

US ARMY  
**ANSWER SHEET**

# Report

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**D-Day Experience**

**Full Name**  
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**Your Grade**  
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**Division**  
**101st**

You will now walk in the steps of these famous  
American paratroopers.  
All of them wear an insignia on their upper-arm.  
Find it and draw it below:



Insignia help soldiers to recognize each other's units.  
The insignia from the 101st division is .....*the bald eagle*.....  
But other divisions have different symbols, here are some examples:



501st infantry regiment



4th infantry division



Tank destroyer

# Get ready !

In this first room, you will discover how paratroopers trained before the D-Day landings as they were in England.

Prior to leaving for their mission, paratroopers needed to prepare for their equipment/gear. Looking at the relevant display, find out what they had to take with them and place the words from the box below against the mannequin :

- Parachute
- Helmet
- Jump boots
- Insignia
- Knife
- Life-vest





# Is your equipment complete ?

Now that you have all of your equipment ready, you need to learn how to use it. Explain in your own words the use of the following objects :

- The cricket

*The cricket is a means of communication without having to speak and helped paratroopers identify themselves in the darkness. One click asks for identification and two clicks to respond "a friend."*

- The helmet

*The helmet is worn on the head of the soldiers to protect them from enemy fire.*

- The K-ration



*It is the soldier's meal during the war consisting of an individually packaged daily ration. The K-ration provided three separately boxed meal units: breakfast, dinner (lunch) and supper (dinner).*

Your next task is to find two heroes from 1944. Wander through the display(s) and look for objects belonging to them explaining who they were :

- General Eisenhower:

*He was the supreme commander of the allied forces in Europe. He led the Overlord Operation of the D-Day landings. After the war, he became President of the United States.*

- Colonel Wolverton :

*He was the commander of a batalion of the 506th regiement. He's also at the origin of the famous prayer which can be seen at the entrance of the museum.*

# The role of the Pathfinders

Pathfinders were the very first paratroopers to fly over and jump in Normandy.

Find their insignia in the first exhibition room and colour it below:



Once in Normandy, they had to prepare for the arrival of their comrades a few hours later, by marking out the drop zones.

Their role was very important to try and prevent the paratroopers from jumping in the wrong place because after that jump, they needed to fulfill other missions such as destroying bridges, freeing cities, and securing roads.





# Soon, you will be on board !

Now you need to find your way towards the airfield.  
Wait for your turn just like the paratroopers did.

But before boarding, say "Hi" to Rupert.

Find him in the relevant display and tick the right answer :

- Rupert is a dog guarding the plane
- Rupert is the officer who will command your platoon
- Rupert is a dummy dropped to deceive the enemy

You can draw Rupert below :






# It's time to board soldier !

You are now ready to board the aircraft ! You have followed an intense training and your equipment holds no secrets for you.

Soon, you are going to take off towards Normandy, but before that, you need to listen carefully to Colonel Wolverton : he is going to brief you on your mission.

While waiting to enter the briefing room, find the hidden word using the definitions below:



1. The aircraft you are about to board has this nickname 
2. Paratroopers use it to communicate without speaking
3. This is the region where D-Day Landings took place
4. Soldiers who board airplanes, need it to jump
5. This is a synonym of rocket-launcher 
6. You were able to see his jacket in the first room, he was the general of the US army and then president of the United States of America
7. They were the first soldiers to jump, they had to show the path for the next soldiers
8. This animal was used to send coded messages during war 

The hidden word is the name given to the area where the paratroopers are supposed to land



# D-Day : parachuting in normandy

You have now arrived in Normandy after this chaotic flight.

In the large display, you can see the members of the "Stoy Hora" crew. This latter is the name given to the plane which has flown you all the way to drop you and your fellow comrades in Normandy.

Draw an American plane below :



Did you notice the drawing on the nose of the plane ?  
This is called a nose art and it is also the nickname  
of the plane.






# Finally on dry land !

There you are, in Normandy. After removing your harness, you need to find your fellow paratroopers using your cricket. If you listened carefully to Colonel Wolverton, you will know the passwords to recognize your friends.

Can you write them down ?

.....*Flash*..... , .....*Thunder*.... and .....*Welcome*..... 

Perfect, coded languages hold no secrets for you ! You will have no difficulties in translating the answer to this question. How did the gliders cross the Channel ?

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# A hero of WWII : Richard "Dick" Winters

Major Winters was an American paratrooper officer who became very famous. Find his service jacket in the museum and circle all the medals and rewards he got among the ones below :



Air Medal



Marine Corps Good  
Conduct Medal



European-African-Middle Eastern  
Campaign Medal



Purple Heart  
(medal for the soldiers wounded or  
killed in action)



Distinguished Service Cross



Asia-Pacific Campaign  
Medal



Navy Cross



Bronze Star



Coast Guard Distinguished  
Service Medal



Combat Infantry Badge

All those medals were given by the United States of America to reward the soldiers. The highest reward is the medal of honor. 426 soldiers received it during WWII



Medal of Honor





# Combat zone

Cross out the words from the list in the grid below.

You may use the same letter more than once.

With the remaining words you will find the hidden word.

P	A	R	A	T	R	O	O	P	E	R	C
D	J	S	I	M	L	H	O	N	N	O	R
A	U	O	R	V	I	C	T	O	R	Y	I
K	N	L	B	E	B	W	O	U	N	D	C
O	E	D	O	V	E	R	L	O	R	D	K
T	A	I	R	C	R	A	F	T	J	A	E
A	D	E	N	U	T	A	H	A	U	Y	T
W	A	R	E	I	Y	C	S	N	M		
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Airborne  
Aircraft  
Criquet  
Dakota  
D-Day  
Honnor  
June  
Jump  
Liberty

Overlord  
Paratrooper  
Soldier  
Tank  
Utah  
Veterans  
Victory  
War  
Wound

Hidden word :

Nickname given to medical soldiers on the battle field.

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Observe carefully the tent which was used as a medical aid center :  
How would you have known this was an hospital during the war ?

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# Lil' Para Diploma

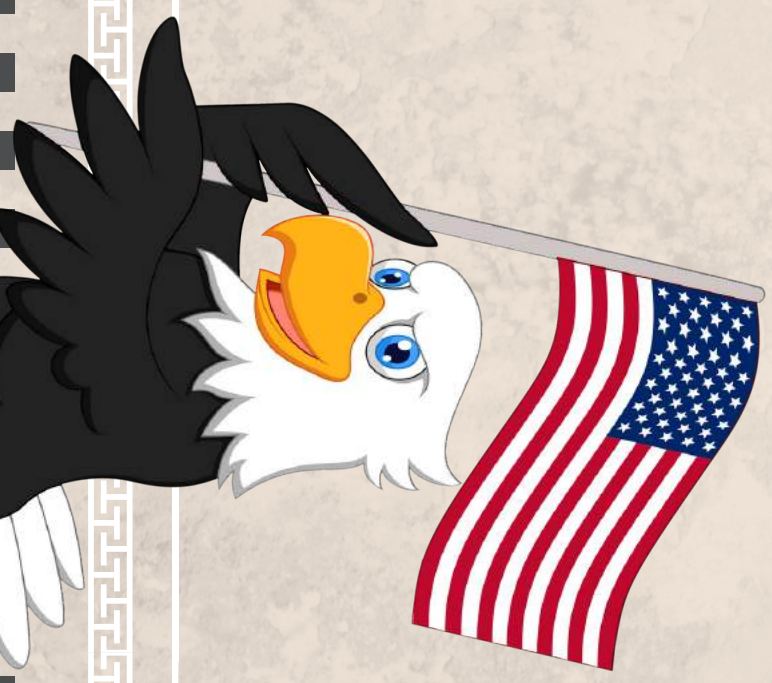
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Awarded to : .....

*For your bravery, heroism and knowledge ! You demonstrated all the qualities required to obtain your Lil' Para diploma. Congratulations !*

Date : .....

Signature :







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