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Abbreviations:

b = born

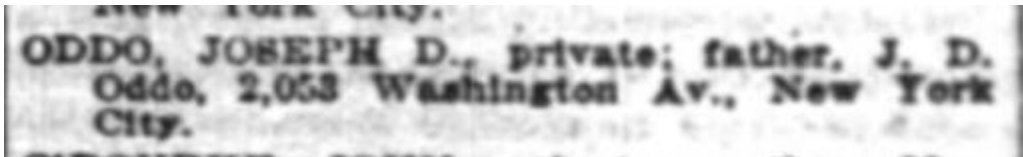
d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

**Oddo, Joseph Dominic/Demnico, Jr.
(J. Frank Otto)
1898 NY –**



Aboard Tuscania, in 213th Aero Squadron - "New York Times" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 3

New York (Brooklyn) private Joseph D. Oddo wrote a memoir, "My Story with the 213th Aero Squadron," using his self-termed "pen name" of J. Frank Otto. Copies are housed at the Milwaukee County Historical Society and the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison, Wisconsin. Oddo had enlisted in 1916, underage, to escape an abusive and miserly father, and was assigned to camp in Mineola, Long Island, New York, where he ended up with the sons of the rich and famous. One of his four tentmates was Quentin Roosevelt, son of the former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt, fated to die in aerial combat on July 14, 1918, in France. Oddo related how he was ordered on January 23 to pack his khaki uniform, CD shirt, "shoes, 6," underwear, toilet articles, overcoat and

raincoat. All leaves were cancelled for the unit, no one could telephone home, and the men slept in full uniform on bare springs – the bedding having been stripped earlier – until aroused at 12:30 a.m. on the morning of January 24th. Lights flicked on, a light breakfast was served, final checks were made – and amid a blanket of snow, the men moved noiselessly to the Country Life Press Railroad station, a tough hike in knee-deep snow with their barracks bags.

From Marilyn C. Gahm's "The Sinking of the Tuscania," page 62

COMRADE.

There was a pal who was kind and true
 He treated me as comrades do
 Helped me when I was in need
 That's a comrade true indeed
 We may consider an act that's done
 Something needed something won
 Small acts of kindness appreciated
 Are thought more of by those who waited.

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Now he lies beneath the sod
 Ne'er to speak to shake or nod
 He is one who's loss I mourn
 Never was another born
 Who could come up into his class
 His one act never to compass
 He is gone to see no more
 The horrors, worries, of this war.

In memory of Homer D. Coberly, an intimate pal of mine
 who'd palled with me for some years. Oct. 17, 1918.
 Joseph D. Oado, Jr., 642nd Aero Squadron
 American E. F., France.

TO CHARLES W. WHITTLESEY, Lt. Col.

Fearless stood this man
 Surrounded by the foe
 For several days and nights
 His men fought bravely on
 Without a drop to quench their thirst
 No mortals to give aid
 When asked if he'd surrender
 "Go to hell" was his reply
 No fearless man would dare turn
 Against a country that he loved
 To fight it on, if die he must
 No foe to crush his heart.

Oct. 17th, 1918.

Joseph D. Oado, Jr., 642nd Aero Squadron
 "Who with 500 men bravely kept up their courage when
 surrounded by several divisions of German machine gun
 corps. When asked to surrender politely answered "Go to
 Hell."

Two poems in Edgar S.] Gorrell's *History of the American Expeditionary Forces Air Service*, volume 11, page 161 - <https://www.fold3.com/image/19796359?terms=gorrell,oddo,history>

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241 Henderson St Jersey City		A	3 861 796
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U.S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 1300—Rev. Sept., 1928

INDEX CARD

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Joseph D Oddo			
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In trouble with the US Army, which he joined 22 Aug 1916 -

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642nd Aero Squadron - January 31st, 1919

38. Oddo, Joseph D. 250198 Confinement

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Oddo	Joseph D Jr ¹	250 198	300	2 1/2
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	* White	* Colored.
New York		NEW YORK		
Residence: _____				
(Street and house number)		(Town or city)	(County)	(State)
		Ft Slocum NY		
* Enlisted * R. A. * N. G. * E. R. C. * Inducted at _____ on <u>Aug 22</u> 19 <u>16</u>				
Place of birth: <u>Buffalo NY</u>		Age or date of birth: <u>17 10/12 yrs</u>		
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: _____				
<u>15 Aer Sq to _____ ; 213 Aer Sq to _____ /18; 1102</u>				
<u>Aer Repl Sq to May 30/18; 642 Aer Sup Sq to Mch 18/19*</u>				
Grades, with date of appointment: _____				
<u>Pvt</u>				
Engagements: _____				
Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.				
Served overseas from <u>Jan 24/18</u> to <u>July 16/19</u> from <u>_____</u> to <u>_____</u>				
Honorably discharged: <u>June 4</u> , 19 <u>20</u> <u>abolition of Reg Army Reserve</u>				
(Date) (Cause)				
In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported <u>0</u> per cent disabled.				

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REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

SERIAL NUMBER T 1559	1. NAME (Print) JOSEPH DOMINIC ODDO (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER T 10389
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 276 BEDFORD AVE BROOKLYN N.Y. (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)		
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]		
3. MAILING ADDRESS same (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)		
4. TELEPHONE yes EV-4 6385 (Exchange) (Number)	5. AGE IN YEARS 43 DATE OF BIRTH 10 7 1898 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Buffalo N.Y. (Town or county) (State or country)
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs Mary Nicolouty 276 Bedford Ave., B'klyn N.Y.		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS unemployed		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-42)	(over) ☆ GPO 16-21630-1	Joseph D. Oddo. (Registrant's signature)

WWII draft registration – 15 Feb 1942 - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/194990432:2238?tid=&pid=&queryId=4a4e603608549e378fb28d07a48fad8b&_phsrc=hFB40634&_phstart=successSource

No, Joseph D. (Last name) (Other names)		Age 25 (Date of Birth)
(Home address)		(Place of Birth)
(Change of address)		
(Change of address)		
Co. 3. 165th. Inf. (Enlisted in)	(No. Yrs.)	3/9/23 (Date enlistment)
Hon. Dis. (How separated from active service)		4/8/25 (Date separation)
Service Co. 102d. Med. Regt. (Reenlisted in)	(No. Yrs.)	5/5/25 (Date re-enl.)
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CHILD DEAD SIX WEEKS; GERRY SOCIETY KEPT MUM

Joseph Oddo of Brooklyn Paid
Weekly Board Regularly for
a Baby's Corpse.

WAS NOT TOLD OF DEATH.

Now He Is Fighting to Get His Three
Remaining Children Away From
the Society.

The discovery was made yesterday in the Supreme Court that the Gerry Society has not only kept Joseph Oddo's four children from the home he had made for them in Brooklyn, but has compelled Oddo to pay a weekly board bill for his little girl, Olga, for six weeks after the child's death and burial.

It was not until yesterday, when Oddo resorted to the courts to reclaim his children, that he received the heart-breaking news that his daughter had died in the care of the Gerry Society and that her death had been kept concealed, so far as he was concerned.

The amazing feature of the case is that the superintendent of the Gerry Society had Oddo in his office every week and took the money for the weekly board bill, yet never so much as told Oddo that his child was ill. The claim is now made that Oddo could not be found to be notified of his child's death, but there is ample proof that Oddo went to the Gerry Society rooms every week to pay for the care of his children.

The Gerry Society has now refused to let Oddo have his children, and Oddo has been forced to employ counsel and appeal to the courts. The superintendent of the society insists upon keeping the three remaining children in the asylum, where one has already died and where, it is alleged, in open court, that the others are neglected, and one of them beaten.

"The conduct of the society's officials toward us was simply disgraceful," said Oddo's counsel, Joseph M. Baum, of 38 Park row, Manhattan. "Oddo was treated outrageously, and when I went to the society's rooms on two occasions I was treated in a disgraceful manner."

"I asked why the society refused to give up the children after Oddo had gone to the expense of fitting up a home and hiring a housekeeper to care for them."

"We don't have to give any reasons," the superintendent of the society answered. He told me that he wouldn't give up the children and would not give any reason for it, and that I might take such action as I saw fit. Accordingly I got out a writ of habeas corpus."

The writ was before Justice Glegerich yesterday, but the hearing was adjourned until to-morrow week, pending a further investigation by the society.

The society not only took the sum of \$1 a week for the board of the dead child, but insists upon keeping the money. Mr. Baum says he cannot understand why the society is taking such a position, but he believes some clerk in the society offices is doing it because of a prejudice formed against Oddo.

An unusual feature of the case is that the death certificate states that the baby Olga died of "chronic nephritis." This is a chronic inflammation of the kidneys and is practically Bright's disease. Mr. Baum is wondering how the doctors ever discovered chronic nephritis in a baby.

Oddo's children were taken from him in December, when his wife was committed to Ward's Island as insane. Officer Dent, of the Gerry Society, told Magistrate Deuel that he had found the children hungry, ragged and uncared for. The magistrate turned the children over to the society and they were sent to the Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominic, at Blauvelt, Rockland County. The magistrate ordered Oddo to pay \$1 a week for each child to the Gerry Society for the support of the children.

Oddo was extremely fond of his baby girl, Olga. She was only 2 years old, and he did not like to have her in an institution with nearly a thousand other children. He looked for a new home for them, and rented

apartments for them at 501 Hicks street, near Degraw. He went to an employment agency on Atlantic avenue and asked for a housekeeper. After a time the agency obtained for him a woman about 40 years old, named Dolly Batson. Mrs. Batson was able to give the best of references from employers here and in Fall River. She took charge of Oddo's new home and he went to the Gerry Society to get his children.

His first application for the children was made on April 12. He was told that he could not get them then, but the matter would be considered on April 17. On the day named Oddo went after his children. He was broken hearted when the society informed him he could not have them.

Now, Oddo was afraid to leave his children in the asylum. He had seen enough there in January, he declares, to give him alarm. He says his little girl was suffering then from a slight attack of bronchitis, and that he found 300 children in a big room with the wet wash of the asylum hanging over their heads to dry, making a dangerously damp and cold atmosphere. Thinking of these things, Oddo decided to get a lawyer. He went to Mr. Baum, who made two efforts to get the children and failed. Then the writ of habeas corpus was sued out.

Two days ago Mr. Baum went to the asylum to serve the writ upon the Mother Superior. There he was dumfounded to learn that Oddo's pet, the baby, had died six weeks before, on March 4. The writ was served and the three living children were in court yesterday.

The society was there to fight the case, its lawyer, C. J. Sullivan, claiming that Oddo had failed to satisfy the society that his home was a suitable place for the children.

"Why didn't you notify the father that Olga was dead?" Mr. Baum asked.

Sullivan gave as an excuse that at the time notice was received from the asylum, Oddo could not be found. Sullivan didn't explain why Oddo was not informed on one of his weekly visits to the society rooms.

"But at least you could have told him of his child's death when he went to see you last week and on Monday of this week," said Mr. Baum.

Lawyer Sullivan said the matter had probably been overlooked. He consented to tell the father where his child was buried, saying the grave was in the asylum graveyard.

Oddo wept like a child when he learned of his daughter's death. He wept still more when he was told that his other children would have to go back to the asylum, pending a decision of the case. He hugged each of the children, all boys, aged 6, 8 and 12, and went sobbing from the court room.

His housekeeper said this morning that Oddo was wild with grief last night. She showed a reporter over the home, which is kept scrupulously clean. There are plenty of clothes for the children and the measurements of the rooms show that they will have more space than they now have at the asylum.

Oddo is earning \$18 a week as shipping clerk in the office of a fruit merchant. His employer and his housekeeper will be in court when the case is called again.

BOARD FOR A DEAD CHILD

***PAID TO GERRY SOCIETY BY
FATHER LEFT IN IGNORANCE.***

**Six Weeks After His Daughter Was Buried
He Learned of It When He Sought
to Get Her Back by Writ—Society
Resists Giving Him His Other Children.**

Lawyer Joseph M. Baum charged yesterday, before Supreme Court Justice Giegerich, that the Gerry society had failed to notify his client, Joseph Oddo, of the death of one of Oddo's children, who were committed to the society's custody recently, and had continued to receive and accept Oddo's payments of \$1 a week for the child's support for six weeks after her death on March 4, until Tuesday last, when the father discovered that the child was dead. Counsel for the society said it was not the society's fault that the father had not been informed at once.

Oddo is an Italian shipping clerk and earns about \$15 a week. In December last his wife was committed to Ward's Island as insane. Officer Dent of the Gerry society took charge of the four children, whom he found in Oddo's apartments. Dent reported that the children were hungry, ragged and uncared for, and Magistrate Deuel turned the children over to the Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominic at Blauvelt, Rockland county.

According to Mr. Baum, Oddo paid regularly the \$4 a week which Magistrate Deuel ordered him to pay the society, being \$1 a week for each child.

Latterly, Oddo's worldly fortunes have somewhat improved, and he has established a new home at 501 Hicks street, Brooklyn. On April 12 he went to the society to get his children back. He was told that the matter would be considered on April 17. On that day he was told that he could not have the children.

Oddo consulted Baum, who sued out a writ of habeas corpus for the four little Oddos and went up to Blauvelt to serve it on the Mother Superior. She told him that little Olga had died six weeks ago. The three others—all boys—were before Justice Giegerich yesterday.

Mr. Baum asked Justice Giegerich to make an order directing the society to surrender the three other children, and to return to Oddo the money he has been paying for his dead child's maintenance.

Lawyer C. J. Sullivan for the society said that Oddo had failed to satisfy the Gerry officers that his home was a suitable one for his children, but that another inspection of it would be made pending the Court's decision.

"But why didn't you notify us that Olga was dead?" Mr. Baum asked.

Mr. Sullivan replied that when the notification of death was received from the asylum, Oddo could not be found.

"But at least you could have told him when he went to see you last week and on Monday," Mr. Baum retorted.

Mr. Sullivan said that the matter had probably been overlooked then. Mr. Baum then asked Justice Giegerich to direct the society, pending his decision, to inform Oddo where his daughter was buried.

"Surely there is no objection to that?" Justice Giegerich said, turning to Mr. Sullivan.

"None at all," the lawyer replied. "She was buried in the asylum graveyard."

Pending the decision, the three boys were sent back to the asylum after a hug from their weeping father.

"New York Sun" Thursday 20 Apr 1905 p 12

A number of Brooklyn and Long Island men have been called into service and have reported here recently. Among them are: John J. Gill, Hollis, L. I.; George Nesbit, Greenpoint; Frank Cassidy, Warren Cullen, William Allen, Fred Brunner and Richard Morrell, of Rockaway, L. I.; William McKeon, Union Course, L. I.; G. P. Hensler of Richmond Hill, George Collier, Christian Stiansen, George A. Brown and Joseph Oddo.

"Brooklyn Daily Eagle" Wednesday 5 Dec 1917 p 23

STATEMENT FROM THE NEW YORK S. P. C. C.

To the Editor of the Democrat and Chronicle:

Sir: The society's attention has been called to an article in your issue of April 21, 1905, in which you rather severely criticize as you say, "The Gerry Society." As you may not know, there is no such organization in existence. I presume you refer to this society, and believing that you do not desire to do it an injustice, beg to inform you of the facts of the case to which your article referred.

In the case of Joseph Oddo, his three children were on January 19, 1904, brought to the society's office, his wife, Catherine, having been removed to Bellevue Hospital after being found wandering in the streets in "an emaciated condition, and apparently ill. She stated that she had left home because of the abuse and ill-treatment of her husband. A subsequent investigation showed that she was weak-minded.

On January 22, 1904, the children were taken before the Court of Special Sessions, First Division, Children's Part. Justice Wyatt, presiding, permitted the father to take them home.

On November 26, 1904, the children were again brought to the society's reception rooms, the mother having again been found wandering on the streets. The father had deserted them. He was arrested and placed under an order to pay toward the support of his family by City Magistrate Pool. On November 28, 1904, the children, Catherine, Joseph and Otto Oddo, were brought before Justice Deuel, at the Children's Court, where the father again appealed to the Justice to be permitted to take care of his children. His request was granted, for the second time.

December 9, 1904, only eleven days later, an officer of the twenty-fifth precinct police brought four children, Italo, aged 8; Hugo, aged 6; Walter, aged 5, and Olga, aged 2 years, to the society's reception rooms, stating that the mother had been taken to Bellevue Hospital charged with insanity and that a two months' old child had been sent with her.

After a lengthy examination before the Court, the Justice committed the children to the Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominic, and placed the father under an order to pay half board toward their support. It costs the city a weekly per capita of \$2 for each child. Oddo paid under that order \$68, being but \$1 in excess of the amount due the city, after making proper deduction from the date of the child's death. The institution notified the father, at the address given by him in December, 1904, the only time he ever visited the children, that the child was dangerously ill. This was not delivered, and was accordingly returned "not found." The child died immediately afterward. The institution neglected to apprise the society of the death. Had they done so the society would have duly notified the father when he called to make his weekly payments. The money which he has paid is, you should know, transmitted by this society to the Comptroller of the city to partly reimburse the county treasury for its expense in such cases, and not retained by the society; nor does it reap any benefit therefrom. Oddo's claim that he had a proper home to take the children to, in Brooklyn, was investigated and the place found not to be such. The society, therefore, declined to recommend their discharge. It

has no power to release children. This view was confirmed on the 28th of April before the hearing by Justice Glegerich, Supreme Court, upon the writ of habeas corpus, to determine whether or not the children should be returned to the father. The Justice personally examined the housekeeper, and after doing so dismissed the writ and declined to discharge the children to the father, stating that it was best for the little ones to remain in the institution.

It is hoped you will see the justice of placing these facts before your readers in as conspicuous a manner as you did the editorial commenting upon the action in this case.

E. FELLOWS JENKINS,
Secretary and Superintendent of the Society
for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children,
New York, May 6, 1905.

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[Democrat and Chronicle](#)

Rochester, New York

08 May 1905, Mon • Page 7

<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/19048079/joseph-oddo/?xid=637>

CHILD DIED TWO MONTHS AGO.

Father Did Not Get News Through Children's Society, However.

Deprived of his four little children by the Children's Aid Society on Dec. 10 last, when his wife was committed to the Manhattan State Hospital for the insane, Joseph Oddo, a shipping clerk at 15 Whitehall Street, who has been trying persistently to get them back, only learned on Tuesday night that the youngest, Olga, two years old, had died on March 4 at the Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominick, Blauvelt, Rockland County.

Notwithstanding that his baby's death was unknown to him for nearly two months the society, he charges, continued to receive from him \$1 every week for her support. Oddo made an application for a writ of habeas corpus before Justice Giegerich in the Supreme Court yesterday to compel the production of Italo Oddo, six years old, and Ugo, five years old, who still remain in the institution. Guglielmo Romolo, three years old, the other child, was committed to the Foundling Asylum, where Oddo is content he shall remain.

C. J. Sullivan of Nicoll, Anable & Lindsay, counsel for the Children's Society, said that the society simply collected the money for the city, and that Oddo had been ordered to pay a lump sum of \$4 a week. Justice Giegerich adjourned the case for one week.

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The New York Times

New York, New York

20 Apr 1905, Thu • Page 2

Siblings:

Suburbanite Jailed; Another Fined

Jersey City — James P. Johnson of Flemington was sentenced to Bordentown Reformatory Friday by Hudson County Judge Paul J. Duffy after he pleaded guilty to a robbery charge.

An accomplice, Joseph P. O'Connor of New York, was placed on probation for three years and ordered to make restitution of \$12 to the victim, Mrs. Olga Vrbán, owner of a tavern in Hoboken.

Sister Olga Oddo Defossez Stipkovich Vrbán – “Bridgewater (NJ) Courier-News” Tuesday 5 Jul 1949
p 19

Two poems in Edgar S.] Gorrell's *History of the American Expeditionary Forces Air Service*, volume 11, page 161 - <https://www.fold3.com/image/19796359?terms=gorrell,oddo,history>

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REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

SERIAL NUMBER T 1559	1. NAME (Print) JOSEPH DOMINIC ODDO (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER T 10389
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 276 BEDFORD AVE BROOKLYN N.Y. (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)		
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]		
3. MAILING ADDRESS same (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)		
4. TELEPHONE yes EV-4 6385 (Exchange) (Number)	5. AGE IN YEARS 43 DATE OF BIRTH 10 7 1898 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Buffalo N.Y. (Town or county) (State or country)
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs Mary Nicolouty 276 Bedford Ave., B'klyn N.Y.		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS unemployed		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-42)	(over) ☆ GPO 16-21630-1	Joseph D. Oddo. (Registrant's signature)

WWII draft registration – 15 Feb 1942 - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/194990432:2238?tid=&pid=&queryId=4a4e603608549e378fb28d07a48fad8b&_phsrc=hFB40634&_phstart=successSource

Oddo, Joseph D. (Last name) (Other names)		Age 25 (Date of Birth)
(Home address)		(Place of Birth)
(Change of address)		
(Change of address)		
Co. B. 165th. Inf. (Enlisted in)	(No. Yrs.)	3/9/23 (Date enlistment)
Hon. Dis. (How separated from active service)		4/8/25 (Date separation)
Service Co. 102d. Med. Regt. (Reenlisted in)	(No. Yrs.)	5/5/25 (Date re-enl.)
(How separated from active service)		(Date separation)
(Reenlisted in)	(No. Yrs.)	(Date re-enl.)
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(Continued States service) Form AGO-PB-E-1 7-9-37 106,000 (1B 214)		(Continue on back)

Is this him? <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/326580:60808>

Name: Joseph Demnico Oddo Jr.

Name variations: alias: J. Frank Otto - in earlier references: Italo

Military:

On Tuscania: 213th Aero Squadron - private

Serial number: 250,198

Entered service from: NY, NY

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Joseph D. Oddo

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Joseph D. Oddo, Sr., 2053 Washington Ave., NY, NY

Returned from war on: "Freedom" Jul 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Joseph D. Oddo

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father John D. Oddo, 88 Sussex St., Jersey City NJ (pvt, Co. C, 2nd Prov. Dev. Bn.)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Joseph D. Oddo, 1641 E. 12th St., Brooklyn NY

World War II draft registration (1942): as Joseph Dominic Oddo - b. 7 Oct 1898 Buffalo, Erie NY; res: 276 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn NY. NOK Mrs. Mary Micolowitz, same address.

Unemployed. "scar on nose" Height: 5'6" - 165 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 6 Apr 1917

Discharged: 4 Jun 1920

Address: 241 Henderson St., Jersey City NJ

Rank: private, 642nd Aero Supply Squadron

Rank/unit:

NY, WWI Army Card –

enlisted Ft. Slocum NY 22 Aug 1916 at age 17 years 10 months. Discharged 4 Jun 1920 with abolition of Army Reserve

Birth & death:

Born: 7 Oct 1898 (Veterans Administration Military IndexI) – was 16 years old in 1916, which places birth ca. Mar 1900 – or born 1898 (NY National Guard record) - or ca. Oct 1898 Buffalo, Erie NY (NY WWI Army Card)

Died:

Find A Grave record:

Burial location:

Cemetery:

Tombstone:

Father: Joseph Oddo Sr., born ca. 1857 Italy

Find A Grave:

Mother: Catherine (“Carrie”) Piomonte Oddo, Jun 1872 Italy (1900 census) - .

In the 1915 census, Joseph Sr.’s wife Anna Oddo, age 34, was born in Italy. In the 1920 census, Joseph Oddo’s wife is listed as Anna, age 49, born in Germany.

Find A Grave:

Parents’ marriage:

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

The mystery sibling:

Newspaper reports in 1905 vary in the number of children of Joseph & Catherine Oddo. Some reports say there are four – Italo, Hugo, Walter & Olga – with a 2-month-old child that accompanies her mother to the Bellevue Hospital (for the insane) in Dec 1904. Other reports report that Olga died at age 2 years, but it appears she married at least 3 times and lived until 1997. Might this be the Josephine Oddo who died 5 Mar 1905? Newspaper reports indicate Olga died 4 Apr 1905.

Siblings: Joseph was the oldest child.

- Hugo Dominick Oddo, 11 Apr 1900 NY – 7 Jul 1960 NY. On his WWI draft registration (12 Sep 1918), Hugh lists as his NOK Joseph Oddo. Both are residents of 156 York St., Jersey City, Hudson NJ. He was a floatman for the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Name also found as Vigo Oddo. – Social Security records his last residence was Allerton, Bronx NY.
- Walter Joseph Oddo, 3 Feb 1900 NY on his WWI draft registration (12 Sep 1918). This date is impossible as Hugo was born 11 Apr 1900. Hugo was age 13 & Walter age 12 in 1915, and Hugo was age 19 & Walter age 17 in 1920. It is more likely that he is the man also known as Walter J. Dodd, born 3 Feb 1902, died 29 Mar 1997 in Jersey City, Hudson NJ, whose last residence according to Social Security was Jersey City NJ. SSN 156-05-2707. Husband of Elinor Matilda Hansen (1902-1985). See: https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/108243385/person/430067734407/facts?_phsrc=hFB40664&_phstart=succesSource
- Olga Annita Oddo Defossez Stipkovich Vrban. 9 Sep 1906 NY – Aug 1985. SSN 143-14-5663. NY birth certificate lists as Annita Olga, born to Joseph Oddo & Chaterine Oddo. – In the 1925 Jersey City NJ city directory, she is Olga Oddo; by the 1930 census, she is listed as Olga Delassez, single. Married to Albert Pierre Defossez (1890 Belgium – 1977 FL). Their son Raymond Michael Defossez was born 18 Mar 1930 Brooklyn NY; died 5 Apr 2002. - Married 17 Jul 1934 in Manhattan NY, Olga A. Oddo to John Stipkovich (1897 Yugoslavia – 1970 Europe, SSN 050-07-9898). In the 1940 census for Jersey City, Hudson NJ, John Stipkowick (42) lived with wife Olga Stipkowick (33 NY); they had resided in Kings Co. NY in 1935. – Olga Stipkovich married in 1948 to Jack Vrban in NJ. Died with surname Vrban; last residence was Holmdel, Monmouth NJ.

Notes:

Do not confuse with another Joseph Oddo from Buffalo NY.

Are these relatives?

a Guiseppe Oddo b. 30 Mar 1860 Italy, d. 9 Apr 1927, Manhattan, widowed, buried Calvary, F:137897758

a daughter Josephine, d. at age zero 5 Mar 1905, res: 340 E. 45th St., NYC, buried Calvary, parent Joseph & Anna Oddo, both b. Italy

Pre-war:

Wartime:

“New York Herald [in Newspapers.com header, but “New York Sun” on paper itself) Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1 – men on Tuscania from NYC & surrounding area includes Oddo, Joseph D., 2053 Washington Ave., NYC. Found at: <https://www.newspapers.com/image/207133934>

"New York Tribune" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 2 – "New York Men Aboard Tuscania" includes Joseph D. Oddo Jr., private, Joseph D. Oddo, 2953 Washington Ave., NY, NY

"New York Herald" 9 Feb 1918: age 25, real name said to be "Itola" - lived with parents before enlistment. Four months ago the family moved with no forwarding address [cannot locate this paper – content of this paper is actually not internally indexed by Newspapers.com although the whole paper is copied – also tried in "New York Sun"]

Post-war:

Author of 2 poems in Edgar S.] Gorrell's History of the American Expeditionary Forces Air Service (Fold3.com)

"Washington (DC) Times" 15 Feb 1920 p 3 - each Congressman received about 100 petitions protesting the sale of ships, a petition circulated by the Hearst newspapers. "On a petition received by Congressman O'Connell from Joseph D. Oddo, jr., of Jersey City, N.J. was written this demand: 'Don't let England destroy the American wealth and commerce.' "

1925 Jersey City NJ city directory

Oddo

Frank J., resident of 71 Grand

Hugh (Dorothy), deckhand, resident of 71 Grand

Jos. (Kath), resident of 165 Grand

Olga, phone operator, resident of 165 Grand

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Buffalo, Erie NY – Morgan - conducted 16 Jun 1900

Joseph Oddo, 43 Italy, May 1854, parents b. Italy, married 9 years, emigrated 1896, in US for 4 years, engineer sta.

Carrie, 37 Italy, Jun 1872, parents b. Italy, emigrated 1896, in US for 4 years, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Italo, 1 NY, Oct 1898 [i.e. Joseph]

Vigo, 2 months NY, Apr 1900 NY [i.e. Hugo]

& 2 boarders

1905 Blauvelt, Rockland NY – Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominic – as of 1 Jun 1905

As inmates, all residents of the Bronx:

Walter Oddo, 4 US

Hugo Oddo, 6 US, at school

Italo Oddo, 8 US, at school [i.e. Joseph Jr.]

1915 NY state census – Bronx NY – 2053 Washington

Joseph Oddo, 50 Italy, citizen, bookkeeper

Anna, 34 Italy, citizen, housework

Italo, 16 US, citizen, errand boy

Hugo, 13 US, citizen, errand boy

Walter, 12 US, citizen, school

Olga, 8 US, citizen, school

1920 census Jersey City NJ – 88 Sussex St. (renters) – the address when Joseph Jr. returns from war

Joseph Oddo, 63 Italy, parents b. Italy, alien, emigrated 1896, clerk, unemployed

Anna, 49 Germany, alien, emigrated 1899 [this must be a 2nd wife]

Hugh, 19 NY, dockhand, railroad

Walter, 17 NY, student

Olga, 13 NY, student