



INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILES (IDPFs)

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Individual Deceased Personnel Files (IDPFs) were created for all soldiers, regardless of branch of the military, when they were declared Missing in Action or Killed in Action. Each file is different based on the circumstances of the soldier's death. These files contain serial numbers, final rank and unit in which a soldier served, date and location of death (sometimes with circumstances of death,) sometimes handwritten letters from family, some service information, reports of interment and disinterment, and final burial information. Forms included are as follows:

- Report of Burial
- Dental Charts and Fingerprints, if applicable
- Report of Death
- Quartermaster General Correspondence
- Request for Disposition of Remains – Next Of Kin
- Disinterment Directive
- Handwritten Letters – Next Of Kin
- Personal Effects
- Repatriation Records, if applicable
- Permanent Disposition Records

IDPFs, as of the date of this entry, and take on average six to twelve months to receive.

These files are a collection of documents that explain the investigation of a service person's death that occurred overseas or while deployed. Investigations were carried out by the American Graves Registration Service (AGRS).

Records for US Army and US Army Air Forces WWII are owned by the Department of the Army, however, stored at the National Archives and Records Administration, Suitland MD.

Mortuary Files for US Navy and USMC WWII are obtained through each service branch's Casualty Office.

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