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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL

1. PURPOSE.

This manual is based on the provisions of AR 600-550. It shows in detail the administrative procedures connected with taking care of deceased personnel within the continental United States, excluding Alaska.

2. SCOPE.

a. This includes simplifying the reporting procedure, expediting actual disposition of remains and personal effects, and presenting of complete and accurate instructions and illustrations of necessary actions.

b. The reduction of paperwork accomplished by this manual is evidenced by the substitution of 3 basic forms for 12 forms. The consolidation and elimination of other forms is presented graphically as follows:

	Forms	
	Old	New
Notifications.....	13	8
Requests.....	6	2
Special orders.....	3	1
Inventory of effects—Reports of summary courts, and related action.....	5	1
Personnel forms.....	7	4
Hospital administration forms.....	5	1
Total.....	39	17

Signatures and copies have been correspondingly reduced. Forms have been redesigned for use in the standard typewriter and to allow ample space for entries.

3. CONTENT.

Important changes to the basic procedure relating to deceased personnel within the continental United States, excluding Alaska, set forth in AR 600-550, are introduced in this manual as follows:

a. The Adjutant General will, in all instances, prepare the official War Department Report of Death, WD AGO Form 52-1, because—

(1) Completely accurate reports of death are necessary.

(2) Only The Adjutant General maintains those 201 files which contain all information needed to check the above report for all personnel.

b. A follow-up procedure on reports of investigation, where required, is established because—

(1) Delayed reports of investigation also delay the preparation of the official report of death.

(2) Until the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, receives the official report of death, he cannot make arrangements for payments of 6 months' gratuity and arrears of pay.

c. The organization in possession of the service or personnel records prepares all reports, with the exception of the official War Department Report of Death, whenever possible.

4. ARRANGEMENT.

In the following sections, deaths occurring in unusual circumstances, such as those resulting from aircraft accidents and those taking place on a troop train, are discussed before deaths occurring at posts, camps, and stations. Materials have been arranged in this manner to indicate what *immediate* steps must be taken before routine procedures can be followed at the home station of the deceased.

CHAPTER 2

NOTIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR DECEASE DUE TO AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

5. AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT.

In the case of an aircraft accident, the Army post locating the remains of the deceased will not necessarily have personnel records essential to make notification to the emergency addressee or to prepare the telegraphic report of death to The Adjutant General. Therefore, the Army post nearest the scene of the accident will notify the emergency addressee, if necessary information is available. However, if such information is not available, the home station of the deceased personnel will be notified. That station in turn will notify the emergency addressee and also

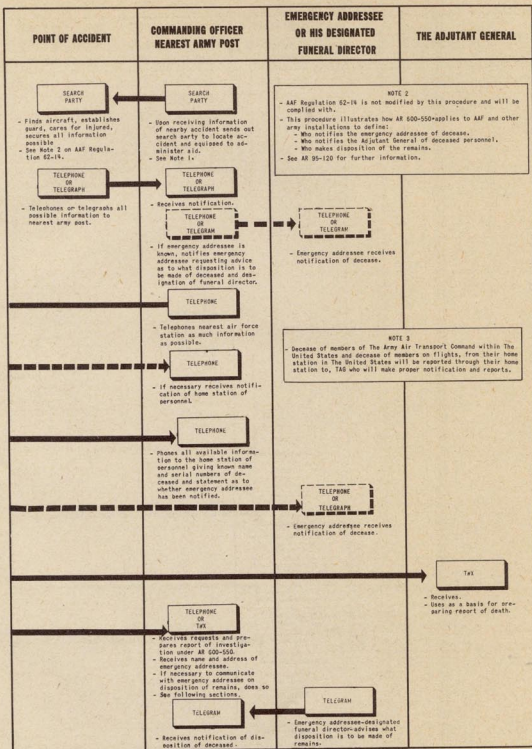
advise the Army post where the remains of the deceased are located of the name and address of the emergency addressee. The Army post handling the disposition of the deceased is authorized to communicate with the emergency addressee to provide for such disposition and to make such other arrangements as may be necessary. The home station of the deceased, normally in possession of the personnel records, will make the telegraphic report of death to The Adjutant General. See figure 1 for a graphic presentation of the above procedure.

NOTIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR DE-

FIG. 1

DOCUMENT	COMMANDING OFFICER HOME STATION OF PERSONNEL	COMMANDING OFFICER STATION OF DEPARTMENT (IF NECESSARY)	COMMANDING OFFICER NEAREST AIR FORCE STATION
SECTION I NOTIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR DECEASE DUE TO AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT - (See W. D. Cir. 373, 1000)			
SEARCH PARTY	NOTE 1 - Any information received of aircraft accident involving personnel subject to military authority will be immediately reported to the Commanding Officer of the nearest military installation-post-camp-station-field. The Commanding Officer of the nearest military installation will immediately undertake actions shown on this page. - The key to prompt accurate casualty reporting of air crew members to locate and notify the home station of the personnel, so that data in the service records will be available. - All notifications shown on this page will, if possible, be completed within 24 hours.		
TELEPHONE OR TELEGRAPH TO NEAREST ARMY POST			TELEPHONE - Receives notification - If necessary locates station of departure of flight - Complies with AAF 42-14.
TELEPHONE OR TELEGRAPH TO EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE			AIR COMMUNICATIONS - If necessary to establish identity of personnel, locates station of departure and requests identification of home station of personnel. - This also not necessary if home station of personnel known.
TELEPHONE TO NEAREST AIR FORCE STATION			TELEPHONE - If requested to locate home station of personnel advises nearest army post of same - This is not necessary if home station of personnel is known.
AIR COMMUNICATIONS			
TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE - Receives notification including statement as to whether emergency addresses have been notified.		
TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE OR TELEGRAPH - If emergency addressee has not been notified by nearest army post, notifies emergency addressee stating name and address of army post handling remains.		
TELEPHONE OR TELEGRAPH TO EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE			
TWX TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL	TWX - Sends TWX notification to the adjutant general - Uses WDAAG 31-6 to prepare TWX.		
TELEPHONE OR TWX TO NEAREST ARMY POST (TO ACCIDENT)	TELEPHONE OR TWX - If required requests nearest army post to prepare report of investigation - If emergency addressees have been notified by this army installation, advises the nearest army post of name and address of emergency addressee so they may communicate with EA to arrange for disposition of remains.		

CEASE DUE TO AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT



CHAPTER 3
INITIAL NOTIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR DECEASE
OCCURRING ON TROOP TRAINS

6. Most state laws prohibit moving a deceased person across a county or state line until the local authorities have been notified and the remains have been properly embalmed. The procedure following provides that the troop train commander place the deceased in the nearest undertaking establishment, notify the emergency addressee by wire, and notify the nearest Army post. If the nearest Army post is not known or is distant, he notifies the service command in which the remains are located. Having been advised by the nearest Army post or the service command by telephone that aid is being sent to arrange for disposition of the deceased and to provide for necessary notifica-

tions, the troop train commander proceeds to his destination.

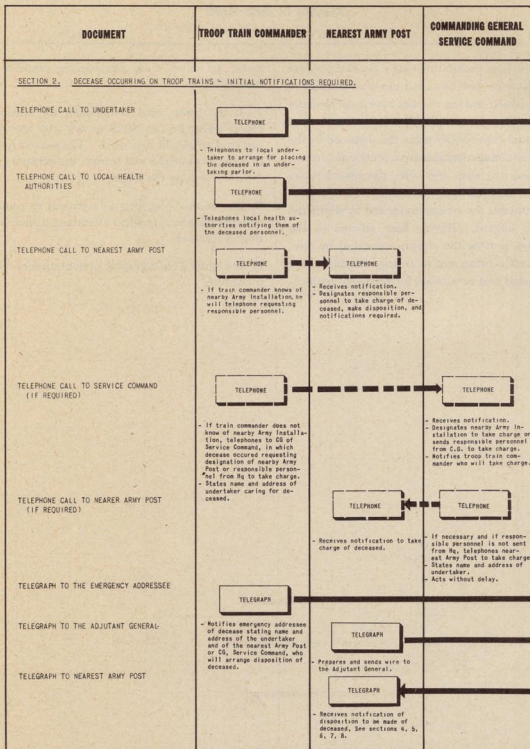
7. If the troop train commander has available an officer whom he can detail to stay with the deceased until aid arrives, he may do so. The nearest Army post or service command will furnish the necessary written orders detaching the officer.

8. For decease occurring to a patient en route while accompanied by a medical attendant, a similar procedure is followed.

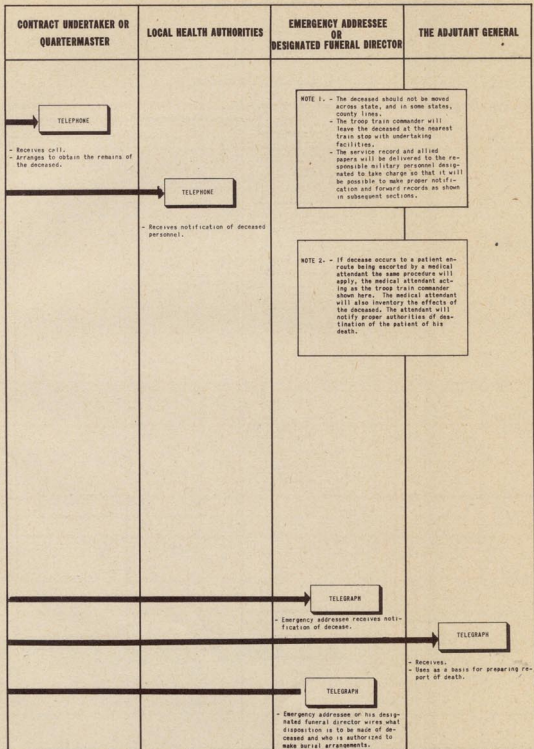
9. See figure 2 for a graphic presentation of the above procedure.

INITIAL NOTIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR

FIG. 2



DECEASE OCCURRING ON TROOP TRAINS



CHAPTER 4

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE FOR DECEASE IN

U. S. ARMY HOSPITALS

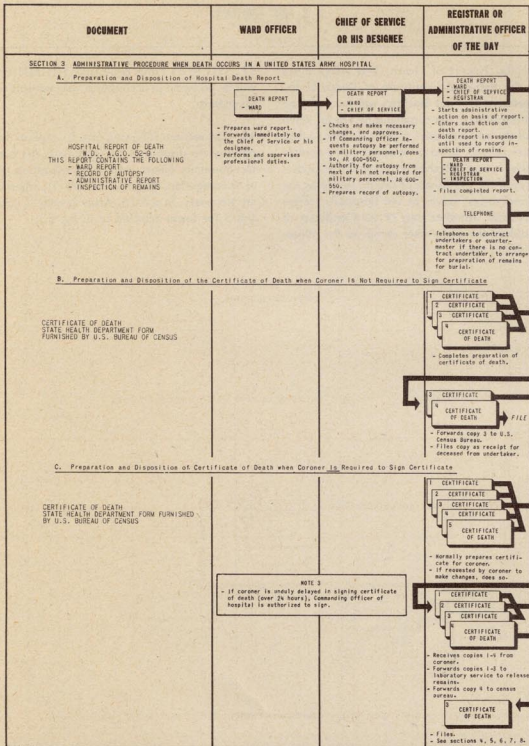
10. A Hospital Report of Death, WD AGO Form 52-9, and the Standard Certificate of Death of the State Department of Vital Statistics will record along with the notification to the commanding officer, when required, all the administrative reports necessary when death occurs at a U. S. Army hospital. A complete administrative record will then be on file for reference. The file copy of the Certificate of Death, signed by the receiving undertaker, serves as the hospital's receipt for the deceased. Another copy of the Certificate of Death furnished the undertaker serves as the release of the remains to him.

11. WD AGO Form 8-24 (old WD MD Form 52), will be prepared in accordance with current admission procedures.

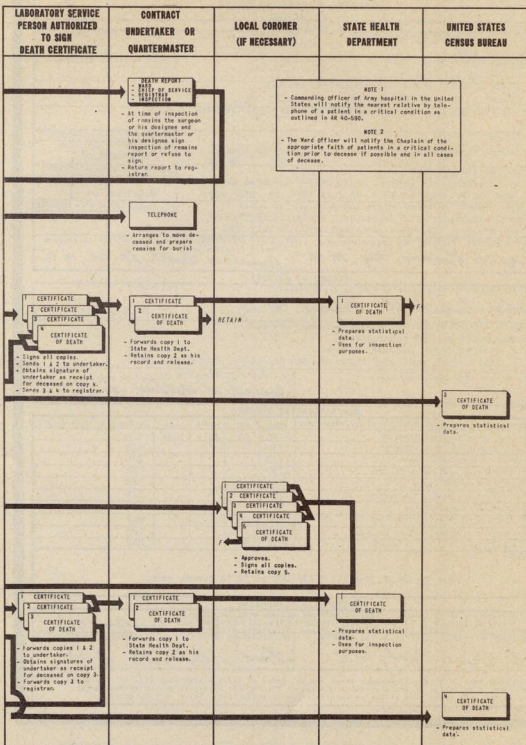
12. The sections following (fig. 3) explain the reports required to dispose of the deceased; the conduct of the Summary Court; and the preparation of Report of Investigation, WD AGO Form 51, wherever these are necessary, in a U. S. Army hospital. (See figs. 4 and 5 for forms referred to in fig. 3.)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE FOR

FIG. 3



DECEASE IN U. S. ARMY HOSPITALS



HOSPITAL REPORT OF DEATH

WD AGO FORM 52-9

HOSPITAL REPORT OF DEATH						
AR 600-590						
WARD REPORT						
1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL Doe, John J.		2. ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 2,468,109		3. GRADE Pvt.	4. WARD 24	
5. DIED (Hour - Day - Month - Year) 1700 24 July 1944				6. HAPL. NOTIF. YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. RELIGION P	
8. NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP OF PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED Mr. Thomas C. Doe, 27 Hillside Ave., Woodstock, Conn.						
9. NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP OF RELATIVE OR FRIEND PRESENT AT DEATH None						
10. DIRECT CAUSE OF DEATH Peripheral vascular collapse, severe secondary to item 2 below				11. LINE OF DUTY YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Undetermined <input type="checkbox"/>	12. MISCONDUCT YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Undetermined <input type="checkbox"/>	
13. CONTRIBUTORY CAUSE OF DEATH Brain, Laceration of, Severe, accidentally incurred when soldier was hit by truck at 2200, 23 July 1944, Ft. Dix, N.J.				14. LINE OF DUTY YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Undetermined <input type="checkbox"/>	15. MISCONDUCT YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Undetermined <input type="checkbox"/>	
16. PRINCIPAL FINDINGS OF OPERATION (If none performed, so state) Subdural hematoma, left, extensive. Brain, laceration of, diffuse severe. Operation performed 0130, 24 July 1944				17. INVESTIGATING OFF. REQUIRED YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
18. MEDICAL OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE (Signature only) <i>George E. Harrison, Maj. M. C.</i>				19. CHIEF OF MEDICAL OR SURGICAL SERVICE (Signature only) (*Delete only) <i>James M. Vessel, Lt. Col., M. C.</i>		
RECORD OF AUTOPSY						
20. AUTOPSY ORDERED BY (Signature of C.O. or his Designee) <i>John Turnbull, Colonel, M. C.</i>				21. DATE 24 July 1944		
22. PRINCIPAL FINDINGS AT AUTOPSY (If none performed, so state) Subdural Hematoma, left extensive. Brain, laceration of, diffuse, severe. Skull, fracture of, multiple, compound, decompression, operative, left.						
23. AUTOPSY PERFORMED (Place and Date) 24 July 1944 Tilton GH, Ft. Dix, N.J.				24. AUTOPSY PERFORMED BY (Signature only) <i>Joseph W. Telford, Lt. Col., M. C.</i>		
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT						
25. ACTION TAKEN BY REGISTRAR-ADMIN. OFF. OF DAY (AR600-500)						
A. TELEGRAM TO EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE	1730	24	July	1944	TJH	
B. NOTIFICATION TO AUTOPSY SURGEON	1730	"	"	"	TJH	
C. TELEGRAM TO ADJUTANT GENERAL	1730	"	"	"	TJH	
D. NOTIFICATION TO COMMANDING OFFICER	1730	"	"	"	TJH	
E. NOTIFICATION TO RED CROSS	1730	"	"	"	TJH	
F. NOTIFICATION TO INFORMATION OFFICE	1730	"	"	"	TJH	
G. NOTIFICATION TO UNDERTAKER	1900	"	"	"	TJH	
H. NOTIFICATION TO TRANSPORTATION OFFICE	0800	25	"	"	HAP	
I. NOTIFICATION TO QUARTERMASTER (Supply)	1900	24	"	"	TJH	
J. OTHER (Specify)	0830	25	"	"	HAP	
26. REMARKS Pvt Robert N. Hamill, 3 426 028 is to be burial escort						
INSPECTION OF REMAINS						
27. IN COMPLIANCE WITH AR 60-590, I CERTIFY THAT THE REMAINS WERE INSPECTED AFTER EMBALMING, AND AGAIN, IN COMPANY WITH THE CONTRACTING OFFICER AFTER THE BODY WAS CLOSED AND PLACED IN THE CASUAL AT (Place of inspection) <i>Trenton, N. J.</i>						
28. SIGNATURE OF INSPECTING OFFICER - FOR SURGEON <i>H. A. Dress, Capt., M. C.</i>				29. SIGNATURE OF INSPECTING OFFICER - FOR QUARTERMASTER <i>Fred Studdt, Lt., M. C.</i>		
INSTRUCTIONS: Ward Officer will prepare items 1 - 18. Chief of Service will sign item 19. Form will then be forwarded to Registrar or Administrative Officer of the day for necessary action without delay. Prepare in one copy only. Use of ink or indelible pencil authorized. Print or type entries.						
U.S. A. G. O. FORM NO. 52-9 1 July 1944						

Figure 4.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS		STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		State File No. _____
State of <u>New Jersey</u>				Register's No. _____
1. PLACE OF DEATH:		2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:		
(a) County <u>Burlington</u> <u>New Hanover Township</u>		(a) State <u>New Jersey</u> (b) County <u>Burlington</u>		
(c) City or town <u>Fort Dix</u>		(c) City or town <u>Fort Dix, New Jersey</u>		
(d) Name of hospital or institution: <u>Tilton General Hospital</u>		(d) Street No. _____		
(e) Length of stay: In hospital or institution In this community <u>3 yr. 1 mo. 2 days 5 hrs</u>		(e) If foreign born, how long in U.S.A.? <u>Citizen</u> years		
3. (a) FULL NAME <u>John J. Doe</u>		20. Date of death: Month <u>July</u> day <u>24</u>		
(b) If veteran, name war <u>World II</u>		year <u>44</u> hour <u>1:20A</u> M. minute _____		
(c) Social Security No. <u>326-07-3469</u>		21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from		
(d) Sex <u>Male</u> race <u>White</u> divorced <u>Single</u>		<u>VIEWED</u> 19 <u>44</u> to 19 <u>44</u>		
(e) (1) Name of husband or wife if alive _____		that I last saw him alive on <u>24 July</u>		
(f) (2) Name of husband or wife if deceased _____		and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.		
7. Birth date of deceased <u>May 1, 1911</u>		Immediate cause of death <u>(1) Cerebral Concussion</u>		
8. AGE: Years _____ Months <u>33</u> Days <u>2</u> hr. <u>23</u> min.		Due to <u>Peripheral Vascular Collapse</u>		
9. Birthplace <u>Berkeley, N.J.</u>		Due to _____		
10. Usual occupation <u>Bricklayer</u>		Other conditions _____		
11. Industry or business <u>Bricklaying</u>		Major findings: _____		
12. Name <u>Mr. Thomas C. Doe</u>		Of operations _____		
13. Birthplace <u>Sharon, Pa.</u>		Of autopsy <u>As above</u>		
14. Maiden name <u>Miss Jones</u>		Underline the cause to which death should be charged anatomically.		
15. Birthplace <u>Reading, Pa.</u>		22. If death was due to external cause, fill in the following:		
16. (a) Informant's own signature <u>Official Records</u>		(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) _____		
(b) Address <u>U. S. Army</u>		(b) Date of occurrence <u>23 July 1944</u>		
(c) Date of death <u>July 24, 1944</u>		(c) Where did injury occur? <u>Fort Dix, New Jersey</u>		
(d) Place, burial or cremation <u>U. S. McCh. Woodstock, Conn.</u>		(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? <u>Military Reservation</u>		
18. (a) Signature of funeral director <u>Jones Funeral Director</u>		(e) Means of injury <u>Truck accident</u>		
(b) Address <u>Princeton, N.J.</u>		While at work? _____		
19. (a) Date <u>26 Jul 44</u>		23. Signature <u>Tacey Jones</u> (M.D. or other) _____		
(b) Signature of informant _____		Address <u>Burlington County Corner</u> Date signed <u>7-24</u>		

I have received the remains of the above in good condition- *by Jones*

OBTAIN SIGNATURE OF UNDERTAKER ON FILE COPY AS RECEIPT FOR REMAINS

Figure 5.

CHAPTER 5
IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR
ALL DECEASED PERSONNEL

13. An Initial Report of Death, WD AGO Form 52-5, is provided as a simple means of making the immediate notification required after the surgeon has reported the death of military personnel to the commanding officer of a post, camp, station, or air field. Items A through Z, Part 1 of Form 52-5, are the basis of the telegraphic report to The Adjutant General. Part 2, when completed with necessary information, is the request and basis for any orders required to ship the deceased, with a burial escort, to the place of interment. Part 3 is the authority and the orders for a summary court officer, where required. Part 4 is the authority and the order for the investigating officer, where required to conduct investigations.



14. The preparation of these Parts in one operation makes it possible to give complete data to all interested

agencies with a minimum of delay after the death and without waiting for publication of special orders. It is not necessary for a summary court officer or for an investigating officer to wait to receive his part of the report. Instead, he may proceed with the necessary arrangements and receive the orders at a later date.

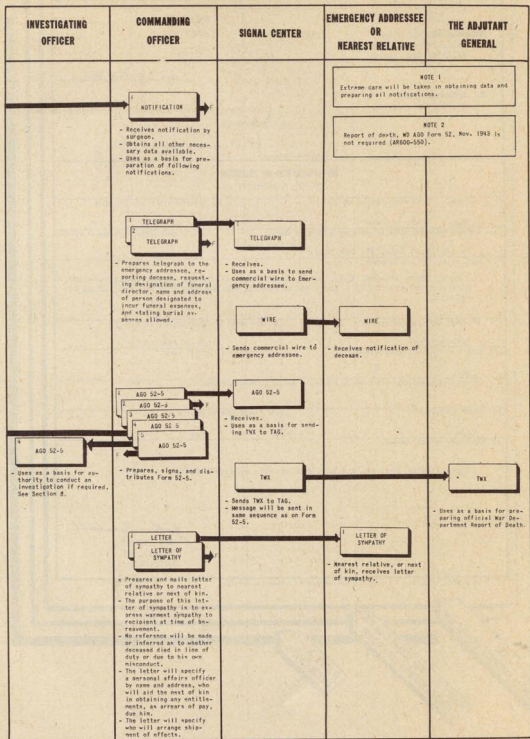
15. A letter of sympathy is sent to the nearest relative over the signature of the commanding officer of the post, camp, or station. (See fig. 9 below for suggested form of letter of sympathy. The other immediate notifications, and procedures for their use, are presented in figures 6, 7, 8, and 10.) The letter of sympathy mentions that dependents of the deceased and their household goods under certain circumstances may be moved to their home of record. Authority for this is prescribed in AR 55-120 and AR 55-160.

IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATIONS REQUIRED

FIG. 6

DOCUMENT	SURGEON	IMMEDIATE COMMANDING OFFICER	SUMMARY COURT OFFICER
<p><u>SECTION 4 - IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATIONS, WITHIN TWENTY FOUR HOURS UPON DECEASE OF PERSONNEL SUBJECT TO MILITARY AUTHORITY</u></p> <p>NOTIFICATION BY SURGEON (LETTER, TELEPHONE CALL OR OTHER FORM OF NOTIFICATION)</p> <p>TELEGRAPH MESSAGE TO EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE</p> <p>COMMERCIAL WIRE TO EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE</p> <p>REPORT OF DEATH NO AGO 52-5</p> <p>TRX TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepares notification of decease for immediate Commanding Officer and for Commanding Officer of post, camp or station. - Telephone or other advance notification will be confirmed by written notification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collects and inventories effects. (See Section 6). - Drops soldier from nursing report. - Determines who will be burial escort. 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uses a basis for authority to act as summary court officer. See section 6.
<p><u>SECTION 5 - PREPARATION AND DISPOSITION OF LETTER OF SYMPATHY</u></p> <p>LETTER OF SYMPATHY</p>			

FOR ALL DECEASED PERSONNEL



NOTIFICATION BY SURGEON

(Forwarded in all cases of death; serves as confirmation in some instances)

FROM: Commanding Officer Tilton General Hospital Ft. Dix, New Jersey			DATE: 24 July 1944		
TO: COMMANDING OFFICER Ft. Dix, New Jersey					
NOTIFICATION BY SURGEON <small>SEC. PAR. 2, AR 600-550</small>					
1. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME. Doe, John James			2. ARMY SERIAL NO.		3. GRADE Pvt.
4. COMPANY, REGIMENT, SEPARATE BATTALION OR SIMILAR UNIT. Co. A, 181st Inf., Ft. Dix, N.J.			5. IF UNASSIGNED STATE ARM OR SERVICE		
6. DATE, PLACE AND CAUSE OF DEATH. 23 July 1944, Ft. Dix, N.J., Brain, Laceration of, severe, accidentally received when soldier was hit by a truck while pushing two members of Army Nurse Corps to safety.					
7. DID DEATH OCCUR IN LINE OF DUTY? Undetermined			8. WAS DEATH DUE TO DECEASED'S MISCONDUCT? Undetermined		
9. ACCEPTED APPLICANT FOR ENLISTMENT? No			10. DISCHARGED ENLISTED MAN? No		
11. IF A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE, STATE ARM OR SERVICE OR BUREAU BY WHICH EMPLOYED.					
12. AUTOPSY REQUIRED? Yes			13. INVESTIGATING OFFICER REQUIRED? Yes		
14. ADDITIONAL DATA OR REMARKS. Investigation required due accident causing soldier's death.					
<i>John Turnbull</i> JOHN TURNBULL Colonel, MC Commanding					
<small>REPRODUCE LOCALLY DISTRIBUTION SURGEON TO COMMANDING OFFICER.</small>					

PART 1 - TO
COMMANDING OFFICERPART 2 - TO IMMEDIATE
COMMANDING OFFICERPART 3 -
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Figure 7.

TELEGRAM TO EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

(WD AGO FORM 801)

WAR DEPARTMENT MESSAGEFORM Commercial Wire			
File No. <u>123</u>		Date <u>24 July 1944</u>	Telephone No. <u>532</u>
Office of origin <u>Headquarters</u> <small>(Line of service)</small>	<small>(Division)</small>	<small>(Branch)</small>	<small>(Section)</small> <u>FDG</u> <small>(Symbol)</small>
Address <u>Fort Dix, New Jersey</u>			
To: [MR. THOMAS C. DOE 27 HILLSIDE AVENUE WOODSTOCK, CONN.		
PRECEDENCE			
<small>WIRE OR RADIO</small>		<small>ESSENTIAL MILITARY MAIL</small>	
Urgent <u>Cont. Wire</u>	Air mail		
Priority	Special delivery		
Routine	Ordinary		
Deferred	Registered		
Week end			
Any message not K'd for precedence will be sent "Deferred."			<small>Initial of officer assigning precedence</small> <i>MBP</i>
MESSAGE:			
<p>I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON, PRIVATE JOHN JAMES DOE HAS DIED DUE TO INJURIES RECEIVED IN A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT AT FORT DIX NEW JERSEY ON JULY TWENTY THIRD STOP LETTER FOLLOWS STOP THE DECEASED IS NOW AT TILTON GENERAL HOSPITAL STOP KINDLY WIRE COLLECT THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF AN UNDERTAKER TO WHOM YOU WISH HIS REMAINS SHIPPED AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE STOP FIFTY DOLLARS WILL BE ALLOWED FOR BURIAL EXPENSES STOP KINDLY INCLUDE IN YOUR WIRE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF A PERSON DESIGNATED TO INCUR THESE BURIAL EXPENSES STOP MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO YOU AND MEMBERS OF THE DECEASED FAMILY AT THIS TIME</p> <p style="text-align: right;">END</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Madison Pearson</i> MADISON PEARSON BRIGADIER GENERAL, U.S.A. COMMANDING</p>			
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Figure 8.

LETTER OF SYMPATHY

Headquarters
Ft. Dix, New Jersey
24 July 1944

Mrs. Thomas C. Doe
27 Hillside Avenue
Woodstock, Connecticut

My dear Mrs. Doe:

It is with regret that I confirm the recent telegram sent to Mr. Thomas C. Doe informing him of the death of your son, Private John J. Doe, 2 468 109, Infantry.

Your son died as a result of injuries incurred while saving the life of two members of the Army Nurse Corps. Seeing a large truck, out of control, about to run down the two nurses, he immediately ran to their aid, pushed them to safety, and was struck by the oncoming truck. His death was instantaneous. I hope his courageous act may be of solace to you.

Captain H. A. Campbell, Personal Affairs Officer, Ft. Dix, New Jersey, has collected your son's personal effects and has forwarded them to you at the address. If Captain Campbell can be of help to you in any manner, such as in making settlement of accounts, aiding you in applying for pensions or arranging to move the deceased's dependents and household goods to their home, please communicate with him and he will furnish you any assistance possible.

My heartfelt sympathy is extended to you and other members of your family in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours

Madison Pearson
Madison Pearson
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Commanding

INITIAL REPORT OF DEATH

(WD AGO FORM 52-5)

INITIAL REPORT OF DEATH

INITIAL REPORT OF DEATH AS 600-550											
POST, CAMP, STATION, OR HOSPITAL ORIGINATING REPORT Tilton General Hospital						DATE OF REPORT 24 July 1944					
ADDRESS Ft. Dix, New Jersey											
A. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME Doe, John James					B. ARMY SERIAL NO. 2 465 109		C. GRADE Pvt.				
D. HOME ADDRESS 27 Hillside Avenue, Woodstock, Conn.					E. ARM OR SERVICE Inf.		F. DATE OF BIRTH 1 May 1911				
G. PLACE OF DEATH Tilton General Hospital, Ft. Dix, N.J.					H. CAUSE OF DEATH Peripheral, Vascular Collapse		I. DATE OF DEATH 24 July 1944				
J. STATION OF DECEASED 1st Inf, Ft. Dix, N.J.					K. DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 10 May 1942		L. LENGTH OF SERVICE		M. OTHER PATRIOTIC SERVICE		
							YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS		
							2	2	15		
N. EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mr. Thomas C. Doe, Father 27 Hillside Avenue Woodstock, Conn.											
O. DATE BENEFICIARY DESIGNATED 11 June 1942											
P. INVESTIGATION REQUIRED		Q. IN LINE OF DUTY		R. OWN MISCONDUCT		S. WAS DECEASED ON ACTIVE DUTY STATUS		T. AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		U. IN FLYING PAY STATUS	V. OTHER PATRIOTIC SERVICE
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
X		Undetermined		Undetermined		X		X		X	
W. ACCEPTED APPLICANT FOR ENLISTMENT		X. DISCHARGED		Y. IF PERMANENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE (AR 600-500) REPORT BUREAU							
YES	NO	YES	NO								
X											
Z. BIRTH (NAME, SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE OF SUMMARY COURT OFFICER APPOINTED) 24 Jul 1944 24 Jul 1944 James Gill, Major, Inf, O - 22394											
DESTINATION OF REMAINS OF DECEASED AND FUNERAL DIRECTOR DESIGNATED TO MAKE BURIAL J.C. Mc Gill, Undertaker, 405 South Main St, Woodstock, Conn.											
NAME, GRADE AND SERIAL NUMBER OF BURIAL ESCORT Robert H. Emy, 3 426 028, Pvt MD											
DATE SUMMARY COURT OFFICER APPOINTED 24 Jul 1944					NAME, SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE OF SUMMARY COURT OFFICER H. A. Campbell, Captain, Inf, O - 426-595						
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT MR. Death not due to military operations or training.											
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-90deg); transform-origin: left top;">STEP 5 - NOTE INSTRUCTIONS</div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">M</p> <p>COMMANDING Madison Pearson Brigadier General, USA</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(90deg); transform-origin: right top;">STEP 2 - ENTER NAME OF INVESTIGATING OFFICER IF REQUIRED</div> </div>											
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-90deg); transform-origin: left top;">STEP 3 - ENTER NAME OF SUMMARY COURT OFFICER IF REQUIRED</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-90deg); transform-origin: left top;">STEP 4 - ENTER NAME OF BURIAL ESCORT AND SEND TO PERSONNEL ORS ADJUTANT TO PREPARE SPECIAL ORDERS</div> </div>											
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-90deg); transform-origin: left top;">STEP 1A - SHOW IF DEATH DUE TO MILITARY OPERATIONS OR TRAINING ACTIVITIES PAR. 11, 6a, 6k, AR 35-5320</div>											
INSTRUCTIONS: Prepare original and four copies for use as follows:											
PART 1 (Items A-Z) To Signal Center for wire to the Adjutant General, Casualty Branch, Washington, D.C. Use letters to key any missing information.											
PART 2 Hold in suspense until all required information entered and then sent to Personnel Section to prepare special orders for disposition of deceased.											
PART 3 To Summary Court Officers, if required - authority and order to conduct Summary Court.											
PART 4 To Investigating Officer, if required - authority and order to conduct investigation.											
PART 5 File											
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Figure 10.

CHAPTER 6

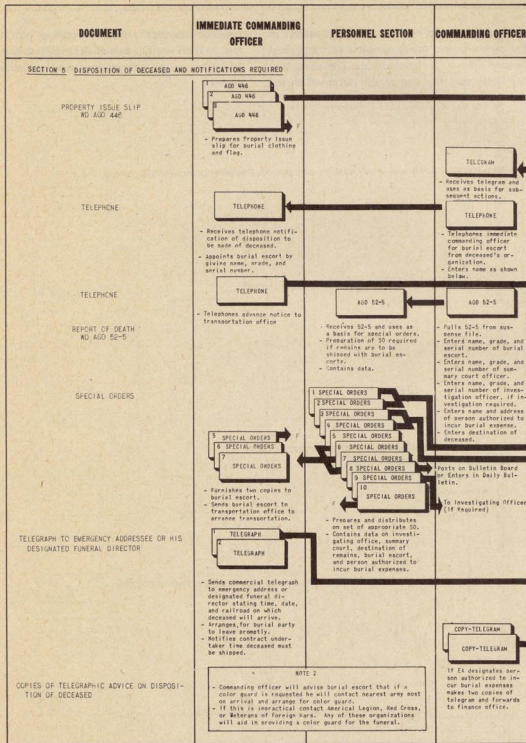
DISPOSITION OF DECEASED PERSONNEL

16. Commanding officers will take prompt action to see that the disposition of the deceased is accomplished without undue delay. If there are any circumstances which may delay the shipping of the deceased to the

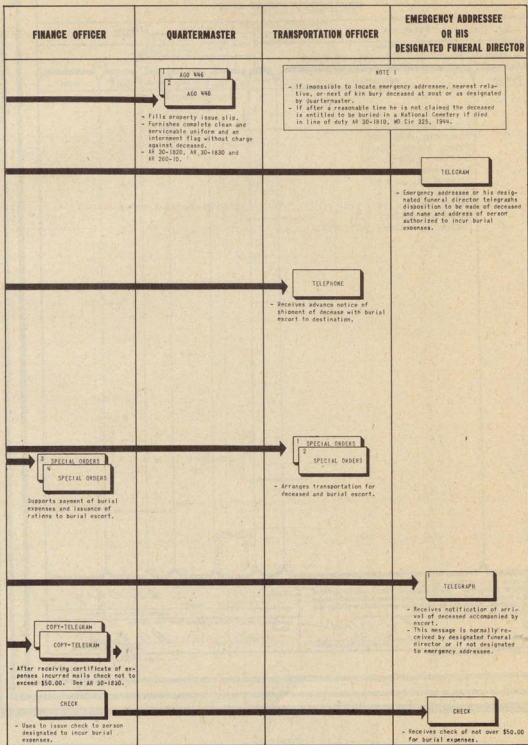
point of interment, the commanding officer is authorized to send notification of this delay to the emergency addressee or the person designated to arrange for the burial.

DISPOSITION OF

FIG. 11



DECEASED PERSONNEL



PROPERTY ISSUE SLIP (WD AGO FORM 446)

PROPERTY ISSUE SLIP							
TO: Lt. Col. J.A. Fitzpatrick, QM		SUPPLY OFFICER		TYPE OF ISSUE		YOURSER No. 123	
FOR: (Organization and) John J. Doe, 2 468 109, Pvt, Deceased		Initial	Replace-ment	Debit Memo Received	Credit Memo Received	Issue Slip No.	124
BOOK No.	DESCRIPTION	Unit	Auth. or Max. Level	On Hand	Due In	Quantity Issued	Action
	Flag, interment					1	
	Trousers, wool, od					1	
	Shirt, cotton, khaki					1	
	Necktie, cotton, tan					1	
	Coat, wool, od					1	
	Undershirt, cotton					1	
	Shorts, cotton					1	
	Socks, cotton, tan, pair					1	
	Insignia, collar, U.S.					1	
	Insignia, collar, Inf., U.S.					1	

<p>Issuance or acceptance of quantities shown in "Action" column is authorized. Items marked "Ext" will be ordered. Zeroed items will be available on the dates indicated hereon. When received, items will be issued on presentation of this slip. Inquiries must refer to No.</p> <p>(Date) <u>24 July 1944</u> <i>F.H. Studt</i> Lt. QMC. <i>For Station Supply Officer.</i></p>	<p>FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:</p> <p>(Date) <u>25 July 1944</u> <i>A.R. Shay</i> Lt. QMC. <i>Organization Supply Officer.</i></p> <p>Quantities shown in "Action" column have been received.</p> <p>(Date) <u>25 July 1944</u> <i>H.O. Ryan</i> Capt. Hospital <i>CD. Det. Patients</i></p>
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Figure 12.

CHAPTER 7

EFFECTS OF DECEASED PERSONNEL

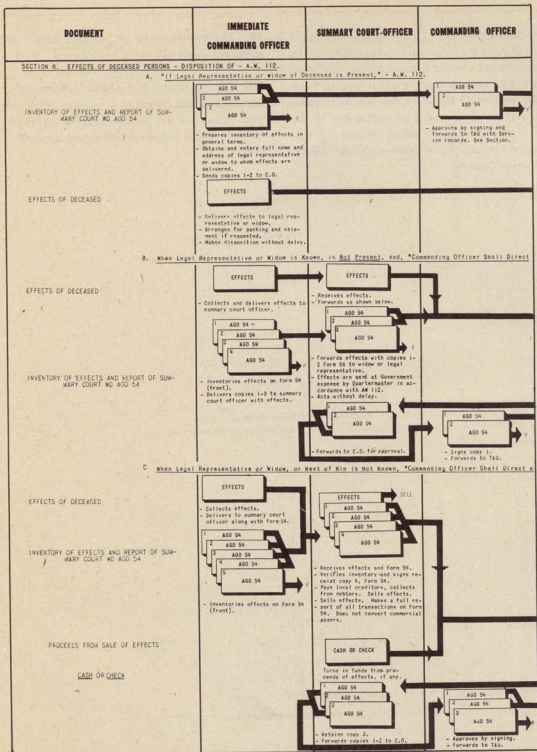
17. This section shows (figs. 13 to 15) how to comply with the 112th Article of War on the disposition of the effects of a deceased enlisted man or officer. By using the one form, Inventory of Effects and Report of Summary Court, WD AGO Form 54, the summary court officer will record all transactions pertaining to the disposition of effects. Commanding officers will forward the approved reports of summary court officers to The Adjutant General.

18. The appointment of personal affairs officers as summary court officers is encouraged.

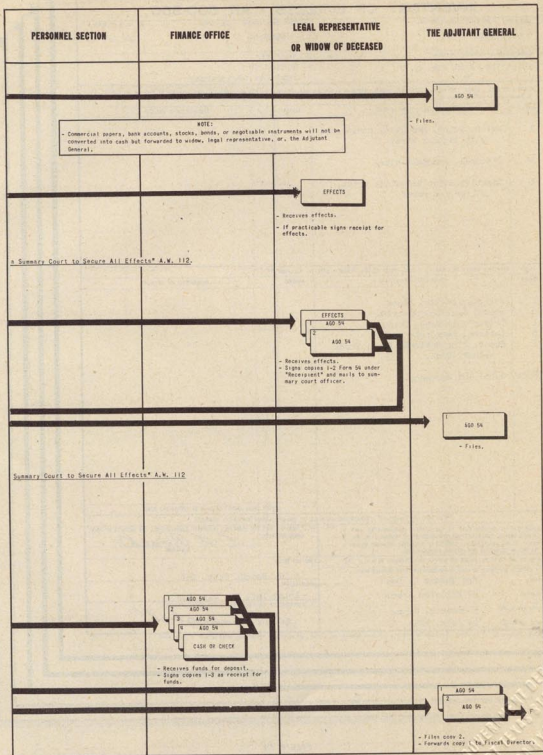
19. It is the policy of the War Department to secure and forward the effects to the widow, legal representative, or next of kin, as intended by the 112th Article of War. This is done at Government expense without delay.

DISPOSITION OF EFFECTS

FIG. 13



OF DECEASED PERSONNEL



INVENTORY OF EFFECTS, WD AGO FORM 54 (Front)

(Distribution as indicated in sec. 6, Fig. 13)

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS - AR 600-550			
1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL Doe, John J.	2. ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 2468109	3. GRADE Pvt	4. DATE OF DEATH 24 Jul 44
5. ORGANIZATION OF DECEASED (Assignment) 181st Inf, Fort Dix, N. J.		6. PLACE OF DEATH Tilton GH Fort Dix, New Jersey	
7. CLASS 1 EFFECTS - BAKES, MEDALS, RECREATIONAL, METALS, CAMPAIGN CITATIONS, WATCHES, MANUSCRIPTS AND OTHER ARTICLES VALUABLE CHIEFLY AS KEPTREMS. (See necessary Class 1 Effects may be included and listed under 8.)			
NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE	NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
1	Watch, wrist, Hamilton, green gold with leather strap		
4	Pictures, snapshot size		
1	Identification Bracelet, wrist, silver, engraved		
8. CLASS II EFFECTS - MONEY, BARS DRAFTS, CHECKS, MONEY ORDERS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, BILLFOLD ETC.			
NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE	NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
1	Wallet, leather, black		
6	coins, English, assorted		
1	Driver's license, Conn.		
3	Letters, personal, opened		
1	Check, City National Bank, Woodstock, Conn.		
\$18.04		Coins and currency.	
9. ENTER TOTAL AMOUNT OF CASH OR EQUIVALENT HERE			
FOR USE OF IMMEDIATE COMMANDING OFFICERS OF ORGANIZATION RECEIVING EFFECTS			
10. CHECK HERE IF EFFECTS SENT TO THE EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER, ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU, KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, KANSAS CITY, MO. NOTE: DO NOT SEND PERSONAL EFFECTS OF FARDOME INCARCERATED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES TO THE EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER.		YES	11. I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING INVENTORY COMPLETES ALL THE EFFECTS OF ABOVE NAMED DECEASED. <i>L. T. Roach</i> SIGNATURE
12. IF EFFECTS ARE TO BE DELIVERED OR SHIPPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A.M. 112 IF EFFECTS BELONGING TO LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE MAKE ENTRIES HERE.		NAME AND GRADE L. T. Roach, Capt. Inf.	13. SIGNATURE OF RECEIPT OR SUMMARY COURT OFFICER <i>H. A. Campbell</i>
NAME Mrs Thomas C. Doe		ORGANIZATION 181st Inf, Ft. Dix, N.J.	
ADDRESS 27 Hillside Avenue			
CITY AND STATE Woodstock, Conn.			
DATE DELIVERED 25 July, 1944			

U.S. G.P.O. FORM NO. 54 17 JUNE 1944 THIS FORM SUPERSEDES U.S. G.P.O. FORM NO. 54, 1 JULY 1943 WHICH WILL NOT BE USED AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS FORM.

Figure 14.

REPORT OF SUMMARY COURT, WD AGO FORM 54 (Back)

(Distribution as indicated in sec. 6, Fig. 13)

REPORT OF SUMMARY COURT - AR 600-550					
13. THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS DUE THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED WERE COLLECTED					
DATE	AMOUNT	RECEIVED FROM	DATE	AMOUNT	RECEIVED FROM
25 Jul 44	2.08	William H. Hill 3679623, Pvt, 181st Inf.			
TOTAL				2.08	
14. THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED WERE PAID					
DATE	AMOUNT	PAID TO	DATE	AMOUNT	PAID TO
25 Jul 44	7.03	Thomas R. Robbins 3357432, Pfc, 181st Inf.			
TOTAL				7.03	
15. OTHER TRANSACTIONS, INCLUDING SALE OF EFFECTS. REPORT EACH TRANSACTION IN DETAIL (See AR 600-550). NOTE: CHECKS, BONDS AND OTHER COMMERCIAL PAPER WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED PAID CASH, BUT MUST BE THE ADJUSTED AMOUNT WITH THIS REPORT IN CASE OF JUDICIAL DISPUTE. AND OVERSEAS CARIBBEAN THESE EFFECTS WILL BE SENT TO THE EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER.					
None					
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-15deg); display: inline-block;"> OBTAIN RECEIPT FOR FUNDS AS INDICATED HERE </div>					
ENTER AMOUNT OF MONEY REALIZED FROM SALE OF EFFECTS HERE IN WORDS AND FIGURES.					
None					
16. RECEIPT FOR FUNDS					
<small>PROCESS OF SALE OF PROPERTY OF DECEASED MILITARY PERSONNEL (AR 600-550) (Normally not to be used for overseas casualties under Par. 16, W.D. Circular 393, 1943. Send Check to Effects Quartermaster.)</small>					
APPROPRIATION TO BE CREDITED BY DISBURSING OFFICER			AMOUNT (In words and figures) DEPOSITED WITH DISBURSING OFFICER		
None			None		
DATE, ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION OF DISBURSING OFFICER			SIGNATURE AND TYPED NAME AND GRADE OF DISBURSING OFFICER		
17. DATE APPROVED BY COMMANDING OFFICER			18. DATE AND LOCATION		
25 July 1944			24 July 1944 Ft. Dix, New Jersey		
SIGNATURE BY COMMANDING OFFICER			SIGNATURE OF SUMMARY COURT OFFICER		
<i>Madison Pearson</i>			<i>H. A. Campbell</i>		
TYPED NAME AND GRADE			TYPED NAME, GRADE AND ORGANIZATION		
Madison Pearson Brigadier General, USA			H. A. Campbell, Capt. Inf. 181st Inf., Ft. Dix, N. J.		
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Figure 15.

CHAPTER 8

PREPARATION AND DISPOSITION OF FINAL PAPERS

20. a. It is essential for The Adjutant General to receive the service records and allied papers of a deceased enlisted person as soon as possible after a death.

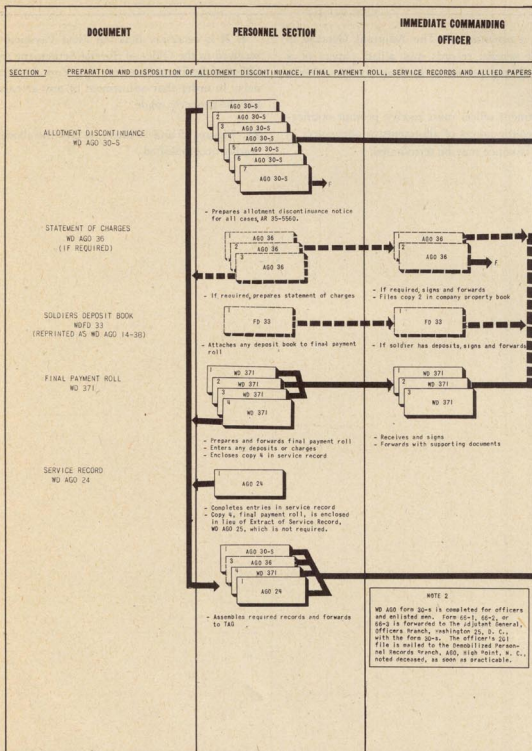
b. Allotment offices must receive prompt notification of discontinuances of allotments or allowances in order that issuance may be terminated.

c. It is necessary that the Final Payment Roll be received in the Office of Special Settlement Accounts, Office of the Fiscal Director, New York, N. Y., without delay in order that adjustment of any arrears of pay may be properly made.

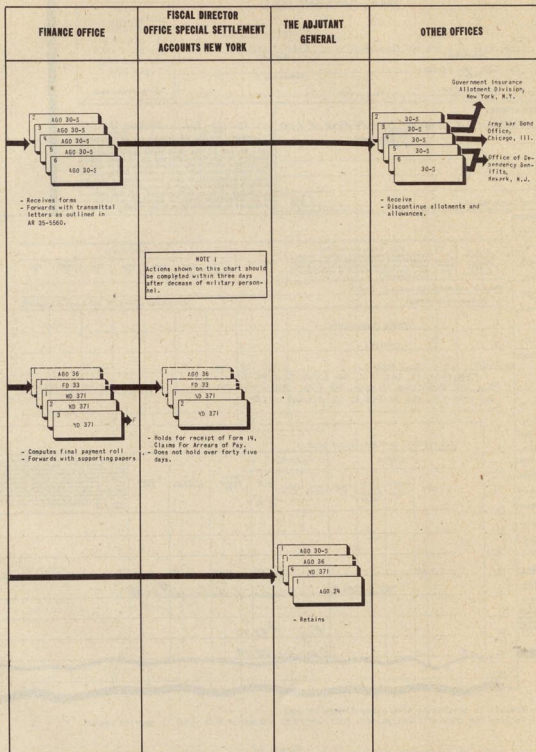
21. Figures 15 and 17 illustrate how the above may be readily accomplished.

PREPARATION AND DISPOSITION

FIG. 16



OF FINAL PAPERS



FINAL PAYMENT ROLL WD FORM 371

FINAL PAYMENT ROLL of

Voucher No. 13543

PAID BY
Walter Cory
Major, P.D.
Ft. Dix, N.J.
Sym No. 210500
Sta. No. 1233
July 1944
(For use of Paying Office)

Doe, John J. 2 468 109 (Deceased) 181st Infantry (Discharged)
Ft. Dix, New Jersey (Station) (Principal station)
Discharged on See Remarks, 19 Paid, 19

APPROPRIATIONS:

212,150426 FSA 1942-45 501-74 Part 1 1.50
(Symbol) (Allotment)
599-999

Total amount disbursed \$ 1.50

Ft. Dix, N.J. 24 July 1944
(Station)

I CERTIFY that this roll is made out as required by Army Regulations and that entries pertaining to each name are correct; that where rental and/or subsistence allowance is due, the soldier was not furnished ration allowance in kind nor received the equivalent thereof in money; that where quarters allowance is credited for the enlisted man, his dependents, or both, public quarters were not available or assigned to such persons nor did they receive a monetary allowance in lieu thereof; and that payment to the enlisted men named on the within pay roll is not prohibited by any provisions of law limiting the avail-

ALLOTMENT:

Class "N"																				
Class "E"																				
Class "D"																				
Class "F"																				
Class "B"	Honorably discharged by reason of: Death										No time lost under A. W. 107 except as indicated.									
Class "X"	<small>(State reason and order, if any)</small>																			

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FOR USE OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT ONLY

G. P. I. or TRUST FUNDS	CREDITS						COLLECTIONS						TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	TOTAL COLLECTIONS	BALANCE PAID	
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We hereby acknowledge receipt IN CASH of amounts in the within "Balance Paid" and request our accounting system and its associated records be adjusted accordingly. We certify that we have done so for the period of receipt of amounts. All the information shown herein for which adjustments are claimed we have made adjustments for the support of our dependent fund books as a result of the same dependent as shown in duplicate under certificate name with no dependent indicated and that there has not been a material change in the status of dependent nor degree of dependency as stated therein.

Note 1. - Prepare in accordance with current regulations.
2. - Inclose one copy of final payment roll (or final statement W.D. 370) in service record.

Figure 17.

CHAPTER 9
REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION

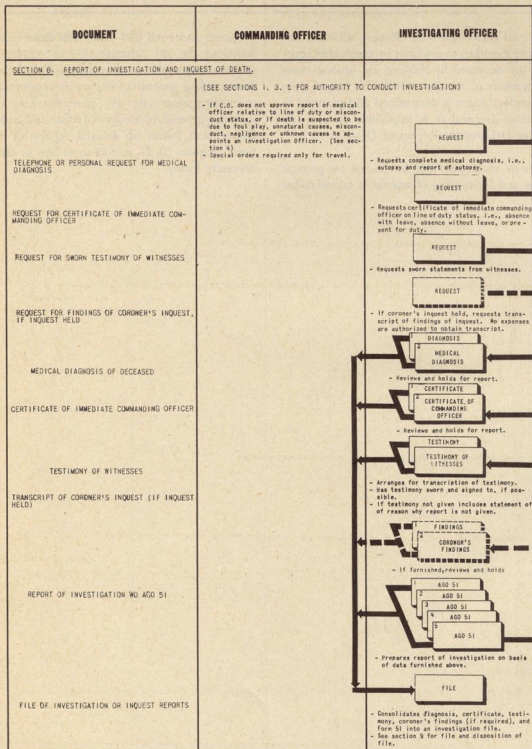
22. A delayed War Department Report of Death may cause untold hardship to a widow or designated beneficiary of the deceased by holding up, among other things, payments of monies. Until the line of duty and the conduct status is determined and reported to The Adjutant General it is impossible to issue an official War Department Report of Death.

23. Emphasis must therefore be placed on prompt completion and forwarding of reports of investigation

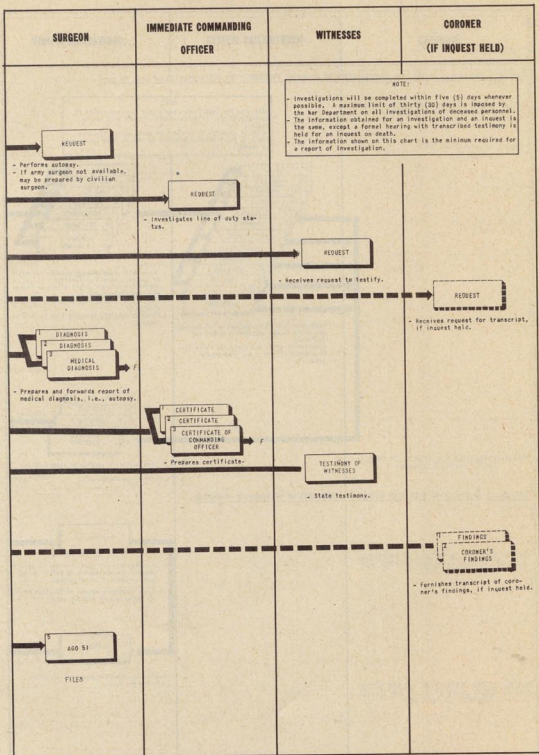
prepared under AR 600-550. The chart immediately following (fig. 18) illustrates how to complete a report of investigation and forward same within 5 days to the commanding general of the service command. The succeeding chart (fig. 19) illustrates how the commanding generals of the service command and the War Department follow up delayed reports of investigation. Figures 20, 21, and 22 show how to prepare the necessary forms.

PREPARING REPORTS

FIG. 18

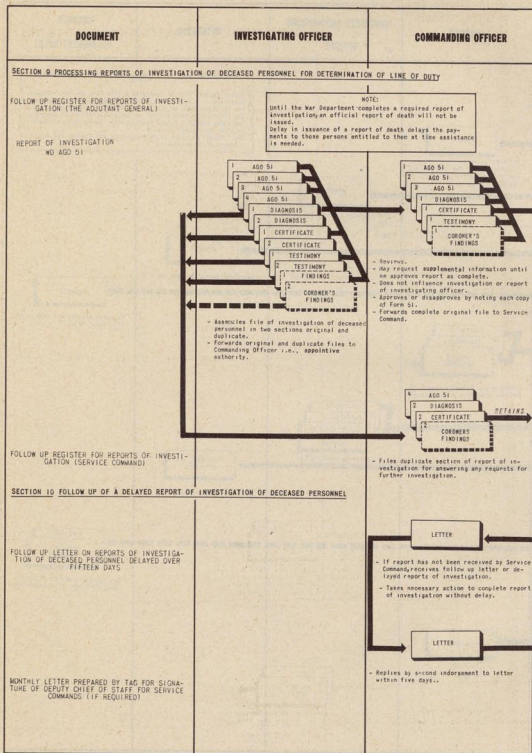


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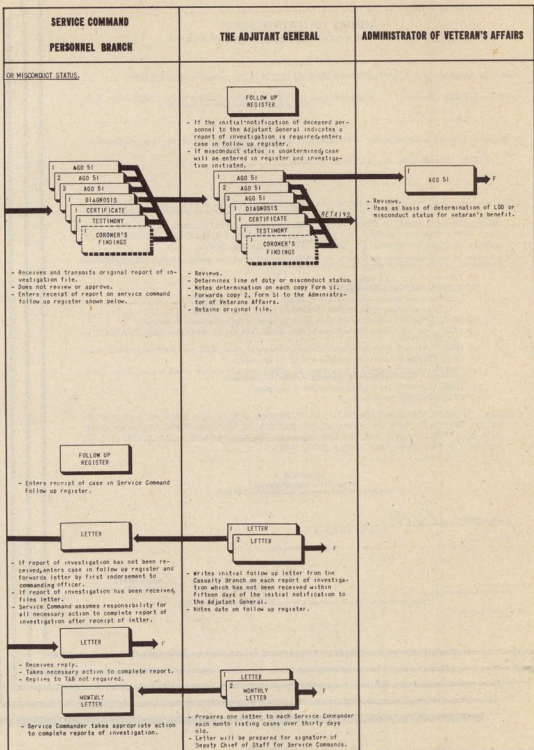


PROCESSING REPORTS

FIG. 19



OF INVESTIGATION



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

WD AGO FORM 51

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

(Under provisions of: (par. 1c(4)(c), AR 345-415) (par. 21, AR 600-550)*)

Station or command Tilton General Hospital Date 27 July 1944

1. Person ~~XXXXX~~ (deceased)* Doe, John J., 2468109, Pvt., 181st Inf., Fort Dix, N.J.
(Name, Army serial number, grade, and organization)

2. (Nature of injuries) (cause of death)* Peripheral Vascular Collapse, severe, secondary to
(Medical diagnosis)
Brain, laceration of, diffuse, severe.

3. How incurred Accidentally incurred at 2200, 23 July 1944, at Fort Dix, New Jersey.
(Complete details as to how, when, and where incurred) (Date)* was incurred, including hour and date)

when soldier jumped in front of a truck out of control to push two members of the Army Nurse Corps to safety who were walking beside the roadway. Soldier was then unable to jump to safety in time to avoid being run down.

4. Investigation of the circumstances surrounding this ~~XXXXX~~ (death)* has been made. All available witnesses were interrogated. The following pertinent facts were found to be correct:

- (a) Present for duty (yes) Yes*
- (b) ~~XXXXX~~ XXXXX
(1) Hour and date of commencement of absence Duty
(2) Hour and date of termination of absence Duty
- (c) (Was) ~~XXXXX~~ within the territorial limits indicated by the authorization to be absent.
- (d) (Was) ~~XXXXX~~ (was not)* under the influence of intoxicants. The use of intoxicants ~~XXXXX~~ (was not)* the proximate cause.
- (e) (Was) ~~XXXXX~~ (was not)* under the influence of drugs. The use of drugs ~~XXXXX~~ (was not)* the proximate cause.
- (f) (Was) ~~XXXXX~~ exercising reasonable care for his own safety.
- (g) ~~XXXXX~~ (was not)* violating a civil, moral, or military law, nor military orders or instructions, written or verbal. ~~XXXXX~~
- (h) (Was) ~~XXXXX~~ (was not)* due to gross carelessness or negligence.
- (i) (Was) ~~XXXXX~~ mentally sound.

5. REMARKS: Soldier sustained the injuries which resulted in his death in a successful heroic effort to save the lives of two members of the Army Nurse Corps who were walking in the roadway and who had not seen the approach of a heavy Army vehicle around a corner less than twenty yards away.

FINDINGS

(In line of duty) Yes
(Not due to his own misconduct) ~~XXXXX~~

James Dill
James Dill
Major, Inf

Investigating Officer.

APPROVED:

Madison Pearson
Madison Pearson
Commanding officer.
USA

* Strike out inapplicable words.

Additional sheets may be used for extension of remarks.

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Figure 20.

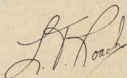
CERTIFICATE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Certificate of the Commanding Officer
Co. A, 181st Inf., Ft. Dix, N.J.

Co. A, 181st Inf.
Ft. Dix, New Jersey

25 July 1944

I certify that I am the immediate commanding officer of John J. Doe, 2 468 109, Pvt., 181st Inf. deceased, and that between the hours of 1700, 23 July 1944 and 0600, 24 July 1944, he was present for duty at Ft. Dix, New Jersey.



L. T. Roach
Captain, Inf.

Figure 21.

TESTIMONY OF WITNESS

TILTON GENERAL HOSPITAL
 FT. DIX, NEW JERSEY
 24 July 1944

TESTIMONY OF MARY E. SMITH, N 759 001, 2nd LT, ANC

"My name is Mary E. Smith, N 759 001 2nd Lt., Army Nurse Corps. At 2200 on 23 July 1944, I was returning from Post Theatre No. 6 to Tilton General Hospital walking east on the south side of New York Avenue with my companion, 2nd Lt. Jean J. Jones, ANC. Quite suddenly I heard a shout and was violently pushed to the side of the roadway, along with my companion. A large truck which had approached us from the rear, passing east, ran over the spot where I had been walking. I heard a scream and saw a soldier lying on the road. The truck crashed into a tree. I went to the soldier's side to administer aid and Lt. Jones ran to the nearest telephone to call an ambulance from the hospital. There was little I could do for the injured soldier as his pulse had stopped and he was not bleeding externally. His head had been hit severely. The driver of the truck, Jack J. Marends, ran up to see if he could be of any assistance. He said he had suddenly lost control when his left front wheel came off. I could see the wheel close by.

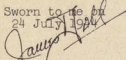
I waited until the hospital ambulance arrived and the attendant, Lt. John N. Morgan, ordered the soldier moved to the Tilton General Hospital. Later at the hospital I learned the soldier's name was Pvt. John J. Doe, and that he had died from a fracture of the skull.

He undoubtedly saved both of our lives."

I certify this to be a true statement.


 Mary E. Smith
 2nd Lt., ANC

Sworn to before me on
 24 July 1944


 James Dill
 Major, Inf.
 Investigating Officer

CHAPTER 10

GLOSSARY

24. The following glossary may be of use in carrying out administrative procedures for deceased personnel.

Burial escort..... The appropriate enlisted man or officer who accompanies and delivers the remains to the person designated to make the interment at the point of burial, and who, if requested, arranges for the color guard. He is preferably of the same organization, race, and sex as the deceased, and is of equal or higher grade.

Burial expenses..... As defined by AR 30-1830.

Color guard..... The guard who will accomplish military honors at the grave of the deceased.

Commanding officer.... Of the post, camp, station, airfield, hospital, or other military installation, Army corps headquarters, and in unusual cases of divisions.

Commercial wire..... Western Union.

Contract undertaker.... An undertaker under contract with the Government to render whatever services are designated by the purchasing and contracting officer responsible for obtaining undertaking services. (See AR 30-1830.)

Designated beneficiary.. The beneficiary is designated on page 2 of the service record as amended, under "Remarks Administrative," and is entitled to the 6 months' gratuity and pay of the deceased serviceman, if his death is not due to misconduct. However, if the soldier has married after authorizing the above-mentioned entry, the widow of the deceased automatically becomes the beneficiary. Where more than one beneficiary appears, both are reported, giving respective dates of designation (AR 600-600). A friend is not eligible to be designated as beneficiary.

Effects of the deceased.. Any and all belongings, other than Government issue property and those which might cause embarrassment to the deceased's family. For example, send personal effects such as: one letter, one comb, one wrist watch; exclude personal effects such as: one French post card, hygiene items.

Emergency addressee... The person to be notified in case of emergency is shown on page 2 of the service record, as amended, under "Remarks Administrative," or on the identification tag, or on the Emergency Addressee Card, WD AGO Form 43, if prepared.

Government expense for shipment of effects. The officer commanding the organization to which the deceased is assigned, such as company, regiment, or battalion, as indicated.

Immediate commanding officer. The officer commanding the organization to which the deceased is assigned, such as company, regiment, or battalion, as indicated.

Investigation officer.... An officer, preferably of field grade, designated by the commanding officer to investigate and report on circumstances of death and empowered with authority defined in AW 113.

Legal representative.... As stated in AW 112.

Nearest Army post..... Normally the military installation or division headquarters located nearest to the point of the accident or decease. This is further defined in AR 95-120, and AR 600-550 for deceased en route or separated from unit organization.

Nearest relative..... The nearest relative is shown on page 2 of the Service Record, as amended under "Remarks Administrative," or on the Emergency Addressee Card, WD AGO Form 43, if prepared. See definition of next of kin following.

Next of kin..... As defined in AW 112 "the widow; legal representative of the deceased, if such be found by said court; or to the son, daughter, father, provided the father has not abandoned the support of his family; mother, brother, sister, or next of kin in the order named; or the beneficiary named in the will of the deceased, if such found by said court."

Summary court officer.. Defined by AW 112 or AW 113, whichever is applicable.

Surgeon..... The commanding officer of the Army hospital or senior medical member of the organization.

TWX..... Communication deemed most applicable by the signal center, such as War Department net, commercial wire, or teletypewriter exchange.

