

# REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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

DATE:

*LOF sent to mother but  
345 indicates Father*

*Father - Dmetrio Shiry  
707 Sarah St  
Pittsburgh, Penn.  
4 March 1947*

**Pvt. Michael J. Shiry, 33 266 722  
Plot TT, Row 1, Grave 19,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium**

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## PART I

I, Rose Shiry

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

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

- WIDOW                       WIDOWER                       SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD                       DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- FATHER                       MOTHER                       BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD                       SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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  
St. John's, The Baptist Ubr. Gr. Catholic Cemetery Pgh. Pa.  
(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)
- 3. BE RETURNED TO \_\_\_\_\_ (FOREIGN COUNTRY) \_\_\_\_\_ THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT \_\_\_\_\_ (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  
Hester  
JH*



**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			
<del>J. P. Colligan</del> J. P. Colligan & Bro.			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
800-802 Carson St.	Pittsburgh	Allegheny	Pennsylvania
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.	
Pennsylvania		He 0650	

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
Shiry	Dmetro		father
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
707 Sarah St.	Pittsburgh	Allegheny	Pennsylvania

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.

X Post, Shiry, (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)      707 Sarah St (STREET AND NUMBER)  
 ROSE SHIRY (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)      Pittsburgh - Pa. (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 24 day of March, 1947, at city (or town) of Pittsburgh, county of Allegheny, and State (or Territory or District) of Pennsylvania

Joseph V. Rouckewin (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)  
 101, Carson, Alderman (OFFICIAL TITLE)

\*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial commission. MY COMMISSION EXPIRES The first Monday in January 1950 JOSEPH V. ROUCKEWIN



## PART II - RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

If you are the next of kin and you desire to rennquish your disposition authority, please fill in PART II of this form.

I, THE \_\_\_\_\_, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED  
(PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP)  
NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.  
THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET AND NUMBER)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY AND STATE)

## PART III

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE FOLLOWING PERSON, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS THE NEXT OF KIN TO WHOM THIS FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET AND NUMBER)

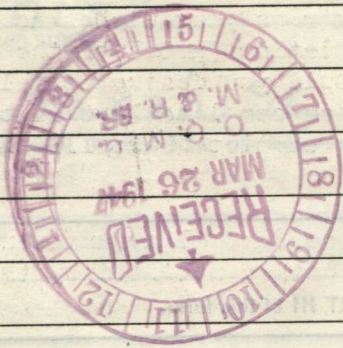
\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY AND STATE)



ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.





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DATE:

Pvt. Michael J. Shiry, 33 266 722  
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 United States Military Cemetery  
 Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

7 May 1947

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## PART I

I, DMETRO SHIRY  
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

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

- WIDOW
- WIDOWER
- SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- FATHER
- MOTHER
- BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE *(Specify)* \_\_\_\_\_

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ST. JOHN'S THE BAPTIST GREEK CATHOLIC CEMETERY PITTSBURGH, PENNA.  
(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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		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 <b>J. P. COLLIGAN</b>			
NUMBER AND STREET <b>800 E. CARSON ST.,</b>	CITY OR TOWN <b>PITTSBURGH</b>	COUNTY OR PROVINCE <b>ALLEGHENY</b>	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY <b>PENNA.</b>
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station) <b>PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD</b>	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS <b>PITTSBURGH, PENNA</b>		TELEPHONE No. <b>HE. 0650</b>

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 <b>SHIRY</b>	FIRST NAME <b>ROSE</b>	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED <b>MOTHER</b>
NUMBER AND STREET <b>707 SARAH ST.,</b>	CITY OR TOWN <b>PITTSBURGH</b>	COUNTY OR PROVINCE <b>ALLEGHENY</b>	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY <b>PENNA.</b>

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**NOTE: ONE OF THESE FORMS WAS FILLED OUT, SIGNED BY ROSE SHIRY (MOTHER) & RETURNED TO YOU LATTER PART OF MARCH, 1947. BOTH FORMS CARRY IDENTICAL INSTRUCTIONS.**

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*Dimitro Shiry*  
 (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)

**DMETRO SHIRY**  
 (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

**707 SARAH ST.,**  
 (STREET AND NUMBER)

**PITTSBURGH, PENNA.**  
 (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 17 day of May, 1947, at city (or town) of Pittsburgh, county of Allegheny, and State (or Territory) of Pennsylvania  
 District of Pennsylvania

*Elizabeth L. Keller*  
 (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)  
**ELIZABETH L. KELLER, N. P.**  
 (OFFICIAL TITLE)  
 Notary Public  
 My Commission Expires **May 1, 1948**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET AND NUMBER)

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(SIGNATURE)

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(DATE)

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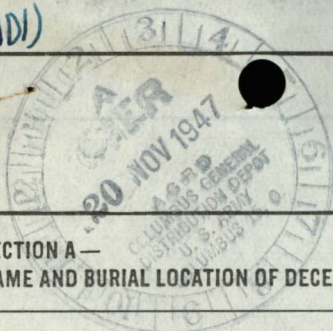




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# DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE



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SECTION A —  
NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED

DIRECTIVE NUMBER  
1240 14008

DATE  
02 07 47  
DAY MONTH YEAR

NAME  
SHIRY MICHAEL J

SERIAL NUMBER  
33266722

RANK  
PVT

ARM  
1  
DATE OF DEATH  
DAY MONTH YEAR

CEMETERY  
HENRI CHAPELLE

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS  
1 3200 7  
CODE DIST. PT.

PLOT ROW GRAVE COUNTRY  
TT 1 19 BELGIUM

CAUSE OF DEATH  
2

## SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE  
J. P. COLLIGAN <sup>9</sup> BROS. FUNERAL HOME  
800 EAST CARSON STREET  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN  
MR. DMETRO SHIRY  
707 SARAH STREET  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

## SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME SERIAL NUMBER RANK DATE OF DEATH DATE DISTINTERRED  
Shiry, Michael J. 33266722 Pvt. Est. 24 Dec. 1944 19 August 1947

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON ORGANIZATION  
 REMAINS (H), 494TH BMB GP.  
 MARKER 866TH BMB SQ

RELIGION IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY  
C David L. Benshoff, Capt. Inf.  
Morgue Director  
NAME AND TITLE

## SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL Uniform CONDITION OF REMAINS Skull crushed and partly missing. Left hand missing.

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION  
None

MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1  
None

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET  
20 August 1947

Harold D. Wheeler, Ident. Tech.

DATE BY  
CASKET SEALED BY  
Harold D. Wheeler, Ident. Tech.

EMBALMER (Signature)  
Byron F. Johnston, Emb. Supv..  
Hq. 544 Qm. Sv. Co.

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED  
20-8-47 Charles E. Hackler,  
Clerk Rec'der

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY  
Harold D. Wheeler, Ident. Tech.

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

David L. Benshoff, Capt. Inf.

SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

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

Harold D. Wheeler  
Ident. Tech.  
19 Aug 48

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## RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

### 1. SHIPPED

FROM U.S. M.C. HENRI CHAPELLE, BELGIUM		TO LIEGE, BELGIUM (BARGE LOADING POINT)	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRUCK		NAME OF CONVOYER SGT. LUPE. J. VALENZUELA RA 39570049	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>L. S. Schell Capt</i>	DATE 25/8/47	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>PM GEE</i>	DATE 25/8/47

### 2. SHIPPED

FROM LIEGE, BELGIUM (BARGE LOADING POINT)		TO ANTWERP PORT PIER 140	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE BARGE CAROLINE		NAME OF CONVOYER CPL THOMAS L. MC VICAR R. A 42177765	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER CAPT PAUL MC GEE 0505337 M.I.S.	DATE 25/8/47	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>Paul McGee</i>	DATE 29 NOV 1947

### 3. SHIPPED

FROM AGRC ANTWERP BELGIUM		TO USAT JCS V CONNOLLY	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE ZEC		NAME OF CONVOYER Wm G Henderson Capt T C	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER L E Butler Lt Col Inf	DATE -4 OCT 1947	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>Wm G Henderson</i>	DATE -4 OCT 1947

### 4. SHIPPED

FROM JOSEPH V. CONNOLLY		TO NY PE	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE JOSEPH V. CONNOLLY		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>Wm G Henderson</i>	DATE OCT 25 1947	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>for James E. McKinnon</i>	DATE 27 OCT 1947

### 5. SHIPPED PORT TRANSPORTATION OFFICER

FROM NY PE		TO DC-7-Columbus, Ohio	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Train		NAME OF CONVOYER Sgt. Michael T. Bowen	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER JAMES E. MCKINNON COLONEL, T. C.	DATE 31 Oct 47	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>Edward Engelman</i>	DATE Nov '47

### 6. SHIPPED

FROM		TO	
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

DISTRIBUTION CENTER

COLUMBUS GENERAL DISTRIBUTION DEPOT, COLUMBUS 15, OHIO

ROUTINE 13 NOVEMBER 1947

REMAINS CONSIGNED TO:

J P COLLIGAN & BROTHER FUNERAL HOME

800 EAST CARSON STREET

PITTSBURGH PENNSYLVANIA

FROM QMDCG \_\_\_\_\_ BARDEN

REMAINS OF THE LATE PRIVATE MICHAEL J SHIRY SERIAL NO 33266722  
BEING SHIPPED TO YOU ACCOMPANIED BY ESCORT CORPORAL NICHOLAS S LUCYK  
ON TRAIN NO 6 PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD LEAVING COLUMBUS 12:20 PM  
THIRTEEN NOVEMBER AND DUE TO ARRIVE PITTSBURGH PA 5:00 PM RAILROAD  
TIME THIRTEEN NOVEMBER PD REQUEST YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCEPT  
REMAINS AT STATION UPON ARRIVAL

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

THIS 13 DAY OF November, 1947  
DAY MONTH

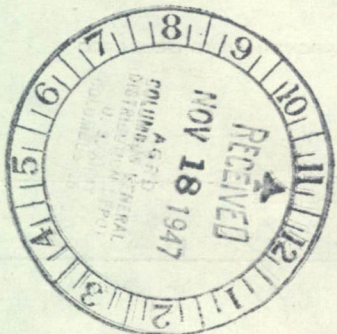
Nicholas S Lucyk Cpl. A.C.  
WITNESS (Escort)

J P Colligan & Bro  
CONSIGNEE  
Per J P Colligan Jr (Partner)



REPORT OF REMAINS

CHARLES EARL WATSON, JR., GREENSBORO, N.C.





U. S. WAR DEPARTMENT

(Department, bureau, or establishment)

Bu. Vou. No.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING  
 OFFICE PREAUDIT  
 Certified for payment in the  
 sum of \$

Comptroller General of the  
 United States

By

Voucher prepared at Columbus General Distribution Depot  
Columbus 15, Ohio (Give place and date) 11/24/47

THE UNITED STATES, Dr.,

To Daitro Shiry

(Payee)

Address 707 Sarah St., Pittsburgh 3, Pennsylvania

Payee's Account No.

PAID BY  
W. KNOBELOCH  
 Lt. Col. F. D.  
 Pl. Gen. D. Depot  
 Columbus, Ohio  
 Sym. No. 211-943  
 Station No. 419  
**DEC 1947**  
 (For use of Paying Office)

No. and Date of Order	Date of Delivery or Service	Articles or Services (Enter description, item number of contract or general supply schedule, and other information deemed necessary)  Terms _____ % Discount Cash _____ days	Quantity	UNIT PRICE		AMOUNT	
				Cost	Per	Dollars	Cts.
	11/20/47	Brought forward from continuation sheet(s)  Interment Expense Remains of Michael J. Shiry PVT., 33266722 Air Corps				\$75	00

Shipped from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Government B/L No. \_\_\_\_\_ Total **\$75.00**

(Payee must NOT use this space)  
 Differences \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Account verified: correct for \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature or initials) \_\_\_\_\_

See Certificate attached.

MEMORANDUM

H. E. Truex

Authorized Certifying Officer

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION (for completion by Administrative Office)

Appropriation, limitation, or project symbol	Appropriation title			Limit'n or Proj't Amount	Appropriation Amount
A21X1805	807-47	P-490-07	S99-999		\$75.00

Allotment symbol	Amount	Obligations liquidated	COST ACCOUNT		OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION	
			Symbol	Amount	Symbol	Amount

Paid by { Check No. 12395 dated DEC 5 1947 19... for \$ 75.00 } on Treasurer of the United States in favor of payee named above.  
 { Cash, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 19... \*Payee \_\_\_\_\_ }  
 (Sign original only)

\* When a voucher is signed or receipted in the name of a company or corporation, the name of the person writing the company or corporate name, as well as the capacity in which he signs, must appear. For example: "John Doe Company, per John Smith, Secretary"; or "Treasurer"; as the case may be. † If the ability to certify and authority to approve are combined in one person, one signature only is necessary; otherwise the approving officer will sign in the blank space below "Approved for \$ \_\_\_\_\_", and over his official title.

Per \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_







RETURN OF REMAINS - WORLD WAR II DEAD  
CERTIFICATE OF INTERMENT EXPENSES

Date Nov. 17, 1947

I Dmitro Shiry, 707 Sarah St. Pittsburgh, 3, Pa.  
(Name and address of person responsible for payment of interment expenses)

hereby certify that the total sum of \$275.00 was incurred by me in connection  
with the interment of the remains of the late Michael J. Shiry

Pvt., 35266722, Air Corps

(Grade, Serial Number, & Arm of Service of Decedent)

in the St. John Ukrainian Cem Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Penna.  
(Name of Cemetery) (County or City) (State)

Dmitro Shiry  
(Signature)

NOTE: 1. This certificate will be completed in quintuplicate and signed by the person who engaged the receiving funeral director and is responsible for payment of his bill. It is NOT to be accomplished or signed by the funeral director.

2. Return to: Commanding Officer  
Columbus General Distribution Depot  
Columbus 15, OHIO  
ATTN: Chief, American Graves Registration Division



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

(Name and address of the recipient of the document)

(Address of the sender of the document)

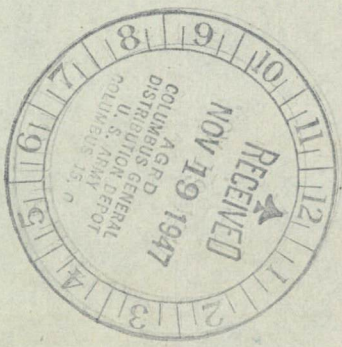
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CONFIRMING TELEGRAM RECEIVED IN REGARD TO PVT MICHAEL J SHIRY

DECEASED NO ~~CHANGES~~ CHANGES MADE TO PREVIOUS APPLICATION J P COLLIGAN

WILL RECEIVE REMAINS AT STATION DESIRE MILITARY HONORS FOR

FUNERAL AND CHOOSE SOUTH SIDE ~~POST~~ POST AMERICAN LEGION #453

DESIRE BODY TO ARRIVE IN PITTSBURGH ON THE EARLIEST

THURSDAY TO HAVE FUNERAL ON A SUNDAY PLEASE WIRE IF AND

WHEN REQUEST IS POSSIBLE

DIMITRO SHIRY

#453 ( 635PM)

M.D.







# MESSAGE FORM

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FROM: (Originator) **BOWMAN COMMANDING GENERAL COLUMBUS  
GENERAL DISTRIBUTION DEPOT COLUMBUS OHIO**

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

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ACTION TO:

**MR DMITRO SHIRY  
707 SARAH STREET  
PITTSBURGH PENNSYLVANIA**

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INFORMATION TO: FROM QMDCG 15448 B BARDEN

WAR DEPARTMENT WILL DELIVER REMAINS OF LATE PRIVATE

MICHAEL J SHIRY

IN NEAR FUTURE

PD RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED TO

J P COLLIGAN & BRO FUNERAL HOME PITTSBURGH PA PD PLEASE INSTRUCT

FUNERAL DIRECTOR TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD  
STATION UPON ARRIVAL PD PRIOR TO SHIPMENT FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE  
NOTIFIED OF RAIL ROUTING AND SCHEDULED TIME REMAINS WILL ARRIVE AT  
RAILROAD STATION PD REQUEST IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION OF ABOVE SHIPPING  
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CMA COLUMBUS OHIO PD IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL YOU  
SHOULD ASK LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS ORGANIZATION OF YOUR CHOICE  
TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS PD NECESSARY YOU INCLUDE NAME OF DECEASED IN  
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000)

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RE: [Illegible]

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INSPECTION CHECKLIST  
(FOR USE AT DISTRIBUTION CENTER)

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SPQYG 293  
Shiry, Michael J.  
S. N. 33 266 722

9 March 1946

In order that the program for repatriation may be accomplished in an orderly manner this office cannot concur in any request for permission to visit cemeteries overseas during the time of the exhumation of the remains.

When the remains of your son are returned, whether or not the casket may be opened and the remains viewed by you is a matter which you alone determine. The Government relinquishes all custodial right and responsibility for the remains upon delivery to the legal next of kin.

This office would have no objection to your visiting the grave of your son, should you be able to arrange a visit overseas. There is no authority or law whereby the Government could pay the expenses of your trip overseas for such a pilgrimage.

Remains will be disinterred and shipped to the place (town or city) designated by the legal next of kin at government expense. Existing regulations provide for an allowance not to exceed \$50.00 for expenses incident to interment incurred after remains arrive at the destination designated. Except in those cases where remains are shipped direct to a National Cemetery, a relative will engage the services of the receiving undertaker and be responsible for payment of his bill. Government interment allowance will be paid to the person who assumed such responsibility and instructions concerning application for this allowance will be furnished at the time the remains are shipped home. In those cases where the remains are shipped direct to a National Cemetery, the War Department will engage a receiving undertaker at a cost not in excess of \$50.00 and will pay his bill.

This office regrets sincerely the delay in answering your letter.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM B. CHRISTENSEN  
1st Lieut., QMC  
Assistant

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U.S. AIR FORCE  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

21 January 1947

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed herewith is a picture of the T-100 engine which  
is being developed by the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Company  
at Hartford, Connecticut.

If it is possible for you to see this  
view of the engine in which your views are expressed, in your  
own place of duty, and you will send for  
it, please let me know the name of the person to whom  
it should be sent in the office of your company.

This engine will be retained as a reference model  
until, in accordance with the terms of the contract, all  
rights are either placed in permanent American ownership  
or returned to the Government for final disposal.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Sincerely yours,

W. A. ROBERTS  
Assistant Chief of Staff

1 Encl.  
Photograph



RETURN OF REMAINS -- WORLD WAR II DEAD  
CERTIFICATE OF INTERMENT EXPENSES

Date Nov. 17, 1947

I Michael Shiry, 707 Sarah St. Pittsburgh, 3, Pa.  
(Name and address of person responsible for payment of interment expenses)

hereby certify that the total sum of \$275.00 was incurred by me in connection

with the interment of the remains of the late 293  
Michael J. Shiry

Pvt., 33266722, Air Corps

(Grade, Serial Number, & Arm of Service of Decedent)

in the St. John's Ukrainian Cem Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Penna.  
(Name of Cemetery) (County or City) (State)

Michael Shiry  
(Signature)

- NOTE: 1. This certificate will be completed in quintuplicate and signed by the person who engaged the receiving funeral director and is responsible for payment of his bill. It is NOT to be accomplished or signed by the funeral director.
2. Return to: Commanding Officer  
Columbus General Distribution Depot  
Columbus 15, OHIO  
ATTN: Chief, American Graves Registration Division

PAID ON VOUCHER 2777.5-  
12/5/47  
ACCOUNTS OF  
W. KNOBLOCH, Lt. Col. F. D.



QMGMR 293  
Shiry, Michael J.  
A.S.N. 33 266 722

21 January 1947

Mrs. Rose Shiry  
707 Sarah Street  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Shiry:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United States Military Cemetery Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, in which your son, the late Private Michael J. Shiry, is buried.

It is my sincere hope that you may gain some solace from this view of the surroundings in which your loved one rests. As you can see, this is a place of simple dignity, neat and well cared for. Here, assured of continuous care, now rest the remains of a few of those heroic dead who fell together in the service of our country.

This cemetery will be maintained as a temporary resting place until, in accordance with the wishes of the next of kin, all remains are either placed in permanent American cemeteries overseas or returned to the Homeland for final burial.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

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G. A. HORKAN  
Brigadier General, QMG  
Assistant

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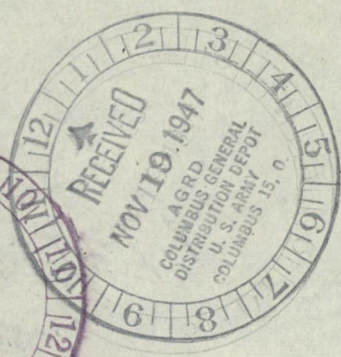






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Pvt. Michael J. Shiry, 33 266 722  
Plot TT, Row 1, Grave 19,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

7 May 1947

Mr. Dmetro Shiry  
707 Sarah Street  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Shiry:

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.

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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

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NEW LOI

Date 4/28 1947

Pvt Michael J. Shiry  
Rank Name

33 266722  
A. S. N.

LOI to be sent to:

Henri Chapelle  
Cemetery

Mr.  
~~Mrs.~~  
~~Miss~~

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Plot Row Grave

Dmetro Shiry  
Name

207 Sarah St.  
Street

Pittsburgh,  
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Pittsburgh, Pa.



707 Sarah Street  
Pittsburgh, Penna.  
March 12-1945 CP

War Department  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington - 25 - D.C.

Gentlemen:—

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It is with deep regret that I must write this letter concerning my son  Pvt. Michael J. Sherry who was killed in action December 18 in Belgium. According to the pamphlet enclosed, I am informed that the remains of the deceased can be brought to the United States after the war. It is my intention to go to the American Cemetery in Belgium after the war and bring my son back to his birthplace to be buried. However, one question arises in my mind which I would appreciate it if you would assist me. When I do go there, I would like very much to see the remains before bringing it home. Does the government allow anyone to see bodies of their dead before bringing them here?

I have heard rumors which I believe are false but I would want you to tell me just what you can in this matter. It was told to me that the remains of the deceased are buried with the box they are in and then



put in a casket before being brought to the United States. - Please answer this -

Your reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Mrs. Rose Sherry





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Pvt. Michael J. Shiry, 33 266 722  
Plot TT, Row 1, Grave 19,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

4 March 1947

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707 Sarah Street  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

U.S. ARMY  
RECORDS BRANCH  
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- 54 Enclosures *sty*
1. Pamphlet (Options)
  2. Disposition Form
  3. Envelope
  4. Pamphlet (Cemeteries)

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Shiry, Michael J.  
S. N. 33 266 722

Address Reply To  
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
Attention: Memorial Division

9 March 1946

Mrs. Rose Shiry  
707 Sarah Street  
Pittsburgh 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Shiry:

Your letter concerning your son, the late Private Michael J. Shiry, 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 therefore, 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.

In view of the fact that there is before the Congress legislation which will permit the repatriation of all American dead who have lost their lives while serving overseas, the War Department does not contemplate the sponsoring of pilgrimages to the American Cemeteries abroad. At the proper time, the legal next of kin will be contacted by this office in order to obtain their wishes regarding the final disposition of the remains.

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Shirley, Michael J.  
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9-March 1946

Address Reply To  
THE CHAIRMAN  
Attention: Memorial Division

Mrs. Rose Shirly  
707 East Street  
Pittsburgh 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Shirly:

Your letter concerning your son, the late Private Michael J. Shirly, has been received in this office.

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REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF LETTER  
FOR 293 INFORMATION

6 Dec. 46

NAME

Shiry, Michael J.

Pvt.

SERIAL NUMBER

33 266 722

LETTER TO

Field

NAME

RANK

ASN

ORGANIZATION

NEXT OF KIN

LATEST ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN

DATE OF DEATH

CEMETERY

PLOT

ROW

GRAVE

MISCELLANEOUS

SPECIAL CHECKER (Signature)

L. E. Wise



FORM 314.6  
Graves Registration  
(European, U. S. Misc.)

11 December 1946

SUBJECT: Burial Records.

TO: Commanding Officer  
American Graves Registration Command  
European Theater Area  
APO 887, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York.

1. Request the burial reports and grave markers for the following decedents, interred at the United States Military Cemetery Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, be changed to read as underacced.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK/ GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO</u>	<u>PLOT</u>	<u>ROW</u>	<u>GRAVE</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
Fowler, <u>Barnard A.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	33062229	P	6	116	<u>Co G 401 Cldr Inf Rgt 82 A/B Div</u>
Frient, <u>Martin J.</u>	<u>Pfc</u>	42046798	C-4	8	141	<u>276 Engr C Bn Co A</u>
Kannenberg, Donald F.	<u>T/5</u>	36212919	DDD	6	106	<u>Co A 33 Armd Rgt 3 Armd Div</u>
McGillivuddy, John J.	<u>Sgt</u>	42051232	AA	2	40	<u>Co G 22 Inf Rgt 4 Inf Div</u>
293 Shiry, <u>Michael J.</u>	<u>Pvt</u>	33266722	TT	1	19	<u>866 Bn Sq (H) 494 Bn Cp</u>
Talmadge, <u>Herbert E.</u>	<u>S/Lt</u>	0-1169763	KK	8	147	<u>Hq Btry 391 Armd FA Bn 3 Armd Div</u>
West, <u>Loy D.</u>	<u>T/5</u>	39275701	C-4	5	87	<u>Co C 823 TD Bn</u>

2. The records of this office have been reverified with the records of The Adjutant General, War Department, and have been found to be correct as indicated above.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

MARTIN G. RILEY  
Major, Q.M.G.  
Assistant.



QMCMR 293  
Shiry, Michael J.  
SN 33 266 722

Address Reply To  
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
Attention: Memorial Division

4 March 1947

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707 Sarah Street  
Pittsburgh 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Shiry:

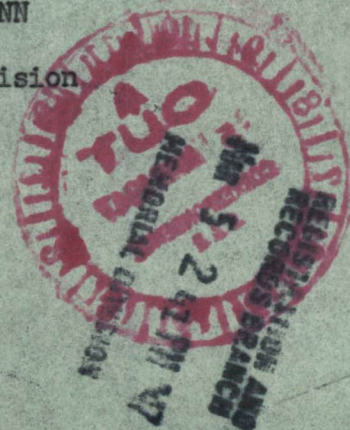
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Tentative plans indicate that the "Letters of Inquiry -- Return of World War II Dead" will be mailed to the next of kin of those interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery, Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, in the early part of March, and disinterment will begin in this cemetery in the first part of July. Visitors will not be permitted in the cemeteries overseas at the time of exhumation of the remains.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN  
Major, QMC  
Memorial Division



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CHIEF  
Sgt. Michael J.  
SN 32 382 722

4 March 1947

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Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. FLEMING  
Major, GSC  
Memorial Division



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707 Sarah Street  
Pittsburgh - 3 - Pa. 4  
February 14, 1946

Army Service Forces  
Quartermasters General  
Washington 25 - D. C.

In re:-  
Pvt. Michael J. Shiny  
33766722

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Gentlemen:-

Recently my attention had been called to the news in the paper in regard to the return of the war dead. This news interests me deeply - however, there are several questions which have arisen in my mind which I hope you will answer me to the best of your knowledge at the present time.

My son, Pvt. Michael J. Shiny, was killed in action December 18, 1944 and is now buried at the Henri Chapelle Cemetery at Belgium. Naturally, I'm very anxious to know just when the government intends to transfer of the bodies of this particular area to the United States. Now, my questions are as follows:-

Can the parents of a deceased soldier overseas be permitted to visit the grave and have the body brought back to the United States all at the expense of the government? - That is the passage of the parents to go there and the cost of bringing the body back to this country -

Would it be possible for the parents to be at the scene of the digging of the graves before the deceased is brought to this country?



The information I had received from the Commanding Officer overseas had notified me that my son was killed instantly by being shot thru the heart; therefore, it would seem to me that I could review the remains - would you please tell me if this will be permitted?

Will visiting to the graves of the war dead be permitted before shipment of some is made to this country or will people who wish to visit the graves of the soldiers have to wait till the others are shipped home and then they open the cemetery with the rest of the war dead to visitors?

If any relatives of the deceased from the United States wish to make a trip to Europe to visit the graves at their own expense now, could it be done?

If it is at all possible now, I would appreciate it deeply if you could tell me just what procedure the government is going to take in the whole undertaking of bringing back the war dead and just what expense the government is going to meet? When will I be notified, as next of kin, and if I decide to go to Belgium, would I have to go at the particular time the government requests or could I go at my convenience?

In closing, may I express my sincere thanks with the hope of receiving an early reply.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Rose Shroy  
707 Sarah Street  
Pittsburgh - 3 - Penna



In-ve  
Pvt. Michael Sherry  
33266728

707 Sarah Street  
Pottsburgh - 3 - Pa  
February 17, 1947

The Quartermaster General  
Attention - Memorial Division

Dear Sirs:-

Several months ago, I read in the papers where the government was going to help Gold Star mothers make a pilgrimage to visit their sons' graves overseas. However, since that time, no further plans have been made by the government and I assumed that the plan was dropped completely. Nevertheless, I am inquiring whether the government still intends to send Gold Star Mothers overseas at their expense or whether this plan was definitely dissolved, and I would appreciate your reply to that. Regardless if the government assumes the responsibility and expense of this pilgrimage or not, my intentions are to go sometime this spring.

If it is possible, I would like to visit the Henri Chappeli Cemetery sometime this spring before the government begins to remove the overseas dead to being back home. My

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only difficulty is that I understood on an official broadcast that the government will begin to send applications forms to the next of kin in March for the removal of the dead. Naturally, if an application is sent to me while I am abroad, what would I do because even though I am going overseas, I want my son brought back home to his final resting place? Please inform me to that extent. My entire trip will not exceed two months.

I had inquired at the First National Bank of Pittsburgh about sailing and they informed me that all steamship reservations are taken up and it may be difficult for me to sail in May if I do not get a reservation for my husband and myself. Would it be possible for me to get a priority from the government for a steamship reservation to sail in May for the purpose of visiting my son's grave? -

Your early reply will be deeply appreciated.



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Mrs. Rose Shiny



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Shiry, Michael J.  
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29 March 1945

Mrs. Rose Shiry  
707 Sarah Street  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Shiry:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of 12 March 1945 requesting information concerning the remains of your son, the late Private Michael J. Shiry.

It cannot be stated whether or not you will be permitted to view the remains of your son before they are returned to the United States, in the event you visit Belgium. However, for your information the body of your son was positively identified by the identification tags, one of which was interred with the body and the other attached to the marker.

You are advised that no remains are cremated before being returned to the United States.

The official report of interment received in this office reveals that the remains of your son were interred in the Henri Chapelle Cemetery #1, Henri Chapelle, Belgium, Plot TT, Row 1, Grave 19.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

MAYO A. DARLING  
Lt Colonel, QMC  
Assistant

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20 March 1945

Mrs. Rose Gentry  
104 2nd Street  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Gentry:

As you are aware, the remains of your son, who was killed in action during the Battle of Iwo Jima, were returned to you on 12 March 1945. The remains were identified by the identification tags, one of which was attached to the body and the other attached to the marker.

It cannot be stated whether or not you will be permitted to view the remains of your son before they are returned to the United States. In the event you wish to view the remains, you should contact the office of your son's commanding officer, who is the only person authorized to issue identification tags, one of which was attached to the body and the other attached to the marker.

You are advised that no remains are separated before being returned to the United States.

The official report of the investigation received in this office reveals that the remains of your son were interred in the United States Cemetery at Camp Chapel, Okinawa, P.O. Box 1, Base 10.

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

FOR THE COMMISSIONER GENERAL

Sincerely yours,

WYOM A. DASHINE  
Colonel, USA  
Assistant

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SHIRY		MICHAEL J.		JULIEN		33266722	
Last Name		First		Initial		Serial No.	
Unknown		<del>114 TD ON SP</del>		866 BOMB		994 <sup>th</sup> BOMB GP	
Unknown		Belgium		1824		Dec. 44	
Place of Death		Date of Death		Est.		SFW Head.	
1100-hrs, 26 Dec. 44		Henri Chappelle # 1		K 721-348			
Time and Date of Burial		Name of Cemetery		Name or Coordinates of Location			
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Grave Number		Row Number		Plot Number		Type of Marker	

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

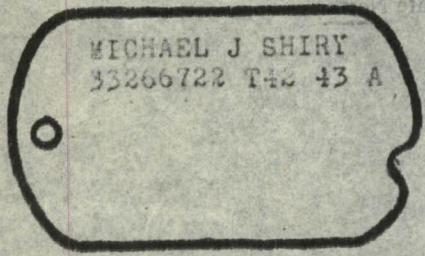
If No Identification Tags  
How were remains identified?

What means of identification were buried with the body?

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

Who is buried on:	Cole, Charles H			33886007	20
Deceased's Right:	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
Deceased's Left:	Simula, Paul A	36225799			18
	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.

Signature of 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Handwritten notes:*  
 Full  
 up  
 [Signature]

*Signature:* Neal F Baker

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

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Verified by G.R.S. Officer

NEAL F. BAKER  
1st Lt. OMC  
Graves Registration Officer



# IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

Take Fingerprints of Both Hands. If unable to obtain a complete set of Fingerprints, Take Those You Can, and fill in the following:

- |                      |                                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Height: _____        | Laundry Marks: _____           |
| Weight: _____        | Number of Rifle: _____         |
| Color of Eyes: _____ | Wear Glasses? _____            |
| Color of Hair: _____ | Is Tooth Chart Attached? _____ |
| Race: _____          |                                |

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below.) In space below, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.:

4	3	2	1	Thumb
Left Hand				

4	3	2	1	Thumb
Right Hand				

## TOOTH CHART

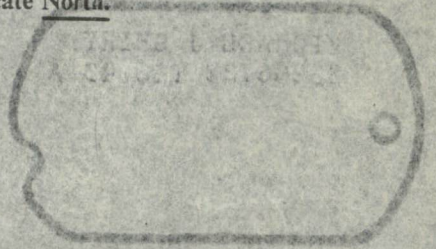
	Deceased's Left								Deceased's Right																							
Upper	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Lower	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by C; linking anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Data: \_\_\_\_\_

If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.





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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 20 January 1945

FULL NAME <b>Shiry, Michael J.</b>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>33266722</b>	GRADE <b>Pvt</b>
HOME ADDRESS <b>Pittsburgh, Pa.</b>		ARM OR SERVICE <b>FA</b>	DATE OF BIRTH <b>30 Aug 1915</b>
PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed in action</b>		DATE OF DEATH <b>18 Dec 1944</b>
STATION OF DECEASED <b>European Area</b>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>15 May 1942</b>	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)  <b>Mrs. Rose Shiry, mother, 707 Sarah Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.</b>			
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Mrs. Rose Shiry, mother, same as above</b> <b>Miss Minnie Shiry, sister, same as above</b>			
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT
YES	NO	YES	NO
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE	IN FLYING PAY STATUS
YES	NO	YES	NO
OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)			
YES	NO		

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

BATTLE  NON-BATTLE

Evidence of death rec'd in W.D. 14 Jan 1945

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THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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