



INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

**MATUSZAK, THADDEUS S.
36214574
FRANCE HORSESHOE WOODS**

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NAME MATUSZAK, Thaddeus S.	GRADE Sgt	SERIAL NO. 36 214 574
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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

MATUSZAK, THADDEUS S

RANK

SERIAL NUMBER

SGT

36214574

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

AREA OF DEATH

11 SEPT 45

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

DATE

M. COX 20 MAR 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

DATE

THOMAS 20 MAR 51

REMARKS

NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS REEXAMINATION OF RECORDS

AREA OF DEATH European, vicinity of Moselle, France	CASE NUMBER 15158
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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>293</i> Matuszak, Thaddeus S.	RANK Sgt	SERIAL NUMBER 36 214 574
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IN THE COURSE OF THIS REEXAMINATION IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH WERE SUCH THAT: (Check appropriate box)

- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECOVERED
- THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT COULD HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. HOWEVER, AFTER REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT EVIDENCE DOES NOT EXIST TO CONTRADICT A FINDING OF NON-RECOVERABILITY:

	INITIALS OF ANALYST
1. 293 FILE OF DECEDENT	<i>E.M.</i>
2. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNNS RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA, COMPARED WITH DECEDENT	<i>E.M.</i>
3. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	

REMARKS

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 FILE
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RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED	DATE
NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>E. Miller</i>	CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>[Signature]</i>	

**NON-RECOVERABLE CASE
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

NUMBER 15158 (1)

AREA OR ZONE(S)

European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Matuszak, Thaddeus S.

RANK

Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER

36 214 574

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)	VAT	2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & OF REMAINS	VAT
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	VAT	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	VAT	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	VAT
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	None		

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:

MIA on 10 September 1944 in the vicinity of Moselle, France

**NAN
File**

MAR 9 1951

[Signature]

NAME OF CASE ANALYST

Vincent A. Thomas
Vincent A. Thomas/cwt

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO

Identification Branch

FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPROVED

DATE

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

[Signature]
W. A. WOLF

CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION

[Signature]
MARY A. EDWARDS, 1/Lt QMC

CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

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THOMAS E. COA, Capt QMC

March 51

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HEADQUARTERS
887 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.

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

A TRUE COPY:

Robert G. Lay

ROBERT G. LAY
Maj QMC

PLACE OF DEATH
Moselle, France

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.	l/Lt	01 318 765	10 Sep 44
Deneen, Jerome C.	Pfc	36 227 925	8 Sep 44
Eaton, James A.	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 H.	Pfc	31 301 636	1 Jan 45
Hayslett, Clinton F.	T/5	15 056 320	24 Nov 44
Hill, Edgar	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, Ervan W.	Pfc	35 896 040	10 Nov 44
Johnson, Rodgers E.	Pvt	34 875 393	18 Sep 44
Keeley, Thomas F.	Pfc	33 592 142	10 Nov 44
Kiger, Earl	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
Lelopa, 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

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
Fruitt, 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	3 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, Goner (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	01 287 633	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.

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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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.

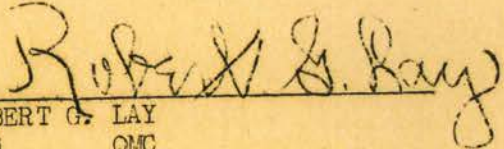
Reference is also made to: Report of Field Investigation, dated 10 July 1950: Attached.

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.

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

15 November 1950

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 139)

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4. PAC, Ltr., WD-AGO-S 293.9, dtd 9 Apr 47, Subject: Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, and par 118 b, SR 830-110-5, DA, dtd 2 Mar 49, a Board of 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. MULVANY, O 359 598, QMC., President
MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND, O 1 576 321, QMC.,
MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., O 1 289 071, INF/QMC.,
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.,

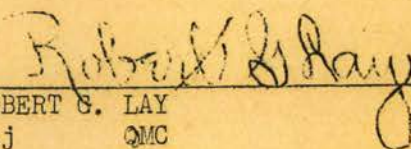
BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

A TRUE COPY:


ROBERT S. LAY
Maj QMC

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AG 704 Dead (23 May 50)

WLN/10662a/gvg/10272

23 May 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance
of Personnel Presumed Dead

1. The following named persons Infantry, members of Company F and Company K, 11th Infantry Regiment were reported missing in action, not in flying or jump status, in France on 10 September 1944 by ETO Shipment Number 201 and presumed dead as of 11 September 1945 under the provisions of Section 5 Missing Persons Act (SR&D Case Number 4042):

Wright, James E.	1st Lt	0402766
Spear, Harold H.	T Sgt	36103576
Matuszak, Thaddeus S.	Sgt	36214574
Williams, James L.	Pfc	36568028
Ruffolo, Bennie	Pvt	36214242

2. A "Missing Report", dated 23 September 1944, signed by Captain K.C. Doty, Personnel Officer 11th Infantry filed in Technical Sergeant Spear's Casualty Section file shows that he was a member of Company F, 11th Infantry and was reported missing in action on 10 September 1944. The pertinent part of the report is quoted:

"Mission: To establish bridgehead across the Moselle River.

"Point of Departure: Dornot, France." Date 8 September 1944

"Intended Destination: St. St. Blaise

"Last Known Whereabouts: Company C. P. the night of 10 September 1944.

"Brief Resume of Circumstances Surrounding Disappearance: This man was last seen at Company C. P. the night of 10 September 1944 just before withdrawal from bridgehead.

"Remarks: A search of the area was made after the withdrawal from the bridgehead but T/Sgt Spear could not be found. A check was made with the aid station to see if T/Sgt Spear had been evacuated but they had no record of having evacuated T/Sgt Spear."

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a. The records indicate that First Lieutenant James E. Wright, also a member of Company F, 11th Infantry, was reported missing under the same circumstances as Sergeant Spear, although his files do not contain a "Missing Report."

b. Filed in the respective AG 201 files of Sergeant Matuszak and Private First Class Williams are "Missing Reports," dated 1 October 1944, signed by Captain K.C. Doty, Personnel Officer 11th Infantry. The "Missing Reports" are the same in essential detail in each case. The report concerning Sergeant Thaddeus S. Matuszak reads in pertinent part:

"Org: Co 'K', 11th Infantry

"Mission: Duty w/Co. in defense of bridgehead.

"Point of Departure: Bridgehead Ebb Moselle River
3/4 Mi from Dornot, France.

"Intended Destination: On the East bank of the River,
to recross to the West Bank, With the
Company.

"Last Known Whereabouts: on the east bank of the River.

"Brief Resume of Circumstances Surrounding Disappearance:
Company withdrawing across river from bridgehead at
night under enemy fire with scarcity of boats, many of the
men swam the river.

"Statement of Witnesses, If Any: Last seen at dark on the
night of withdrawal. At that time he was in good
health and had not been wounded.

"Remarks: Search of records of aid stations failed to
reveal his evacuation as wounded. Records of
other organizations do not show that he turned in any-
where. No physical check of the ground has been
possible."

c. Filed in the AG 201 file of Bennie Ruffolo is a first indorsement, dated 10 February 1945, from Headquarters, 11th Infantry, signed by Captain K.C. Doty, 11th Infantry Personnel Officer to the Commanding General, 5th Infantry

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Division, which contains the following pertinent information surrounding the disappearance of this enlisted man:

"c. Private Bennie Ruffolo, Company 'K', 11th Infantry, was last seen after dark on the night of 10 September 1944 on the east bank of the Moselle River, at a point about three quarters of a mile east of the village of Dornot, France. Under constant enemy artillery and small arms fire, the temporary bridgehead established on the east bank of the river became untenable and under cover of darkness, units of our forces were disengaging and withdrawing to the east (sic) bank of the Moselle. Because of the scarcity of boats and the fierce artillery barrage raking the riverbank, a number of men attempted to swim the river. When last seen Private Ruffolo was in good health and had not been wounded. A search of records of aid stations treating casualties failed to reveal his evacuation as wounded. No physical check of the ground was possible."

3. The captured German records contain no information relative to the subject persons, nor do the records of the Memorial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General contain any burial information, at the present, on them.

4. The subject persons were members of Companies F and K, 11th Infantry Regiment which departed Dornot, France on 8 September 1944 to establish a bridgehead across the Moselle River, on the east bank about three quarters of a mile east Dornot, France. The 11th Infantry was under constant enemy artillery and small arms fire, and their positions becoming untenable they were ordered to withdraw to the west bank of the Moselle River, under the cover of darkness, on the night of 10 September 1944. The records indicate that some of the men had to swim the river due to a scarcity of boats although there is no available record of any of the subject persons having attempted to swim the river. The subject persons were last seen on the east bank of the river just prior to the evacuation to the west bank. When the organizations were mustered on the morning of 11 September 1944 they were missing. The captured German records contain no information pertaining to the subject persons. Nothing has been seen or heard of them since.

5. It is, therefore, concluded that the information of record in the Department of the Army, at this time, does not conclusively establish the place, date and fact of death pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the

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Missing Persons Act and the issuance of an official report of death is not warranted.

Walter L. Nalls
Walter L. Nalls
Investigator

CONCUR:

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

Copy for:

OQMG, Mem. Div.
AG 201 file of each person named
in paragraph 1.

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Mattew K. Haddense</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>36 214 574</i>	GRADE <i>Lgt.</i>
HEIGHT <i>5' 8"</i>	WEIGHT <i>170</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Brown</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>10 D</i>
DATE OF DEATH <i>11 Sept. 45</i>				

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)
Co "K" 11th INF.

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
France

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

STATION	DATES
<i>Ft. Sheridan, Ill.</i>	<i>Jan. 42</i>
<i>Ft. Custer Mich</i>	<i>Mar. 42</i>

FROM: V.O. AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS <i>none shown</i>	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS <i>none shown</i>
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DENTAL CHART *15 Jan. 42*

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

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

GRADE

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

Matuszak, Thaddeus S.

S9T

36214574

ORGANIZATION

RACE

CREED

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)

INF CO "K" 11th INF
5th INF Div.

White

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

CAUSE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

SEPT 10 1945

Fod

France

DATE OF FOD

SEPT 11 1945

HEIGHT

WEIGHT

COLOR EYES

COLOR HAIR

SHOE SIZE

5'8"

170

Brown

Brown

10D

DENTAL CHART

UPPER RIGHT

UPPER LEFT

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

LOWER RIGHT

LOWER LEFT

16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9

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X=Extracted

O=Carious

1=Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

None shown

None shown.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FILE

MAY 24 1948

E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., QM3
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

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

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Herbert
ADJUTANT GENERAL
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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA	FLIGHT STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN MIS-CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTH'D
European	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS	None					
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
8 May 1913	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	14 Jan 1942	YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
			Over	Three	Years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME MATUSZAK THADDEUS S	SERIAL NUMBER 36 214 574	GRADE PTG	ARM OR SERVICE INF	REPORTING THEATRE ETO		
PLACE OF CASUALTY FRANCE 9	DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT V	TYPE OF CASUALTY MIA	SHIPMENT NUMBER 201
	DAY 10	MONTH SEP	YEAR 44			

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 HEDWIG MATUSZAK	RELATIONSHIP MOTHER	DATE NOTIFIED 1 October 1944.
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE 1833 SOUTH 18TH STREET MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN		

REMARKS:

CORRECTED COPY

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ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED _____ FORM 43 _____ AG 201 REC _____									
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED _____ OR CHARGED TO _____					DATE _____				
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO _____ YES _____ (AS INDICATED BELOW):									
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THIS SPACE FOR USE OF MACHINE RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O.

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

(S-12-12-45)
RTB:LK:rs
November 9, 1945

In Reply Refer To: 255441

Mrs. Hedwig Matuszak
1833 South 18th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Matuszak:

Reference is made to our letter dated August 28, 1945, reporting shipment of the personal property belonging to your son, **Sergeant Thaddeus S. Matuszak.**

If you have received this property, I will appreciate your acknowledging delivery in accordance with the above mentioned letter. Should that communication have been misplaced, you may acknowledge receipt by signing in the space provided below and returning one copy of this communication to the Army Effects Bureau.

In the event the property has not been received, please so advise, and tracer action will be instituted by this Bureau.

Although I prefer to have your acknowledgment, unless we hear from you within a month from this date, I shall assume that satisfactory delivery was made and that no further action on our part is necessary.

For your convenience in replying, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Yours very truly,

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

Full
Received some money, 15 cents, foreign money
some papers, medals, pins.

Witnessed by
Joseph V. Galusky
Marie V. Galusky
Incl--Envelope

Hedwig + Matuszak

(Signature)

(Date)

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Hedwig Matuszak
1833 South 18th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Effects of:
Name

ASN

PFC Thaddeus S. Matuszak

Case No.

36214574

Wt.

2554.1 M

DATE 28 August 1945
RTB:EL:mf

file
Larsen
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

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

Remove G.I.
 Note discrepancy in Rank and Name
 Films removed
 Diary Removed
 Laundry removed

ROUTING:

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

REMARKS:

Franked *SEP 6 1945*
Est. Exp. Chgs. _____
Est. Frt. Chgs. _____
No. of packages 1

mt
Shipping Clerk

8341

(6-21-45)
August 23, 1945

Mrs. Hedwig Matuzak:
1833 South 10th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Matuzak:

son, Private First Class Theodous S. Matuzak:

1 package and contents

ccn.

Yours truly,

P. L. MOSE
1st Lt., OMC
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Branch

1
205

Handwritten signature

255,441 PR

ATTACHMENTS		EFFECTS INVENTORY ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU	STATUS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INBOUND INVENTORY		DECEASED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL		MISSING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		UNKNOWN		

<input type="checkbox"/>	BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL	<input type="checkbox"/>	BELT	<input type="checkbox"/>	OVERCOATS
<input type="checkbox"/>	BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	<input type="checkbox"/>	BOOKS, ADDRESS	<input type="checkbox"/>	PAPERS, PERSONAL
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<input type="checkbox"/>	RIBBONS, DECORATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	GLASSES	<input type="checkbox"/>	SOCKS, PR.
<input type="checkbox"/>	SHORT SNORTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	GLOVES, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/>	STATIONERY
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	KNIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	TROUSERS, PR.
<input type="checkbox"/>	WATCH	<input type="checkbox"/>	LETTERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	TRUNKS, PR.
<input type="checkbox"/>	WINGS	<input type="checkbox"/>	LIGHTERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	UNDERWEAR

CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO <i>none</i>	INFORMATION <i>Mildred Blatter 1715 S. 4th St Milwaukee, Wis</i>
NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS	CROSS REFERENCE

CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	BUREAU CHECK
MONEY ORDER			TRANSMIT ORIGINAL
BOND		SYMBOL	ORIG. REG. MAIL
TRAV. CHECK		AMOUNT	TO G. A. O.
FOREIGN CURRENCY		DATE	MUTILATED
U. S. CURRENCY			TO ISSUING AGENCY
		BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE	
		PAYEE	
		REMITTER OR DRAWER	

*Jela alt
8/25*

TALLY NO. <i>78</i>	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. <i>1</i>	EXAMINING DATE <i>18-Aug-45</i>	BOX NO. <i>10</i>	SHEET <i>1</i>
NAME <i>HADDEUS MATUSZAK</i>		A. S. N. <i>36214574</i>		
ORGANIZATION <i>CO R</i>		RANK <i>1st Sgt</i>	CASE NO.	
WAREHOUSE SPACE <i>1327</i>	EXAMINED BY <i>E. Jackson</i>	DIARY REMOVED		
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <i>#1 phz</i>	PACKED BY <i>Ron YB</i>	PHOTO FILM REMOVED		
WEIGHT	INSPECTED BY <i>RC</i>	MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED		
	STORED BY <i>RC</i>	SHIPPED		
		DATE <i>SEP 6 1945</i>	BY WHOM <i>MA</i>	

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

REMOVALS (other than G.I.)

DAMAGES (List type of damage-extent)

SHORTAGES

1 Birth Certificate

U. S. GOV'T CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

NAME **MATUSZAK, THADDEUS S. SGT 4574**

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
31	5	10	78

TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED
PAPER BAG		

Eff. QM Form 43

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

Erickson

INVENTORY CLERK

Smart

SUPERVISOR

G. I. REMOVED

OFFICE OF THE DIVISION CHIEF, QUARTERMASTER
5TH INFANTRY DIVISION

5 October 1944

Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

MA TUBZAK

THA IDEUS

S. Sgt

36214574

(Last Name)

(First Name)

(MI)

(Rank)

(ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO 350 U.S. Army.

A named individual of Company "K"
(Unit)

11th Infantry

was reported

Missing

(Organization)

States - Killed, MIA,

about

10 September

1944

(Hospitalized, etc.)

(Date)

Designated beneficiary if information readily accessible

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

1 Fountain Pen ✓
8 Souvenir coins ✓
54 Photographs ✓
1 Birth certificate 0

Money in the amount of None has been turned into

(Name of finance officer (symbol number)) Form WDFD 38 enclosed.

Name and addresses of any Banks in which accounts may be carried:

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects, secured by me, or the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the Effects Depot by _____ on 15 October 1944.
(Rail, Truck, etc.)

Andrew J. Heha
no ANDREW J. HEHA

Rank & ASN 1st Lt, Inf 0-411259

Organization Serv Co, 11th Inf

Any additional pertinent information: