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COMMISSION ON NON-RECOVERABLE
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NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)

ZALAC, MICHAEL J JR

RANK

SERIAL NUMBER

SGT

36813035

ARMY OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

AREA OF DEATH

10 SEPT '44

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

DATE

MAPLES

21 MAY '51

NAME OF REVIEWER

DATE

H.T. BLATCHLEY

REMARKS

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME ZALAC, MICHAEL J. JR.	GRADE Sgt	SERIAL NO. 36 813 035
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ZALAC, Michael J Jr

Sgt 36 813 035

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Moselle # 5422 *L*

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ZONE
531 QUARTERMASTER GROUP
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 (NANCY) US ARMY

GRW

29 September 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation on Isolated Burial Case (Moselle) 5422.

TO : Commanding General,
American Graves Registration Command, EA,
APO 58, US Army.

1. Attached hereto form from the 539 QM Sv Co, statements and diary relative to investigation conducted on subject case.
2. Result of investigation proved negative and a search of records in this Headquarters fails to reveal any information that could be associated with Sgt Michael J. ZALAC, A N 36813035, or Pvt Peter P. TOLI.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ROY F. JOHNSTON
1st Lt QMC
Ass't Adjutant

Incl: a/s

Tel : Nancy 8415
Ext 49

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STATION FILE

293
Galac, Michael J. Jr., Sgt 36813035

Case # 729

(Moselle)
5422DIARY-EXTRACT

24 September 1947

Left Maxeville 0930 hours.
Arrived Dornot 1030 hours.

Received a statement from the Mayor, Mr. Boda, saying that no American soldier had been found drowned in the Moselle where it traverses the Commune of Dornot. To the best of his knowledge there were no longer any Americans buried in the territory of his Commune.

At 1100 hours received a like statement from Mr. Pillot, local policeman.

At 1130 hours Mr. Louis gave us a negative statement. None of the above had any information to give concerning the soldiers ZELAC or TOLI.

Left Dornot 1200 hours.

Arrived 1300 hours at the dam crossing the Moselle at Jouy-aux-Arches. It is located about two miles downstream from Dornot. Received a statement from Mr. Henry, the dam supervisor, who declared that in September 1945 while rebuilding the bridge over the dam about (he does not remember the exact count) ten deceased American soldiers were found caught on the dam. This was reported and the remains were immediately removed by American troops in the area. Most of the remains were unidentifiable. No papers or indications of any sort were left behind by the troops. Two other Americans were also found caught on the dam at Vaux according to Mr. Henry.

Investigator's conclusions: The missing Zolac and Toli drowned in the Moselle near Dornot could not have passed the dam at Jouy two miles downstream. Suggest that the unknowns removed from dam be checked to see relationship and whether said relationship cannot be found with soldiers Zolac and Toli.

Left Jouy 1400 hours
Arrived Gravelotte 1430 hours.

Certified a true copy of
Mr. EPHRAIM's diary-extract:

Louis A. Bockstahler
LOUIS A. BOCKSTÄHLER
1st Lt., Inf.

Case # 729

(Moselle)
5422

S T A T E M E N T

Jouy-aux-Arches, 24 September 1947

I, the undersigned, Henry Alphonse, a dam-keeper at Jouy-aux-Arches, declare that in September 1945, while the bridge was being rebuilt, we found approximately ten deceased American soldiers caught on the dam. They were immediately removed by the American troops who left no indication whatsoever. Most of the remains could not be identified.

Furthermore two deceased American soldiers caught on the dam at Vaux were removed. At least one of them was still wearing his identification tags.

I never heard mention of the soldiers Zolac and Toli.

/s/ Henry

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:

Jean P. Diter
JEAN P. DITER
French Civilian
Translator.

Case # 729

(Moselle)
5422

S T A T E M E N T

Dornot, 24 September 1947

I, the undersigned, M. Louis, residing in Dornot, certify that I never heard mention of an American soldier removed from the Moselle river in Dornot or in the vicinity.

To the best of my knowledge there are no longer any graves of American soldiers in the territory of the commune.

I cannot furnish any information concerning the American soldiers Zalac and Toli.

/s/ Louis

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:

Jean P. Diter
JEAN P. DITER
French Civilian
Translator.

Case # 729

(Moselle)
5422

S T A T E M E N T

24 September 1947

I, the undersigned, Mr. Pillot, town-keeper at Dornot, declare that to the best of my knowledge no American soldier was removed from the "Moselle" river located in the vicinity of Dornot.

Furthermore there are no longer any graves of American soldiers in the territory of the Commune.

I never heard mention of the American soldiers ZALAZ and TOLL.

/s/ Pillot

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:

Jean P. Diter
JEAN P. DITER
French Civilian
Translator.

Case # 729

(Moselle)
5422

S T A T E M E N T

Dornot, 24 September 1947

I, the undersigned, BODA Henri, Mayor of Dornot, declare that to my knowledge no soldier of the American Army was drown or removed from the Moselle river or pond located in the territory of the commune. Consequently the American soldiers ZALAC Michael J. Jr., and TOLL, Peter who are the objects of your search, are not known as having been drown or buried in the territory of the Commune.

/s/ Boda

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Mayor's secretary.

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:

Jean P. Diter
JEAN P. DITER
French Civilian
Translator.

(Moselle)
5422

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Operational Instructions #108

9 September 1947

Inclosed are copies of Casualty Clearance Plan for Sgt Michael J. Zalac, Jr. 36813035 and Pvt Peter P. Toli, 32860406.

Both were members of Co "C" 204th Engineer Combat Battalion (KIA 10 Sept 44). Casualty occurred on Moselle River at Dornot, France.

Investigation will be conducted. If case is presumed non recoverable, a detailed report will be forwarded this headquarters for presentation to Board of Officers for final decision.

2 Incls: a/s

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HQ, THIRD FIELD COMMAND, AGRC, APO 164 U S Army, 30 July 1946

TO: Commanding Officer, American Graves Registration Command, APO 387 U S Army

1. Reference is suggested to the Report of Investigation prepared by the First Mobile Bivouac Unit, 535th Quartermaster Group.

2. This headquarters concurs with the findings on this case and requests that unknown burial records in your headquarters be checked as there is a possibility that the subject deceased have been reburied as unknowns.

3. Reference is further suggested to the statement made by Grant Tony of Dornet, who says that four American soldiers were disinterred from this town between the months of February and August, 1945.

4. No further search will be made for the remains of Sergeant Salas and Private Ioli unless additional instructions are received from your headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WILLIAM D. CLEARY
2d Lt., Inf.
Asst. Adjutant

2 Incls.

- 1. COP - Salas, Michael J.
- 2. COP - Ioli, Peter P.

Strasbourg Mil. "Graves"
Apt. 34

HEADQUARTERS
535TH QUARTERMASTER GROUP
THIRD FIELD COMMAND
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND

RMD/on

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AGRZX

APO 164, US Army
3 May 1946

SUBJECT: Isolated Burial Cases

TO : Commanding Officer, Third Field Command, American Graves Registration Command, APO 164, US Army

1. Forwarding herewith the following listed CCP's:

CCP 832 ZALAC, MICHAEL J. Jr. Sgt ASN 36813035
CCP 903 IOLI, PETER P. Pvt. ASN 32860406

2. The investigators of these cases were unable to obtain any information as to the whereabouts of the remains of Sgt. Zalac, or Pvt. Ioli. (See attached statements). The body mentioned in the Mayor's statement was investigated and was found to be German.

3. It is believed that all sources of information on these cases have been exhausted and further investigation would be futile.

ROY M. DAVENPORT
1st Lt. Inf
Asst Operations Officer

TELEPHONE NUMBER:
Nancy 8575

5422

3049TH GRAVES REGISTRATION COMPANY
FIRST MOBILE BIVOUAC UNIT
METZ, FRANCE

APO 164 US Army
29th April 1946

SUBJECT: Casualty Clearance plan Cases 832 and 903

TO : Operations Section, 535th Group

1. See cases attached. The Commune of Dornot (Moselle), France has been searched thoroughly by our Search Team as well as all the Communes bordering the Moselle River in the Moselle Department of France. We could find no trace of Sgt Michael Zalac or Pvt. Peter Ioli.

2. In a statement from M. Tony Grant of Dornot which is attached he states that eight bodies of four Americans have been removed from the Commune. Two by an organization of the 3rd Army, April 1945, one by the French Red cross, June 1945, and one in February, by an unknown organization. Mr. Grant was or rather is an American soldier from the Last World War who has settled here in France.

3. The Mayor of the village does not have any record of these cases or can give us no information about these men, See statement attached. The body mentioned in the Mayors statement was investigated and was found to be German. This has been reported in the prescribed manner.

4. In view of the above, it is suggested that the men in question may be of the four that have been removed from this commune.

Howard E. METZBOWER
2d Lt, Inf
Commanding

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
Roy M. Davenport
ROY M. DAVENPORT
1st Lt, Inf

5422

STATEMENT

Commune de Dornot

I undersigned, Mayor of the Commune, certify, that at my knowledge, as far as by inquiry done, no soldier of the US Army or Allied, is buried on the territory of the Commune of Dornot.

Outside, I certify to have seen a body, in last December whom I suppose to be an American soldier, who is on the territory of the Commune of Ancy, in one of the woods, half-way from the Cross St-Clement to the Road to Gravelotte, walking through the plain of Jaz.

Settled at Dornot, 28th March 1946

Seal of the Mairie

/s/ The Mayor:
BADOT

Found to be German

TRANSLATION

Commune de Dornot

Je soussigne, Maire de la Commune certifie qu'a ma connaissance, aussi bien que par enquete faite, aucun militaire de l'Armee Americaine, ou de leurs Allies, n'est inhume sur le territoire de la Commune de Dornot.

Par contre, je certifie avoir vu un cadavre en Decembre 1945, que je presume etre un soldat Americain, qui se trouve sur le bon de la Commune d'Aancy dans un de ses bois a mi chemin de la croix St-Clement a la route de Gravelotte en passant par la plaine de Jaz.

Fait a Dornot, le 28 Mars 1946

Cachet de la Mairie

/s/ Le Maire:
BADOT

A TRUE COPY

Roy M. Davenport
ROY M. DAVENPORT
1st Lt, Inf

5422

STATEMENT

Commune de Dornot.

Hereby, I declare, and certify exact to have announced four American soldiers and they have been taken away between February and August 1945:

Two by an organization of the Third American Army April 1945, one by the French Red Cross, June 1945. One in February 1945. I don't know by which organization.

/s/ GRANT TONY

TRANSLATION

Commune de Dornot

Dornot, le 28-3-46

Je declare par la presente et je soussigne certifie exact avoir signale quatre soldats Americains qui ont ete enleves entre Fevrier et Aout 1945. Deux ont ete enleves par une organisation de la Troisieme Armee Americaine, Avril 1945, un par la Croix Rouge Francaise, Juin 1945 et un autre par une organisation que je ne connais pas.

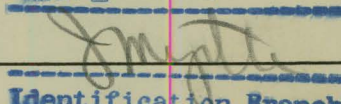
/s/ GRANT TONY

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

Roy M. Davenport
ROY M. DAVENPORT
1st Lt. Inf

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH European, vicinity of Dornot, France		CASE NUMBER 15209
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>293</i> Zalac, Michael J., Jr.	RANK Sgt	SERIAL NUMBER 36 813 035
IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)		
<input type="checkbox"/> THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 MAR 13 1951 <i>[Signature]</i> Identification Branch		
RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>E. Miller</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Max Edwards</i>
		DATE

NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL		CASE NUMBER	15209 (1)
		AREA OR ZONE(S)	European
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	
Zalac, Michael J., Jr.	Sgt	36 813 035	
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.			
	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	VAF	2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	VAF
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	VAF	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	VAF	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	VAF
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES			
a. After Action Report			VAF
b. Casualty Clearance Plan Report			
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:			
KIA on 10 September 1944 in the vicinity of Dornot, France			
File MAR 13 1951 			
NAME OF CASE ANALYST	CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO		Identification Branch
Vincent A. Thomas/cwt	---		
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.			
RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH	
W. A. WOLF	MARY A. EDWARDS, 1/Lt QMC	JOHN M. NEFF, Capt QMC	MAR 12 1951

15209

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 . 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>
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SEE ATTACHED ROSTER.

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. MULVANI, Lt. Col. 0-359598, QMC	s/ James C. MacFarland JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, 0-1576321 QMC
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s/ George Gunderman, Jr. GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR Major, 0-1289071	CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Capt, 0-1040311, QMC
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LEWIS A. McAMIS, Capt, 0-1543042, MSC/QMC	JOHN M. NEFF, Capt. 0-1055924, QMC
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s/ Allan L. Lawson, ALLAN L. LAWSON, Capt, 0-1288075, QMC	ROBERT W. GANSEL, 1/Lt, 0-1599085, QMC
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JOHN A. BOUTIN, 2/Lt 0-947298, QMC	
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A TRUE COPY:

Robert G. Lay

ROBERT G. LAY
Maj QMC

Morici, Louis A.	Pvt	32 796 502	10 Oct 44
Nash, Willie G.	Pvt	34 899 335	8 Sep 44
Nemiccola, Anthony (NMI)	Pvt	32 637 746	10 Oct 44
Paletta, Joseph F.	Pvt	32 797 179	10 Oct 44
Paschall, Quillione R.	Pfc	34 979 034	8 Jan 45
Pfeiffer, Albert J.	Pfc	32 750 453	8 Nov 44
Pollard, Oscar	Pfc	35 681 500	10 Oct 44
Ponsone, John (NMI)	Pfc	34 192 303	10 Sep 44
Pruitt, Orval B.	Pvt	38 440 765	24 Nov 44
Pulkas, Walter W.	Pvt	36 456 254	1 Jan 45
Richter, Herbert R.	Pvt	20 229 636	13 Dec 44
*Risoli, Samuel G.	S/Sgt	32 112 032	10 Sep 44
Roelfs, Harm A.	Pvt	36 058 741	25 Sep 44
Rosa, Dominio T.	Pvt	31 440 318	26 Sep 44
Ruffolo, Jennie (NMI)	Pvt	36 214 242	10 Sep 44
Santos, John C.	Cpl	19 133 953	21 Dec 44
Schlamp, Raymond U.	Pfc	36 227 835	11 Sep 44
*Schue, George E.	Pfc	33 843 335	17 Nov 44
Shenk, Charles W.	S/Sgt	33 154 539	20 Sep 44
Siple, Clayton L.	Pfc	36 168 398	13 Jan 45
Skaar, Robert L.	Pvt	36 845 252	10 Mar 45
Slankard, Evan (NMI)	T/4	37 010 778	18 Sep 44
Slinkard, Von O.	Pfc	37 607 293	28 Dec 44
Smith, Albert A.	Pvt	6 277 121	16 Oct 44
Smith, Ira L.	Sgt	37 213 150	18 Nov 44
Smith, James S.	T/Sgt	6 985 951	11 Sep 44
Smith, Paul A.	Pvt	34 827 976	10 Oct 44
Smolinski, Leo E.	Pfc	32 796 578	10 Oct 44
Spear, Harold H.	T/Sgt	36 103 576	10 Sep 44
Standridge, Wendell F.	Pvt	35 927 044	10 Sep 44
*Sullivan, John P.	Pfc	32 847 571	5 Sep 44
Taylor, Joseph W.	Pfc	34 573 608	21 Sep 44
Tew, Charles R.	Pvt	34 912 164	12 Nov 44
Thornton, Robert L.	S/Sgt	34 573 833	1 Jan 45
Tommassone, Edward E.	Pfc	36 643 937	8 Sep 44
Underwood, Wilburn T.	Pfc	34 269 379	10 Sep 44
Valdez, Joe M.	T/5	18 119 800	16 Sep 44
Wells, Thomas H.	Maj	0 392 480	19 Sep 44
Wenzel, Peter H.	T/5	32 747 445	10 Oct 44
West, Robert D.	S/Sgt	6 345 808	18 Sep 44
Wilkins, Joe J.	Pvt	19 018 654	12 Nov 44
Williams, Evan (NMI)	S/Sgt	6 393 665	19 Sep 44
Williams, Gomer (NMI)	Pvt	33 113 760	10 Sep 44
Williams, James L.	Pfc	36 568 028	10 Sep 44
Willis, Robert W.	Pfc	37 357 968	19 Dec 44
Wirtz, Matthew (NMI)	1/Lt	01 287 638	10 Sep 44
Wright, James E.	1/Lt	0 402 766	10 Sep 44
Young, John F.	Pfc	37 516 472	10 Mar 45
Zahradnik, Henry E.	Pfc	32 605 630	10 Oct 44
Zalac, Michael J., Jr.	Sgt	36 813 035	10 Sep 44

The Roster Received from Field Board is filed in 293 File of
ADDABBO, Joseph J., Pvt, 32 847 803.

ROSTER TO ACCOMPANY NON-SPECIFIC BOARD
FINDINGS OF NONRECOVERABILITY
TO ACCOMPANY PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF REVIEW

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>DATE KIA OR MIA</u>
Addabbo, Joseph J.	Pvt	32 847 803	5 Sep 44
Bates, Charlie (NMI)	T/5	38 286 573	1 Jan 45
Battin, Harold A.	Pfc	37 364 691	15 Mar 45
Binder, Howard A.	Pvt	39 305 680	10 Oct 44
Black, James W.	Pfc	33 837 051	1 Jan 45
Bonds, Alfred B.	Pfc	42 012 457	8 Nov 44
Brazowski, Joseph (NMI)	Pfc	31 255 517	15 Mar 45
Bulin, Edward J.	Pvt	32 796 939	10 Oct 44
Bundrock, William J., Jr.	Pvt	39 622 035	10 Oct 44
Busby, Woodrow W.	Pvt	34 392 872	14 Nov 44
Castilone, Stephen J.	Pvt	42 091 109	22 Nov 44
Cerny, Jaro J.	Pfc	35 921 362	14 Oct 44
Clark, Charles E.	Pvt	32 783 174	10 Oct 44
Clement, Alfred J.	Pfc	36 227 750	8 Sep 44
Clement, Laurent H.	Sgt	37 542 237	12 Jan 45
Collino, Dominic P.	Pfc	35 835 516	2 Jan 45
Crawford, James W.	S/Sgt	34 254 893	8 Sep 44
Crews, Robert A.	Pfc	34 771 711	15 Oct 44
Cullison, Thomas J.	1/Lt	01 318 765	10 Sep 44
Deneen, Jerome C.	Pfc	36 227 925	8 Sep 44
9d Eaton, James A. <i>Recent Recov</i>	S/Sgt	32 855 293	12 Nov 44
Erardi, Joseph, Jr.	Pvt	32 254 567	15 Sep 44
Finlay, Robin L.	S/Sgt	37 071 020	17 Dec 44
Fisher, Syphes B.	Cpl	20 817 194	2 Jan 45
Fisher, Willard C.	Sgt	39 339 014	16 Sep 44
Fortuna, Andrew J.	Pfc	33 843 709	8 Feb 45
Foy, Lloyd (NMI)	Pvt	34 253 686	10 Sep 44
Gagnier, Camille (NMI)	Pfc	31 334 319	15 Mar 45
Garvey, Thomas F., II	Pfc	33 888 119	17 Feb 45
Gaulton, John H.	Cpl	32 796 280	10 Oct 44
Gebhards, Harry A.	Pfc	36 052 118	8 Sep 44
Goddard, Merrill J.	Pfc	14 140 023	14 Nov 44
Gopfert, Arthur C.	Pfc	31 468 492	14 Jan 45
Halloran, William F.	Pfc	32 257 356	9 Sep 44
Hamilton, Woodrow W.	Pfc	39 604 664	23 Nov 44
Harris, Ralph (NMI)	Pvt	36 024 001	11 Sep 44
Hatch, Stewart E.	Pfc	31 301 636	1 Jan 45
Hayslett, Clinton F.	T/5	15 056 320	24 Nov 44
Hill, Edgar W.	Pvt	31 269 360	8 Sep 44
Holl, Richard L.	Pfc	35 064 223	31 Dec 44
Hunt, Orville (NMI)	Pfc	16 006 889	9 Sep 44
Johnson, Ervin N.	Pfc	35 896 040	10 Nov 44
Johnson, Rodger E.	Pvt	34 875 393	18 Sep 44
Keeley, Thomas F.	Pfc	33 592 142	10 Nov 44
Kiger, Earl W.	Pfc	36 228 224	10 Sep 44
Knotts, Herbert C.	Pvt	42 082 759	10 Sep 44
Krepfia, Jerry J.	Cpl	32 796 241	10 Oct 44
Lalopa, Frank (NMI)	Pfc	32 736 269	9 Sep 44
Laskowski, Anthony A.	Pvt	33 844 226	10 Oct 44
Lloyd, Maurice E.	Pfc	36 774 991	1 Jan 45
Maguire, John O.	Pvt	31 302 999	20 Dec 44
Matuszak, Thaddeus S.	Sgt	36 214 574	11 Sep 44
Mizutowicz, Walter M.	Pvt	36 950 283	19 Sep 44

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 cases:

NAMES: See Attached Roster

ORGANIZATION: See 371 Forms

DATE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

PLACE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

SYNOPSIS: The casualties listed on attached roster are reported by official records as Missing in Action or Killed in Action during ground or air operations in the department of Moselle, France, from the period 5 September 1944 to 16 March 1945. Extensive area searches as well as individual investigation have to date failed to furnish information as to the ultimate disposition of their remains. Efforts to effect association with unidentified recoveries from the area, now interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries, have also proven negative. The lack of specific information regarding the death or burial, limited search in most instances to general localities, however, documents on file in this Office and Office of The Quartermaster General substantiate the fact that numerous investigations covering the entire department of Moselle have been conducted in the course of search operations for all losses, both recovered and unrecovered. The terrain of the Moselle department, for the most part, consists of farm, pasture and forested areas which has been under constant cultivation and supervision by farmers and forest guards, since the cessation of hostilities, thus the possibility of undiscovered graves is remote. It can therefore be concluded that the remains of the deceased in question were reduced by battle action to a state which precludes recovery or identification. The absence of specific information concerning their deaths, the failure of Field Investigations to provide

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SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

evidence and the lack of association with recovered unknowns would tend to substantiate these conclusions. It is recommended that the remains of the individuals listed in these Board Proceedings be considered Non-Recoverable under the provisions of paragraph 3b, Letter, Office of The Quartermaster General, file QMGMP 293, Subject: Processing Board Findings of Non-Recoverability Return of World War II Dead Program, dated 25 March 1949.

Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371; After Action Reports, and Casualty Clearance Plan; concerning each decedent; Reports of Field Investigations previously forwarded to The Office of The Quartermaster General, pertaining to resolved casualties who were killed in action in the Department of Moselle, France; on file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

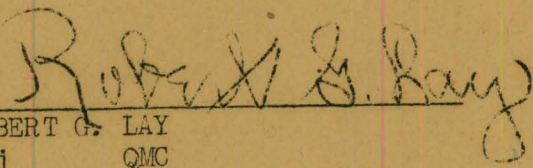
Reference is also made to: Report of Field Investigation, dated 10 July 1950: Attached.

2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records on file this headquarters.

3. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

s/ C. W. Steinsiek
t/ C. W. STEINSIEK
Captain QMC

A TRUE COPY:


ROBERT G. LAY
Maj QMC

NOTE: The Report of Field Investigation, dated 10 July 50 referred to above, "Narrative of Investigation" is filed with 293 file of Addabbo, Joseph J., Pvt., 32 847 803. It substantiates general area search in the locality where the decedents are believed to have been lost.

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15 November 1950

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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 O'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. MULVANITY, O 359 598, QMC., President
MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND, O 1 576 321, QMC.,
MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., O 1 289 071, INF/QMC.,
CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, O 1 040 311, QMC.,
CAPT LEWIS A. McAMIS, O 1 543 042, MSC/QMC.,
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.,

BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

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DOF

Zalac

QMGMS 293

Zalac, Michael J.
SN 36813035

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14 August 1950

SUBJECT: Additional Information

TO: Commanding Officer
7837 Graves Registration Detachment
APO 757, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to 1st Indorsement, this Office, dated 12 July 1950, file QMGMS 293 Zalac, Michael J., 36813035, subject: Request for Information.

2. Attached herewith are copies of replies from survivors, pertaining to the fate of subject decedent.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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- 1. Cy ltr fr Donato
- 2. Cy ltr fr Zehe
- 3. Cy ltr fr Winberger

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14 August 1950

Zalac, Michael J. Jr.
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Mr. Joseph DiDonato
225 Broadway
Yonkers 2, New York

Dear Mr. DiDonato:

Your recent letter regarding the fate of Sgt Michael Zalac has been received and the information you were able to furnish has been forwarded to the Graves Registration Service overseas.

Please accept my sincere appreciation and thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. COX
Capt., QMC
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Zalac, Michael J. Jr.
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14 August 1944

Mr. Richard Zehe
3277 - 43rd Street
Astoria, L.I., New York

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Sincerely yours,

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Zalac, Michael J. Jr.
SN 36 813 035

14 August 1960

Mr. John W. Wimberger
70-04 69th Street
Brooklyn 27, New York

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Please accept my sincere appreciation and thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. COX
Capt., QMC
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Zalac, Michael J.
SN 36 813 035

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Mr. Richard Zehe
3277 - 43rd Street
Astoria, L.I., New York

Dear Mr. Zehe:

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Any information you can furnish concerning the incident in which subject decedent became a casualty will be greatly appreciated.

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, to expedite delivery of your reply.

Sincerely yours,

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Zalac, Michael J.
SN 36 813 035

Mr. John W. Wimberger
7722 - 81st Street
Glendale, L.I., New York

Dear Mr. Wimberger:

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

TO: <i>PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION, MEMORIAL DIVISION</i>		DATE 30 June 50	
FROM (Branch and Section) Identification (Search Info)	REQUESTED BY E King	TEL. EXT. 72000	ROOM NO. 1532
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>JB</i> Zalac, Michael J. Jr	RANK Sgt 36 813 035	SERIAL NUMBER 36813035	

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Current address of the following individuals:

Di Donato, Joseph A. (Pvt) 32 860 674
 Wimberger, John W. (Pfc) 32 829 462
 Zehe, Richard (Pvt) 32 829 166

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ETO Ltr # 661

INFORMATION FURNISHED

Di-Donato - 176 Waverly St.
 Yonkers, New York

Wimberger - 7722-81st St
 Glendale, Long Island, N. Y.

Zehe - 3277-43rd St.
 Astoria, Long Island, N. Y.

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PENTAGON LIAISON SECTION OFFICER (Signature)

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E. J. SEKOWSKI
MAJOR, GMC *(2-24-50)*

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Mr Joseph DiDonato
 225 South Broadway
 Yonkers, 2, New York
 July 27, 1950

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To

Department of the Army
 Office of the Quartermaster General
 Washington 25, D.C.

In reply of

Q.M.G.M.S. 293Zalac, Michael J.SN 36 813 035

Dear Sir

Michael Zalac and myself were part of a five man group assigned to ferry supplies across the Moselle River to our entrapped forces (elements of the 5th Div.) We had all volunteered for the crossing because things were starting

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to get hot and there was only one more boat load of supplies to go across. As we shoved off, the firing became heavier. I suggested with one or two of the others to stop and return. But Peter Joli insisted on going ahead. He was up front the Michael Zalac. We were almost there when it happened. Right in the center of the boat between Zalac and Joli there appeared a bright glowing ring from the shell that struck us. In my opinion, Michael Zalac was killed instantly, (probably blown to pieces); Joli was thrown, mortally wounded, into the water and though he pleaded for help, he couldn't be reached. A third boy, John Wimburger, was wounded about the

head, but he ⁽³⁾ managed to get back to ¹²
the friendly shore, with another boy,
Richard Zehe, and myself; although,
how we ever got back across the river,
under fire, will never know. After the
firing had ceased, one or two boys of the
platoon had volunteered to return to the
river to try and find either Joli was last
head crying for help in the river or
Zalac, from whom we hadn't either
heard a sound from or saw a trace of.
But, (as you certainly know), they had no luck.

Yours Truly
Joseph D. Donato

John W. Wimberger
 70-04, 69th St.
 Brooklyn 27, N. Y.
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Thomas E. Cox
 Captain 2MC
 Memorial Division

Dear Sir:

This is in answer to your request for information surrounding the death of Sgt. ³⁹³ Michael J. Zalac 36813035.

Sgt. Zalac was one of five volunteers crossing the Moselle river near midnight Sept. 9, 1944 in an assault boat filled with ammunition while the infantry was crossing the river about 30 yards further down the bank. A machine gun opened up on us about 15 yards away as we reached the enemy's bank.

We all dove into the water and eventually reached safety. But that was the last I have seen of Sgt. Zalac. But when I reached our shore and lay prone because of

continuous exchange of fire I heard a moan in the water. I was wounded in the eye and it was closed, the other was almost shut, as a result I couldn't see anyone in distress and the moans finally died out.

This is all I can tell you.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Winberger



July 27, 1950

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Thomas E. Cox,
Capt. Q.M.C
Memorial Div.

Dear Sir:

In reference to the death of
Sgt. ²⁹³ Michael J. Salac A.S.N. 36813035
Q.M.C.M.S. 293. I can't say for sure
whether Sgt. Salac died instantly or was
wounded and died later on, or drowned.

When we were transporting supplies
across the Moselle River on the night of
Sept. 9 and early morning of Sept. 10. it
was quite dark. When enemy machine gun
fire hit our boat three other men and
myself jumped over into the water, but
I don't recall seeing him go over the side,
and I am not sure if he was killed instantly.
The boat drifted away and all I could
see was tracer bullets going over us.
While I was in the water I looked around
for some of the men but I couldn't see
anybody so I started to swim to our
side of the river. I hope this will help you.

Sincerely yours
Richard Zehe

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GREEN 293
Salas, Michael
SN 35813035

14 June 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: Commanding Officer
7337 Graves Registration Detachment
APO 757, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 19 April 1950,
file GREEN 293.9 (IB), subject as above.

2. Requested information will be forwarded your headquarters
approximately 10 July 1950.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

THOMAS E. COX
Capt., QMC
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Zalac, Michael J.
BN 36 813 035

Mr. Joseph A. DiDonato
176 Waverly Street
Yonkers, New York

Dear Mr. DiDonato:

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Any information you can furnish concerning the incident in which subject decedent became a casualty will be greatly appreciated.

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, to expedite delivery of your reply.

Sincerely yours,

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Zalas, Michael J., Jr.
SN 36813035
SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept. of the Army, OQMS, Washington 25, D. C., 12 July 1950

TO: Commanding Officer, 7387 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757,
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. Attached herewith are copies of Medical Forms 79, Status Review and Determination Report #4042, Casualty Clearance Plan and After Action Report covering all available information pertaining to Sgt. Michael J. Zalas, Jr., SN 36813035.

2. Letters of inquiry have been dispatched to the individuals listed in basic communication and upon receipt of their replies, your headquarters will be promptly advised.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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- 1. Photo cys Forms 79
- 2. Cy SRAD Rpt #4042
- 3. Cy Gas Clearance Plan
- 4. Cy After Action Rpt

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Capt., QMG
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APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

GRRE 293.9 (IB)

19 April 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Memorial Division

1. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371 pertaining to Sgt ²⁹³ Michael
J. ZALAC, Jr., 36 813 035.

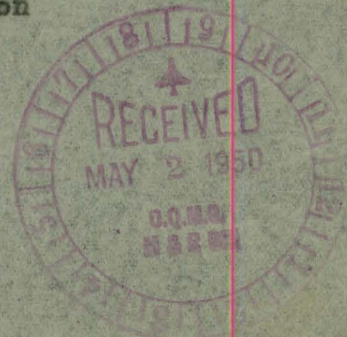
2. It is requested that all available data contained in records
your office, including Status Review and Determination Report, and
After Action Report, be forwarded this headquarters as a possible aid
in resolving this case.

3. It is further requested that your office communicate with
Pfc John W. Wimberger, 32829462, Pvt Joseph A. Di Donato, 32860674
and Pvt Richard Zehe, 32829166, crew members of the same assault boat
of subject decedent, in an effort to obtain their version of the inci-
dent in which Sgt Zalac became a casualty.

4. Further action withheld pending receipt of additional
information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major QMG
Registration Division



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1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Search Info Sec Ident Br Mem Div HOSPTEL	OQMG Liaison Pentagon Major Sekowski	5 May 1950	Request all available information surrounding the death of: <i>293</i> Zalac, Michael <i>J.</i> Sgt. 36813035 <i>293</i> Ref. Ltr #661 <i>H</i> HOSPTEL 72000
2	QM Pent Liaison Admin Br Mem Div	Search Info Sec Ident Br Mem Div	26 Jun 1950	Inclosed herewith all the information, available, which was obtained from DPRB 201 Files; AGO Casualty Files and Army Ground Forces Historical Files, pertain- ing to the death of Sergeant Michael Zalac, 36,813,035, of Company "C", 204th Engineer Combat Battalion. <i>Sekowski</i> SEKOWSKI (msa) 56679 <i>Dyer</i> DYER (msa) 73090 FILE JUL 6 1950 Identification

THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE

AG 704 Dead (11 Sep 45)
S. R. & D. No. 4042

11 September 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch

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

I. - FACTS

1. The following named persons, former members of the organizations designated, have been carried on War Department records as missing in action, not in flying or jumping pay status, in the European Area, since 10 September 1944, as reported by ETO Shipment Nos. indicated:

* * * *

d. COMPANY C, 204TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION:

Zalac, Michael J., Jr.	36,813,035	Sergeant	192
Ioli, Peter P.	32,860,406	Private	192

* * * *

6. Filed in the "Service Record" of each of the persons named in paragraph 1d, above, is a statement, undated, and signed by First Lieutenant Irvin Redman, Corps of Engineers. The statements read:

"I certify that Sergeant Michael J. Zalac, Jr. ASN 36813035 was crossing the Moselle River in an assault boat just east of the town of Dornot, France at approximately 0230, 10 September 1944.

"He and four other enlisted men were crossing the river with supplies for soldiers on the enemy side of the river. Intense small arms fire and shell fire was present. The craft was hit and sunk. Sergeant Zalac was last seen just prior to the sinking of the craft."

"I certify that Private Peter P. Ioli, ASN 32860406 was crossing the Moselle River in an assault boat just east of the town of Dornot, France at approximately 0230, 10 September 1944.

"He and four other enlisted men were crossing the river to the enemy side with supplies for soldiers already there. Intense small

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arms fire and shell fire was present. The craft was hit and sunk. Private Ioli was wounded before dropping into the Moselle River where he was last seen swimming towards the enemy side of the river."

II. - CONCLUSIONS

1. The persons named in Part I, paragraph 1 a, b, c, and d, above, became missing in action on 10 September 1944, in the vicinity of Dornot, France, as a result of efforts on the part of their respective organizations to establish and withdraw from bridgeheads across the Moselle River.

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g. Sergeant Zalac was last seen about 0230 hours, 10 September 1944, in an assault boat crossing the Moselle River just east of Dornot, France. As a result of enemy shell fire, the craft was hit and sunk. Sergeant Zalac was last seen just prior to the sinking of the craft.

h. Private Ioli was last seen under the same circumstances as described in the preceding paragraph regarding Zalac except that, when his craft was hit and sunk, he was wounded. He was seen to drop into the river and was last seen swimming towards the enemy side of the river.

2. In view of the foregoing facts and circumstances, together with the fact that no report has been received by the War Department during the twelve months which have elapsed since these persons became missing in action indicating that they are alive, it is concluded that they may not "reasonably be presumed to be living" within the meaning of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act.

III. - RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that findings of death be made under the provisions of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act, in the cases of the persons named

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in Part I, paragraph 1, above, and that these findings show the presumed date of death, in each case, to be 11 September 1945.

/i/ J F P
Investigator

/i/ R C S
Captain, AGD

CONCURRED IN:

APPROVED:

/i/ J T B
/t/ JOHN T. BURNS
Lieutenant Colonel, AGD
Officer in Charge
Status Review and
Determination Section.

/i/ G F H
/t/ GEORGE F. HERBERT
Colonel, AGD
Chief, Casualty Branch

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Ref. Zalac, Michael, Sgt, 36,813,035, KIA 10 Sept 44
Co "C", 204th Engineer Combat Battalion

AFTER ACTION REPORT

204TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

On 10 September, 1944, Company "C", 204th Engineer Combat Battalion, attached to 160th Engineer Combat Battalion, ferried supplies across the Moselle River at Dornot, U 7752, France to elements of 11th Regiment Combat Team, under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire. There were a number of casualties in the company. On 11 Sep 44 Co C was relieved from attachment to 160th Engineer Combat Bn at 1100 and returned to Bn bivouac.

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CASUALTY CLEARANCE PLAN

HEADQUARTERS 204 ENGINEER COMBAT BN.
(Organization)

29 August 1945.
(Date)

Name Zalac, Michael J. Jr.
(Last) (First) (Initial)

Rank: Sgt ASN: 36813035 Organization: Co. C, 204 Engr. C. Bn.

Casualty Status: MIA Date: 10 Sep 44 BCR: No. 4

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Height: 5' 8" Weight: 175 lbs Age: 23

Complexion: Rud dy Hair: Brown Eyes: Unknown

Shoe Size: Unknown Pants Size: Unknown Shirt Size: Unknown

Scars, Tattoos, Birthmarks, Etc.: None Known

C. Casualties occurring on water

- (1) Type of craft - M-2 Assault Boat.
- (2) Detailed description of casualty and cause of loss - EM was hit by enemy small arms fire and fell from assault boat into the Moselle River.
- (3) Casualty occurred on the Moselle River at Dornot, France U7752

Map scale 1:100,000

(4) Names, status and position of occupants - Pfc John W. Wimberger, 32829462, Pvt Richard Zehe, 32829166, Pvt Joseph A. DiDonato, 32860674 and Pvt Peter P. Ioli, 32860406 were other occupants of boat. Sgt Zalac was in rear of boat in charge of crew. Pvt Ioli was in the front end of the boat. Other men were along either side paddling the boat.

(a) Three men survived but are not available for interview due to transfer under Redeployment system. However it is the opinion of all men present on the operation that Sgt. Zalac was killed or drowned because a thorough search of friendly shore failed to reveal any trace of him.

(5) Description of natural elements.

(a) Temperature - between 50 and 60 degrees - cool enough for wearing field jacket. Water was calm, smooth and flowing at about two miles per hour.

(b) Incident occurred during darkness.

(6) Incumbrances carried by casualty.

(a) Sgt Zalac was wearing OD trousers and shirt, service shoes, steel helmet, field jacket and cartridge belt.

(7) Sgt Zalac was known to be a good swimmer.

(8) Proximity of enemy forces. Enemy forces were located on far shore of stream approximately 100 yards downstream and were in control of both sides of stream less than 500 yards downstream.

(a) Size of enemy force unknown. Believed to have been SS Officer Candidates from Artillery School in Metz.

(b) It was very possible for the enemy to have rescued or captured Sgt Zalac since the area was soon abandoned by our forces.

(9) A thorough search of the friendly shore was made by members of Sgt Zalac's platoon. Two (2) distinct cries for help were heard but no trace of missing man was found.

(a) It was impossible to use boats in rescue or search operations because of intense enemy automatic weapons fire.

(10) Personal opinion, and basis therefor, as to fate of subject individual, by eyewitness and other persons having pertinent knowledge. - All persons in this organization having any personal knowledge of the incident are of the opinion that Sgt Zalac was either killed by enemy fire or so badly wounded that he drowned.

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CASUALTY CLEARANCE PLAN

HEADQUARTERS 204 ENGINEER COMBAT BN.
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Irvin Redman
IRVIN REDMAN
1st., Lt. CE

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CONCLUSION: (Include presumption of death or of survival)

Due to the peculiar circumstances wherein the immediate downstream area, on both sides of the river, was strongly held by the enemy for the subsequent two to three months, it is impossible from our viewpoint to draw a conclusive opinion of death. However, since it is now over 8 months after that area was liberated, and no trace of this man has been uncovered, it may reasonably be concluded that the man died in action on September 10, 1944.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Recommend casualty report be changed to "KIA 10 September 1944"
2. Recommend occupying forces of Metz be instructed to make extensive search of area in vicinity of the Moselle River from Metz upstream to Dornot, France, where the action occurred, for evidence of burial.

/s/ Walter J. Peters
/t/ WALTER J. PETERS
Lt. Col., C.E.

Inclosures:

Walter J. Peters
1st Lt., Lt. Col.
INVADED AREA

MEM. DIV. CQMG
JUN 26 1950

I certify that Sergeant *John J. Zales, Jr.*, ASN 36813035 was crossing the Moselle River in an assault boat just east of the town of Dornot, France at approximately 0230, 10 September 1944. He and four other enlisted men were crossing the river with supplies for soldiers on the enemy side of the river. Intense small arms fire and shell fire was present. The craft was hit and sunk. Sergeant Zales was last seen just prior to the sinking of the craft.

AGPC-S 201 Zalac, Michael J., Jr.
(11 Sep 45) 36,813,035

11 September 1945

Mrs. Audrey A. Zalac
2517 North 55th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Zalac:

Since your husband, Sergeant Michael J. Zalac, Junior, 36,813,035, Corps of Engineers, was reported missing in action 10 September 1944, the War Department has entertained the hope that he survived and that information would be revealed dispelling the uncertainty surrounding his absence. However, as in many cases, the conditions of warfare deny us such information. The record concerning your husband shows that he became missing in action about 2:30 A.M., 10 September 1944, a short distance east of Dornot, France, when the assault boat, in which he was transporting supplies across the Moselle River, was shelled by enemy gunfire and sunk.

Full consideration has recently been given to all available information bearing on the absence of your husband, including all records, reports and circumstances. These have been carefully reviewed and considered. In view of the fact that twelve months have now expired without the receipt of evidence to support a continued presumption of survival, the War Department must terminate such absence by a presumptive finding of death. Accordingly, an official finding of death has been recorded under the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, approved March 7, 1942, as amended.

The finding does not establish an actual or probable date of death; however, as required by law, it includes a presumptive date of death for the termination of pay and allowances, settlement of accounts and payment of death gratuities. In the case of your husband this date has been set as 11 September 1945 the day following the expiration of twelve months' absence.

I regret the necessity for this message but trust that the ending of a long period of uncertainty may give at least some small measure of consolation. I hope you may find sustaining comfort in the thought that the uncertainty with which war has surrounded the absence of your husband has enhanced the honor of his service to his country and of his sacrifice.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin W. Southerland
Capt., A.G.D.

EDWARD F. WITSELL

Major General

Acting The Adjutant General of the Army

1 Incl. **REMITTANCE**
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FILE CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
Status Review and
Determination Section
Casualty Branch

21 SEPT. 1945

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AG 704 AGC 1st Ind. EMR/sr
Hq, U.S. Forces, European Theater (Rear), APO 887, U.S. Army

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

1. The status of Sgt Michael J. Zalac, Jr, 36813035, is changed from Missing in Action, 10 September 44, to Killed in Action, 10 September 44, included in "U" Project of Casualty Shipment this date. Determination is made under the provisions of paragraph 5a and c War Department Cir 2 1945, and in compliance with War Department Letter AGPC-E-A 704 (29 June 45) Subject: "European Casualty Clearance Plan", 12 July 1945.

2. The information contained in basic communication that Sgt Zalac was hit by enemy small arms fire and fell into the Moselle River, that a search was made along friendly shores without results is considered reasonably conclusive evidence to affect the change to a deceased status.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

H.M. RUND
Colonel AGD
Asst. Adjutant General

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AG 201 Zalac, Michael J., Jr.
PC-O EFO 264

1 October 1945

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Mrs. Audrey A. Zalac
2517 North 55th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Zalac:

I am writing you relative to my previous letter in which you were regretfully informed that a Finding of Death has been made in the case of your husband, Sergeant Michael J. Zalac, Jr., 36,813,035, Corps of Engineers, and that the presumptive date of his death had been established.

An official report has now been received which states that he was killed in action in France on 10 September 1944.

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, 7 March 1942 as amended, official reports will now be issued by the War Department which will indicate the actual date of his death as that shown above. The issuance of this official report of death will not affect any payment or settlement of accounts which has been made on the basis of the Finding of Death.

My continued sympathy is with you in the great loss you have sustained.

Sincerely yours,

E. F. Witsell

L. E. H. ...

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General of the Army



Inclosure
WD Pamphlet No. 20-15

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

—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

1945 SEP 25
 09 48
 Letter
 DATE TELEGRAM SENT
 1 Oct 45

AG 201	NAME	GRADE	DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED
	Mrs. Audrey A. Zalac, 2517 North 55th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin		Letter DATE TELEGRAM SENT 1 Oct 45

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RELATIONSHIP

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
SGT	ZALAC MICHAEL J JR	36813035	CE	ETO		264

TYPE OF CASUALTY	PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			CASUALTY CODE
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
KILLED IN ACTION	IN FRANCE	10	SEP	44	19



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ACTION BY COMPOSITE SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED FORM 43 _____ AG 201 REQ. _____

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED _____ OR CHARGED TO _____ DATE _____

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FILE NO. _____ MESSAGE NO. _____ TYPE MIA DATE AND AREA TO 25 Sept 45 E. A. NOTIFIED 11 Sept 45

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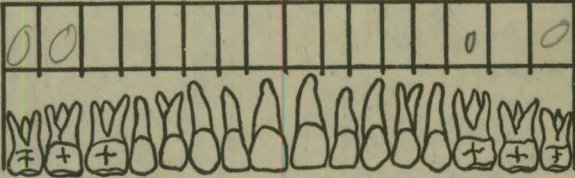
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***REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY**

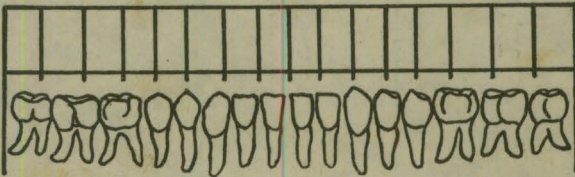
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Right Left
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LOWER TEETH

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



CLASS II

Occlusion I; Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy
 Periodontoclasia none
 Dental foci suspected: Yes No
 Other conditions none

Date 10/13, 1943
AB Constantine
 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)

○	X	○
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REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

Dental Clinic #1,
Fort Devens, Mass.

(1) SURNAME Zalac		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME Michael	
(3) RANK Cpl.	(4) COMPANY C	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS 204th Engrs.	
(6) AGE, YEARS 22	(7) RACE W	(8) NATIVITY Wisc.	(9) SERVICE, YEARS 7/12

(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS
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C R8 - O	" A	
C R7 - O	" A(2)	Cl.II-IV ECM

Dental Corps, U. S. A.

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(Revised Feb. 24, 1941)

F. C. ...
1st Col.

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REPORT OF DENTAL SURVEY

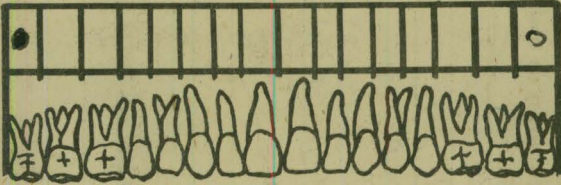
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UPPER TEETH

Right

Left

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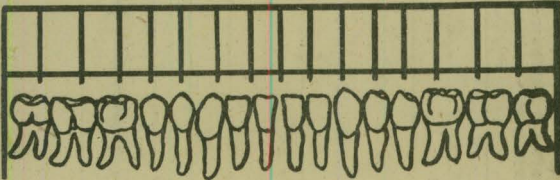


LOWER TEETH

Right

Left

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16



CLASS II

Occlusion I : Calculus: Slight, Medium, Heavy

Periodontoclasia NONE

Dental foci suspected: Yes No

Other conditions GING. CHRONIC Moderate

Tonsillitis

ANT. Cross-Bite

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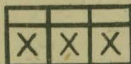
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William G. DeForest

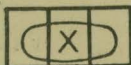
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Teeth replaced by denture (horizontal line)



Teeth replaced by fixed bridge (oval to include abutments)



REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

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347th Station Hospital (1) SURNAME (2) CHRISTIAN NAME APO 647

Zalac, Michael J. 36813035

(3) RANK (4) COMPANY (5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS
Sgt. 204th. Eng.C. Co. (230)

(6) AGE YEARS (7) RACE (8) NATIVITY (9) SERVICE, YEARS
21 W Wis. 1

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E. H. Gordon

Dental Corps, U.S.A.

204 ENGR. COMBAT ISN.

KIA-10 Sep. '44
NR. DORNOT, FRANCE

NAME: ZALAC, MICHAEL J., JR. ASN: 368/3035 RANK: SGT.

PHYSICAL AT TIME OF INDUCTION: DATE 23 MAR. '43

RACE: WHITE

RELIGION: R. Catholic

BORN: 22 MARCH 1921

PLACE: WEST Allis, Wisc.

No SCARS OR FRACTURES SHOWN.

WEIGHT: 142 #

HEIGHT: 5'6 1/2"

EYES: BROWN

HAIR: BROWN

COMPLEXION: RUDDY

SHOE SIZE: 9 1/2 C

DENTAL 23 MAR. '43

Right

Left

Upper

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Lower

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

No TEETH SHOWN AS MISSING OR CARIOUS

Geeth: Indicate restorable carious teeth by circling; nonrestorable carious teeth by /; missing natural teeth by X.

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IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE
Zalac Michael J. Jr.			36 813035		Sgt.
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE	DATE OF DEATH
5' 6 1/2"	142	Brown	Brown	9 1/2 C	11 Sept '45

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)
Co "C" 204 Eng C Bn

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
MIA when the assault boat in which he was transporting supplies across the Moselle River was shelled by enemy fire & sunk 10 Sept 45. Presumed dead 11 Sept '45

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

STATION	FROM	DATES	TO
Ft Sheridan Ill.		Apr '43	
Ft Stevens Mass.		Apr '43	

FROM: W.D. AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH
NO RECORDS IN FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS
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DENTAL CHART 23 Mar '43

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
UPPER RIGHT								UPPER LEFT							
all None															
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
LOWER RIGHT								LOWER LEFT							

X - EXTRACTED O - CARIOUS / - CARIOUS NON-RESTORABLE

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

FRANCE

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) **ZALAC, MICHAEL J. JR.** GRADE **SGT.** PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER **368 13035**

ORGANIZATION **Co. C, 204 ENGR. COMP. BN** RACE **WHITE** CREED **CATHOLIC** FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA **10-SEPT-44** CAUSE OF DEATH **K.I.A.** PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA **BOAT WAS SUNK IN MOSELLE RIVER, FR.**

DATE OF FOD HEIGHT **5'6 1/2"** WEIGHT **142 lbs** COLOR EYES **BROWN** COLOR HAIR **BROWN** SHOE SIZE **9 1/2 - C**

DENTAL CHART 23-MAR-43

UPPER RIGHT 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9	LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

ALL TEETH PRESENT

X = Extracted O = Carious 1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FILE
MAY 27 1948
E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., OMC
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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

SEP 25 1945

AG 201	NAME ZALAZ MICHAEL J JR ASN 36 813 035	GRADE SGT	DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED 6
NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. A.	Mrs. Audrey A. Zalac, 2517 North 55th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin		Letter DATE SENT 1 Oct 45

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

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
SGT	ZALAC MICHAEL J JR	36813035	CE	ETO		264
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY		CASUALTY CODE
KILLED IN ACTION		IN FRANCE		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
				10	SEP	44
						19

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x299 Zalaz, Michael J Jr.

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

DATE 8 Oct 45 pmr 3709

REPORT OF DEATH

FULL NAME ZALAC, Michael J., Jr.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 36 813 035	GRADE Sgt.
HOME ADDRESS West Allis, Wisconsin		ARM OR SERVICE Corps of Engrs	DATE OF BIRTH 22 Mar 1921
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed In Action		DATE OF DEATH 10 Sep 44
STATION OF DECEASED European Area	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 30 Mar 43		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Mrs. Audrey A. Zalac, wife, 2517 North 55th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin			
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) Mrs. Audrey Zalac, wife, address shown above. Mrs. Antonia Zalac, mother, 5834 West Washington St., West Allis, Wisconsin.			
INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	
YES	NO	YES	NO
IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)	
YES	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTLE		<input type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE	
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT			

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

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ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

WAR DEPARTMENT

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

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 Sergeant Michael J. Zalac, Junior, Army Serial Number 36,813,035, Corps of Engineers, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 10th day of September 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 11th day of September, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Henkert
ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA	European	FLYING STATUS	No	JUMP STATUS	No	LINE OF DUTY	Yes	OWN MIS-CONDUCT	No	ON DUTY STATUS	Yes	ABSENCE AUTH'D.	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS	None												
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)										
22 Mar 1921	West Allis, Wisconsin	30 Mar 1943	YEARS	MONTH	DAYS								
			Under	Three	Years								

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Audrey A. Zalac	Wife	2517 North 55th Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin

BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Audrey Zalac	Wife	2517 North 55th Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin
NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Antonia Zalac	Mother	5834 West Washington Street West Allis, Wisconsin

REMARKS

	Distribution <u>56</u>
Circumstances of Disappearance: Soldier failed to rejoin his company following an attempt to cross the Moselle River in the face of intense enemy gunfire. The craft in which he was crossing was hit by enemy gunfire and sunk. Soldier was last seen immediately prior to the sinking of the craft.	
	18 SEP 1945 <i>Zick 26</i>

Declassified in accordance with E.O. 13526

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

239659
DATE 8 Oct 45 pmc 3709

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INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	
YES	NO	YES	NO
IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)	
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ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

239659

—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME ZALAC MICHAEL J JR	SERIAL NUMBER 36813035	GRADE SGT	ARM OR SERVICE OE	REPORTING THEATRE ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY FRANCE 9	DATE OF CASUALTY DAY MONTH YEAR 10 SEPT 44	FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY MIA	SHIPMENT NUMBER 192

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 TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS 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 MRS AUDREY A ZALAC	RELATIONSHIP WIFE	DATE NOTIFIED 20 Sept 44 GMT
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE 2517 NORTH 55TH STREET MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN		

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ACCT. AREA	CASUALTY STATUS	ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.	LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA	CREW POS.	RESIDENCE		COMP	RACE											
		DAY	MO.	YR.		DAY	MO.	YR.			STATE	COUNTY													
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Form prescribed by
Comptroller General, U.S.
7 October 1944

WAR DEPARTMENT

4042

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

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 Sergeant Michael J. Zalac, Junior, Army Serial Number 36,813,035, Corps of Engineers, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 10th day of September 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 11th day of September, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Henk
ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA	European	FLYING STATUS	No	JUMP STATUS	No	LINE OF DUTY	Yes	OWN MIS-CONDUCT	No	ON DUTY STATUS	Yes	ABSENCE AUTH'D	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS	None												
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)										
22 Mar 1921	West Allis, Wisconsin	30 Mar 1943	YEARS	MONTH	DAYS								
			Under	Three	Years								

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Audrey A. Zalac	Wife	2517 North 55th Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin

BENEFICIARIES

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Audrey Zalac	Wife	2517 North 55th Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin
NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Mrs. Antonia Zalac	Mother	5834 West Washington Street West Allis, Wisconsin

REMARKS

Distribution 56

Circumstances of Disappearance: Soldier failed to rejoin his company following an attempt to cross the Moselle River in the face of intense enemy gunfire. The craft in which he was crossing was hit by enemy gunfire and sunk. Soldier was last seen immediately prior to the sinking of the craft.

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

(S-8-27-45)
GHG:MH:mch
June 27, 1945

In Reply Refer To: 239659

Mrs. Audrey A. Zalac
2517 North 55th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

*file
up*

Dear Mrs. Zalac:

The Army Effects Bureau is forwarding to you the following personal property, recently received here, belonging to your husband, Sergeant Michael J. Zalac, Jr.:

1 Carton and contents

My action in transmitting the property does not, of itself, vest title in you. The items are forwarded in order that you may act as gratuitous bailee in caring for them pending the return of the owner, who has been reported missing in action. In the event he later is reported a casualty, and I sincerely hope he never is, it will be necessary that the property be turned over to the person or persons legally entitled to receive it.

When delivery has been made, I shall appreciate your acknowledging receipt by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below, and returning it to this Bureau. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my hope for the safe return of your husband.

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB
1st Lt. Q.M.C.
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Unit

Incl--
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

Mrs. Audrey Zalac
(Signature of Bailee)

July 7, 1945
(Date)

Eff. QM Form 205 (11 Apr 45)

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Audrey A. Zalac
2517 North 55th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Effects of:
Name Sgt. Michael J. Zalac, Jr.

ASN 36813035

Case No. 239659 M

Wt.

DATE 27 June 1945
GHC:MH:mch

Margaret Hill
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

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

 Remove G.I.
 Note discrepancy in
 Films removed
 Diary removed
 Laundry removed

ROUTING:

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

John

REMARKS:

Franked
Est. Exp. Chgs.
Est. Frt. Chgs.
No. of packages 1

FRANKED JUL 4 1945

me
Shipping Clerk

JUN 22 1945

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION #1 ctn	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY		DECEASED	
			MISSING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		239659 <i>HC</i>	P.O.W.	
			ABANDONED	
			TALLY NO.	7897
			INV. DATE	22 June 45
			ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	1
NAME MICHAEL J. ZALAC			BOX NO.	?
A.S.N. 36813035 RANK Sgt.			SHEET OF	1 SHEETS
			ORGANIZATION	CO. C 204 Engr. C.B.N.

Belt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS</u>	<u>WINGS</u>
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CLOTHING	BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL
Cloth, wash		BRACELET IDENT.	BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)
Coats		Brushes	Case
Footwear, Pr.		<u>CAMERAS</u>	Footlocker
Gloves, Pr.		Glasses	KIT, SW, TLT, OR WRITING
Handkerchiefs		Knives	<u>BOOKS</u>
Headwear		Lighters	Books, Address
Jackets			Books, Pilot Log
Overcoats		Pen, Fountain	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)
Scarfs		Pencil, Mechanical	<u>FILMS</u>
Shirts		Pipes	Letters
Socks, Pr.		<u>RELIGIOUS ARTICLES</u>	Papers, Personal
Ties		<u>RIBBONS, DECORATION</u>	Photos
Towels		Rings	Shoe Shine Articles
Trousers, Pr.		Tobacco	<u>SHORT SNORTER</u>
Trunks, Pr.		Toilet Articles	<u>SOUVENIRS</u>
Underwear		<u>WATCH</u>	<u>SOUVENIR MONEY</u>
			Stationery
			<u>TESTAMENTS</u>
			<u>U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)</u>

*File
Wls*

REMARKS	ATTACHMENTS-	FORM #54	FORM #100
<i>no information Rechecked.</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C.A.T.	<i>over MC</i>	<i>1 Inventory</i>	
WAREHOUSE SPACE	STORED BY	WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED
2569	<i>[Signature]</i>		SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
INVENTORIED BY	DATE SHIPPED		IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
<i>L Palmers</i>	JUL 4 1945		DIARY REMOVED
PACKED BY	CHECKED BY		LOCKED STORAGE
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>		LAUNDRY REMOVED
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #43 OR ADDITIONAL	FILM REMOVED

m13

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

*Shaving Kit torn of no value
removed. MC*

SHORTAGES

U.S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

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

NAME ZALAC, MICHAEL 3035

BAY

PALLET

BOX

TALLY

68

74

7897

TYPE OF PKG.

WHSE. SPACE

INVENTORIED

CTN

RESTRICTED

ANNEX A

13 September 1944
Date

*File
his*

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

ZALAC, Jr. MICHAEL, J. SERGEANT 36813035
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO _____
U.S. Army

The above named individual of Company "C"
(Unit)

304th Base C In. was reported Missing in Action
(Organization) (Status-Killed, MIA,

Hospitalized, etc.) about 10 September 1944
(Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible Mrs. Audrey

Zalac, 5834 W. Washington St., West Allis, Wis.

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

Money belt (empty), Sewing kit, swimming trunks, 2 decks-playing cards, mirror, song book, bottle hand lotion, jar shaving cream, can foot powder, shaving kit, Red Cross bag, and razor.

John Bell
1st Lt., USA
Commanding.

RESTRICTED