

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (if any)

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ACTION

FILE NO. AGRC-GS 201 Sasaoka,
Itsumi 30 101 548
(4 Dec 53)SUBJECT
Casualty StatusTO The Quartermaster General FROM CO, Mil Pers Rec Cen, TAGO DATE 23 Dec 53 COMMENT NO. 1
of the Army St. Louis 20, Mo. Mr. Medley/js/774

1. The records show that Itsumi Sasaoka, 30 101 548, was reported missing in action 22 October 1944, and based on information received through PMGO, records were amended 14 March 1945 to show that he was a German prisoner of war. He failed to return to military control after liberation of Stalag III-C, Altdrewitz, Poland, by Russian troops on 31 January 1945 and his status was officially changed to MIA on that date. His death was presumed to have occurred 1 March 1946, pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Missing Persons' Act (PL 490, 77th Cong).

2. The records show that on 6 June 1949 a review of the circumstances surrounding EM's disappearance was made and it was concluded that there was insufficient information available to justify issuance of an official report of death in his case.

3. There is on file a copy of TQMGO letter to the mother of this former EM, dated 22 November 1949, file reference QMGMF 293, Sasocka, Itsumi, SN 30 101 548, in which it is stated that he died on 31 January 1945. It is requested that this office be furnished a report on which this statement was based.

4. It is further requested that reply be expedited since action on a priority case is pending.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

A. H. Newman
Adjutant General

QMGMO 293 Sasacka, Itsumu, S/Sgt.
S. N. 30 101 548TO: CO, Mil Pers Rec Cen, TAGO FROM: OQMG Date: 30 Dec 53 Comment No. 2
St. Louis, Mo. Memorial Div Mr. Kerscher/54309

Information quoted in letter to the next of kin pertaining to the death of S/Sgt. Itsumu Sasacka was received from the Overseas Command with the non-recoverable board findings. A careful review of the file indicates that this statement is in error. The letter to the next of kin should have stated "since he was reported missing on 31 January 1945 in the vicinity of Alt-Drewitz, Poland". All references in this letter pertaining to death or being killed are in error.

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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