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Pvt. J. A. Tomaseski Funeral Saturday

Body Will Reach New Castle From Overseas On Thursday Morning

Rapidly following the return of other service men who have paid with their lives in World War II, the body of Pvt. John A. Tomaseski, killed in the Battle of the Bulge, January 11, 1944, is enroute home for its final burial.

Pvt. Tomeseski was buried in the U. S. Military cemetery, Henri-Chapelle, Belgium, and was sent to this country on the ship, Joseph Connelly. The body is expected to arrive here on Thursday morning, December 18, at 11:25 a.m., at the B. & O. railroad, and will be taken to the John R. Noga funeral home, East Long avenue.

Military funeral services will be conducted Saturday morning, December 20, from the funeral home, at 9 o'clock, and a requiem mass will be offered at 9:30 a.m., in SS. Philip and James church, of which he was a member. Rev. V. V. Stanceiewski will be in charge.

Friends may call at the funeral home, anytime after 2 p.m., Thursday afternoon.

Burial will be in the church cemetery and the V.F.W. Post 315 will conduct military services at the grave.

Pvt. John Tomaseski was born on September 3, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tomaseski, 1108 South Jefferson street. He resided in New Castle all his life, and was employed by the Shenango Pottery company, until his enlistment.

His parents survive and a brother, Leo, of Altoona, a sister, Mrs. Helen Richards, this city; and four step-brothers, Stanley Frank, Edward Sowinski, all of Gary, Ind., and Chester Sowinski, of this city.

Pvt. Tomaseski enlisted in the army in March 1943, and after his basic training was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Company K, 518 Bn, and was sent from Camp Crowder, Mo. to New York and then to England. He saw action in the invasion of Normandy, France at the beach head landings. In the battle of the Bulge he was wounded and died from the wounds on January 11, 1945, at Bastogne, Belgium. The youth was awarded the Purple Heart, posthumously and received other service honors from his outstanding services to this country.

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