

# INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES

IN REPLY REFER TO SPOYG 293

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Unknowns X-321 & X-322  
(Margraten) Holland

20 December 1945

SUBJECT: Reports of Burial

TO : Commanding General, AAF, Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTN: AC/AS-1, Personal Affairs Division, Notification Branch

1. Reports of Burial have been received in this office covering the burials of Unknowns X-321 and X-322 in the U. S. Military Cemetery, Margraten, Holland.

2. These bodies were recovered from a plane which crashed in the vicinity of Herrig, Germany on or about 12 March 1945. Information taken from plaque that was found on door of plane is as follows: Airplane Model-A -26, DWG. or Part no. 5122153-1, Modification -(019), Change -(S62), Incorporated - (AN K355) Number on hinge was : 11277679.

3. It is requested that any information available from your records which may be of assistance in establishing the identity of the plane and members of the crew, be forwarded to this office at the earliest practicable date.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

*Arthur S. Rosengard*

ARTHUR S. ROSENGARD  
2nd Lt., QMC  
Assistant

1st Ind

AFPPA-8

Hq, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

14 January 1946

TO: Army Service Forces, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

Our records do not indicate that a B-26 or an A-26 crashed on this date. Unable to identify the plane with the type of information given.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*John J. Smith*

JOHN J. SMITH  
Lt. Col., Air Corps  
Chief, Notification Section  
Personal Affairs Branch  
Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1

10 more of same of unknown  
293 Unknown X-321, 7 Holland



Fingers UNKNOWN  
(short, thick\* long, slender; size of knuckles) (missing fingers or joints) \*

\_\_\_\_\_ (usual characteristics of fingernails) \*

Chest \_\_\_\_\_  
(Size at nipples; color, shape, & extent of hairy large, small, or small) \*

Back \_\_\_\_\_  
(quantity and extent of hair) (hair on chest, upper extremities, hands & feet) \*

Circumcised \_\_\_\_\_  
hair (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_ (location) \*

Teeth \_\_\_\_\_  
(incisors, molar, knock-tooth, etc.) (quantity, color & extent of nail) \*

Feet \_\_\_\_\_  
(size; corns; calluses; flat) \_\_\_\_\_ (location, similarity, etc. (to, over top) \*

Evidence of healed fractures \_\_\_\_\_ **\* UNKNOWN**

Black out parts of body not received at cemetery:  


How photographs been made and attached \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ explain  
(yes or no)

Have fingerprints been placed on GRC #1 \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ explain  
(yes or no)

[Disturbing text redacted]

*Cleon E. Wells*  
CLEON E. WELLS, 1st Lt., QMC  
603rd Q Gr. Reg. Co.





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ARMY SERVICE FORCES

IN REPLY REFER TO

SPJYG 293

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Unknowns X-321 & 322

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

(Margraten) Holland

22 January 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

TO : Commanding General, American Graves Registration Service  
European Theater Area, Versailles, France  
APO 887, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to reports of burial for Unknowns X-321 and X-322, U. S. Military Cemetery, Margraten, Holland, Grave 25, Row 1, and Grave 26, Row 2, Plot HH, respectively. The remains were recovered from an A-26 plane, which crashed in the vicinity of Herrig, Germany, approximately 12 March 1945.

2. It is requested that this office be furnished a list of all A-26 planes known to have crashed in the area at that time, together with a complete list of the crew members and status of each, at the earliest practicable date.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

ARTHUR S. ROSENGARD  
2nd Lt., QMC  
Assistant



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*Stat 4-22-46*

*293 unk X321 Holland (Margraten)*  
ASRE (Margraten, FH-25-1) 1st Ind. NJS/TJM/pr

HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND, EUROPEAN THEATER AREA,  
APO 887, U. S. ARMY. 6 February 1946.

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D.C.

1. In reply to basic communication, it is advised that a thorough investigation has been conducted by this headquarters and it is believed, that at present, sufficient information is available to identify Unknowns X-321 and X-322 (Margraten).

2. Unknown X-321 (Margraten) is believed to be 2nd Lt John J. Farley, ASN O-765240, 416th Bomb Group.  
Unknown X-322 (Margraten) is believed to be Sgt Edgar R. Hardesty, ASN 33720735, 416th Bomb Group.

3. Corrected copy of Reports of Burial for Unknown X-321 and X-322 (Margraten) will be executed and forwarded to the Quartermaster General in the usual manner.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL;

*Robert E Doyle*  
ROBERT E. DOYLE  
Capt., QMC  
ACTG Ass't Adj. Gen.

OUT  
6 FEB. 1946  
G.R.S.  
APO 887

*293 unk X-321 Holland (Margraten)*  
*John J. Farley (O-765240)*

*Julia 4-44*  
*3-7-44*



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GRAVES REGISTRATION  
FORM No. 1  
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

# REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

14 May 1946  
Date

FARLEY, John J.		2/Lt.		0-765240	
Last Name		Rank		Serial No.	
669 BOMB SQ.		416 Bomb Gp L			
Unit		Organization			
Vic. HERRIG, Germany		25 February 1945		K I A	
Place of Death		Date of Death		Cause of Death	
1400 - 24 Apr. 1945		MARGRATEN U.S. Military Cemetery		K - 645482	
Time and Date of Burial		Name of Cemetery		Name or Coordinates of Location	
25		H H		Cross	
Grave Number		Plot Number		Type of Marker	
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Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes  No  Attached to Marker Yes  No

If No Identification Tags Previously buried as Unknown X-321 (MARGRATEN) *ok*

How were remains identified? Identified through:

- 1) Remains of X-321 removed from a crashed A-26 (L) Bomber. Numbers taken from parts of wreckage were 1038383-1545805-1038405-1038608- 1076047 and 1038512 which coincide with Serial No's. of installed weapons on A/C 41-39238-A-26-B20.
- 2) Est. date and place of death of X-321 in agreement with MACR for A/C 41-39238 of which Lt. Farley was a crew member and only officer.
- 3) Officers green trousers found on the remains of X-321. **IDENTIFICATION ACCEPTED**

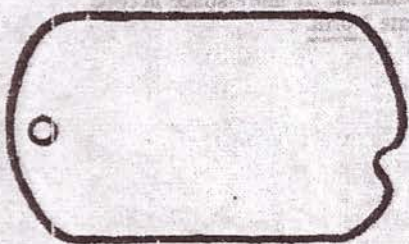
To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on: *Initial*

Deceased's Right:	TORRE	32177059	Pfc	301 Inf. Regt.	24
	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
Deceased's Left:	END	of	ROW		
	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:



Mrs. Catherine M. Farley, mother  
~~UNKNOWN~~

Emergency Addressee \_\_\_\_\_ Name

217 Sullis St., Philadelphia 20, Penna  
Address

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown

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

NONE.

This corrected copy of Report of Burial, prepared in the office of the American Graves Registration Command.

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial *N. J. Sloane*  
N. J. SLOANE,  
Capt., GMC.

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

*File 8/1/46*  
*matlab*

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217 Tullis St  
P. O. La. 20. Pa  
March 18<sup>th</sup>

Dear Sir,  
I am writing to find out if possible, where my son 293 St John J. Farley O-765240 has been buried. His Dad and I feel that we are entitled to know this and that is the least the government can do for us.

After we have given up so much.

The Adjutant General referred me to you and said I would get the information from your office.

Hoping to hear from you soon

I remain

Sincerely yours

Mrs J. Farley

217 Sulus St.

Phila. 29 Pa

June 12<sup>th</sup> 1946

Dear Sir, <sup>293</sup> Farley John  
I am writing to you to see  
if you have any record of where  
my son <sup>293</sup> 2nd Lt. John J. Farley  
0765240 - Air Corps. is buried.

His bomber was shot down at  
Kerpen Road Junction, between  
Aachen and Cologne over Germany.

He was shot down on February  
25<sup>th</sup> 1945. We received word from  
the War department he was miss-  
ing on that date.

On August 14<sup>th</sup> - 1945 we received  
word he was killed on February  
the 25<sup>th</sup>.

That must have been around the

no  
1/17/46



217 Sulus St  
Phila. 20, Pa  
October 28<sup>th</sup> 1947

Dear Sir,

On September 18<sup>th</sup> 1946. I received  
a letter from your office, stating that  
they had found my son's body. St. John  
J. Farley. A. S. N. O-765 240.

In the letter it stated that I would  
be notified and asked my wish in this  
matter of his burial.

Up until the present time I have  
had no word from your office.

Will you please let me hear from  
your office about this.

Sincerely yours

Catherine M. Farley.



**REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS**

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

DATE: L-3-17

2nd Lt John J. Farley, O-765 240  
 Plot HE, Row 1, Grave 25,  
 United States Military Cemetery  
 Margraten, Holland

4 December 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, CATHERINE FARLEY  
(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  
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery - Sheltonham Ave. Phila. 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

USP Phila. and Emory

27 Apr 48  
W. Baker

Shipwell  
4-3-48



**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>Thomas J. Gwinch</i>			
NUMBER AND STREET <i>5th &amp; Lindley ave.</i>	CITY OR TOWN <i>Phila.</i>	COUNTY OR PROVINCE <i>Penna.</i>	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY <i>Penna.</i>
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NO. <i>M 14-5225</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 <i>Farley</i>	FIRST NAME <i>Catherine</i>	MIDDLE INITIAL <i>E.</i>	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED <i>Sister</i>
NUMBER AND STREET <i>217 Sulis St.</i>	CITY OR TOWN <i>Phila.</i>	COUNTY OR PROVINCE <i>Penna</i>	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY <i>U. S. A.</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.

*Catherine Farley* (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)      217 Sulis St. (STREET AND NUMBER)  
*CATHERINE FARLEY* (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)      Phila. Penna. (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1948, at city (or town) of Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, and State (or Territory or District) of Pennsylvania

*Fredrick Halliwell* (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)  
*Notary Public* (OFFICIAL TITLE)

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



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RTB:Vlmjw  
October 19, 1945

Mr. John A. Farley  
217 West Sulis Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Farley:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, Second Lieutenant John J. Farley.

These effects are being forwarded to you in two cartons.

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 officer'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. KOOB  
1st Lt., QMC  
Officer-in-Charge  
SJ Branch

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DSJ:FR:bj  
April 11, 1946

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Dear Mr. Farley:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your son, Lieutenant John J. Farley.

These effects, contained in two cartons, are being forwarded to you. If delivery is not made within thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer action may be instituted.

As previously indicated, personal property is transmitted by this Bureau for distribution according to the laws of the state of the officer's legal residence.

Sincerely yours,

D. S. JOHNSTON  
2nd Lt., QMC  
Chief, Adm. Div.



DISTRIBUTION CENTER #1  
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

I certify that this message is an official business and that its transmission with a lower precedence, or by air mail, regular mail, or scheduled messenger would be prejudicial to the public interest.

CATHERINE FARLEY  
217 SULIS STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

WARRANTED  
TELEGRAM  
BROOKLYN, N.Y.  
USAT BARNEY KIRSCHBAUM

JAMES McCARTHY  
Major, TC  
Admin O, AGR Div.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THE REMAINS OF THE LATE **2 LT JOHN J FARLEY**  
ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED  
TO **THOMAS J. GIVNISH, 5029 N. 5TH ST, PHILADELPHIA, PA.**

WE CANNOT GIVE A DEFINITE DELIVERY DATE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT AN INTERVAL OF FROM FIVE DAYS TO FOUR WEEKS WILL ELAPSE BEFORE DELIVERY CAN BE EFFECTED. YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM THREE DAYS PRIOR TO DELIVERY GIVING DATE AND TIME REMAINS WILL ARRIVE AT RAILROAD STATION. PLEASE INSTRUCT FUNERAL DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION ON ARRIVAL. HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO INFORM YOU SO YOU MAY MAKE FINAL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. REMAINS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT. SUGGEST YOU ARRANGE WITH LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS' ORGANIZATION IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL. PLEASE CONFIRM ABOVE DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE BY TELEGRAM COLLECT TO DISTRIBUTION CENTER ONE, NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION OR SUBMIT NEW INSTRUCTIONS. WE REGRET IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE WITH CHANGES IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AFTER EXPIRATION OF THE FORTY EIGHT HOURS. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM.

G. H. BARE, COL, QMC

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# RECEIPT OF REMAINS

HEADQUARTERS, NYPE  
DISTRIBUTION CENTER #1, AGRS  
58th ST. & 1st AVE.  
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

DISTRIBUTION CENTER

ROUTINE

REMAINS CONSIGNED TO: GIVINISH FUN'L HOME  
5TH AND LINDLEY AVE  
PHILA PA

0-765-240

REMAINS OF THE LATE 2 LT JOHN J FARLEY ACCOMPANIED BY AN  
ESCORT ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE NEW YORK ON TRAIN  
NUMBER 215 PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD AT ONE PM EST  
ON WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY AND DUE TO ARRIVE AT PHILA. BROAD ST. STA.  
AT TWO THIRTY EIGHT PM EST 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: 1ST LT. KENNETH R. RIMLINGER  
A O 824726  
1400 AIR BASE GP.

G. H. BARE

COLONEL, QMC

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

THIS 26 DAY OF January, 19 49

Kenneth R. Rimlinger  
1st Lt (Es) AGR

Givinish Funeral Home  
CONSIGNEE  
J. Thos Givinish

DATE FILE RECORDS ANNOTATED  
DATE 21 Feb 49  
NAME VA Lloyd  
R & R BR.



WNY 72782

# REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERMENT OR TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

(Read Explanation on Reverse Side before completing form)

DATE

1-26-49

NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial)

**PARLEY, JOHN J.**

BRANCH OF SERVICE

**USAAP**

TO BE FILLED IN BY CLAIMANT

A.  INTERMENT EXPENSES (Civilian or Private Cemetery)

B.  TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES (National or Post Cemetery)

**PAID**

RANK OR GRADE

**2 LT**

SERIAL NO.

**0-765240**

### INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONS SIGNING THIS FORM

1. This form is NOT to be signed by Funeral Director.
2. Fill in as required and sign four copies.
3. Check Box "A" or Box "B" above, not both.
4. Check Box "A" when interment is in a civilian or private cemetery.
5. Check Box "B" when remains are delivered to home or other place prior to burial in a national or post cemetery.

FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "A" IS CHECKED

I certify that the sum of \$ 125.00 was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the interment of the remains of the above-named decedent in the cemetery indicated below:

NAME: Holy Sepulchre  
CITY OR COUNTY: Phila.  
STATE: Pa.

FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "B" IS CHECKED

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: (City, town, or place from which remains were shipped)

TO: (Name and Location of National or Post Cemetery)

RETURN FOUR COPIES TO

SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT

Catherine Farley

ADDRESS (Street number or RFD, City and State)

217 W. Sulis St. Phila. Pa.

RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT

Mother

REMARKS

J. C. Kovarik  
Col., F. D.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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