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108th 1/2 BRIGADE

99th B. I. A. ---

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REPORT OF FINAL FINDINGS

The Battalion Chief CHALANDON commanding the 99th B. I. A. in accord with Lt Mollard commanding the S. E. S. of the Battalion and the American authorities present at Les Chapieux, decided to stop the searches for the bodies and documents in the area of L'Aiguille de Glaciers, on Saturday 9 August 1947.

The airplane was pulverized after hitting the mountain (L'Aiguille). The remains were spread all over the Glacier, the Glaciers and the Glacier of the Estelette, During the past they have been covered by 4 or 5 meters of snow, and now they are buried in the ice or at the bottom of crevasses.

Everything was done to find the remains, but the falling rocks, the fragile snow bridges, and the crevasses of the moving glaciers make the searches very perilous. Further searches would only bring very small results.

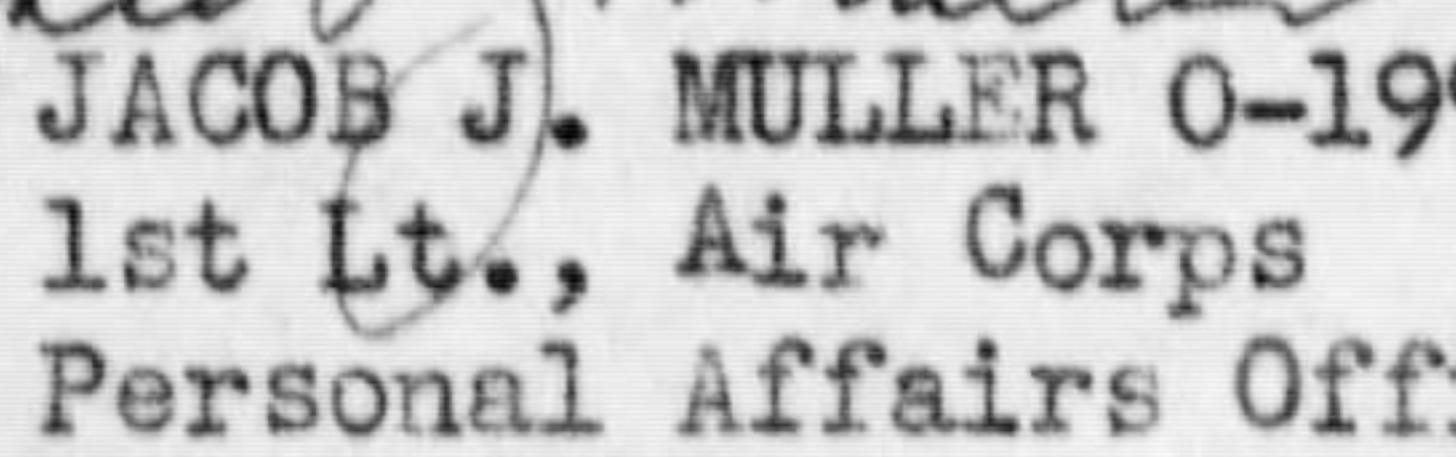
In a few years, and little by little, the glaciers will free the remains, at which time, this unit will gather them carefully, this area being our training ground in the mountains and this unit will notify American authorities concerned.

BOURG St. Maurice, 9 August 1947
CHALANDON, Battalion Chief
Commanding the 99th B. I. A.

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