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NARRATIVE

Investigation of these two cases in the village of Graignes resulted in ascertaining that during the period 6-12 June 1944 witnesses saw a total of nineteen (19) dead American paratroopers.

The mayor of Graignes, Mr Voydie, declared that ten dead American paratroopers had been removed from the village during the period 13-20 July 1944 (see statement). Mr Voydie further stated that if any paratroopers had fallen in the fields the farmers would have found them because the swamps in this area are mowed every year.

The mayor of Mesnil Angot, Mr Poullain, stated that he saw nine dead American paratroopers and that during the period 30 June to 4 August 1944, American troops removed these dead (statement attached).

Two more statements were obtained, one from Miss Meunier and one from Mrs Lereculey. These two women could not shed further light, except for the possibility that these nineteen dead American paratroopers might have been removed to the U.S. Military Cemetery of Bloisville.

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Statement of Mr Poullain Jean, Mayor

On the 11th of June 1944, German troops attacked the American paratroopers. Around the 25th of June when the fight was over I have seen 9 American bodies in a field. I am sure that these soldiers were shot after the fight.

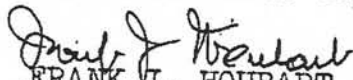
I left on the 30th of June 1944 and when I came back on the 4th of August, the bodies had been removed. I do not know if one of those soldiers was a Major.

The German soldiers were SS troops.

One of these soldiers was wearing a brassard with a red cross on it.

/s/ Poullain Jean

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T R A N S L A T I O N

I, the undersigned, Miss Meunier Renee, Schoolteacher at Graignes, declare:

On June 6, I saw the American paratrooper D. J. Wellis member of the 507 PAR CCHF Inf, Hq Co., The American troops stationed here from the 6 to 11 of June. At this date there had a fighting between American and Germans, the Americans were obliged to retreat toward Carentan in the night of 11 to 12 June.

I have no knowledge of soldiers having parachuted in the community on 8 and 11 June.

On 12 June, I was prisoner of the Germans, I saw 11 American prisoners, the Germans took them at Mesnil Angot and killed them. They were removed by American authority and buried at Blosville. I know that 5 bodies were removed from the pool located at Mes Boursier's farm.

/s/ Meunier

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