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In the last newsletter of the Korean War Veterans National Museum And Library (May 1998), Lynna Kay Shuffield of Houston, Texas informed us that the Army has a file on onion-skin paper that contains significant information on all KIA's and MIA's from the Korean War. (All branches of service)

The file is titled "Individual Deceased Personnel File" and contains about 400,000 records. For some KIA's/MIA's, the print-out from the file is a single page. For others the print-out can be as many as 50 pages.

The files are available to relatives of the deceased serviceman or servicewoman without charge. I've enclosed a copy of the form that must be used by a relative to request a copy of the KIA's/MIA's individual file.

Family members requesting a file should be aware that in cases where the body of the deceased was recovered, the descriptive material can be unsettling.

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Footnote:

The individual deceased personnel file also contains records of all KIA's and MIA's from World War II (all branches of service) and records for KIA's and MIA's from the Vietnam War. (Army only)