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1. RESIDUAL WORLD WAR II GRAVES REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES.

1. Discontinuance of American Graves Registration Service.—*a.* The act 16 May 1946 (60 Stat. 182; 50 U. S. C. App., 1811–1816), as amended by the act 5 August 1947 (61 Stat. 779; 50 U. S. C. App., 1811–1819), under the provisions of which was conducted the Return of World War II Dead Program and in the implementation of which were established the American Graves Registration Service area and separate zone commands for the operation and administration of the American Graves Registration Service outside the continental limits of the United States, expired 31 December 1951.

b. Effective 1 June 1952, the American Graves Registration Service, Far Eastern Area (Short Title: AGRS-FEA), and the American Graves Registration Service, Pacific Zone (Short Title: AGRS-PAZ), are discontinued.

2. Authority, residual graves registration activities.—*a.* Members of the Army and certain civilian officers and employees of the Army and the Department of the Army who died between 3 September 1939 and 30 June 1946, whose remains were eligible for disposition under the act 16 May 1946, as amended, and whose remains could not be recovered and final disposition thereof effected prior to the expiration of the cited laws, are eligible for disposition under the act 17 May 1938 (52 Stat. 398; 10 U. S. C. 916, 916a–916b) or the act 8 July 1940 (54 Stat. 743; 5 U. S. C. 103a–103b), as implemented by Executive Order 8557, 30 September 1940, as amended by Executive Order 10209, 1 February 1951.

b. Members of the Navy and the Marine Corps and certain civilian officers and employees of the Navy and the Department of the Navy who died between 3 September 1939 and 30 June 1946, whose remains were eligible for disposition under the act 16 May 1946, as amended, and whose remains could not be recovered and final disposition thereof effected prior to the expiration of the cited laws, are eligible for disposition under the act 20 April 1940 (54 Stat. 144; 34 U. S. C. 924–929), as amended by the act 13 October 1942 (56 Stat. 781), or the act 8 July 1940.

3. Scope, residual activities.—Searches for remains will be conducted in any instance wherein specific evidence at hand indicates a reasonably firm recovery potential exists for unrecovered remains.

a. Search, recovery, and disposition operations pertaining to the remains of members of the Army and eligible civilian officers and employees of the Army and the Department of the Army will be accomplished through utilization of funds available under open allotments for current death activities.

b. Search, recovery, and disposition operations pertaining to remains of members of the Navy and the Marine Corps and eligible civilian officers and employees of the Navy and the Department of the Navy will be accomplished on a reimbursable basis by the Army in accordance with current death policies and regulations to the maximum extent feasible. Proposals for search missions for recovery of such Navy and Marine Corps personnel which would entail a significant expense will be forwarded to The Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C.; decision as to whether such search effort should be undertaken will be made by the Department of the Navy.

c. Search, recovery, and disposition operations pertaining to remains of persons eligible for disposition under the act 16 May 1946, as amended, but not eligible under the act 17 May 1938, the act 20 April 1940, as amended, or the act 8 July 1940, will be accomplished only upon authority and direction of The Quartermaster General. Information pertaining to proposed search and/or recovery of individual remains in this category will be forwarded to The Quartermaster General for determination and direction of action.

4. Responsibility.—a. The Quartermaster General is charged with coordination and staff supervision of residual World War II graves registration activities and for this purpose direct communication with major oversea commands is authorized.

b. Commanders of major oversea commands are responsible for residual World War II graves registration activities, including search, recovery, identification, and disposition of remains in the following areas:

- (1) *Commanding General, United States Army, Europe.*—The areas formerly comprising the European Theater, the Mediterranean Theater, the African-Middle East Theater, and contiguous areas not otherwise assigned herein.
- (2) *Commander-in-Chief, Far East.*—The areas comprising the Far East Command, the former India-Burma and China Theaters, and contiguous areas not otherwise assigned herein.
- (3) *Commanding General, United States Army, Pacific.*—The areas comprising the Pacific Command and contiguous areas not otherwise assigned herein.
- (4) *Commanding General, United States Army, Alaska.*—The areas comprising the Alaskan Command and contiguous areas not otherwise assigned herein.
- (5) *Commanding General, United States Army, Caribbean.*—The areas comprising the Caribbean Command and contiguous areas not otherwise assigned herein.

5. Rescission.—Section I, DA General Orders 10, 1950, as amended by section III, DA General Orders 44, 1951, is rescinded.

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II. *SCEL FIELD STATION NO. 1, FORT BLISS, TEXAS.*—Effective 1 July 1952, the SCEL Field Station No. 1, Fort Bliss, Texas, a class II activity under control of the Chief Signal Officer, is redesignated the 9577 TSU White Sands Signal Corps Agency.

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