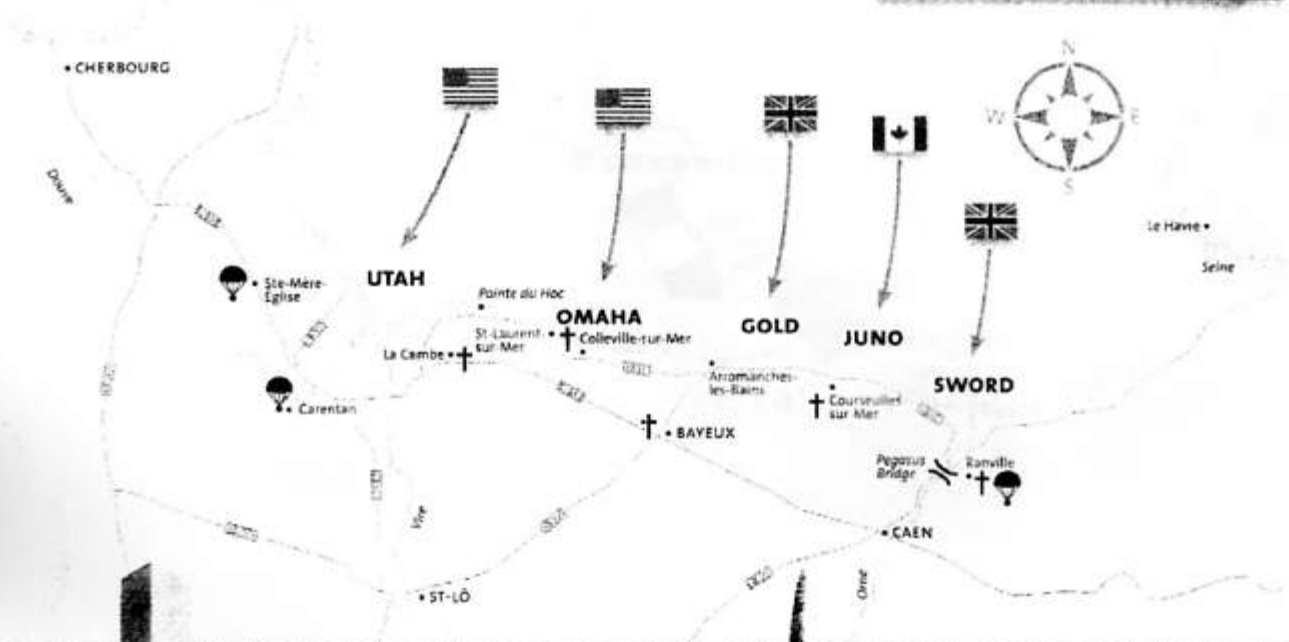


**Mr.Lauzeray -French Volunteer**  
**82nd Recon**

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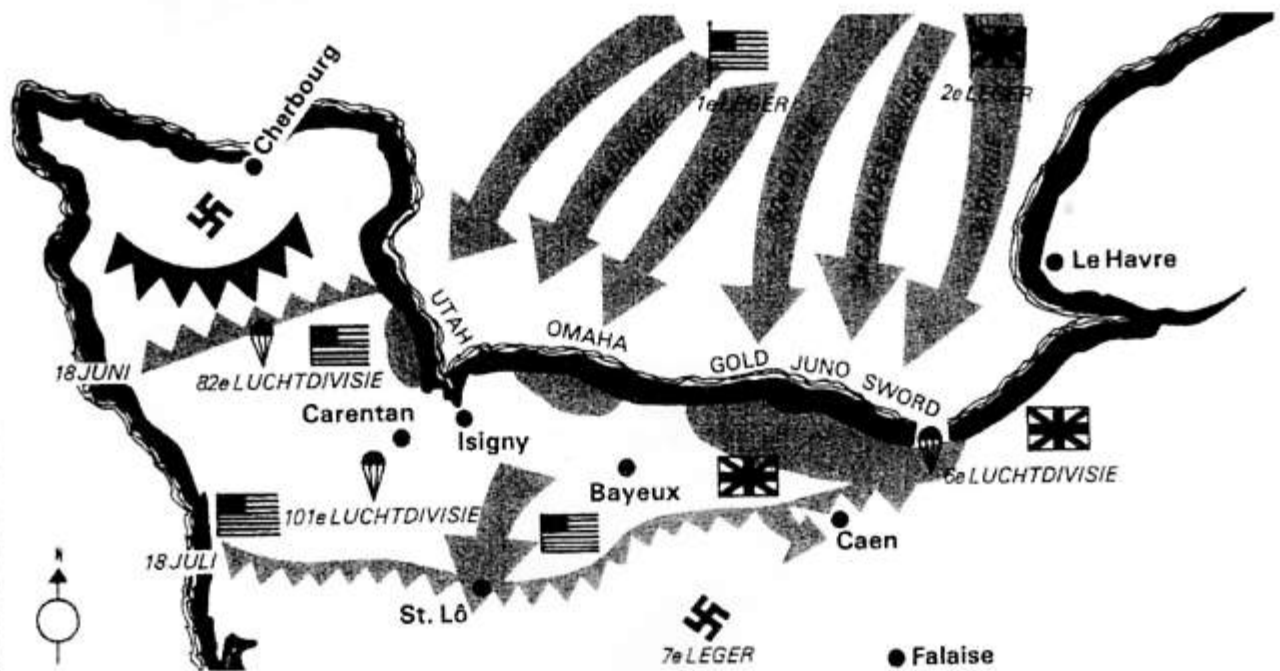
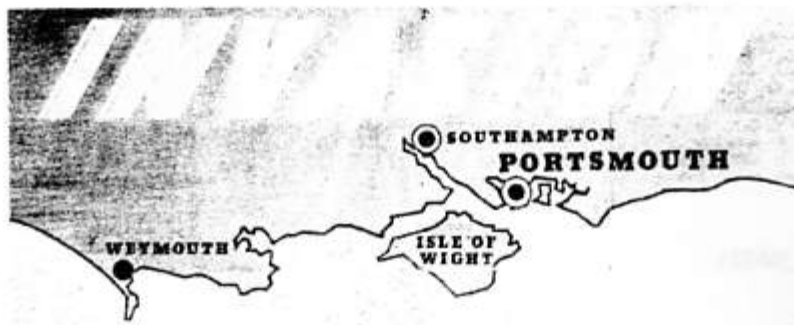
# Allied Landings on June 6, 1944

KEY: † War Cemetery    ☪ Parachute Drop



	<p><b>Utah Beach Memorial</b>          A tall, dark monument in a grassy field marks the site of the Utah Beach landing. The monument is a simple, rectangular structure that stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made during the D-Day landings.</p>		<p><b>Pointe du Hoc Memorial</b>          A tall, dark monument in a grassy field marks the site of the Pointe du Hoc landing. The monument is a simple, rectangular structure that stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made during the D-Day landings.</p>
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## Don't Fence Me In

Words: Cole Albert Porter  
Music: Cole Albert Porter  
Performed By: (1944),

(1944).

From the Film: Hollywood Canteen (1944)  
Transcription corrected/edited by John Mair and Cool Hand Luke

Wildcat Kelley, lookin' mighty pale,  
Was standin' by the sherrif's side  
And when the sherrif said "I'm sendin you to jail,  
Wildcat raised his head and cried

Oh, give me land, lots of land under starry skies above,  
Don't fence me in.  
Let me ride through the wide open country that I love,  
Don't fence me in.  
Let me be by myself in the evenin' breeze,  
listen to the murmur of the cottonwood trees,  
Send me off forever but I ask you please,  
Don't fence me in.

Just turn me loose, let me straddle my old saddle  
Underneath the western skies.  
On my Cayuse, let me wander over yonder  
'Til I see the mountains rise.

I want to ride to the ridge where the west commences  
gaze at the moon 'til I lose my senses  
I can't look at hobbles and I can't stand fences  
Don't fence me in.

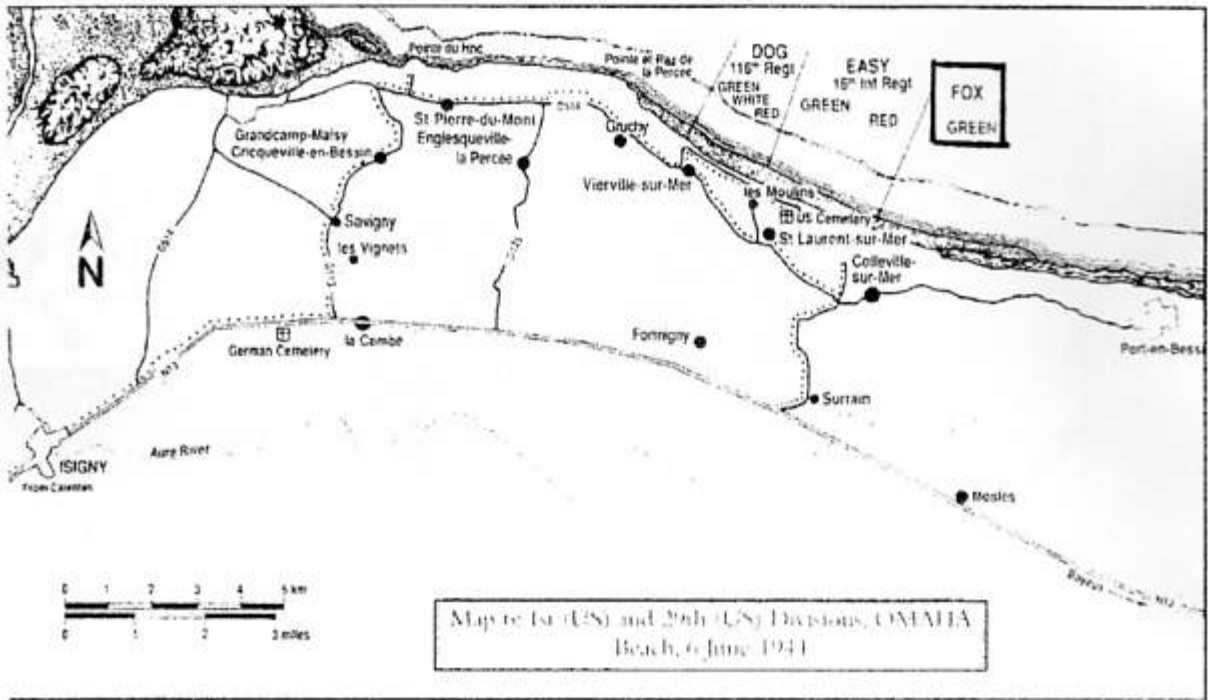
Wildcat Kelley, back again in town,  
was standin by his sweethearts side,  
And when his sweetheart said "come on let's settle down,  
Wildcat raised his head and cried

Oh, give me land, lots of land under starry skies,  
Don't fence me in.  
Let me ride through the wide open country that I love,  
Don't fence me in.  
Let me be by myself in the evenin' breeze  
listen to the murmur of the cottonwood trees  
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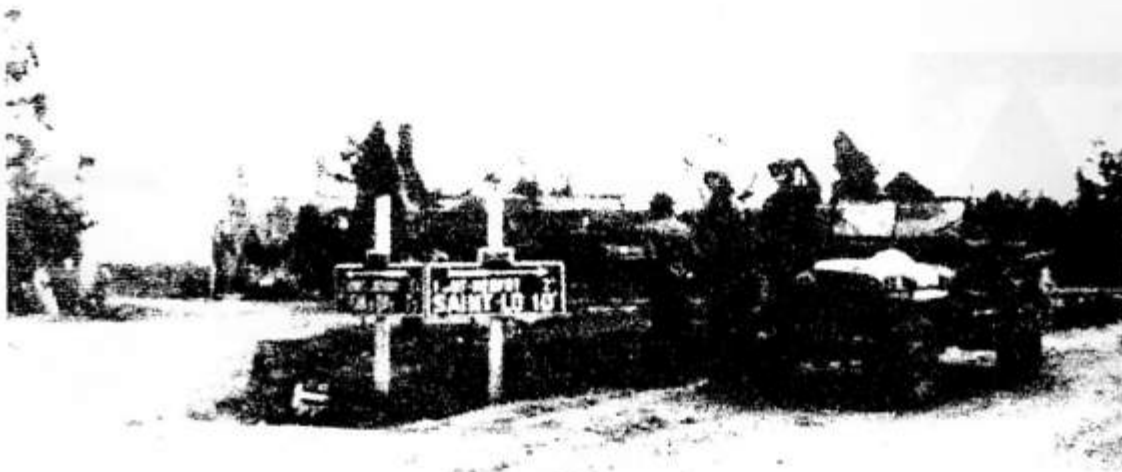




G.I's in their boats nearing the landing beaches of Normandy



2nd Armored Division at Omaha Beach-France



**Above:** Troops await the carpet bombing attack before the breakout at St. Lo, France.



**Above:** Troops of the 82d Reconnaissance Battalion enter a French village during the breakout at St. Lo.

Tuesday September 1st, 2009

Visit Omaha Beach , landing beaches and Cemetery



A view of the wreckage along Omaha Beach. The most subject in the right foreground is one of the obstacles placed by the Germans to prevent landings



Memorial to US 149th Tank Battalion ('Hell on Wheels'), VVF



**Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial**

American Battle Monuments Commission



