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Chicago Chapter Officers:

D-Day & 78 Years

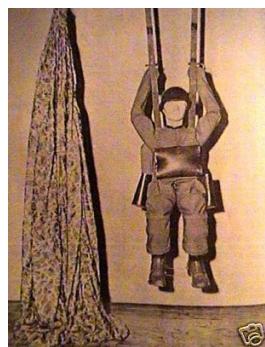


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American Cemetery Normandy France

D-Day Paradummies: Oscar and Rupert



Oscar



Rupert

500 paradummies called Oscars, (American) & Rupert's, (British) were dropped during the D-Day Airborne assault. They were half the size of a human and appeared lifelike to those looking up from the ground on a dark night. A Rupert paradummy was discovered at the bottom of a garden shed with a set of RAF maps for a team tasked with spotting for the Royal Naval bombardment of the German defenses. In the 1970s some were found on an airfield and some are now in museums. The Germans used paradummies when it attacked the Netherlands in 1940. They were used in the Vietnam War and in Iraq and Afghanistan.

