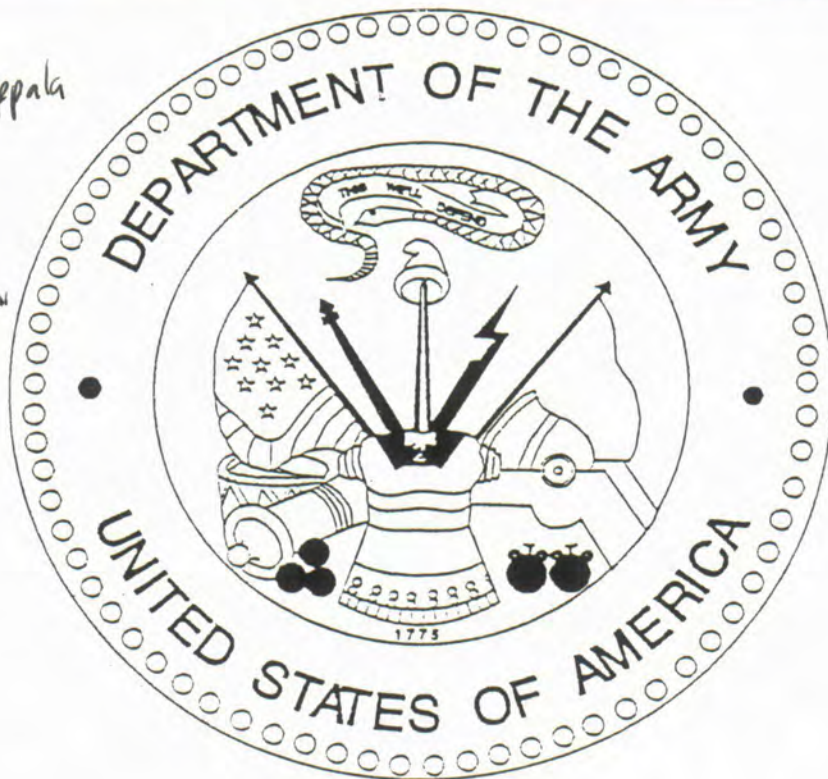


TSgt John Zappala
KIA 2-22-44
381st BG
535th BS
"Beheading Better"



INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

(See AR 600-550)

Zappala, John A. 31208854
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)

late a T/Sgt AC
(Grade) (Organization or arm or service)

Feb. 19 44
who died on the 22nd day of Feb.

CLASS I—Saber, insignia, decorations, medals, campaign badges, watches, manuscripts, and other articles valuable chiefly as keepsakes..

NUMBER	ARTICLES	*PACKAGE NUMBER
	Letters ✓	
	Insignias ✓	
	Pipe ✓	
	Testament ✓	
	Pen ✓	
	Personal papers ✓	

*To be filled out only in case of shipment to The Adjutant General.

CLASS II—Other effects

NUMBER	ARTICLES
	Toilet articles ✓
	Swim trunks ✓
	Shoes ✓
	Underwear ✓
	Necktie ✓
	Handkerchiefs ✓
	Sewing kit ✓

CLASS II--Continued

[illegible]

I CERTIFY that the foregoing inventory comprises all the effects of the deceased whose name appears on the first page hereof, and that *the effects were delivered

to Effects
(Give name and degree of relationship; if legal representative)

or beneficiary named by the decedent, so state) 507

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
*the effects of class I have been forwarded to The
Adjutant General and those of class II have been sold.

Richard L. Tansey, Capt., AC
Executive Officer

~~RAF Station 167~~ (Station) 167 557

March 25 (Date), 1944

*Strike out words not applicable.

RECEIPT OF REMAINS

HEADQUARTERS, NYPE
 DISTRIBUTION CENTER DISTRIBUTION CENTER #1, AGRS ROUTINE
 58th ST & 1st AVE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK
 REMAINS CONSIGNED TO:

F. J. HIGGINS FUNERAL HOME
 4236 WASHINGTON STREET
 ROSLINDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

REMAINS OF THE LATE T SGT JOHN W. ZAPPALA ACCOMPANIED BY AN
 ESCORT ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE NEW YORK ON TRAIN
 NUMBER 14 NEW HAVEN RAILROAD AT ELEVEN A. M. EST
 ON MON 6 JUNE AND DUE TO ARRIVE AT SOUTH STA., BOSTON
 AT THREE THIRTY PM EST ON SAME DATE
 PLEASE ARRANGE TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION UPON ARRIVAL AND PLEASE
 NOTIFY THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL.

ESCORT 1st SGT MORRIS HORASTEIN
 AF 6 690 382
 DET 5 1300th ASU

G. H. BARE
 COLONEL, QMC

I, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge receipt of the remains of the above-named deceased
 this 6 day of June, 1949
 (Day) (Month)

M. Horastein *1st Sgt*

A-F 6690382
 (Witness (Escort))

FILE
 30 JUN 1949

REGISTRATION
 BRANCH
 METAL DIV.

Fredrick J. Higgins
 (Consignee)

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED

FROM USMC NAVYVILLE, BELGIUM		TO ARMED FORCES 140	
MODE OF CONVEYANCE RAIL		NAME OF CONVOYER 1ST LIEUTENANT J. J. J. J.	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>[Signature]</i> 1/17 80 01040026	DATE 7/2/49	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 7/2/49

2. SHIPPED

FROM USMC NAVYVILLE, BELGIUM		TO USAT HAITI VICTORY	
MODE OF CONVEYANCE RAIL		NAME OF CONVOYER D. E. PRICE, MAJ. GMC	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 2 HVK 30	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 2 HVK 30

3. SHIPPED

FROM USMC NAVYVILLE, BELGIUM		TO NYRE	
MODE OF CONVEYANCE RAIL		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 1/17 80 01040026	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 1/17 80 01040026

4. SHIPPED

FROM NYRE		TO 1st Lt #1	
MODE OF CONVEYANCE RAIL		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 5/6/49	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 5/6/49

5. SHIPPED

FROM USMC NAVYVILLE, BELGIUM		TO MAY 6	
MODE OF CONVEYANCE RAIL		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 1/17 80 01040026	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 1/17 80 01040026

6. SHIPPED

FROM USMC NAVYVILLE, BELGIUM		TO	
MODE OF CONVEYANCE RAIL		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 1/17 80 01040026	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 1/17 80 01040026

7. SHIPPED

FROM USMC NAVYVILLE, BELGIUM		TO	
MODE OF CONVEYANCE RAIL		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 1/17 80 01040026	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 1/17 80 01040026

CASE NO.		INSPECTION CHECK LIST					SPACE NO.	
NAME OF DECEASED (Last, First, Middle Initial)			BRANCH OF SERVICE	RACE	RELIGION	SEX	DATE	
ZAPPALA JOHN W			AAF	W		M		
RANK OR GRADE		SERIAL NUMBER	CONSIGNEE					
T SGT		31 208 854	F J HIGGINS FUNERAL HOME 4236 WASHINGTON ST ROSLINDALE MASS					
SHIPPING CASE—GENERAL APPEARANCE (Check ONLY Discrepancies)			CONDITION OF SHIPPING CASE (Check One)					
			☒ SATISFACTORY ☐ UNSATISFACTORY					
FINISH (Exterior)			REMARKS OK					
FINISH (Interior)								
HANDLES								
HANDLE BOLTS								
STENCILING—NAME PLATE								
HEALTH PERMIT MARKER								
HEALTH PERMIT NUMBER								
CASKET—GENERAL APPEARANCE (Check ONLY Discrepancies)			CONDITION OF CASKET (Check One)					
			☒ SATISFACTORY ☐ UNSATISFACTORY					
FINISH (Exterior)			REMARKS OK					
HANDLES AND FASTENINGS								
STENCILING—NAME PLATE								
CAM LOCKS (Sealing)								
ODOR OR MOISTURE								
ROUTED THROUGH								
☐ MORTUARY OPERATING ROOM			☐ REPAIR SHOP					
CONDITION OF REMAINS			CASKET REPAIRED					
☐ SATISFACTORY ☐ UNSATISFACTORY			☐ YES ☐ NO					
NECESSARY DISINFECTION (Explain)			CASKET EXCHANGED					
			☐ YES ☐ NO					
			SHIPPING CASE REPAIRED					
			☐ YES ☐ NO					
			SHIPPING CASE EXCHANGED					
☐ YES ☐ NO								
			REMARKS					
TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF MORTICIAN	TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR			
					W. Newman			
REMARKS								

HEADQUARTERS
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
American Graves Registration Division
1st Avenue & 58th Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE FOLLOWING REPORT WILL BE COMPLETED BY ALL ESCORTS WHO ACCOMPANY REMAINS
OF DECEASED PERSONNEL FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS TO THEIR FINAL DESTINATION.

UPON RETURN TO THE AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DIVISION, NYPE, THIS REPORT
WILL BE DELIVERED BY THE ESCORT TO THE ESCORT CONTROL OFFICER FOR APPROVAL

1. Hornstein, Morris F / Sgt A.F. 6690382 accompanying the
(Name, rank, serial number of escort)
remains of ZAPPALA John W T / Sgt 31208854
(Name, rank, serial number)
2. Departed AGRD, NYPE, on 6 JUNE 1949 at 0930 hours
(date)
for ROSLINDALE, MASS. by TRAIN
(destination - city and state) (Gov't vehicle or train)
If train, give hour of departure from New York City and station
Grand Central Terminal 1200 Arrived at
Boston, MASS on 8 JUNE 1949 at 1630 hours
(destination) (date) (date)
3. First contact was made with undertaker on 6 JUNE 49 at 1630 hours
(date) (date)
4. First contact was made with next of kin Charles ZAPPALA (Father)
(Name)
Roslindale
571 Hyde Park Ave MASS on 7 JUNE 49 at 1430 hours
(address) (date)
5. I did/~~did not~~ attend the funeral services.
6. The funeral was held at 0800 hours, on 8 JUNE 1949
7. Escort's presence is/~~is not~~ desired at funeral services

Charles Zappala - Father

TCHYP(TDC) 13.

Rev. 30 Nov. 48

8. Burial honors were ~~were not~~ provided at the funeral.
9. Burial honors were ~~not~~ provided ~~by~~ Irving Adams Post
American Legion, Roslindale, Mass.
10. Burial honors were provided by Irving Adams Post
American Legion, Roslindale, Mass.
11. Flag was presented to Charles Zappala (Father)
12. The next of kin ~~did~~ did not bring up the subject of identity of the remains.
13. Private Family
(Name, address of Hotel and length of stay where billeted)
14. Departed Boston, Mass by Train on 8 June 1949
(Govt. Vehicle or train) (date)
at 1840 hours Arrived at AGRD, IMPE on 8 June 1949
(date)
at 1840 hours.
15. REMARKS. (Unusual occurrences): No Firing Squad was furnished
As per request of next of kin.
16. RECEIPT OF TWENTY-ONE (21) ROUNDS OF BLANK AMMUNITION IS ACCOMPANIED
(IF NO BLANKS WERE ISSUED WRITE "NONE")
- Name of Receiver Morris Horn, Kin F/Sgt AF6690382
(Name, Rank, Serial Number of Escort)
- (Organization) F. A. F. Organization
- Date Received 8 June 1949 Date

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TDB ROSLINDALE MASS MAY 3 1256P

DIST CENTER G H BARE COL QMC

NY PORT OF EMBARKATION BROOKLYN NY

I CHARLES ZAPPALA REQUEST REMAINS OF MY SON SGT JOHN
W ZAPPALA DELIVERED TO F J HIGGINS FUNERAL HOME

ROSLINDALE MASS

CHARLES ZAPPALA

414P.

DISTRIBUTION CENTER #1
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

I certify that this message is on official business and that its transmission with a lower precedence, or by air mail, regular mail, or scheduled messenger would be prejudicial to the public interest.

CHARLES ZAPPALA
571 HYDE PARK AVE
ROSLINDALE MASS

JAMES MCCARTHY
Major, TC
Admin O, AGR Div.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THE REMAINS OF THE LATE
ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED
TO F J HIGGINS FUNERAL HOME

T SGT JOHN W ZAPPALA

4236 WASHINGTON ST ROSLINDALE MASS

WE CANNOT GIVE A DEFINITE DELIVERY DATE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT AN INTERVAL OF FROM FIVE DAYS TO FOUR WEEKS WILL ELAPSE BEFORE DELIVERY CAN BE EFFECTED. YOUR FUNERAL HOME WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM THREE DAYS PRIOR TO DELIVERY GIVING DATE AND REMAINS WILL ARRIVE AT RAILROAD STATION. PLEASE INSTRUCT FUNERAL DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION ON ARRIVAL. HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO INFORM YOU SO YOU MAY MAKE FINAL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. REMAINS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT. SUGGEST YOU ARRANGE WITH LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS' ORGANIZATION IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL. PLEASE CONFIRM ABOVE DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE BY TELEGRAM COLLECT TO DISTRIBUTION CENTER ONE, NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION OR SUBMIT NEW INSTRUCTIONS. WE REGRET IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE WITH CHANGES IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AFTER EXPIRATION OF THE FORTY EIGHT HOURS. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM.

RELEASED TO W U

G. H. EARE, COL, QMC

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1 MAY 48

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Fredrick & Higgins
owners

WNT 178845

REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERMENT OR TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES (Read Explanation on Reverse Side before completing form)		DATE 7 June 1949
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) ZAPPALA JOHN W		BRANCH OF SERVICE AAF
RANK OR GRADE T SGT		SERIAL NO. 31 208 854
TO BE FILLED IN BY CLAIMANT		
A. ☒ INTERMENT EXPENSES (Civilian or Private Cemetery)		
B. ☐ TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES (National or Post Cemetery)		
INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONS SIGNING THIS FORM		
1. This form is NOT to be signed by Funeral Director. 2. Fill in as required and sign four copies. 3. Check Box "A" or Box "B" above, not both. 4. Check Box "A" when interment is in a civilian or private cemetery. 5. Check Box "B" when remains are delivered to home or other place prior to burial in a national or post cemetery.		
FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "A" IS CHECKED		FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "B" IS CHECKED
I certify that the sum of \$ 125.00 was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the interment of the remains of the above-named decedent in the cemetery indicated below: NAME: mt / Horse Cemt CITY OR COUNTY: Boston STATE: Massachusetts		I certify that the sum of \$ _____ was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the transportation of the remains of the above-named decedent from: (City, town, or place from which remains were shipped) TO: (Name and Location of National or Post Cemetery) Charles Zappala SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT 571 Hyde Park av. Roslindale Mass. ADDRESS (Street number or RFD, City and State) Father RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT
RETURN FOUR COPIES TO		
REMARKS		

J. C. Kovarik
Col. F. D.
Brooklyn N. Y.

JUN 1949

31 208 854
S. 123

*REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

UPPER TEETH

Right								Left							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		X	X												X

LOWER TEETH

Right									Left								
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		X	X												X	X	

CLASS I

Occlusion Norm: Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy
 Periodontoclasia No
 Dental foci suspected: Yes No
 Other conditions None

Date 8/24 - 1943

Hasthomas
 Capt Dental Corps, U. S. A.

*Restorable carious teeth by O
 Nonrestorable carious teeth by /
 Missing natural teeth by X

Teeth replaced by denture
 (horizontal line)

X	X	X
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Teeth replaced by fixed bridge
 (oval to include abutments)

O	X	O
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RRE Form #39
13 Jul 45

Attached hereto correspondence and/or other identifying media of possible archival value, pertaining to:

ZAPPALA	JOHN	W	T SG	31208854
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Initial)	(Rank)	(ASN)

Repatriated to the United States: _____

26 APR 1949

SEARCH FILE

Incl #

PLACE OF DEATH: Allhornsberg 2km. N.W. of Hiddesen near Detmold.

PLACE OF BURIAL: Com. Cem. Hiddesen, com. grave under the big oak-tree.

L-577) GER

Reb. as one of following:

X-1434-	Neuville-en-Condroz	1-3-73
X-1435-	"	1-3-68
X-1436-	"	1-3-62
X-1438-	"	1-3-74
X-1439-	"	1-3-72
X-1440-	"	1-3-59

ZAPPALA, John.
Familien- u. Vorn: *Zappala, John*

U.S.A. 1

geboren am in: Kreis: 7759

Truppenteil: B 17 Fortress II shot down

March. B 17 Fortress II abgeschossen

Dienstgrad:

Flg.

Flier

Erkennungsmarke:

31208854

31 208 854 743

Tag des Todes *1350*
22 Feb. 44
22.2.44.

Ort des Todes *Althornsberg*, Beerdigt am *1600*
2 km. n. Hittessen b. Detmolt *24.2.44.*

Lage und Nr. des Grabes: *Gen. Friedh. Hittessen, Kameraten-*
grab unter der grossen Eiche.

Gemeldet durch: B.L. Ref. I. W.G.D. Waff. Trupp. 2. Bl. 2. 44.
Flg. Pz. Kmd. Detmolt, Flg. Ges. Btl. V Detmolt Verl. 9 v. 15. 1. - 22.

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION AREA SEARCH

AGRC Form 10 (Revised)

1 January 1946

2. April 1946
Date

NAME ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ RANK ~~nk~~

ASN ~~Unk~~

ORGANIZATION ~~A.A.P.~~

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION ~~Unidentified~~

(All statements above this line will be completed, upon final) processing, by the clerical staff at the unit processing point.)

SECTION A — GENERAL (To be completed by investigators in all cases)

1. Was positive identity acquired for the deceased through the surface investigation? no If so, state the following information:

a. NAME RANK ASN

b. ORGANIZATION

2. Was partial identification established? no If so, state the facts as to whom you believe the deceased to be:

a. NAME RANK ASN

b. ORGANIZATION

3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY

see a attached overlay
(Use reverse side for listing of crew members from MARC)

a. Date of above burials 25. Feb. 1941 Common Graves? yes

5. Name and Type of Cemetery Civilian Cemetery, Hildesheim, Ger.
(Military or Civilian)

6. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery 52° 15' 30" N 10° 10' 00" E

a. Town Hildesheim Country Germany

7. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains.

a. Section 1 Row none Grave none

b. Is Sketch attached? yes

8. If remains are not located in a cemetery, give exact location.

a. Town Coordinates

b. Is Sketch attached?

c. Is area mined?

9. How is the grave marked? Cross

10. If grave is marked with cross, give exact markings thereon Here lies 10 English officers, died 22. Feb. 1941

a. From what source was this information obtained? personal effects
(Identification tags, personal effects)

1. By whom Hans Leppendorf

11. Where are the cemetery records? Bürgermeister's office
(Town Hall, cemetery, burgermeister's office)

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- a. What information was contained thereon? Date of death, number of deceased, name of deceased, date of burial
- b. Where was the information obtained? Personal effects
- c. By whom? Luftwaffe (name unknown)
12. What is the date of death? 22. Feb. 1944
- a. Give basis Luftwaffe (name unknown)
13. What is the cause of death? Injuries sustained in plane crash
- b. Give basis Luftwaffe (name unknown)
14. What is the date of burial? 25. Feb. 1944
- a. Give basis Frenz, Heinrich, 1000 n. Ger.
15. What was the place of death? Thier, n. Ger. Coords 152/0 735-717 P.O.
- b. Give basis Luftwaffe
16. Where were the remains found? Toward of Thier, n. Ger. Coords 152/0 735-717 P.O.
- a. By whom? Hans Toppendorf, Police Chief, Thier, n. Ger.
- b. Is sketch attached? no
17. Was a casket used? no Who furnished the casket?
- Type of casket Civilian How marked?
18. Who made the burial
- (Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.)
- a. What are the names and addresses? Hans Toppendorf, Police Chief, Thier, n. Ger. (other names unknown)

SECTION B — AIR CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if deceased is believed to be a member of the AAF).

19. Were remains found in the plane wreckage? no
- a. Give location in plane from which the bodies were removed
- (Tail gunner, pilot, radio, turret, etc., or front, side of plane)
- b. Near wreckage? yes
20. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation (if removed, state when and by whom).
- a. Type of Plane North American P-51
- b. Markings and/or name on plane Luftwaffe name unknown
- c. Give numbers on motors, machine guns, instruments, radios or other equipment: none
21. How did crash occur?
- Enemy Planes? yes Collision? yes
22. Did plane explode in the air? yes On ground? yes
23. Did plane burn in the air? yes On ground? yes
24. What was the direction of the flight? north-east & south-west
25. What was the civilian opinion regarding destination of plane? South-western Germany

26. Had bombs been released prior to the crash? no
27. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with date of death of above named deceased? yes
28. Number of planes in formation prior to crash one
29. State precise time and date of plane crash 11:15 hrs. 22. 9. 1944
(Night?) (Day?)
30. Were parachutists seen? no How many? _____ Escaped? _____
Prisoners? _____

SECTION C — ARMORED CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if deceased is believed to have been a member of the Armored Force).

31. Were remains found in wreckage of a tank?
a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed.
(Radio man, driver, assistant driver or . . . front, side, or back)
b. Near wreckage?
32. Location of destroyed tank must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation. (If removed, state when and by whom)
a. Type of tank
b. Markings and/or name of tank
c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, ammunition, instruments, etc
33. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement?
34. Did tank explode? Burn?
35. Number of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement
36. Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death of above named deceased?
37. Precise time and date of destruction of tank
(Night?) (Day?)
38. Did any of the crew members escape? Prisoners?

SECTION D — OTHER BRANCH (To be filled out if B & C are not applicable).

39. Did death occur from any other means? (i. e., truck, jeep, mines, drowning, or small arms fire)
if so, give complete and thorough results of the interrogation.
a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached?
40. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased

SECTION E — GENERAL (To be completed by investigation in all cases)

41. Were personal effects recovered by the investigating team? no
If not, state reason not taken by investigators
- a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? no
Where? _____ By whom? _____
Present disposition _____
- If deceased is not identified, personal effects will not be forwarded to PE Depot, but will remain with this form until final identification is made, or investigation is abandoned.

b. Were personal effects found at the time of death? **yes**

Where? on bodies By whom?

Present disposition **Unknown**

c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death?

d. Did Cemetery Register or cross indicate the immunization shot?

42. Was Deceased given first aid? ☐ Yes ☒ No If so, where? _____

By whom? Are statements from the medical people attached? ☐

43. Was deceased evacuated to a German civilian hospital?.....10

Where? ADDRESS OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS CONCERNED Names of people concerned

44. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources a physical description of the deceased? no

45. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources the condition of the remains? no.

(Burnt? Decapitated? etc)

46. Do facts surrounding death show any evidence that it might be an atrocity case?

a. If so, give basis for positive assumption

b. If so, has higher headquarters been notified?

47. Was case previously investigated? yes By whom? 751 st F.A. Bn

When? 24 May 1945

48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed

[illegible]

49. Are all positive statements regarding identification and particulars surrounding death attached? Yes

50. Has any information been given concerning isolated burials in the area outside the immediate vicinity? no

51. Was investigation preceded by advanced publicity? ☐

(If special investigation, give case number)

52. Give Brief Narrative

000000-1 was given labor at work in April, worked in fiber, Cer.

20. On 19th, 20th & 21st August 1944, the following were observed:

(Use attached sheets if necessary)

W. Lindberg
Signature of Interpreter

J. Edgar Hoover
Signature of Investigator

Rank

ASN

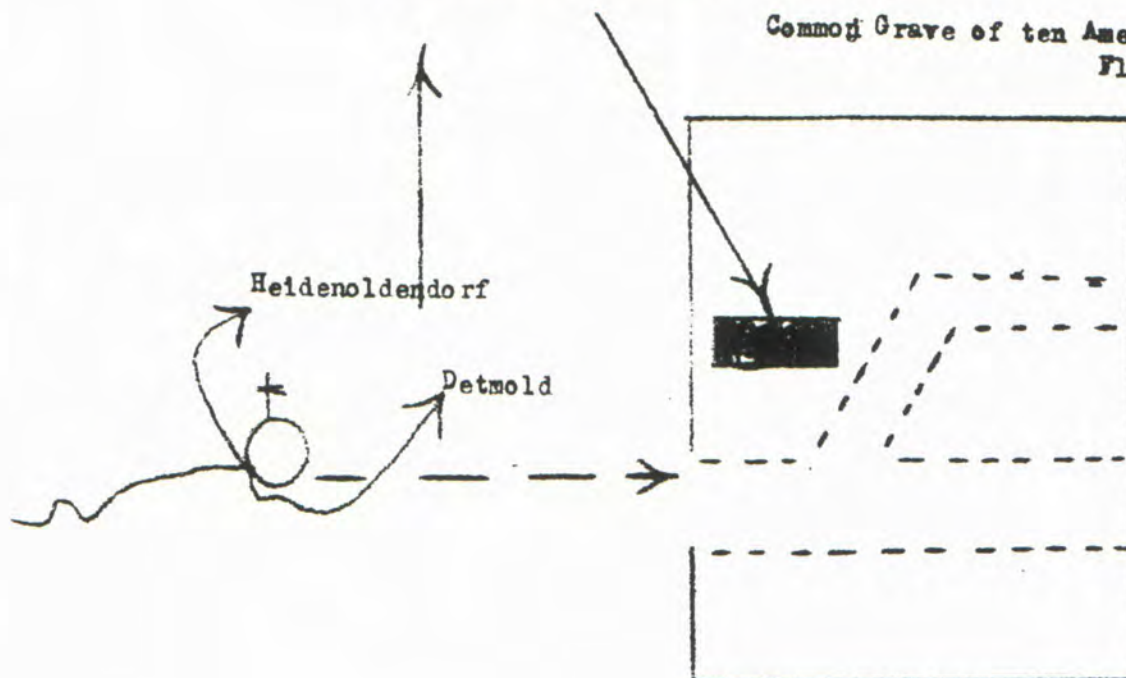
Organization

Sgt. 3862397
Rank ASN

6858 IN GRW.
Organization

Unknown X-1436 (Neuv e-En-Condroz)

Common Grave of ten American
Flyer



Cross Section of common Grave

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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1. 2nd Lt. E.W. Kaufman ASN 0-685123
2. Unknown X-1434 (Neuville-En-Condroz)
3. Unknown X-1435 (Neuville-En-Condroz)
4. Unknown X-1436 (Neuville-En-Condroz)
5. Unknown X-1437 (Neuville-En-Condroz)
6. A.F. Manning ASN 37266808
7. Unknown X-1438 (Neuville-En-Condroz)
8. Rowland H. Evans ASN 0-691361
9. Unknown X-1439 (Neuville-En-Condroz)
10. Unknown X-1440 (Neuville-En-Condroz)

MAP REF Detmold
Sheet P.3. Scale 1:100,000
Coord. B 763-702
6858 QM Gr. Reg. Co.
Dr. PFC Elkins

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

T/Sgt John W. Zappala, 308 854
 Plot 1, Row 3, Grave 62,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium

15 January 1948

A		C	
B		D	

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose.

If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

PART I

I, CHARLES ZAPPALA

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

(Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

- ☐ WIDOW ☐ WIDOWER ☐ SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD ☐ DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- ☒ FATHER ☐ MOTHER ☐ BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD ☐ SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- ☐ RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) _____

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

- ☐ 1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS.
- ☐ 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY
mt Hope Cemt Boston Mass
 (NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)
- ☐ 3. BE RETURNED TO _____, THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____
 (FOREIGN COUNTRY) (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)
- ☐ 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____
 (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)
- (Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)
- ☐ YES ☐ NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

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 [Signature]

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PART I (Continued)

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a local other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME		MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		TELEPHONE No.

OR

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR			
FJ HIGGINS FUNERAL HOME			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
4236 Washington	Roslindale	Suffolk	Mass
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		TELEPHONE No.
South Station Boston			Railway 7-0455

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space use page 4.)

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

<u>Charles Zappala</u> (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	<u>571 Hyde Park Ave</u> (STREET AND NUMBER)
<u>CHARLES ZAPPALA</u> (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	<u>Roslindale, Mass.</u> (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 10 day of Feb, 1948 at city (or town) of Roslindale, county of Suffolk, and State (or Territory or District) of Massachusetts

*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation.

Margaret E. Higgins
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)
Notary Public
(OFFICIAL TITLE)

PART II RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

If you are the next of kin and you desire to relinquish your disposition authority, please fill in PART II of this form.

I, THE _____, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED
(PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP)

NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

_____ (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)	_____ (DATE)
_____ (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	_____ (STREET AND NUMBER)
	_____ (CITY AND STATE)

PART III

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE FOLLOWING PERSON, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS THE NEXT OF KIN TO WHOM THIS FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

_____ (SIGNATURE)	_____ (DATE)
_____ (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	_____ (STREET AND NUMBER)
	_____ (CITY AND STATE)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIO

All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.

T/Sgt John W. Zappala, 31 208 854
Plot I, Row 3, Grave 62,
United States Military Cemetery
Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium

15 January 1948

Mr. Charles Zappala
571 Hyde Park Avenue
Roslindale, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Zappala:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

Incls.

THOMAS B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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NAME Zappala, John W.

LSN 31 208 854 1/2gt

Newville-en-Londroz

2-3-62

Changes made in information
Forms #333 and A-Z are from
sources listed below:

Pen court

widow remarried

OFFICERS' NAME _____

DATE _____

FROM: RELATIONSHIP Widow

NAME Mrs. Esther J. Zappala

STREET 50 Hermann St.

CITY & STATE Rosindale, Massachusetts

TO: RELATIONSHIP Father

NAME Mr. Charles Zappala

STREET 571 Hyde Park Avenue

CITY & STATE Same

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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QMCMF 293
Zappala, John W.
SN 31 208 354

19 November 1947

Mr. Charles Zappala
571 Hyde Park Avenue
Roslindale, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Zappala:

The Department of the Army has received information from the widow of your son, the late Technical Sergeant John W. Zappala, that she has remarried.

Inasmuch as she has remarried, the right to designate the final disposition of the remains of your son automatically reverts to you.

At a later date we will furnish you full information regarding the "Return of World War II Dead Program", and there will be included a form on which you may indicate your desires in this matter.

Please be assured of my continued sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

Addressee: ^{Mr.} ~~Miss.~~ Mrs. _____
 State _____ Relationship _____
 City, State _____ Date letter _____ '47
 Cemetery _____
 Temporary: _____
 Permanent: _____
 Plot Row Gr Cem. Name or No. City Country

PARAGRAPHS
 (sequence)

-- ADDITIONAL -- DATA -- MODIFICATIONS --

The Department of the Army has received information from the widow of your son, the late -----that she has remarried.

Inasmuch as she has remarried, the right to designate the final disposition of the remains of your son automatically reverts to you.

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Last

First

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Rank

ASN

Date Oct - 27 - - - - 1947 - . 3

I, Mrs. Ethel E. Teeter, the former widow of the late Technical

Sergeant John W. Zappala, A.S.N. 31 208 854, have remarried.

My current address is:

Mrs. Ethel E. Teeter

Street 1317 E. Main

City and State Muncie, Indiana

Signature Mrs. Ethel E. Teeter.

R. RMGHE 293
Zoppala, John W.
SN 31 208 854

Oct 7. 1926

Dear Sir,

Regarding your reply to my request to have the remains of my son, Technical Sgt. John W. Zoppala SN. 31208854 returned to this country for final burial, I wish to say that my son's widow has remarried and has waived her right to make such disposition, and I being next of kin request his remains be returned to the United States for final burial.

below is the address of my son's widow if you would like to write her for verification.

Mrs. Esther Teetes
1317 E. Main St
Muncie, Indiana.

Sincerely yours,
Mr. Charles Zoppala
571 Hyde Park Ave
Rockland, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

QJNMF 293
Lappala, John W.
SN 31 208 354

2 October 1947

Mr. Charles Zappala
571 Hyde Park Avenue
Roslindale, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Zappala:

Your letter pertaining to the remains of your son, the late Technical Sergeant John W. Lappala, has come to my attention.

As your son was married at the time of his death, this office must recognize the right of his widow to determine the final resting place of his remains, unless she remarries or voluntarily waives her right to make such disposition.

The "Request for Disposition of Remains" forms pertaining to the United States Military Cemetery, Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium where the remains of your son are now buried have not yet been mailed to the next of kin of the heroic dead.

The Return of World War II Dead Program provides for the return of the deceased to their next of kin in a predetermined scheduled sequence of the cemeteries in which they are now buried. Efficient and rapid accomplishment of this tremendous program requires not only close adherence to mailing schedules for the Disposition Forms made in agreement with the scheduled cemetery sequence, but also accurate verification of all vital records of every decedent prior to the mailing of the Disposition Form. When verification for each cemetery is completed the Forms are mailed well in advance of the scheduled processing of the cemetery.

Please be assured of my continued sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, LTC
Memorial Division

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OCT 10 1947
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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SHEET

Mr.
Miss.

Addressee: Mrs. _____

State _____

City, State _____

Cemetery
Temporary: _____
Permanent: _____

Relationship _____

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Date letter _____

Plot	Row	Gr	Cem. Name or No.	City	Country
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PARAGRAPHS
(sequence)

-- ADDITIONAL -- DATA -- MODIFICATIONS --

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Sept. 9, 1941

Dear Sir,

As I am the next
of kin of my son John W.
Zappala, serial number
(31208854) who gave his
life in the service of his
country, I request his
remains be returned to
this country for final
burial. If you will
forward to me a form
for "Request for Disposition
of Remains" I shall
fill it in and return it
to you.

Sincerely
Charles Zappala
511 Hyde Park Ave
Rosindale, Mass

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REQUESTED INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED YOUR HEADQUARTERS AIR MAIL
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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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D.J. MURRAY
MAJOR, GMC, MEM DIV

28 February 1947

Mr. Charles Zappala
53 Hemman Street
Roslindale, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Zappala:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished the latest information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Technical Sergeant John W. Zappala, A.S.N. 31 208 854.

The records of this office disclose that his remains were originally interred in a temporary cemetery established near the place where he met his death, but were later moved to a more suitable site where constant care of the grave can be assured by our Forces in the field.

The records further disclose that his remains are now interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery Neuville-en-Condroz, plot I, row 3, grave 62, located nine miles southwest of Liege, Belgium.

The War Department has now been authorized to comply, at Government expense, with the feasible wishes of the next of kin regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your loved one. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide all legal next of kin with full information and solicit their detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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INFORMATION GUIDE FOR CL/L TO NOK

		PILOT	ROW	GRADE
ORIGINITY	Neuville-en-Condroz	I	3	62
NAME	Zappala, John W.	PARK T/ Sgt.	ASH	31 208 854
	Next of kin (Relationship)	father		
	Name	Charles Zappala		
	Street	58 Hemman Street		
	City & State	Roslindale, Massachusetts		
	Original Serial	Retained XXX		
20 Feb. 1947	lk			

5 February 1947

Mrs. Esther T. Zappala
50 Newman Street
Roslindale, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Zappala:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your husband, the late Technical Sergeant John W. Zappala, A.S.N. 31 208 854.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery Neuville-en-Condroz, plot I, row 3, grave 62. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located nine miles southwest of Liege, Belgium, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

The War Department has now been authorized to comply, at Government expense, with the feasible wishes of the next of kin regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your loved one. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide all legal next of kin with full information and solicit their detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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301st Hqs Gp

19 Apr 46

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Zappala, Esther I

30 Herman St
Roslindale, Mass

Herman St.
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Wife

Prev Ink X- 1436

Prev buried in isolated grave located at:
Civ Cem Hildesheim, Germany., Section South

Positive Identification

USMC Neuville-en-Condroz, Bel

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Zappala

John

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ARMY SERVICE JUDGES
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

In Reply Refer to OSQAG 293

Zappala, John W.
31 208 854

7 June 1946

BURIAL INFORMATION

NAME: Zappala, John W. GRADE: T/Sgt. A.S.N: 31-208 854

DATE OF DEATH: 22 February 1944

The following information has been received in this office, and is forwarded for aid in recovering this deceased.

PLACE OF DEATH: Allhornsberg, 2 km. northwest of Hiddesen, near Detmold, Germany
PLACE OF BURIAL: Community Cemetery, Comrades Grave, Grave No. 3, at Hiddesen, Germany.

Above information has been obtained from: Captured German Records.

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Dienstgrad:

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nahme oder Internierung:

Verwundungen,

Verletzungen oder Tod:

wann und von
wo zugegangen:

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March. B17 Fortress II

Matr. Nr.

31 208 854 T43

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sen b. Detmold

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by A. Field Lord Detmold - Dr. V.

as 9. 9. Jan 15 to Feb. 22 - 44.

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AAP 281 - (2935) Zappala, John W.
(AV-786) 31 208 854

22 March 1946

Mr. Charles Zappala
16 Herman Street
Roslindale, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Zappala:

I am writing to you in reference to your son who gave his life in the service of his Country during the European conflict.

In an effort to furnish the next of kin with all available details concerning casualties among our personnel, the Army Air Forces recently completed the translation of several volumes of captured German records.

In regard to Technical Sergeant John W. Zappala, these records indicate that he was killed 22 February 1944, when the B-17 (Flying Fortress) in which he was flying crashed at Hiddensee, Prussia (54° 30' N, 13° 5' E). These records further state that he was interred on the Island of Hiddensee, 25 February 1944, at 5:30 p.m., in a single grave No. 3.

The Quartermaster General in his capacity as Chief, American Graves Registration Service, is charged with the responsibility of notifying the legal next of kin concerning grave locations of members of the military forces who are killed or die outside the continental limits of the United States. If the report of your son's burial has not been confirmed and you have not been notified by the Quartermaster General, that official will furnish you definite information immediately upon receipt of the official report of interment from the Commanding General of the Theater concerned.

May the knowledge of your son's valuable contribution to our cause sustain you in your bereavement.

Very sincerely,

LEON W. JOHNSON
Brigadier General, USA
Chief, Personnel Services Division

DDMG FORM 302a
1 Dec. 1944

BURIAL INFORMATION REPORTED BY THE ENEMY
THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE RED CROSS, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

NAME (Last First Middle) ZAPPALA, John		RANK Airman	ORGANIZATION Machine - Fortress II Air Corps 31208854 T43	
DATE OF BIRTH		PLACE		
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE				
DATE OF DEATH 22 February 1944		PLACE		
PLACE OF BURIAL Community Cemetery, Hiddesen, Germany			ROW NUMBER	GRAVE NUMBER Comrades grave under large oak
TYPE OF BURIAL ☐ SINGLE ☐ COMRADE		DATE OF BURIAL 24 February 1944		DATE OF REBURIAL
OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW OF Fortress II				
NAME		RANK	NAME	RANK
1. Meier, Leonard P.			6. Kemper, Harold C.	
2. Eden, Lawrence V.			7. Ellington, Lowalt	
3. Kaufmann, H. W.			8. Two Unknown	
4. Larsen, Lester P.			9.	
5. Smith, Lee, W.			10.	
PERSONAL EFFECTS				
SOURCE OF INFORMATION: GERMAN LIST OF AMERICAN CASUALTIES NO. 24/74				
FUS NUMBER 4523		DATED 24 April 1944		PLACE Saalfeld/Saale, Germany
STAMP: INFORMATION CENTER FOR PRISONERS OF WAR AND CASUALTIES				DATE 24 April 1944
REMARKS This crew is buried in the above named cemetery in comrades grave under large oak tree				

Case 4523

Cas. List 24

ENEMY CASUALTY FORM

1. CURRENT NO. 74
2. COUNTRY (NATIONALITY) U.S.A.
3. NAME Zappala, John W.
4. DATE OF BIRTH
5. NAME OF FATHER
6. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
7. ADDRESS OF PARENTS
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
9. TYPE Airman
10. TYPE (ARMED DIVISION) Machine Fortress II
11. DATE AND PLACE OF CAPTURE Shot down
Feb. 22, 1945
12. TYPE AND NUMBER OF JET
13. DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH Feb. 24, 1945
14. WHERE BURIED Community Cemetery, Hid. descent
15. REMARKS 31208850
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With:
Meier, Leonard P.
Edens, Lawrence V.
Kaufmann, H. W.
Larsen, Lester P.
Smith, Lee W.

Comrade's grave
under the
large oak
Ellington, Iowa
Two Unknown,
Crew of a Fortress

Kemper, Harold C
Crew of a Fortress II

This crew is
buried in the
above named
Cemetery

31208854

Last Name First Name

/ To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

/ The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
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**IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION**

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>212</i> <i>212</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>31208354</i>		GRADE <i>1st Sgt</i>
HAIR <i>66</i>	AGE <i>23</i>	COLOR EYES <i>brown</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>brown</i>	ARMY SIZE <i>5C</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>22 Nov 44</i>

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation):

535th Engineer Battalion 500th Engineer Battalion

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

near Schindler's Station

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

STATION	DATES
<i>Quartermaster's Office</i>	<i>12-1-42 - Dec 42</i>
<i>Quartermaster's Office</i>	<i>Dec 42 - April 43</i>
<i>Quartermaster's Office</i>	<i>Apr 43 - June 43</i>
<i>Quartermaster's Office</i>	<i>June 43 - Aug 43</i>
<i>Quartermaster's Office</i>	<i>Aug 43 - Oct 43</i>
<i>Quartermaster's Office</i>	<i>Oct 43 - Nov 43</i>

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

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REPORT OF BURIAL

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2 October 1946
Date

ZAPPALA, John W.		T/Sgt.		31208854
Last Name		First	Initial	Serial No.
535 Bomb Sq.		381 Bomb Gp.		
Unit		Organization		
Ehberg, Germany		22 February 1944		KIA
Place of Death		Date of Death		Cause of Death
1230 - 19 April 1946		U.S. Military Cemetery, Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium		
Time and Date of Burial		Name of Cemetery		Name or Coordinates of Location
62 3		I		Cross
Grave Number	Row Number	Plot Number		Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes ☐ No ☒ Attached to Marker Yes ☐ No ☒

If No Identification Tags Previously buried as Unknown X-1436 (Neuville-en-Condroz)

How were remains identified? Identified through:

- 1) Favorable comparison of Tooth Charts of X-1436 and T/Sgt. Zappala.
- 2) est. date date and place of death of X-1436 in agreement with MACR for A/C 42-39895 of which T/Sgt. ZAPPALA, was a crew member.
- 3) X-1436 disinterred from same Civ. Cem. (Common Grave) with other identified crew members of A/C 42-39895.
- 4) German burial report (GC) indicates Name, type of A/C, serial No., T-43, date and place of death, date and place of burial, which is Civ. Cem. at Hiddesen, Germany from which X-1436 was disinterred.

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right:	STAMAN, 13091882, S/Sgt, 385 Bb. Gp. H.	61
	Name Serial No. Rank Organization	Grave No.
Deceased's Left:	PUNG, 20647748, S/Sgt, 60 Bb Gp. H.	63
	Name Serial No. Rank Organization	Grave No.

Signature or Name, Rank, and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data when other than officer reporting burial.

If print of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:

Emergency Addressee: Mr. Charles Zappala, (Father)
58 Hemman St., Roslindale, Mass.
Address

Religion Unknown

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:
None

REBURIAL

Previously buried in isolated grave
located at: Civ. Cem. Hiddesen, Germany
L52/B 763-702 P.3. 1:100,000 Section South

This corrected copy of Report of Burial, prepared in the Office of the American Graves Registration Command

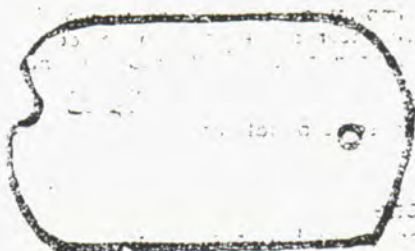
Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

PHILIP J. WOJ
Major

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

Imprint Identification Tag if Possible
DO NOT TYPE

SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION



NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) ZAPPALA, John W. Serial number 31208854

Unknown-X-1436 (Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium)

Grade T/Sgt. Organization 535 Bb Sq, 381 Bb Gp Branch of service A.A.F.

Race White Religion Unk. If other than U.S. dead, Give name of country.

Place of death Ebberg, Ger. Cause of death Deceased died from injuries sustained in plane crash KIA Date of death 22 Feb. 1944

Emergency addressee (Name, Relationship and Address.)
Father, Mr. Charles Zappala, 58 Hemman St., Unknown Roslindale, Mass.

Identification tags found on body (1, 2, or None) none If no tags found on body, describe means of identification. If unidentified fill in section 3 on reverse.

Were substitute tags provided (Yes or No) no Unidentified jjp

List personal effects found on body and disposition of same

none

SECTION 2. BURIAL if other than in established cemetery furnish sketch and map coordinates on reverse.

Name, Number, Coordinates and location of cemetery

U.S. Military Cemetery, Neuville-En-Condroz, Belgium Sheet 6(K) 42

Date of burial	Hour	Buried in (Shroud, Blanket, or name of other)	Type of grave marker	Plot no.	Row no.	Grave no.
19 Apr/46	1230	Coffin	Cross	I	3	62

Was this a re-burial (Yes or No)	If a re-burial, indicate Name, Number, coordinates of previous cemetery, and location of grave	Plot no.	Row no.	Grave no.
yes	Civilian Cemetery, Hiddesen, Ger. L52/B 763-702 P.3. 1:100,000	see overlay		

Type of religious ceremony Person conducting burial rites If identification tags not used, describe identification data and containers buried with body

Identification tag buried with body (Yes or No) no Identification tag attached to marker (Yes or No) no

Report of Interment in Bottle

Body buried on deceased left. Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Rank	Serial number	Organization	Grave No.
PUNG, Theodore G.	Unk	20647748	Unk	63
Body buried on deceased right. Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Rank	Serial number	Organization	Grave No.
STAMAN, Edward	Unk	13091882	Unk	61

Signature of person preparing report:
ROBERT F. DREES 2nd Lt. Inf.

Signature of person verifying report:
CHARLES F. BARNEY, 2nd Lt, Inf.

6858 QM Gr. Reg. Co. Disinterring Officer
6800 QM GR Det (GA) Reinterring Officer
DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT: Signed original for US and allied commands. Retain copy for enemy dead, to the Quartermaster General through Hq. GRS Officer. Copies for retention in theater as prescribed by theater commander.

SECTION 3. UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS

INSTRUCTIONS

(a) Great care will be taken to record the most minute clues for the future identity of unidentified remains. Fill in anatomical characteristics below, and any other clues under "Other" such as shoe size, social security number; position of body, found in airplanes, vehicles and tanks; and serial numbers of airplanes, vehicles and tanks.

(b) A fingerprint, or prints, are the most valuable of all clues. Imprint all fingers and thumbs in the chart at left, or as many as possible. If no fingerprints or prints can be secured, the condition of each and every tooth will be indicated on the tooth chart in accordance with diagram below. Tooth chart will not be accomplished if one or more fingerprints are secured.

Height	Weight	Color of eyes	Color of hair	Birthmarks, scars or tattoos
5'10"	160 Lbs	Unk (none)	(none) Unk	None

Weapon and serial number	Laundry marks	Where body was buried or found
none	Drawers: G.W. SLTD warnorm	Hiddesen, Ger. L52/B 763-702 P.3.

For tooth chart see attached Form I-A.

RKEMARS

1. There was only one marking on clothes of deceased. This was on wool drawers (G.W. SLTD warnorm)

2. This marking does not correspond with any German burial cards for this cemetery.

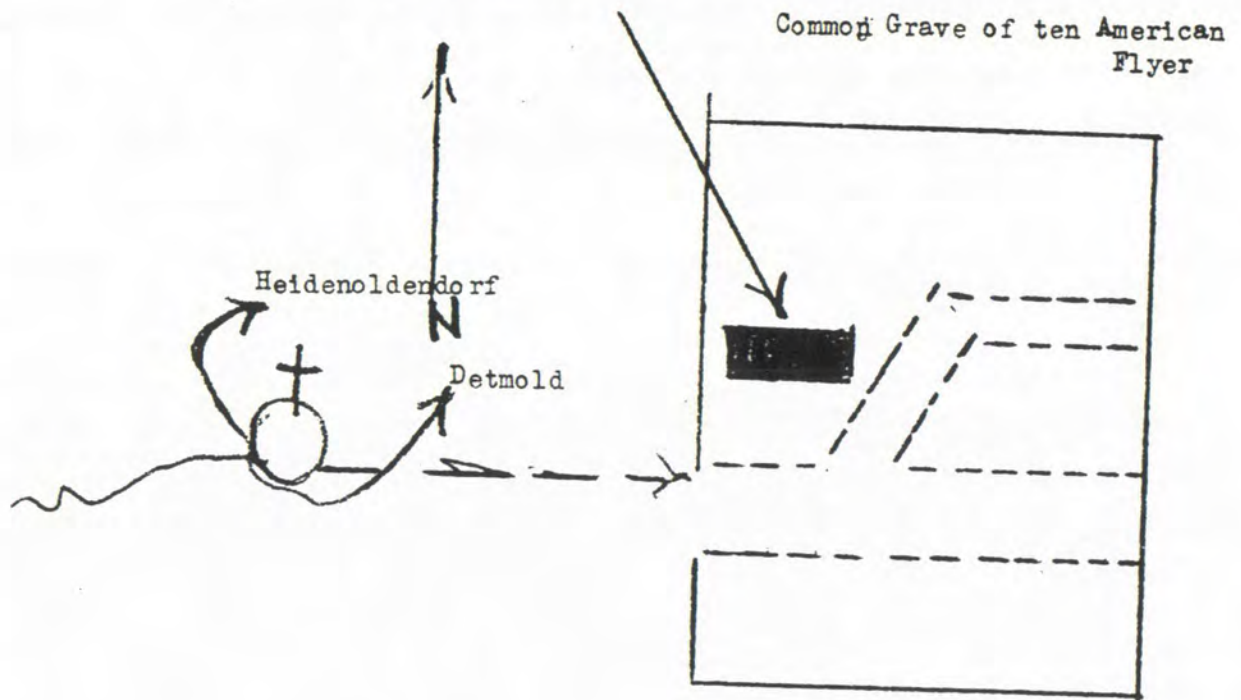
Furnish sketch and map reference and coordinates for burial in other than established cemetery.

see attached overlay

Remarks

See attached overlay
(5) for details
see attached overlay

Unknown X-1436 (Neuville-en-Condroz)



Cross Section of common Grave

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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1. 2nd Lt. E.W. Kaufman ASN 0-685123
2. Unknown X-1434 (Neuville-En-Condroz)
3. Unknown X-1435 (Neuville-En-Condroz)
4. Unknown X-1436 (Neuville-En-Condroz)
5. Unknown X-1437 (Neuville-En-Condroz)
6. A.F. Manning ASN 37266808
7. Unknown X-1438 (Neuville-En-Condroz)
8. Rowland H. Evans ASN 0-691361
9. Unknown X-1439 (Neuville-En-Condroz)
10. Unknown X-1440 (Neuville-En-Condroz)

MAP REF Detmold
 Sheet P.3. Skale 1:100,000
 Coord. B 763-702
 6858 QM Gr. Reg. Co.
 Dr. PFC Elkins

213 26 July 1962

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from India
March 1955

Name- Zappola, John W.

31 208 854

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 10 July 1944
Freeman/mfa 4628

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Charles Zappala (Father) 58 Hemman St., Roslindale, Mass.

BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)

Esther T. Zappala (Wife) 50 Hemman St., Roslindale, Mass.
Petrina Zappala (Mother) 58 Hemman St., Roslindale, Mass.
Charles Zappala (Father) 58 Hemman St., Roslindale, Mass.

INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
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ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT 30344
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NAME ZAPPALA JOHN W			SERIAL NUMBER 31208854			GRADE T/5		ARM OR SERVICE AC		REPORTING THEATRE	
PLACE OF CASUALTY --			DATE OF CASUALTY DAY MONTH YEAR 22 FEB 44			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT		TYPE OF CASUALTY KIA		SHIPMENT NUMBER 197064-8-0-1	

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ABOVE DESIGNATED THE FOLLOWING PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY AND THE OFFICIAL GRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH.

MR.-MRS.-MISS	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME	RELATIONSHIP
MR	CHARLES		ZAPPALA	FATHER
NO. AND NAME OF STREET 58 HERMAN STREET		CITY ROSLINDALE	COUNTY MASSACHUSETTS	STATE MASSACHUSETTS

REMARKS: AG 383.6 (24 June 44) ☐ CORRECTED COPY **Casualty List.**
US 1888 According Berlin thru PMG, IRC. FATAL/ On flying Fortress 1.
Shot down.

ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED ☐ FORM 43 ☐ AG 101 REQ ☐

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED ☐ OR CHARGED TO ☐ DATE ☐

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO ☐ YES ☐ (AS INDICATED BELOW):

FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA	E A NOTIFIED
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REPORT NOT VERIFIED ☐ NO FORM 43 ☐ NO CAS. BR. FILE ☐ CHECKED BY ☐ REVIEWED BY ☐

THIS SPACE FOR USE OF MACHINE RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O.

ACCT AREA		CASUALTY STATUS		ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.			LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA		CREW PCS.		RESIDENCE				COM. RICE				
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CASUALTY MESSAGE

155617

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM	WAR DEPARTMENT
BUREAU	AGO
CHG. APPROPRIATION	GETS 3335

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(2 MAR 44)

SPXPC-N 063085-14 (12) 8
MESSAGE NO. DATE 1944

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR

(RELATIONSHIP)	(GRADE)	(NAME)
		JOHN A. SAPPALA

HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN

(DATE)	(AREA)	PERIOD	IF FURTHER
	OVER GERMANY		

DETAILS OR OTHER INFORMATION ARE RECEIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED PERIOD

OFFICIAL:

ULIS
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

ADJUTANT GENERAL

THIS COPY FOR ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

Not to be delivered by phone except when authorized by the sender.
Not to be delivered between the hours of 10 PM and 7 AM.

W. D. A. G. O. FORM 802-4
20 SEPTEMBER 1943

155617 ✓

CLP/MR/cs ✓
27 November 1946 ✓

Mrs. Esther T. Teeter ✓
1317 E. Main Street ✓
Muncie, Indiana ✓

Dear Mrs. Teeter: ✓

Thank you for the information recently given
the Army Effects Bureau in connection with the disposal
of personal property of your husband, Technical Sergeant
John W. Zappala. ✓

This property, consisting of a flight record,
is being sent to you under separate cover. ✓

If, for some reason, the property has not
reached you at the expiration of thirty days from the
date of this letter, please notify me so tracer can be
instituted.

Yours very truly,

C. L. RUFFIELD
1st Lt, JE
Asst Effects Quartermaster

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AMOUNT OF CHECK	NOTE DISCREPANCY IN		INCLOSE VALUABLES	RECIPIENT FROM
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ROUTING				ACCOUNTING BRANCH
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EFF QM FORM 14
10 OCT 1945

ATTACHMENTS		EFFECTS INVENTORY		STATUS	
INBOUND INVENTORY		ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU		DECEASED	
G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL				MISSING	
WILL OR POWER OF ATTY.				P. O. W.	
TALLY IN FORM 43				ABANDONED	
				UNKNOWN	

BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL	BELT	OVERCOATS	1-Flight Record -
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	BOOKS, ADDRESS	PAPERS, PERSONAL	
BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)	BOOKS, PILOT LOG	PENCIL, MECHANICAL	
BOOKS	BRUSHES	PEN, FOUNTAIN	
BRACELET, IDENT.	CASE	PHOTOS	
CAMERAS	CLOTH, WASH	PIPES	
CLOTHING	COATS	RINGS	
MISC. ARTICLES	FOOTLOCKER	SCARFS	
RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	FOOTWEAR, PR.	SHIRTS	
RIBBONS, DECORATION	GLASSES	SOCKS, PR.	
SHORT SNORTER	GLOVES, PR.	STATIONERY	
SOUVENIR MONEY	HANDKERCHIEFS	TIES	
SOUVENIRS	HEADWEAR	TOBACCO	
TESTAMENTS	JACKETS	TOILET ARTICLES	
TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	KITS	TOWELS	
U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT)	KNIVES	TROUSERS, PR.	
WATCH	LETTERS	TRUNKS, PR.	
WINGS	LIGHTERS	UNDERWEAR	

CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO	INFORMATION
<i>Issue</i>	<i>Father</i>
	<i>Charles Gappola</i>
	<i>53 Common St.</i>
	<i>Rosendale, Mass.</i>

NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS	CROSS REFERENCE

CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	BUREAU CHECK
MONEY ORDER			TRANSMIT ORIGINAL
BOND			ORIG. REG. MAIL
TRAV. CHECK			TO G. A. O.
FOREIGN CURRENCY			MUTILATED
U. S. CURRENCY			TO ISSUING AGENCY

DATE	BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE	PAYEE	REMITTER OR DRAWER

TALLY NO.	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE	BOX NO.	SHEET
316		21 Aug 1946		OF SHEETS

NAME	ORGANIZATION	WAREHOUSE SPACE	EXAMINED BY	PACKED BY	INSPECTED BY	STORED BY	DATE	BY WHOM
JOHN W. ZAPPALÀ	1st AFST	127	Brunner					

DIARY REMOVED	PHOTO FILM REMOVED	MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED	SHIPPED

refers to: 155617.

Nov. 18, 1946. ²¹

Dear Sir,

Sorry to have inconvenienced you
but I just received my mail
from Massachusetts. I have been
living in Indiana for the past
year will continue living here
for as long as possible so would
appreciate it if all future
correspondence is addressed to:

Ether T. Zetter
1317 E. Main St.

Muncie, Indiana.
Would like to receive as soon
as possible all my husband's
belongings.

Sincerely,

Ether T. Zappala Zetter



155617

T/Sgt. John W. Zappala

S-3 Dec 46
PUM/MJR/vrh
13 November 1946

Postmaster
United States Post Office
Roslindale, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

X

X

X

Replies to correspondence directed to Mrs. Esther T. Zappala, 50 Herman Street, Roslindale, Massachusetts, dated 16 September 1946 and 17 October 1946 have not been received. Our records indicate address should have been 50 Hemman Street; however, correspondence has not been returned.

X

155617

S-6 Nov 46
CLR/JT/pc
17 October 1946

Mrs. Esther T. Zappala
50 Herman Street
Roslindale, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Zappala:

16 September
your husband, Technical Sergeant John W. Zappala. belonging to

C. L. RUMFIELD
1st Lt, QMC
Asst Effects Quartermaster

(844607) 2 (27 Aug 46) 1st

CIR/DS/jf

16 September 1946

Commanding Officer, Fifth Army Area Headquarters, Chicago 6, Illinois
ATTENTION: Claims Officer

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X e. If subject property is received, your office will be notified.

FOR THE COMMAND OFFICER:

C. L. RUMFIELD
2nd Lt., JMC
Asst. Effects Quartermaster



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

RTB:GC:as
November 26, 1945

155617
IN REPLY REFER TO _____

Dear Mrs. Zappala:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your husband, Technical Sergeant John W. Zappala.

These effects, contained in one package are being forwarded to you. If delivery is not made within thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer action may be instituted.

As previously indicated, personal property is transmitted by this Bureau for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY NEEDLEC
2nd Lt., QMC
Chief, Correspondence Branch

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		FILE	
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EFF OM FORM 14
10 OCT 1945



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO: #155617 M

JFM:NM:mam
January 18, 1945

Mrs. Esther T. Zappala
50 Hamman Street
Roslindale, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Zappala:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your husband, Technical Sergeant John W. Zappala.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one carton and one package.

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

The action of this Bureau in transmitting personal effects does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your husband.

Yours very truly,

F. A. ECKHARDT
Captain Q.M.C.
Assistant

ATTACHMENTS			EFFECTS INVENTORY ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU			STATUS	
INBOUND INVENTORY G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL WILL OR POWER OF ATTY. TALLY IN FORM 43 DECEASED MISSING P. O. W. ABANDONED UNKNOWN							
BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY) BILLFOLD (NO MONEY) BOOKS BRACELET, IDENT. CAMERAS CLOTHING MISC. ARTICLES RELIGIOUS ARTICLES RIBBONS, DECORATION SHORT SNORTER SOUVENIR MONEY SOUVENIRS TESTAMENTS TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT) WATCH WINGS BELT BOOKS, ADDRESS BOOKS, PILOT LOG BRUSHES CASE CLOTH, WASH COATS FOOTLOCKER FOOTWEAR, PR. GLASSES GLOVES, PR. HANDKERCHIEFS HEADWEAR JACKETS KITS KNIVES LETTERS LIGHTERS OVERCOATS PAPERS, PERSONAL PENCIL, MECHANICAL PEN, FOUNTAIN PHOTOS PIPES RINGS SCARFS SHIRTS SOCKS, PR. STATIONERY TIES TOBACCO TOILET ARTICLES TOWELS TROUSERS, PR. TRUNKS, PR. UNDERWEAR			1 I.D. bracelet w/ small piece of chain bracelet gold chain (Love - your both) 1 ring silver 1 signet ring 1 religious medallion gold color metal 1 religious medallion yellow color metal				
CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO			INFORMATION				
None			50 Hemman St. Roslindale, Mass.				
NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS			CROSS-REFERENCE				
			1714 1714				
CHECK MONEY ORDER BOND TRAV. CHECK FOREIGN CURRENCY U. S. CURRENCY REC'D BY NUMBER SYMBOL AMOUNT DATE		BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE PAYEE REMITTER OR DRAWER BUREAU CHECK TRANSMIT ORIGINAL ORIG. REG. MAIL TO G. A. O. MUTILATED TO ISSUING AGENCY					
TALLY NO.		ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.		EXAMINING DATE		BOX NO.	
1230				67105-45			
NAME				A. S. N.		SHEET	
JOHN W. ZAPPALA ✓				31208854		OF SHEETS	
ORGANIZATION				RANK		CASE NO.	
WAREHOUSE SPACE				EXAMINED BY		DIARY REMOVED	
				Barn		PHOTO FILM REMOVED	
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION				PACKED BY		MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED	
						SHIPPED	
WEIGHT				INSPECTED BY		DATE	
				J. V.			
				STORED BY		BY WHOM	
						11/1	

REMOVALS (other than G. I.)

DAMAGES (List type of damage-extent)

*Long cut & lost
1 lb. bracelet band part missing*

SHORTAGES

U. S. GOV'T CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

I certify that the above items were not in the containers inventoried by me.

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G. I. REMOVED

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

John W. Zappala ✓, 31208854 ✓ late a
(Name of decedent) (Army Serial Number)
Technical Sergeant ✓, Air Corps ✓ who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)
on the 22 day of February 1944 ✓, at Germany ✓.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department 25, D.C.

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo., pursuant to S.O. 223, Hq., KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedent's camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ None, of which the sum of \$ None was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. None.)

c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ None, which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt None, Incl. None.)

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below)

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 15 January 1945 ✓, pursuant to Special Orders 223, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Mrs. Esther T. Zappala ✓ for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Mrs. Esther T. Zappala ✓ of
(Name of person found entitled)
50 Hemman Street ✓, Rosindale ✓ State of
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)
Massachusetts ✓, is the Widow ✓ of the
(Relationship or Capacity)

above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

W. F. HEHMAN, Major, J.M.C.
(Name, Rank, Organization)
SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO: Mrs. Esther T. Zappala
50 Hemman Street
Roslindale, Massachusetts

Effects of:
Name T/Sgt. John W. Zappala
ASN 31206854
Case No. 155617 D
Dt.

DATE 15 January 1945
JRM:NM:nls

REMARKS:

Inclose Bureau Check
Acct. No. _____
Amount _____
Inclose "Valuables" item
1 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

FOR: Effects Quartermaster

Remove P.I.
Note discrepancy in _____
Films removed
Diary removed
Laundry removed

ROUTING:

1 Accounting Branch
2 Warehouse Division
Files Branch, Adm. Div.

SHIPPED

DATE: _____

REGISTERED
867864

REMARKS:

Franked FRANKED
Est. Exp. Chgs. _____
Est. Frt. Chgs. _____
No. of Packages _____

JAN 22 1945

JAN 20 1945

Shipping Clerk

JAN 22

SHEET OF SHEETS		ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY		MISSING ☒	
BOX NUMBER		ORIGINAL NUMBER OF PACKAGES		P.O.W. ☐	
TALLY NUMBER		INVENTORY DATE		CASE NUMBER	
EFFECTS OF JOHN W. ZAPPALA				RANK T/SGT	
A.S.N. 31208854		ORGANIZATION AC			
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION					

File me

CLOTHING	PERSONAL ITEMS	CONTAINERS
☐ BELT	☐ BRACELET, IDENTIFICATION	☐ BAGS, CLOTH
☐ BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	☐ BRUSHES	☐ BAGS, TRAVEL
☐ CLOTH, WASH	☐ CAMERAS	☐ CLOTH (NO MONEY)
☐ COATS	☐ GLASSES	☐ CASE
☐ FOOTWEAR, PR.	☐ KNIVES	☐ FOOTLOCKER
☐ GLOVES, PR.	☐ LIGHTERS	☐ KIT, SEWING
☒ HANKERCHIEFS	☒ MISC. INSIGNIA	☐ KIT, TOILET
☐ HEADWEAR	☒ MISC. ITEMS	☐ KIT, WRITING
☐ JACKETS	☒ PEN, FOUNTAIN	☐ PAPERS AND MISC.
☐ OVERCOATS	☐ PENCIL, MECHANICAL	☐ BOOKS
☐ SCARFS	☐ PIPES	☐ BOOKS, ADDRESS
☐ SHIRTS	☐ RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	☐ BOOKS, NOTE
☒ SOCKS, PR.	☒ RIBBONS, DECORATION	☐ BOOKS, PILOT LOG
☒ TIES	☐ RINGS	☐ DIARY (REMOVED FOR DURATION)
☐ TOWELS	☐ TOBACCO	☐ FILMS
☐ TROUSERS, PR.	☒ TOILET ARTICLES	☒ LETTERS & CARDS
☒ TRUNKS, PR.	☐ WATCH	☒ PAPERS, PERSONAL
☒ UNDERWEAR	☐ WINGS	☒ PHOTOS
		☐ SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
		☐ SHORT SNOOTER
		☒ SOUVENIRS
		☐ SOUVENIR MONEY
		☐ STATIONERY
		☐ TESTAMENTS
		☐ U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS: *remained to look things up in military station and log book*

Re

REMARKS: *mother*

Patricia Zappala

58 Herman St.

Roslindale, Mass.

ATTACHMENTS: ☒ FORM #54 ☐ FORM #100

** last name on 43. Zappala*

JAN 23 1945

C.A.T. Patricia Zappala

58 Herman St.

Roslindale, Mass.

WEIGHT	GI REMOVED
	SHORTAGE ON REPT. SE
	IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
	LAUNDRY REMOVED
DATE WHIPPED	LOCKED STORAGE
JAN 22 1945	
LAUNDRY REMOVED	
FILM REMOVED	

WAREHOUSE SPACE *1024*

INVENTORIED BY *32*

PACKED BY

STORED BY *R*

CHECKED BY

VALUABLES RECEIPT

TALLY NO. 5180

NAME John W. Zappala

RANK T/2gt

A.S.N. 31208854

DATE 1-5-45

Eff. Form 56

Ean

removed to lock storage
has added 4 additional out. eff.

I certify that the above listed items were
not in the container prior to being by me:

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR