

**INDIVIDUAL DECEASED**

**PERSONNEL FILE**

HARRY RETORT

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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DIVISION  
COLUMBUS GENERAL DISTRIBUTION DEPT.  
COLUMBUS 15, OHIO

SUMMARY SHEET OF CLAIM OR POTENTIAL CLAIM BY FUNERAL DIRECTORS

In accordance with letter Office of the Quartermaster General dated 25 August 1948, file QMCHO, Subject: Discrepancies in Permanent 293 Files, the following information is furnished

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To be filled in if claim has been received

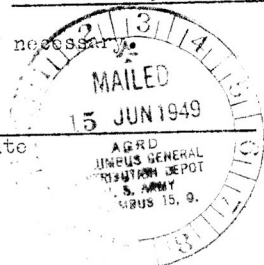
1. Name and serial number of deceased: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of claimant: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Amount claimed: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Amount allowed (if any): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Purchase order number (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

To be filled in if a potential claim exists

1. Name of potential claimant: Hodge Funeral Home, 107 East Wallace Ave., New Castle, Pa.
2. For transportation of remains of HARRY E. RETORT PVT.  
Serial 13085672 from New Castle Pa. Junction, Penn. Station  
to New Castle, Pa. and return escort to railhead  
if necessary.

Date



Francis Capplano  
FRANCIS CAPPLANO  
Capt, QIC  
QIC, Administrative Branch





8. 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.

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.

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.

PART B

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.

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: Hearses 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.

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.

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.

PART A

# WORLD WAR II DECEASED

REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERMENT OR TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES		DATE
(Read Explanation on Reverse Side before completing form)		
NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial)		BRANCH OF SERVICE
293 Robert, Harry H.		ARMY
RANK OR GRADE	SERIAL NO.	TO BE FILLED IN BY CLAIMANT
Pvt.	13085672	A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTERMENT EXPENSES (Civilian or Private Cemetery)
		B. <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES (National or Post Cemetery)
<p><b>INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONS SIGNING THIS FORM</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This form is NOT to be signed by Funeral Director.</li> <li>2. Fill in as required and sign four copies.</li> <li>3. Check Box "A" or Box "B" above, not both.</li> <li>4. Check Box "A" when interment is in a civilian or private cemetery.</li> <li>5. Check Box "B" when remains are delivered to home or other place prior to burial in a national or post cemetery.</li> </ol>		
FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "A" IS CHECKED		FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "B" IS CHECKED
<p>I certify that the sum of \$ <u>75.00</u> was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the interment of the remains of the above-named decedent in the cemetery indicated below:</p> <p>NAME: <u>Del. Park</u></p> <p>CITY OR COUNTY: <u>New Castle,</u></p> <p>STATE: <u>Pa.</u></p>		<p>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: (City, town, or place from which remains were shipped)</p> <p>TO: (Name and Location of National or Post Cemetery)</p> <p><u>Del. Park</u></p>
RETURN FOUR COPIES TO		SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT
<p>AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DIVISION COLUMBUS GENERAL DISTRIBUTION DEPT COLUMBUS 15, OHIO</p>		<u>West Washington St. 2 pt.</u>
		ADDRESS (Street number or RFD, City and State)
		<u>New Castle, Pa.</u>
		RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT
		<u>Wife</u>
<p style="text-align: center;">REMARKS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PAID ON VOUCHER <u>622/6</u> <u>12/13/48</u> ACCOUNTS OF W. K. BRELOCH, Lt. Col. F. G.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SYMBOL NO. 211-940</p>		

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# RECEIPT OF REMAINS

DISTRIBUTION CENTER

COLUMBUS GENERAL DEPOT

COLUMBUS 15 OHIO

ROUTINE 2 NOVEMBER 1948

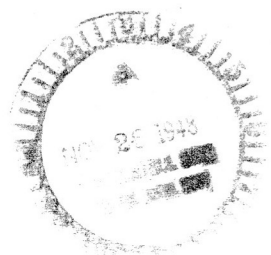
REMAINS CONSIGNED TO: HODGE FUNERAL HOME

107 EAST WALLACE AVENUE

NEW CASTLE PENNSYLVANIA

FROM QMDCG \_\_\_\_\_ BARDEN

*2013*



REMAINS OF THE LATE PVT HARRY H RETORT ASN 13085672 BEING SHIPPED TO YOU ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT ON TRAIN NUMBER 625-34 PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD LEAVING COLUMBUS OHIO 3:05 AM FIVE NOVEMBER AND DUE TO ARRIVE NEW CASTLE JUNCTION PENNSYLVANIA 10:19 AM RAILROAD TIME FIVE NOVEMBER. REQUEST YOU IMMEDIATELY PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO NEXT OF KIN. REQUEST FURTHER YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION UPON ARRIVAL AND THAT YOU TRANSPORT REMAINS AND ESCORT TO LOUIS RETORT AT NEW CASTLE PENNSYLVANIA AND RETURN ESCORT TO RAILROAD STATION. YOU SHOULD SUBMIT ITEMIZED STATEMENT IN QUADRUPLICATE PROPERLY CERTIFIED TO THIS DEPOT FOR PAYMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHARGES ONLY IF ANY FROM NEW CASTLE JUNCTION PENNSYLVANIA STATION TO NEW CASTLE.

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

THIS 5th DAY OF Nov. 1948

*[Signature]*  
WITNESS (Escort)

*7. art.*

*[Signature]*

CONSIGNEE

NAT

FILE

RECORDS ANNOTATED

DATE 2 DEC 1948

NAME [Signature]

R & R BR.

**RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER**

1. SHIPPED			
FROM USMC ST. CORNELILLE		TO Casketing Point A, Cherbourg	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Truck		NAME OF CONVOYER Cpl BINNETTE	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>Theodore C. Murray</i> THEODORE C. MURRAY, Capt. CAC	DATE 19/7/48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>Everett N. Ciaipo</i> EVERETT N. CIAIPO, 1st Lt. FA	DATE 19/7/48
2. SHIPPED			
FROM Casketing Point A, Cherbourg		TO Cherbourg Port Unit	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE Truck		NAME OF CONVOYER T/Sgt FULLER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER EVERETT N. CIAIPO, 1st Lt. FA	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>John E. Hendry Jr.</i> JOHN E. HENDRY JR. MAJ. CAC	DATE
3. SHIPPED			
FROM PORT UNIT - CHERBOURG		TO NYPOE	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE USAT CARROLL VICTORY		NAME OF CONVOYER KENNETH W. WHERCOTT CAPT TC	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER JOHN E. HENDRY JR MAJ CAC	DATE 25/9/48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>K. W. Whercott</i>	DATE 25 SEP 1948
4. SHIPPED			
FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>Balawon</i> PORT TRANSPORTATION OFFICER	DATE OCT 6 1948
5. SHIPPED			
FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>M. P. E.</i> PORT TRANSPORTATION OFFICER	DATE OCT 14 1948	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>Tomis Belohl</i> TOMIS BELOHL (LAWYER)	DATE
6. SHIPPED			
FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE
7. SHIPPED			
FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

BHR

DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

*2 MB*  
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SECTION A - NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED		DIRECTIVE NUMBER <b>3576 00381</b>	DATE 15 04 48 DAY MONTH YEAR
NAME <b>RETORT HARRY H</b>		SERIAL NUMBER <b>13085672</b>	RANK <b>PVT</b>
CEMETERY <b>ST CORNEILLE - LE MANS</b>		ARM <b>1</b>	DATE OF DEATH DAY MONTH YEAR
PLOT ROW GRAVE COUNTRY <b>A 12 278 FRANCE</b>		DISPOSITION OF REMAINS <b>1 3200 07</b> CODE DIST. PT.	
		CAUSE OF DEATH <b>1</b>	

SECTION B - CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE <b>HODGE FUNERAL HOME 107 EAST WALLACE AVENUE NEW CASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA</b>	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN <b>LOUIS RETORT (FATHER) <del>BOX 002</del> WEST WASHINGTON STREET EXTENSION EDINBURG, PENNSYLVANIA NEW CASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA</b>
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SECTION C - DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME <b>RETORT, HARRY H.</b>	SERIAL NUMBER <b>13085672</b>	RANK <b>UTD</b>	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED <b>2 Jun 48</b>
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKER	ORGANIZATION <b>USAGF</b>	RELIGION <b>Protestant</b>	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY <b>GEORGE AVAKIAN</b> NAME AND TITLE	

SECTION D - PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL <b>Mattress cover</b>	CONDITION OF REMAINS <b>Advanced decomposition</b>
OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION <b>None</b>	
MINOR DISCREPANCIES <b>None</b>	

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN ~~CASKET~~ **transfer case**

DATE **10 Jun 48** BY **George Avakian**  
CASKET SEALED BY **H. F. PERGANDE** EMBALMER (Signature) **George Avakian**

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED

DATE **21/7/48** BY **H. E. FERRIERE**

SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY **All markings, plates & tags verified by JOHN PALYCK JR. 1st Lt. FA**

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.

**John Palyck**  
RAFAEL T. RUIZ, 1st Lt. FA  
SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

<b>MESSAGEFORM</b>		MESSAGE CENTER NO.	TRANSMITTING MEANS	CRYPTOGRAPH OR CLEAR TEXT	
CALLS V	STA. SER. NO. NR	PRECEDENCE	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS 274 017-R	ORIGINATOR	DATE-TIME GROUP
ACTION	INFORMATION	WESTERN UNION		EXEMPT	OPERATING SIGNALS
FROM: (Originator)			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION GOVT PD		
ACTION TO MR LOUIS RETORT DLR AND REPORT ANY CHARGES BOX 12 EDINBURG PENNSYLVANIA			PRECEDENCE FOR ACTION DAY LETTER		
INFORMATION TO: FROM QMDCG 5-3710-A BARDEN			<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL MESSAGE		
WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED REMAINS OF THE LATE PRIVATE HARRY H RETORT			REFERS TO ANOTHER MESSAGE IDENTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION		
ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED TO HODGE FUNERAL HOME 107 EAST WALLACE AVENUE NEW CASTLE PENNSYLVANIA					
WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS OR SUBMIT NEW DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS AND FURNISH YOUR CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS BY TELEGRAM COLLECT TO COMMANDING OFFICER COLUMBUS GENERAL DISTRIBUTION DEPOT COLUMBUS OHIO. REPLY IS NECESSARY WITHIN THIS PERIOD SINCE IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE WITH ANY DESIRED CHANGES IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY EIGHT HOURS. WHILE DELIVERY OF THE REMAINS WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER RECEIPT FACTORS BEYOND OUR CONTROL MAY DELAY DELIVERY OF REMAINS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. HOWEVER AS SOON AS REMAINS ARE RECEIVED HERE AND IT IS POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE THEM FOR DELIVERY YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM OF RAIL ROUTING AND SCHEDULED TIME REMAINS WILL ARRIVE AT RAILROAD STATION. ALSO HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO FURNISH YOU THIS INFORMATION SO THAT YOU MAY COMPLETE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. THIS TELEGRAM WILL BE SENT AT LEAST THREE DAYS PRIOR TO ACTUAL SHIPMENT FROM THIS DISTRIBUTION CENTER PLEASE INSTRUCT FUNERAL DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION UPON ARRIVAL. REMAINS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT. IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL YOU SHOULD ASK ANY LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. YOUR PROMPT COOPERATION WILL GREATLY ASSIST THIS OFFICE IN MAKING FINAL DELIVERY. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM. NOTIFY THIS OFFICE OF PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS ORGANIZATION SELECTED BY YOU TO FURNISH MILITARY HONORS.					
BOWMAN CO COLUMBUS GENERAL DISTRIBUTION DEPOT COLUMBUS OHIO					
SECURITY CLASSIFICATION			AUTHORIZATION		
ORIGINATING AGENCY			SIGNATURE		
SYMBOL			DATE-TIME GROUP		
OFFICIAL TITLE			PAGE OF		
			FRANCIS FAPPLANO CAPT. OMC, Asst AGR Div		

WD AGO FORM 11-168  
15 JUN 1945

This 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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COMMANDING OFFICER COLS GEN DIST DEPOT

RE PVT HARRY H RETROXXX RETORT PRIOR ARRANGMENTS OK VFW POST  
315 WILL CONDUST BURIAL SERVIC CHANGE FAMILY  
ADDRESS TO WEST WASHINGTON STRET EXTNSION NEW CASTLE PA

MRS LOUIS RETORT

VFW 315

221P





WUBC43 29 COLLECT NEWCASTLE PENN OCT 5 921A

BOWMAN COMMANDING OFFICER COLUMBUS GENL DIST DEPOT

YOUR WIRE FOURTH THIS TELEGRAM CONFIRMS INSTRUCTIONS TO  
DELIVER REMAINS MY SON PVT HARRY H RETORT TO THE HODGE

FUNERAL HOME 107 EAST WALLACE AVENUE NEW CASTLE PENN

LOUIS RETORT

107843A OCT 5.

CLR.....

ER:met

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COLUMBUS GENERAL DISTRIBUTION DEPOT  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
COLUMBUS 15, OHIO

12 November 1948

Mr. Louis Retort  
West Washington Street Extension  
New Castle, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Retort:

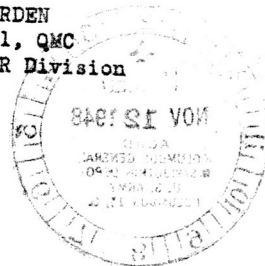
Inclosed herewith is application blank for Headstone or Marker for your son, the late Private Harry H. Retort, which was returned to this office incomplete.

If you desire a headstone or marker for your son's grave you should fill out the inclosed form and forward to The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C. A self-addressed envelope is inclosed for your convenience for mailing this blank.

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

Sincerely,

ALBERT BARDEN  
Lt Colonel, QMC  
Chief, AGR Division



**INSPECTION CHECKLIST**  
(FOR USE AT DISTRIBUTION CENTER)

NAME <i>11/20/78</i> <b>Retort, Harry H.</b>		RANK <b>Pvt.</b>	SERIAL NUMBER <b>13085672</b>
SOURCE		CONSIGNEE <b>Hodge Funeral Home 107 East Wallace Avenue New Castle, Pennsylvania</b>	
SHIPPING CASE - GENERAL APPEARANCE (CHECK ONLY DISCREPANCIES)		CONDITION OF SHIPPING CASE (CHECK ONE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY	
FINISH (EXTERIOR)		REMARKS  <i>pushed up</i>	
FINISH (INTERIOR)			
HANDLES			
HANDLE BOLTS			
STENCILING - NAMEPLATE			
HEALTH PERMIT MARKER			
HEALTH PERMIT NUMBER			
CASKET - GENERAL APPEARANCE (CHECK ONLY DISCREPANCIES)		CONDITION OF CASKET (CHECK ONE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY	
FINISH (EXTERIOR)		REMARKS	
HANDLES AND FASTENINGS			
STENCILING - NAMEPLATE			
CAM LOCKS (SEALING)			
ODOR OR MOISTURE			
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"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
NECESSARY DISINFECTION (EXPLAIN)		CASKET EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
		SHIPPING CASE REPAIRED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
		SHIPPING CASE EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
REMARKS		REMARKS	
TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF MORTICIAN	
TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR	
<i>0950</i>	<i>11/26/78</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	
REMARKS			
<i>[Signature]</i>			



**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 \_\_\_\_\_, AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED  
(PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP)  
 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	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

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

_____	_____
<small>(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)</small>	<small>(DATE)</small>
_____	_____
<small>(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)</small>	<small>(STREET AND NUMBER)</small>
_____	_____
	<small>(CITY AND STATE)</small>

**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 1 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

_____	_____
<small>(SIGNATURE)</small>	<small>(DATE)</small>
_____	_____
<small>(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)</small>	<small>(STREET AND NUMBER)</small>
_____	_____
	<small>(CITY AND STATE)</small>

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

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			
HODGE FUNERAL HOME			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
107 E. WALLACE AVE	NEW CASTLE		PENNA.
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.	
SAME	SAME	N.S. 445	

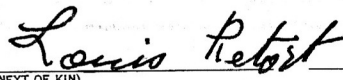
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
MRS. ROSE RETORT			MOTHER
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
BOX 12	EDINBURG	LAWRENCE	PENNA

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)

Box 12, EDINBURG PA  
 (STREET AND NUMBER)

LOUIS RETORT  
 (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

Box 12, EDINBURG PA  
 (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 1<sup>st</sup> day of AUGUST, 1947, at city (or town) of NEW CASTLE, PA, county of LAWRENCE, and State (or Territory or District) of PENNA.

  
 (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

NOTARY PUBLIC  
 (OFFICIAL TITLE)

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

**REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS**

PUDGEY BU 74U No. 49-R277  
BNA

ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

**C. Harry H. Retort, 13 085 672**  
**Plot A, Row 12, Grave 278,**  
**United States Military Cemetery**  
**St. Cornille, France**

**29 July 1947**

A		C	
B		D	

**DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE**

**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.

**PART I**

**1. LOUIS RETORT**

*(Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)*

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

- |   |                                  |  |   |
|---|----------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW  | <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWER | <input type="checkbox"/> SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD     | <input type="checkbox"/> DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FATHER                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER  | <input type="checkbox"/> BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD | <input type="checkbox"/> SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE <i>(Specify)</i> _____ |                                  |  |   |

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  
**OAK PARK CEM. NEW CASTLE PANNA.**

(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.)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*DD Form 4/1/47*  
*Coled 2/29/48*  
*Hallagher*

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NEW CASTLE  
VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Q.M.General  
U.S.Army  
Washington D.C.

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7188  
Re- Harry H. Retort  
ASN-13,085,672  
(Died 19-Aug-1944)  
In France

Sir,

The mother of the above named deceased soldier, has asked this service to write your office, relative to place of burial of the above.

She was notified by letter from AGO. of the death, under date of 13 Sept. 1944, but has never been told of where the boy is buried, and as she and the family want to send an order for flowers for this grave, they do not know where to send it. AGO. letter states he died in France, from wounds received in action.

Thanking all concerned with this request, for a prompt answer to the mother, at the address listed below. I am,

Respectfully Yours.

*F. T. Sargent*

F. T. Sargent

For;

Mrs. Rose Retort  
Box. 12  
Edinburg Penna.



CORRESPONDENCE ACTION WORK SHEET

7188

Send Letter to MRS. ROSE RETORT Relationship Mother  
ADDRESS BOX 12  
EDINBURG, PA.

Army Serial Number 13 085 672 Rank PUT  
OPENING PARAGRAPH: 62-1 62-2 ~~62-3~~ 62-4 62-A *see below*

BURIAL INFORMATION: 6 6A 7 8 9 10 10A 11 12 12A 13 13A  
14 14A 14B 15 16 17 20 21 22 22B

Temp. Cem. A 12 278 *get carried name in book*  
Perm. Cem. Plot Row Grave Name of Cem. nlmc I Conelle City and Country

RETURN OF REMAINS: 78 79 81 82  
OTHER PARAGRAPHS 23 24 26 27 28 29 30 35 ~~36-40~~ 41 42  
43 51 53 54 55 56 57 58 58A 60 61 63A  
63B 65 65A 65B 65C 65D 66 67 68 68A 69 70  
73 74 76 84 85

INDORSEMENTS: To AG (47 71) To Ch of Chap (48 71)  
To Other Agencies: (71)

PERSONAL EFFECTS: 50 64 *Last page 78*  
SUSPEND \_\_\_\_\_ days

Copy of letter to AGO and Identification Section\*  
TEMPORARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS \* \* PERMANENT CHANGE OF ADDRESS  
BUCK SLIP TO RECORDS SECTION  
COPY TO ADJUTANT GENERAL

Dates of Letters for which Copies are Necessary to AAF:  
OTHER: \* *Mr. F. J. Sargent*  
*New Castle Veterans Advisory Council*  
*New Castle, Pa.*

CLOSING PARAGRAPH: 62-5 Regret Delay \*  
Letter to be Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Analyst \_\_\_\_\_ Typist \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

\* Note: Circle paragraph numbers and/or starred phrases that are applicable.

NAME OF DECEASED  
LAST NAME  
FIRST NAME  
MIDDLE INITIAL

Retort  
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*File*  
*12 June 47*  
*Sumner*

QMGMF 293  
Retort, Harry H.  
A.S.N. 13 085 672

27 May 1947

Mr. Louis Retort  
Box 12  
Edinburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Retort:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United States Military Cemetery St. Cornsille, France, in which your son, the late Private Harry H. Retort, is buried.

It is my sincere hope that you may gain some solace from this view of the surroundings in which your loved one rests. As you can see, this is a place of simple dignity, neat and well cared for. Here, assured of continuous care, now rest the remains of a few of those heroic dead who fell together in the service of our country.

This cemetery will be maintained as a temporary resting place until, in accordance with the wishes of the next of kin, all remains are either placed in permanent American cemeteries overseas or returned to the Homeland for final burial.

Sincerely yours,

G. A. HORKAN  
Brigadier General, QMC  
Chief, Memorial Division

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH  
Photograph  
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QMGMF 293  
Retort, Harry H.  
SN 13 085 672

Address Reply To  
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
Attention: Memorial Division

16 June 1947

Mrs. Rose Retort  
Box 12  
Edinburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Retort:

An inquiry has been received in our office from Mr. F. T. Sargent, New Castle Veterans Advisory Council, New Castle, Pennsylvania, concerning your son, the late Private Harry H. Retort.

The official Report of Burial discloses that the remains of your son were interred in Plot A, Row 12, Grave 278, in the US Military Cemetery St. Corneille, located nine miles northeast of Le Mans, France.

The American Graves Registration Service is rapidly transforming American Military Cemeteries into places of simple reverent beauty. The grounds and surrounding areas are being landscaped and trees, shrubs and flowers have been and are being planted therein. On special occasions, such as Memorial Day, Armistice Day, etc., all graves are individually and appropriately decorated with flowers and small American flags.

If we can assist you further, feel free to contact us, at your convenience.

Our office regrets, sincerely, the delay in replying to you and wishes to extend its deepest sympathy in the loss of your son.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD B. COOMBS  
Major, QMC  
Memorial Division

JUN 16 11 25 PM '47  
D. O. M. C.  
& RECORDS BRANCH

Mr. F. T. Sargent  
New Castle Veterans Advisory Council  
City Building  
New Castle, Pa.

RECEIVED  
MEMORIAL DIVISION  
JUN 17 12 20 PM '47  
RECORDS BRANCH

REC

Pvt. Harry H. Retort, 13 085 672  
~~Plot A, Row 12, Grave 270,~~  
United States Military Cemetery  
St. Cornells, France

29 July 1947

Mr. Louis Retort  
Box 12  
Edinburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Retort:

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 B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

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QMCMT 293  
Retort, Harry H.  
A.S.N. 13 085 672

27 May 1947

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Sincerely yours,

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Brigadier General, QMC  
Chief, Memorial Division

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U. S. G. S. BRANCH  
Photograph  
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SPQIG 293  
Retort, Harry H.  
S.N. 13 085 672

15 October 1945

Sergeant Louis Retort, 12 092 920  
112 Central Avenue  
Passaic, New Jersey

Dear Sergeant Retort:

Your letter has been forwarded to this office for reply regarding the burial place of your brother, the late Private Harry H. Retort.

The official report of interment received in this office reveals that the remains of your brother were interred in the U.S. Military Cemetery St. Corneille, France, Plot A, Row 12, Grave 278. This cemetery is located approximately four miles northeast of Le Mans, France.

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

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PREHN  
Major, QMC  
Assistant

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OR

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O O M C  
MAIL & TELE. BRANCH

OCT 15 11 13 AM '45  
MEMORIAL DIVISION

1 am to leave for the States <sup>1st</sup> Sept. 1945.

2 Due to reading your article in the  
Stars & Stripes about locating graves  
of relatives. I have a brother  
whose grave I have never been  
able to locate. I would appreciate  
it very much for I would refer  
it to the folks at home to.

Here is his name & Organization:

Pr. Harry H. Retort RETORT  
A.S.N. 13085612

Co. C. 38th Armt. Inf. Bn. A.P.O. 257.  
Dow. 19-7-44 U.S. Army.  
19-8-44

If you would please send me the  
information at my home address for

HEADQUARTERS  
US THEATER GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
THEATER SERVICE FORCES  
EUROPEAN THEATER

PJW/ga

(Rear) APO 887  
29 September 1945.

GRS(La Cambe K-3-48)

SUBJECT: Request for Burial Information Regarding:  
Cpl. William R. Sons, 36620148  
Pvt. Bernard E. Bolin, 27482367  
Pvt. Harry H. Retort, 13085672

TO : The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Inclosed are 3 letters received by this office from Mr. Sons, Mr. Bolin and Sgt. Retort requesting burial information concerning Cpl. William R. Sons, 36620148, Pvt. Bernard E. Bolin, 27482367 and Pvt. Harry H. Retort, 13085672.

2. Our records indicate that:

a. Cpl. Sons was DOW 14 July 1944 and was buried 14 July 1944 in Plot K Row 3 Grave 48 at the U.S. Military Cemetery, La Cambe, France.

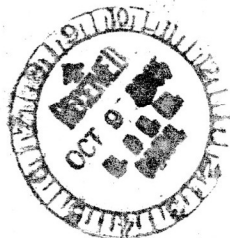
b. Pvt. Bolin was DOW 17 June 1944 and was buried 18 June 1944 in Plot D Row 9 Grave 166 at the same cemetery.

c. Pvt. Retort was DOW 19 August 1944 and was buried 19 August 1944 in Plot A Row 12 Grave 278 at the U.S. Military Cemetery, St. Corneille, France.

3. Since Mr. Sons, Mr. Bolin and Sgt. Retort do not reside within this theater, subject letters are forwarded for reply.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL:

J. B. PIERCE  
CAPT., AHD  
Adjutant



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European



**REPORT OF BURIAL 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.

Position of Identification Tags: Buried with body  Yes  No  Attached to Marker Yes  No

What means of identification were retained? \_\_\_\_\_

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.:

Who is buried on: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deceased's Right: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deceased's Left: \_\_\_\_\_

Left Hand: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Right Hand: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is buried on: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deceased's Right: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deceased's Left: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is buried on: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deceased's Right: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deceased's Left: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is buried on: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deceased's Right: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deceased's Left: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOOTH CHART**

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.

Decayed's Right		Decayed's Left	
8	7	8	7
6	5	6	5
4	3	4	3
2	1	2	1
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8
Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by C; linking another tooth; replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Data: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Officer or other person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion: Protestant  
 List only Personal Effects found on body and disposed of same:  
 Billfold  
 Cig. case  
 comp & case  
 Rifle medal (Sears)  
 Rifle  
 Baptismal Cert.  
 Soc. Sec. card

Sketch of location: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is buried on: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deceased's Right: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deceased's Left: \_\_\_\_\_

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GRAVES REGISTRATION FORM No. 1 (Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

REPORT OF BURIAL OF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

August 1944

Retort

Serial No. 13085672

Unit: Co. C 38th Inf. Bn. Army

Place of Death: 104th Evac. Hosp. Unk

Time and Date of Burial: 19 August 1944

Name of Cemetery: 300 U.S. Mil. Cem. St. Corneille, France

Grave Number: 278

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes  No  Attached to Marker Yes  No

No Identification Tags

How were remains identified?

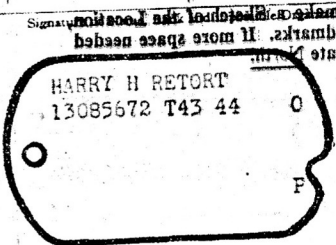
What means of identification were used?

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

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right: John Burkart 18027721

Deceased's Left: Joseph J. Durst 36234794



Emergency Addressee: Mrs. Rose Retort

Address: Box 12 Edinburg, Pa.

Religion: Protestant

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

- Billfold
- Cig. case
- comb & case
- Rifle medal (2bars)
- Ring
- Baptismal Certf.
- Soc. Sec. card
- Drivers permit
- 8 photos
- No currency

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial: [Signature]

Verified by G.R.S. Officer: [Signature]

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


203237

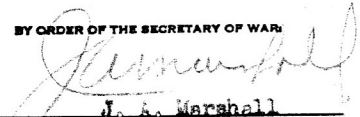
REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 15 Sept 1944

FULL NAME <b>Retort, Harry H.</b> ✓		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <b>13 085 672</b> ✓		GRADE <b>Pvt.</b>									
HOME ADDRESS <b>Edinburg Pa.</b>		ARM OR SERVICE <b>Infantry</b>		DATE OF BIRTH <b>20 Mar 23</b>									
PLACE OF DEATH <b>European Area</b>		CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Wounds rec'd in action</b>		DATE OF DEATH <b>19 Aug 44</b>									
STATION OF DECEASED <b>European Area</b>		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>26 May 42</b>		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS									
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Mrs. Rose Retort, Mother, Box 12, Edinburg, Pa.</b>													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <b>Rose Retort, Mother, Box 12, Edinburg, Pa. Louis Retort, Father, Box 12, Edinburg, Pa.</b>													
INVESTIGATION MADE?		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
													X

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT



COPIES FURNISHED:			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTLE	BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR  J. A. Marshall ADJUTANT GENERAL
S. G. O.	F. B. I.	F. O., U. S. A.	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE	
2. O. Q. M. G.	O. F. D.	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU CASUALTY BRANCH FILE		
G. A. C.	VET. ADMIN.	A. G. 201 FILE		

KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPT  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

Case No. 20337

Date 8 May 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of

Harry H. Retort, 13085672 late a  
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)  
Private, Infantry who died  
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)  
on the 19 day of Aug, 1944, in at European Area.

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 decedent's 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 3 May 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Louis Retort 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, Louis Retort of Box 12, Edinburg State of Pennsylvania (Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village) is the father (Relationship or Capacity) of the above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, Q.M.C.  
(Name, Rank, Organization)



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

IN REPLY REFER TO 203237

JRM:MH:dn  
May 8, 1945

*Open*

Mr. Louis Retort  
Box 12  
Edinburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Retort:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some property of your son, Private Harry H. Retort.

This property, consisting of a few small items, is being sent you.

If, for some reason, it has not been received at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer may be instituted.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your son.

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOOB  
2nd Lt. Q.M.C.  
Officer-in-Charge  
SJ/Unit



ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mr. Louis Retort

SHIP TO:

Box 12

Pvt. Harry H. Retort

Edinburg, Pennsylvania

Effects of:

Name

13085672

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Case No.

Wt.

DATE 8 May 1945

JRM:MH:gk

*W. L. Larson*  
FCR: 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  
 1 Warehouse Division  
 2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS:

*1 pkg*  
Franked          
Est. Exp. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Est. Frt. Chgs. \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of packages 1

*AD*  
Shipping Clerk





PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <i>1 pkg</i>	ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY	203237 <sup>PS</sup>	DECEASED <input type="checkbox"/>
			MISSING <input type="checkbox"/>
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			ABANDONED <input type="checkbox"/>
			TALLY NO. <i>7074</i>
			INV. DATE <i>5 apr 45</i>
			ORIG. NO OF PKGS. <i>1</i>
			BOX NO.
			SHEET OF SHEETS
			ORGANIZATION <i>Co. C 3rd Inf 84</i>

NAME *Harry H Retort*  
 A.S.N. *13085672* RANK *Pvt*

BELT	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	WINGS
BELT, MONEY (NO MONEY)	CLOTHING	BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL
CLOTH, WASH	ORICELET, IDENT.	BILLELD, (NO MONEY) <i>W</i>
COATS	BRUSHES	CASE <i>W</i>
FOOTWEAR, PR	CAMERAS	FOOTLOCKER
GLOVES, PR	GLASSES	KIT, GEN, TLT, OR WRITING
HANDKERCHIEFS	KNIVES	BOOKS
HEADWEAR	LIGHTERS	BOOKS, ADDRESS
JACKETS	MISC. INSIGNIA	BOOKS, PILOT LOG
OVERCOATS	PEN, FOUNTAIN	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)
SCARFS	PENCIL, MECHANICAL	FILMS
SHIRTS	PIPES	LETTERS
SOCKS, PR	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	PAPERS, PERSONAL
TIES	RIBBONS, DECORATION	PHOTOS <i>X</i>
TOWELS	RINGS	SHOE SHINE ARTICLES
TROUSERS, PR	TOBACCO	SHORT SHORTER
TRUNKS, PR	TOILET ARTICLES	SOUVENIRS
UNDERWEAR	WATCH	SOUVENIR MONEY
		STATIONERY
		TESTAMENTS
		U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

*ISS Card# 190-16-3960*

*1 Rifle med.*  
*1 Cambin Case*

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REMARKS: *Home address  
Edinburg Penna.*

ATTACHMENTS FORM #54 FORM #100

*12 sub  
1 Rkt*

*Mother  
Mrs Rosa Retort  
C.A.T.  
Box 12 Edinburg Pa.*

*AA*

WAREHOUSE SPACE *733* STORED BY *LCM*

WEIGHT	G.I. REMOVED
	SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
	IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
	DIARY REMOVED
DATE SHIPPED	LOCKED STORAGE
	LAUNDRY REMOVED

INVENTORIED BY

*MAY 2 1945*

NAME RETORT, HARRY H PVT			
BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
		6	7074
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
GRB			

Eff. QM Form 48

Serial No. 13095672 Name RETORT, HARRY H.  
 Grade PVT Rank  
 Organization CAC 39th INF BN  
 Address  
 Nearest Relative MRS. ROSE RETORT  
 Address Box 12 Edinburg - PA.  
 Killed in Action YES Died of Disease  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital  
 Battle Area \_\_\_\_\_ Information  
 Place of Burial U.S. MIL. CEMET. CARNEY - PA.  
 Point of Coordination  
 Description of Body  
 Members Missing 7074  
 Signed [Signature]  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
A-12-278

HARRY H RETORT  
13085672 T43 44

US Mil. Cem. St. CORNEILLE, FRANCE  
20 August 1944

(Date)

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

Retort Harry H. Pvt. 13085672  
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APC \_\_\_\_\_, U.S. Army

The above named individual of Co. G  
(Unit)

38th Inf. Bn. was reported KIA  
(Organization) (Status-Killed, MIA, Hospitalized)

about Unk 1944.  
(Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible \_\_\_\_\_

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

Class 1

1 Billfold ✓	1 Baptismal Certf. ✓
1 Cig. case ✓	1 Driver's permit ✓
1 Comb and case ✓	8 Photos ✓
1 Rifle medal (2 bars) ✓	
1 Ring ✓	

NO CURRENCY

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