

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

IN REPLY REFER TO:

AG 201 Swiryn, Herschel  
PC-N ETO 271

17 December 1944.

Mrs. Rose Swiryn  
1552 6th Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mrs. Swiryn:

This letter is to confirm my recent telegram in which you were regretfully informed that your son, Private Herschel Swiryn, 19,131,736, Infantry, has been reported missing in action in Germany since 26 November 1944.

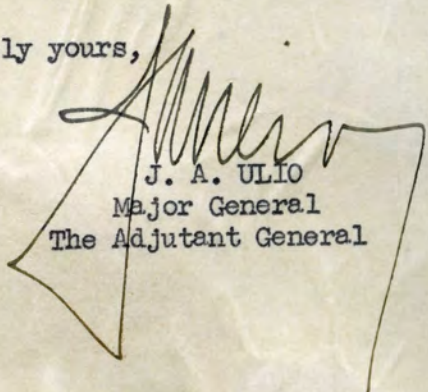
I know that added distress is caused by failure to receive more information or details. Therefore, I wish to assure you that at any time additional information is received it will be transmitted to you without delay, and, if in the meantime no additional information is received, I will again communicate with you at the expiration of three months.

The term "missing in action" is used only to indicate that the whereabouts or status of an individual is not immediately known. It is not intended to convey the impression that the case is closed. I wish to emphasize that every effort is exerted continuously to clear up the status of our personnel. Under war conditions this is a difficult task as you must readily realize. Experience has shown that many persons reported missing in action are subsequently reported as prisoners of war, but as this information is furnished by countries with which we are at war, the War Department is helpless to expedite such reports.

The personal effects of an individual missing overseas are held by his unit for a period of time and are then sent to the Effects Quartermaster, Kansas City, Missouri, for disposition as designated by the soldier.

Permit me to extend to you my heartfelt sympathy during this period of uncertainty.

Sincerely yours,



J. A. ULLO  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

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