

RESTRICTED REBURIAL
REPORT OF BURIAL

425

1 July 1944

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TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

Date

REBURIAL

Torpie William J. Tec 5 11054534
 Last Name First Initial Rank Serial No.
 Unknown 508 Para Inf Regt 82nd A/B Div
 Unit Organization
 France 1 Jul 44 Unknown KIA
 Place of Death Date of Death Cause of Death
 1 July 1944 (Reinterred) Blossville France
 Time and Date of Burial Name of Cemetery Name or Coordinates of Location
 76 4 E Peg
 Grave Number Row Number Plot Number Type of Marker

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

If No Identification Tags
How were remains identified?

DISINTERRED FROM COORD: 301:927

BY SOLDIER'S INDIVIDUAL PAY RECORD

What means of identification were buried with the body?

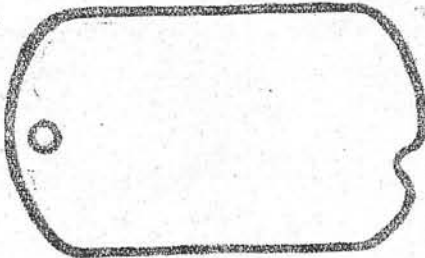
GRS FORM # 1

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

Who is buried on:
 Deceased's Right: Gutman, William, 32538851 Sgt 82nd A/B Div 77
 Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.
 Deceased's Left: Levis, William G. 13127019 Pvt 83rd Div 75
 Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.

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

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



Emergency Addressee Nora Torpie Name
 3 So. Worthington, Roxbury, Massachusetts Address

Religion Unknown

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

REBURIAL

NONE

Previously buried in isolated grave
located at 301-927

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

Dale C. Sherwood
DALE C. SHERWOOD Verified by G.R.S. Officer
1st. Lt., QMC

20 NOV 1944
710

Dec 29

JLJ RPT

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED				DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3508 05044		DATE 15 11 47 DAY MONTH YEAR			
NAME TORPIE WILLIAM J			SERIAL NUMBER 11 054 534		RANK TEC5	ARM 1	DATE OF DEATH		
CEMETERY BLOSVILLE - CARENTAN							1	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 1300 01 CODE DIST. PT.	
PLOT E	ROW 4	GRAVE 76	COUNTRY FRANCE			CAUSE OF DEATH 2			

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE FRANK H. LALLY 496 HARVARD AVENUE BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS				NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN MR. WILLIAM J. TORPIE, SR. (FATHER) 3 SOUTH WORTHINGTON STREET ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS			
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SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME TORPIE William J		SERIAL NUMBER 11054534		RANK TEC 5	DATE OF DEATH Utd		DATE DISTINTERRED 17 Dec 47	
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER	ORGANIZATION USAGF			RELIGION Utd		IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY R.W. GANSEL, 1 Lt OMC		

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL Uniform		CONDITION OF REMAINS Advanced decomposition			
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION None					
MINOR DISCREPANCIES None					

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET					
DATE 20 Jan 48		BY H.A. Gentzel			
CASKET SEALED BY H.A. Gentzel			EMBALMER (Signature) <i>H.A. Gentzel</i>		
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED			SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY JOHN PALYOK JR. 1 Lt FA		

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

John Palyok Jr.
JOHN PALYOK JR. 1 Lt FA
SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

SECOND OF COPY...

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED

FROM USMC Blossville		TO Casketing Point A - Cherbourg	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Truck		NAME OF CONVOYER Pfc Fred R. Rosendahl	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>Harry F. Rosen</i>	DATE 19 Jan 48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>E. N. Clampo</i>	DATE 19 Jan 48
HARRY F. ROSEN, 1 Lt OMC		E. N. CLAMPO, 1 Lt FA	

2. SHIPPED

FROM Casketing Point A - Cherbourg		TO Port Unit Cherbourg	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Truck		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>E. N. Clampo</i>	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>John E. Hendry Jr.</i>	DATE
E. N. CLAMPO, 1 Lt FA		JOHN E. HENDRY JR, Maj CAC	

3. SHIPPED

FROM PORT UNIT CHERBOURG		TO NYPOE	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE USAT MC CARLEY		NAME OF CONVOYER ROBERT V. SCHNEIDER 1st Lt. TC.	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>John E. Hendry Jr.</i>	DATE 10 March 1948	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>Robert V. Schneider</i>	DATE 10 March 1948
JOHN E. HENDRY JR, MAJOR, CAC			

4. SHIPPED

FROM		TO NYPE	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>R. McConnell</i>	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>for James B. McKinnon</i>	DATE
R. McCONNELL		JAMES B. MCKINNON APR 5 1948	

5. SHIPPED

FROM NYPE		TO DC #01	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE BOOKLINE MASSACHUSETTS Tractor		NAME OF CONVOYER BOOKLINE MASSACHUSETTS	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>James B. McKinnon</i>	DATE APR 5 1948	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>James B. McKinnon</i>	DATE APR 5 1948
JAMES B. MCKINNON		JAMES B. MCKINNON	

6. SHIPPED

FROM E # 10		TO 5	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

7. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

RECEIPT OF REMAINS

HEADQUARTERS
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
DISTRIBUTION CENTER #1, AGRS
1st AVENUE & 58th STREET
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

DISTRIBUTION CENTER

ROUTINE

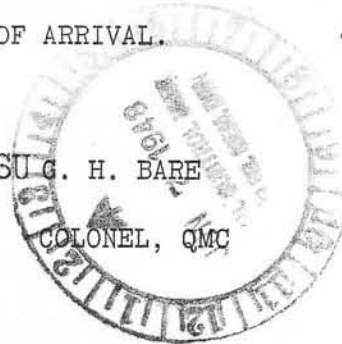
REMAINS CONSIGNED TO: **FRANK H LALLY**

496 HARVARD AVE
BROOKLINE MASS

REMAINS OF THE LATE TEC 5 WILLIAM J TORPIE ACCOMPANIED BY AN
ESCORT ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE NEW YORK ON TRAIN
NUMBER 10 NEW HAVEN RAILROAD AT NINE AM
ON TUESDAY 20 APRIL AND DUE TO ARRIVE AT SOUTH STATION BOSTON
AT TOW PM ON SAME DATE

PLEASE ARRANGE TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION UPON ARRIVAL AND PLEASE
NOTIFY THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL.

ESCORT: SKERRY, CHRISTOPHER, SGT,
ER-11134076, DET #5, 1300 ASU G. H. BARE



COLONEL, QMC

LB

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE REMAINS OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DECEASED

THIS 20 DAY OF April, 19 48

Sgt. C. P. Skerry - Det. #5
WITNESS (Escort) ER-11134706

Frank H. Lally
CONSIGNEE

*file
NAAT
Rebops
ER-11134706 Ann x 1. 1. 1.*

WU118 GOVT COLLECT 5 EXTRA TDB BROOKLINE MASS MAR 30 635P

COL G T BLAIR

DIS #1 NYPOE NYK

ARRANGEMENTS PREVIOUSLY MADE SATISFACTORY REGARDING REMAINS
OF LATE TEC 5 WILLIAM J TORPIE

WM J TORPIE 3 SOUTHWORTHINGTON ST ROXBURY MASS

5 3.

702P

JOHN L. MCCABE

MESSAGEFORM		MESSAGE CENTER No.	TRANSMITTING MEANS	CRYPTOGRAPH OR CLEAR TEXT	
CALLS V	STA. SER. No. NR	PRECEDENCE RECEIVED	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS	ORIGINATOR	DATE-TIME GROUP
ACTION	INFORMATION	EXEMPT	OPERATING SIGNALS	GROUP COUNT GR	
FROM: (Originator) SPACE ABOVE FOR SIGNAL CENTER ONLY					
ACTION TO:			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION		
D . MR. WILLIAM J. TORPIE, SR . 3 SOUTH WORTHINGTON ST. . ROXBURY, MASS.			WAR DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPH OFFICE BROOKLYN BASE, NY		
			PRECEDENCE FOR		
			ACTION		
			INFORMATION		
			<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL MESSAGE		
			REFERS TO ANOTHER MESSAGE		
			IDENTIFICATION		
			CLASSIFICATION		
INFORMATION TO:					
PLEASE BE ADVISED THE REMAINS OF THE LATE TEC5 WILLIAM J. TORPIE ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES AND WILL ARRIVE NEW YORK PORT ABOARD THE USAT ON DEPARTURE FROM SHIP AND MOVING REMAINS UNDER MILITARY GUARD TO DISTRIBUTION CENTER NUMBER ONE, FINAL CHECKING, VERIFICATION OF RECORDS, ASSIGNMENT OF ESCORT AND ARRANGING FOR TRANSPORTATION BY MOTOR OR RAIL TO FINAL DESTINATION WILL TAKE FROM ONE TO FOUR WEEKS. RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED TO FRANK H. LALLY 496 HARVARD AVE. BROOKLINE, MASS.					
. PLEASE INSTRUCT FUNERAL DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION ON ARRIVAL. WE REGRET IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO GIVE YOU A DEFINITE DELIVERY DATE, HOWEVER, WE APPRECIATE YOUR DESIRE TO RECEIVE REMAINS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ASSURE YOU EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY. YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM THREE DAYS PRIOR TO DATE OF DELIVERY OF THE RAIL					
SECURITY CLASSIFICATION			AUTHORIZATION		
ORIGINATING AGENCY			SIGNATURE		
SYMBOL		DATE-TIME GROUP	OFFICIAL TITLE		PAGE OF
		MAR 29 1948			

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ROUTING AND SCHEDULED TIME REMAINS WILL ARRIVE AT RAILROAD STATION AND HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO INFORM YOU SO THAT YOU MAY MAKE FINAL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. YOUR PROMPT COOPERATION WILL GREATLY ASSIST THIS OFFICE IN MAKING FINAL DELIVERY. REMAINS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT. PLEASE CONFIRM ABOVE DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS OF THE DATE OF THIS MESSAGE BY TELEGRAM COLLECT AT DISTRIBUTION CENTER NUMBER ONE, NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION OR SUBMIT NEW INSTRUCTIONS. IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE WITH ANY DESIRED CHANGES IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE FORTY EIGHT HOUR PERIOD. SUGGEST YOU ARRANGE WITH ANY LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS ORGANIZATION IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM.

G. H. BARR
COLONEL, QMC

J

Lally Funeral Home

496 HARVARD STREET
BROOKLINE 46, MASS.

W W W
PAID

Commanding General, N.Y.P.E.
Attn. AGR Division

Gentlemen: Re; ²⁷³ TORPIE, WILLIAM J. T/5 11054534 (Dec
USAGF (eased)

Moving the remains from South Station Boston, Mass.
to Brookline Mass. \$15.00

"I certify that the above bill is correct and just;
that payment therefor has not been received; that
all statutory requirements as to the American produc-
tion and labor standings, and all conditions of
purchase applicable to this transaction has been
complied with; and that State or local sales taxes
are not included in the amount billed"

Frank H. Lally

Signature

Owner

Title

CERTIFICATE

(AR 30-1830)

WW II

1. FILL IN EITHER PART A OR PART B; NOT BOTH.
2. USE PART A WHEN INTERMENT IS IN A CIVILIAN OR PRIVATE CEMETERY.
3. USE PART B WHEN REMAINS ARE DELIVERED TO HOME OR OTHER PLACE PRIOR TO BURIAL IN A NATIONAL OR POST CEMETERY.

PART A - CIVILIAN OR PRIVATE CEMETERY

A	REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERMENT EXPENSES		
(PLEASE READ EXPLANATION ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING FORM)			
NAME OF DECEDENT <i>293</i> TORPIE, WILLIAM J.	GRADE TFC 5	SERIAL NUMBER 11054534	COMPONENT U.S. ARMY
I certify that the sum of \$ <u>194</u> was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the interment of the remains of the above named decedent in the below named cemetery.			
INSERT NAME OF CEMETERY <i>Holyhood</i>	CITY OR COUNTY <i>Brookline</i>	STATE <i>Mass</i>	
INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSON SIGNING THIS FORM 1. Fill in as required and sign four copies. THIS FORM NOT TO BE SIGNED BY FUNERAL DIRECTOR. 2. Return four copies to: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> HEADQUARTERS NEW YORK PORT OF EMBAKATION DISTRIBUTION CENTER 111 AVENUE ... </div>	SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT <i>William J. Torpie Sr.</i>		
	ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT (City, Street or RFD, and State) <i>35 Fenwood Road Boston</i>		
	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT <i>Father</i>	DATE <i>May 10, 48</i>	

PART B - NATIONAL OR POST CEMETERY

B	REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES		
(PLEASE READ EXPLANATION ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING FORM)			
NAME OF DECEDENT	GRADE	SERIAL NUMBER	COMPONENT
I certify that the sum of \$ _____ was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the transportation of the remains of the above named decedent from and to the following places:			
INSERT CITY OR TOWN (OR ADDRESS NOT IN A CITY OR TOWN) FROM WHICH REMAINS WERE SHIPPED	INSERT NAME AND LOCATION OF NATIONAL OR POST CEMETERY TO WHICH REMAINS WERE SHIPPED		
INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSON SIGNING THIS FORM 1. Fill in as required and sign four copies. THIS FORM NOT TO BE SIGNED BY FUNERAL DIRECTOR. 2. Return four copies to:	SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT <i>[Signature]</i>		
	ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT (City, Street or RFD, and State) <i>[Address]</i>		
	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT <i>[Relationship]</i>	DATE <i>[Date]</i>	

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE:

T/5 William J. Torpie, 11 054 534
 Plot E, Row 4, Grave 76,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Bloisville, France

12 September 1947

A		C	
B		D	

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

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

PART I

I, William J. Torpie, Sr.
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

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

- | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW | <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWER | <input type="checkbox"/> SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD | <input type="checkbox"/> DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FATHER | <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER | <input type="checkbox"/> BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD | <input type="checkbox"/> SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE <small>(Specify)</small> _____ | | | |

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

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

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

None

File processed 11/5/47 - Kane

Cashed
27 Oct 47
m. [signature]

OCT 11

[signature]

[signature]

PART I (Continued)

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

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

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

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

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR <i>Frank H. Lally</i>			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
<i>496 Harvard Avenue</i>	<i>Brookline</i>		<i>Massachusetts</i>
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		TELEPHONE No.
<i>Back Bay Station</i>			<i>Beacon 3096</i>

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
<i>Torpie</i>	<i>Nora</i>	<i>J.</i>	<i>Mother</i>
<i>3 South Worthington St</i>	<i>Roxbury, 20, Boston,</i>	<i>Suffolk</i>	<i>Massachusetts</i>

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

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

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

William J. Torpie, Sr. (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) *380 Worthington St* (STREET AND NUMBER)
William J. Torpie, Sr. (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) *Roxbury 20 Mall* (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 25th day of September, 1947, at city (or town) of Brookline, county of Norfolk, and State (or Territory or District) of Massachusetts

William J. Torpie (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS) 3/27/53
 Notary (OFFICIAL TITLE)

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

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

138745
~~107203~~

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 22 Aug 44
EBR/mlw/4624

FULL NAME <i>Torpie</i> Torpie, William J.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 11 054 534		GRADE Tec/5	
HOME ADDRESS Boston, Mass.		ARM OR SERVICE Inf		DATE OF BIRTH 17 June 21	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 1 July 44	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 6 July 42		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. William J. Torpie, mother; 3 South Worthington St., Boston, Mass.					
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. William J. Torpie, mother; same as above. Mr. William J. Torpie, father; same as above.					
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW) X					



ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

On Parachute Pay

The individual named in this report is shown by the records of the War Department to have been absent in a missing in action status on 6 June 44 and subsequently reported killed in action on 1 July 44, such absence was terminated on 14 Aug 44, on which date evidence of death was received by the Secretary of War from a commander in the ~~Max~~ European Area.

COPIES FURNISHED:		
S. G. O.	F. B. I.	F. O., U. S. A.
2. O. G. M. G.	O. F. D.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
G. A. O.	VET. ADMIN.	CASUALTY BRANCH FILE
		A. G. 201 FILE

BATTLE
 NON-BATTLE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

[Signature]

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

238745

—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME			SERIAL NUMBER			GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	
TORPIE WILLIAM J			11054534			TEC5	INF	ETO	
PLACE OF CASUALTY			DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER	
FRANCE			DAY	MONTH	YEAR	J	MIA	133	

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		RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
MRS. WILLIAM J TORPIE		MOTHER	24 July 1944
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE			
3 SOUTH WORTHINGTON STREET		BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS	

REMARKS:

CORRECTED COPY



ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED FORM 43 AG 201 REQ _____

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED _____ OR CHARGED TO _____ DATE _____

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO YES _____ (AS INDICATED BELOW):

FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA	E. A. NOTIFIED

FORWARDED TO SPEC. IDEN. TELEGRAM WOUNDED LETTER CORRES. S. R. & D. CERTIF. M. & M. NON-DEL.

REPORT NOT VERIFIED _____ NO FORM 43 _____ NO CAS. BR. FILE _____ CHECKED BY Woods 24 July 44 REVIEWED BY [Signature]

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

ACCT. AREA	CASUALTY STATUS	ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.	LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA	CREW POS.	RESIDENCE				COMP	RACE									
		DAY	MO.	YR.		DAY	MO.	YR.			STATE		COUNTY												
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59

DISTRIBUTION "A" _____ COPIES

(ALL TYPES OF CASUALTIES PERTAINING TO MILITARY PERSONNEL, EXCEPT WOUNDED.)
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DISTRIBUTION "B" _____ COPIES

(ALL WOUNDED MILITARY PERSONNEL AND ALL TYPES OF CASUALTIES PERTAINING TO CIVILIANS WHO ARE W. D. EMPLOYEES, EMPLOYEES OF W. D. CONTRACTORS AND OTHERS SUBJECT TO MILITARY LAW.)
 COPIES FURNISHED: SEE CASUALTY BRANCH MEMORANDUM NO. 48, 1944.

5 August

1944

Date

HEADQUARTERS
508th PARACHUTE INFANTRY
APO 230 U. S. Army

(Organization and A.P.C. Number)

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Inventory of Personal Effects.

TO : Effects Quartermaster, ETCUSA, Depot G-14, APO 507,
U.S. Army.

Transmitted herewith in accordance with Adm. Cir. #80, dated 25 Oct 1943, Hq. SOS. ETOUSA, is Inventory of Effects concerning subject named below.

Torpie	William	J.	Tec 5	11054534	
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(MI)	(Rank)	(A.S.N.)	(Control No.) (For use of Effects QM. ETCUSA)

Organization Co C 508th Parcht. Inf.
(UNIT - - - - Not Branch of Service)

*Status. Deceased
~~(Deceased, Missing, Killed, etc.)~~ on the First
day of July 19 44

Designated beneficiary (With Address) Mrs. Nora Torpie (Mother)
3 South Worthington Street
Roxberry, Mass.
Cl. II Assets: Cash found in effects, less cost of money order inclosed herewith

U.S.M.O. # _____ Amt \$ _____ U.S.M.O. # _____ Amt \$ _____

U.S.M.O. # _____ Amt \$ _____ U.S.M.O. # _____ Amt \$ _____

U.S. Official Check # _____ Amt. _____ Bank _____
(Name and Branch)

#Bank Accounts None

#Debtors None

#Creditors None

#Inclosed is None

(Will, Power of Attorney, War Bond, Travelers Checks. Describe Fully)

REMARKS (if any)

REPLY

TO: Correspondence Branch - Army Effects Bureau

- No record of any effects.
- No record of missing items.
- (*) Inventory received from:

(Dated)

(Signed by)

Effects shipped to:

Parcel _____ Date _____ Baggage List _____ Sheet _____
Parcel _____ Date _____ Baggage List _____ Sheet _____

Funds: \$ 52.45 Transmitted on List F- 171-2 Date 7-3-45

Remarks:

No additional information.

2 Oct. '47

ETA Records Branch *7174*

(*) This information need not be given on inventories covering property already received at AEB.

KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

3-3 Oct. 47
Ann
1 Oct. 47

Case No. 138745

REQUEST

TO: European Theater Records Branch - Army Effects Bureau

Request examination of ETA records and report concerning missing, or allegedly missing, personal effects of:

Goppie William J. 11054534 Spec/5
(Last Name) (First Name) (MT) (ASN) (Rank)

Inf. Deceased
(Organization) (Status)

Bureau records do not indicate that any property of subject has been received here.

Property received at AEB is listed on following overseas inventories:
*undated, unsigned from APO 513
5 Aug. 1944, signed Joseph E. Hartsough*

Allegedly missing items, not received here, consist of:
black onyx ring - Waltham watch & billfold

Remarks: *Inf. from Father*

N. WHIPPLE
Chief Clerk
Correspondence Branch

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mr. William J. Torpie
3 South Worthington Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Effects of:
Name

ASN T/5 William J. Torpie
Case No. 11054534
Wt. 138745 D

DATE 28 September 1945
REB:MM:vls

FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

<input type="checkbox"/> Inclose Bureau Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove G.I.
Acct. No. _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Note discrepancy in <u>name</u>
Amount _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Films removed
<input type="checkbox"/> Inclose "Valuables" item	<input type="checkbox"/> Diary removed
<input type="checkbox"/> Ship "Valuables" item(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Laundry removed

ROUTING:

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

REMARKS:

Franked
Est. Exp. Chgs.
Est. Prt. Chgs.
No. of packages

BT

Shipping Clerk

ATTACHMENTS		EFFECTS INVENTORY ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU		STATUS 71			
X	INBOUND INVENTORY					DECEASED	
	G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL					MISSING	
	WILL OR POWER OF ATTY.					P. O. W.	
1	TALLY IN FORM 43					ABANDONED	
y	<i>401</i>			UNKNOWN			
	BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL	BELT		OVERCOATS			
	BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	BOOKS, ADDRESS		PAPERS, PERSONAL			
	BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)	BOOKS, PILOT LOG		PENCIL, MECHANICAL			
	BOOKS	BRUSHES		PEN, FOUNTAIN			
	BRACELET, IDENT.	CASE		PHOTOS			
	CAMERAS	CLOTH, WASH		PIPES			
	CLOTHING	COATS		RINGS			
y	MISC. ARTICLES ✓	FOOTLOCKER		SCARFS			
	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	FOOTWEAR, PR.		SHIRTS			
	RIBBONS, DECORATION	GLASSES		SOCKS, PR.			
	SHORT SNORTER	GLOVES, PR.		STATIONERY			
	SOUVENIR MONEY	HANDKERCHIEFS		TIES			
	SOUVENIRS	HEADWEAR		TOBACCO			
	TESTAMENTS	JACKETS		TOILET ARTICLES			
	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	KITS		TOWELS			
	U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT)	KNIVES		TROUSERS, PR.			
	WATCH	LETTERS		TRUNKS, PR.			
	WINGS	LIGHTERS		UNDERWEAR			
CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO		RECHECKED		INFORMATION			
<i>none</i>		<i>9-24</i>		<i>none</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				MUTILATED		
	U. S. CURRENCY				TO ISSUING AGENCY		
DATE							
BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE							
PAYEE							
REMITTER OR DRAWER							
TALLY NO.	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS.	EXAMINING DATE	BOX NO.	SHEET	OF _____ SHEETS		
		<i>17 Sept. 45</i>					
NAME			A. S. N.				
<i>E. TORPIE</i>			<i>11054534</i>				
ORGANIZATION			RANK		CASE NO.		
WAREHOUSE SPACE		EXAMINED BY		DIARY REMOVED			
<i>1159</i>		<i>Probit.</i>					
		PACKED BY		PHOTO FILM REMOVED			
		<i>id Pa...</i>					
				MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED			

REMOVALS (other than G. I.)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

DAMAGES (List type of damage-extent)

1- toilet kit stained
9 money of no value
salvaged (88)

SHORTAGES

U. S. GOV'T CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

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

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G. I. REMOVED

PERSONAL EFFECTS AND BAGGAGE DEPOT

Q-290

APO 513 -U.S.ARMY

TALLY IN INVENTORY RECORD TALLY IN NO. 6

NAME TODDIE E RANK ASN

SHOW ON CONSIGNORS T.O.A.S.

ORGANIZATION

DATE 2/12/60 CASE PARCEL STATUS

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
<u>1</u>	<u>T.A.K.I. ✓</u>	
<u>1</u>	<u>SHIRT ✓</u>	
<u>1</u>	<u>T-SHIRT ✓</u>	
<u>1</u>	<u>WASH CLOTH ✓</u>	
<u>1</u>	<u>SHIRT ✓</u>	
<u>1</u>	<u>WASH CLOTH ✓</u>	
<u>1</u>	<u>SHIRT ✓</u>	

TO

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
KANSAS CITY QM DEPOT
KANSAS CITY, MO., U. S. A.

PERSONAL EFFECTS OF:

TORPIE, E

11054534

NAME

TORPIE, E.

4534

BAY

PALLET

BOX

TALLY

11

27

3

2150

TYPE OF PKG.

WHSE. SPACE

INVENTORIED

PKG

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mr. William J. Torpie
3 South Worthington Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Effects of:

Name T/5 William J. Torpie

ASN 11 054 534

Case No. 138,745 D

Wt.

DATE 17 August, 1945

L. Dinwiddie:ml

S.C.

FOR: Effects Department

REMARKS:

Inclose Bureau Check
Acct. No. 147,938 *147938*
Amount \$52.45
 Inclose "Valuables" item *me*
 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

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

121684 emh

ROUTING:

Accounting Branch *let*
 Warehouse Division
 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

147938

138745

August 20

45

William J. Torpie

52.45

Fifty-Two and 45/100

REMARKS

Franks
Est. Exp. Chgs.
Est. Frt. Chgs.
No. of packages

Shipping Clerk

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
INVENTORY

138745
[Signature]

CASE NO.

TYPED BY

ff

DATE

7/3/45

STATUS

Dec

NAME

Wm J. Torpie

A.S.N.

11054534

RANK

T/5

ORGANIZATION

file
ing
o.c.

AMOUNT

52.45

ACCOUNT NO.

147938 *NY.*

PAID-Check No. *12/684* m.s.

LIST NO.

F-171-2

REMARKS

A C C O N T I N G I N V E N T O R I E R I E S

Summary Court-Martial
ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
501 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

Case No. 133745

Date 19 June 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of
William J. Torpie, 11681324 late a
(Name of decedent) (Army Serial Number)
Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)
on the 1 day of July, 1944, at European Area

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

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City Mo. Pursuant to S.O., 229 Hq., KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

- a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedent's camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.
- b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none, of which the sum of \$ none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. _____.)
- c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ none which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt _____, Incl. _____.)
- d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below)

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 16 June 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of William J. Torpie for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, William J. Torpie of 3 South Worthington Street, Boston State of Massachusetts is the father of the above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Official)

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mr. William S. Torpie
8 South Burlington Street
Boston, Massachusetts

SHIP TO: *Miss J. Torpie*

1448-334
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*File
Jung
Smith*

Effects of:
Name
ASN
Case No.
Wt.

DATE 19 June 1945

EC Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS: GEG:RW:jp
Inclose Bureau Check
Acct. No. _____
Amount _____
Inclose "Valuables" item
Ship "Valuables" item(s)

Remove G.I.
Not discrepancy in _____
Films removed
Diary removed
Laundry removed

ROUTING:

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

1 pkg

REMARKS:

Franked **FRANKED**
Est. Exp. Chgs.
Est. Frt. Chgs. **JUN 26 1945**
No. of packages

mk

Shipping Clerk

13705 JUN 14 1945

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION
#1000

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY

RELEASED Y
 MISSING
 P.O.W.
 ABANDONED
 TALLY NO. 7409 ✓
 INV. DATED 4-11-45 ✓
 Orig. No. of P.K.S. 1
 PCX NO.
 SHEET 1 ✓
 OF 1 SHEETS
 ORGANIZATION
 75th Div.

NAME William J. Torpie
 A.S.N. 11054534 ✓ RANK Tech 1st

Belt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	<input type="checkbox"/>	WIPER
BELL MONEY (NO MONEY)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CLOTHING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BASE CLOTH OF SHIRT
Cloth, Wash	<input type="checkbox"/>	BRACELET IDENT.	<input type="checkbox"/>	BLINDFOLD, (NO MONEY)
Coats	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brushes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Case
Footwear, Pr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	CAMERAS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Footlocker
Gloves, Pr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glasses	<input type="checkbox"/>	KEY, SW, ETC. OR KEYS
Handkerchiefs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Knives	<input type="checkbox"/>	HOOKS
Headwear	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lighters	<input type="checkbox"/>	Books, Address
Jackets	<input type="checkbox"/>	MISC. <i>misc</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Books, Pilot Log
Overcoats	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pen, Fountain	<input type="checkbox"/>	ALARM (REMOVE FOR P.S.)
Scarfs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pencil, Mechanical	<input type="checkbox"/>	PIANS
Shirts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pipes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Letters
Socks, Pr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	<input type="checkbox"/>	Papers, Personal
Ties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RIBBONS, DECORATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Photos
Travels	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shoe Shine Articles
Trousers, Pr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tobacco	<input type="checkbox"/>	SPORT SHOES
Trunks, Pr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toilet articles	<input type="checkbox"/>	CONVERTERS
Underwear	<input type="checkbox"/>	WALCH	<input type="checkbox"/>	CONVERTER MONEY
				Stationery
				TRUNKS
				H. E. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS Mrs Nora Torpie Mother
 3 South Worthington St
 Lombard Mass

ATTACHMENTS FORM #54 FORM #100
 1. Inventory

C.A.T. name

WAREHOUSE SPACE 1991

STORED BY [Signature]

WEIGHT	S.I. REMOVED
	SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
	IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
	DIARY REMOVED
DATE SHIPPED	LOCKED

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

1- Toilet Kit jittly stained
no water - Salvaged (PP)

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:

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G.I. REMOVED

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

(Attach extra sheets if necessary)

- 1 EAME Ribbon
- 2 Airborne Insignias
- 2 Regt. Backgrounds
- 1 Prcht. Qual. Wings
- 1 Swimming Trunks
- 1 Towel
- 14 Airmail Stamps
- 1 Athletic Shoes
- 1 Toilet Kit

I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all of subject's effects and that effects were shipped to Effects QM, EROUSA, A.P.O. 507, G-14, U.S.Army by delivering to Effects, QM 82d A/B Div on 5 August 1944.

Joseph E. Hartsough
Signature - (In Ink)

JOSEPH E. HARTSOUGH)
Name) (Block
) letters)
2nd LT. INF., PERSONNEL OFFICER)
Rank and organization

To this date I have not
received a blank to fill
out for the purpose of
having my son's body
brought home from his
present burial place.
Kindly send this blank
to me by return mail
so that I may file the
necessary papers as
soon as possible.

Sincerely
Mrs. William J.
Daspie





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

IN REPLY REFER TO 1630, 145

GHG:RM:pjj
June 20, 1945

Mr. William J. Torpie
3 South Worthington Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Torpie:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, Technician Fifth Grade William J. Torpie.

These effects are being forwarded to you in one package.

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

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

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

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOD
1st Lt. G.M.C.
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Unit

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138,745 ✓

RTB:LD:ml ✓
August 17, 1945

Mr. William J. Torpie ✓
3 South Worthington Street ✓
Boston, Massachusetts ✓

Dear Mr. Torpie: ✓

The Army Effects Bureau has received additional property of your son, Technician Fifth Grade William J. Torpie, consisting of funds in the amount of \$52.45. A check for this sum is inclosed. ✓

As previously indicated, such property is forwarded for distribution in accordance with the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence. ✓

Yours very truly,

C. B. QUINN ✓
2nd Lt., QMC ✓
Chief, Files Branch ✓

1 Incl--
Check ✓

138745

RTB:WN:mjm
September 28, 1945

Mr. William J. Torpie
3 South Worthington Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Torpie:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some property of your son, Technician Fifth Grade William J. Torpie.

This property, consisting of a few small items, is being sent you.

If, for some reason, it has not been received at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer may be instituted.

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB
1st Lt., QMC
Officer-in-Charge
SJ Branch

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Rafferty
Dorchester
MASSACHUSETTS

September 21, 1947

Army Effects Bureau
Kansas City Quartermaster Depot
601 Hardisty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

Re: T/5 William J. Torpie

A. S. N. 11054534

Plot E. Row 4, Grave 76

U. S. Military Cemetery
Blasville, France

Killed in action, July 1, 1944

Dear Sirs,

I do have information
regarding my son killed in
the invasion of Normandy.

He had at the time of his death,
one black onyx ring and
one Waltham watch and a
briefcase with personal effects
therein. As I never received
any of the above things, which
are of great sentimental value,
I am wondering if you have
a record of them.

I would appreciate it
very much if you would
let me know the results of
your search.

Sincerely,
William J. Torpie
3 South Hartington Street
Roxbury 20, Massachusetts

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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MEM/AMN/fkw
9 October 1947

Mr. William J. Torpie
3 South Worthington Street
Roxbury 20, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Torpie:

This acknowledges your recent letter relative to the personal effects of your son, Technician Fifth Grade William J. Torpie.

A check of Bureau records and also those of the European Theater Area, now on file at this Bureau, does not indicate receipt of the items about which you inquired.

All of the property and funds belonging to your son received at this Bureau were forwarded to you at 3 South Worthington Street, Boston, Massachusetts, on 26 June, 17 August and 5 October 1945.

Due to the lapse of time since Corporal Torpie was reported a casualty, it is doubtful if any other of his personal effects will be recovered or received here at this late date.

To be of every assistance, if you will furnish a complete detailed description of the watch and ring which he possessed, a search will be made of the unidentified items received at this Bureau.

For your convenience, there is inclosed a self-addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Sincerely yours,

*file 10/9/47
amm*

1 Incl
Envelope

M. E. MOHR
Major, QMC
Effects Quartermaster

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*Sm. Date -
4-24*

3 So. Hartington St
Rathbury 20
Massachusetts
April 2, 1946

Dear Sirs,

Re: ²⁹³⁷ William J. Toopie

A.S.N. 11054534

Killed in Action - July 1, 1945

Buried in -

U. S. Military Cemetery,
Blancville, France
Plot 'E' - Row 4 - Grave 76

SPQYG 293
Torpie, William J.

12 March 1946

Mr. William J. Torpie
3 South Worthington Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Torpie:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished the burial location of your son, the late Technician Fifth Grade William J. Torpie, A.S.N. 11 054 534.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery, Bloisville, France, plot E, row 4, grave 76.

This cemetery is located approximately twenty miles northwest of St. Lo, twenty-four miles southeast of Cherbourg and five miles north and slightly west of Carentan, all in France, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your son.

Sincerely yours,

T. E. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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O. O. M. C.
MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

LMS

Sm. D. Lark
4-24

NAME TOSPIE, WILLIAM J. T. 4534

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
62	40	18	7609

TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED
CTN		

R E S T R I C T E D

138,745

201 - Torpie, William J. (Enl) 1st Ind.

ENL/wjm

HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION, APO 469, U. S. Army, 19 August 1944.

TO: Effects Quartermaster, ETOUSA, APO 871, U. S. Army.

1 Incl(s) n/c



R E S T R I C T E D

Could you be kind
enough to forward to me
the necessary papers
pertaining to the return
of the body.

Sincerely,
Mr. William J. Taspie

3 South Huntington St.
Raphury 20 Massachusetts
May 28, 1947

Graves Registration Service
Quartermaster General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

Re: William J. Torpie 11054534
Co "C"
508th Parachute Inf.

My son, named above, was
killed on July 1, 1944 in
Normandy, France.
To date I have not received
a form requesting the
return of his body for
private burial.

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S BRANCH
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IAL DIVISION



QMGMT 293

Torpie, William J.

A.S.N. 11 054 534

26 June 1947

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

Mrs. William J. Torpie
3 South Worthington Street
Roxbury 20, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Torpie:

I have received your recent letter concerning the late Technician Fifth Grade William J. Torpie.

I am sure you understand that while the program to return the remains of our World War II Dead is already in effect, it is necessary to thoroughly verify our records. Upon completion of this verification, the "Letter of Inquiry -- Return of World War II Dead", will be mailed to the next of kin of those deceased Americans for whom verified burial information is of record in this office. In accordance with the present schedule, the remains are to be returned by cemeteries, and prior to the evacuation date of each cemetery, these Letters of Inquiry will be mailed to the next of kin giving them the opportunity to express their final and detailed desires concerning the late resting place of the remains of their loved ones.

May I assure you that everything is being done to speed the return, reverently and in a dignified manner, of those who made the supreme sacrifice.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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HEADQUARTERS AND
BRANCH

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SPQYG 293
Torpie, William J.
S.N. 11 054 534

11 April 1946

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

Mrs. William J. Torpie
3 South Worthington Street
Roxbury 20, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Torpie:

Your letter concerning your son, the late Technician Fifth Grade William J. Torpie, has been received in this office.

The War Department anticipates that, in the near future, authority will be granted to return, at Government expense, the remains of those who died overseas to a final resting place as selected by the next of kin.

When the necessary legislation authorizing this Repatriation Program receives Congressional approval and other required arrangements have been made, a poll letter, with a return form and an information pamphlet attached, will be sent to the next of kin of each deceased serviceman whose remains lie overseas and for whom verified burial information has been received.

Since the problem itself, and the planning and arrangements therefor, are world-wide in scope, the date when the poll letter can be mailed and the date when the answers will be received and can be acted upon is necessarily uncertain. It should be realized, however, that the next of kin will be notified without action on their part as soon as the necessary preliminaries have been completed. You may rest assured that this office fully appreciates your desires in this matter and will do everything in its power to fulfill them at the earliest possible date.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS M. STAGGS
2d Lieut., QMC
Assistant

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[Handwritten signature]
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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

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T/5 William J. Torpie, 11 054 534
Plot E, Row 4, Grave 76,
United States Military Cemetery
Blasville, France

12 September 1947

Mr. William J. Torpie
3 South Worthington Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Torpie:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

Incls.

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U. S. M. C.
RECORDS BRANCH

39 Avenue M
Franklin Field
Dorchester, 24, Mass.
November 25, 1947

Lt. Col. Badkinhorne
Cemetery Graves Division
Schenectady, New York

Dear Sir:

Re: T/5 William J. Torpie, A.S.N. 11054534
Co. C, 508th Parachute Inf.
Killed in action, July 1, 1944

I read in a news release in the Boston Traveler dated November 20, 1947 that the bodies of the boys buried in the American Cemetery in Blosville, France are to be returned to this country for re-burial.

My brother, (info given above) is buried in that cemetery and I wonder if you could give me an approximate date as to when his body will be released to the next of kin.

My father, William J. Torpie, Sr. is listed as next of kin and as he and my mother have recently been evicted from their home and are living in temporary quarters I wonder if it would be at all possible to notify me when the body is to be repatriated. I understand that the next of kin is given a 24 hour notice by telegram and whereas my father has no permanent residence at the present time I would appreciate it very much if you would notify me as to when to expect the body.

My father's former address was 3 South Worthington Street, Roxbury, 20, Massachusetts.

I would appreciate it very much also if you would be kind enough to answer my queries.

Sincerely,

Sally Torpie O'Brien

Mrs. James B. O'Brien

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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5 December 1947

Mrs. James B. O'Brien
39 Avenue "M"
Franklin Field
Dorchester 24, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. O'Brien:

Your letter to the Schenectady General Distribution Depot, U. S. Army, Schenectady, New York, concerning your brother, the late Technician Fifth Grade William J. Torpie, has been referred to this office.

The Return of World War II Dead Program provides for the return of the deceased and their return to the next of kin in an orderly sequence of the cemeteries in which they now rest. The magnitude of this world wide Return Program, already in progress, requires close adherence to predetermined schedules respecting exhumation, supplies, labor, transportation and weather.

Because these schedules are subject to unforeseen and unpreventable delays, it is impossible to predict when the remains of your brother, may be returned to the next of kin. The present schedule, however, indicates that the remains of those resting in the US Military Cemetery Bloisville, France, will be exhumed about the spring of 1948. A more definite date of delivery will be transmitted to the next of kin sufficiently in advance to permit such funeral and personal arrangements as may be desired.

Meanwhile please rest assured that every possible effort is being made to speed their return in the reverent and dignified manner due the honored dead.

Inasmuch as your father is not permanently settled, future correspondence will be addressed to him in your care.

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

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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April 29, 1948

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Dear Sir:

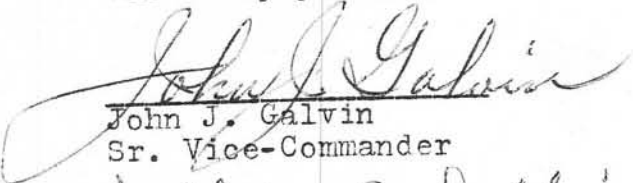
Allow me to take this opportunity to commend Sgt. C. E. Skerry, E.R. 11134706 who escorted the body of William J. Torpey on Tuesday, April 20, 1948.

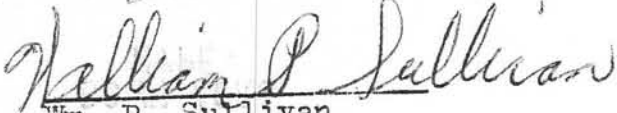
We are an all World War II organization and had it not been for the complete cooperation of Sgt. Skerry it would have been very difficult.

You too, are to be commended in your choice of such capable escorts. I can not explain in words the qualities of Sgt. Skerry.

In fact we would like to have him escort all the bodies to be returned to Roxbury in the future.

Sincerely yours


John J. Galvin
Sr. Vice-Commander


Wm. P. Sullivan
Graves Reg. Officer

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13 May 1948

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American Legion
Mission Hill Post No. 327
52 Calumet Street
Roxbury 20, Massachusetts

Attention: Mr. John J. Galvin, Sr. Vice-Commander
Mr. William P. Sullivan, Graves Reg. Officer

Gentlemen:

I received your letter of 29 April concerning the manner in which Sgt Christopher Skerry conducted himself while escorting the remains of TEC 5 William J. Torpie, to the next of kin.

It is indeed gratifying to me to know that the officers and enlisted men selected for escort duty are performing their missions in a manner that reflects credit to the Armed Services and gives the next of kin comfort and consolation.

The officers and enlisted men selected for this highly sensitive and critical mission are chosen from the entire services. They are chosen from the highest type military personnel and are given a special course of instruction to qualify them for this most important duty.

The Government of the United States is most grateful to the next of kin for the supreme sacrifice made by their loved ones. The officers and enlisted men consider it an honor and privilege to escort the remains of their fallen comrades to their final resting place.

I will commend Sgt Christopher Skerry for the superior manner in which he has accomplished his escort duty and will give him a copy of your fine letter.

Sincerely yours,

G. H. BARE
Colonel, OMC
Chief, AGR Division

13 May 1948

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SUBJECT: Commendation

THRU: U. S. Army Liaison Officer
Distribution Center #1, NIPE

Commanding Officer
Detachment #5, 1300 ASU
Brooklyn Army Base, New York

TO: Sgt Christopher Sherry, SN-11134076

1. You were detailed to escort the remains of TDC 5 William J. Torpie to the next of kin 20 April. The mission of an escort is a duty that should be considered by you a privilege and an honor. You have escorted the last mortal remains of one of your fallen comrades to his final resting place. The manner in which you accomplished this sacred mission reflected great credit on the military services and on you personally.

2. The American Legion, Mission Hill Post No. 327, Roxbury, Mass. wrote me a letter commending you for the superior manner in which you performed this delicate and sensitive duty. A copy of this letter is attached herewith.

3. I want to commend you for the successful accomplishment of this most difficult and sensitive mission. It affords me great pleasure to receive letters commending escorts for a difficult task well done. I know the accomplishment of any duty in a creditable manner is a source of personal satisfaction to you yourself. I want to express the gratitude of the Department of the Army for representing the Armed Services in a superior manner.

4. A copy of this commendation will be filed in your service record.

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AL ltr 29 Apr

G. H. BARE
Colonel, OMC
Chief, AGR Division

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