

APPENDIX B
PREPARATION OF DA FORM 2773-R (STATEMENT OF
IDENTIFICATION)

B-1. General

DA Form 2773-R (fig. B-1 and B-2) is prepared in detail for each remains when there is any question of a decedent's identity. The statements on the form specify the circumstances, date, and place of death; the date, recovery location, and condition of the remains; and the parent unit association of the

remains as a specific casualty. Also, the statements provide a review of all matching physical and dental characteristics and other data that can help to verify identification. Paragraphs B-2 through B-6 below refer to entries on the front of the form; paragraphs B-7 through B-11 refer to entries on its reverse.

STATEMENT OF IDENTIFICATION (AR 638-40)		
<p>INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Prepare in triplicate and distribute as follows:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Original to Director, Memorial Affairs Directorate, ATTN: DAAG-MED</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Copy to Army Command</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. Copy retained at preparing installation</p> <p>2. This statement will be supplemented by signed copies of appropriate Records of Identification Processing (DD Forms 890 through 894).</p>		
<p>NAME OF DECEASED (Last, First, Middle)</p> <p>POOLE, Richard C.</p>	<p>GRADE SERVICE NUMBER</p> <p>WO1 260 76 6887</p>	
<p>BRANCH OF SERVICE</p> <p>Army</p>	<p>ORGANIZATION AND BASE</p> <p>Btry C, 65th Arty, 47th Air Mbl Div</p>	
<p>DATE OF DEATH</p> <p>10 July 1971</p>	<p>PLACE OF DEATH</p> <p>VIC Coords: YU069, near Comu Outpost</p>	
<p>CONDITION OF REMAINS (Describe Briefly in Remarks)</p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Recognizable</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Recognizable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Commingled</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of Decomposition</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mangled or Mutilated</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evidence of Burns</p>	
<p>MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION (Check all Appropriate Boxes and Indicate Appropriate Inclosures. Specify Supporting Data in Remarks)</p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Identification Tags</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal Effects</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dental Comparison</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Skeletal & Anatomical Comparison</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fingerprints</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Visual Recognition</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify in Remarks)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">INCLOSURES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DD Form 890</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DD Form 891 and SF 603</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DD Form 892 and/or DD Form 893</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DD Form 894</p>
<p>REMARKS (If additional space is required, continue on separate sheet)</p> <p><u>Circumstances:</u> OH-6A aircraft on which WO1 Poole was the manifested pilot and one of the three persons aboard the helicopter when it went down near the command outpost (YU069 460) on 8 July 1971.</p> <p><u>Condition of Remains:</u> The partial remains of WO1 Poole was severely mutilated and charred when received 10 July 1971. Portions missing were right forearm, left arm from just above the elbow, both hands, left knee, distal half left lower leg, and left foot.</p> <p><u>Basis for Identification:</u> Identification of this remains as WO1 Poole is based on the following observations:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Race--Caucasian (WO1 Poole was Caucasian)</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Estimated height--68.3 inches (WO1 Poole was 69" tall)</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">(Right humerus--33.0 cm)</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Hair--Brown leg hair (WO1 Poole had brown hair)</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Fingerprints were unobtainable because both hands were missing.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The tooth chart prepared for this remains agrees with the dental records and X-rays for WO1 Poole and contradicts the records of the other two associated casualties.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">ID tags/ID card--None received.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Clothing on remains--A right leather boot marked "Dick Poo.."</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">--1 OD sock</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">--Charred remains of NOMEX flight suit w/US Army tape and no other markings</p>		
<p>To the best of my knowledge & belief, the statements made herein are correct & true.</p>		
	<p>TYPED NAME, GRADE, AND TITLE OF IDENTIFYING OFFICER</p> <p>NORTON G. ALLEN, GS-10, Identification Officer</p>	
<p>11 July 1971 (Date)</p>	<p>SIGNATURE OF IDENTIFYING OFFICER</p> <p><i>Norton G. Allen</i></p>	
<p>NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTALLATION</p> <p>US ARMY MORTUARY, SAIGON</p>		
<p>DA FORM 2773-R, 1 Mar 65 Replaces DA Form 2773, 1 Feb 64, which may be used.</p>		

Figure B-1. DA Form 2773-R (Statement of Identification) (front).

FOR USE OF IDENTIFICATION SPECIALISTS ONLY							
<p>SUMMARY</p> <p>Because recovery of remains was made at the crash site of aircraft on which WO1 POOLE was the manifested pilot; the race, height, hair, teeth, and boot marking match the recorded data for WO1 POOLE; and no contradictory evidence is present, it is concluded that this is the remains of WO1 Richard G. Poole, 260 76 6887, US Army.</p>							
<p>REMARKS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PERSONNEL KILLED IN THIS CRASH:</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">WO1 POOLE, Richard C.</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">TSN 8768-71</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">WO1 HARDFORD, Allen A.</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">TSN 8769-71</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">SP5 MANN, George H.</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">TSN 8770-71</td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Other items found on body: Gold-plated Elgin wristwatch with Roman numerals. Small iron cross with letters SA scratched on each side. Gold high school ring containing initials R.C.P. (John F. Kennedy High)</p>		WO1 POOLE, Richard C.	TSN 8768-71	WO1 HARDFORD, Allen A.	TSN 8769-71	SP5 MANN, George H.	TSN 8770-71
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<p>RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>It is recommended that this remains be declared officially identified as WO1 Richard C. Poole, 260 76 6887, US Army. It is also recommended that the remains be held in the morgue temporarily until further disposition is determined.</p>							
RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED							
<p style="font-size: x-small;">TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST</p> <p>Morton G. Allen, GS-13, Identification Officer</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTALLATION</p> <p>US ARMY MORTUARY, SAIGON</p>						
<p style="font-size: x-small;">DATE</p> <p>11 July 1971</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">SIGNATURE OF IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Morton G. Allen</i></p>						
RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTED							
<p style="font-size: x-small;">TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF ACCEPTING OFFICER</p> <p>Alfred B. Quale, CPT, QMC, Mortuary Services Officer</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTALLATION</p> <p>US ARMY MORTUARY, SAIGON</p>						
<p style="font-size: x-small;">DATE</p> <p>11 July 1971</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">SIGNATURE OF ACCEPTING OFFICER</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Alfred B. Quale</i></p>						

Figure B-2. DA Form 2773-R (Statement of Identification) (reverse).

B-2. Personal Data of the Deceased

Make entries in Name of Deceased, Grade, Service Number, Branch of Service, Organization and Base, Date of Death, and Place of Death blocks. If any information is unknown, enter Unknown or Unk.

B-3. Condition of Remains Block

Mark with an X any boxes relevant to the condition of the remains.

B-4. Means of Identification Block

Check appropriate boxes as instructed.

B-5. Remarks Block

Enter a description of the remains along with a comparison of evidence for use in making a positive identification. The following steps may be used as a guide:

a. State the date the remains was received, the location from which it was received, and the circumstances surrounding or causing death if known.

b. In narrative form, describe the remains as received. Use data marked under Condition of Remains and any other observations made.

c. Note any statements of recognition or verification of identity.

d. Compare data obtained from remains and that from official records believed to be those of the decedent.

B-6. Date and Certification Blocks

Enter the date that the statement was completed and make the required certification. Show name and location of installation.

B-7. Summary Block

Summarize those items from the comparison drawn under Remarks on the front of the form which are felt to be most conclusive for identification, and state whether identification is to be considered positive or negative.

B-8. Remarks Block

Enter any additional data about the remains for which no immediate comparisons exist but with which future comparisons may possibly be made. List other personnel whose remains were found with that of the decedent.

B-9. Recommendations Block

State whether it is recommended that the remains be declared officially identified. Recommend further disposition of the case if warranted.

B-10. Recommendations Presented Block

Enter the date the recommendations are presented and other data as indicated.

B-11. Recommendations Accepted Block

Enter date recommendations are accepted and complete other blocks as indicated. The accepting officer makes these entries.