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I. AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.—1. **Authority.**—Public Law 383—79th Congress (60 Stat. 182; 50 U. S. C. 1811–1816, incl.), as amended by Public Law 368—80th Congress (61 Stat. 779; 50 U. S. C. 1811–1819, incl.), and SR 830–110–5 provide for American Graves Registration Service area and separate zone commands, self-contained organizations for the operation and administration of the American Graves Registration Service outside the continental limits of the United States.

2. **Basic principles.**—The following basic principles, established for the assignment of responsibilities, will remain in effect until specifically revised or rescinded:

a. The Quartermaster General, designated Chief of the American Graves Registration Service, is charged with technical supervision of all graves registration activities; for this purpose, direct communication is authorized between theater, area, and separate zone commands and the Quartermaster General. The Quartermaster General is responsible for originating, preparing, and publishing, through appropriate media, plans, policies, and procedures to implement existing and subsequent Department of the Army graves registration directives.

b. Major oversea commanders are responsible for graves registration activities within their respective command areas until such time as their commands are abolished, at which time responsibility for such activities passes to the Quartermaster General. Required graves registration personnel are to be provided within authorized troop strength.

c. Area and separate zone commanders are responsible for the establishment, improvement, maintenance, administration, and operation of all World War II military cemeteries within their respective areas or zones (until the transfer of jurisdiction of the cemeteries to the American Battle Monuments Commisson), recovery and identification of decedents, the return of United States World War II dead to their homelands or to other permanent place of burial, in accordance with existing regulations, and for related activities as directed.

d. Under each American Graves Registration Service area and zone headquarters, the establishment of such subdivisions as might be required is authorized, subject to approval by the Department of the Army. These subdivisions will be, so far as practicable, in conformity with SR 830–110–5. Area and zone headquarters and subordinate units and organizations will be, to the extent practicable, organized in accordance with T/D 10–3 and T/D 10–3–1 through T/D 10–3–7, inclusive, 7 January 1947.

3. **Changes.**—As of 0001 hours, 1 January 1950, the following changes are effected:

a. The American Graves Registration Command, European Area (Short Title: AGRC-EA), is discontinued. Residual graves registration functions and activities in the area remain under the control of the Commanding General, United States Army, Europe.

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b. American Graves Registration Service, Alaskan Zone (Short Title: AGRS-ALDZ), is discontinued. Residual graves registration functions and activities in the zone remain under the control of the Commanding General, United States Army, Alaska.

c. American Graves Registration Service, Caribbean Zone (Short Title: AGRS-CARZ), is discontinued. Residual graves registration functions and activities remain under the control of the Commanding General, United States Army, Caribbean.

4. Continuances.—The following are continued:

a. American Graves Registration Command, Far Eastern Area (Short Title: AGRC-FEA), under the control of the Commander in Chief, Far East Command. The Area includes areas formerly comprising the India-Burma Theater, the China Theater, and the Far East Command and contiguous areas not otherwise assigned, including the Marianas, Bonins, Volcano Islands, and the Palau Group, and not including Australia.

b. American Graves Registration Service, Pacific Zone (Short Title: AGRS-PAZ), under the control of the Commanding General, United States Army, Pacific. The zone includes areas assigned to the United States Army, Pacific, and contiguous areas not otherwise assigned, including Australia, and not including the Marianas, Bonins, Volcano Islands, and the Palau Group.

c. American Graves Registration Service, Mediterranean Zone (Short Title: AGRS-MZ), under the control of the Quartermaster General. The zone includes the areas formerly comprising the Mediterranean Theater, African-Middle East Theater, and contiguous areas not otherwise assigned.

5. Rescission.—DA General Orders 26, 1948, is rescinded.

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II. NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROMOTION OF RIFLE PRACTICE.—1. The following change in the membership of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice is announced:

Lieutenant General *Matthew B. Ridgway*, United States Army, was detailed as a member of the National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice, *effective as of 14 March 1950*, vice General *Courtney H. Hodges*, United States Army, retired, relieved.

2. Section II, DA General Orders 5, 1950, is amended accordingly.

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III. TROPICAL RESEARCH MEDICAL LABORATORY.—*Effective 1 April 1950*, the Medical Laboratory, Antilles Department, located at Fort Brooke, Puerto Rico, is redesignated the Tropical Research Medical Laboratory, a class II activity under the jurisdiction of the Surgeon General.

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