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

9 MAY 1947

In Reply Refer To QMGMR 253 Chavous, Samuel J. SN 34 054 771

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery

and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

TO: Commanding Officer

American Graves Registration Command

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

l. There is attached hereto, in duplicate, OQMG Form 371 (covering all available information in the Office of The Quartermaster General and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by this office to your headquarters) for the following deceased individual:

NAME

GRADE

SERIAL NO.

Chavous, Samuel J.

CPL

34 054 771

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:

1 Incl Form 371 (5 Cys) MARTIN G. RILEY

Major, QMC

Wemorial Division

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AG 704 (1 Dec 49)

3. Letter, dated 26 April 1945, from Corporal Frederick O. Kafader, Jr., 35566063, to this office, filed in the AG 201 file of Private Simons, furnished the following information:

"The above named member of the paratroops was my buddy. On June 6, 1944, at about 11:35 A.M. we landed about 500 yards out of the town of St Comb de Haunt. In the major battle that followed in this town he was wounded and taken to the Field Hospital there. "

4. At the time subject enlised men were presumed dead by this office the following was included in the Memorandum for Chief, Casualty Branch:

"An examination of the quoted material in paragraphs 2 and 3 indicates that there is some disagreement as to the date of which the subject personnel became missing in action. However, the 7th Indorsement of the letter referred to in paragraph 2 states that the records of Head quarters, European Theater of Operations indicate that all of these men became missing in action 8 June 1944. Therefore, because of the subject persons were originally reported missing in action as of 8 June 1944, and the theater headquarters to which they were assigned has again reported them missing on the same date, it seems reasonable to accept 8 June 1944 as the correct date on which these men became missing in action."

- 5. The Captured German Records, now of record in this office, show that under date of 13 July 1944, the personal offects of wounded enemy soldiers were transmitted from No. 2 Modical Company (mechan) 352, Field Post No. 44585 to Army Information Bureau for War Casualties, Berlin " 30, Hohenstoufenstrasse 47/48, which included the effects, listed by name of Ray A. Magney, member of the U.S. Army, ASM: 19096754. The German Records fail to reveal the names of the other subject enlisted men. The Quartermaster General's Office (Mrs. McConaughy) reports there are not burial reports of record in that office.
- In the absence of any definite information as to the fate of subject enlisted personnel, listed in par 1, it is concluded that the information of record in the Department, at this time, does not warrant the issuance of official reports of death under the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act.

A. L. O'BRIEN

Investigator

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Asst OIC. Det and Review Unit A Casualty Section, PA Br., AGO

Copy For: OQLG, Memorial Division (one copy for each individual listed in par 1) AG 201 file of each individual named in par l.

Source material obtained as a result of this investigation is filed in the AG 201 file of the first name listed in par 1, unless otherwise indicated.

GERMAN RECORDS USA 1-200 (USA 171 - 173)

13 July 1944

2) Salvage Company (motorized) 352 Field Post 44 585

Reference to: Personal effects of wounded enemy personnell

TO: Armed Forces Information Center for Wounded POW'S and POW'S Berlin W. 30

Hohenstaufen Street 47/48

In the enclosure this command transmitts personal effects of wounded enemy personnel who were found lying wounded at the clearing station (Medical) in Le Mesnil - Raoult (8 Km South of Saint Lo.

USA #171 - 1) Ray A Magney - member of the US Army Identification tag 19096754

The personal effects consist of:

Leather Pouch with travel provisions and money purse with

15 francs "Invasion money" 32 penny with certificates,
souvenir coins and 2 protracters.

Coordinates Le Mesnil - Raoult 49°02'N 1°04'W Coordinates St. IO 49°07'N 1°06'W Coordinates St. Laurent Sur Mer 49°21'N 0°52'W 3 Magney, Cagnand A 19076754

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