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NAME (Last, First, Middle)

LESKO, JOHN P.

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SERIAL NUMBER

13048930

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

PFC

DATE OF DEATH

7 JUNE 45

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

D. GRAY

DATE

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NAME OF REVIEWER

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THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND THE FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY OF THE REMAINS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) ARE APPROVED. (Corrections in name, rank, and/or serial number have been effected when appropriate.)

Individual Case

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS BELIEVED MATERIAL TO THE CASE ARE ATTACHED FOLLOWING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW.

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None

THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

Missing in action 6 June 1944 near Foucarville, France.

See Tab-A for results of comparisons with Unknowns associated with this decedent.

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HEADQUARTERS 7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT REGISTRATION DIVISION ... APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

Proceeding of a Board of Officers appointed in accordance with letter AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, War Dept, TAGO, 9 April 1947.

The Board convened pursuant to par 2, So 108, Headquarters, 7837 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 29 August 1950, who large, Belgium on 1- CFDT 1950
The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability stabus of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

The Beard reviewed report of investigation, statements of witness and etnow papers, contained in the files of 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, EA, pertaining to the case of the fellowing named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered, are attached.

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· See attached restor.

FINDINGS: The Board having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds the remains of said casualty/casualties are non-recoverable.

RECOMMENDATION: That the case concerning subject casualty/casualties be forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General for final approval.

ROBERT D. MILLER, Lt Col, TC JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, QMC

GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR., Maj. QMC CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Captain, QMC

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HEADQUARTERS 7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT REGISTRATION DIVISION APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

GRRE 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable

TO: Non-Recoverable Board, AGRC

1. It is recommended that the Board take action on the following cases:

NAMES: See Attached Roster

ORGANIZATION: See 371 Forms

DATE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

PLACE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

SYNOPSIS: The casualties listed on attached roster are reporte by official records as Missing In Action or Killed In Action during groun air or naval operations in the department of Manche, France, from the period of 5 June 1944 to 15 August 1944. Extensive area searches as well as individual investigations have to date failed to furnish information as to the ultimate disposition of their remains. Efforts to effect association with unidentified recoveries from the area, now interred in .U.S. Military Cemeteries, have also proven negative. The lack of specifi information regarding the death or burial, limited search in most instances to general localities, however, documents on file in this Offic and Office of The Quartermaster General substantiate the fact that numerous investigations covering the entire department of the Manche, have been conducted in the course of search operations for all losses, both recovered and unrecovered. The terrain of the Manche department, for the most part, consists of farm and pasture land which has been under constant cultivation and daily use since the cessation of hostilities, thus the possibility of undiscovered graves is remote. It can therefore only be concluded that the remains of the deceased in question were reduced by battle action to a state which precludes recovery or identification. The absence of specific information concerning their deaths, the failure of Field Investigations to provide evidence, and the lack of association with recovered unknowns would tend to substantiate these

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conclusions. It is recommended that the remains of the individuals listed in these Board Proceedings be considered Non-Recoverable under the provisions of paragraph 3b, Letter, Office of The Quartermaster General, file QMGMP 293, Subject: Processing Board Findings of Non-Recoverability Return of World War II Dead Program, dated 25 March 1949.

Reference is made to: OCMG Forms 371; After Action Reports, and Casualty Clearance Plan, concerning each decedent; Reports of Field Investigations previously forwarded to The Office of The Quartermaster General, pertaining to resolved casualties who were killed in action in the department of Manche, France: On file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Mashington, D. C.

2. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

C. W. STEINSIER Captain QMC TCI

	Name	Rank	Serial Number
110.	Haggins, Sylbester D.	Pfc.	32 552 252
41.	Hall, Charlie L.	Pfc.	14 140 065
42:	Hardy, Joseph G.	T/5	14 024 716
43.	Hardzog, Floyd	Pfc.	34 180 153
44.	Harper, Felix M.	T/5	13 016 604
45.	Harper, James T.	Pfc.	35 671 355
46.	Harris, Dale	2nd Lt.	0 763 584
47.	Healey, Frederick S.	Pfc.	5 530 598
48.	Henry, Richard B.	Pvt.	36 885 105
49.	Hernandez, Guadalupe	T/5	38 120 358
50.	Hershaan, Ralph W.	Pvt.	13 042 608
51.	Hill, Dewey D.	T/4	38 294 542
52.	Hill, Joseph D.	Pvt.	16 039 974
53	Hoke, James T.	Pfc.	38 094 200
54.	Holloman, Wallace S.	Cpl.	6 986 562
55•	Homer, Mack	=	34 740 215
56.	Hopkins, John V.	lst Lt.	01 294 841
57.	Hormbaker, Nelson F.	S/Sgt.	6 948 738
58.	Hudak, Joseph B.	Pvt.	33 423 375
59•	Ingenito, Harold E.	Pfc.	12 036 296
60.	Jenkins, Earl F.	Pfc.	35 590 188
61.	Jesper, Robert E.	Pvt.	32 804 484
62.	Jezak, Joseph	Cpl.	33 071 037
63.	Jones, Theodore T., Jr.	1st Lt.	0 456 301
64.	Keehley, John F.	F/0	T 61 635
65.	Keller, William B.	Cpl.	34 141 272
66.	Kennedy, Thomas M.	Pfc.	32 600 334
<i>5</i> 7.	Kibbons, David L.	Pfc.	34 142 881 .
68.	Kirk, James	Pvt.	34 673 669
69.	Kline, William S.	2nd Lt.	01 013 1142
70.	Koenig, Thomas C.	Cpl.	16 124 803
71.	Langston, William L.	Pfc.	16 086 596
72.	Lapikas, John M.	Cpl.	33 113 282
73.	Lawrence, James W.	Pfc.	35 370 538
74.	Legg, Joseph H.	T/5	15 112 780
75.	Lesko, John P.	Pfc.	13 048 930
76.	Lockerman, Colon A.	₽fc.	35 571 683
77•	Long, Houston H.	Pvt.	32 359 883
78.	Louis, Charles K.	Pvt.	19 096 999



	Name .	Rank	Serial Number
1.	Ashenfelter, Edgar J.	Pvt	35 614 631
2.	Auman, Pershing D.	Pvt.	33 050 442
3•	Bacon, Lewis C.	Pvt.	37 302 484
4.	Baker Lester R.	Pfc.	17 109 674
5•	Barr, Charles E.	Pvt.	38 513 883
6.	Barraco, Andrew J.	Cpl:	32 560 061
7.	Barto, Sheve	Pvt.	35 266 795
8.	Baur, Frank K.	Pfc.	33 143 678
9.	Beisser Cnester	Pvt.	35 599 108
10.	Bergshresser, Glenn	T/4	39 385 460
11.	Berlin, John C.	T/5	18 151 944
12,	Boylan, Richard E.	Sgt.	32 023 449
13.	Brannen, William F.	T/5	11 064 090
14.	Burri, Herman A.	Sgt.	20 656 749
15.	Cali, Dominick D.	Pvt.	32 598 866
16.	Caplinger, Robert D.	Pfc.	35 801 083
17.	Corny, Otaker	Pvt.	6 902 607 .
18.	Chavous, Samuel J.	Cpl.	35 054 771
19	Chellins, John E.	T/4	13 004 985
20.	Condon, John W.	Pvt.	17 076 365
21.	Coughlin; Lawrence J.	Pfc.	35 069 317
22.	Danziger, Benjamin	2nd Lt.	01 299 211
23.	Denning, Lloyd J.	Cpl.	33 306 262
24.	Donohue, Edward D.	Pvt.	36 752 230
25.	Dudgeon, Sidney G.	Pfc.	32 093 950
26.	Eady, Caley J,	T/L;	14 142 168
27.	Eckhoff, Kenneth A.	Pfc.	34 625 674
28.	Ellis, Elmer	Pvt.	20 406 903
	Ellison, Isidore	Pvt.	32 008 511
30 .	Fannelli, Andrew J.	Sgt.	32 023 169
31.	Fitzgerald, Jack D.	Pvt.	37 343 112
32 _*	Foster, Norman B.	Pvt.	37 701 436
33 •	Frankel, Merton	Cpl.	39 124 515
34.	Fratago, Michael H.	Sgt.	33 345 371
35°•	Geyer, Roy W.	S/Sgt.	36 351 713
36 .	Goble, Francis W.	T/5	37 248 656
37•	Greggs, Robert E.	Pfc.	35 136 548
38.	Gustafson, Roy O.	Pfc.	36 647 856
39•	Guyton, Wilbur M.	Pvt.	34 663 591

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79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109.	Magney, Roy A. Maguffee, Henry B. Maine, Roger M. Mason, Conrad C. McKamey, James B. McKee, William R. Metz, Charles E. Morgia, Anthony C. Moyer, Robert H. Naduea, Armand E. Neal, Donald R. Nichols, Noel N. Nicholson, Robert L. Niska, Edward W. O'Bryan, Charles E. O'Connell, Norman V. Okrepki, Harry D. Olubowicz, Steven O'Rourke, James W., Jr. Pataky, Bernard L. Pederson, Harry B. Phelps, John W. Pinkoski, John Record, Orson B. Reeder, Foster P. Rhimer, Nicholas W. Roberts, Harry Jr. Rodriguez, Julio T. Rommey, Walter R. Rushing, Cleo Sadoski, Peter P. Sanders, Raymond C.	Cpl. T/5 Pfc.: Pfc.: Pvt. Pvt. Pvt. Pvt. Pvt. Pvt. Pfc. T/4 T/5 T/4 Pvt. Pvt. Pfc. Cpl. Pfc. Cpl. Pfc. Cpl. Pfc. Cpl. Pfc. Pfc. Pfc. Pfc. Pfc. Pfc. Pfc. Pfc	19 096 754 38 333 718 37 551 879 35 739 701 0 668 479 32 949 592 32 068 560 12 073 036 13 026 533 11 131 551 39 385 528 34 275 298 35 111 192 32 827 230 20 746 704 19 132 872 20 221 898 31 278 325 32 370 027 13 059 509 20 157 352 33 010 611 13 008 950 35 617 857 20 133 561 0 807 313 34 812 959 31 211 410 37 107 418
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118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129.	Simpson, Jack M. Smith, Harry J. Smith, R. V. (IO) Sokol, Sylvester F. Sparks, Carl J. Spina, Thomas Stephens, Horace S. Tortorello, Anthony Van Meter, Walter F. Van Sickle, Jark D. Vosen, Raymond F. Waugh, Luther L. White, Melvin G.	Pvt. Pvt. Pvt. Sgt. Pvt. Pfc. Pvt. Cpl. Pvt. T/5 S/Sgt.	37 454 639 20 245 579 20 402 383 33 365 213 18 070 327 32 572 316 34 141 354 36 334 642 34 585 089 36 408 881 16 132 054 35 664 638 35 135 831
131.	Wojcik, Walter A.	T/Sgt.	37 186 511
132.	Wyatt, Daniel	T/5	38 311 942
133.	Yesko, Nicholas	Pvt.	32 927 063
134.	Zwyers, Robert W.	Pvt.	15 333 992

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Name	Rank	Serial Number
HICKEY, James G. MAKOWSKI, Stanislaus J. BRAMLET, Claude O. WAUGAMAN, Peter M. HARTIGAN, Chester W. HEADS, Raymond SAIMI, Uno A. BROMAN, Donald W. HOWARD, Llvin W. VITELLO, Alphonse J. PEYTON, Ralph A. RANSOM, Edward J. STUART, James L. HAWKINS, Andrew J. HOEY, Edwin B. ADAMS, Wilburn W. BELLIS, John F. BUTLIER, Archie J. BAKER, Floyd C. BUCH, Nelson B. BLACKMAN, Abraham W. CHAGOURIS, George L. CODY, Gordon H. GYURKO, Edwin KAYS, Kenneth W. BLAND, George W. JADAK, Joseph MOLITOR, Harvey N. CLARK, John H. BIL, Carl J. MENESTRINA, Herbert COAKLEY, Frank C. COTTINGHAM, Clyde Jr. DUNCAN, Charles S. NELSON, Stanley C.	Rank Pfc Pvt Pvt Pvt Pvt Pvt Sgt T/Sgt Pvt Capt Cpl Pvt	Serial Number 33 439 460 32 562 358 36 776 699 35 057 210 33 043 695 38 117 175 0 438 098 37 485 648 38 333 715 33 030 167 35 807 391 32 945 520 13 058 719 33 690 254 37 664 776 34 710 002 31 240 839 33 659 432 34 826 491 39 305 447 38 032 909 32 057 116 13 069 366 37 333 825 36 101 119 36 079 288 34 008 209 32 209 538 36 833 898 12 166 192 36 868 601 36 318 819 32 064 745 35 658 671 34 518 044 37 273 595
PARKER, Lincoln C. PHELPS, John P.	Pvt Pfc	38 521 246 14 000 141

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PRICKETT, Joe TARIN, Lucas R. BRANDHORST, Richard J. CLIBURN, David H. CORE, Barton W. BRANDT, Charles K. CLARK, Russell E. BONITZ, Nicholas D. DIKON, Robert E. HAHN, Burton F. HARVEY, Loy M. ISLES, Peter J. HARGETT, Tearsie E. GUNTILM, Thomas GOODSPIND, Lorman L. LINDNER, John J. MURRAY, Howard G. SHORT, Charles W. FLICK, John F. CALLAWAY, David L. FIRRER, Mike A. FEORENE, Trentre F. KING, Sterling FRANCOIS, Leonard D. JACQUES, Armando S. NAREHOOD, Charles B. HORAN, Roger J. REID, Arthur J. LINSLEY. Louis E.	Pvt Pvt Pvt Pvt Pfc Lt S/Sgt Lt S/SS T/SS S/Sc Pfvt SfC SfC Pvg SfC	37 140 918 18 011 253 15 054 574 37 514 439 0 408 676 32 798 542 35 366 464 33 150 771 33 419 829 0 686 150 34 263 034 13 108 325 14 092 645 32 024 450 32 292 966 36 396 807 17 049 636 37 512 517 36 325 584 0 674 033 32 792 624 35 227 919 35 646 627 31 316 479 39 568 226 0 801 336 01 012 610 32 268 309 01 168 339
SWITKA, Frank J. KORHORN, Louis G. KNUTSON, Raymond CHRISTY, Charles J. KAPRAL, Andrew G. OSTAPOW, Ldward T. LAMASCUS, Noble P. DUGAN, William P. GOAD, Benjamin F. McKINNEY, Bob	Pvt T/5 T/5 Pfc Pvt T/4 T/Sgt Pfc Pfc Pvt	32 486 173 36 398 872 37 328 564 37 129 217 33 264 840 32 087 120 6 298 090 37 607 028 17 166 776 37 130 094

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OLIARO, Albert D.	T/4	37 016 097
NORMAN, Robert R.	Cpl	34 300 738
POLK, James	Sgt	14 042 740
CROWTHER, Edwin F.	Pv,t	3 5 7 59 448
HOLDER; Claude H.	T/4	36 058 619
McCALL, John A. Jr. URIGHT, Norman F.	Pvt	34 603 232
ERIGHT, Norman F.	Cpl	17 018 400
RADOS, Steve	Pfc	35 026 219
LANGFORD, Norman R.	Pvt	35 694 359
POTTER, Henry	T/5	32 214 416
TOLLEY, WILLIAM R.	Pvt	34 284 482
WORSTER, Linton C.	Pf c	36 205 086
PHACE, Chester	Pfc	35 132 460
MORAN, Walter J.	T/4	37 120 540
YOCHIM, Walter H.	T/Sgt	10 601 574
KLEKOSKI, Ivan L.	T/5	36 234 785
Jacobsin, Gerald L.	s/set	37 096 991
KOROWLOTNY, Bronislof	Pvt	31 281 027
BERTELS, Alphonse H.	Pvt	38 876 615
H.II., Cleatus L.	Pfc,	34 596 252
McGOVERN, Edward P.	Cpl	31 025 187 33 340 447
PROBST, Arthur C.	Pvt Pvt	14 012 111
ROBERTS, Hubert G.	2/Lt	01 017 378
McC.NN, Raymond S.	Pvt	34 385 674
KELLEY, Ray	Pfc	33 430 616
MLIMARIO, Llmer F. SHILLDS, Leo V.	2/Lt	01 321 959
SCH.EFER, Elden D.	Pf c	35 536 457
	Pfc	32 998 857
WEBER, Louis J.	Pvt	39 -294 804
MARTIN, Richard J.	2/Lt	0 445 641
HARRIS, William W.	Sgt	37 190 627
NICHOLAS, Vandan MILCAREK, Joseph	Pvt	13 132 369
ROMEO, Joseph T. Jr.	T/5	33 025 115
TALLEY, Marlin C.	Pf c	34 589 730
HO, Hom Jin	Pfc	. 32 962 980
HEISLER, nthony J.	T/4	37 178 958
KASSANITSH, Blmer A.	Pfc	36 364 177
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Name	Rank	Seri	al	Number
Name HAAF, Howard S. MITCHELL, Claude H. SCHULTZ, Lars F. SHAVER, Thomas L. DAHLMAN, Raymond LATIMER, Joe L. KOKOSH, Joseph ROCK, Wallace E. UZZO, Joseph H.	Sgt S/Sgt	18 0 18 0 0 7 14 1 37 1 0 5 37 5 0 8 13 0	81 35 20 47 20 669 316	540. 992 932 849 278 631 139 159
BRINKER, Kenneth R. MINER, Charles A. SAUER, Louis C. MARTIN, Sandy Jr. LOCKEY, Luther C.	Pvt Cpl Pfc 1/Sgt T/4	36 6 33 0 32 8 35 2	69 001 822 801	589 772 006

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Name	Rank	Serial Number
MARILER, Robert E. DAVENPORT, Glenn W. HOWARD, Charles S. ATCHISON, Fred BORGHARDT, Joseph CRUTHIS, Chalmer M. BROWN, Donald E. GERRALD, Jule D. LARSON, Robert J. LEHANE, John A. O'DONNELL, Robert C. HUTCHISON, Roger E. GIELOW, Walter B. HEITZ, Sam J. STEIN, Donald F. WYATT, Larl H. FORMAN, Samuel (NMI) SPEARS, Eldon O. GRINALDI, Anthony J. BICKELMAN, Eugene P. KEVEDRAS, John F. SOCHINSKI, Walter A. DOOLEY, Thomas T. JACKSON, James J. LOHMANN, Raymond A. MATELSKE, Steve NEWTON, Paul A. PIERCE, Le Roy L. STEPHENS, Arrie A. VAIL, Archie H.	T/4 Processor Service Control to	Serial Number 6 998 987 35 347 391 6 290 692 34 813 906 37 512 586 36 313 615 37 190 660 34 389 023 37 418 798 32 820 919 37 547 649 20 746 699 36 327 153 35 283 379 37 095 254 38 043 949 32 960 099 36 311 415 33 589 544 13 068 337 36 645 597 32 208 697 34 611 119 34 367 240 37 305 264 38 054 388 14 010 321 17 057 646 38 438 152 32 944 819 38 258 368
VIDRINE, Francis J. MILLER, Russell W. LEMM, Herbert H. NORELL, Gustave A. Jr.	Sgt Capt T/5 Cpl	0 661 787 36 373 622 32 714 748

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Name	Rank	Serial Number
SAWYER, William A. WEIRICH, Glen L. BERRY, Matt C. SIMANETTI, John R. KITTLE, Charles R. MARANZ, Henry S. EVERETT, Lvert G. BRYAN, Keith K.	S/Sgt Pvt Pfc S/Sgt Sgt T/Sgt 2/Lt Pvt Pfc Pvt	18 163 248 35 544 533 34 043 263 32 021 788 15 354 672 32 590 448 0 686 837 17 068 435 15 117 552 20 228 814 6 932 428
HAWKINS, Jesse N. JAPHET, James H. KINZY, Robert C.	Pvt S/Sgt Pvt	34 621 599 18 119 195 35 754 486
MANLOVI, Beverly J. MARGOTTO, Albert T. MEZO, Roy		17 099 551 17 107 478 16 074 597
SMITH, Christopher C. TURKOVICH, Victor A. WEATHERSBY, Newton P.	Pfc Sgt Pfc	12 138 478 12 131 780 13 106 168
MASTMAN, Ralph T. Jr. OGRIN, Joseph STEVENS, Donald C. ERICKSON, Archie V.	2/Lt 2/Lt Pfc	0 792 008 0 689 813 C 804 246 37 465 784
LANGSTON, Jack D.	2/Lt	0 756 621

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HOPKINS, John V. VAN SICKLE, Jark D. NADEAU, Armand J. BAKER, Lester R. GREGGS, Robert H. NIKSA, Edward W. SARVAS, Dave CALI, Dominick D. DENNING, Lloyd J. LAWRENCE, James W. SADOSKI, Peter P. HEALEY, Frederick S. RUSHILG, Cleo SCHERER, Casper A. SMITH, R.V. (IO) AUMAN, Pershing D. HILL, Joseph D. LAPIKAS, John M. RODRIGUEZ, Julio T. SPARKS, Carl J. BACON, Lewis C. BARR, Charles E. BAUR, Frank M. LEGG, Joseph F. O'BRYAL, Charles E. WHITE, Nelvin G. BURRI, Herman A. DANZIGER, Benjamin CONDON, John BEISSER, Chester CHAVOUS, Samuel J. MAGNEY, Roy A. LOCKERMAN Colon A. REIDER, Foster P. BOYLAN, Richard E. CHILINS, John M. DUDGEON, Sidney G. FANNEILI, Andrew J.	Pic Pvt Cplo Pfc Pfc Pvt T/4 Pvt Pvt Pvt Cpl Pvt Pvt Cpt T/5	33 113 283 20 133 561 18 070 327 37 302 484 38 513 883 33 143 678 15 112 780 20 746 704 35 135 831 20 656 749

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HARDY, Joseph G. HARDZOG, Floyd	T/5 Pfc	14 024 716 34 180 153
HARPER, Felix M.		13 016 604
HERSHMÁN, Ralph W.	Pvt	13 042 608
INGENITO, Harold M.	Pfc	12 036 296
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KELLUR, William B.	Cpl	34 141 272 _.
MASON, Conrad C.	Pfc	35 739 701
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LOUIS, Charles K.	Pvt	19 096 999
ELLIS, Elmer	Pvt	20 406 903
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RECORD, Orson B.	Pyt	20 157 352
BERGSTRESSER, Glenn	T/4	39 385 460
COUGHLIN, Lawrence J.		35 069 317
FOSTER, Norman B.	Pvt	37 701 436
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JONES, Theodore T. Jr.	1/Lt	0 450 501
ECKHOFF, Kenneth A.	\mathbf{Pfc}	34 625 674
OLUBOWICZ, Steven	T/4	31 278 325
SCHWCTER, Karl	Pfc	32 863 593
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HOMER, Mack	Pvt	34 740 215
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OKREPKI, Harry D.	Pfc	20 221 898
BARRACO, Andrew J.	Cpl	32 5 60 061
GHYHR, Roy W.	s/Sgt	36 351 713
ROMNEY, Walter R.		0 807 313
HOKE, James T.	Pf c	38 094 200
LANGSTON, William L.	Pf c	18 086 596
SANDERS, Raymond C.	$\operatorname{Pf} \mathbf{c}$	37 107 418
HILL, Dewey D.	T/4	38 294 542
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SOKOL, Sylvester F.		33 365 2 13
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2. PAC, Ltr WD-AGO-S 293.9, dtd 9 Apr 47, subj: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 830-110-5, DA, 3 Mar 49, a Board of O's as follows is hereby apt to meet at the call of the President thereof, for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the Identification of Deceased, Determination of non-recoverability of Remains and for the purpose of reviewing Major Discrepancy Cases:

LT COL ROBERT D. MILLER, TC., O 41 448, President MAJOR JAMES C. MAC FARLAND, QMC., O 1 576 321
MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., QMC., O 1 289 071
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BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL MULVANITY:

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s/t/ ROBERT K. COLE, CWO USA, Asst Adjutant.

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26 July 1949

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SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding Disappearance of Personnel Presumed Dead

1. The following-named personnel of the organizations indicated, were reported missing in action in France, 6 June 1944 and all of them except Private Sokol were reported in Jump pay status by the shipments shown opposite their names. They were presumed dead as of 7 June 1945, under the provisions of the Missing Persons Act:

a. 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion:

	<u>Grade</u>	Name	ASN	ETC Ship No.
	2d Lt	Durham, James L.	01106109	CE 104
	Pvt	Ellis, Elmer	20406903	CE 104
	b, 377t)	h Parachute Field Artillery	Battalio	n:
	S Sgt	White, Melvin G.	35135831	FA 133
	T 5	Legg, Joseph H.	15112780	
	Pfc	Baur, Frank X.	33143678	FA 133
	Pvt	Barr, Charles E.	38513883	FA 133
	Pvt	O'Bryan, Charles E.	20746704	
		t Parachute Infantry Regime	ent:	
	至 5	Berlin, John C.	18151944	Inf 107
	T 4	Eady, Caley J.	14142168	Inf 116
	d. 502n	d Parachute Infantry Regime	en t:	
	lst Lt	Bucior, Bernard G.	01294972	Inf 263
	.Sgt	Sparks, Carl J.	18070327	Inf 130
016	′ ℃ <u>n</u> 1	Lapikas, John M.	33113283	Inf 130
[JUT]	Pfc	Leslro, John P.	13048930	Inf 263
	F⊽t	Auman, Pershing D.	33050772	Inf 130
	Pvt	Bacon, Lewis C.	37302484	Inf 027
	Pvt	Hill, Joseph D.	16039974	Inf 130
	Pvt	Hudak, Joseph B.	33423375	Inf 263
	Pvt	Jesper, Robert E.	32804484	Inf 263
	Pvt	Rodriguez, Julio T.	20133561	Inf 130

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e. 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment:

1st Lt Howard, Gerald V., Jr. Pvt Weirich, Glen L.	01011179 35544533		
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f. 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment:

T 5		O'Rourke, James W.	32370027	Inf	263
Pvt		Sokol, Sylvester F.	33365213 36403881	Inf Inf	_ 1_
Pvt	`	Van Sickle, Jack D.	20400001	** 11 T	* ~ 7

g. 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment:

Pfc	Hall, Charlie L.	14140065	Inf	133
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Pvt	Zwyers, Robert W.	19333332	T 17T	100

- 2. All of the above named persons were paratroopers and members of organizations to be landed on the Cherbourg Peninsula on the early morning of 6 June 1944, to secure and hold specified enemy objectives pending the landing of Allied ground troops later the same morning. These operations were carried out amid heavy gun fire from every type of artillery and against superior numbers of enemy troops.
- 3. The persons listed in paragraph la, above, Lieutenant Durham and Private Ellis, were both members of Company "B" 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. A "Missing Report" states that Lieutenant Durham became missing in action in the vicinity of Ste. Sauveur Le Vicomte, about 17 miles south and east of the city of Chercourg, although his intended destination was near Ste. Mere Eglise. The report states he was not seen after he left his plane and that no search was conducted for him. The Service Record of Private Ellis states that he became missing when he made a "combat prcht jump in vicinity of Cherbourg, France". A copy of Evader and Escapee Report number 1135, dated 25 August 1944, is filed with the permanent copy of SP&D Case No. 3120, AGPC-S 704 - Dead (7 Jun 45). This report is based on statements of Private Francis J. Maloney, 31362688, a parachutist who was captured by the enemy on 13 June 1944 and returned to duty with the Allied forces on 25 August 1944. report states that Maloney had reported that Lieutenant Durham had been killed in action. Ho remains have been reported recovered that have definitely been associated with either of these persons. However, efforts are now being made by the Office of The Quartermaster General to associate Licutement Durham with unknown remains X-70, St. Andre.
 - a. Under date of 19 April 1945 an inquiry was directed by this office to the Commanding General, ETOUSA, requesting all available facts and circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Private Ellis, Lieutenant Durham

and one other member of Company B. 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. The fourth indorsement to this communication, sets forth the circumstances under which the members of this unit parachuted into France. However, no definite information is revealed concerning the disappearance of Lieutenant Lambert and information is revealed concerning the disappearance of Lieutenant Lambert and information is revealed concerning the disappearance of Lieutenant Lambert and information is revealed concerning the parachuted from the plane. An unreliable Private Ellis, who are known to have parachuted from the plane. An unreliable report that Lieutenant Durham's body was seen, is mentioned in the report, which states that no word, hearsay or otherwise had been received regarding Private Ellis. These men were not seen after leaving the plane and no contact has been made with them since.

- 4. The Qualification Card and Service Record of each of the five members of the 377th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion listed in paragraph 1b, above, indicate that they became missing in action in France on 6 June 1944. No additional information appears to be available concerning them and efforts of the Office of The Quartermaster General to associate them with unknown remains have been unsuccessful.
- 5. The Casualty report pertaining to Technician Fourth Grade Eady reported him missing in action on 9 June 1944, and this date also appears on his Qualification Card and Service Record. Under date of 27 March 1945 inquiry was sent to the Commanding General, ETCUSA, AGPC-S 704 (27 Mar 45), to obtain more information concerning T 4 Eady. Sixth indorsement added to the basic communication, under date of 9 April 1945 by Headquarters; 501st Parachute communication, under date of 9 April 1945 by Headquarters; 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, refers to an inclosed true copy of statement of Pfc Bert Infantry Regiment, refers to an inclosed true copy of statement of Pfc Bert Terguson, who was the last person to see Eady. The inclosure referred to is an undated "MISSING REPORT" which shows the date of Eady's disappearance as 6 June 1944. Ferguson's statement, which is quoted below; is included in the report:

"I, Bert Forguson, Pfc, 15054795, was in the same plane with Caley J. Eady T 4; 14142168. He was last seen when he left the door of the plane directly in front of me on our jump in France 0138 6 Juno 1944. He was never seen by herefter-vards."

- a. The "Missing Report" from which the foregoing quotation is taken also states that, "After thorough investigation it is evident that this man /Eady/ was never seen either alive or dead after having left the door of his plane."
- to T 4 Eady, and there is no report that his remains have been recovered.

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- c. Missing Air Crew Report number 7801, dated 8 June 1944, shows that Technician Fifth Grade Berlin was a passenger aboard C-47A aircraft number 42-24077, on the date of his disappearance. The plane had departed England on a "Parachute Drop" mission over Torthern France, and was last sighted at about 0120 hours, east of Etienville, France and was reported believed to have been lost as a result of anti-aircraft fire. The crew report shows that the plane was manned by a crew of four and carried seventeen passengers of the 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment. Of the total number of twenty- one persons all have been reported killed in action, except the above named person. The subject person's AG 201 file contains a letter dated 10 August 1944, Subject: "Missing Personnel", from Headquarters, Company "G", 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment to the Commanding General, ETOUSA, concerning the loss of aircraft number 42-24077, which reads as follows:
 - Plane # AC 42-24077 which was hit by AA fire on approach to Drop Zone near Hiesville, France /located about 3 and one-half miles southeast of Ste. Here Eglise/.

"Plane was seen to go down in flames and to date none of personnel in plane have been reported as alive and well. Remains were evidently found by some other unit as some personnel have been reported dead through identification of dog tags."

- 6. Five of the persons listed in paragraph 1d above were initially reported "Seriously wounded in action" or "slightly injured in action", on 6 June 1944, however their status was subsequently changed to "missing in action" as of the same date by later casualty reports. They were Lieutenant Bucior, Pfc Lesko, Privates Bacon, Hudak and Jesper.
- a. A "MISSING PEPORT" contained in the AG 201 file of Lieutenant Bucier states that a plateon runner reported that Lt Eucier was wounded and had left the Battalien Aid Station. This report indicates that Lieutenant Bucier was evacuated to Utah Beach. Casualty Branch message number 331035, states that every available source had been contacted for information as to this Officer's status or whereabouts and in view of the fact that his location was unknown, his status was being changed to "Missing in Action", 6 June 1944. Under date of 23 July 1945, the following messageform was received from Head-ouarters, U. S. Forces, ETO:
 - "1. Reference is made to paragraph 11, 7th Indorsement, this Headquarters, AG 201 Bucior, dated 7 June 1945, to Hessageform your office, AGPC-S 704 (19 April 45).

- "2. Your attention is invited to inclosure 1, Letter Headquarters 502 Parachute Infantry, dated 9 Movember 1944.
- "3. Thorough check of record of battle casualties of LST No 283 by Commander U.S. Naval Forces in Europe fails to reveal the name of Lt Bucior**** as having been aboard LST.
- "4. Upon receipt of any additional information in this case it will be forwarded to your office by essential air-mail."
- b. The AG 201 file of Lieutenant Bucior contains a copy of a letter dated 6 Movember 1946, from this office, transmitting an identification bracelet bearing his name, which was found loose in the mails, to the Emergency Addressee of Lieutenant Bucior. This bracelet was transmitted to this office by letter of 26 December 1945, Headquarters, Central Postal Directory, Seine Section, APO 743, U.S. Army.
- c: Under date of 29 March 1945, this office forwarded an inquiry to the Commanding General, ETOUSA, requesting the basis for the change in status of Private First Class Lesko, Information received from that office by Fifth Indorsement, dated 18 April 1945, Headquarters 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment with which was inclosed a "Missing Report" indicated the possibility that Pfc Lesko was still alive. The report revealed that Pfc Lesko had landed and had been wounded. The statements of witnesses inclosed with the "Missing Report", failed to indicate the correct status of Pfc Lesko, indicating that he was wounded, captured, had been evacuated by the medics or had been evacuated to the United States. His personnel records reveal no information regarding hospitalization or return to the United States. No information has been received regarding the recovery of his body.
- d. The Casualty file of Private Bacon contains a copy of a "Missing Report" stating that his last known whereabouts was on 6 June 1944, when he was seen going from door of plane, over Mormandy, France. The following remarks appear upon the report:

"Pvt Bacon was in a plane which dropped its men in and near the town of St. Martin de Verriville. The men met enemy resistance which consisted of machine gun and rifle fire and were driven out of town before they had the chance to assemble."

ETO Shipment No. 027 reported that Private Bacon's status was changed to Missing in Action.

e. "Missing Report", dated 6 March 1945, filed in Private Hudak!s Casualty file shows that he departed Membrey, England, for Mormandy France, on 6 June 1944. The following "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE" appears on the report:

"Pvt Hudak was shot in the left leg and right foot and treated by a Bn Aid Station. He was then evacuated to Utah Beach. This information was taken from a Bn. Aid Station Medical Blotter, and subject EM was never once seen by any member of this company after leaving the airplane." Private Hudak's Service Record jacket contains a medical card showing that he was wounded as stated in the report.

f. Private Jesper's Casualty file contains, a "Missing Report", dated 6 March 1945, showing that he departed England on a mission over Mormandy, France. The report states that he was last seen in the plane prior to jump, jumped on objective on Utah Beach. The following "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURRCUNDING DISAPPEARANCE" appears on the report:

"Jesper, Robert E. jumped as a wireman in Pfc Hutchins, Jesper D. crew. In that crew one was killed, one in the Hospital and Pfc Hutchins is present for duty. He jumped close to the beach, however men jumped behind him that landed on the ground."

His casualty file also contains a copy of a letter dated 19 June 1945 from Headquarters, 502d Parachute Infantry, to Mrs. L. Schaum, Brooklyn, New York, which reads in pertinent part as follows:

"Prior to being captured, your nephew was wounded. However, at the time, the Battalion Medical Sergeant was with him and administered first aid necessary to enable him to carry on. Immediately upon their recapture Robert and another member of the Regiment, Opl Leonard H. Pitzen, 35040034, Company "I" Third Battalion, were evacuated to an Aid Station near the beach. Opl Pitzen stated the following at an interview I had with him. Robert received a chest wound but was doing very well, he was in very good spirits while at the Aid Station, awaiting transportation to England. He left the Aid Station prior to Opl Pitzen and from that time on, I have been unable to find any trace of him.

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"We have had cases similar to this and in many instances, have been able to trace the individuals to the beach and the hospital ship enroute for England, but unable to ascertain whether or not they reached their destination."

- g. Private Jesper was initially reported as wounded in action, and his status was changed to Missing in Action by ETC Shipment No. 263, following an investigation which revealed no information regarding his hospitalization, or whereabouts.
- h. The records of Private Rodriguez reveal no information regarding him except that he was reported missing in action, and there is no report of the recovery of his remains.
- 7. First Lieutenant Howard and Private Meirich, listed in paragraph le, above, were, according to Missing Air Crew Report Number 6167, dated 8 June 1944, passengers aboard C-47-A aircraft number 42-100905. The personnel comprising the crew of the aircraft have been reported killed in action, 6 June 1944. The Crew Report shows that the plane carried as passengers, eighteen members of Company "I" 3rd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry, including Lieutenant Howard and Private Meirich. The report does not reveal any circumstances regarding the loss of the plane, except that it did not return to base with its formation.
- a. A Classified communication was dispatched by this office, AGFC=S 704 (19 Apr 45) dated 19 April 1945, to the European Theater of Operations requesting additional information concerning the disappearance of Lieutenant Howard, and the enlisted personnel on board the same plane. The tenth indersement to this communication from Headquarters, 506th Parachute Infantry, dated 8 June 1945 furnishes the information quoted below from paragraph three.

113.	lst Lt	Howard, Gerald V., Jr.	0-011179
	Cpl	Bignall, Donald E.	19138691
	Pfc	Smith, Frederick P.	. 13104102
	Pvt	Phillips, Howard MMI	34 76 3635
	DPvt	Wober, Paul J.	36575829
	Pvt	Weirich, Glon L.	3554 4533

The above personnel where sics all in a plane which blow up. Members of Company 'I' saw the plane blow up, and they belief that some of the men may have cleared the plane, but it is not known how many and who they were. This Headquarters also checked the loading manifest of all men on said plane; with the exception of the above Officer and Enlisted Men they are all reported KIA."

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- b. With the exception of Lieutenant Howard and Private Weirich, all of the persons listed in the quotation in the preceding sub-paragraph have been reported killed in action.
- c. A letter, dated 10 November 1944, from Senator Raymond E. Willis, which is filed in Private Weirich's AG 201 file, indicates that weirich's parents had received information to the effect that their son was buried in France. However, information received from Headquarters, ETOUSA, upon inquiry of this office, verified his status as MIA, and there is no record, at this time, of the identification of any remains, by the Office of The Quartermaster General, as the body of Private Weirich.
- 8. Technician Fifth Grade O'Rourke, was initially reported seriously injured in action by ETO Shipment Number 107, and his status was subsequently changed to missing in action 6 June 1944. His AG 201 file contains a copy of a letter of this office to the Commanding General ETOUSA dated 28 March 1945 requesting clarification of his status. Information contained in the Fourth Indorsement to this communication reveals that he was reported as seriously injured in action on 6 Junc 1944 per a casualty report by Captain Disney M $_{ullet}$ Goren, organization unknown, and that extracts of medical blotters of the 4th Infantry Division indicated that this soldier had been admitted to the 4th Infantry Division aid station on 7 June 1944 with a fractured right foot. The tenth indorsement to this communication states that Sec 5 O'Rourke jumped in Mormandy, France, with the Medical Detachment of the 507th Parachute Infantry, at about 0200 hours, 6 June 1944, and that so far as could be determined no member of that unit had seen him since. It is also stated that he was reported seriously injured in action, on the basis of the report that he had received medical treatment. The combat report and combat morning report showed him as Missing in action. Tec 5 O'Rourke's service record shows that he became missing in action 6 June 1944. There does not appear any information in dicating that he was hospitalized,
- a. The records pertaining to Privates Sokol and Van Sickle, reveal no additional information regarding their status, and there is no information to indicate that their remains have been reported as recovered.
- 9. Private Zwyer's AG 201 file contains a letter, dated 23 February 1945, from his father in which is quoted unofficial information from a former buddy of Private Zwyer, indicating that Private Zwyer had been badly wounded and expressing the belief that he was dead. No official information has ever been received concerning his death.
- a. No information is contained in the personnel records of Pfc Hall other than that he was reported missing in action.

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10. Captured German records do not appear to contain any information regarding any of the subject persons nor have they been reported prisoners of war. No Burial Reports have been received for any of them, and the Office of The Quartermaster General, Memorial Division, has advised that efforts to dofinitely associate them with unidentified remains have been unsuccessful.

- 11. While all of the known circumstances surrounding the disappearance of these men appear to indicate that they were in fact killed on 6 June 1944, before or after they jumped from the carrier planes, insufficient evidence exists to justify such a conclusion.
- 12. It is therefore concluded that information of record in the Department of the Army, at this time, does not conclusively establish date or place of death, and the issuance of an official report of death for each of the subject persons, pursuant to the provisions of the Missing Persons Act is not warranted.

ROLFE A. SAULS Investigator

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CONCUR:

JALES A. FRIX Captain, AGD

Asst OIC, Det Unit

Casualty Section

Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

Copy Furnished:

Central Files AG 201 and OQMG 293 file of each individual named in par 1_{\bullet}

Source material obtained as a result of this investigation is filed in the AG 201 file of 2d Lt Durham, James L., Ollo6109, unless otherwise indicated.

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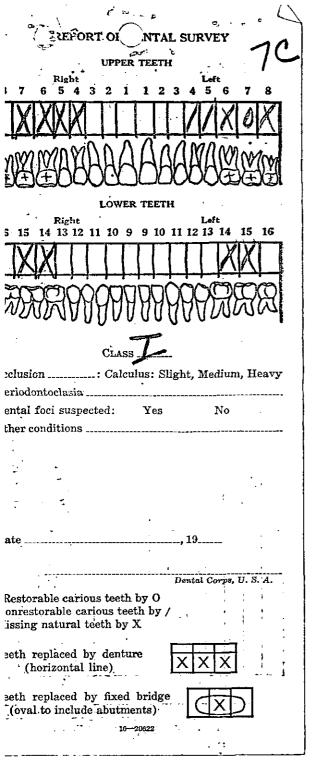


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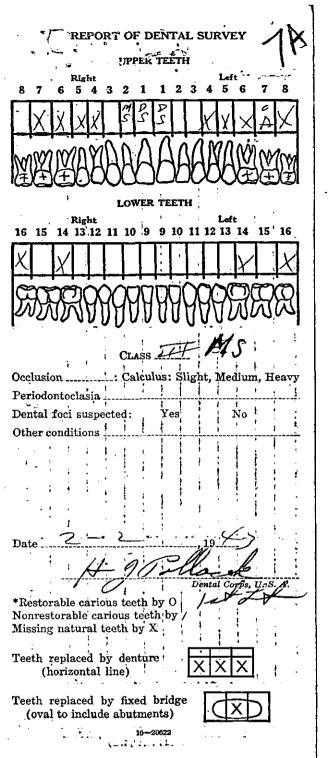
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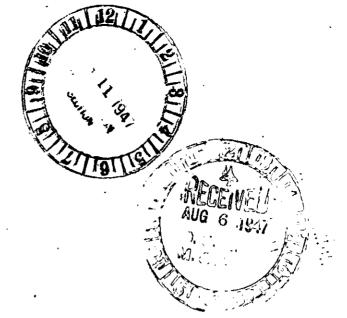
TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D.C.

- l. Inclosed herewith OMGG Form 371 for Pfc John P. Lesko, 13048930 with negative report received from the field and attached statements.
- 2. Investigations on this case are being continued by 'Unidentified Deceased Branch, this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL: .

Incls: a/s

Major, Infantry Actg Asst Adj Gen



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AIRMAIL

WAR DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON 25. D. C.



In Reply Refer To QMGMR 293 LESKO, JOHN P. SN 13 048 930

30 APR 1947

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery

and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

TO:

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American Graves Registration Command

European Theater Area APO 887, c/o Postmaster New York, New York

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PFC.

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2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be furnished this office in accordance with the provisions of radio, this headquarters, No. WCL 37087, dated 13 December 1946.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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Investigation at Foucarville indicates that a considerable portion of the commune was flooded prior to 6 June 1944, and it is quite possible that paratroopers landing in this section would have been drowned. However, after this area was drained in July 1944 a complete search was made by American troops and only one body found. Since this time no more bodies have been located by the inhabitants of Foucarville.

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NARRATIVE

in Brohier, the mayor of Foucarville, was interviewed (statement attached) and from him it was ascertained that a considerable portion of the commune of Foucarville was flooded prior to 6 June 1944 and that on 15 July 1944 American troops were able to search this area and found only one American paratrooper.

Since that time the inhabitants have been reminded on several occasions that should any one locate dead American soldiers they are to be sure and report such fact to the Mairie. However, no isolated burials have been reported and to the best of the knowledge of the Mayor of Foucarville, there are no isolated burials in the area of the commune.

James a loover JAMES A. HOOVIER WA 1st Lt., Inf. Investigating Officer



TRANSLATION

I. the undersigned. Brohier Albert, Mayor of Foucarville certify that the whole area which covered the coast between Ravenoville and St Marie du Mont had been flooded by the Germans. Many American paratroopers bailed out over the commune of Foucarville. On about July the 15th 1944, with the agreement of the American authority the ground under water has been drained and thus we found the body of an American paratrooper.

However, all corpses of deceased soldiers killed in action have been picked up by the American authority and buried at St Mere Eglise.

Furthermore, this flooded one has been mowed by the farmers and there is no doubt that if a body was left in it bony remains would have been recovered.

I already ordered my fellow-citizens to tell me all possible graves, until today, there is nothing abnormal to be reported.

Foucarville, June 27, 1947

/s/ Brohier

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Form prescribed by Comptroller General, U.S. 7 October 1944

WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

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293 Lesko, John P

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

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RTB:DM:ed January 2, 1946

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Mrs. Anna L. Adzema 25 Monument Walk, 18 Brooklyn 1, New York

Dear Mrs. Adzema:

This refers to letter from John Adzema written on your behalf, making further inquiry regarding the personal effects of your brother, Private First Class John P. Lesko.

No property belonging to Private Lesko has been received at this Bureau, nor any other information concerning it, since our letter of June 27, 1945. Due to the lapse of time, it is unlikely that any of his effects were recovered.

In the event any of his property is unexpectedly received here at a later date, prompt disposition will be made.

Yours very truly,

HARRY NIEMIEC 2nd Lt., QMC Chief, Correspondence Branch

316, 976

14 December, 1945

Army Effects Bureau Kansas City, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Subj: Paratrooper, Private First Class, John P. Lesko 13,048,930; seriously wounded 6 June, 1944; missing since that time.

Inasmuch as my brother, PFC LESKO has been seriously wounded and missing since 6 June, 1944, information is desired as to what personal belongings you have on hand of his at this time.

Awaiting yours,

Very truly yours,

John Adzema

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IN REPLY REFER TO 316976

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I am sorry to report that the Army Effects Bureau has not yet received any of his property. It is reasonable to assume, however, that his belongings ultimately will reach here, as all War Department agencies have instructions to forward the personal effects of military personnel to this Bureau for disposition. Transportation delays generally are encountered in delivery of effects, and considerable time should be allowed for the return of property from overseas.

Promptly upon receipt here of any of your brother's belongings, disposal action will be taken.

Yours very truly,

HARRY NIEMIEC
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