

August 17, 1986

Mr. Chip Rootz  
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Military Personnel Record Center  
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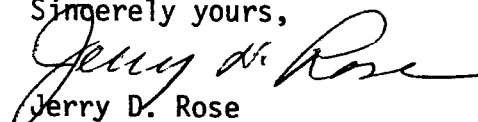
Dear Mr. Rootz:

I am engaged in a research project which involves study of the circumstances of the death of Lt. Comdr. William B. Pitzer, a former officer of the U.S. Navy. Pitzer died on October 29, 1966 at Bethesda, Maryland and was, at the time, a resident of Takoma Park, Maryland. His social security number is 579-18-5871. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

I have, from the Chief Medical Examiner of the State of Maryland, copies of the Certificate of Death and of the Medical Examiner's Investigation Report. According to information from the Medical Examiner's Officer, there should be an autopsy report on Lt. Cmdr. Pitzer in his military records. Could you please furnish me a copy of same, and of any other personnel documents that might indicate anything about the circumstances of his death?

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jerry D. Rose  
Professor

REPLY TO MEDICAL RECORDS/X-RAY REQUESTS

Date **8-22-86**

Name **PITZER, WILLIAM, B.**

Branch Of Service

Service/Social Security No. **579-18-5871**

Date Of Inquiry

Date Received

On Behalf Of

Referred To NPRC By

THE REPLY TO THE INQUIRY WILL BE FOUND IN THE CHECKED ITEM(S).

- The medical records/copies/x-rays requested:
  - Are enclosed.       Are not in file.
  - Have been lent to the Veterans Administration and
    - Will be forwarded under separate cover.       May be obtained from the VA office shown below  
Please refer to VA Claim No. C-\_\_\_\_\_.
    - We are sending the request for further reply to the office shown below.
- These copies need not be returned.
- X-ray film MUST BE RETURNED when its purpose has been served. X-ray film is loaned to you with the understanding that it be treated confidentially, as is customary in the medical profession.
- The medical records/X-rays requested cannot be located.
- The enclosed medical records/copies/X-rays are sent to you at the request of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The type of X-ray which you requested is usually kept for five years at the facility where taken. At the end of this period they are eligible for destruction.
- Our invoice for services rendered in this case is attached.

~~Without the written consent of the individual whose records are requested, or if the individual is a minor, the parent or legal guardian must sign the release. (The legal representative or guardian should be a court appointment.) If you are able to obtain the written consent, please return your request to us. PLEASE RETURN ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO YOUR INDICATED ADDRESS.~~

- According to the provisions of DoD Directive 5400.11, we cannot release the records you have requested. They contain information that can be interpreted and explained properly only by a physician. If you wish us to send copies of the records to a designated physician, please furnish us with the name and address of that physician.
- Dependent immunization records are not made a part of the medical record retired to this Center. At the time of initial immunization, this record is given to the parent or sponsor. Duplicate copies of immunization records are maintained at the hospital or dispensary involved, but these too are given to the parent or sponsor upon transfer or separation. If not given to this individual, duplicates are destroyed two years after the latest entry on the immunization record. Therefore, we regret that we are unable to furnish the requested immunization records.

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