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CHANGES No. 1

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Washington 25, D. C., 1 May 1945

TM 12-240 is changed as follows:

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Pages 4 and 5, change title to "Notifications for Decease Due to Aircraft Accident and Major Disaster."

Page 5, Add notification from Commanding Officer Nearest Army post to emergency addressee or his designated receiving funeral director in all cases to arrange for disposition of remains.

Page 7, paragraph 7, change first sentence to "If the troop train commander has available responsible military personnel, preferably an officer whom he can detail to stay with the deceased until aid arrives, he will do so."

Page 9, under "Local Health Authorities," add sentence, "If necessary, prepares Certificate of Death."

Page 12, second sentence under Chief of Service or His Designee, change to "If commanding officer requests autopsy be performed on military personnel, chief of laboratory service performs autopsy. AR 600-550."

Pages 12, 13, and 15, delete copy of Certificate of Death prepared and forwarded to United States Census Bureau in accordance with C4 AR 40-1080.

Page 19, under Commanding Officer. Prepares a sixth part of WD AGO Form 52-5 to be forwarded to Purchasing and Contracting Officer.

Remove pages 21 and 22, and substitute revised pages 21 and 22, herewith.

Page 23, WD AGO Form 52-5, Initial Report of Death, item "S." Change wording "Was deceased on active duty status" to "Was deceased on duty status."

Page 27, second sentence under Note 1, change to "If after a reasonable time he is not claimed, the deceased is entitled to be buried in a national cemetery. AR 30-1820."

Page 31, note is applicable to conditions A, B and C, section 7.

Page 37, delete reference to Army War Bond Office, Chicago, Illinois, and copy of WD AGO Form 30-S, sent to former AWB.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
MESSAGEFORM

Date 24 July 1944

File No. 123

Telephone No. 532

Office of origin Headquarters (Arm or service) (Division) (Branch) (Section) FDCG (Symbol)

Address Fort Dix, New Jersey

To:

MR. THOMAS C. DOE
27 HILLSIDE AVENUE
WOODSTOCK, CONN.

PRECEDENCE			
WIRE OR RADIO		ESSENTIAL MILITARY MAIL	
Urgent		Air mail	
Priority		Special delivery	
Routine COM WIRE		Ordinary	
Deferred		Registered	
Week end			

Any message not X'd for precedence will be sent "Deferred."

Initial of officer assigning precedence: MP

MESSAGE:

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 WHETHER YOU DESIRE REMAINS SHIPPED DIRECT HOME OR DIRECT TO A NATIONAL CEMETERY STOP LONG ISLAND NATIONAL CEMETERY FARMINGDALE LONG ISLAND NEW YORK IS NEAREST YOUR HOME STOP IF SHIPMENT HOME IS DESIRED PLEASE FURNISH NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR SELECTED BY YOU TO RECEIVE REMAINS AT DESTINATION STOP IF SHIPMENT DIRECT TO A NATIONAL CEMETERY IS DESIRED PLEASE DESIGNATE BY NAME NATIONAL CEMETERY TO WHICH REMAINS SHOULD BE SHIPPED STOP FIFTY DOLLARS WILL BE ALLOWED TOWARD INTERMENT EXPENSES STOP KINDLY INCLUDE IN YOUR WIRE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF A PERSON DESIGNATED TO INCUR THESE INTERMENT EXPENSES STOP MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO YOU AND MEMBERS OF THE DECEASED FAMILY AT THIS TIME END

Madison Pearson

MADISON PEARSON
BRIGADIER GENERAL, USA
COMMANDING

W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 801
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LETTER OF SYMPATHY

HEADQUARTERS
FORT 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 lives 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 above. 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. Or, you may feel free to call on the Personal Affairs Officer at an Army post nearer your home.

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

Sincerely yours,

Madison Pearson
MADISON PEARSON
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

Figure 9.

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TM 12-240, 1 January 1945, is changed as follows:

Page 30, figure 13, in section 6A, second column under block labeled "Effects," change second legend to read: Arranges for packing and shipment at Government expense, if requested.

Pages 40 and 41, figure 18 is changed as follows:

Under third column, "Investigating Officer," change:

Medical Diagnosis from 2 copies to 3 copies.
Certificate of Commanding Officer from 2 copies to 3 copies.
Testimony of Witnesses, 3 copies.
Coroner's Findings from 2 copies to 3 copies.

Under fourth column, "Surgeon," change:

Medical Diagnosis from 3 copies to 4 copies.

Under fifth column, "Immediate Commanding Officer," change:

Certificate of Commanding Officer from 3 copies to 4 copies.

Under seventh column "Coroner," change:

Coroner's Findings from 2 copies to 3 copies.

Pages 42 and 43, figure 19 is changed as follows:

Under second column, "Investigating Officer," change:

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Certificate from 2 copies to 3 copies.
Testimony from 2 copies to 3 copies.
Coroner's Findings from 2 copies to 3 copies.

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Testimony from 1 copy to 2 copies.
Coroner's Findings from 1 copy to 2 copies.

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Coroner's Findings from 2 copies to 3 copies.

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Diagnosis from 1 copy to 2 copies.
Certificate from 1 copy to 2 copies.
Testimony from 1 copy to 2 copies.
Coroner's Findings from 1 copy to 2 copies.

Change the second set of blocks under fifth column, "The Adjutant General," to read:

1 AGO 51 1 Diagnosis 1 Certificate 1 Testimony 1 Coroner's Findings	On arrow going to column entitled "Administrator of Veteran's Affairs."
2 & 3 AGO 51 2 Diagnosis 2 Certificate 2 Testimony 2 Coroner's Findings	To Retain in AGO

Change the first block under sixth column, "Administrator of Veteran's Affairs," to read:

1 AGO 51
1 Diagnosis
1 Certificate
1 Testimony
1 Coroner's Findings

Page 47, second column, delete "Government expense for shipment of effects—Prepaid."

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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 arrangement 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.

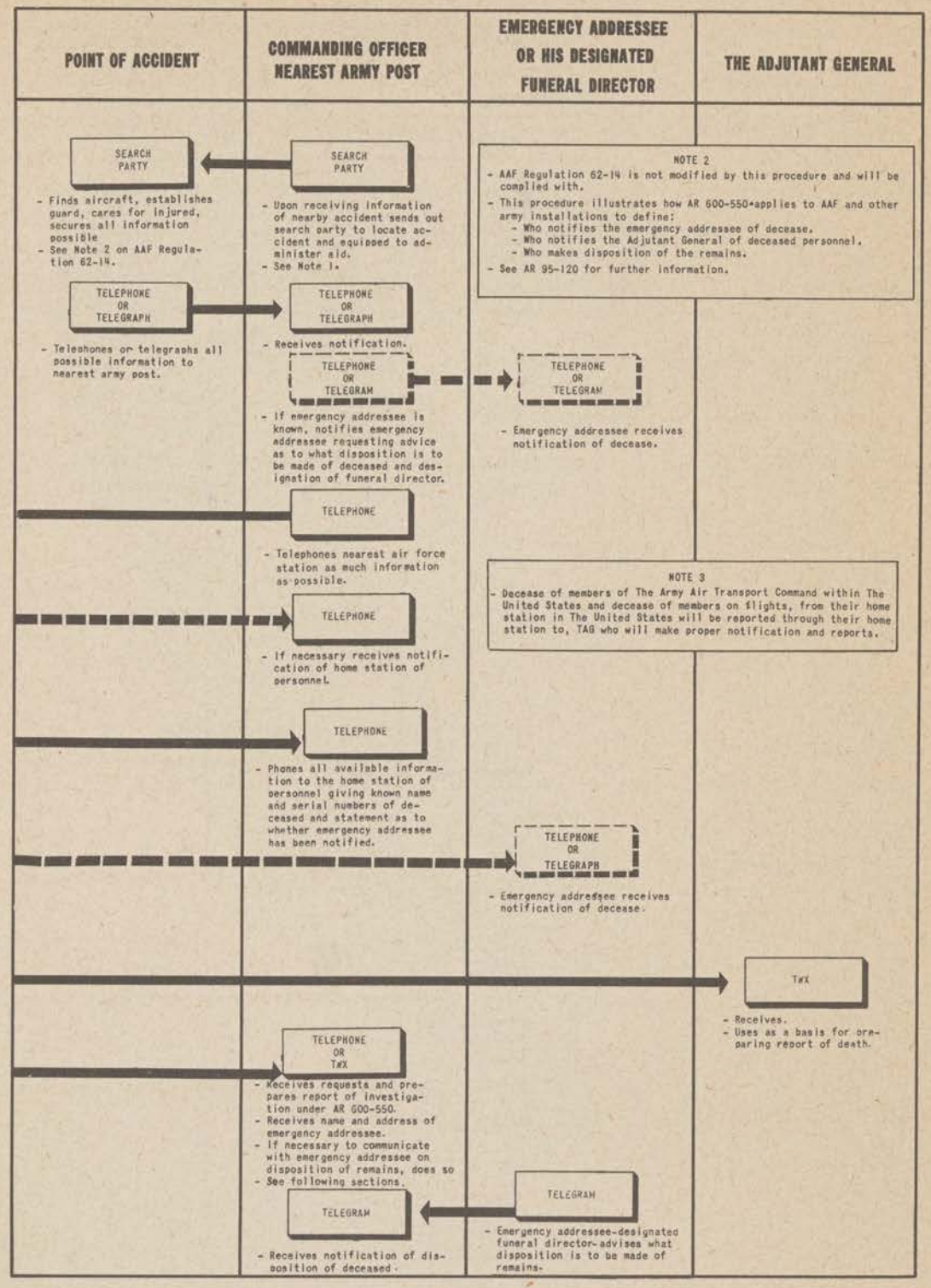
In the case of an aircraft accident, the Army post locating the remains of the deceased will not necessarily have personnel records essential to make notification to the emergency addressee or to prepare the telegraphic report of death to The Adjutant General. Therefore, the Army post nearest the scene 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 DEPARTURE (IF NECESSARY)	COMMANDING OFFICER NEAREST AIR FORCE STATION
SECTION I NOTIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR DECEASE DUE TO AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT - (See W. D. Cir. 373, 1944)			
SEARCH PARTY TELEPHONE OR TELEGRAPH TO NEAREST ARMY POST	NOTE I - 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 EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE TELEPHONE TO NEAREST AIR FORCE STATION			TELEPHONE - Receives notification - If necessary locates station of departure of flight - Complies with AAF 62-14.
AIR COMMUNICATIONS		AIR COMMUNICATIONS - If necessary to establish identity of personnel receives notification - Determines home station of personnel - This step not necessary if home station of personnel known.	AIR COMMUNICATIONS - If necessary to establish identity of personnel, locates station of departure and requests identification of home station of personnel - This step not necessary if home station of personnel known.
TELEPHONE			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.
TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE - Receives notification including statement as to whether emergency addresses have been notified.		
TELEPHONE OR TELEGRAPH TO EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE	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.		
TWX TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL	TWX - Sends TWX notification to the adjutant general - Uses WDAGO 52-5 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 notifications, 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.

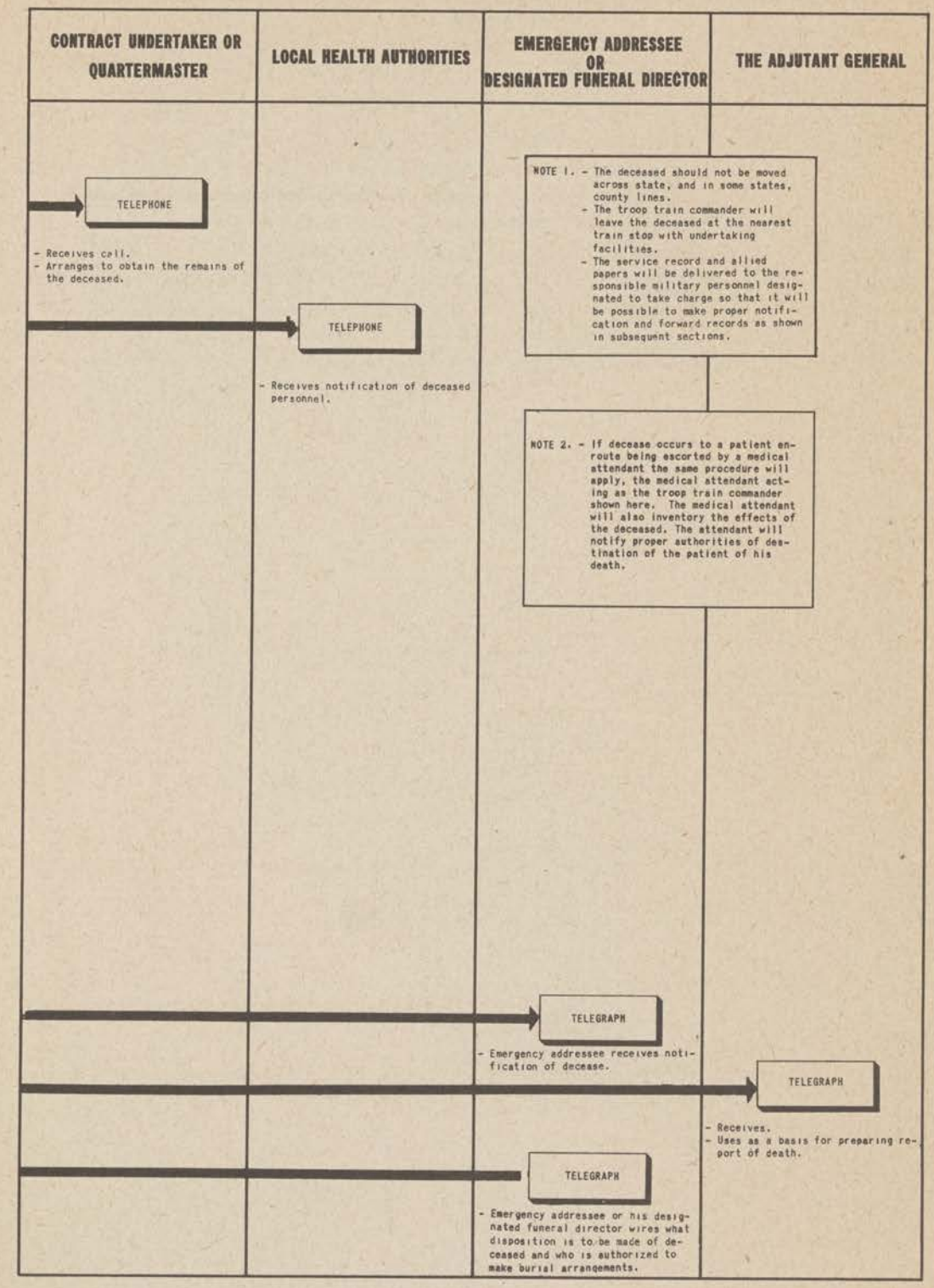
9. See figure 2 for a graphic presentation of the above procedure.

INITIAL NOTIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR

FIG. 2

DOCUMENT	TROOP TRAIN COMMANDER	NEAREST ARMY POST	COMMANDING GENERAL SERVICE COMMAND
SECTION 2. DECEASE OCCURRING ON TROOP TRAINS - INITIAL NOTIFICATIONS REQUIRED.			
TELEPHONE CALL TO UNDERTAKER	TELEPHONE - Telephones to local undertaker to arrange for placing the deceased in an undertaking parlor.		
TELEPHONE CALL TO LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES	TELEPHONE - Telephones local health authorities notifying them of the deceased personnel.		
TELEPHONE CALL TO NEAREST ARMY POST	TELEPHONE - If train commander knows of nearby Army Installation, he will telephone requesting responsible personnel.	TELEPHONE - Receives notification. - Designates responsible personnel to take charge of deceased, make disposition, and notifications required.	
TELEPHONE CALL TO SERVICE COMMAND (IF REQUIRED)	TELEPHONE - If train commander does not know of nearby Army Installation, telephones to CG of Service Command, in which decease occured requesting designation of nearby Army Post or responsible personnel from Hq to take charge. - States name and address of undertaker caring for deceased.		TELEPHONE - Receives notification. - Designates nearby Army Installation to take charge or sends responsible personnel from C.G. to take charge. - Notifies troop train commander who will take charge.
TELEPHONE CALL TO NEARER ARMY POST (IF REQUIRED)		TELEPHONE - Receives notification to take charge of deceased.	TELEPHONE - If necessary and if responsible personnel is not sent from Hq, telephones nearest Army Post to take charge. - States name and address of undertaker. - Acts without delay.
TELEGRAPH TO THE EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE	TELEGRAPH - Notifies emergency addressee of decease stating name and address of the undertaker and of the nearest Army Post or CG, Service Command, who will arrange disposition of deceased.		
TELEGRAPH TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL		TELEGRAPH - Prepares and sends wire to the Adjutant General.	
TELEGRAPH TO NEAREST ARMY POST		TELEGRAPH - Receives notification of disposition to be made of deceased, See sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.	

DECEASE OCCURRING ON TROOP TRAINS



CHAPTER 4

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE FOR DECEASE IN U. S. ARMY HOSPITALS

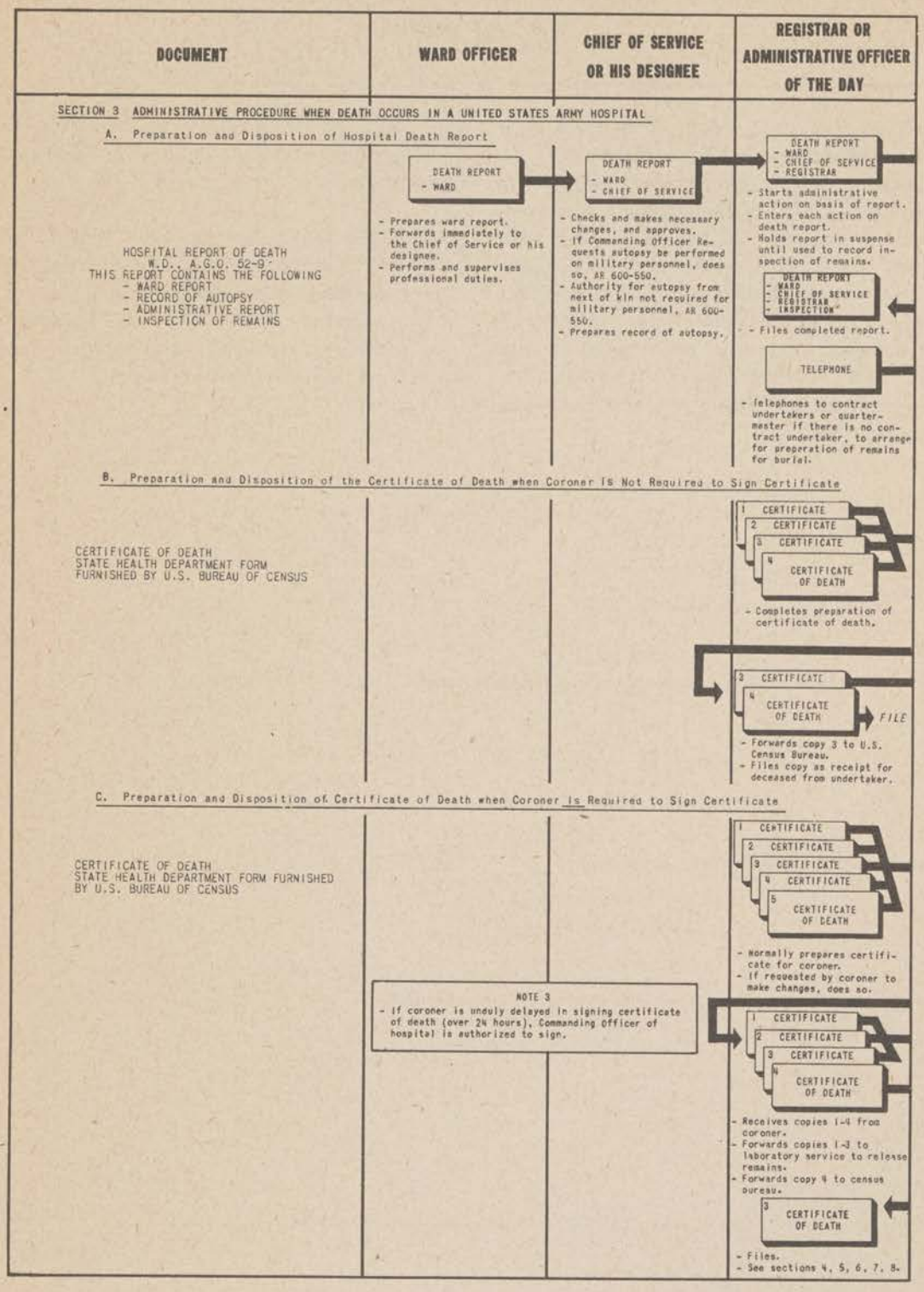
10. A Hospital Report of Death, WD AGO Form 52-9, and the Standard Certificate of Death of the State Department of Vital Statistics will record along with the notification to the commanding officer, when required, all the administrative reports necessary when death occurs at a U. S. Army hospital. A 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



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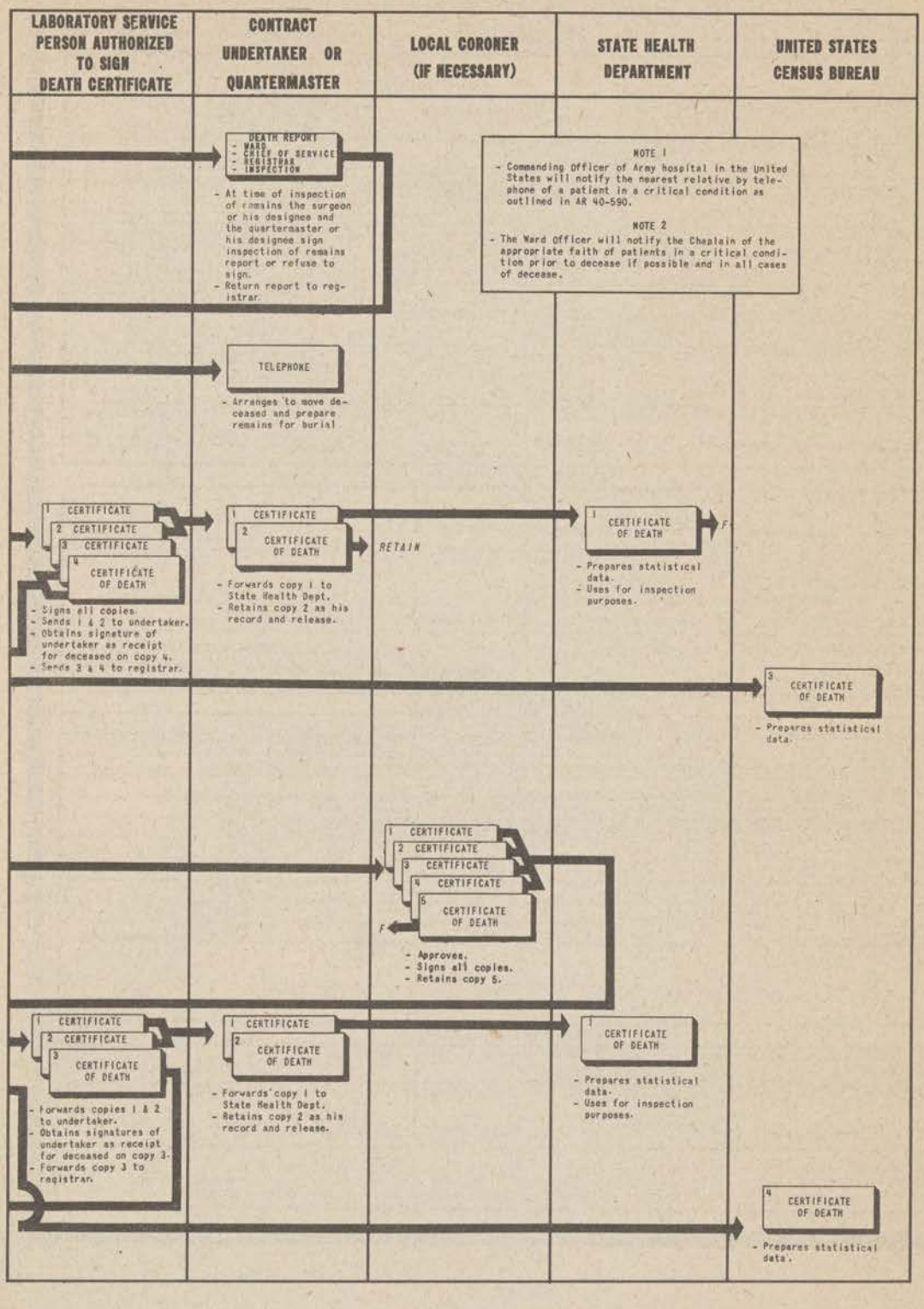

HOSPITAL REPORT OF DEATH

WD AGO FORM 52-9

HOSPITAL REPORT OF DEATH
AR 600-550

WARD REPORT

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL	2. ARMY SERIAL NUMBER	3. GRADE	4. WARD
Doe, John J.	2,468,109	Pvt.	24

5. DIED (Hour - Day - Month - Year)	6. CHAPL. NOTIF. YES	NO	7. RELIGION
1700 24 July 1944	X		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	11. LINE OF DUTY YES	NO	12. MISCONDUCT YES	NO
Peripheral vascular collapse, severe secondary to item 2 below	Undetermined			

13. CONTRIBUTORY CAUSE OF DEATH	14. LINE OF DUTY YES	NO	15. MISCONDUCT YES	NO
Brain, Laceration of, Severe, accidentally incurred when soldier was hit by truck at 2200, 23 July 1944, Ft. Dix, N.J.	Undetermined			

16. PRINCIPAL FINDINGS OF OPERATION (If none performed, so state)	17. INVESTIGATING OFF. REQUIRED YES	NO
Subdural hematoma, left, extensive. Brain, laceration of, diffuse severe. Operation performed 0130, 24 July 1944	X	

18. MEDICAL OFFICER IN ATTENDANCE (Signature only)	19. CHIEF OF *MEDICAL OR *SURGICAL SERVICE (Signature only) (*Delete one)
George E. Harrison, Maj. M.C.	James M. Versel, Lt. Col., M.C.

RECORD OF AUTOPSY

20. AUTOPSY ORDERED BY (Signature of C.O. or his Designee)	21. DATE
John Turnbull, Colonel, M.C.	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. AUTOPSY PERFORMED BY (Signature only)
24 July 1944 Tilton GH. Ft. Dix, N.J.	Joseph W. Tilford, Lt. Col., M.C.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

25. ACTION TAKEN BY REGISTRAR-ADMIN. OFF. OF DAY (AR600-500)	HOUR	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	INITIALS OF RESPONS. OFF.
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 40-590, I CERTIFY THAT THE REMAINS WERE INSPECTED AFTER EMBALMING, AND AGAIN, IN COMPANY WITH THE CONTRACTING OFFICER AFTER THE BODY WAS CLOTHED AND PLACED IN THE CASKET AT (Place of inspection) → Trenton, N.J.

28. SIGNATURE OF INSPECTING OFFICER - FOR SURGEON	29. SIGNATURE OF INSPECTING OFFICER - FOR QUARTERMASTER
H. A. Press, Capt., M.C.	Fred Studt, Lt., Q.M.

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.

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Figure 4.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State File No. .....
Registrar's No. .....

State of New Jersey

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
(a) County Burlington, New Hanover Township
(b) City or town Fort Dix (If outside city or town limits, write RURAL)
(c) Name of hospital or institution: Tilton General Hospital (If not in hospital or institution, write street number or location)
(d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution ..... (Specify yes or no)
In this community 1 yr. 1 mo. 2 days 3 hrs (years, months or days)

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
(a) State New Jersey (b) County Burlington
(c) City or town Fort Dix, New Jersey (If outside city or town limits, write RURAL)
(d) Street No. ..... (If rural, give location)
(e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.? Citizen years.

3. (a) FULL NAME John J. Doe
3. (b) If veteran, name war World II
3. (c) Social Security No. 336-07-3464
4. Sex Male
5. Color or race White
6. (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced Single
6. (b) Name of husband or wife .....
6. (c) Age of husband or wife if alive ..... years
7. Birth date of deceased May 1, 1911. (Month) (Day) (Year)

8. AGE: Years 33 Months 2 Days 23 If less than one day ..... hr. ..... min.

9. Birthplace Harrisville, R.I. (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
10. Usual occupation Bricklayer
11. Industry or business Bricklaying
MOTHER 12. Name Mr. Thomas C. Doe
FATHER 13. Birthplace Sharon, Pa. (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
14. Maiden name Mary Ann Jones
15. Birthplace Reading (City, town, or county) Pa. (State or foreign country)

16. (a) Informant's own signature Official Records
(b) Address U. S. Army
17. (a) ..... (Burial, cremation, or removal) (b) Date thereof ..... (Month) (Day) (Year)
(c) Place; burial or cremation J. C. McGill, Woodstock, Conn.
18. (a) Signature of funeral director Jones Funeral Director
(b) Address Trenton, N.J.
19. (a) 26 Jul 44 (Date received local registrar) (b) ..... (Registrar's signature)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
20. Date of death: Month July day 24 year 44 hour 1:30A.M. minute .....
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from VIEWED, 19...., to ....., 19....: that I last saw him alive on 24 July, 1944: and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.

	Duration
Immediate cause of death (1) Cerebral Concussion	
Due to Peripheral, Vascular, Collapse	
Due to	
Other conditions (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)	

Major findings:
Of operations .....
Of autopsy As above

PHYSICIAN — Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) .....
(b) Date of occurrence 23 July 1944
(c) Where did injury occur? Fort Dix, New Jersey (City or town) (County) (State)
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? Military Reservation (Specify yes or no)
While at work? ..... (e) Means of injury Truck accident
23. Signature Stacey Jones (M. D. or other) .....
Address Burlington County Corner Date signed 7-24

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I have received the remains of the above in good condition- M R 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.

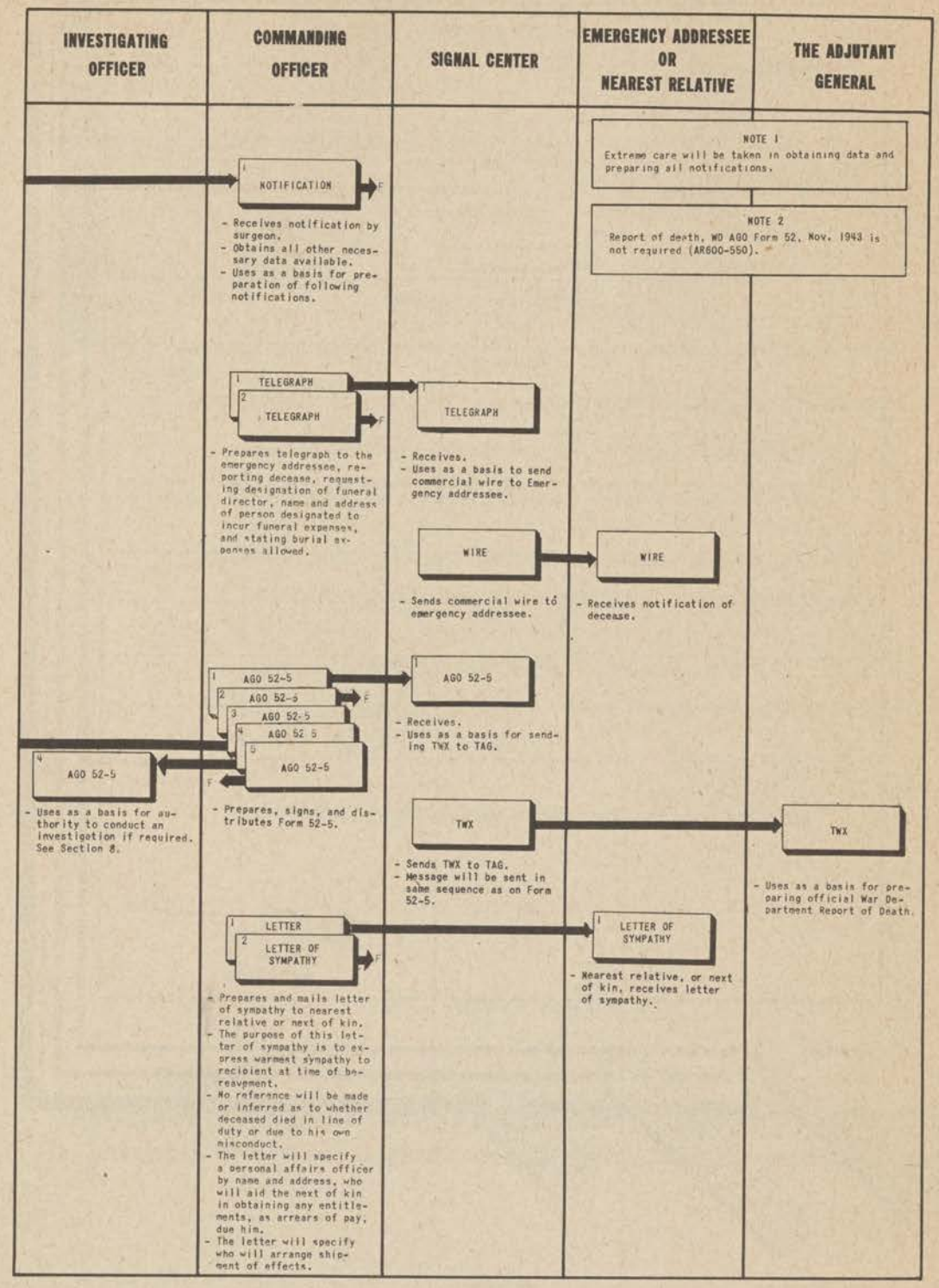
15. A letter of sympathy is sent to the nearest relative over the signature of the commanding officer of the post, camp, or station. (See fig. 9 below for suggested form of letter of sympathy. The other immediate notifications, and procedures for their use, are presented in figures 6, 7, 8, and 10.) 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
SECTION 4 - IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATIONS. WITHIN TWENTY FOUR HOURS UPON DECEASE OF PERSONNEL SUBJECT TO MILITARY AUTHORITY			
NOTIFICATION BY SURGEON (LETTER, TELEPHONE CALL OR OTHER FORM OF NOTIFICATION)	1 NOTIFICATION 2 NOTIFICATION 3 NOTIFICATION - 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.	2 NOTIFICATION - Collects and inventories effects. (See Section 6). - Drops soldier from morning report. - Determines who will be burial escort.	
TELEGRAPH MESSAGE TO EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE			
COMMERCIAL WIRE TO EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE			
REPORT OF DEATH WD AGO 52-5			3 AGO 52-5 - Uses a basis for authority to act as summary court officer, See section 6.
TWX TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL			
SECTION 5 - PREPARATION AND DISPOSITION OF LETTER OF SYMPATHY			
LETTER OF SYMPATHY			

FOR ALL DECEASED PERSONNEL



TEXAS STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
LIBRARY

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
SEC. PAR. 2, AR 600-550

1. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME. Doe, John James	2. ARMY SERIAL NO. 2468109	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.

John Turnbull
JOHN TURNBULL
Colonel, MC
Commanding

REPRODUCE LOCALLY DISTRIBUTION SURGEON TO COMMANDING OFFICER.

PART 1 - TO COMMANDING OFFICER

PART 2 - TO IMMEDIATE COMMANDING OFFICER

PART 3 - FILE COPY

Figure 7.

TELEGRAM TO EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE
(WD AGO FORM 801)

WAR DEPARTMENT
MESSAGEFORM
Commercial Wire

Date 24 July 1944

File No. 123

Telephone No. 532

Office of origin Headquarters (Arm or service) (Division) (Branch) (Section) FDCG (Symbol)

Address Fort Dix, New Jersey

To:

MR. THOMAS C. DOE
27 HILLSIDE AVENUE
WOODSTOCK, CONN.

PRECEDENCE			
WIRE OR RADIO		ESSENTIAL MILITARY MAIL	
Urgent Coml Wire		Air mail	
Priority		Special delivery	
Routine		Ordinary	
Deferred		Registered	
Week end			

Any message not X'd for precedence will be sent "Deferred."

Initial of officer assigning precedence MKP

MESSAGE:

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 END

Madison Pearson
MADISON PEARSON
BRIGADIER GENERAL,U.S.A.
COMMANDING

W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 801
March 12, 1943

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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

Figure 9.

INITIAL REPORT OF DEATH
(WD AGO FORM 52-5)

INITIAL REPORT OF DEATH

STEP 1 - COMPLETE ITEMS A-Z AND ADDITIONAL STATEMENT AND SEND TO SIGNAL CENTER

INITIAL REPORT OF DEATH
AR 600-550

POST, CAMP, STATION, OR HOSPITAL ORIGINATING REPORT: Tilton General Hospital
ADDRESS: Ft. Dix, New Jersey
DATE OF REPORT: 24 July 1944

A. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME	B. ARMY SERIAL NO.	C. GRADE
Doe, John James	2 468 109	Pvt.
D. HOME ADDRESS	E. ARM OR SERVICE	F. DATE OF BIRTH
27 Hillside Avenue, Woodstock, Conn.	Inf.	1 May 1911

G. PLACE OF DEATH	H. CAUSE OF DEATH	I. DATE OF DEATH
Tilton General Hospital, Ft. Dix, N.J.	Peripheral, Vascular Collapse	24 July 1944

J. STATION OF DECEASED	K. DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	L. LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES		
		YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS
181st Inf, Ft. Dix, N.J.	10 May 1942	2	2	15

M. EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)
Mr. Thomas C. Doe, Father
27 Hillside Avenue
Woodstock, Conn.

N. BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS)
Mrs. Thomas C. Doe
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 PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
X		Undetermined		Undetermined		X		X			X		X

W. ACCEPTED APPLICANT FOR ENLISTMENT		X. DISCHARGED ENLISTED MAN		Y. IF PERMANENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE (AR 600-500) REPORT BUREAU
YES	NO	YES	NO	
	X		X	No

Z. DATE EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE NOTIFIED	DATE INVESTIGATING OFFICER APPOINTED	NAME, SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE OF SUMMARY COURT OFFICER
24 Jul 1944	25 Jul 1944	James Dill, Major, Inf, O - 223934

DESTINATION OF REMAINS OF DECEASED AND FUNERAL DIRECTOR DESIGNATED TO MAKE BURIAL
J.C. Mc Gill, Undertaker, 408 South Main St, Woodstock, Conn.

NAME, GRADE AND SERIAL NUMBER OF BURIAL ESCORT
Robert N. Kay, 3 426 028, Pvt MD

DATE SUMMARY COURT OFFICER APPOINTED	NAME, SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE OF SUMMARY COURT OFFICER
24 Jul 1944	H. A. Campbell, Captain, Inf, O - 426-395

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT
aa. Death not due to military operations or training.

STEP 2 - ENTER NAME OF INVESTIGATING OFFICER IF REQUIRED

STEP 4 - ENTER NAME OF BURIAL ESCORT AND SEND TO PERSONNEL OR ADJUTANT TO PREPARE SPECIAL ORDERS

STEP 3 - ENTER NAME OF SUMMARY COURT OFFICER IF REQUIRED

STEP 1A - SHOW IF DEATH DUE TO MILITARY OPERATIONS OR TRAINING ACTIVITIES PAR. 1i, 6a, 6k, AR 35-5320

STEP 5 - NOTE INSTRUCTIONS

Madison Pearson

COMMANDING Madison Pearson
Brigadier General, USA

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 Held 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 Officer, 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.

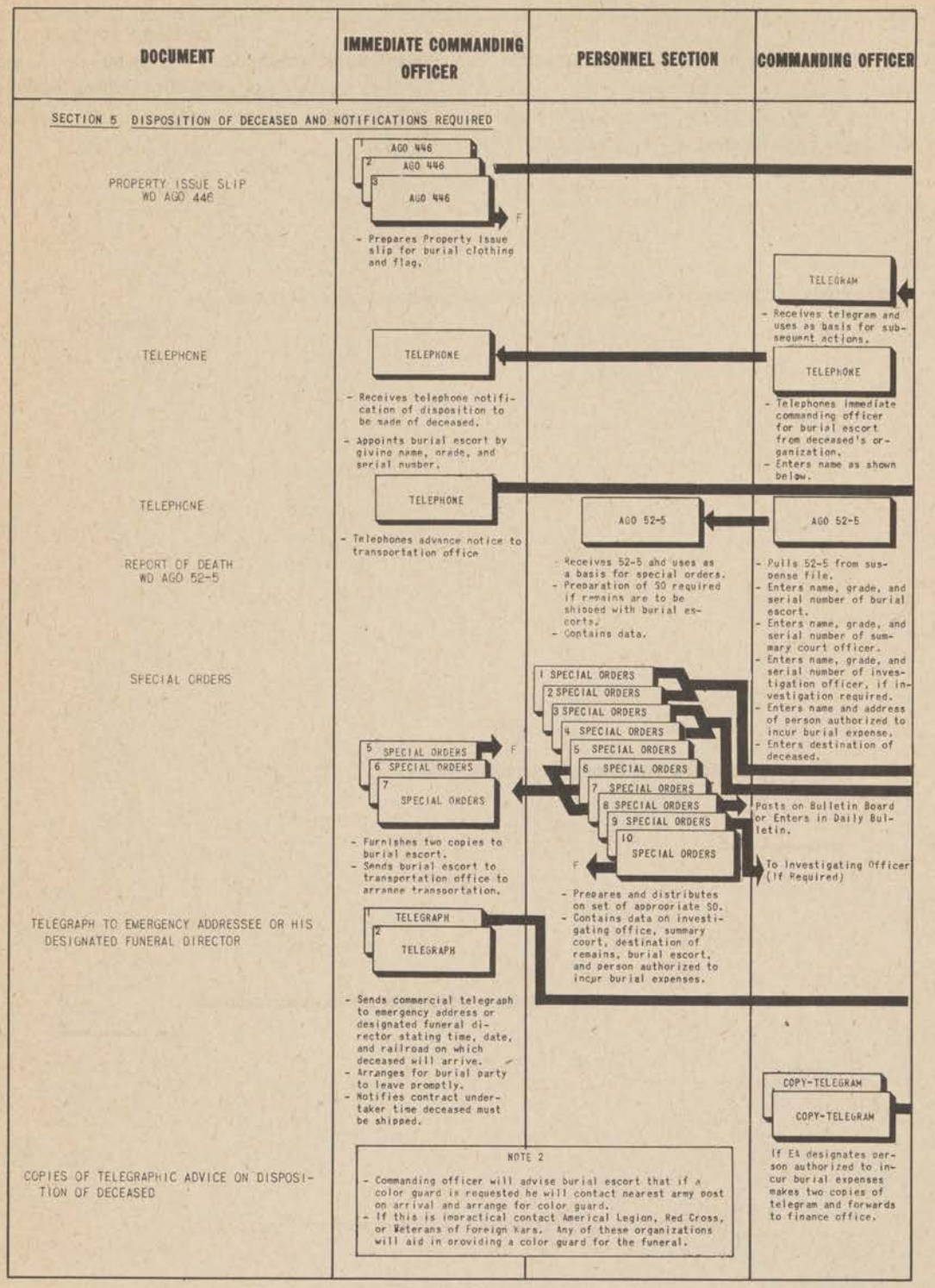
CHAPTER 6

DISPOSITION OF DECEASED PERSONNEL

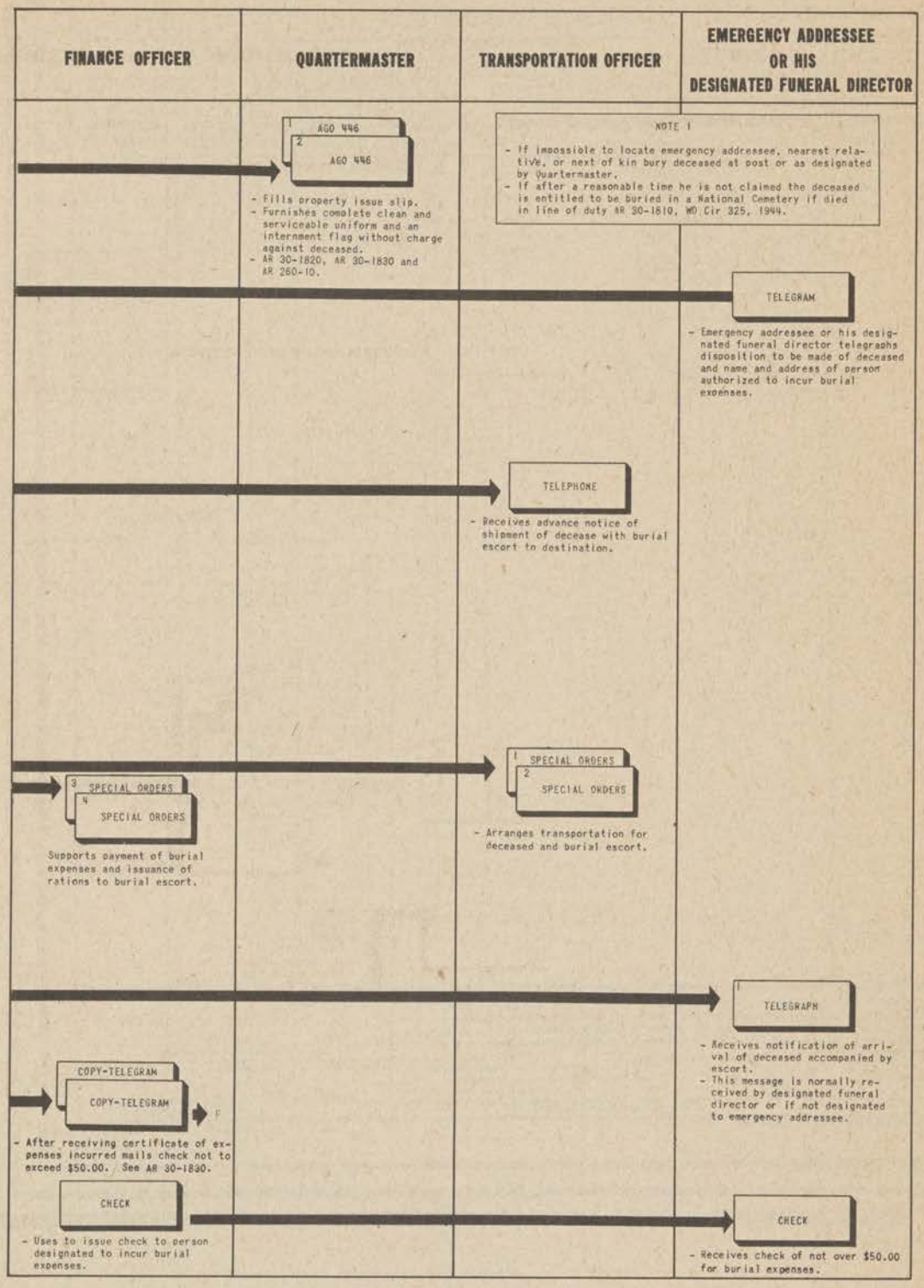
16. Commanding officers will take prompt action to see that the disposition of the deceased is accomplished without undue delay. If there are any circumstances which may delay the shipping of the deceased to the point of interment, the commanding officer is authorized to send notification of this delay 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

For: (Organization unit) John J. Doe, 2 468 109, Pvt, Deceased

Type of Issue: Initial | Replacement ✓ | Debit Memo Receipt | Credit Memo Receipt

Voucher No. 123

Issue Slip No. 124

Stock No.	Nomenclature	Unit	Auth. or Max. Level	On Hand	Due In	Quantity Desired	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	

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. _____

(Date) 24 July 1944 — F. H. Studt, Lt. QMC. — For Station Supply Officer.

For the Commanding Officer: (Date) 25 July, 1944 — A. R. Shay, Lt. QMC. — Organization Supply Officer.

Quantities shown in "Action" column have been received. (Date) 25 July, 1944 — R. O. Lucas, Capt. M.C. — Authorized Representative.

CD. Det. Patients

W.D., AGO Form 446—6 August 1943

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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.

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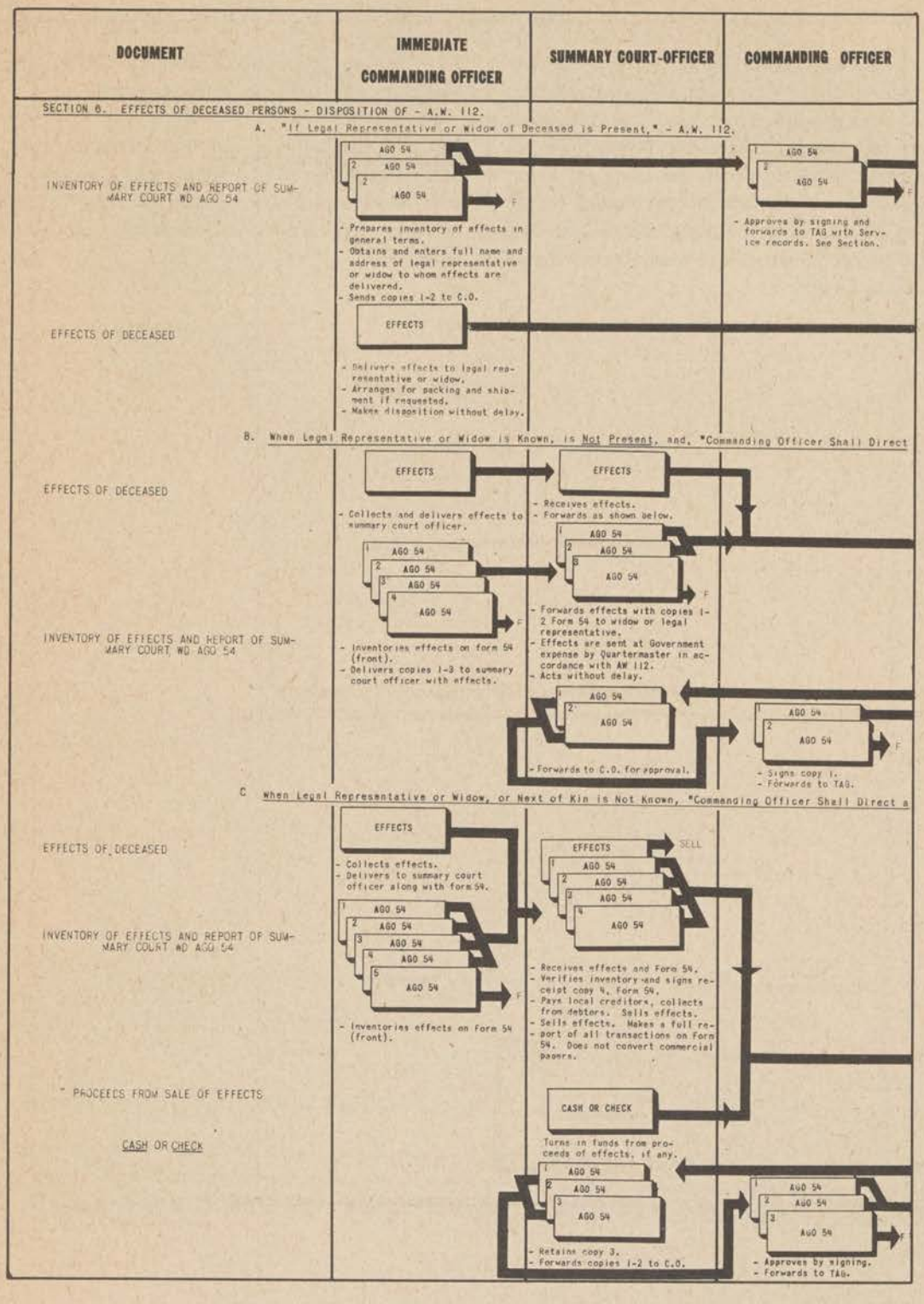
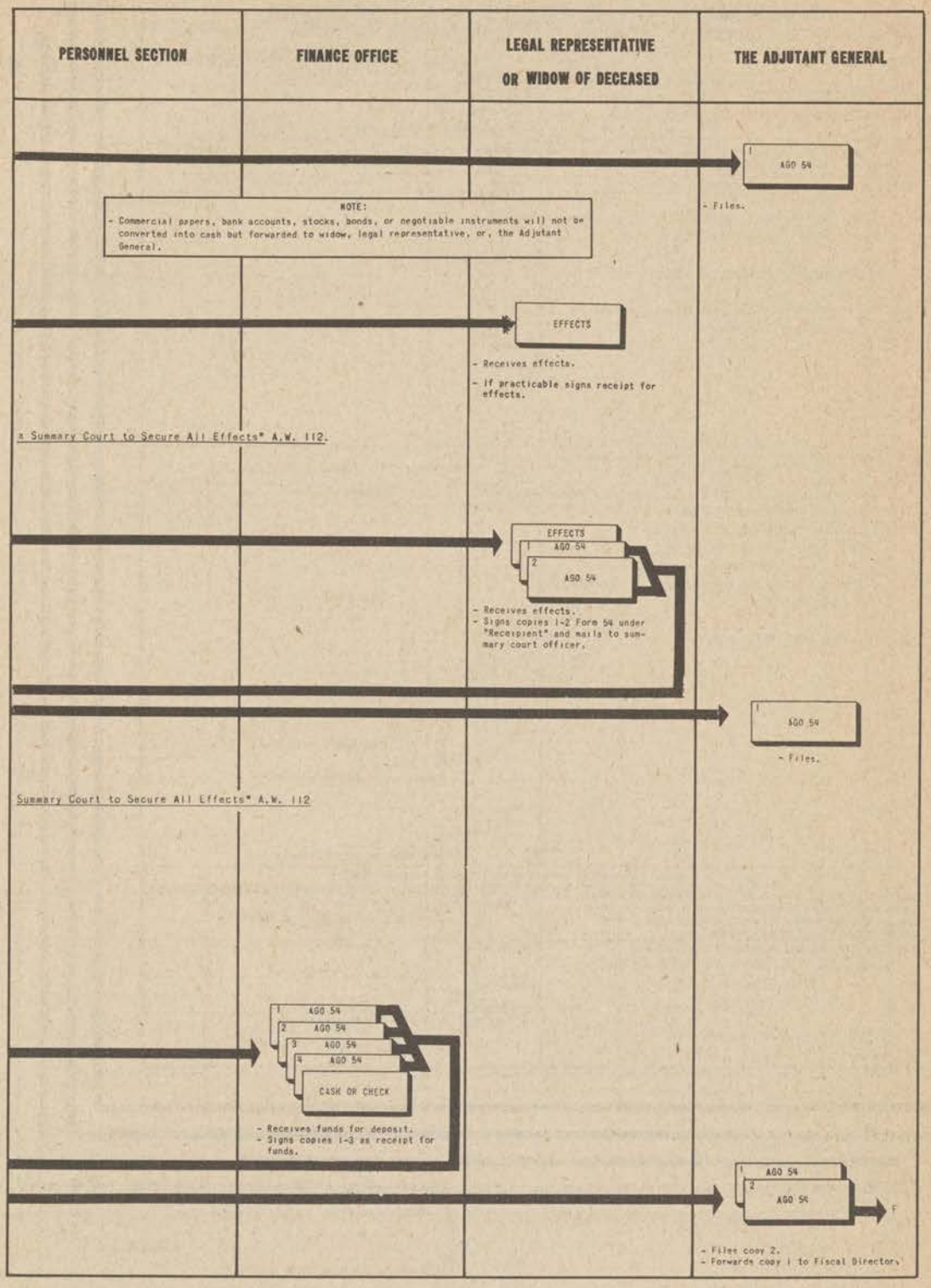
DISPOSITION OF EFFECTS

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	2. ARMY SERIAL NUMBER	3. GRADE	4. DATE OF DEATH
Doe, John J.	2468109	Pvt	24 Jul 44

5. ORGANIZATION OF DECEASED (Assigned)	6. PLACE OF DEATH
181st Inf, Fort Dix, N. J.	Tilton GH Fort Dix, New Jersey

7. CLASS I EFFECTS - SABER, INSIGNIA, DECORATIONS, MEDALS, CAMPAIGN CITATIONS, WATCHES, MANUSCRIPTS AND OTHER ARTICLES VALUABLE CHIEFLY AS KEEPSAKES. *(If necessary Class I 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, BANK 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.		
		$.	ENTER TOTAL AMOUNT OF CASH OR EQUIVALENT HERE

FOR USE OF IMMEDIATE COMMANDING OFFICER OF ORGANIZATION SECURING EFFECTS

9. 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 PERSONNEL DECEASED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES TO THE EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER.* YES

10. EFFECTS ARE TO BE DELIVERED OR SHIPPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A.R. 112
IF EFFECTS DELIVERED TO LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE MAKE ENTRIES HERE.

NAME	Mrs Thomas C. Doe
ADDRESS	27 Hillside Avenue
CITY AND STATE	Woodstock, Conn.
DATE DELIVERED	25 July, 1944

11. I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING INVENTORY COMPRISES ALL THE EFFECTS OF ABOVE NAMED DECEASED.
L T Roach
SIGNATURE

NAME AND GRADE
L. T. Roach, Capt. Inf.

ORGANIZATION
181st Inf, Ft. Dix, N.J.

12. SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT OR SUMMARY COURT OFFICER
H. A. Campbell

W.D., A.G.O. FORM NO. 54 27 June 1944 THIS FORM SUPERSEDES W.D., A.G.O. FORM NO. 54, 1 JULY 1935 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: STOCKS, BONDS AND OTHER COMMERCIAL PAPER WILL NOT BE CONVERTED INTO CASH, BUT SENT TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL WITH THIS REPORT IN CASE OF DOMESTIC DECEASE. FOR OVERSEAS CASUALTIES THESE EFFECTS WILL BE SENT TO THE EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER.*

None

OBTAIN RECEIPT FOR FUNDS AS INDICATED HERE

ENTER AMOUNT OF MONEY REALIZED FROM SALE OF EFFECTS HERE IN WORDS AND FIGURES.
None

16. RECEIPT FOR FUNDS
PROCEEDS 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 195, 1943. Send Check to Effects Quartermaster.*)

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 25 July 1944	18. DATE AND LOCATION 24 July 1944 Ft. Dix, New Jersey
SIGNATURE OF COMMANDING OFFICER Madison Pearson	SIGNATURE OF SUMMARY COURT OFFICER H. A. Campbell
TYPED NAME AND GRADE Madison Pearson Brigadier General, USA	TYPED NAME, GRADE AND ORGANIZATION 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.

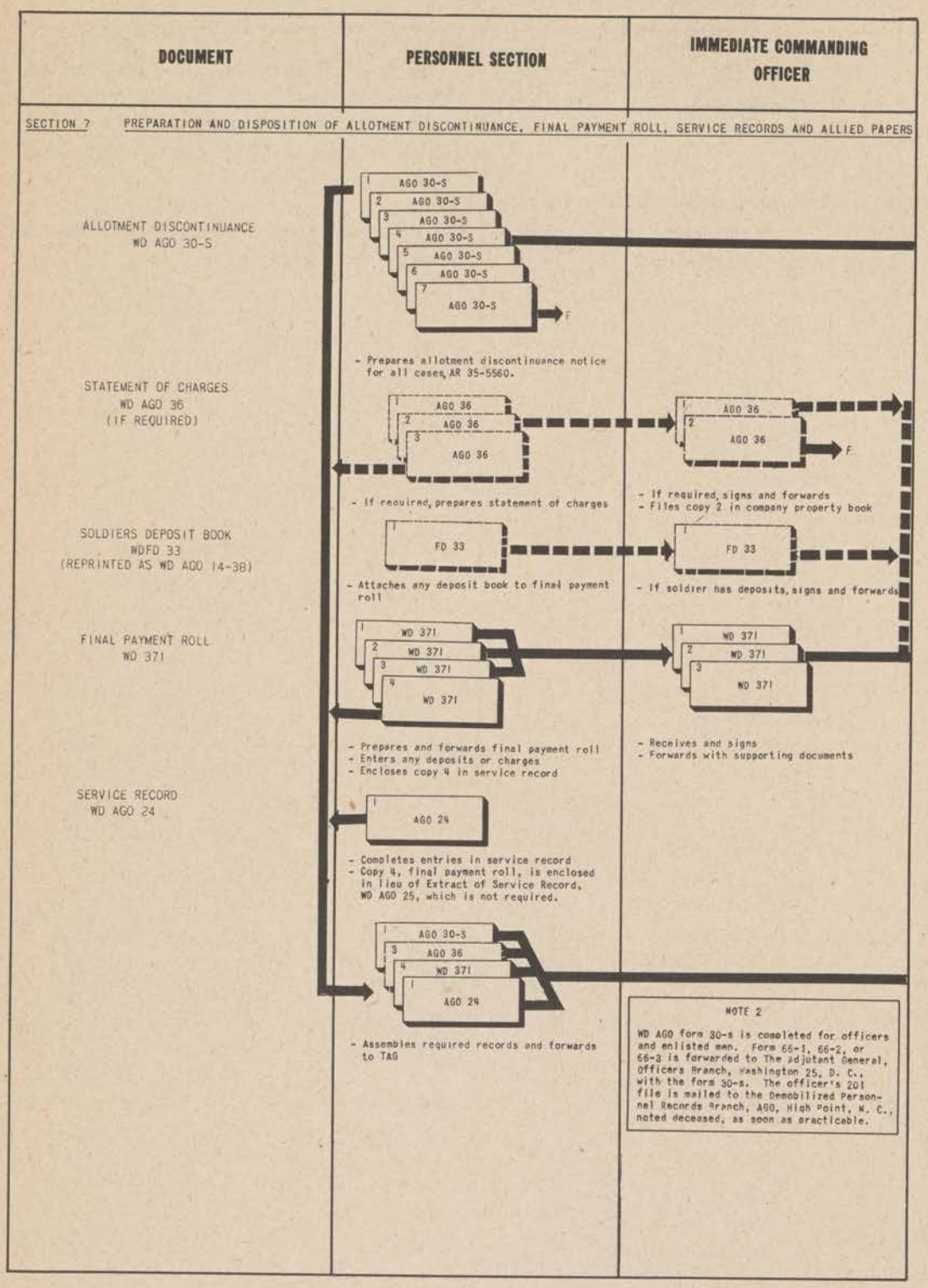
b. Allotment offices must receive prompt notification of discontinuances of allotments or allowances in order that issuance may be terminated.

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



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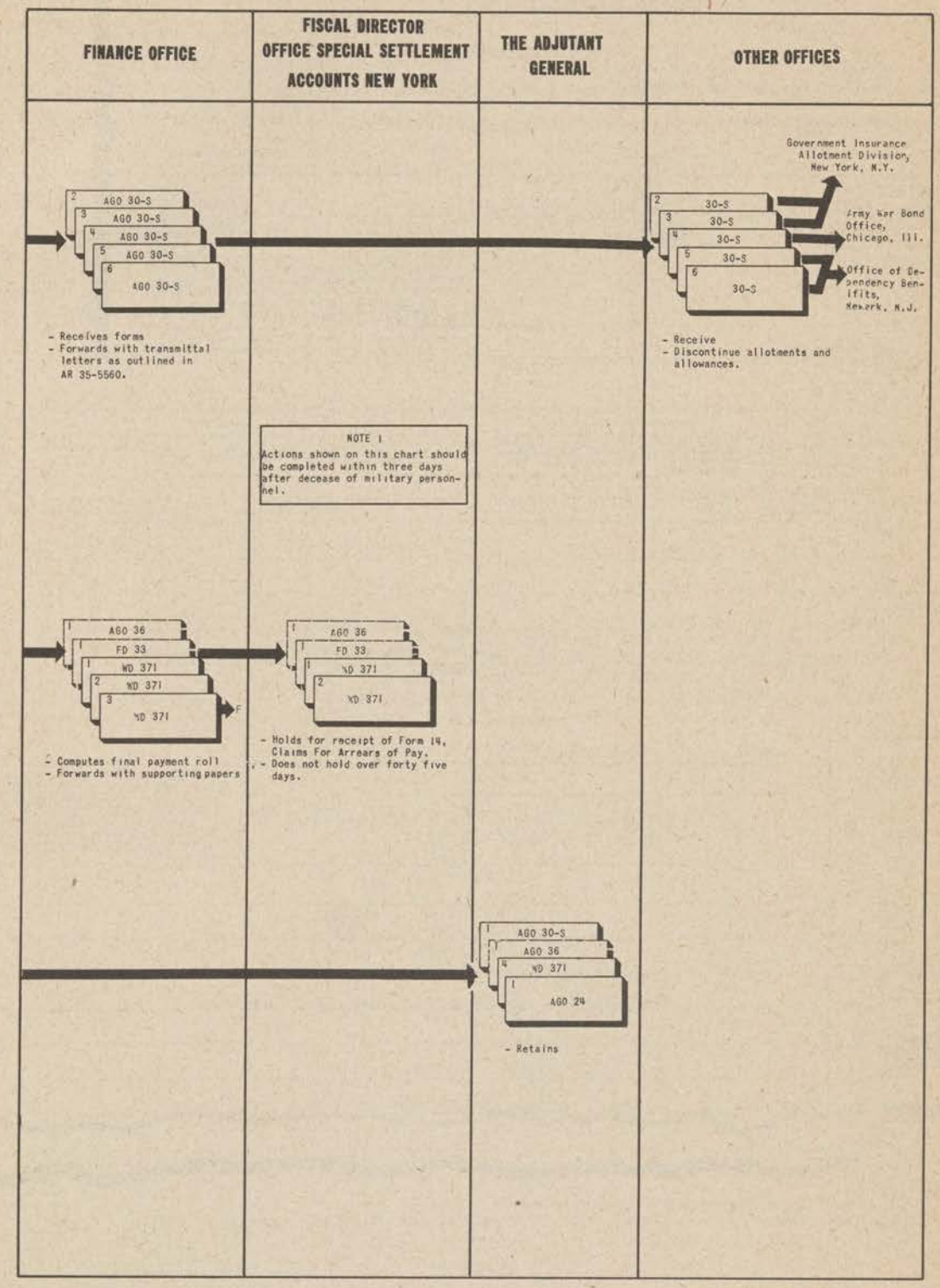


FINAL PAYMENT ROLL
WD FORM 371

Voucher No. 13543

FINAL PAYMENT ROLL
of

Doe, John J. 2 468 109 (Deceased) — (Organization)
181st Infantry — (Regiment)
Ft. Dix, New Jersey — (Station)
(Principal arms)

Discharged on See Remarks, 19__ Paid ____, 19__

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

APPROPRIATIONS:
212/50426 FSA 1942-45 501-74 P434 $1.50
(Symbol) (Allotment) S 99-999

Total amount disbursed $ 1.50

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

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 rations 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"
Class "X"
TOTAL
COLLECTIO
Government
G. P. L. or
TRUST FUN
C. M. fines
Forf. by des
S. H. 21893
TOTAL
Army Exch.;
Individuals (p
Paid by cash
TOTAL
W. D. Form N
Form approve
Comptroller Gene
6 September

Date of Enlistment (Induction or call to active duty)	No. Years Service	Name, Grade, and Component (Date and place of acceptance for enlistment, or place of receipt of notice for active duty, by reservist; induction; reporting for duty as National Guardsman under call or draft by the President, to which entitled to travel allowances.)	Serial No.	Allotments: Month and year deducted	Class N	Class E	Class D	Class F	Class B	Class X
Honorably discharged by reason of: Death (State reason and order, if any)										
1.		OTHER COMPONENTS								
2.		PRIVATE								
May 10/42	o	Doe, John J.	2 468 109	Jun	1.14			22.00		
		Indctd at Ft. Dix, N.J. May 10/42. Died Ft. Dix								
4.		N.J. Jul 24/44. Due EM dpts. Feb 1/44	$10;	Jul				22.00		
		Mar 1/44 $10. Due US GPLD $1.50. Not ent to T/P.								
5.										
6.										
7.										
8.										
9.										
10.										
11.										
12.										
13.										
14.										
15.										
16.										
17.										
18.										

No time lost under A. W. 107 except as indicated.

FOR USE OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT ONLY

	Credits: Net Pay	Deposits and Interest	Allowances for Sub. or Furlough Rations	Travel Pay	Collections: Govt. Laundry	Sol. Home	GP LD	Total Amount Due	Total Collections	Balance Paid
11.										
12.										
13.	1 50						1.50	1 50	1 50	— —
14.	Withheld as unpaid balance $63 36									
15.										
16.					Pay		$43 36			
17.					deposit		20 00			
18.										

We hereby acknowledge receipt IN CASH of amounts in the column "Balance Paid" set opposite our respective names, and in case of payment of quarters allowances we certify that we (our dependents) actually occupied quarters at the addresses shown during the period for which allowed, and that during the current period for which allowances are claimed we have made contributions for the support of our dependents listed hereon at a rate approximately equal to the rate of contributions for the support of the same dependents as shown in affidavits and/or certificates herewith or heretofore submitted and that there has not been a material change in the status of dependents nor degree of dependency as stated therein.

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.
7.

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.

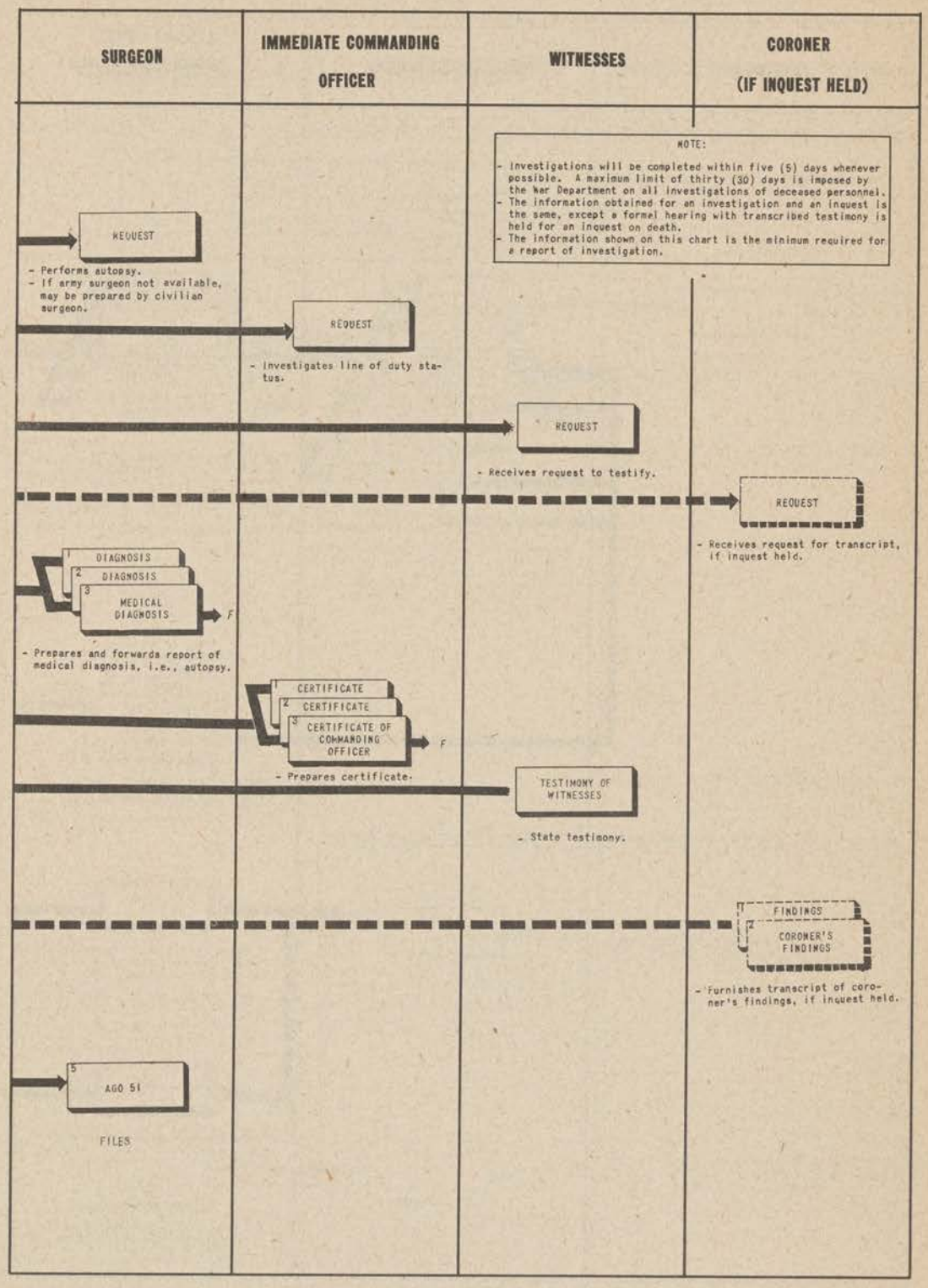
23. Emphasis must therefore be placed on prompt completion and forwarding of reports of investigation prepared under AR 600-550. The chart immediately following (fig. 18) illustrates how to complete a report of investigation and forward same within 5 days to the commanding general of the service command. 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

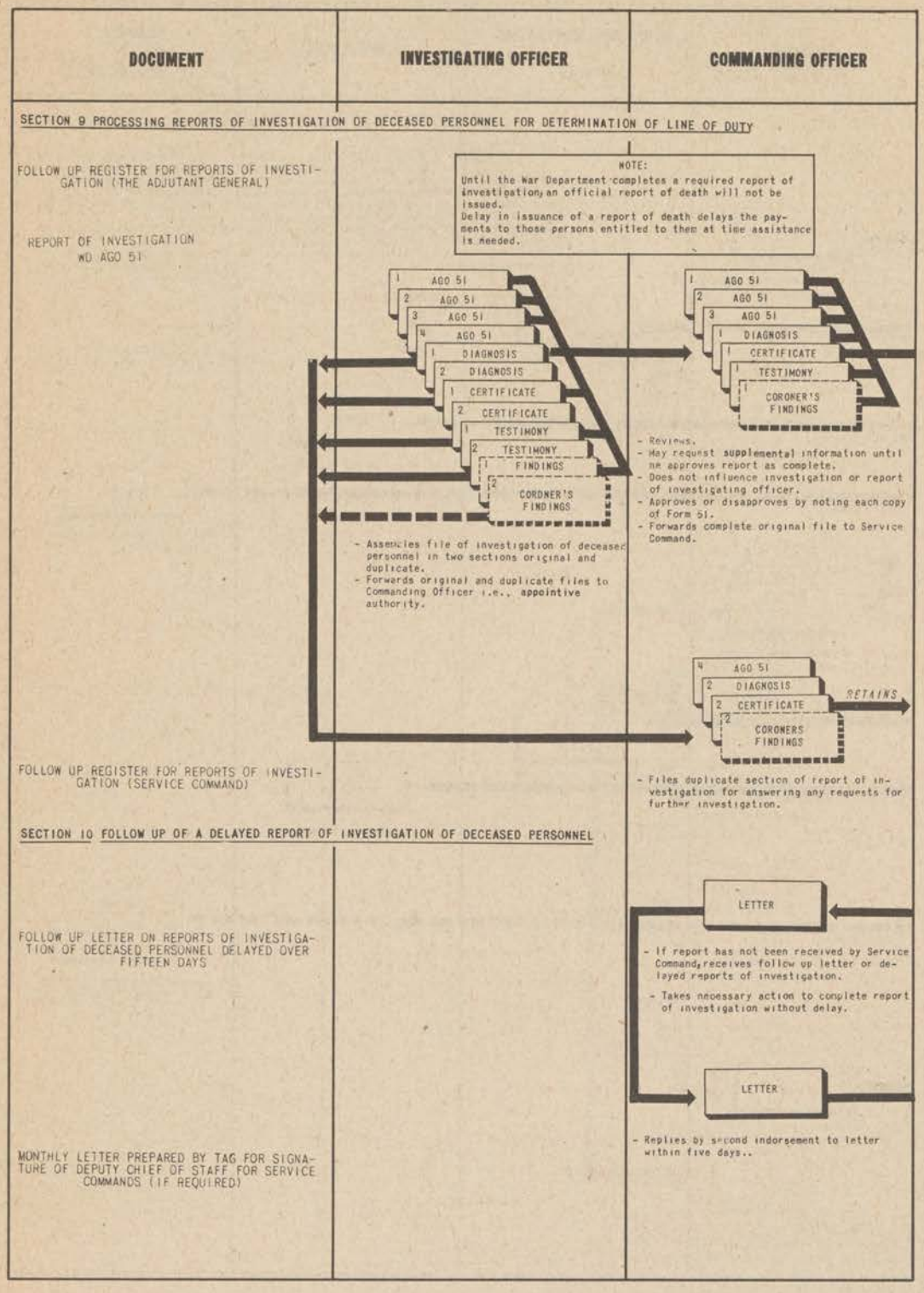
DOCUMENT	COMMANDING OFFICER	INVESTIGATING OFFICER
SECTION 8. REPORT OF INVESTIGATION AND INQUEST OF DEATH.		
	(SEE SECTIONS 1, 3, 5 FOR AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION)	
TELEPHONE OR PERSONAL REQUEST FOR MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS	- If C.O. does not approve report of medical officer relative to line of duty or misconduct status, or if death is suspected to be due to foul play, unnatural causes, misconduct, negligence or unknown causes he appoints an investigation Officer. (See section 4) - Special orders required only for travel.	REQUEST - Requests complete medical diagnosis, i.e., autopsy and report of autopsy.
REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF IMMEDIATE COMMANDING OFFICER		REQUEST - Requests certificate of immediate commanding officer on line of duty status, i.e., absence with leave, absence without leave, or present for duty.
REQUEST FOR SWORN TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES		REQUEST - Requests sworn statements from witnesses.
REQUEST FOR FINDINGS OF CORONER'S INQUEST, IF INQUEST HELD		REQUEST - If coroner's inquest held, requests transcript of findings of inquest. No expenses are authorized to obtain transcript.
MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS OF DECEASED		1 DIAGNOSIS 2 MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS - Reviews and holds for report.
CERTIFICATE OF IMMEDIATE COMMANDING OFFICER		1 CERTIFICATE 2 CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER - Reviews and holds for report.
TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES		TESTIMONY TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES - Arranges for transcription of testimony. - Has testimony sworn and signed to, if possible. - If testimony not given includes statement of of reason why report is not given.
TRANSCRIPT OF CORONER'S INQUEST (IF INQUEST HELD)		1 FINDINGS 2 CORONOR'S FINDINGS - If furnished, reviews and holds
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION WD AGO 51		1 AGO 51 2 AGO 51 3 AGO 51 4 AGO 51 5 AGO 51 - Prepares report of investigation on basis of data furnished above.
FILE OF INVESTIGATION OR INQUEST REPORTS		FILE - Consolidates diagnosis, certificate, testimony, coroner's findings (if required), and Form 51 into an investigation file. - See section 9 for file and disposition of file.

OF INVESTIGATION



PROCESSING REPORTS

FIG. 19



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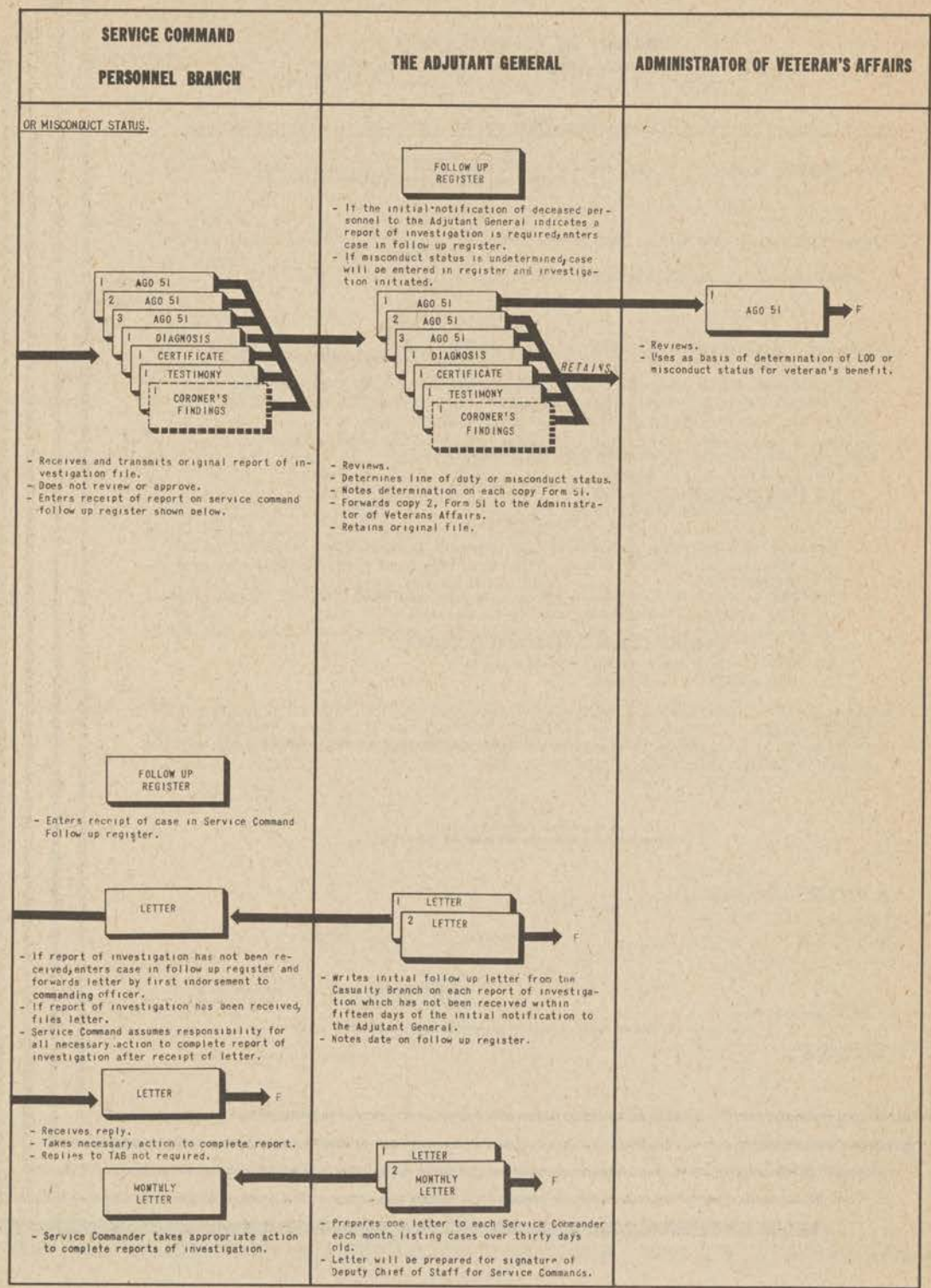

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
WD AGO FORM 51

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 ~~(injured)~~ (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 (injury) (death)* 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 (~~injury~~) (death)* has been made. All available witnesses were interrogated. The following pertinent facts were found to be correct:

(a) Present for duty (yes) (~~no~~)*
(b) ~~[illegible]~~
(1) Hour and date of commencement of absence Duty
(2) Hour and date of termination of absence Duty
(c) (Was) (~~was not~~)* within the territorial limits indicated by the authorization to be absent.
(d) (~~was~~) (was not)* under the influence of intoxicants. The use of intoxicants (~~was~~) (was not)* the proximate cause.
(e) (~~was~~) (was not)* under the influence of drugs. The use of drugs (~~was~~) (was not)* the proximate cause.
(f) (Was) (~~was not~~)* exercising reasonable care for his own safety.
(g) (~~was~~) (was not)* violating a civil, moral, or military law, nor military orders or instructions, written or verbal. ~~The violation (was) (was not) the proximate cause.~~
(h) (~~was~~) (was not)* due to gross carelessness or negligence.
(i) (Was) (~~was not~~)* 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) (~~not in line of duty~~)*
(Not due to his own misconduct) (~~due to his own misconduct~~)*

James Dill
Investigating Officer.
James Dill
Major, Inf

APPROVED:

Madison Pearson
Commanding officer.
Madison Pearson
Brigadier General, USA

* Strike out inapplicable words.

[Additional sheets may be used for extension of remarks under paragraphs 2, 3, and 5]

W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 51
October 13, 1942

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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
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
Mary E. Smith
2nd Lt., ANC

Sworn to me on
24 July 1944

James Dill
James Dill
Major, Inf.
Investigating Officer

Figure 22.

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 abovementioned entry, the widow of the deceased automatically becomes the beneficiary. Where more than one beneficiary appears, both are reported, giving respectives 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. Prepaid.

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.

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