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SUMMARY SHEET OF CLAIM OR POTENTIAL CLAIM BY FUNERAL DIRECTORS

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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.

8. 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: Hearse 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.

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.

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I. 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.

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 to you is LESS than what it would have cost of delivery by the Government 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 to deliver the remains to the cemetery grave site. WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL BE IN ANY EVENT YOU WILL BE ROUTFIED OF ANY ALLOWANCE IS DEPENDENT UPON AN AUDIT OF THIS REQUEST.

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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,

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ALBERT BARDEN Lt Colonel, QMC Chief, ACR Division

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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 no 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

For;

Mrs.Rose Retort
Box. 12
Edinburg Penna.

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QMCMF 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. Corneille, 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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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.

RICHARD B. COOMBS
Major, QMC
Memorial Division
New Castle Veterans Advisor Council

New Castle Veterans Advisory Council City Building

New Castle, Pa.

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Pvt. Harry H. Retort, 13 085 672

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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 Quartermeater General of the Army has been entrusted with this secred 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 pumphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Deed," and "American Cometeries," 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 pumphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Deed," 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 relinguish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part III of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the suclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements he 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.

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Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN Major General The quartermaster General

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15 October 1945

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

Dear Sergeant Betorti

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 Cometery St. Corneille, France, Plot A. Row 12, Grave 278. This cemetery is located approximately four miles northeast of Le Hans, France.

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

FOR THE QUARTERNASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

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JAMES L. PRENN Major, QNG Assistant

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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. Cur 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 Cometery. La Cambe, France.

b. Pvt. Bolin was DCW 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. Militaryb 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., ABD 'Adjutant



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Mr. Louis Retort Box 12 / Edinburg, Permsylvania

Dear Mr. Retorts

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 netify 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 sond

Yours very truly,

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

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