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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
INQUIRY

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Suspense: 19 Nov 01

Date: 23 Oct 01

TAPC-PAO (25-55a)

MEMORANDUM FOR TAPC-PED-F

SUBJECT: FOIA Request/

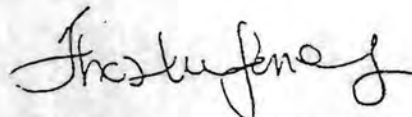
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1. Attached is a FOIA request for the IDPF information as indicated in enclosure 1.
2. Please complete attached DD Form 2086, Record of Freedom of Information (FOI) Processing Cost Sheet (encl 2), according to instructions on reverse of form, and return with your reply.
3. Request you provide documents/information upon which to base a reply to this office by suspense date indicated above.

2 Encls
as



THOMAS M. JONES
Freedom of Information
and Privacy Act Officer

October 16, 2001

Thomas M. Jones
Freedom of Information & Privacy Act Officer
Total Army Personnel Command
ATTN: TAPC-PAO (FOIA)
200 Stovall Street
Alexandria, VA 22332-0404



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am contacting you in connection with a 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment soldier - Private Robert Hester of St. Pauls, NC. Pvt. Hester was killed in Northern France during Operation Overlord in June 1944. His status in Army records is not listed as KIA (killed) or MIA (missing), but FOD (finding of death). This museum is interested in obtaining information about this man and I turn to you for assistance.

We are specifically interested in obtaining information relating to his military service. Particularly, the D-Day Museum would like to obtain a copy of Pvt. Hester's Individual Deceased Personnel File (IDPF) through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Naturally, any fees associated with the collection and photocopying of Pvt. Hester's IDPF will be gladly forwarded to your office.

The following information is provided to assist you in locating information relating to Pvt. Hester:

Private Robert Hester (serial # 14068577)
St. Pauls, Robeson County, North Carolina
Status: finding of death

This information is a time sensitive matter to this museum. So if it is at all possible to expedite a response to this inquiry, such an effort would be deeply appreciated. Please feel free to communicate any results to me via telephone or e-mail. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at (504)527-6012 ext. 321. Thank you and I will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Martin K.A. Morgan
Research Historian
(504)527-6012 ext. 321
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Please read instructions on back before completing form.

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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Private Robert G. Hester,

Army Serial Number 14,068,577, Infantry,
to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 6th day of June 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 7th day of June, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

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Hester, Robert G.

George F. Herbert
ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

14,068,577

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA European	FLYING STATUS No	JUMP STATUS Yes	LIRE OF DUTY Yes	OWN MIS-CONDUCT No	ON DUTY STATUS Yes	ABSENCE AUTH'D
PREVIOUS REVIEWS None						
DATE OF BIRTH 29 Apr 1921	HOME ADDRESS Saint Pauls, North Carolina	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 6 Feb 1942	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
			YEARS 3	MONTH 4	DAYS 2	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME Mrs. C. R. Hester	RELATIONSHIP Mother	ADDRESS Armfield Street Saint Pauls, North Carolina
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BENEFICIARIES

NAME Mrs. Bessie P. Hester	RELATIONSHIP Mother	ADDRESS Armfield Street Saint Pauls, North Carolina
NAME Mr. C. R. Hester	RELATIONSHIP Father	ADDRESS Armfield Street Saint Pauls, North Carolina

REMARKS

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Circumstances of Disappearance: Soldier became missing in action in northern France, while participating in the initial airborne phase of the invasion of western Europe.

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JUN 11 1945
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EXPLANATION OF PART A - CIVILIAN OR PRIVATE 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.
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.
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: 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.

EXPLANATION OF PART B - NATIONAL OR POST CEMETERY

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.
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 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.
3. 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.
4. No interment expense allowance is authorized since interment is made ultimately in a national or post cemetery.

RF Form #39
13 Jul 48

Attached hereto correspondence and/or other identifying media of possible archival value, pertaining to:

J
HESTER Robert G PVT 14068577

(Last Name) (First Name) (Initial) (Rank) (ASN)

Repatriated to the United States: 28 April 1948

Incl # 234

STATION FILE

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HEADQUARTERS
1ST QUARTERMASTER GROUP
APO 562, U. S. ARMY

Seine-Inferieure
#467

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF ISOLATED GRAVE

OR

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Date. 12 April 45.....

* U.S. - ~~Addressed to Army~~

1. Name, Rank, ASN of deceased: Hester, Robert D. 14068577.....
2. Organization of deceased: Unknown.....
3. Means of identification: Name and A.S.N. on marker and also No. inside of OD pants and fatigue pants, H-8577
4. Cause of death: Drowned..... 5. Date of death: 8 June 44.....
6. ~~If isolated grave~~ Org. Unknown
 - a. Date of burial: 8 Aug. 44 b. By whom buried: Germans.....
 - c. Inscription on marker: Name and A.S.N. on marker.....
7. Location of grave/~~unburied remains~~: British Memorial cemetery, Estrat...
(Be specific, sketch on reverse) Grave # 55
(Seine-Inferieure), France. (See attached sketch).....
8. Names of deceased and location of other *graves/~~unburied remains~~ in immediate vicinity: In same row with Hester, there were three British known and one unknown......
9. Description and location of wrecked or abandoned vehicles or equipment in immediate vicinity: None.....
10. Disposition of personal effects: (Itemise if possible) .. None.....
11. Other pertinent information: See note attached.....
(Use reverse side if necessary)
12. Information furnished by: REFER to basic communication.....
(Name, title, address)
13. Names and addresses of other persons familiar with the case: None.....

(Over)

14. Action taken: Body disinterred and removed to U.S. Military cemetery...
..St. Andre France..

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.....

Disinterrment approved by: *[Signature]*

Disinterrment and ~~burial~~/reburial made by: 2nd. Platoon 3053. CW. 02. B.G. CO.

Date of ~~burial~~/reburial: 15 April 1945.

Place of ~~burial~~/reburial U. S. Military Cemetery: at St. Andre.....

Plot A. Row 10 Grave 101

[Signature]
.....
(Signature of Investigator)
.1ST. LT. CMC... O-1591094.....
(Rank) (ASN)

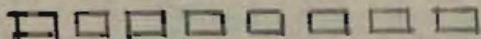
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WALK

WORLD WAR
1914-1918 GRAVES

- HESTER
- UNKNOWN
- WHEATLEY
- BRIT.
- BRIT.

WALK



WALK

BRICK WALL

FRENCH
CIVILIAN GRAVES

FRENCH
CIVILIAN GRAVES

NOTRE DAME
CATHEDRAL

70 PAGES

ETRETAT BRITISH MEM. CEM.

SEINE INFERIEURE #467

COORD. ETRETAT (058-350)L

MAP OF FRANCE

SCALE 1:100,000

LE HAVRE,
PONT-AUDEMER

SHEET 8E

ENTRANCE

RUE-DU-COLONEL RAUNAL



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HEADQUARTERS CHANNEL BASE SECTION
COM ZONE EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
APO 228 US ARMY
Claims Section

RIG/jrc



21 October 1944

SUBJECT: Isolated Burial.

TO : Chief Quartermaster, Graves Registration and Effects Division,
Hq Com Z, ETO, APO 887, U. S. Army.

(SEINE INFÉRIEURE)

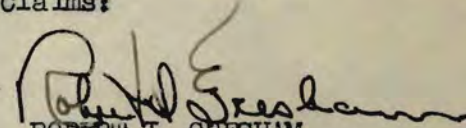
1. Information has been received this date from the Mayor of ETRETAT, FRANCE that on 8 August 1944 an American soldier by the name of Robert G. Hester, 14068577, was buried in the English Memorial Cemetery (World War No. 1) in the city of ETRETAT. At the time of burial it is reported the condition of the body indicated death occurred approximately two (2) months prior to burial. At the time of burial the town of ETRETAT was occupied by a German garrison and all effects were taken from the body by the enemy. The Mayor of ETRETAT retained a brief record which included the information that the parents of the soldier are living at St. Pauls, North Carolina. 406/c

2. Using Gazetteer - France to GSGS, 1:250,000 map series, town of ETRETAT is given as: B4/L55. ETRETAT is located approximately fifteen (15) miles north of LE HAVRE on the English Channel.

3. Name and Serial Number of soldier is plainly marked on gravemarker and all information available may be obtained from the Mayor.

For the Director of Claims:




ROBERT I. GRESHAM
Captain, AC,
Administration Officer.



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HEADQUARTERS CHANNEL BASE SECTION
COM ZONE EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
APO 228 U.S. ARMY
Office of the Quartermaster

QM 293.9

SUBJECT: Isolated Burial.

TO : Chief Quartermaster, Graves Registration and Effects Division,
Hq Com Z, ETO, APO 887, U S Army.

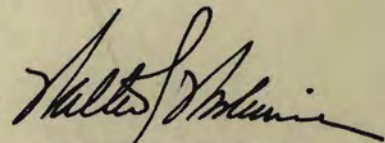
1. Confirming letter this Headquarters, Subject: "Isolated Burial", dated 21 October 1944, Re - Robert G. Hester, 14068577, deceased, investigation was initiated and the following information is forwarded: (SEE REG NO. 611)

a. Deceased buried in the English Memorial Cemetery (World War I), on 8 August 1944, in city of Etretat. Map coordinates - L 5850.

(SEINE-INFERIEURE)
b. Deceased was washed ashore and had been dead approximately two (2) months, when found by the Germans. This figure was derived from the condition of the body.

c. The Mayor of Etretat states that the Germans removed all effects and left only the information as to the identity of the soldier and the information as to the locality in which the soldier's parents reside.

For the Quartermaster:



WALTER J. WOOLWINE,
Major, QMC,
Executive Officer.



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(Seine-Inferieure)
#467

TRANSLATION

The body of the Soldier, HESTER, was recovered by the German authorities who took away the identification papers and who took charge of the burial. The notation put in the book of the Bureau of Vital Statistics (Etat Civil) was given to us by the German Kommandantur.

11-4-1945

The Mayor

A True Copy:

Handy & Wery
HARRY C. BARK
1st Lt., G.I.

HEADQUARTERS
COMMUNICATION

RESTRICTED

Seine-Inferieure
Register No. 467

HEADQUARTERS
COMMUNICATIONS ZONE
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Chief Quartermaster
APO 887

CEB/lml

31 MARS 1945



Q-GRE 293.9

SUBJECT: Isolated Burials.

TO : Graves Registration Officer, Normandy Base Section,
APO 562, U.S. Army

1. The following information was received at this office concerning military personnel believed interred in your section:

NAME: HESTER, Robert G. RANK: ASN: 14068577
ORGANIZATION :
CAUSE OF DEATH: Drowned
DATE OF DEATH : 8 June 44 ap. AT:

PRESENT BURIAL-DATE: 8 Aug. 1944 AT: Etretat (Seine Inferieure), in the English Memorial Cemetery (World War No 1.)
REPORTED BY: Hqs. Chamel Base Section, Claims Section.
MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION: Name and Serial Number on gravemarker
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION : Etretat is located approximately fifteen (15) miles north of LE HAVRE on the English Channel (France to GSGS, 1:250,000 map series: B4/L55.

Body was washed ashore while the town of Etretat was still occupied by the Germans. It was derived from the condition of the body that death had occurred approximately two (2) months prior to burial. Enemy removed all effects and left only the information as to the identity of deceased. All information available may be obtained from the Mayor.

2. Request that investigation, disinterment and reburial be made in accordance with technical directive "Search of Battlefields for Isolated Burials & Unburied Remains", and GR Form No. 1 be attached to this letter and returned to this headquarters.

3. If remains are not located or have been previously disinterred, request details be furnished this office under proper heading on reverse side of this letter.

H. W. BOERINK
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Colonel, OMC

Chief, Graves Registration & Effects Division

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1st Ind.

TO: OCQM, Hq. Com Z, ETO, APO 887, U.S. Army.

NAME _____ GRADE _____ ASN _____ ORGN _____

Investigation made and results thereof:

Reburial completed - Date: 15 April '45: St. Andre Military Cemetery
Plot: F Row: 10 Grave: 191

1st Ind.

EAL/mjp

Q-GRD 293.9 (Case #467, Seine-Inferieure)

OCQM, HQ, NORMANDY BASE SECTION, CZ, ETO, APO 562, US Army, 5 April 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 3058th QM Graves Registration Co., APO 562.
(Attn: Capt. L.G. Chase)

1. Forwarded for compliance with basic communication.
2. It will be noted that no suspense has been placed on this case due to the fact that Graves Registration personnel available for operations in the rear areas will be reduced for a time; therefore, it is felt that your office would be in a better position to know the date this investigation will be completed.
3. It is directed that this office be informed as to the particular date this case will reach this headquarters.
4. Information desired in par. 3, above, is necessary in order that this Headquarters and OCQM may set up their respective suspense for this case.

For the Base Section Quartermaster:

Edwin A. Llwyd

EDWIN A. LLWYD
1st Lt., QMC
Assistant



FOR 293 FILE

CHARLOTTE QA DEPOT

CHARLOTTE NC

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McGOOGAN FUNERAL HOME
ARMFIELD STREET,
ST. PAULS, NORTH CAROLINA

REMAINS OF THE LATE PRIVATE ROBERT G. HESTER, SN 14 068 577 AND THE LATE
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES M. HESTER, SN 34 677 832, WILL BE DELIVERED TO
YOU THURSDAY 17 JUNE 1948 BY GOVERNMENT MOTOR CAR ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY
ESCORTS. REQUEST YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCEPT REMAINS UPON DELIVERY AND
THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO NEXT OF KIN. YOU WILL BE
ADVISED APPROXIMATE TIME OF ARRIVAL 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF SHIPMENT.

FREDERIC W. DENNIS, JR.,
LT. COL., GMC,
CHIEF, AGR DIVISION

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QMDVI CHIEF, AGR DIV.

9 Jun 48

FREDERIC W. DENNIS, JR. 1 1
LT. COL., GMC
COMMANDING

Chas. M. Hester

FOR 293 FILE

FWDjr/hh

8 June 1948

Mr. C. R. Hester,
St. Pauls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hester:

With reference to your letter of 7 June 1948, I regret that so much time has elapsed since your first inquiry, but we have been unable to schedule all of the remains out as yet.

Your funeral director will be advised the first of next week as to the exact hour and date of arrival of the remains at his funeral home.

Remains of your son were scheduled to be delivered on Friday, 18 June 1948; however, due to the fact that delivery will be by Government vehicle, it will be made on the 17th of June, and, as stated above, the funeral director will be advised as to the exact date and hour of arrival.

Yours very sincerely,

FREDERIC W. DENNIS, JR.,
Lt. Colonel, GSC,
Commanding

Robt

COPY

QMDVI 293

St. Pauls, N. C.,
June 7th, 1948

4 May 1948

Mr. C. R. Hester

From: C.R.Hester, St.Pauls, N.C.

To: American Graves Registration Division
Charlotte Quartermaster Depot
Charlotte, North Carolina

SUBJECT: QMDVI293 4 May 1948

1. According to the above reference (QMDVI) you stated that it would be probably, at least, two weeks before I heard again from you.
2. Now that it has been more than a month I should appreciate it very much if you would inform me how long the delay will be.
3. Thank you in advance for any information you may be able to furnish me.

C.R. Hester

St.Pauls, N. C.
June 7th, 1948
Telephone 2701

MERRIC W. ...
Lt. Colonel,
Chief, American Graves Registration Div.



FREDERIC W. DENNIS, JR.
Lt. Colonel, QMC

WU G49 82 GOVT DL COLLECT

STPAULS NCAR MAY 3 402P

QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

ATTEN AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DIVISION

THIS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR TELEGRAM REGARDING THE REMAINS OF MY TWO SONS PRIVATE ROBERT G HESTER AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES M HESTER ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. THERE IS NO CHANGE IN INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ONLY IF POSSIBLE I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW TEN DAYS BEFORE THE REMAINS WILL ARRIVE ST PAULS NC FOR THE REASON I HAVE THREE DAUGHTERS THAT LIVE IN TEXAS SISTERS TO THE BOYS THEY WANT TO BE HERE FOR THE FUNERAL

C R HESTER.

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*Notify Mr Hester &
Mrs. Brooke Hester
see other file*

MESSAGEFORM		MESSAGE CENTER No.	TRANSMITTING MEANS	CRYPTOGRAPH OR CLEAR TEXT	
CALLS V	STA. SER. No. NR	PRECEDENCE	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS	ORIGINATOR	DATE-TIME GROUP
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FROM: (Originator)
CHARLOTTE QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

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REFERS TO ANOTHER MESSAGE IDENTIFICATION	CLASSIFICATION

ACTION TO:

- C. R. HESTER
- ST. PAULS, NORTH CAROLINA

INFORMATION TO:

THIS HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THE REMAINS OF LATE PRIVATE ROBERT G. HESTER ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS DELIVERED TO MR GOODAN FUNERAL HOME ARNFIELD STREET, ST. PAULS, N. C. WE REGRET IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO GIVE YOU A DEFINITE DELIVERY DATE HOWEVER THREE DAYS PRIOR TO SHIPMENT FROM THIS OFFICE YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM DATE WHEN REMAINS WILL BE DELIVERED TO HIM. HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO PASS THIS INFORMATION TO YOU SO THAT YOU MAY MAKE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. REMAINS WILL BE ACCOMPAINED BY MILITARY ESCORT. WITHIN 48 HOURS OF DATE OF THIS MESSAGE PLEASE CONFIRM BY TELEGRAM COLLECT TO CHARLOTTE QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, CHARLOTTE NORTH CAROLINA ATTENTION AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DIVISION ABOVE DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS OR SUBMIT NEW DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE WITH ANY DESIRED CHANGES IN DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE 48 HOUR PERIOD. YOUR PROMPT COOPERATION WILL GREATLY ASSIST THIS OFFICE IN MAKING FINAL DELIVERY. IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL YOU SHOULD ASK ANY LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS ORGANIZATION TO MAKE

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION		AUTHORIZATION	
ORIGINATING AGENCY		SIGNATURE	OFFICIAL TITLE
SYMBOL	DATE-TIME GROUP	PAGE 1 OF 2	

Robert

St. Pauls, N. C. 10/15/47

QMDVR 293

17 October 1947

No 4 Quartermaster Depot
Attn: MR. C. R. Hester
Box 244
St. Pauls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hester:

I was buried in France which I was expecting to be brought home and buried in my family burial plot. I was requested that your letter of 10 October has been forwarded to the Office of The Quartermaster General for action and reply which I trust will be forthcoming shortly.

Please accept my deepest sympathy in the great loss you have sustained and if this Distribution Center can be of further service to you, do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

Yours truly,

FREDERIC W. DENNIS, JR.
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Chief, American Graves Registration Division

1 Incl
cc ltr to OQMG dtd 10/17/47

MAILED OCT 17 1947

BROTHERS

St. Pauls, N. C. 10/15/47

No 4 Quartermaster Depot
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Sir;

I have two sons buried in France which I am expecting to be brought home and buried in my family burial lot. I have requested that both of my sons be brought at the same time. That we can have the funeral at the same time for both. In the event that cannot be done and they should come at separate time I want to ask that the first one that arrives that his name be not published in the papers until the other one arrives. My undertaker will take care of the first one that arrives until the other one arrives. Please let me know if my requested will be granted. My sons names is Pfc. Charles M. Hester and Pvt. Robert G. Hester

Yours truly

C. R. Hester

C. R. Hester
Box 244
St. Pauls, N. C.

J. H. Hester
11/27/48
MAJ

Incl # 1

2nd Ind
Q-GRE 293.9 (Case #467, Seine-Inferieure)
HQ, 3058 QM, Graves Registration Co., APO 562 US Army,

HCD/wja
22 April 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, OQM, HQ. NBS., CZ, ETO, APO 562, US Army.

1. Basic communication complied with.

[Handwritten Signature]
RANDY C. DERX
1st Lt., OMC.,
Commanding.

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QMDVR 293

1st Ind

Hqs, Charlotte Quartermaster Depot, 1820 Statesville Avenue, Charlotte 6,
N. C., 8 December 1947

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C., ATTN: Memorial
Division

Receipt acknowledged.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Francis H. Ames
FRANCIS H. AMES
CWO, USA
Adjutant

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO QMGMO 314.6 GRS

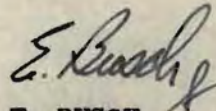
5 December 1947

SUBJECT: Simultaneous Return of Deceased to the United States.

TO: Commanding Officer
Charlotte Quartermaster Depot
1820 Statesville Avenue
Charlotte 1, N. C.

1. Inclosed are copies number 5 of the following disinterment directives:
 - a. No. 3572-90001 for Pvt. Robert G. Hester, 14068577.
 - b. No. 3547-90003 for Pfc. Charles M. Hester, 34677832.
2. European Area has been requested to insure simultaneous return of these two remains, and New York Port to effect simultaneous shipment to your distribution center.
3. It is requested that your office insure simultaneous delivery to next of kin.
4. Request acknowledgment of receipt of these instructions.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL LARKIN:



E. BUSCH
Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

2 Incls
1-DD 3572-90001
2-DD 3547-90003

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1. **FILL IN EITHER PART A OR PART B; NOT BOTH.**
2. **USE PART A WHEN INTERMENT IS IN A CIVILIAN OR PRIVATE CEMETERY.**
3. **USE PART B WHEN REMAINS ARE DELIVERED TO HOME OR OTHER PLACE PRIOR TO BURIAL IN A NATIONAL OR POST CEMETERY.**

FREDERIC W. DENNIS, JR.
Lt. Colonel, QMC

JUN 23 1948

PART A - CIVILIAN OR PRIVATE CEMETERY

A

REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERMENT EXPENSES

(PLEASE READ EXPLANATION ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING FORM)

NAME OF DECEDENT <i>293</i> HESTER, Robert G.	GRADE Pvt.	SERIAL NUMBER 14 088 577	COMPONENT J. I. CASTERLINE LT. COLONEL, U.S.A. NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.
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I certify that the sum of \$ 75.00 was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the interment of the remains of the above named decedent in the below named cemetery.

JUL 1948

INSERT NAME OF CEMETERY	CITY OR COUNTY	STATE
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INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSON SIGNING THIS FORM 1. Fill in as required and sign four copies. THIS FORM NOT TO BE SIGNED BY FUNERAL DIRECTOR. 2. Return four copies to: AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION DIVISION CHARLOTTE QUARTERMASTER DEPOT CHARLOTTE 6, N. C.	SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charles Robinson Hester N.C.
	ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT (City, Street or RFD, and State)

RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT Father	DATE 21 June 1948
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PART B - NATIONAL OR POST CEMETERY

B

REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

(PLEASE READ EXPLANATION ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING FORM)

NAME OF DECEDENT	GRADE	SERIAL NUMBER	COMPONENT
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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 and to the following places:

INSERT CITY OR TOWN (OR ADDRESS NOT IN A CITY OR TOWN) FROM WHICH REMAINS WERE SHIPPED B.V. 1556-R	INSERT NAME AND LOCATION OF NATIONAL OR POST CEMETERY TO WHICH REMAINS WERE SHIPPED
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INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSON SIGNING THIS FORM 1. Fill in as required and sign four copies. THIS FORM NOT TO BE SIGNED BY FUNERAL DIRECTOR. 2. Return four copies to: check w 12702526 Dated 7 JUL 1948 For \$75.00	SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT
	ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT (City, Street or RFD, and State)

RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT	DATE
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DO NOT USE

EXPLANATION OF PART A - CIVILIAN OR PRIVATE 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.
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.
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: 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.

EXPLANATION OF PART B - NATIONAL OR POST CEMETERY

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.
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 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.
3. 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.
4. No interment expense allowance is authorized since interment is made ultimately in a national or post cemetery.

FOR RECORD ONLY (Elliott - 4458)

1. NOK requested simultaneous return of two deceased sons, named herein:

2. Simultaneous actions being taken:

a. Letter to EA to insure loading on same ship.

b. Letter to NYPOE to insure simultaneous release to DC# 04.

c. Letter to DC #04 to insure simultaneous delivery to NOK.

3. Coordinated with Cong. Sec. R&R Br. (Capt. Folaros) informally.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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MEMO 314.6 GRS

5 December 1947

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293 Hester, Robert G. 14068577

SUBJECT: Simultaneous Return of Deceased to the United States.
FOR RECORD ONLY - (Elliott - 4458)

TO: Commanding Officer
1. Charlotte Quartermaster Depot return of two deceased sons, named
herein. 1820 Statesville Avenue
Charlotte 1, N. C.
2. Simultaneous activities being taken:

1. Inclosed are copies number 5 of the following disinternment directives: Letter to HQ to insure loading on same ship.

a. No. 3572-90001 for Pvt. Robert G. Hester, 14068577. *PO4.*

b. No. 3547-90003 for Pfc. Charles M. Hester, 34677832. *PO4.*

2. European Area has been requested to insure simultaneous return of these two remains, and New York Port to effect simultaneous shipment to your distribution center.

3. It is requested that your office insure simultaneous delivery to next of kin.

4. Request acknowledgment of receipt of these instructions.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL LARKIN:

EB
E. BUSCH
Colonel, GSC
Memorial Division

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2-DD 3547-90003

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SUBJECT: Disinterment Directives

1 Chief, OPOT Div
 Chief, Burial Records Branch, Reg Div
 13 Feb 48

1. The Second Zone will disinter, casket and transfer to First Zone the remains of Pvt Robert G. HESTER, 14068577, now interred in USMC St Andre, Plot F, Row 10, Grave 191 (Disinterment Directive #3572-90001 attached for Second Zone).

2. The Third Zone will disinter, casket and transfer to First Zone the remains of Pfc Charles M. HESTER, 34677832, now interred in USMC Limey, Plot Q, Row 12, Grave 276 (Disinterment Directive #3547-90003 attached for Third Zone).

3. The First Zone will ensure that the remains of these two brothers are loaded aboard ship simultaneously not later than 30 April 1948, and if for any reason these remains are not loaded aboard the same ship by the date given above, this headquarters will be notified immediately.

2 Incls
 QMC Form 1194

EXT: 395

JOSEPH E. McCLUSKEY
 1st Lt, Inf
 C/Burial Records Branch
 Registration Division

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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FORM 314.6 GRS.

5 December 1947

293 Hester, Robert G. 14068577

SUBJECT: Simultaneous Return of Deceased and Shipment to Distribution Center.

TO: Commanding General
New York Port of Embarkation
1st Avenue & 58th Street.
Brooklyn 20, New York.

1. Inclosed are copies, number 7 through 9, of the following disinterment directives:

- a. No. 3572-90001 for Pvt. Robert G. Hester, 14068577,
- X 293* b. No. 3547-90003 for Pfc. Charles M. Hester, 34677832.

2. European Area has been instructed to return the remains of these two deceased, who were brothers on the same vessel.

3. It is requested that your office insure that these remains are dispatched to Distribution Center No. 04 simultaneously.

4. Request acknowledgment of receipt of these instructions.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

EB

E. BUSCH
Colonel, GMC
Memorial Division

2 Incls
1-DD 3572-90001 (in trip)
2-DD 3547-90003 (in trip)

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IN REPLY, PLEASE ADDRESS
COMMANDING OFFICER

CHARLOTTE QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER
1820 STATESVILLE AVENUE
CHARLOTTE 1, N. C.

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IN REPLY
REFER TO

QMDVR 293

17 October 1947

SUBJECT: Disposition of Two Brothers, Deceased

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Memorial Division

1. Inclosed herewith is a letter from Mr. C. R. Hester of
St. Pauls, North Carolina which is sent to you for action and reply.

2. It is requested that this Distribution Center be furnished
copy of your letter to Mr. Hester.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

FRANCIS H. AMES
CWO, USA
Adjutant

2 Incls:

- 1. Ltr fr Mr. Hester dtd 10/15/47
- 2. cc ltr to Mr. Hester dtd 10/17/47

X 293
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North
Charles
Robert



IN REPLY, PLEASE ADDRESS
COMMANDING OFFICER

CHARLOTTE QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER
1820 STATESVILLE AVENUE
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Adjutant

- 2 Incls:
1. Ltr fr Mr. Hester dtd 10/15/47
 2. cc ltr to Mr. Hester dtd 10/17/47

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Hester
Charles
Robert H.

Sincerely
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St Ambrose
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10/27/47
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(Seine-Inf. 467)

QM-GR 299.9 (St. Andre F-10-191)

3rd Ind.

EAL/hpc

COM, HQ. NORMANDY BASE SECTION, COM Z, ETC, APO 562, U. S. ARMY, 6 May 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 3058 QM Graves Reg. Co., APO 562, U. S. Army.

1. Correspondence returned for correction of discrepancies as noted below:

a. When GRS tags are made at the cemetery and are used for burial with the deceased and for attaching to the grave marker, it is directed that such information not be shown in the space "Disposition of Identification Tags" on Report of Burial. A statement will be made that GRS tags were made at the cemetery and have been buried with the body and attached to the marker. This statement will be typed in space titled "Means of Identification Buried with Body."

b. The statement "Inscription on marker, corresponding laundry marks on clothing" is not sufficient for means of identification. What was the inscription on the marker? A statement should be obtained from the person who placed the inscription on the marker as to the source from which he (or she) obtained such information. What were the corresponding laundry marks and what did they correspond to?

c. Plot, row and grave number from which remains were disinterred in the British Memorial Cemetery will be entered on the GR Form #1 and the Report of Investigation.

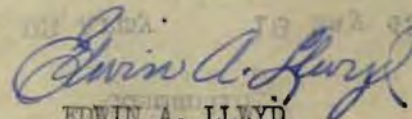
d. When remains are identified by any means other than the original identification tags, tooth charts and finger prints will be taken. If this is impossible a statement to that effect will be entered on the GR Form #1 in the space provided for said charts.

e. A copy of translation note, as stated in question 11 on the Report of Investigation, will be attached to each copy of the Report of Investigation.

2. It is directed that all inclosures be listed on correspondence.

3. It is also directed that in the future all forms and reports be thoroughly checked by your office for error and completeness before forwarding to this headquarters.

For the Base Section Quartermaster:



EDWIN A. LLWYD
1st Lt., QMG
Assistant

3 Incls:

Incl #1. Copy of translation.

2. Rpt of Bur for Hester w/atcd Rpt of Investigation.

3. Sketch of location of grave (in trip).



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4th Ind

HQ, 3058 QM Graves Registration Co., APO 562, USArmy.

11 May 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 68th QM Base Depot, ND, NBS, APO 562, USArmy.

1. Forwarded for further information from your office.

Marcy C. Derx
MARCY C. DERX
Capt., QMC.
Commanding.

5th Ind

HQ, 68TH QM BASE DEPOT, NBS, COM Z, APO 562, US Army.

18 May 45

TO: OQM, Hq, NBS, Com Z, APO 562, U. S. Army.

1. Third indorsement complied with. Any further information should be obtained from section of Second platoon, 3058 Graves Registration company, unit making actual disinterment.

Sterling T. Ripple
STERLING T. RIPPLE,
Captain, QMC,
OIC, Graves Registration
and Effects Branch.

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QM-GR 293.9 (St. Andre F-10-191) 6th Ind.

OQM, HEADQUARTERS, NORMANDY BASE SECTION, APO 562, U.S. Army, 27 May 1945

TO: Chief Quartermaster, Com Z ETO, APO 887, U. S. Army.

(ATTN: Graves Registration and Effects Division).

For the Base Section Quartermaster:

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29 MAY 1945
Edwin A. Lewis
EDWIN A. LEWIS
1st Lt.,
Assistant

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QMCMO 314.6 GRS (EA)

5 December 1947

SUBJECT: Simultaneous Return of Deceased to the United States.

TO : Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 58, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York.

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2. It is requested that the remains of these two deceased, who were brothers, be loaded aboard the same ship for return to the United States.

3. The New York Port and the U.S. distribution center concerned are being advised concurrently to maintain association of these remains up to delivery to next of kin. If, for any reason, these remains should not be loaded aboard the same ship, it is requested that this office be notified immediately, by radio, in order that the port and distribution center may be so advised.

4. Request acknowledgement of receipt of these instructions.

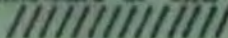
FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

2 Incls
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2-DD 3547-90003 (in quad)

E. BUSCH
Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY



CMOHR 293
Hester, Robert G.
SN 14 068 577

7 November 1947

Mr. C. R. Hester
Box 244
St. Pauls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hester:

Your letter addressed to the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot concerning the return of the remains of your sons, the late Private Robert G. Hester and Private First Class Charles M. Hester to the United States for final interment, has been referred to this office for reply.

It is the policy of this office to simultaneously return the remains of blood relatives to the final resting place in the United States upon the request of the next of kin, providing the cemetery designated by the next of kin is the same for each decedent concerned.

The "Request for Disposition of Remains" form which you submitted for your son Robert G. Hester and the form submitted by Mrs. Brookie S. Hester, the widow of your son Charles M. Hester, have been received and accepted for simultaneous return and burial in the Oak Ridge Cemetery, St. Pauls, North Carolina.

Please be assured that the remains of your sons will be returned simultaneously, and you and the widow of your son Charles M. Hester, will be advised prior to the actual return in order that all necessary arrangements may be made.

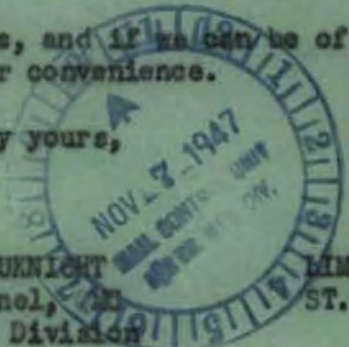
In regard to your request that the name of your son be withheld from publication in press releases until the remains of your other son arrive in the United States, necessary action has been taken to comply with your desires.

My deepest sympathy is with you in your loss, and if we can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

R. M. BAUMGART
Lt. Colonel, G-1
Memorial Division

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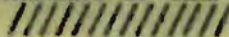


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R. M. BAUKNIGHT
Lt. Colonel, GME
Memorial Division

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Hester, Robert G. 14068577

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

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See reverse side for instructions in the use of this form

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Cong Sec RR Br	Oper Br ATTN: MR. MOORE	3 Dec 1947	<p>X293 HESTER, ROBERT G. (PVT) HESTER, CHARLES M. (PFC)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reference is made to attached files and Disinterment Directives pertaining to the Hester brothers. Forwarded for your information and action deemed appropriate to insure simultaneous return of subject deceased. Request upon completion of action by your Branch, files be returned to this office for further action. <p style="text-align: center;"> B BAUKNIGHT (71955) JL FOLAROS (5641) </p>
2	Opns Br. Mem Div	R&R Br Mem Div	4 Dec. 47	<p>1. Copy #6 of DD for Pvt. Robert G. and Pfc. Charles M. Hester returned herewith with 293 files.</p> <p>2. Appropriate copies of DDs have been dispatched to AGRS, EA., NYPOE and Dist. Center #04 for necessary action to effect simultaneous return to U. S.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Talbot a TALBOT 4634 Elliott 4458 </p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;"> <i>Talbot not 12/9/48 Dym</i> </p>

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MEMORIAL DIVISION INSTRUCTIONS



1. This is the only transmittal form authorized for use among the several elements of the Office of The Quartermaster General. As of 1 September 1946 all similar forms, i. e., slips of various sizes, colors, and shapes, were discontinued; remaining supplies of old forms will be turned in to the Chief, General Administrative Services Division, for disposal.
2. Copies will NOT accompany original.
3. Messages addressed to The Quartermaster General will be signed by the DIVISION Chief IN PERSON unless he is absent, in which case the signature of his executive assistant will be accepted.
4. Due hours and dates as entered by the Chief, General Administrative Services Division, covering action on incoming correspondence, or as used by TQMG or Division Chiefs for dead line purposes, will be met in all cases.
5. Use of columns of form: Column 1, "No.," originator enters the number "1" as his entry; subsequent messages are numbered serially in column 1. Column 2, "From," enter Division identification (abbreviated) or, within Division enter Division identification PLUS branch or section. Column 3, "To," same instruction as for column 2—name of officer or civilian may be added where desirable. Column 4, "Date," spell out month, e. g. 6 Sept. 46. Column 5, "Message," present succinctly and accurately whatever you wish to say. Use full width of sheet when message goes far enough down sheet to clear entries in columns 1, 2, 3, and 4. Use one side of sheet only. Sign surname at end of "message," enter phone extensions under name, then, immediately below, draw line completely across sheet.
6. Use of typewriter is NOT required.
7. Division chief forwarding lengthy papers to TQMG will brief background action in concise manner in his "message" so that TQMG will not be forced to waste time reading nonessential information.
8. Questions as to use of this form and related matters will be directed to the Executive Officer, Office of TQMG.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-49850-1

IMMEDIATE REFERENCE SHEET
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

3 September 1946

Mr. C. R. Hester
Armafield Street
Saint Pauls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hester:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your son, the late Private Robert G. Hester, A.S.N. 14 068 577.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the United States Military Cemetery St. Andre, plot F, row 10, grave 191. You may be assured that the identification and interment have been accomplished with fitting dignity and solemnity.

This cemetery is located forty-eight miles west of Paris, France, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

The War Department has now been authorized to comply, at Government expense, with the feasible wishes of the next of kin regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your loved one. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide the next of kin with full information and solicit his detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH

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CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO BURIAL REPORTS AS TAKEN FROM AG CAS CARD

CEMETERY ST. ANDRE PLOT ROW 10 GRAVE 191

NAME : HESTER, Robert G.

RANK : Pvt.

ASN : 14068577

ORGANIZATION : 502 PARA Inf. Regt.

DATE OF DEATH : 6 June 44

PLACE OF DEATH : ---

CAUSE OF DEATH : ---

(Signature)

Signature

AIRMAIL

FORM 314.6
Graves Registration
(European, U. S. Misc.)

29 APR 1947

SUBJECT: Burial Records

TO: Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Command
European Theater Area
APO 887, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Request the burial reports and grave markers for the following decedents, interred in the United States Military Cemetery, St. Andre, France, be changed to read as underscored:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK GRADE</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>ORGAN.</u>	<u>PLOT ROW GRAVE</u>
Hawkins, Delmore F.	<u>Pvt</u>	35 226 908	<u>25 Aug 44</u>	<u>Co "F"</u> <u>702 Td Bn</u>	B 7 126
Hester, Robert G.	<u>Pvt</u>	14 068 577	<u>6 Jan 44</u>	<u>Co "B"</u> <u>502 Frecht Inf</u> <u>Hart</u>	F 10 191
Jorstad, Bjarns T.	Pfc	36 628 747	<u>26 Aug 44</u>	<u>Co "D"</u> <u>99 Inf Bn</u> <u>(SEP)</u>	B 3 60
Paschal, Preston G.	<u>T/5</u>	38 095 770	<u>6 Jan 44</u>	<u>Co "C"</u> <u>741 Td Bn</u>	H 6 120
Woodside, Lawrence P.	<u>Pvt</u>	39 450 349	<u>24 Aug 44</u>	<u>Co "A"</u> <u>17 Armd Bde</u> <u>Bn</u>	B 1 20

2. The records of this office have been reverified with the records of The Adjutant General, War Department, and have been found to be correct as indicated above.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, GSC
Memorial Division

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AIRMAIL

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QMSF 293
Hester, Robert G.
A.S.N. 14 068 577

2 May 1947

Mr. G. R. Hester
Armfield Street
Saint Pauls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hester:

Inclosed herewith is a picture of the United States Military Cemetery St. Andre, France, in which your son, the late Private Robert G. Hester, 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,

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

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Pvt. Robert G. Hester, 14 068 577
Plot F, Row 10, Grave 191,
United States Military Cemetery
St. Andre, France

17 June 1947

Mr. C. R. Hester
Aurfield Street
Saint Pauls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hester:

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.

When 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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QMGYG 293
Hester, Charles M.
S.N. 34 677 832

Hester, Robert G.
S.N. 14 068 577

19 August 1946

Address Reply To
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Attention: Memorial Division

Mr. C. R. Hester
Armfield Street
St. Pauls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hester:

Your letter concerning your sons, the late Private First Class Charles M. Hester and the late Private Robert G. Hester, has been received in this office.

The War Department has now been authorized to remove the remains of our honored dead, at Government expense, to the final resting place which next of kin may designate.

When the necessary verification of records has been completed, a letter with an information pamphlet and a "Request for Disposition" form attached will be mailed to you. The "Request for Disposition" form, when properly filled out, will constitute the formal expression of your detailed desires as next of kin. Until you receive these forms, therefore, it will not be necessary for you to communicate with this office regarding this subject, unless you desire to report any change of address.

As you probably know, the supply of steel for the manufacture of caskets, is at present uncertain. Without this essential item, the projected movement of remains cannot properly be initiated. This fact and the necessity for complete coordination of movement in many parts of the world make it impossible, at this time, to estimate when the mentioned forms will be mailed. Every effort, however, will be made to shorten the time between now and the date of mailing and your desires will be acted upon with a minimum of delay.

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QMGYG 293 Hester, Charles M., S.N. 34 677 832 (Contd) 19 August 1946
Hester, Robert G., S.N. 14 068 577

This office appreciates your desire to have both sons returned for reburial. However, our records show the next of kin of the late Private First Class Charles M. Hester to be his widow. When the "Request for Disposition" form is mailed, if his widow concurs with your desires, her wishes should be made known to this office and every effort will be made to fulfill them as it is her right to determine the final resting place of her husband.

This office regrets the delay in answering your letter and wishes to extend its sincere sympathy in your great loss.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. PRENN
Major, QMC
Assistant

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copy filed for 293 Hester, Charles M.
34 677 832

St. Pauls, N. C.

4/1/46

Reference; Your letter
2/27/46.

Major General T. B. Larkin, U. S. Army
The Quartermaster General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

Acknowledgement of your letter of 2/27/46 informing me of the burial location of my son, ²⁹³ Private Robert G. Hester A. S. N. 14 068 577, is hereby respectfully made.

I have another son, Private First Class Charles M. Hester, A. S. N. 34 677 832 whose remains are interred in France.

It is my earnest desire that the remains of both of them be sent to me for permanent internment in the family plot here, And if it is practicable to have the remains of both to arrive here at the same time, I will appreciate it very much if efforts are made to have that done.

The locations of the burial places of the two are as follow.

Private First Class Charles M. Hester, A.S. N.
34 677 832 U.S. Limery Military Cemetary Plot Q Row 12
Grave 276. in France

Private Robert G. Hester A. S. N. 14 068 577
U. S. Military Cemetery St. Andre De-Eure, France
plot F. row 10 grave 191

I respectfully request that I be furnished the necessary application blanks to have the remains of both of the above mentioned shipped to St. Pauls, N. C.

Respectfully yours

C. R. Hester

C. R. Hester
Armfield Street
St. Pauls, N. C.



Supp Note 4-24

Reference: your letter
4/1/46

The Registrar General
London, E.C. 4

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of 2/2/46 informing me of the burial location of my son, Private Robert G. Lester, A. S. N. 14 088 SW, in a very respectful manner.

I have another son, Private Fred Charles Lester, A. S. N. 14 077 SW whose remains are interred in France.

It is my earnest desire that the remains of both of them be sent to me for permanent interment in the family plot here, and if it is possible to have the remains of both to arrive here at the same time, I will appreciate it very much if efforts are made to have that done.

The locations of the burial places of the two are as follows:

Private Fred Charles Lester, A. S. N. 14 077 SW
Private Robert G. Lester, A. S. N. 14 088 SW

Private Robert G. Lester, A. S. N. 14 088 SW
Private Fred Charles Lester, A. S. N. 14 077 SW

I respectfully request that I be furnished the necessary application forms to have the remains of both of the above mentioned buried in St. Paul, N. C.

Respectfully yours,

G. P. Lester
1717 1/2 Street
St. Paul, N. C.



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HEADQUARTERS
1ST QUARTERMASTER GROUP
APO 562, U. S. ARMY

Seine-Inferieure
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF ISOLATED GRAVE

OR

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Date. 12 April 45.....

* U.S. - ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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1. Name, Rank, ASN of deceased: Hester, Robert G. 14068577.....
2. Organization of deceased: Unknown.....
3. Means of identification: Name and A.S.N. on marker and also No. inside of OD pants and fatigue pants. H-8577.....
4. Cause of death: Drowned..... 5. Date of death: 8 June 44.....
6. ~~Isolated Grave~~ Org. Unknown
 a. Date of burial: 8 Aug. 44..... b. By whom buried: Germans.....
 c. Inscription on marker: Name and A.S.N. on marker.....
7. Location of grave/~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: British Memorial cemetery Etretat... (Seine-inferieure) France. (See attached sketch)
 (Be specific, sketch on reverse) Grave # 55.....
8. Names of deceased and location of other *graves/~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ in immediate vicinity: In same row with Hester, there were three British known and one unknown......
9. Description and location of wrecked or abandoned vehicles or equipment in immediate vicinity: None.....
10. Disposition of personal effects: (Itemise if possible) .. None.....
11. Other pertinent information: See note attached......
(Use reverse side if necessary)
12. Information furnished by: REFER to basic communication.....
(Name, title, address)
13. Names and addresses of other persons familiar with the case: None.....

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14. Action taken: Body disinterred and removed to U.S. Military cemetery
. St. Andre Franca.

Disinterrment approved by: *[Signature]*

Disinterrment ~~and~~ ~~burial~~ ~~reburial~~ made by: 2nd. Platoon 3058 QM. GR.R.G. CO.

Date of ~~burial~~ reburial: .15 APRIL 1945.

Place of ~~burial~~ reburial U. S. Military Cemetery: .at St. Andre.

Plot .F. Row .10 Grave 191

[Signature]
HARDY G. DEER
(Signature of Investigator)

.1ST LT QMC O-1591094
(Rank) (ASN)

* Cross out where not applicable

SPQYG 293
Hester, Robert G.

27 February 1946

Mr. C. R. Hester
Armfield Street
Saint Pauls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hester:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished the burial location of your son, the late Private Robert G. Hester, A.S.N. 14 068 577.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery, St. Andre-De-Eure, France, plot F, row 10, grave 191.

This cemetery is located approximately fifteen miles southeast of Evreux and fifteen miles northeast of Dreux, both in France, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

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

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

AG 201	NAME HESTER ROBERT ASN 14 068 57	GRADE PVT SON	DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED 946 MAY 29
NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. A.	MRS C R HESTER /MOTHER/ ARMFIELD STREET SAINT PAULS NORTH CAROLINA		DATE TELEGRAM SENT 12

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED BELOW DESIGNATED THE ABOVE PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON, THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH.

THE SECRETARY OF WAR HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR SON

GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	FOR STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER	
PVT	HESTER, ROBERT G.	14068577	INF			148031 U-1X	
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY			CASUALTY CODE
KILLED IN ACTION		FRANCE		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
				6	JUN	44	

No telegram see Special Letter

REMARKS AG 201 /23 MAY 46/ CORRECTED COPY

MEMO SR AND D SEC APPROVED BY CHIEF CAS BR. SOURCE- BURIAL REPORT SHOWS SOL BURIED 15 APR 45 US MIL CEM ST. ANDRE, FRANCE, GRAVE 191, ROW 10, PLOT F, GERMANS WHO ERECTED GRAVE MARKER GAVE INFO TO FRENCH AUTHORITIES THAT DECEASED WAS PVT HESTER. BURIAL REPORT CONTAINS INFO THAT SOL DROWNED. FINDING & DEATH ISSUED PREVIOUSLY UNDER SEC 5, PUBLIC LAW 490, 7 MAR 42, AS AMENDED, SHOWING PRESUMED DATE DEATH 7 JUN 45. THIS RPT DEATH, BASED ON INFO RECD SINCE THAT DATE, IS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEC 9 OF SAIDX ACT, AND ITS EFFECT ON PRIOR PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS IS AS PRESCRIBED IN B SEC 9. PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPER. 35, 1945.

Reports of death issued 10 Jun 46

ACTION BY COMPOSITE SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED FORM 43 AG 201 REQ.

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED OR CHARGED TO DATE

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO. YES (AS INDICATED)

FILE NO. MESSAGE NO. TYPE **DED** AND AREA **45 ETO** E. A. NOTIFIED **7/23/46**

FORWARDED TO SPEC. IDEN. C. & P. TELE. LETTER CERTIF. F. REL. CORRES. REPAT. S. R. & D. NON-DEL.

REPORT NOT VERIFIED NO FORM 43 NO CASUALTY FILE CHECKED BY **A. Wayne** REVIEWED BY **[Signature]**

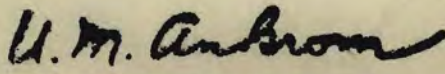
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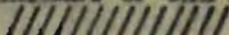
WAR DEPARTMENT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 10 Jun 46 ecw

FULL NAME Hester, Robert G.				ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 14 068 577				GRADE Private					
HOME ADDRESS Saint Pauls, N.C.				ARM OR SERVICE Infantry				DATE OF BIRTH 29 Apr 21					
PLACE OF DEATH European Area				CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action				DATE OF DEATH 6 Jun 44					
STATION OF DECEASED European Area				DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 6 Feb 42				LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES					
								YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS			
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Mrs. C. R. Hester (mother) Armfield Street, Saint Pauls, North Carolina													
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) Mrs. Bessies P. Hester (mother) same as above Mr. C.R. Hester (father) same as above													
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
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT											<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTLE	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE	
<p>Finding of death has been issued previously under Sec 5, Public Law 490, 7 Mar 44, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 7 Jun 45. This report of death based on information received since that date, is issued in accordance with Sec 9 of said act, and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as prescribed in Sec 9.</p>													
BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR  U. M. Ambrom ADJUTANT GENERAL													

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY



CMGMR 293
Hester, Robert G.
SN DA 068 577

7 November 1947

Mr. C. R. Hester
Box 244
St. Pauls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hester:

Your letter addressed to the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot concerning the return of the remains of your sons, the late Private Robert G. Hester and Private First Class Charles M. Hester to the United States for final interment, has been referred to this office for reply.

It is the policy of this office to simultaneously return the remains of blood relatives to the final resting place in the United States upon the request of the next of kin, providing the cemetery designated by the next of kin is the same for each decedent concerned.

The "Request for Disposition of Remains" form which you submitted for your son Robert G. Hester and the form submitted by Mrs. Brookie S. Hester, the widow of your son Charles M. Hester, have been received and accepted for simultaneous return and burial in the Oak Ridge Cemetery, St. Pauls, North Carolina.

Please be assured that the remains of your sons will be returned simultaneously, and you and the widow of your son Charles M. Hester, will be advised prior to the actual return in order that all necessary arrangements may be made.

In regard to your request that the name of your son be withheld from publication in press releases until the remains of your other son arrive in the United States, necessary action has been taken to comply with your desires.

My deepest sympathy is with you in your loss, and if we can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

R. M. BAUKNIGHT
Lt. Colonel, MC
Memorial Division

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REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

Pvt. Robert G. Hester, 14 068 577
 Plot F, Row 10, Grave 191,
 United States Military Cemetery
 St. Andre, France

17 June 1947

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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

I, C. R. Hester
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

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

- | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW | <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWER | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD | <input type="checkbox"/> DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD |
| <input 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 Ridge Cemetery, St. Pauls, N.C.
(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.)*

Bros. PFC. Charles M. Hester 34 677 832
Lima, France B-12-376

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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 <i>A. S. McGoogan (McGoogan Funeral Home)</i>			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
<i>St. Pauls, N.C.</i>	<i>St. Pauls, N.C.</i>	<i>Robeson</i>	<i>N.C.</i>
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.	
<i>St. Pauls, N.C.</i>	<i>St. Pauls, N.C.</i>	<i>St. Pauls, N.C.</i> <i>232-6</i>	

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
<i>HESTER</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>H.</i>	<i>Brother</i>
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
	<i>St. Pauls</i>	<i>Robeson</i>	<i>N.C.</i>

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.

E. R. Hester
 (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN)

(STREET AND NUMBER)

G. R. Hester
 (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)

St. Pauls, N.C.
 (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this _____ day of June

1947, at ~~city~~ (or town) of St. Pauls, county of Robeson, and State (or Territory)

~~District~~ of North Carolina

My Comm. Exp. 3-4-49.
 *NOTE: Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation.

L. H. King
 (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)
Notary Public
 (OFFICIAL TITLE)

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.

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

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

_____	_____ (DATE)
(SIGNATURE)	(STREET AND NUMBER)
_____	_____
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED)	(CITY AND STATE)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.

Reference is hereby made to letter QMGYG 293 of 19 August 1946,

Hester, Charles M.
S.N. 34 677 832

Hester, Robert G.
S.N. 14 068 577

