

# Basic Detail Report

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## Vietnam Memorial (Letter - "Why Didn't You Come Home?")

### Date

November 1986

### Primary Maker

Salvatore (Sal) Lopes

### Medium

Cibachrome print

### Description

This is a cibachrome print photograph. A loose leaf sheet of paper, pinned on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall with a flower stem wedged through the crack, reads: "Damn you, brother - why didn't you / come back? I want you back, but not / in a box. I still love you, and I'd love / you if you came back in one piece [], or / your arms or legs or mind gone. I wasn't / that young when you died because I / cried too. God has you now but I want / you too, so damn you for not com- / ing back." Names of fallen soldiers are visible in the background.

### Dimensions

Overall, Image: 8 1/2 x 12 7/8 in. (21.6 x 32.7 cm) Overall, Support: 10 15/16 x 14 in. (27.8 x 35.6 cm)

Overall, Mat: 15 15/16 x 20 in. (40.5 x 50.8 cm)