

MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

SOKOH, SYLVESTER F.

RANK

PVT

SERIAL NUMBER

333 65213

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

7 JUNE 45

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

PROCTOR

DATE

19 APR 57

NAME OF REVIEWER

W. J. BLANCHY

DATE

APR 23 1957

REMARKS

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CONTROLLED CASE

NAME SOKOL, SYLVESTER F.	GRADE PVT	SERIAL NO. 33 365 213
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UNKNOWN X -	NON-RECOVERABLE CASE NO. 14842	A-Z CARD FLAGGED BY	333 CARD FLAGGED BY
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IMPORTANT

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NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH European, vicinity of Utah Beach, Carentan, Ste-Mere-Eglise.	CASE NUMBER 14,842 (1)
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) SOKOL, Sylvester F.	RANK Pvt.	SERIAL NUMBER 33 365 213
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~~IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT:~~ (Check appropriate box)

- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED
- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:

	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT	<i>E.M.</i>
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	<i>E.M.</i>
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	

REMARKS

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JAN 17 1951

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Identification Branch

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>E. Miller</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>[Signature]</i>	

**NON-RECOVERABLE CASE
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

FILE NUMBER

14,842 (1)

AREA OR ZONE(S)

European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

SOKOL, Sylvester F.

RANK

Pvt.

SERIAL NUMBER

33 365 213

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.

1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)	INITIALS OF ANALYST
	RWH	2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	RWH
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	RWH	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	RWH	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	RWH
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES			

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

Officially reported missing in action 6 June 1944, vicinity of Utah Beach, Carentan, Ste-Mere-Eglise.

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Identification Branch

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

Ruth Hutson

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO

FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

DATE

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

A. Kennedy

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

C.C. WASSON, Capt.

CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

THOMAS E. COX, Capt QMC

16 Jan 51

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 103, Headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 29 August 1940, at Liege, Belgium on 1- SEPT 1950
The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

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

CASE No.	NAME	GRADE	ASN
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See attached roster.

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.

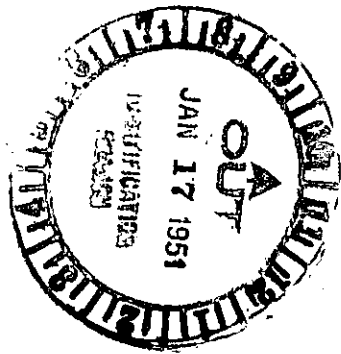
ROBERT D. MILLER, Lt Col, TC

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VICINITY OF UTAH BEACH, CARENTAN, STE-MERE-EGLISE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
118. Simpson, Jack M.	Pvt.	37 454 639
119. Smith, Harry J.	Pvt.	20 245 579
120. Smith, R. V. (IO)	Pvt.	20 402 383
121. Sokol, Sylvester F.	Pvt.	33 365 213
122. Sparks, Carl J.	Sgt.	18 070 327
123. Spina, Thomas	Pvt.	32 572 316
124. Stephens, Horace S.	Pfc.	34 141 354
125. Tortorello, Anthony	Pvt.	36 334 642
126. Van Meter, Walter F.	Cpl.	34 585 089
127. Van Sickle, Jark D.	Pvt.	36 408 881
128. Vosen, Raymond F.	Pvt.	16 132 054
129. Waugh, Luther L.	T/5	35 664 638
130. White, Melvin G.	S/Sgt.	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

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 reported by official records as Missing In Action or Killed In Action during ground, 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 specific information regarding the death or burial, limited search in most instances to general localities, however, documents on file in this Office 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 QMGP 293, Subject: Processing Board Findings of Non-Recoverability Return of World War II Dead Program, dated 25 March 1949.

Reference is made to: OQMG 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, Washington, D. C.

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

C. W. Steinsiek
C. W. STEINSIEK
Captain . QMC *TCo*

VICINITY OF UTAH BEACH, CARENTAN, STE-MERE-EGLISE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
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, Steve	Pvt.	35 266 795
8. Baur, Frank K.	Pfc.	33 143 678
9. Beisser, Chester	Pvt.	35 599 108
10. Bergstresser, 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. Cerny, 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/4	14 142 168
27. Eckhoff, Kenneth A.	Pfc.	34 625 674
28. Ellis, Elmer	Pvt.	20 406 903
29. 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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<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
40. 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. Hershman, 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	Pvt.	34 740 215
56. Hopkins, John V.	1st Lt.	01 294 841
57. Hornbaker, 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/O	T 61 635
65. Keller, William B.	Cpl.	34 141 272
66. Kennedy, Thomas M.	Pfc.	32 600 334
67. Kibbons, David L.	Pfc.	34 142 881
68. Kirk, James	Pvt.	34 673 669
69. Kline, William S.	2nd Lt.	01 013 442
70. Koenig, Thomas C.	Cpl.	16 124 803
71. Langston, William L.	Pfc.	18 086 596
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.	Pfc.	35 571 683
77. Long, Houston H.	Pvt.	32 359 883
78. Louis, Charles K.	Pvt.	19 096 999

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
79. Magney, Roy A.	Cpl.	19 096 754
80. Maguffee, Henry B.	T/5	38 333 718
81. Maine, Roger M.	Pfc.	37 551 879
82. Mason, Conrad C.	Pfc.	35 739 701
83. McKamey, James B.	2nd Lt.	0 668 479
84. McKee, William R.	Pvt.	32 949 592
85. Motz, Charles E.	Pvt.	32 068 560
86. Morgia, Anthony C.	Pvt.	12 073 036
87. Moyer, Robert H.	Pvt.	13 026 533
88. Naduea, Armand E.	Pvt.	11 131 551
89. Neal, Donald R.	Cpl.	39 385 528
90. Nichols, Noel N.	Pvt.	34 275 298
91. Nicholson, Robert L.	Pfc.	35 111 192
92. Niska, Edward W.	Pfc.	32 827 230
93. O'Bryan, Charles E.	Pvt.	20 746 704
94. O'Connell, Norman V.	Pvt.	19 132 872
95. Okrepki, Harry D.	Pfc.	20 221 898
96. Olubowicz, Steven	T/4	31 278 325
97. O'Rourke, James W., Jr.	T/5	32 370 027
98. Pataky, Bernard L.	T/4	13 002 415
99. Pederson, Harry B.	2nd Lt.	0 810 407
100. Phelps, John W.	T/4	32 024 275
101. Pinkoski, John	Pvt.	13 059 509
102. Record, Orson B.	Pvt.	20 157 352
103. Reeder, Foster P.	Pfc.	33 010 611
104. Rhimer, Nicholas W.	Cpl.	13 008 950
105. Roberts, Harry Jr.	Pfc.	35 617 857
106. Rodriguez, Julio T.	Pvt.	20 133 561
107. Romney, Walter R.	2nd Lt.	0 807 313
108. Rushing, Cleo	Pvt.	34 812 959
109. Sadoski, Peter P.	Pfc.	31 211 410
110. Sanders, Raymond C.	Pfc.	37 107 418
111. Sarvas, Dave	Pfc.	15 112 600
112. Schechter, Karl	Pfc.	32 863 593
113. Scherer, Casper A.	T/4	32 156 708
114. Schlott, Robert	S/Sgt.	13 002 250
115. Scott, Jess M.	Sgt.	39 233 319
116. Simmons, Henry	Pvt.	38 227 090
117. Simons, Robert C.	Pvt.	15 324 590

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
HICKEY, James G.	Pfc	33 439 460
MAKOWSKI, Stanislaus J.	Pvt	32 562 358
BRAMLET, Claude O.	Pvt	36 776 699
WAUGAMAN, Peter M.	Pvt	35 057 210
HARTIGAN, Chester W.	Sgt	33 043 695
HEADS, Raymond	T/Sgt	38 117 175
SALMI, Uno A.	Capt	0 438 098
BROMAN, Donald W.	Pvt	37 485 648
HOWARD, Elvin E.	Cpl	38 333 715
VITELLO, Alphonse J.	T/4	33 030 167
PEYTON, Ralph A.	Pvt	35 807 391
RANSOM, Edward J.	Pvt	32 945 520
STUART, James L.	Pfc	13 058 719
HAWKINS, Andrew J.	Pvt	33 690 254
HOBY, Edwin B.	T/5	37 664 776
ADAMS, Wilburn W.	Pvt	34 710 002
BELLIS, John F.	T/5	31 240 839
BUTLER, Archie J.	Pfc	33 659 432
BANKS, Darrell E.	Pvt	34 826 491
BAKER, Floyd C.	Pvt	39 305 447
BUCH, Nelson B.	Cpl	38 032 909
BLACKMAN, Abraham W.	S/Sgt	32 057 116
CHAGOURIS, George L.	Sgt	13 069 366
CODY, Gordon H.	Pfc	37 333 825
GYURKO, Edwin	S/Sgt	36 101 119
KAYS, Kenneth E.	Pfc	36 079 288
BLAND, George W.	S/Sgt	34 008 209
JADAK, Joseph	Pfc	32 209 538
MOLITOR, Harvey N.	Pvt	36 833 898
CLARK, John H.	Pvt	12 166 192
BIL, Carl J.	Pvt	36 868 601
MENESTRINA, Herbert	T/4	36 318 819
COAKLEY, Frank C.	T/Sgt	32 064 745
COTTINGHAM, Clyde Jr.	Pvt	35 658 671
DUNCAN, Charles S.	Pvt	34 518 044
NELSON, Stanley C.	Pfc	37 273 595
PARKER, Lincoln O.	Pvt	38 521 246
PHELPS, John P.	Pfc	14 000 141

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
PRICKETT, Joe	Pvt	37 140 918
TARIN, Lucas R.	Pvt	18 011 253
BRANDHORST, Richard J.	Pvt	15 054 574
CLIBURN, David H.	Pfc	37 514 439
CORE, Barton W.	1/Lt	0 408 676
BRANDT, Charles K.	S/Sgt	32 798 542
CLARK, Russell E.	T/Sgt	35 366 464
BONITZ, Nicholas D.	S/Sgt	33 150 771
DIXON, Robert E.	Sgt	33 419 829
HAHN, Burton F.	2/Lt	0 686 150
HARVEY, Loy M.	S/Sgt	34 263 034
ISLES, Peter J.	S/Sgt	13 108 325
HARGETT, Tearsie E.	Pfc	14 092 645
GENTILE, Thomas	Sgt	32 024 450
GOODSPEED, Norman L.	Pfc	32 292 966
LINDNER, John A.	Pvt	36 396 807
MURRAY, Howard G.	Sgt	17 049 636
SHORT, Charles W.	Pfc	37 512 517
FLICK, John F.	S/Sgt	36 325 584
CALLAWAY, David L.	1/Lt	0 674 033
FERRER, Mike A.	Pvt	32 792 624
FEORENE, Trentre F.	Pvt	35 227 919
KING, Sterling	Pfc	35 646 627
FRANCOIS, Leonard D.	Pvt	31 316 479
JACQUES, Armando S.	S/Sgt	39 568 226
NAREHOOD, Charles B.	1/Lt	0 801 336
HORAN, Roger J.	2/Lt	01 012 610
REID, Arthur J.	Pfc	32 268 309
LINSLEY, Louis E.	2/Lt	01 168 339
SWITKA, Frank J.	Pvt	32 486 173
KORHORN, Louis G.	T/5	36 398 872
KNUTSON, Raymond W.	T/5	37 328 564
CHRISTY, Charles J.	Pfc	37 129 217
KAPRAL, Andrew G.	Pvt	33 264 840
OSTAPOW, Edward T.	T/4	32 087 120
LAMISCUS, Noble P.	T/Sgt	6 298 090
DUGAN, William P.	Pfc	37 607 028
GOAD, Benjamin F.	Pfc	17 166 776
McKINNEY, Bob	Pvt	37 130 094

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
OLIARO, Albert D.	T/4	37 016 097
NORMAN, Robert R.	Cpl	34 300 738
POLK, James E.	Sgt	14 042 740
CROWTHER, Edwin F.	Pvt	35 759 448
HOLDER, Claude H.	T/4	36 058 619
McCALL, John A. Jr.	Pvt	34 603 232
WRIGHT, 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.	Pfc	36 205 086
PEACE, 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
JACOBSON, Gerald L.	S/Sgt	37 096 991
KOROWLOTTY, Bronislof	Pvt	31 281 027
BERTELS, Alphonse E.	Pvt	38 876 615
HALL, Cleatus L.	Pfc	34 596 252
McGOVERN, Edward P.	Cpl	31 025 187
PROBST, Arthur C.	Pvt	33 340 447
ROBERTS, Hubert G.	Pvt	14 012 111
McCANN, Raymond S.	2/Lt	01 017 378
KELLEY, Ray	Pvt	34 385 674
MLINARIO, Elmer F.	Pfc	33 430 616
SHIELDS, Leo W.	2/Lt	01 321 959
SCHAEFER, Elden D.	Pfc	35 536 457
WEBER, Louis J.	Pfc	32 998 857
MARTIN, Richard J.	Pvt	39 294 804
HARRIS, William W.	2/Lt	0 445 641
NICHOLAS, Vandan A.	Sgt	37 190 627
MILCAREK, Joseph	Pvt	13 132 369
ROMEO, Joseph T. Jr.	T/5	33 025 115
TALLEY, Marlin C.	Pfc	34 589 730
HO, Hom Jin	Pfc	32 962 980
HEISLER, Anthony J.	T/4	37 178 958
KASSANITSH, Elmer A.	Pfc	36 364 177

OMAHA BEACH

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
HAAF, Howard S.	Sgt	18 081 540
MITCHELL, Claude H.	S/Sgt	18 036 992
SCHULTZ, Lars F.	2/Lt	0 735 932
SHAVER, Thomas L.	T/Sgt	14 120 849
DAHLMAN, Raymond	Pvt	37 147 278
LATIMER, Joe L.	Capt	0 520 631
KOKOSH, Joseph	Pvt	37 569 139
ROCK, Wallace E.	2/Lt	0 816 159
UZZO, Joseph H.	Pvt	13 021 998
BRINKER, Kenneth R.	Pvt	36 669 589
MINER, Charles A.	Cpl	33 001 772
SAUER, Louis O.	Pfc	32 822 006
MARTIN, Sandy Jr.	1/Sgt	35 201 316
LOCKEY, Luther C.	T/4	7 040 231

AVRANCHES, MORTAIN, GER LA HAYE DU PUIFS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
MARINER, Robert E.	T/4	6 998 987
DAVENPORT, Glenn W.	Pvt	35 347 391
HOWARD, Charles S.	Pfc	6 290 692
ATCHISON, Fred	Pfc	34 613 906
BORGHARDT, Joseph	Cpl	37 512 586
CRUTHIS, Chalmer M.	Sgt	36 313 615
BROWN, Donald E.	Pvt	37 190 660
GERRALD, Jule D.	Sgt	34 389 023
LARSON, Robert J.	Pfc	37 418 798
LEHANE, John A.	Pfc	32 820 919
O'DONNELL, Robert C.	Pfc	37 547 649
HUTCHISON, Roger E.	Pvt	20 746 699
GIELOW, Walter B.	Pfc	36 327 153
HEITZ, Sam J.	Cpl	35 283 379
STEIN, Donald F.	Cpl	37 095 254
WYATT, Earl M.	Pvt	38 043 949
FORMAN, Samuel (NMI)	Pvt	32 960 099
SPEARS, Eldon O.	T/5	36 311 415
GRINALDI, Anthony J.	Pvt	33 589 544
BICKELMAN, Eugene P.	Pfc	13 068 337
KEVEDRAS, John F.	Pfc	36 645 597
SOCHINSKI, Walter A.	Pvt	32 208 697
DOOLEY, Thomas T.	Pvt	34 611 119
JACKSON, James J.	Pfc	34 367 240
LOHMANN, Raymond A.	Pvt	37 305 264
MATLISKE, Steve	Cpl	38 054 388
NEWTON, Paul A.	Pvt	14 010 321
PIERCE, Le Roy L.	Cpl	17 057 646
STEPHENS, Arrie A.	Pvt	38 438 152
VAIL, Archie H.	Pvt	32 944 819
VIDRINE, Francis J.	Sgt	38 258 368
MILLER, Russell W.	Capt	0 661 787
LEMM, Herbert H.	T/5	36 373 622
NORELL, Gustave A. Jr.	Cpl	32 714 748

VICINITY OF CHERBOURG

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
SAWYER, William A.	S/Sgt	18 163 248
WEIRICH, Glen L.	Pvt	35 544 533
BERRY, Matt C.	Pfc	34 043 263
SIMANETTI, John R.	S/Sgt	32 021 788
KITTLE, Charles R.	Sgt	15 354 672
MARANZ, Henry S.	T/Sgt	32 590 448
EVERETT, Lvert G.	2/Lt	0 686 837
BRYAN, Keith K.	Pvt	17 068 435
BURG, Harry L. Jr.	Pfc	15 117 552
FERNANDEZ, George V.	Pvt	20 228 814
FINDER, Edwin	Pvt	6 932 428
HAWKINS, Jesse N.	Pvt	34 631 599
JAPHET, James H.	S/Sgt	18 119 195
KINZY, Robert C.	Pvt	35 754 486
MANLOVE, Beverly J.	Sgt	17 099 551
MARGOTTO, Albert T.	S/Sgt	17 107 478
MEZO, Roy	Pvt	16 074 597
SMITH, Christopher C.	Pfc	12 138 478
TURKOVICH, Victor A.	Sgt	12 131 780
WEATHERSBY, Newton P.	Pfc	13 106 168
EASTMAN, Ralph T. Jr.	1/Lt	0 792 008
OGRIN, Joseph	2/Lt	0 689 813
STEVENS, Donald C.	2/Lt	0 804 246
ERICKSON, Archie V.	Pfc	37 465 784
LANGSTON, Jack D.	2/Lt	0 756 621

VICINITY OF UTAH BEACH, CARENTAN, STE-MERE-EGLISE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
HOPKINS, John V.	1/Lt	01 294 841
VAN SICKLE, Jark D.	Pvt	36 408 881
MADEAU, Armand E.	Pvt	11 131 551
BAKER, Lester R.	Pfc	17 109 674
GREGGS, Robert E.	Pfc	35 136 548
NIKSA, Edward W.	Pfc	32 827 230
SARVAS, Dave	Pfc	15 112 600
CALI, Dominick D.	Pvt	32 598 866
DENNING, Lloyd J.	Cpl	33 306 262
LAWRENCE, James W.	Pfc	35 370 538
SADOSKI, Peter P.	Pfc	31 211 410
HEALEY, Frederick S.	Pfc	55 305 98
RUSHING, Cleo	Pvt	34 812 959
SCHERER, Casper A.	T/4	32 156 708
SMITH, R.V. (IO)	Pvt	20 402 383
AUMAN, Pershing D.	Pvt	33 050 442
HILL, Joseph D.	Pvt	16 039 974
LAPIKAS, John M.	Cpl	33 113 283
RODRIGUEZ, Julio T.	Pvt	20 133 561
SPARKS, Carl J.	Sgt	18 070 327
BACON, Lewis C.	Pvt	37 302 484
BARR, Charles E.	Pvt	38 513 883
BAUR, Frank E.	Pfc	33 143 678
LEGG, Joseph E.	T/5	15 112 780
O'BRYAN, Charles E.	Pvt	20 746 704
WHITE, Melvin G.	S/Sgt	35 135 831
BURRI, Herman A.	Sgt	20 656 749
DANZIGER, Benjamin	2/Lt	01 299 211
CONDON, John W.	Pvt	17 676 365
BEISSER, Chester	Pvt	35 599 108
CHAVOUS, Samuel J.	Cpl	34 054 771
MAGNEY, Roy A.	Cpl	19 096 754
LOCKERMAN Colon A.	Pfc	34 571 663
REIDER, Foster P.	Pfc	33 010 611
BOYLAN, Richard E.	Sgt	32 023 449
CHELLIS, John E.	T/4	13 004 985
DONOHUE, Edward D.	Pvt	36 752 230
DUDGEON, Sidney G.	Pfc	32 093 950
FANNELLI, Andrew J.	Sgt	32 023 169

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
HARDY, Joseph G.	T/5	14 024 716
HARDZOG, Floyd	Pfc	34 180 153
HARPER, Felix M.	T/5	13 016 604
HERSHMAN, Ralph W.	Pvt	13 042 608
INGENITO, Harold E.	Pfc	12 036 296
JEZAK, Joseph	Cpl	33 071 037
KELLER, William B.	Cpl	34 141 272
MASON, Conrad C.	Pfc	35 739 701
MORGIA, Anthony C.	Pvt	12 073 036
NICHOLS, Noel N.	Pvt	34 275 298
PATAKY, Bernard L.	T/4	13 002 415
PHELPS, John W.	T/4	32 024 275
SCHLOTT, Robert	S/Sgt	13 002 240
SMITH, Harry J.	Pvt	20 245 579
SPINA, Thomas	Pvt	32 572 316
STEPHENS, Horace S.	Pfc	34 141 354
VOSEN, Raymond F.	Pvt	16 132 054
WAUGH, Luther L.	T/5	35 664 638
FRATAGO, Michael E.	Sgt	33 345 371
HENRY, Richard B.	Pvt	36 885 105
WOJCIK, Walter A.	T/Sgt	37 186 511
VAN METER, Walter F.	Cpl	34 585 089
PINKOSKI, John	Pvt	13 059 409
BERLIN, John C.	T/5	18 151 944
KOEHLEY, John F.	E/O	T-61635
McKAMEY, James B.	2/Lt	0 668 479
SCOTT, Jess M.	Sgt	39 233 319
BARTO, Steve	Pvt	35 266 795
BRANNEN, William F.	T/5	11 064 090
TORTORELLO, Anthony	Pvt	36 334 642
HARRIS, Dale (AMI)	2/Lt	0 763 584
FITZGERALD, Jark D.	Pvt	37 343 112
KENNEDY, Thomas M.	Pfc	32 600 334
O'CONNELL, Norman V.	Pvt	19 132 872
O'ROURKE, James A. Jr.	T/5	32 370 027
SIMPSON, Jack M.	Pvt	37 454 639
LOUIS, Charles K.	Pvt	19 096 999
ELLIS, Elmer	Pvt	20 406 903
ROBERTS, Harry Jr.	Pfc	35 617 857
FRANKEL, Merton	Cpl	39 124 515

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
HALL, Charlie L.	Pfc	14 140 065
ZWYERS, Robert W.	Pvt	15 333 992
GUYTON, Wilbur M.	Pvt	34 663 591
HORNBAKER, Nelson F.	S/Sgt	6 948 738
McKEE, William R.	Pvt	32 949 592
HOLLOMAN, Wallace S.	Cpl	6 968 562
LESKO, John P.	Pfc	13 048 930
YESKO, Nicholas	Pvt	32 927 063
HUDAK, Joseph B.	Pvt	33 423 375
LONG, Houston H.	Pvt	32 359 883
EADY, Caley J.	T/4	14 142 168
RECORD, Orson B.	Pvt	20 157 352
BERGSTRESSER, Glenn	T/4	39 385 460
COUGHLIN, Lawrence J.	Pfc	35 069 317
POSTER, Norman B.	Pvt	37 701 436
GOBLE, Francis W.	T/5	37 248 656
HERNANDEZ, Guadalupe	T/5	38 120 358
KLINE, William S.	2/Lt	01 013 442
METZ, Charles E.	Pvt	32 968 560
MOYER, Robert H.	Pvt	13 026 533
NEAL, Donald R.	Cpl	39 385 528
RHIMER, Nicholas W.	Cpl	13 008 950
KIRK, James	Pvt	34 673 669
PEDERSON, Harry B.	2/Lt	0 810 407
CERNY, Otaker	Pvt	6 902 607
SIMONS, Robert C.	Pvt	15 324 590
KOENIG, Thomas C.	Cpl	16 124 803
JONES, Theodore T. Jr.	1/Lt	0 456 301
ECKHOFF, Kenneth A.	Pfc	34 625 674
OLUBOWICZ, Steven	T/4	31 278 325
SCHECTER, Karl	Pfc	32 863 593
CAPLINGER, Robert D.	Pfc	35 801 083
HAGGINS, Sylbester D.	Pfc	32 552 252
HOMER, Mack	Pvt	34 740 215
SIMMONS, Henry	Pvt	38 227 090
WYATT, Daniel	T/5	38 311 942
ASHENFELTER, Edgar J.	Pvt	35 614 631
JENKINS, Earl F.	Pfc	35 590 188
ELLISON, Isidore	Pvt	32 008 511
NICHOLSON, Robert L.	Pfc	35 111 192

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
KIBBONS, David L.	Pfc	34 142 881
OKREPKI, Harry D.	Pfc	20 221 898
BARRACO, Andrew J.	Cpl	32 560 061
GEYER, Roy W.	S/Sgt	36 351 713
ROMNEY, Walter R.	2/Lt	0 807 313
HOKE, James T.	Pfc	38 094 200
LANGSTON, William L.	Pfc	18 086 596
SANDERS, Raymond C.	Pfc	37 107 418
HILL, Dewey D.	T/4	38 294 542
GUSTAFSON, Roy O.	Pfc	36 647 856
JESPER, Robert E.	Pvt	32 804 484
SOKOL, Sylvester F.	Pvt	33 365 213
HARPER, James T.	Pfc	35 671 355
MAGUFFEE, Henry B.	T/5	38 333 718
MAINE, Roger M.	Pfc	37 551 879

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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	
CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK,	QMC.,	O 1 040 311	
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OFFICIAL:

s/t/ ROBERT K. COLE,
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Capt QMC
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AG 704(26 Jul 49)

26 July 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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>	<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ETC Ship No.</u>
2d Lt	Durham, James L.	01106109	CE 104
Pvt	Ellis, Elmer	20406903	CE 104

b. 377th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion:

S Sgt	White, Melvin G.	55135831	FA 133
T 5	Legg, Joseph H.	15112780	MD 133
Pfc	Baur, Frank X.	33143678	FA 133
Pvt	Barr, Charles E.	38513885	FA 133
Pvt	O'Bryan, Charles E.	20746704	FA 133

c. 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment:

T 5	Berlin, John C.	18151944	Inf 107
T 4	Eady, Caley J.	14142168	Inf 116

d. 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment:

1st Lt	Bucior, Bernard G.	01294972	Inf 263
Sgt	Sparkis, Carl J.	18070327	Inf 130
Cpl	Lapikas, John M.	33113283	Inf 130
Pfc	Lesko, John P.	13048930	Inf 263
Pvt	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.	01011179	Inf	111
Pvt	Weirich, Glen L.	35544533	Inf	111

f. 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment:

T 5	O'Rourke, James W.	32370027	Inf	263
Pvt	Sokol, Sylvester F.	33365213	Inf	141
Pvt	Van Sickle, Jack D.	36408881	Inf	141

g. 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment:

Pfc	Hall, Charlie L.	14140065	Inf	133
Pvt	Zwyers, Robert W.	15333992	Inf	133

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 1a, 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 Cherbourg, 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 preht 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 SR&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. The report states that Maloney had reported that Lieutenant Durham had been killed in action. No 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 Lieutenant 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 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 Infantry Regiment, refers to an inclosed true copy of statement of Pfc Bert Ferguson, 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 Ferguson, 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 June 1944. He was never seen by me afterwards."

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."

b. This appears to be all of the available information pertaining to T 4 Eady, and there is no report that his remains have been recovered.

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 Northern France, and was last sighted at about 0120 hours, east of Etionville, 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:

"1. T/5 John C. Berlin, ASN 18151944 was a passenger in 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. Mere 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 REPORT" contained in the AG 201 file of Lieutenant Bucior states that a platoon runner reported that Lt Bucior was wounded and had left the Battalion Aid Station. This report indicates that Lieutenant Bucior 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 Headquarters, U. S. Forces, ETO:

"1. Reference is made to paragraph 11, 7th Indorsement, this Headquarters, AG 201 Bucior, dated 7 June 1945, to Messageform your office, AGPC-S 704 (19 April 45).

"2. Your attention is invited to inclosure 1, Letter Headquarters 502 Parachute Infantry, dated 9 November 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 November 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 Normandy, 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 Normandy 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 Normandy, 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 SURROUNDING 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, Cpl Leonard H. Pitzen, 35040034, Company "I" Third Battalion, were evacuated to an Aid Station near the beach. Cpl 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 Cpl Pitzen and from that time on, I have been unable to find any trace of him.

"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 ETO 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 Weirich, listed in paragraph 1c, 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 Weirich. The report does not reveal any circumstances regarding the loss of the plane, except that it did not return to base with its formation.

c. A Classified communication was dispatched by this office, AGPC-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 indorsement to this communication from Headquarters, 506th Parachute Infantry, dated 8 June 1945 furnishes the information quoted below from paragraph three.

"3.	1st Lt	Howard, Gerald V., Jr.	0-011179
	Cpl	Bignall, Donald E.	19138691
	Pfc	Smith, Frederick P.	13104102
	Pvt	Phillips, Howard NMI	34768635
	PPvt	Wober, Paul J.	36575829
	Pvt	Weirich, Glen L.	35544533

The above personnel were [sic] all in a plane which blew up. Members of Company "I" saw the plane blow up, and they believe 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."

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 June 1944 per a casualty report by Captain Disney M. 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 Tec 5 O'Rourke jumped in Normandy, 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 indicating 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.

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 definitely 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.

Rolf A. Sauls

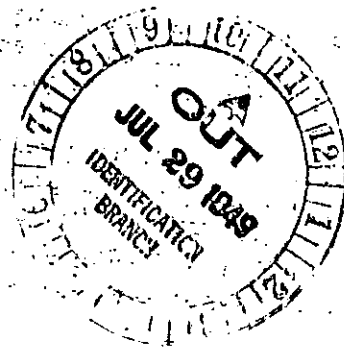
ROLFE A. SAULS
Investigator

CONCUR:

James A. Frix
JAMES 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.

Source material obtained as a result of this
investigation is filed in the AG 201 file of
2d Lt Durham, James L., 01106109, unless other-
wise indicated.



HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 U S ARMY

RRE 293.9 (IB)

10 March 1949

SUBJECT: Request for Information

293 Sokol, Sylvester F. 33 365 213

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25 D. C.

1. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371 for Private Sylvester F. Sokol, 33 365 213, which lists place of death as "France".

2. It is requested that all available information, which may aid in the search for this deceased, be forwarded this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

GEORGE L. FREEMAN
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Actg Asst Adj Gen

QMGMS 293 1st Ind
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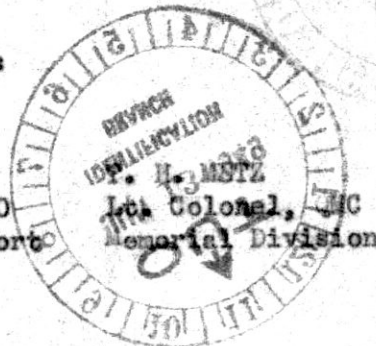
Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 13 June 1949

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command,
European Area, APO 58, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Submitted herewith are photostat copies of SR&D Report No. 3120 and After Action Report of 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment for period 5 June 1944 to 6 June 1944, containing all available information pertaining to Pvt. Sylvester F. Sokol, 33365213.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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Incl 1 Photo cy SR&D Report #3120
Incl 2 Photo cy After Action Report



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507TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGT

After Action Report

The 507th Parachute Infantry took off from Barkeston Heath and Fulbeck at 2350, 5 June 1944. The regiment flew out to the W coast of the Cotentin Peninsula, turned east between the Channel Islands and made a landfall at 0202 near Baubigny. Flak consisting mostly of 20mm. and MG greeted us at the coast and accompanied us all the way to the DZ. Several Officers and men were hit by flake in the planes and one plane was shot down, fortunately after most of the troops were out of it. The night was fair and clear, the wind about 12 miles per hour. With the exception of two elements, one of which jumped at Montebourg and one S of Carentan, the dispersion was excellent, although it's center was somewhat E of the DZ. Jumping commenced at 0232 and ended at 0312. Jump casualties were insignificant.

The Regiment was preceded by $\frac{1}{2}$ hour by it's three Bn. radar teams. Unfortunately it turned out that the DZ was occupied and covered by fire by the Germans so that from the moment of landing they had to fight for their lives. On that account neither Lt. Joseph Nor O'Brian of the 1st and 3rd Bns respectively were able to operate their radar machines. Furthermore, Lt. McGill of the 2nd Bn broke both legs on the jump and his second, Lt. Ames, was only able to assemble three men. Among them however was the radar set and it's operator, Sgt. Duff. In spite of the German fire whistling around them, they succeeded in setting this set up at 0220 and operated it until 0300. After that Ames folded up his set and successfully got his men back to Col. Ostberg's position which he reached about 0700. This brilliant feat was largely responsible for the comparatively good jump pattern.

Although the jump pattern was fairly compact it centered on both sides of the Merderet River, the total area was large and adventures of small groups rejoining the regiment are much too numerous to tell here. However, Colonel Millett's story deserves some kind of recognition. Colonel Millett jumped on the DZ and assembled 40 men from "D" Company, led by Captain Tolle. With this force he attacked Amfreville about 1000. Captain Tolle was killed and at 1200 the regimental commander seeing that he was sustaining casualties and making no progress with-drew to a position southeast of Les Laudes, which he organized for defense. The Germans attempted to develop his position that night, but excellent fire discipline was maintained and the Germans remained in ignorance of his exact position. The next day he set up a road block and ambushed a convoy of seven trucks. That night the Germans again attacked with a reconnaissance force but still without success. Meanwhile, Colonel Millett got in touch with the Division Command and also with Captain Tayler, who brought in 250 men. Captain Taylor had taken the town of Fresville on the way south, butchering many Germans. Colonel Millett also picked up Captains P. F. Smith, Frank, and Allyn, along with some men so that by the evening of D plus three he was at the head of a force of 425 men. That evening he received an order from Division to fall back to Colonel Timmes' position.

243 SOKOL, Sylvester F.

Private

33,365,213

507th Parachute Infantry Regiment

Missing in action

6 June 1944

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A. G. Ames 949
Capt., GAC
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>SF</i> Sokol, Sylvester F.	GRADE Pvt.	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 33365213
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ORGANIZATION Inf <i>SER. CO. 507TH. PRCHT. INF.</i>	RACE WHITE	CREED CATHOLIC	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable) NONE
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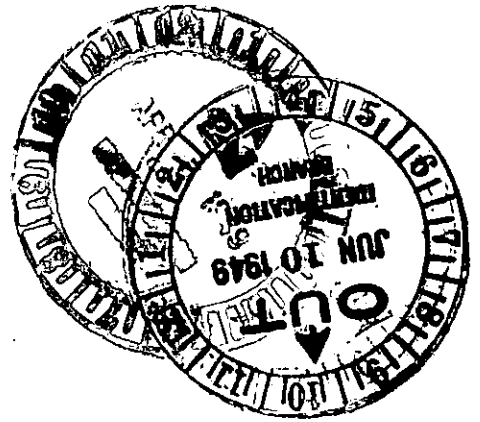
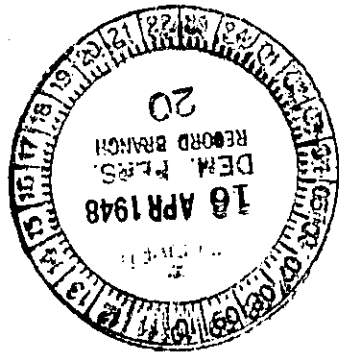
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

AAB Alliance, Nebraska

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Sokol, Sylvester F. 33365213

(3) RANK

(4) COMPANY

(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS

Pvt

Ser

507th

(6) AGE, YEARS

(7) RACE

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(9) SERVICE, YEARS

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Dental Corps, U. S. A.

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION**

IDENTIFICATION DATA

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HEIGHT: *5' 5 1/4"* WEIGHT: *149* COLOR EYES: *Green* COLOR HAIR: *Blonde* SHOE SIZE: *7D* DATE OF DEATH: *7 Nov 45*

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation): *501st Pacht Inf*

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA: *Missing in Northern France*

LIST ALL CAMPS IN WHICH STATIONED IN U.S. PRIOR TO SERVICE OVERSEAS, WITH INCLUSIVE DATES AT EACH.

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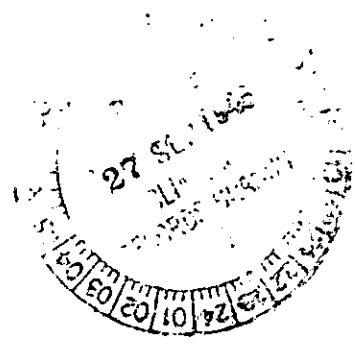
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JUN 8 1948

E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., QMC
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

AGPC-S 704 - Dead (7 Jun 45)
S. R. & D. No. 3120

7 June 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch.

SUBJECT: Review and Determination of Status
under the Missing Persons Act.

I - FACTS

1. The following-named personnel of the organizations indicated, have been carried on War Department records as missing in action in France since 6 June 1944; all except Private Sokol were reported in jump pay status by the shipments shown opposite their names:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ETO SHIP- MENT NUMBER</u>
i. 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment:			
SOKOL, Sylvester F.	33,365,213	Private	141

10. The following citation of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment of which the personnel named in paragraph 1i, above, were members at the time of their disappearance, is quoted from Section XII, War Department General Orders No. 76, dated 22 September 1944:

"The 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy between 6 and 9 June 1944, during the invasion of France. The regiment landed by parachute shortly after 0200, 6 June, on the Cotentin Peninsula, east and west of the Merderet River and north of the Douve River, France. Assembly of regimental groups was rapidly effected in the face of attack from mobile German antiairborne groups and fire from all types of weapons. Elements of the regiment west of the Merderet River engaged vastly superior forces and accomplished primary objectives. They immobilized strong enemy units in the vicinity of Amfreville for a period of 3 days and prevented them from crossing the Merderet River to reinforce German forces opposing the beachhead landings on the eastern shore of the Peninsula. Other elements of the 507th Parachute Infantry prevented German forces from crossing the bridge over the Merderet River near Chef Du Pont and repelled repeated counterattacks reinforced with tanks, mortars, and artillery of all types. Isolated elements in a half-dozen positions forced the enemy to commit disproportionately superior strength for periods up to 3 days and bore the full brunt of every type of weapon and attack utilized by the foe. The regiment displayed courage of the highest order in every engagement and against bitter and tenacious opposition. Duties were performed unhesitatingly and with determination and aggressiveness in continuous and unremitting assault. ** **"

a. The Service Records of all members of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment whose status is herein under consideration, except in the case of Technician Fifth Grade O'Rourke, show that they became missing in action on 6 June 1944 in France. O'Rourke's Service Record has not been received in this office. Upon examination of this soldier's Casualty Branch and AG 201 file, it was revealed that he was initially reported as a casualty on 6 June in the status of seriously injured in action by ETO shipment number 107 and that his status was subsequently changed to that of missing in action as of the same day by ETO shipment number 263. Therefore, on 28 March 1945, this office dispatched a confidential communication, AGPC-S 201 O'Rourke, James W., to the Commanding General, ETOUSA, requesting that a report of circumstances surrounding this soldier's disappearance which formed the basis for the change in his status, be submitted to this office. A request for disposition made of his Service Record was also included in the communication. Fourth Indorsement added to the basic communication under date of 13 April 1945 at Headquarters, 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, reads, in part, as follows:

"1. Subject soldier was reported as SIA [seriously injured in action] 6 June 1944 per casualty reported by Captain Sidney M. Goren, organization unknown, * * *

"2. Extracts of medical blotters of 4th Infantry Division indicated that Tec 5 O'Rourke was admitted to the 4th Infantry Division aid station on 7 June 1944 with a fractured right foot.

"3. Mail written to soldier from the Zone of the Interior was returned to this Headquarters from the APO with no known hospital address. Subsequently a letter of inquiry was received stating that his parents had not heard from him. A request for information on soldier was submitted to Headquarters ETOUSA. Reply indicated that soldier was being carried as Missing in Action 6 June 1944.

"4. No further word has been received concerning soldier's status. There is no reason to believe that soldier is alive."

The Tenth Indorsement, dated 3 May 1945, which was also added to the basic communication by the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, indicates that the initial report of seriously injured in action in O'Rourke's case was based on the information set forth in the preceding quotation. However, the indorsement shows that the organization combat report which was received at organization headquarters subsequent to the "injured" report showed soldier's status as Missing in Action. This indorsement further states that:

"* * * Tec 5 James W. O'Rourke, 32370027, jumped in Normandy, France, with the Medical Detachment of this unit at about 0200 hour 6 June 1944. So far as can be determined, no members of this unit present for duty has seen subject enlisted man since he jumped from the plane."

The Thirteenth Indorsement, dated 12 May 1945, which transmitted the basic communication from Headquarters, ETOUSA, back to this office indicates that no further information is available concerning O'Rourke's status and states that his Service Record was forwarded to The Adjutant General's Office on 10 March 1945. However, this record has not been received in Status Review and Determination Section and it is not on file in the Enlisted Branch, AGO.

b. Corporal Moore's AG 201 file contains a letter, dated 8 August 1944, from his wife, Mrs. June V. Moore, with which she inclosed an undated letter from her husband, postmarked 23 June 1944. In the inclosed letter, Moore states that he had been promoted to the grade of Sergeant. A cross reference sheet also filed with Moore's AG 201's shows that on or about 17 August 1944, a classified message was sent to the European Theater of Operations requesting verification of his status. Confidential message number C 89056, dated 10 September 1944, received from Cheltenham, England, in reply, states that Corporal Moore was last seen leaving plane on 6 June 1944 and that a thorough investigation revealed no further information as to his whereabouts. In connection with the question of Moore's grade at the time of his disappearance, War Department records, including soldier's Service Record and his Qualification Card, show that he held the grade of Corporal, and that he had only held that grade for nine days, having been promoted from Private First Class on 29 May 1944. However, a request for verification of his grade was included in a confidential communication, AGPC-S 704 (19 Apr 45), dispatched by this office on 19 April 1945 to the Commanding General, ETOUSA, with a view to obtaining additional facts and circumstances surrounding the disappearance of all the subject personnel of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, except Technician Fifth Grade O'Rourke. To date, no reply has been received to this communication.

12. An examination of the files of the subject personnel in Casualty Branch, Enlisted Branch, and Officers Branch, AGO, and the index in Prisoner of War Information Bureau, PMGO, does not reveal any further information relevant to this review.

II - CONCLUSIONS

1. The eighty "paratroopers" whose status is herein under consideration became missing in action in France on 6 June 1944. Elements of the various organizations to which these men were assigned landed by parachute on the Cherbourg Peninsula in 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 which marked the beginning of the invasion of Western Europe. As indicated in the source material presented in Part I, above, operations were carried out amid heavy gun fire from every type enemy artillery and against superior numbers of enemy troops.

4. The possibility of survival seems to have also existed for a time in the cases of Technician Fifth Grade O'Rourke, of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment and six enlisted personnel of the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment, since all seven of these men were initially reported as casualties on 6 June 1944 in a "wounded" or "injured" status. The status of these men was subsequently changed to missing in action and reports received in connection with investigations conducted in most of their cases show that the status changes resulted from canvasses of hospitals or examinations of records in the European Theater which failed to reveal any indication as to the whereabouts of these men.

5. A period of twelve months has elapsed since the subject personnel disappeared and an examination of all pertinent records available to the War Department fails to reveal any official report that any of these men were captured by the enemy as prisoners of war, returned to military control or interned in a neutral country. The absence of such reports over this long period of time seems to render any possibility of continued survival of the personnel referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4, above, practically non-existent, and serves to augment the probability of death in the cases of all other subject personnel.

6. In view of the foregoing facts and circumstances, it is concluded that the persons whose status is herein considered may not "reasonably be presumed to be living within the meaning of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act.

III - RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that the records of Technician Fourth Grade Caley J. Eady, 14,142,168, and Technician Fifth Grade Arthur M. Goodrich, 13,104,267, be amended to show the date of inception of their missing in action status as 6 June 1944.

2. It is further recommended that findings of death be made under the provisions of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act in the cases of all the persons named in paragraph 1, Part I, of this review, and that these findings show the presumed date of death, in each case, to be 7 June 1945.

s/Investigator

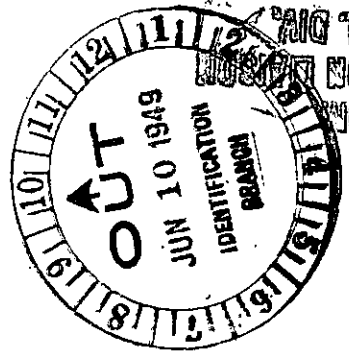
s/Captain, AGD.

CONCURRED IN:

APPROVED:

s/ J.T.B.
t/JOHN T. BURNS
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Officer in Charge,
Status Review and
Determination Section

s/G.F.H.
t/GEORGE F. HERBERT
Colonel, AGD,
Chief, Casualty Branch.



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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Private Sylvester F. Sokol, Army Serial Number 33,365,213, Infantry, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 6th day of June 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 7th day of June, 1945.

293 Sokol, Sylvester F

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Herbert
ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA European		FLYING STATUS No	TEMP STATUS No	LIRE OF DUTY Yes	OWN MIS-CONDUCT No	ON DUTY STATUS Yes	ABSENCE AUTH'D
PREVIOUS REVIEWS None							
DATE OF BIRTH 7 Sep 1907	HOME ADDRESS Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 27 Apr 1942		LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
		YEARS 3	MONTH 1	DAYS 11			

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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REMARKS

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Circumstances of disappearance: Soldier became missing in action in northern France while participating in the initial airborne phase of the invasion of Western Europe.

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

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-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

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NAME			SERIAL NUMBER			GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	
SOKOL SYLVESTER F			33365213			PVT	INF	ETO	
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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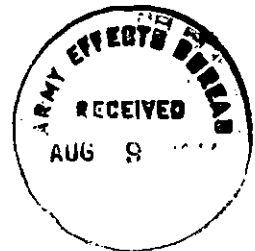
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MR.-MRS.-MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME		RELATIONSHIP		DATE NOTIFIED	
MRS. CECILIA SOKOL		MOTHER		1 Aug 44	
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE					
893 PITTSVIEW AVENUE PITTSBURGH PENNSYLVANIA					

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CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED _____ OR CHARGED TO _____ DATE _____

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO YES _____ (AS INDICATED BELOW):

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FORWARDED TO SPEC. IDEN. TELEGRAM WOUNDED LETTER CORRES. S. R. & D. CERTIF. M. & M. NON-DEL.

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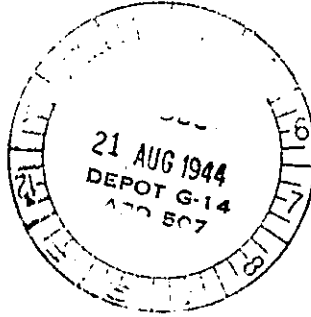
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HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION, APO 469, U. S. Army, 16 August 1944

TO: Effects Quartermaster, ETOUSA, APO 871, U. S. Army.

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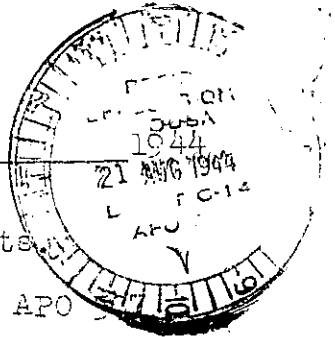
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507TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY
APO 230, U.S. ARMY



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Date

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Inventory of Personal Effects
TO : Effects Quartermaster, ETOUSA, Depot G-14, APO
U. S. Army.

Transmitted herewith in accordance with Adm. Cir # 80,
dated 25 Oct 1943, Hq. SOS, ETOUSA, is inventory of Effects con-
cerning subject named below.

<u>LAST</u>	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>MI</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>A.S.N.</u>	<u>CONTROL</u>
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(MI)	(Rank)	(A.S.N.)	(Control No.) (For use of Effects AM ETOUSA)
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Organization 507th P.I. (Unit -----Not Branch of Service)

*Status. (Deceased, Missing in Action, Prisoner of War) on the
June 1944
day of _____ 19____.

Designated Beneficiary (With Address) Wife, (S. G. L.)
2000 1/2 St. W.
Metairie, La.

Cl. II Assets: Cash found in effects, less cost of money order in-
closed herewith.

U.S.N.O. \$ 21.30 Amt. _____ U.S.M.O. \$ _____ Amt. \$ _____

U.S.N.O. \$ _____ Amt. \$ _____ U.S.M.O. \$ _____ Amt. \$ _____

U.S. Official Check \$ 21.30 Amt _____ Bank _____
(Name & Branch)

#Bank Accounts 21.30

#Debtors 21.30

#Creditors 21.30

#Inclosed is _____
(Will, Power of Attorney, War Bond, Travelers Checks
Describe fully)

REMARKS (if any)

*Strike out words no applicable.
#Negative report where applicable.

507TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY
APO 230, U.S. ARMY



Date

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Inventory of Personal Effects.
TO : Effects Quartermaster, ETCUSA, Depot G-14, APO
U. S. Army.

Transmitted herewith in accordance with Adm. Cir # 30,
dated 25 Oct 1943, Hq. SCS, ETCUSA, is inventory of Effects con-
cerning subject named below.

REGUL SYL VS REP F. Pvt. 33345213
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (A.S.N.) (Control
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ETCUSA)

Organization Hq. Co. 507th Para. Inf.
(Unit -----Not Branch of Service)

*Status. (Deceased, Missing in Action, Prisoner of War) on the 6
June 44
day of _____ 19____.

Designated Beneficiary (With Address)
Mrs. Evelyn Schol, (2 other)
608 Hill View
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Cl. II Assets: Cash found in effects, less cost of money order in-
closed herewith.

U.S.M.O. \$ <u>2.00</u>	Amt	U.S.M.O. \$ _____	Amt \$ _____
U.S.M.O. \$ _____	Amt	U.S.M.O. \$ _____	Amt \$ _____
U.S. Official Check \$ <u>2.00</u>	Amt	Bank _____	(Name & Branch)
#Bank Accounts _____	<u>2.00</u>		
#Debtors _____	<u>2.00</u>		
#Creditors _____	<u>2.00</u>		
#Inclosed is _____	<u>no inclosures</u>		

(Will, Power of Attorney, War Bond, Travelers Checks
Describe fully)

REMARKS (if any)

*Strike out words no applicable.
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INVENTORY OF EFFECTS
(Attach extra sheets if necessary)

no personal effects

I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all of the subject's effects and that effects were shipped to Effects QM. BTCUSA, APC #507, I-14, U. S. Army by delivering to _____

_____ on _____ 1944.

(Block Letters)

George S. Rozer

Signature - (In ink)

George S. Rozer

Capt. 547th Troop Inf.

Rank and organization

C O P. Y.
KCQMD
AEB-wdt

EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER U.K.
DEPOT G-14
United States Army

HGL/jg

15th October, 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Inventories of Effects.

TO : The Effects Quartermaster, Kansas City QM Depot,
601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

1. The attached Inventories have been on hand at this office for 30 days or more; the effects to which they refer have never been received by this office. It is believed the effects may have been erroneously forwarded direct to your office, to the beneficiary; or to the Effects Quartermaster in France. In view of the fact that we are unable to contact the Units to ascertain disposition of the effects, and that ultimately all effects will be received by your office, we are forwarding these forms for your records.

2. The method of handling Form 54's at this office is that all Form 54's are checked against effects on hand. Where effects have been received, such forms will be forwarded by letter of transmittal to your office giving information as to the disposition of the effects, and at the expiration of one month, if no effects are received, the forms will be transmitted to your office in accordance with paragraph 1.

R. J. MOULTON.
Lt. Col. QMG.
Effects Q M U.K.

Incls: Inventories and
List in duplicate.