

INF. EUROPEAN AREA
(N.J.) '44m

293 VIA, STEPHEN JR. (12,204,392) PFC.

RECEIPT OF REMAINS

HEADQUARTERS
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
DISTRIBUTION CENTER #1, AGRS
1st AVENUE & 58TH STREET
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

DISTRIBUTION CENTER

ROUTINE

REMAINS CONSIGNED TO: PETER J QUINN

320 BELLEVILLE AVE

BLOOMFIELD N J

REMAINS OF THE LATE PFC STEPHEN VIA JR ACCOMPANIED BY AN ESCORT WILL BE DELIVERED
TO YOU BY MOTOR VEHICLE DURING MORNING ON TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1948
PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCEPT REMAINS UPON ARRIVAL AND PLEASE NOTIFY THE NEXT
OF KIN OF THE DATE AND TIME OF DELIVERY.

G H BARE
COLONEL QMC

ESCORT: QUIGLEY, ROBERT J., T/4
ER-42190819, DET # 5
1300 ASU

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

THIS 18th DAY OF May, 1948

Th Robert Quigley
WITNESS (Escort)

42190819

AFF

Peter J. Quinn
320 Belleville Ave
Bloomfield N.J.

CONSIGNEE

REPATRIATION
RECORDS BRANCH
JUN 18 1 08 PM '48
MEMORIAL DIVISION

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1										DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE									
SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED										DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3584 02019					DATE 15 12 47 DAY MONTH YEAR				
NAME VIA STEPHEN JR										SERIAL NUMBER 12204392					RANK PFC				
CEMETERY ST. NERE EGLISE NO 1 - CARENTAN										ARM 1					DATE OF DEATH 2200 01 DAY MONTH YEAR				
PLOT B 10										GRAVE 183					COUNTRY FRANCE				
															CAUSE OF DEATH 2				
SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN																			
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE PETER J. QUINN 320 BELLEVILLE AVENUE BLOOMFIELD, NEW JERSEY										NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN LOUISE E. VIA (WIFE) 128 4TH STREET NEWARK, NEW JERSEY									
SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION																			
NAME VIA, Stephen Jr.										SERIAL NUMBER 12204392					RANK Pfc				
										DATE OF DEATH 12 Jun 44					DATE DISTINTERRED 19 Mar 48				
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKER										ORGANIZATION USAGF					RELIGION Unk				
															IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY JOHN M. PEACOCK, Embalmer NAME AND TITLE				
SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT																			
NATURE OF BURIAL Uniform										CONDITION OF REMAINS Advanced decomposition									
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION "Stephen" and last three numbers of ASN found on waistband of shorts.																			
MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1 None																			
REMAINS, PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET Transfer Case																			
DATE 31 Mar 48										BY JOHN M. PEACOCK									
CASKET SEALED BY H. F. PERGANDE										EMBALMER (Signature) [Signature]									
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED										All markings, tags and plates verified by: [Signature] JOHN PALLYOK, Jr., 1st Lt., FA									
DATE 7 Apr 48 BY H. B. RYDER																			
I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct. except casketing																			
[Signature] KANEMISTU ITO, 1st Lt., Inf.										SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR									
1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.																			

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED			
FROM USMC St. Mere Eglise #1		TO Casketing Point A, Cherbourg	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Truck		NAME OF CONVOYER Pvt. Spach	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>A. F. KING</i> A. F. KING, 1st Lt., Cav.	DATE 2 Apr 48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>E. N. CIAMPO</i> E. N. CIAMPO, 1st Lt., FA	DATE 2 Apr 48
2. SHIPPED			
FROM Casketing Point A, Cherbourg		TO Port Unit, Cherbourg	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Truck		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>E. N. CIAMPO</i> E. N. CIAMPO, 1st Lt., FA	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>JOHN E. HENDRY JR.</i> JOHN E. HENDRY, Jr., Major, CAC	DATE
3. SHIPPED			
FROM CHERBOURG PORT UNIT		TO NYPE	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE USSS LAWRENCE VICTORY		NAME OF CONVOYER JOSEPH J. CARROLL, 1st Lt., T.C.	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER JOHN E. HENDRY JR. MAJOR CAC	DATE 26 APRIL 48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>Joseph J. Carroll</i>	DATE APR 26 1948
4. SHIPPED			
FROM NYPE		TO NYPE	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>R. McConnell</i> for JAMES L. McKINNON COLONEL, T.C.	DATE MAY 7 1948	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>R. McConnell</i> for JAMES L. McKINNON COLONEL, T.C.	DATE MAY 7 1948
5. SHIPPED			
FROM NYPE		TO PORT TRANSPORTATION OFFICER TO DC#1	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRACTOR		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>JAMES L. McKINNON</i> JAMES L. McKINNON COLONEL, T.C.	DATE MAY 7 1948	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>M. Matson</i> M. Matson Lt. Col. QMC	DATE MAY 7 1948
6. SHIPPED			
FROM PORT TRANSPORTATION OFFICER		TO Operations Officer DC#1	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>5500</i>	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE
7. SHIPPED			
FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

INSPECTION CHECKLIST (FOR USE AT DISTRIBUTION POINT)					
SPACE NO. <u>50</u> BAY NO. <u>OK</u>					
NAME VIA STEPHEN JR		RANK FFC	SERIAL NUMBER 12204392		
NEXT OF KIN LOUISE E VIA (WIFE)		ADDRESS 128 4TH ST NEWARK N J			
SHIPPING CASE - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)		CONDITION OF SHIPPING CASE (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FINISH (Exterior) <input type="checkbox"/> FINISH (Interior) <input type="checkbox"/> HANDLES <input type="checkbox"/> HANDLE BOLTS <input type="checkbox"/> STENCILING - NAMEPLATE		REMARKS Paint front top / stripping			
CASKET - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)		CONDITION OF CASKET (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FINISH (Exterior) <input type="checkbox"/> HANDLES AND FASTENINGS <input type="checkbox"/> STENCILING - NAMEPLATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAM LOCKS (Sealing) <input type="checkbox"/> ODOR OR MOISTURE		REMARKS Tighten 2 cam locks Touch up scratches / cam ledge			
ROUTED THROUGH					
<input type="checkbox"/> MORTUARY OPERATING ROOM		<input type="checkbox"/> MORTUARY REPAIR SHOP			
CONDITION OF REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY		CASKET REPAIRED <input type="checkbox"/>			
NECESSARY DISINFECTION (Explain)		CASKET EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/>			
		SHIPPING CASE REPAIRED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
		SHIPPING CASE EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/>			
		REMARKS wood strip, granules plastic wood & sanding			
TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF MORTICIAN	TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF INSPECTING OFFICER
			5:13 PM		
REMARKS IF SHIPPING CASE DOES NOT REQUIRE REPLACEMENT, REMOVE STENCIL FROM INSIDE CASE AND DESTROY. IF CASE IS TO BE REPLACED, RE-STENCIL WITH STENCIL FOUND INSIDE CASE, THEN DESTROY STENCIL.					
<i>Final inspection sprayed Cam plate</i> <i>5/13/48</i> <i>Ed Schukraner</i>					
<i>BB</i>					

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DISTRIBUTION CENTER 1

NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION NYK

RECEIVED YOUR INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING PFC STEPHEN VIA JR

12204392 CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS AS STATED

WIFE LOUISE E VIA 128 FOURTH ST NEWARK NJER

12204392 VIA 128

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LAWRENCE VICTORY

MESSAGEFORM		MESSAGE CENTER NO.	TRANSMITTING MEANS	CRYPTOGRAPH OR CLEAR TEXT	
CALLS V	STA. SER. NO. NR	PRECEDENCE RECEIVED	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS	ORIGINATOR	DATE-TIME GROUP
ACTION	INFORMATION		EXEMPT	OPERATING SIGNALS	GROUP COUNT GR
SPACE ABOVE FOR SIGNAL CENTER ONLY					
FROM: (Originator) 1948 MAY 2 21 07			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION DAY LETTER		
ACTION TO:			PRECEDENCE FOR		
• LOUISE E VIA • 128 4TH STREET • NEWARK NEW JERSEY			ACTION INFORMATION <input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL MESSAGE REFERS TO ANOTHER MESSAGE IDENTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION		
INFORMATION TO:					
<p>PLEASE BE ADVISED THE REMAINS OF THE LATE PFC STEPHEN VIA JR</p> <p>ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES AND WILL ARRIVE NEW YORK PORT ABOARD</p> <p>THE USAT ON</p> <p>DEPARTURE FROM SHIP AND MOVING REMAINS UNDER MILITARY GUARD TO DISTRIBUTION</p> <p>CENTER NUMBER ONE, FINAL CHECKING, VERIFICATION OF RECORDS, ASSIGNMENT OF ESCORT</p> <p>AND ARRANGING FOR TRANSPORTATION BY MOTOR OR RAIL TO FINAL DESTINATION WILL TAKE</p> <p>FROM ONE TO FOUR WEEKS. RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED</p> <p>TO PETER J QUINN 320 BELLEVILLE AVENUE BLOOMFIELD NEW JERSEY</p> <p>WE REGRET IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS</p> <p>TIME TO GIVE YOU A DEFINITE DELIVERY DATE, HOWEVER, WE APPRECIATE YOUR DESIRE TO</p> <p>RECEIVE REMAINS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ASSURE YOU EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO</p> <p>EXPEDITE DELIVERY. YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM THREE DAYS</p> <p>PRIOR TO THE DATE REMAINS WILL BE DELIVERED TO HIM AND HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO</p> <p>INFORM YOU SO THAT YOU MAY MAKE FINAL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. REMAINS WILL BE</p>					
SECURITY CLASSIFICATION			AUTHORIZATION		
ORIGINATING AGENCY			SIGNATURE		
SYMBOL			OFFICIAL TITLE		
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WD AGO FORM 11-168
15 JUN 1945This form supersedes WD AGO Form 11-168, 23 Aug 44,
and WD AGO Form 801, 12 Mar 43, which are obsolete.

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ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT. YOUR PROMPT COOPERATION WILL GREATLY ASSIST THIS OFFICE IN MAKING FINAL DELIVERY. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS BY TELEGRAM COLLECT TO DISTRIBUTION CENTER NUMBER ONE, NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS OR SUBMIT NEW DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS. IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE WITH ANY DESIRED CHANGES IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AFTER EXPIRATION OF THE FORTY EIGHT HOUR PERIOD. SUGGEST YOU ARRANGE WITH ANY LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS ORGANIZATION IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM.

G. H. BARE
COLONEL, QMC

CERTIFICATE

(AR 30-1830)

1. **FILL IN EITHER PART A OR PART B; NOT BOTH.**
 2. **USE PART A WHEN INTERMENT IS IN A CIVILIAN OR PRIVATE CEMETERY.**
 3. **USE PART B WHEN REMAINS ARE DELIVERED TO HOME OR OTHER PLACE PRIOR TO BURIAL IN A NATIONAL OR POST CEMETERY.**

PART A - CIVILIAN OR PRIVATE CEMETERY

A			
REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERMENT EXPENSES			
(PLEASE READ EXPLANATION ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING FORM)			
NAME OF DECEDENT <i>293</i> VIA STEPHEN JR	GRADE PFC	SERIAL NUMBER 12204392	COMPONENT US ARMY
I certify that the sum of \$ <u>140.20</u> was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the interment of the remains of the above named decedent in the below named cemetery.			
INSERT NAME OF CEMETERY <i>mt Olivet Cemetery</i>	CITY OR COUNTY <i>Bloomfield</i> <i>Essex</i>	STATE <i>MA</i>	
INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSON SIGNING THIS FORM			
1. Fill in as required and sign four copies. THIS FORM NOT TO BE SIGNED BY FUNERAL DIRECTOR.			
2. Return four copies to:			
HEADQUARTERS NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION D - C #1 AGR 1st Avenue & 58th Street Brooklyn, N.Y.			
SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT <i>Mrs Lillian F. Via</i>		ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT (City, Street or RFD, and State) <i>17 Monton St</i> <i>Bloomfield MA</i>	
RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT <i>Mother</i>		DATE <i>5/27/48</i>	

PART B - NATIONAL OR POST CEMETERY

B			
REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES			
(PLEASE READ EXPLANATION ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING FORM)			
NAME OF DECEDENT	GRADE	SERIAL NUMBER	COMPONENT
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 and to the following places:			
INSERT CITY OR TOWN (OR ADDRESS NOT IN A CITY OR TOWN) FROM WHICH REMAINS WERE SHIPPED		INSERT NAME AND LOCATION OF NATIONAL OR POST CEMETERY TO WHICH REMAINS WERE SHIPPED	
INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSON SIGNING THIS FORM			
1. Fill in as required and sign four copies. THIS FORM NOT TO BE SIGNED BY FUNERAL DIRECTOR.			
2. Return four copies to:			
SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT		ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT (City, Street or RFD, and State)	
RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT		DATE	

QMC FORM 1236
23 OCT 47REPLACES WD AGO FORM R-5507, QMC FORM R-5048
AND QMC FORM R-5066, WHICH ARE OBSOLETE.

EXPLANATION OF PART A - CIVILIAN OR PRIVATE CEMETERY

1. When the remains are delivered for interment in a civilian or private cemetery, you are responsible for paying all interment expenses. In this connection, you are entitled to the allowance mentioned in paragraph 2 below.
2. An amount not to exceed \$75 is allowed by the government toward actual interment expenses when final interment of the remains is in a private or civilian cemetery. No allowance is authorized toward interment expenses when interment is in a national or post cemetery.
3. The \$75 maximum allowance by the government toward interment expenses includes but is not limited to the payment of one or more of the following items: hearse hire from the railroad station to your home, the funeral home, church, cemetery, or any other place designated by you; vault; church services; newspaper notices; transportation for friends and relatives to and from cemetery; and the services of a funeral director.
4. Reimbursement by the government is made only to the person who paid from his personal funds the expenses of or incident to interment in a private or civilian cemetery. Receipted bills are not required to accompany this form. Any expenses over and above the \$75 maximum must be borne by the person who incurred or paid the additional expenses.

EXPLANATION OF PART B - NATIONAL OR POST CEMETERY

1. When the remains are delivered to you at government expense prior to burial in a national or post cemetery, you are responsible for all additional expenses necessary to deliver the remains from that point to the national or post cemetery grave site. However, you may be entitled to an allowance for the cost of transporting the remains from your home to the national or post cemetery grave site subject to the conditions outlined in paragraph 2, below.
2. Reimbursement of transportation expenses is allowed only when the cost to the government to deliver the remains to you is LESS than what it would have cost the government to deliver the remains direct to the national or post cemetery of final interment. However, the amount which you may be allowed (the difference between cost of delivery to you and cost of delivery by the government direct to the national or post cemetery) may not exceed the amount actually expended by you to deliver the remains to the cemetery grave site. WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL BE GRANTED AN ALLOWANCE IS DEPENDENT UPON AN AUDIT OF THIS REQUEST. IN ANY EVENT YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ANY ALLOWANCE DUE YOU BY THE OFFICE TO WHICH THIS FORM IS SENT.
3. Reimbursement by the government will be made only to the person who paid from his personal funds for transporting the remains to the national or post cemetery grave site.
4. No interment expense allowance is authorized when interment is made ultimately in a national or post cemetery.

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REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

BUDGET BUREAU No. 49-R277.

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

DATE:

Pfc Stephen Via Jr., 12 204 392
 Plot B, Row 10, Grave 183,
 United States Military Cemetery
 Ste Marie Eglise #1, France

18 September 1947

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

A		C	
B		D	

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.

ERROR MADE, I thought that mother was

PART I Next of Kin.

1. ~~Stephen Via Jr.~~ Louise E. Via

(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 ☐ 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
- MT. Obivert, St. Timothy's section - Bloomfield, New Jersey
 (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 _____
- (FOREIGN COUNTRY) (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

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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
STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY	TELEPHONE No.	
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	

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			
PETER J. QUINN			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
320 BELLEVILLE AVE.	Bloomfield	ESSEX	New Jersey
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.	
Bloomfield	Bloomfield	Bloomfield 2-1260	

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
VIA	Robert	E	BROTHER
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
17 HORN TON ST.	Bloomfield	Essex	New Jersey

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.

Signature of Next of Kin: Louise E. Via (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)
 Name: LOUISE E. VIA (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)
 Address: 128 4th St (STREET AND NUMBER)
Newark, N. Jersey (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 16th day of October,
 1947, at city (or town) of Newark, county of Essex, and State (or Territory or
 District) of New Jersey

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

(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

My Commission Expires Oct 21, 1955

(OFFICIAL TITLE)

PART

If you are the next of kin and you desire to

I, THE Widow
 NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY
 THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER

LAST NAME
Via
 RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED
MOTHER
 NUMBER AND STREET
17 HORN TON
 WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT

Signature of Next of Kin: Louise E. Via (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)
 Name: LOUISE E. VIA (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE F SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET

(SIGNATURE)

(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

PART II—RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

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

I, THE Widow (PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP), AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED 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 <u>VIA</u>	FIRST NAME <u>Lillian</u>	MIDDLE INITIAL <u>F.</u>
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED <u>MOTHER</u>		
NUMBER AND STREET <u>17 THORNTON</u>	CITY OR TOWN <u>Bloomfield</u>	STATE OR COUNTRY <u>New Jersey</u>

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

Mrs Louise E Via (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) Oct 16, 1947 (DATE)
128 4th St (STREET AND NUMBER)
LOUISE E. VIA (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) Newark, New Jersey (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 I 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)

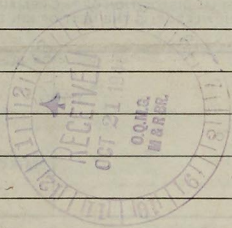
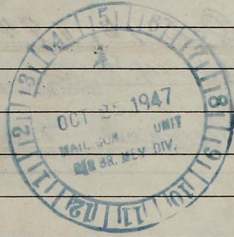
(STREET AND NUMBER)

(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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Pfc Stephen Via Jr., 12 204 392
Plot B, Row 10, Grave 183,
United States Military Cemetery
Ste Mere Eglise #1, France

18 September 1947

Mrs. Louise E. Via
17 Thornton Street
Bloomfield, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Via:

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.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

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 E. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

SPQYG 293
Via, Stephen, Jr.
SN 12 204 392

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

7 June 1946

Mrs. Louise E. B. Via
17 Thornton Street
Bloomfield, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Via:

Your letter concerning your husband, the late Private First Class Stephen Via, Jr., has been received in this office.

The War Department has now been authorized to remove the remains of your husband, at Government expense, to the final resting place which you designate.

When the necessary preliminaries have been completed, a letter with an information pamphlet and a "Request for Disposition" form attached will be mailed to you. The "Request for Disposition" form, when properly filled out, will constitute the formal expression of your detailed desires. Until you receive these forms, therefore, it will not be necessary for you to communicate with this office regarding this subject.

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The necessity for complete coordination of movement in many parts of the world makes it impossible, at this time, to estimate when these forms will be forwarded to you. Please be assured, however, that your feelings in this matter are fully appreciated, and that your response, when received, will be acted upon with a minimum of delay.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

WM. B. CHRISTENSEN
1st Lieut, QMC
Assistant

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MRS LOUISE E B VIA
17 Thornton St.
Bloomfield, New Jersey
May 1, 1946

War Department
Office of the Quartermaster Gen
Washington 25, D. C.

Atten of Maj. T.B. Larkin

Dear Sir:

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Thank you for the information, regarding the burial, location
of my late husband, Private First Class Stephen Via, Jr.
ASN 12204392.

It is his mothers and my desire that he be brought home, and
buried with his father in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Bloomfield,
New Jersey-Section-St Timothy's --Plot 18--Row G.

Any further information will be gladly given, in the near
future.

Sincerely yours

Louise B Via



SPQYG 293
Via, Stephen, Jr.

6 April 1946

Mrs. Louise E. B. Via
17 Thornton Street
Bloomfield, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Via:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished the burial location of your husband, the late Private First Class Stephen Via, Jr., A.S.N. 12 204 392.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery #1, Ste. Mere Eglise, France, plot B, row 10, grave 183.

This cemetery is located six miles north and east of Carentan and twenty-one miles southeast of Cherbourg, both in France, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

It is anticipated that, in the near future, the War Department will receive authority to return the remains of your husband at Government expense, to the final resting place which you select. When the necessary arrangements have been completed, this office will, without any action on your part, give full information and solicit your detailed desires.

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

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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SFQYG 293
 Via, Stephen, Jr.
 S.N. 12,204,392

6 January 1945

Address Reply To THE
 QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

Mrs. Lillian Via,
 17 Thornton Street,
 Bloomfield, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Via:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of recent date, relative to the burial and return of the remains of your son, the late Private First Class Stephen Via, Jr.

The official report of interment received in this office shows that the remains of your son were reverently and properly interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery, St. Mere Eglise #1, St. Mere Eglise, France, Grave 183, Row 10, Plot B, with an appropriate ceremony conducted at the grave by an Army Chaplain. A temporary marker has been erected with a fitting inscription thereon. The cemetery is under immediate supervision of our military authorities.

At the outbreak of the war it became necessary to adopt the policy that the remains of military personnel who die at stations outside the United States shall be interred locally until the end of the war, at which time the remains will be prepared and shipped at Government expense to the place thus designated.

A notation has been made on the official records of this office that it is your desire to have the remains of your son returned, if possible, for final interment after the war. At the proper time, the legal next of kin will be contacted by this office in order to obtain the latest shipping instructions and action will be taken at that time to carry out your request.

You may be assured that when the remains of your son are returned, if possible, there will be no mistake as to his identity, as the graves are properly marked and recorded for future identification.

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Sincerely yours,

MAYO A. DARLING,
 Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C.,
 Assistant.

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Mrs Lillian Via
 17 Linton St.
 Bloomfield, N. Jersey
 December 27, 1944.

Quartermaster General
 A. S. L.
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

I would like to know the details
 and burial place of my son Private
First Class Stephen Via, Jr. ¹²²⁰⁴³⁹²
²⁹³
 reported killed in action, June 7, 1944,
 in Normandy, France.

I would also like to know when
 it is possible to have him brought
 home and if there is a definite
 way of knowing it is my son.

Sincerely
 Mrs Lillian Via

Mr. [illegible]
17 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] 21, 1945

Washington, D.C.
[illegible]

I would like to know the details
and exact place of my [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I would also like to know [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]



JAN 1 4 28 PM '45
MEMORIAL DIVISION

GRAVES REGISTRATION
FORM NO. 1
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)**RESTRICTED**
REPORT OF BURIAL
TM 10-630 AND AR 30-181512819
16 June 1944
Date

Via Stephen Steve Jr Pfc 12204392 OCT 10 1944
Last Name First Initial Rank Serial No.
Unit 501 Para-Des Regt Organization 101 A/B 141
Place of Death France Date of Death 12 June 1944 Cause of Death KIA
Time and Date of Burial 14 June 1944 Name of Cemetery VII CORPS Name or Coordinates of Location St Mere Eglise #1
Grave Number 183 Row Number 10 Plot Number B Type of Marker Temporary

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?

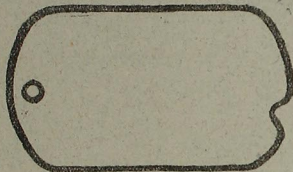
To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right: Bobb J 99383035 101st A/B Div 184
Name Serial No. Rank Organization Grave No.Deceased's Left: Sellers H E 38452825 101st A/B Div 182
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:



Emergency Addressee _____ Name _____

Address _____

Religion _____

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

Wallet

Snapshot

Wedding band

Forwarded to Effects Quartermaster

200 Francs

Money exchanged for Treasurer Check

1293 Via, Stevens, Jr.

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

JOE P FALIS

1st Lt QMC

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

HQ. GOS. 22/9/43. 38011/8/15219

File #91File
V.D.
11-84-44

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.:

TOOTH CHART

Decased's Right														Decased's Left																	
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
Upper																Lower															

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by ⊕; 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

16 Aug 1944
DATE MLB/MLB/4624

FULL NAME Via, Stephen, Jr.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 12 204 392	GRADE PFC.	
HOME ADDRESS Bloomfield, N. J.		ARM OR SERVICE Inf.	DATE OF BIRTH 12 May 23	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 7 Jun 44	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 14 Dec 42	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Lillian Via, mother, 17 Thornton St., Bloomfield, N. J.				
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Louise E. B. Via, wife, same as above Mrs. Lillian Via, mother, same as above Mr. Stephen Via, father, same as above - deceased				
INVESTIGATION MADE?	IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT	WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS	AUTHORIZED ABSENCE
YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
IN FLYING PAY STATUS				
YES NO				
OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)				
YES NO				
X				

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

Parachute Pay

The individual named in this report if death is held by the War Department to have been in a missing in action status from 7 June 1944 until such absence was terminated on 23 July 1944, when evidence considered sufficient to establish the fact of death was received by the Secretary of war from a commander in the European Area.

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		A. G. 201 FILE

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

W. H. Williamson

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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INVESTIGATION MADE?	IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT	WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS
YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS	OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)
YES NO		YES NO	YES NO X

EFFECTS BUREAU
RECEIVED
AUG 21 1944
KCMG

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME VIA STEPHEN JR	SERIAL NUMBER 12204392	GRADE PFC	ARM OR SERVICE INF	REPORTING THEATRE ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY FRANCE	DATE OF CASUALTY DAY MONTH YEAR 07 JUN 44	FLYING OR JUMPING STAT J	TYPE OF CASUALTY KIA	
		SHIPMENT NUMBER 131		

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ABOVE DESIGNATED THE FOLLOWING PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON, THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH

MR.-MRS.-MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME MRS LILLIAN VIA	RELATIONSHIP MOTHER	DATE NOTIFIED 23 JULY 1944
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE 17 THORNTON STREET BLOOMFIELD NEW JERSEY		

REMARKS:

☐ CORRECTED COPY EVIDENCE OF DEATH RECEIVED IN W.D.
23 JULY 44 vmt

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CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED ☒ OR CHARGED TO ☐ DATE ☐

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO ☐ YES ☐ (AS INDICATED BELOW):

FILE NO. 12204392	MESSAGE NO. 1	TYPE MIA	DATE AND AREA 7 Jun 44 250 2150	E. A. NOTIFIED 23 JUL 44
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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME VIA STEPHEN JR		SERIAL NUMBER 12204392		GRADE PFC	ARM OR SERVICE INF	REPORTING THEATRE ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY FRANCE		DATE OF CASUALTY DAY MONTH YEAR 07 JUN 44		FLYING OR JUMPING STAT J	TYPE OF CASUALTY MIA	SHIPMENT NUMBER 108

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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MR.-MRS.-MISS MRS	FIRST NAME KENNETH LILLIAN	MIDDLE INITIAL VIA	LAST NAME MOTHER	RELATIONSHIP MOTHER
NO. AND NAME OF STREET 17 THORNTON STREET		CITY BLOOMFIELD	COUNTY NEW JERSEY	STATE NEW JERSEY

REMARKS:

☐ CORRECTED COPY

29 JUNE WMM



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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO: 191,083 P

JRM:AP:ba
January 6, 1945

Mrs. Louise Via
Sullivan County
Loch Sheldrake, New York

Dear Mrs. Via:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some additional property of your husband, Private First Class Stephen Via, Jr.

These effects, contained in one carton, 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 soldier's legal residence.

Extending every sympathy, I am

Sincerely yours,

F. A. ECKHARDT
Captain Q.M.C.
Assistant

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAUORDER FOR SHIPMENTSHIP TO: Mrs. Louise Via
Sullivan County
Loch Sheldrake, New YorkEffects of:
Name Pfc. Stephen Via, Jr.
ASN 12204392
Case No.
Wt. 191,083 DDATE PAYNE:at
January 6, 1945

FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

☐ Inclose Bureau Check
☐ Acct. No. _____
☐ Amount _____
☐ Inclose "Valuables" item
☐ Ship "Valuables" item(s)☐ Remove G.I.
☐ Note discrepancy in _____
☐ Films removed
☐ Diary removed
☐ Laundry removed

ROUTING:

☐ Accounting Branch
☐ Warehouse Division
☐ Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS:

FRANKED

Franked

Est. Exp. Chgs. _____

Est. Frt. Chgs. _____

No. of packages _____

JAN 6 1945

JAN 9 1945

JAN 12 1945

Shipping Clerk

SHEET 1 OF 1 SHEETS		ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY		DECEASED MISSING P O W ABANDONED	
BOX NUMBER 5574		ORIGINAL NUMBER OF PACKAGES 1		E.S.	
TALLY NUMBER 5574		INVENTORY DATE 12-30-44		CASE NUMBER 191083	
EFFECTS OF STEPHEN VIA JR		RANK PFC			
A.S.N. 1220 4392		ORGANIZATION 501st Parachute Inf			
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION #1 Quilt					
CLOTHING		PERSONAL ITEMS		CONTAINERS	
BELT	1	BRACELET, IDENTIFICATION	1	BAGS, CLOTH	
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)		BRUSHES		BAGS, TRAVEL	
CLOTH, WASH		CAMERAS		BILLFOLD (NO MONEY)	
COATS		GLASSES		CASE	
FOOTWEAR, PR.		KNIVES		FOOTLOCKER	
GLOVES, PR.		LIGHTERS		KIT, SEWING	
HANDKERCHIEFS		MISC. INSIGNIA		KIT, TOILET	
HEADWEAR		MISC. ITEMS		KIT, WRITING	
JACKETS		PEN, FOUNTAIN		PAPERS AND MISC.	
OVERCOATS		PENCIL, MECHANICAL		BOOKS	
SCARFS		PIPES		BOOKS, ADDRESS	
SHIRTS		RELIGIOUS ARTICLES		BOOKS, NOTE	
SOCKS, PR.		RIBBONS, DECORATION		BOOKS, PILOT LOG	
TIES		RINGS		DIARY (REMOVED FOR DURATION)	
TOWELS		TOBACCO, <i>packed</i>		FILMS	
TROUSERS, PR.		TOILET ARTICLES		LETTERS	
TRUNKS, PR.		WATCH		PAPERS, PERSONAL	
UNDERWEAR		WINGS		PHOTOS	
				SHOE SHINE ARTICLES	
				SHORT SNORTER	
				SOUVENIRS	
				SOUVENIR MONEY	
				STATIONERY	
				TESTAMENTS	
				U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)	
REMARKS: Mrs Louise Via 17 Thornton St. Bloomfield, N.J.					
ATTACHMENTS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FORM #54 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FORM #100					
C.A.T. none					
WAREHOUSE SPACE 1708		STORED BY LER		WEIGHT-	
INVENTORIED BY Nolan Smith		CHECKED BY E		GI REMOVED	
PACKED BY <i>Shinneman</i>				SHORTAGE ON REVERSE	
EFF. ON FORM 11 (12 DEC 44)				IDENT. TAGS REMOVED	
				DIARY REMOVED	
				LOCKED STORAGE	
				LAUNDRY REMOVED	
				FILM REMOVED	

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

SHORTAGES

2p wings, pch. British

U S GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

I certify that the above listed items were
not in the containers inventoried by me:

Nolan Smith
INVENTORY CLERK

R B Bartenburg
SUPERVISOR

G.I. REMOVED

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

(See AR 600-550)

Via Stephen, Jr. 12204392
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)late Pfc. 501st Parachute Inf.
(Grade) (Organization or arm or service)who died on the _____ day of June, 19 44**CLASS I**—Saber, insignia, decorations, medals, campaign badges, watches, manuscripts, and other articles valuable chiefly as keepsakes.

NUMBER	ARTICLES	*PACKAGE NUMBER
1	scarf	✓
1	billfold	✓
1	bracelet, ident.	✓
5	tags, identification	✓
3	kits, sewing	✓
3	books, Psalm	✓
1	pen, fountain	✓
1pr	wings	✓
1	rosary	✓
1	pipe ✓	✓
1 pk	letters & Pictures	✓
1	belt, money	✓
1	kit, toilet article	✓
6pr	wings, preht, British ✓	2

*To be filled out only in case of shipment to The Adjutant General.

CLASS II—Other effects

NUMBER	ARTICLES

19 44

*Strike out words not applicable.

Sheet of Sheets
Box No.

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
INVENTORY

Page 64
Bay 32
Box # 365

Deceased
Missing
P.O.W.
Abandoned

SHOWN ON TALLY-IN AS *Via Stephen N. Jr* -- ORIGINAL NO. OF PKGS.

TALLY-IN NO. 5574 INVENTORY DATE CASE NO.

EFFECTS OF



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

191083 P

JRM:AP:ns
January 1, 1945

IN REPLY REFER TO

Mrs. Louise E. B. Via
Sullivan County
Loch Sheldrake, New York

Dear Mrs. Via:

Thank you for acknowledging receipt of
the personal property of your husband, Private
First Class Stephen Via, Jr.

I regret I cannot advise you regarding
just what military personnel are permitted to wear
on combat missions. The ring was received here
with the other items, and we have no further
information.

Please be assured, in the event additional
effects of your husband arrive here, they will be
forwarded to you promptly.

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.
Chief, Correspondence Branch

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Mrs L. E. B. Via
 Lock Sheldrake
 Sullivan Co. N. York.
 Dec 24, 1944

Jelly

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910
 Capt. L. A. Eckhardt.
 Kansas City 2 Mo. C. Depot.
 Army & Fleet Bureau
 Kansas City, Miss.

Dear Sir,

I have just received my husband's personal things.

Could you please answer a question for me, that is if it is possible or permissible.

My husband was a paratrooper, and I want to know if they are allowed to wear their wedding rings before going into combat?

I know your task is not a pleasant one, but pray the New Year holds in store for us all, a better one.

Thank you for your kind appreciation & sympathy,

Sincerely

Mrs Louise E. Via

PROPERTY OF THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
KANSAS CITY, MO.
DEC 28 1964



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

191083 B

JRM:LB:elb
December 9, 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO: _____

Mrs. Louise E. B. Via
17 Thornton Street
Bloomfield, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Via:

Thank you for the information furnished the Army Effects Bureau in connection with the personal effects of your husband, Private First Class Stephen Via, Jr.

I am inclosing a check for \$4.03, representing funds which belonged to him. The remainder of the property is being forwarded to you in one package.

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 soldier's legal residence.

I wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your husband.

Sincerely yours,

F. A. ECKHARDT
Captain Q.M.C.
Assistant

1 Incl--
Check

ROUTING

1. Asst
2. Capt Eckhardt
3. _____
4. _____

Attach following item(s) from
Office Safe:

Case No. 191083 B jo

Attach Bureau Check:

Account No. 43067 Amount 4.03 *ew*

Account No. _____ Amount _____

Payable to:

Mrs. Louise E. B. Via
17 Thornton Street
Bloomfield, New Jersey

(Correspondent)
Relation: husband
Name: Pfc Stephen Via, Jr.

Check No. 38277

Initials emh

43067

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December 11 44

Louise E. B. Via

4.03

Four and 03/100

Major Q.M.C.
Asst.

Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets.

Flat Box

INVENTORY

Shown on Tally In as

TALLY IN NO. INVENTORY DATE 9-7-11 CASE NO. 191085

EFFECTS OF STEVE VIA _____ RANK _____

ARMY SERIAL NO. 12204392 ORG. 101st Airborne

CONSIGNOR G 11, UK

DELIVERING CARRIER Mail G B/L NO. G B/L DATE

[illegible]

Warehouse Space Inventoried By V. Longley

Locked Storage Space Office Safe Packed By _____

ML:mem
Eff QM Form 11a

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAUORDER FOR SHIPMENT*File up*Ship To: Mrs. Louise E. B. Via
17 Thornton Street
Bloomfield, New Jersey

Effects of

Name Pfc Stephen Via, Jr.
ASN 12204392
Case No. 191083 B
Wt.

FRANKED

Ship Via _____ G B/L NO. _____

JRM:LB:jo
8 Dec 44

Date _____

For Effects Quartermaster *manley*

PACKAGES SHIPPED

1 pkg

TOTAL _____ WT. _____ Date Shipped **DEC 12 1944**Franked *✓*
Est. Exp. Chgs.
Est. Frt. Chgs.

REMARKS:

DEC 9 1944**DEC 13 1944**

Eff. QM Form 14 (Rev. 8-19-44)

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Shipping Clerk

Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets
Box No. _____ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
INVENTORYDeceased ☒
Missing _____
P.O.W. _____
Abandoned _____SHOWN ON TALLY-IN AS Dis. Steve ORIGINAL NO. OF PKGS. 1TALLY-IN NO. 5486 INVENTORY DATE 11-6-44 CASE NO. 191083EFFECTS OF STEVE VIA RANK ----A.S.N. 12204392 ORG. 101st A/B. Div.

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION:

ARTICLE DESCRIPTION

1 Wallet-no money ✓

1 Ring ✓

1 Photo ✓

REMARKS:

No information

No correspondence - Shortage on reverse ✓

C.A.T. Not available

ATTACHMENTS:
GR label _____
Form 54 _____~~NO CORRESPONDENCE~~~~SHORTAGE ON REVERSE~~~~G.I. ON REVERSE~~STORAGE }
SPACE }SAFE STORAGE _____
VAULT STORAGE _____WEIGHT _____
SHIP DEC 12 1944Inventoried by J. G. [signature]Packed by [signature]

Eff. QM Form 11 (Rev. 6/10/44)

SHORTAGE

200 francs

I certify the above-named items
were not contained in the
package when checked by me.

Inventory Clerk

John

Inventory Clerk

John

Supervising Officer

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS *file*

(See AR 600-250)

VIA, STEVE (MM) 12204392
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)

late a 101st A/B Div.
 (Grade) (Organization or arm or service)

who died on the 12 day of JUNE '44, 19

CLASS I—Saber, insignia, decorations, medals, campaign badges, watches, manuscripts, and other articles valuable chiefly as keepsakes.

NUMBER	ARTICLES	*PACKAGE NUMBER
	WALLET ✓	
	SNAPSHOTS ✓	
	WEDDING BAND ✓	

*To be filled out only in case of shipment to The Adjutant General.

CLASS II—Other effects

NUMBER	ARTICLES
200	FRANCS ✓

CLASS II—Continued

[illegible]

I CERTIFY that the foregoing inventory comprises all the effects of the deceased whose name appears on the first page hereof, and that *the effects were delivered

to EFFECTS QM
(Give name and degree of relationship; if legal representative)

or beneficiary named by the deceased, so state)

~~the effects of class I have been forwarded to The Adjutant General and those of class II have been sold.~~

Manning B. Farnie
 Capt. R. M. C.

ST. MERE EGLISE
(Station)

24 JUNE, 1944
(Date)

*Strike out words not applicable.

Serial No. 12204292 Name VIA/STEVE
 Grade _____ Rank _____
 Organization _____
 Address _____
 Nearest Relative _____
 Address _____
 Killed in Action _____ Died of Disease _____
 Date _____ Hospital _____
 Battle Area _____ Information _____
 Place of Burial _____
 Point of Coordination _____
 Description of Body _____
 Members Missing _____
 Signed _____

Summary Court-Martial
ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT Case No. 191083 B jo
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri Date 8 Dec 44

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Stephen Via, Jr., 12204392 late a
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)
Private First Class, Infantry who died
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)
on the 7th day of June, 19 44, at France.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City, Mo., pursuant to S.O. 228, Hq., KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedents camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none, of which the sum of \$ none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. _____.)

c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ none, which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt _____, Incl. _____)

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below)

FINDING:

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 6 Dec 44, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of _____

Mrs. Louise E. B. Via for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of A.W. 112, Mrs. Louise E. B. Via of _____
(Name of person found entitled)

17 Thornton Street, Bloomfield State of
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)
New Jersey, is the widow of the
(Relationship or Capacity)

above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN E. MURPHY, Col. Q.M.C.

(Name, Rank, Organization)

SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO 191,083 B

(S-12-22-44)

JRM:LB:pw

November 22, 1944

Mrs. Louise E. B. Via
17 Thornton Street
Bloomfield, New Jersey

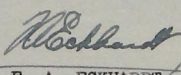
Dear Mrs. Via:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal property of your husband, Private First Class Stephen Via, Jr.

I know you want to receive this property quickly, and in making application it is necessary only that you confirm your address, stating that you are the legal widow of Private Via.

Your reply may be made at the foot of this letter, if desired, and mailed in the inclosed self-addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Sincerely yours,


F. A. ECKHARDT
Captain Q.M.C.
Assistant

1 Incl—
Envelope

*This is to confirm the above
address and that I am the
legal widow of Pfc Stephen Via Jr.
Yours truly,
Mrs Louise E. B. Via*

(S-12-3-44)
November 22, 1944

KANSAS CITY ARMY EFFECTS DEPT
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Mr. Louis E. B. Vre
1100 Main Street
Lisbon, New Jersey

The Army Effects Bureau has received from
overseas some personal property of your husband,
Private First Class Stephen Vre, Jr.

I want you to receive this property
entirely, and in making application it is necessary
only that you confirm your address, stating that
you are the legal heir of Private Vre.

Your reply may be made at the foot of this
letter, if desired, and mailed in the enclosed self-
addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. STEPHENSON
Captain
Assistant

I have
enclosed

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
KANSAS CITY, MO.
NOV 22 1944