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38 185 551

293 RICKS, FRED. B

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TO: **REVIEW**

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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE  
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

RICKS, FRED B

RANK

PFC

SERIAL NUMBER

38185551

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

6 DEC 45

AREA OF DEATH

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

KINKEAD

DATE

24 APR 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

M. COX

DATE

24 APR 51

REMARKS

**CONTROLLED CASE**

NAME RICKS, FRED B.	GRADE PFC	SERIAL NO. <i>am</i> 38 185 551
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## NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH European, Vicinity of Villers-sur-Nied, France	CASE NUMBER 15456
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>293</i> Ricks, Fred B.	RANK Pfc	SERIAL NUMBER 38 185 551
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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:

1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT	INITIALS OF ANALYST
	<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

**NAN  
File**

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**MAR 30 1951**

*Whitton*  
**Identification Branch**

RECOMMEND APPROVAL NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>E. Miller</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	APPROVED CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Whitton</i>	DATE
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NON-RECOVERABLE CASE  
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

CASE NUMBER 15456 (1)

AREA OR ZONE(S)  
European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)  
Ricks, Fred B.

RANK  
Pfc

SERIAL NUMBER  
38 185 551

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
		VAT	<del>a. REPORT OF DEATH</del> b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	VAT	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	VAT	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	VAT
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES After Action Report			VAT

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:

None

NAV  
File

MAR 30 1951

Identification Branch

NAME OF CASE ANALYST  
Vincent A. Thomas/cwt

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO ---  
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED		DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION W. A. WOLF	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION MARY A. EDWARDS, Lt CMC	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH JOHN M. NEFF, Capt QMC		29 Mar 51

27 Dec 50  
#15456

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

Proceedings 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 4, SO 139, headquarters, 788 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 15 November 1950, at Liege, Belgium on 7 DEC 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.

<u>CASE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ASN</u>
	RICKS, Fred B.	Pfc	38 185 551

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.

EDWARD D. MULVANY, Lt. Col. O-359598, OMC      JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, O-1576321, OMC

GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR Major, O-1289071, OMC      *Edell Steinsiek*  
CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Capt. O-1040311, OMC

LEWIS A. McAHIS, Capt. O-1543042, MSC/OMC      *John H. Neff*  
JOHN H. NEFF, Capt. O-1055924, OMC

*Allan L. Lawson*  
ALLAN L. LAWSON, Capt. O-1288075, OMC      ROBERT W. CANSEL, 1/Lt, O-1599085, OMC

JOHN A. BOUTIN, 2/Lt O-947298, OMC

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

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

TO: Non Recoverable Board, AGRC

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

NAME: RICKS, Fred B. Pfc 38 185 551

ORGANIZATION: Co. "G", 137th Inf. Regt.

DATE OF DEATH: 5 December 1944

PLACE OF DEATH: Vicinity Villers-sur-Nied, France

SYNOPSIS: The only available information concerning subject casualty is that contained in a Status Review and Determination Report, #4844, which describes the casualty incident, as follows: "The Casualty Branch file of Pvt Ricks contains a Missing Report, dated 20 January 1945, which reveals that he was a member of a rifle platoon which attacked Villers-sur-Nied, France, 5 December 1944. He disappeared at some point during the action and was not missed immediately, due to the confusion of battle. Neither search nor inquiry at aid station and clearing station revealed any information."

A Field Investigation conducted on 8 October 1950 at Villers-sur-Nied and the adjoining towns of Marthille, Brehain and Chicourt, France, failed to locate the identifiable remains of subject casualty. According to local residents, the fighting on 5 December was in the vicinity of Forbach. The German troops retreated from Villers-sur-Nied without strong resistance and no isolated graves were ever found in the area. Police and local authorities were unanimous in stating that no American remains have ever been recovered or reported in the area concerned.

Interment Records on file at this Headquarters reveal no remains



GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

of unknown deceased recovered in the vicinity of localities named. All attempts to associate subject casualty with remains of unknown deceased have proven negative.

From the aforementioned facts, and in the absence of an official report of his capture, it is concluded that Pfc Ricks was killed on the date as reported and his remains were reduced as a result of battle action to a state which precludes their recovery.

Reference is made to: OQMG Form 371; Status Review and Determination Report, #4844; 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*

Moselle 12342  
I.D. 471HEADQUARTERS  
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
OPERATIONS DIVISION  
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

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6 October 1950

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATIONI. AUTHORITY

In compliance with the instructions contained in Investigation Directive # 471, dated 18 September 1950, an investigation was conducted in the vicinity of VILLERS S/NIED, (France Map Sheet 9Q13) in an effort to recover the remains of Pfc Fred B. RICKS, 38 185 551, Co "G" 137 Inf Regt, reported killed in action in this vicinity on 5 December 1944.

II. FACTS & CIRCUMSTANCES

Information furnished indicates that subject casualty was a member of a rifle platoon which attacked Villers-sur-Nied on 5 December 1944 and that he disappeared at some point during this action.

III. FINDINGS

Contact was made with the mayor of Villers-sur-Nied and also with the mayors of the adjoining towns of MARTHILLE, BREHAIN and CHICOURT.

Information furnished indicates that no American casualties were ever buried in these communities (See Inc. # 1-2-3-4). All persons contacted stated that the area in question was liberated in November 1944, Dates given indicate a period between the 12th and the 23rd. According to local residents, fighting on 5 December was in the vicinity of FORBACH. Germans retreated from Villers-sur-Nied without a great deal of resistance and no isolated graves were ever reported in the area. The Gendarmerie having jurisdiction over this area located at DELME was also contacted with negative results. Due to the absence of the officer-in-charge, a statement was not secured but the policeman on duty agreed to have one prepared and forwarded to this headquarters. (Should be attached to this case as Inc. # 5)

Narrative of Investigation (con't)

6 October 1950

IV. CONCLUSION

Police and local authorities are unanimous in stating that no American remains have ever been recovered or reported in the area in question. Information furnished also indicates that the entire area was liberated sometime prior to the 23rd November 1944 and that no fighting took place in this vicinity in December 1944.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

That a re-check be made of battle position of the 137th Inf. Regt on 5 December 1944.

That the gazetteer of France be checked for additional towns called VILLERS which may be situated geographically in the area occupied by this organization on this date.

HAROLD E. WARNER  
DA CIV D-046899  
Investigator

HEADQUARTERS  
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT  
APO 757 (LIEGE) US ARMY

15 November 1950

SPECIAL ORDERS )  
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NUMBER 139 )

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4. PAC, Ltr., WD-AGO-S 293.9, dtd 9 Apr 47, Subject: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 830-110-5, DA, dtd 2 Mar 49, a Board of Q'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 EDWARD D. MULVANY, O 359 598, QMC., President  
MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND, O 1 576 321, QMC.,  
MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., O 1 289 071, INF/QMC.,  
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CAPT JOHN M. NEFF, O 1 055 924, QMC.,  
CAPT ALLAN L. LAWSON, O 1 288 075, QMC.,  
1ST LT ROBERT W. GANSEL, O 1 599 085, QMC.,  
2D LT JOHN A. BOUTIN, O 947 298, QMC.,

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,  
CAPT., QMC,  
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,  
CAPT., QMC  
Adjutant.

A TRUE COPY:

*Robert S. Lay*  
ROBERT S. LAY  
Maj QMC

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 AGPO-CR 201 Ricks, Fred B.  
 38,185,551 (19 Apr 50) *211*

ALW/gvg/1C664a/8317

19 April 1950

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance of  
 Private First Class Fred B. Ricks, 38,185,551, Infantry

1. Private First Class Fred B. Ricks, 38,185,551, Infantry, was reported missing in action in France on 5 December 1944 and was presumed dead as of 6 December 1945 by SR&D 4844.

2. The Casualty file of the subject person contains a Missing Report of Company G, 137th Infantry, dated 20 January 1945, which discloses the he was a member of a rifle platoon and participated in a mission to attack the enemy in the vicinity of Villers-sur-Nied, France, and that his last known whereabouts was in that location. The Brief Resume of circumstances states as follows:

"EM was a member of a rifle platoon in this organization when they jumped off on the attack against Villers-sur-Nied. He disappeared at some point during that action, and was not missed immediately, due to the confusion of battle."

The report concluded with the statement that "Neither search nor inquiry at any aid station or clearing station revealed any information."

3. The AG 201 file of the subject person contains a letter of inquiry from his mother, dated 27 January 1944, 7457 to the Commanding Officer of his company, which was forwarded by first indorsement, dated 18 February 1945, to the Commanding General, ETOUSA. The indorsement includes the following paragraph:

"Private 1st Class Fred B. Ricks, 38 185 551, Company G, 137th Infantry has been missing in action since 5 December 1944.

"On 5 December 1944 Company G attacked the enemy near the town of Erstoff, France. Pvt 1cl Ricks, an automatic rifleman, had been designated as the left flank guard of the unit. An enemy artillery barrage landed in the company's area and when the company again moved forward Pvt Ricks could not be found. The commanding officer of Company G believes that Pvt Ricks received a direct hit by one of the German artillery shells, but his body has never been found.

4. No record has been found of the subject person upon search of Captured German records or upon search of the files of the *FILE*

APR 26 1950  
 Identification Branch

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AGPO-CR 201 Ricks, Fred B.  
38,185,551 (19 Apr 50)

5. The subject enlisted man was a member of a rifle platoon and on 5 December 1944 took part in a mission to attack the enemy. He was last known to be at the place of attack, in the vicinity of Villers-sur-Nied, France, which is located approximately 22 miles southeast of Metz, France. No trace of him was found upon inquiry or at any aid station and he was reported as missing in action on that date. There has been no trace of him during the more than five years which have elapsed since the date of this action. Therefore, it is concluded that sufficient information is not available at the present time to warrant issuance of a report of his death under the provisions of Section 9 of the Missing Persons Act.

Alice L. Ward  
Investigator

CONCUR:

N. B. STARR  
Captain, AGD  
Asst. OIC, Det. & Rev. Unit  
Casualty Section, AGO

AIRMAIL

QMGMS 293  
Ricks, Fred B.  
SN- 38 185 551  
SUBJECT: Request for Information

1st Ind

Dept. of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 28 February 1949

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

In compliance with request made in basic communication, forwarded herewith is all the available information in this Office pertaining to Pfc. Fred B. Ricks, SN - 38 185 551.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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1 Incl:  
Extract cy SR&D Report  
# 4844

T. H. METZ  
Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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GWR  
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AIRMAIL

SECRET

1st Lt

GROUP 293

Rich, Fred B.

64-38 155 251

Subject: Request for Information

Dept. of the Army, GPO, Washington 25, D. C., 28 February 1949

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

In compliance with request made in basic communication, forwarded  
herewith is all the available information in this Office pertaining to  
Pfc. Fred B. Rich, SN - 38 155 251.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

*[Handwritten signature]*

GWR

WLS

T. H. WETZ  
1st Colonel, GRC  
Memorial Division

1 Incl:  
Extract of SNAD report  
6434

1st Lt

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

RRE 293.9 (IB)

10 December 1948

SUBJECT: Request for Information

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

1. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371 for Pfc Fred B. Ricks, 38185551.

2. It is requested that, if available, additional data which may aid in the recovery of the remains, be forwarded this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

E. D. MULVANITY  
Lt Colonel, QMG  
Actg Asst Adj Gen



FROM DIV. OQMG  
19 JAN 1949  
Liaison Section

(Mossie)  
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HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND  
EUROPEAN AREA  
APO 88 U S ARMY

10 December 1948

RRR 203.9 (18)

SUBJECT: Request for information

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

1. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371 for Rto Prod B.  
Rto, 3818251.

2. It is requested that, if available, additional data  
which may aid in the recovery of the remains, be forwarded  
this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

E. D. MURPHY  
Lt Colonel, OQMG  
Actg Asst Adj Gen



Pentagon Liaison

19 JAN 1949

MEM. DIV. OQMG

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AG 704 Dead (6 Dec 45)  
S.R. & D. No. 4844

6 December 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch

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

I. - FACTS

1. The persons named below of the organizations indicated were reported missing in action, not in flying or jumping pay status, in France and Germany as of 5 December 1944, by ETO Shipments 270, 274, 277, 278, 279, 289, 290 and 291:

<u>NAME</u>		
Ricks, Fred B.	38,185,551 Private First Class	Co. G, 137 Infantry

10. The Casualty Branch file of Private Ricks contains a Missing Report, dated 20 January 1945, which reveals that he was a member of a rifle platoon which attacked Villers-sur-Nied, France, 5 December 1944. He disappeared at some point during the action and was not missed immediately, due to the confusion of battle. Neither search nor inquiry at aid station and clearing station revealed any information.

COPYHEADQUARTERS 137TH INFANTRY  
APO 35 US ARMY

SUBJECT: Report After Action Against Enemy:

December 3, 1944

The 137th Infantry moved seven miles, approximately northeast, to its new assembly area on the morning of December 3 and remained in division reserve. Regimental Headquarters, Special Units and the 2nd Bn closed into Erstroff by 1000. The 1st Bn moved to Linstroff by 1055 and the 3rd Bn was billeted in the town of Grening by 1140. Service Co continued its stay in Villers.

The regiment was ordered into Corps reserve, and suitable reconnaissance was conducted, in view of the fact that the 137th might be employed in any sector of the Corps. Two Quartermaster Truck Companies, the 443rd and the 3905th were attached to the 137th to provide transportation for the regiment's next movement. The 443rd located itself in Morhange by 1100 and the 3905th was established by 1415 in Brenestroff.

December 4, 1944

On this day the 137th Infantry remained in its assembly area and its status of Corps reserve.

\*\*\*December 5, 1944\*\*\*

Again the 137th Infantry remained in its assembly area as Corps reserve.

December 6, 1944

The 137th Infantry made a motor movement approximately fifteen miles east through the early morning rain of December 6 and closed into its forward assembly area by 0900. The 3rd Bn had remained in Grening. Regimental Headquarters opened in Hirbach at 0730, 2d Bn in Bettring by 0840, and the 1st Bn in Holving by 0900. No enemy artillery fire was received by any units of the regiment during the day.

The two Quartermaster Truck Companies, the 443rd and the 3905th, became detached from the regiment, with the exception of the trucks providing transportation for the 3d Bn, which was still located in Grening.

December 7, 1944

There was no change in the status of the 137th Infantry on this day.

IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Ricks Fred B</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>3818551</i>		GRADE <i>PFC</i>
HEIGHT <i>5'7"</i>	WEIGHT <i>128</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Hazel</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>10D</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>5 Dec 44</i>

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)  
*Co G 137 Inf*

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF KIA  
*Vicinity of Villers-sur-Vieud France*

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

STATION	DATES
<i>Cp Beauregard La</i>	<i>July - 42</i>
<i>Cp Carson Colo</i>	<i>July - 4</i>
<i>Cp Roberts Calif</i>	<i>May 44</i>
<i>Ft Meade Md</i>	<i>May - June 44</i>

FROM: WD, AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH  
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>None</i>	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS <i>None</i>
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DENTAL CHART *13 July 42*

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MEMORIAL DIVISION  
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

IDENTIFICATION DATA

NAME - FULL NAME	[Faint handwriting]		
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 MEMORIAL DIVISION

Ricks, Fred B 38185551

To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
Cp Carson Colo	8 Dec	10 Dec 42	—
Cp Robinson Ark	12 Jan	25 Mar 43	42896

Netzeband 300 #46 DPRB  
 Clerk Date Branch

293 FILE		<b>DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED</b>			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE		PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
RICKS, FRED B.		P.F.C.		38185551	
ORGANIZATION		RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)	
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DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA		
5-12-4	DECLARED DEAD		VILLERS-SUR-MEUD. FRANCE		
DATE OF FOD	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
6-12-5	5' 7"	128	HAZEL	BROWN	10 D
<b>DENTAL CHART</b>					
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FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
NONE			NONE.		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION					

**FILE**  
**MAY 26 1948**  
 E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., QMG  
 IDENTIFICATION BRANCH



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

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

4844

**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 First Class Fred B. Ricks, Army Serial Number 38,185,551, Infantry, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 5th day of December 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 6th day of December, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

*George F. Hebert*  
ADJUTANT GENERAL  
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

*293 Ricks, Fred B*

## SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA	PLACING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN MIS-CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTH'D
European	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS						
None						
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
19 Sep 1921	Vienna, Louisiana	14 Jul 1942	YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
			Over	three	years	

## EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
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## REMARKS

<p style="text-align: right;">Distribution <u>56</u></p> <p>Circumstances of Disappearance: Soldier failed to return from an attack in the vicinity of Villers-sur-Nied, France.</p> <p>Awarded Combat Infantryman Badge, G.O. #6, Hq. 137th Inf., 2 Aug 44.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10 DEC 1945 FILE <i>SP</i></p>
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