

## Decision File, James Vrtatko

Letter from Major General Thomas B. Larkin to Mrs. Barbara N. Vrtatko, January 15, 1948  
United States Department of the Army

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Pfc James E. Vrtatko, 36 396 086  
Plot G, Row 10, Grave 248,  
United States Military Cemetery  
Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium

15 January 1948

Mrs. Barbara N. Vrtatko  
2702 South Homan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Vrtatko:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

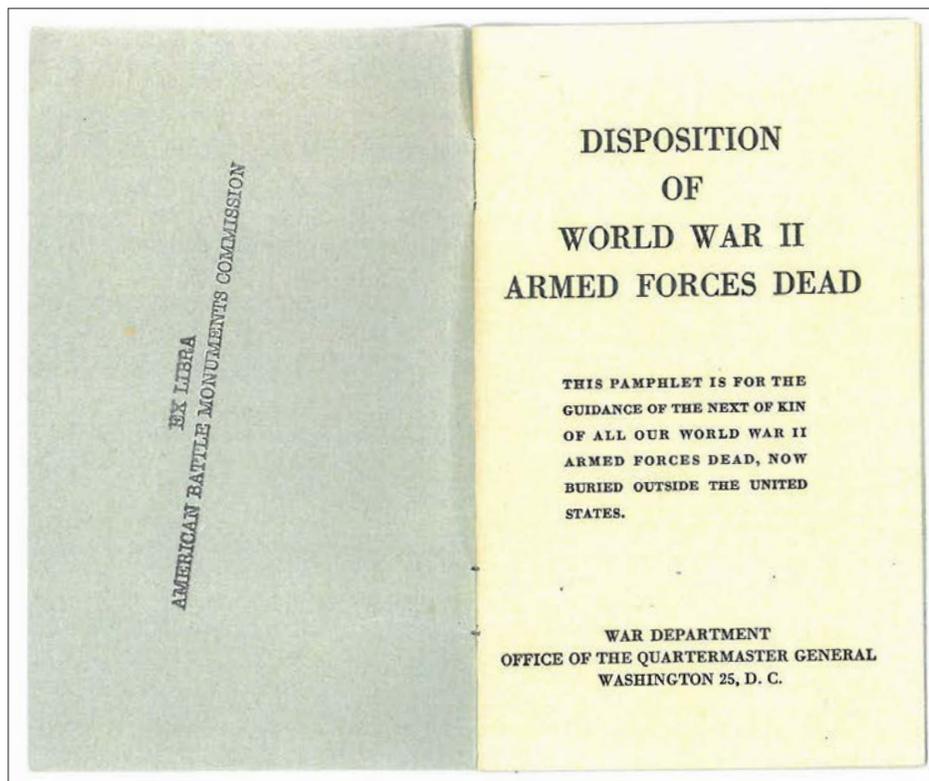
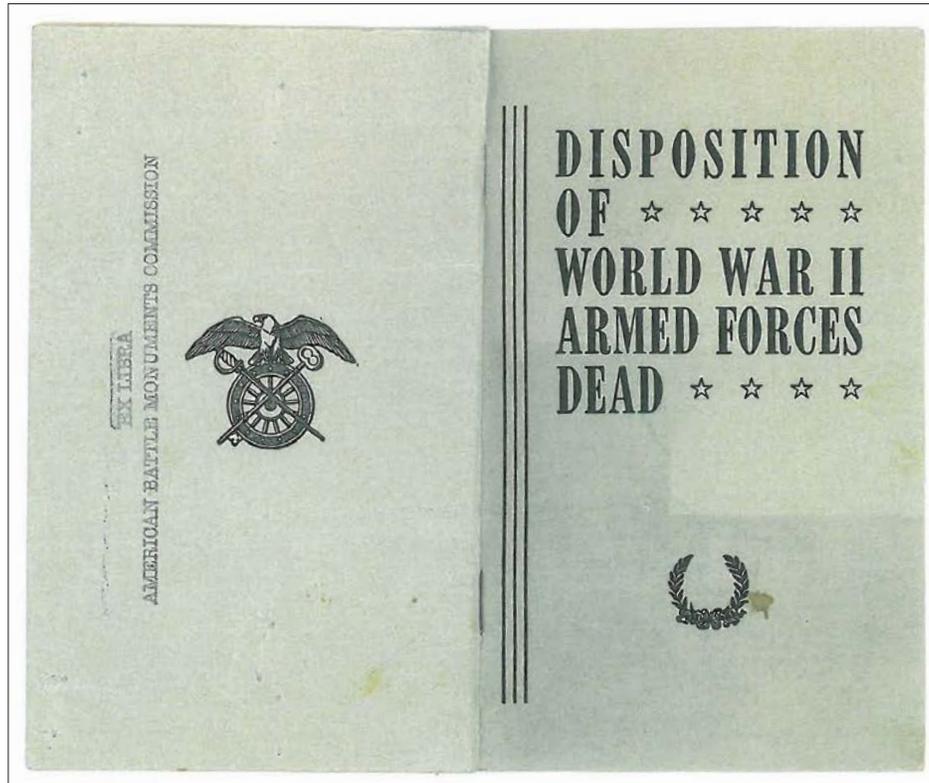
Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN  
Major General  
The Quartermaster General

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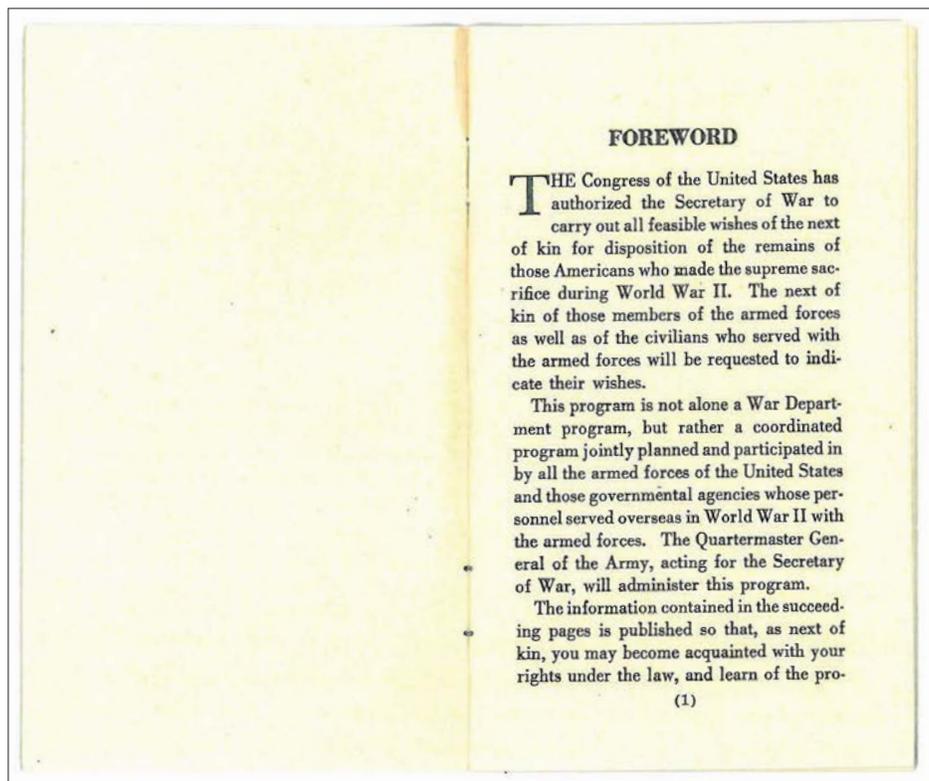
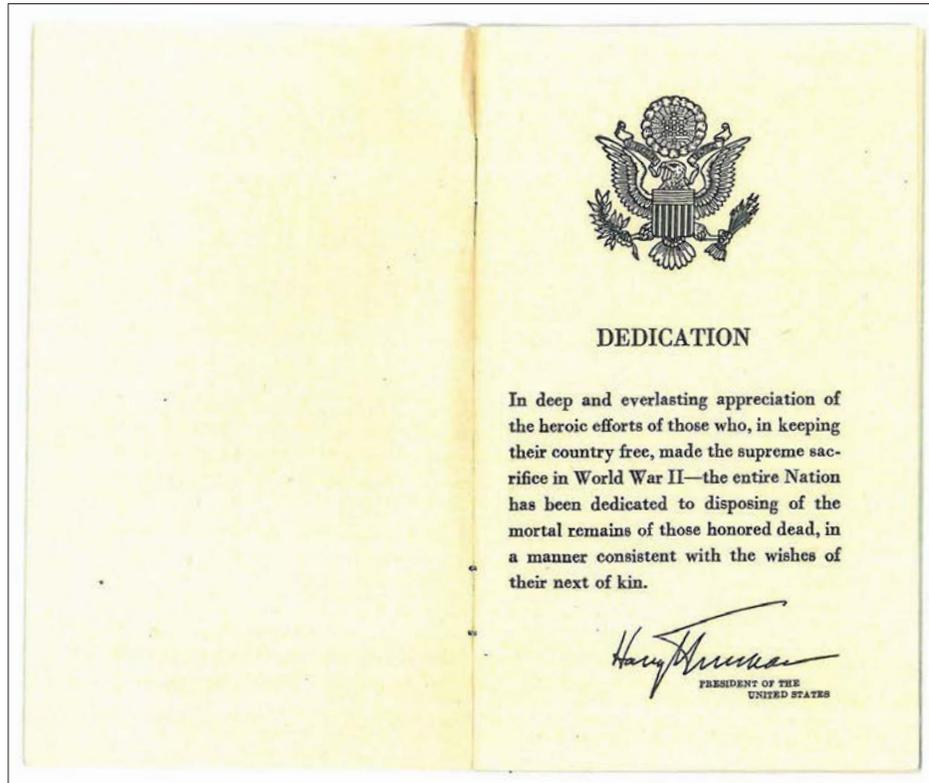
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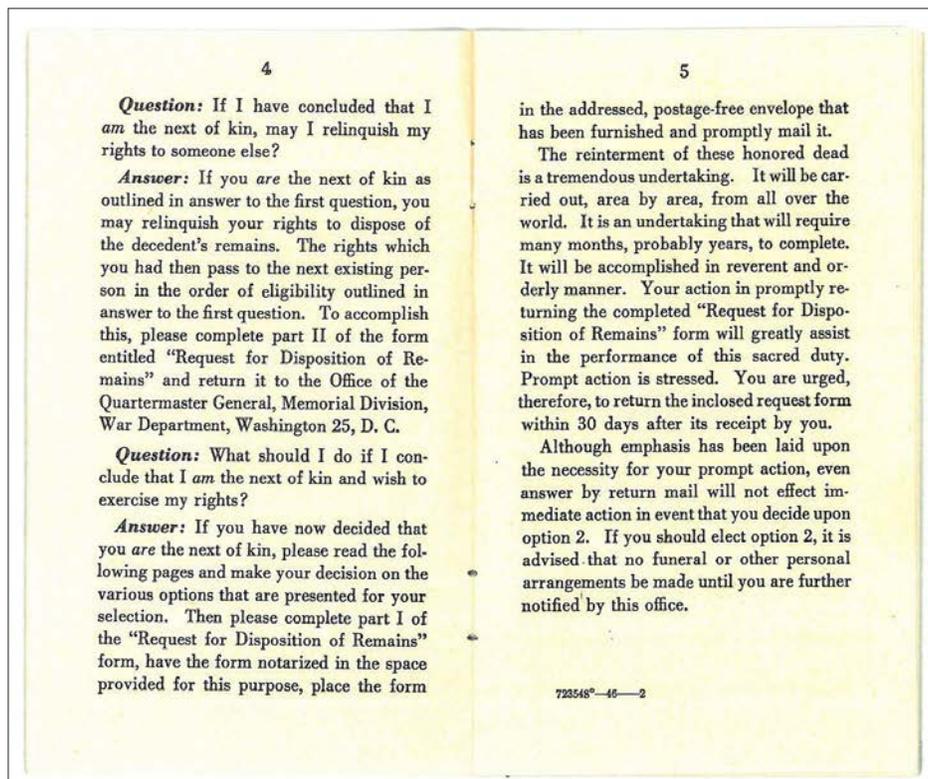
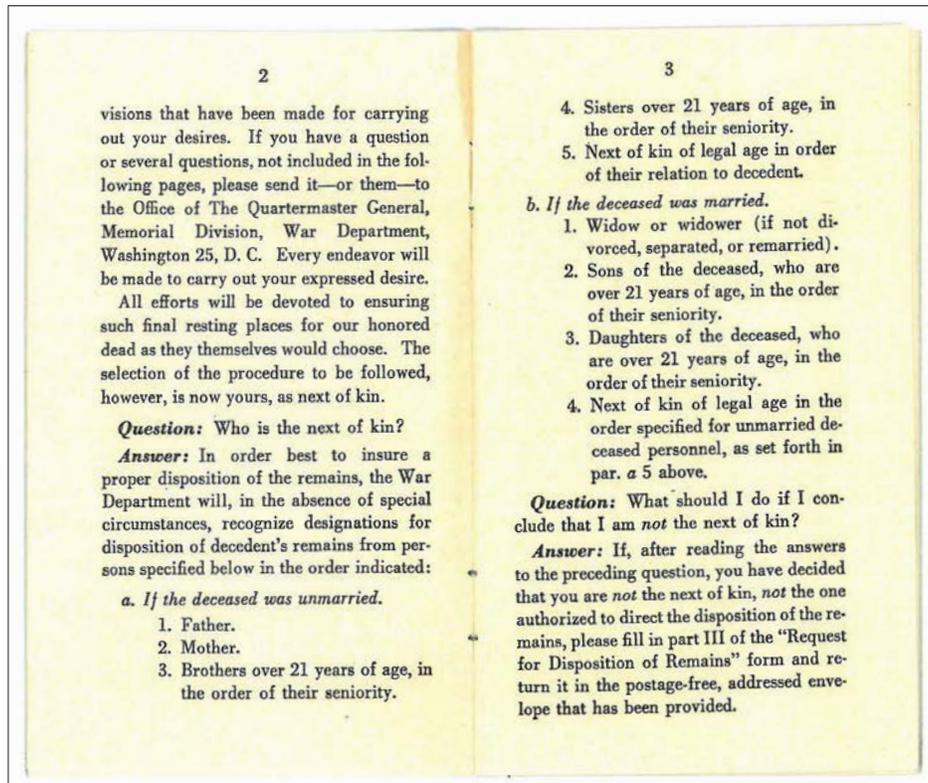
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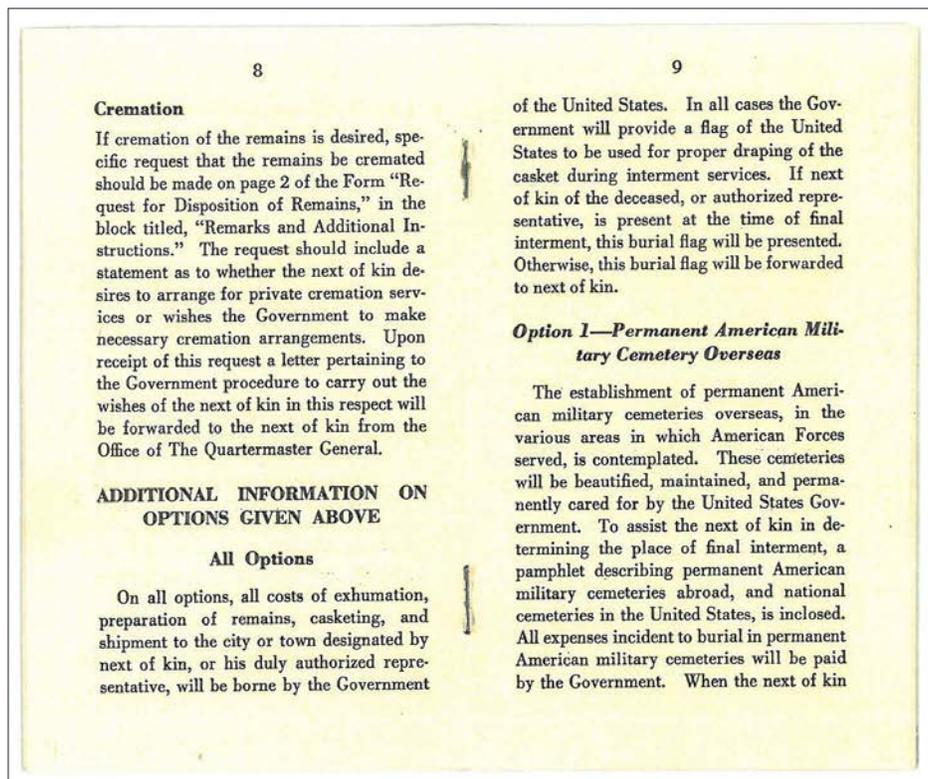
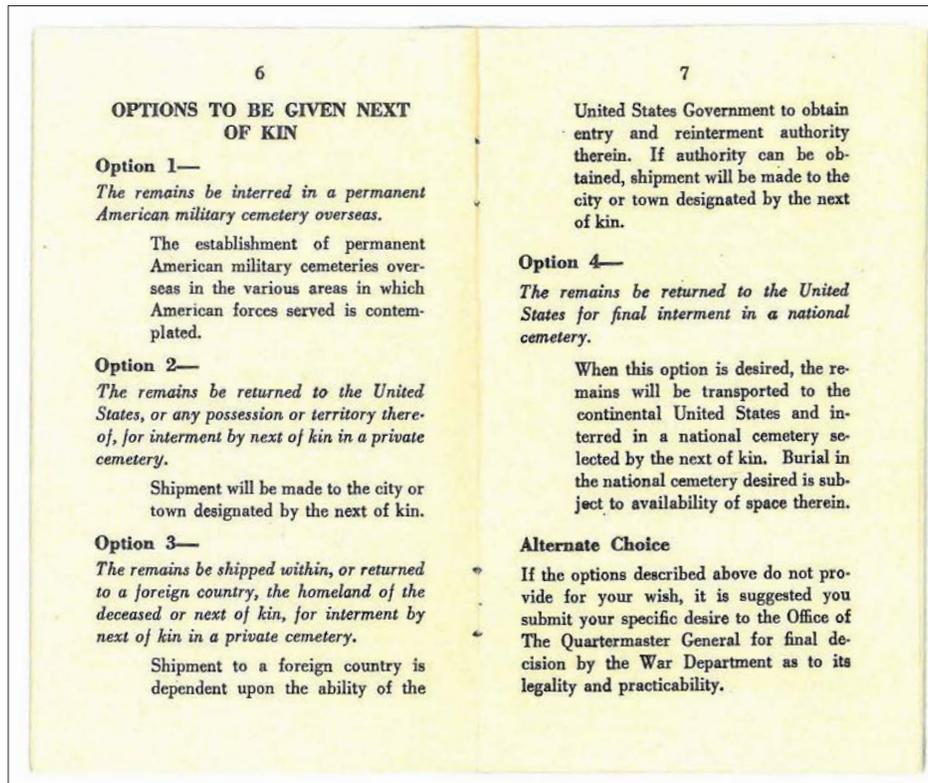
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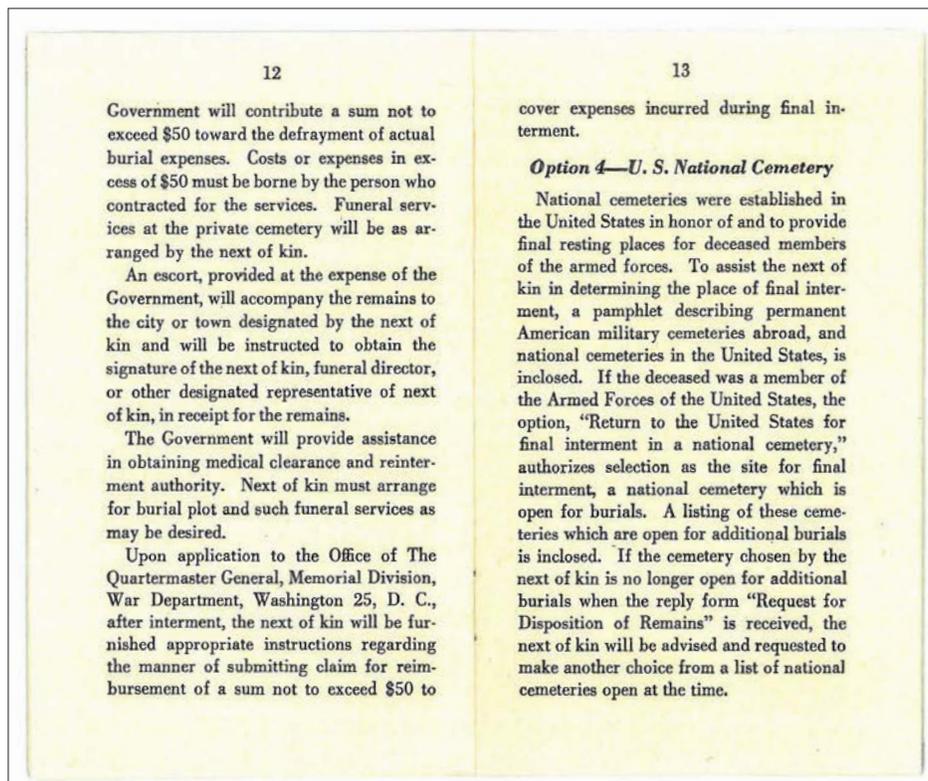
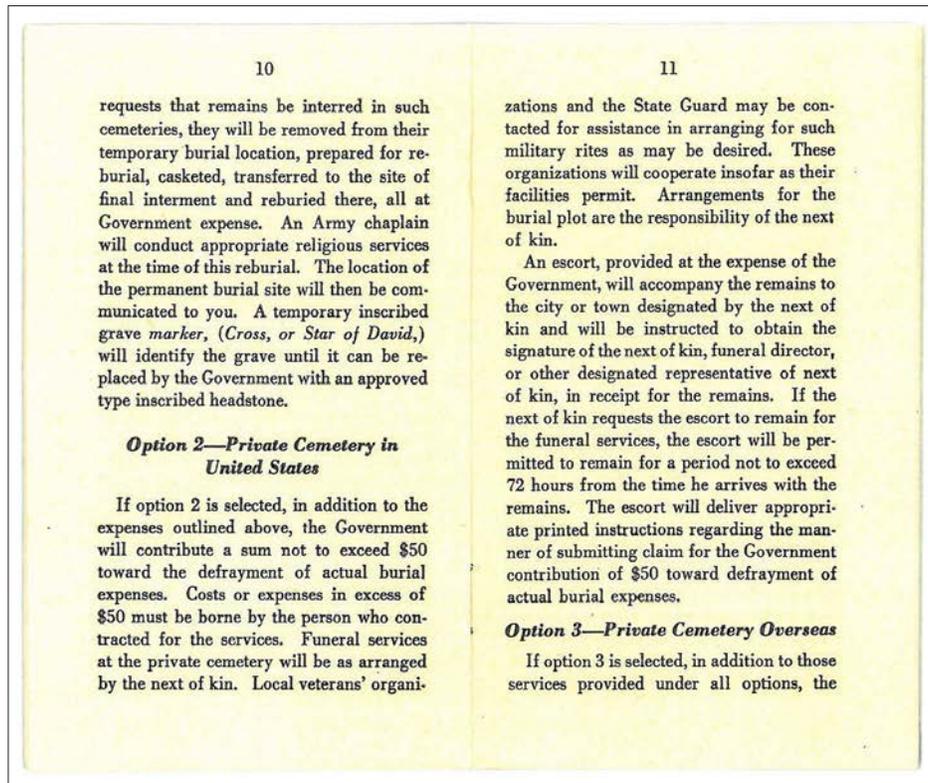
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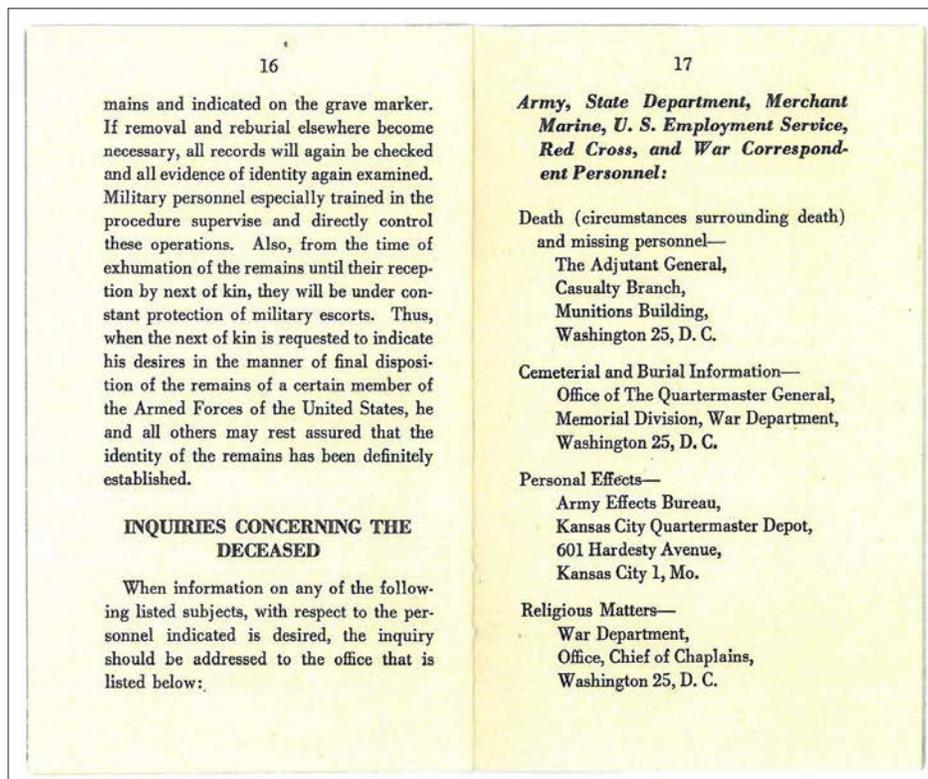
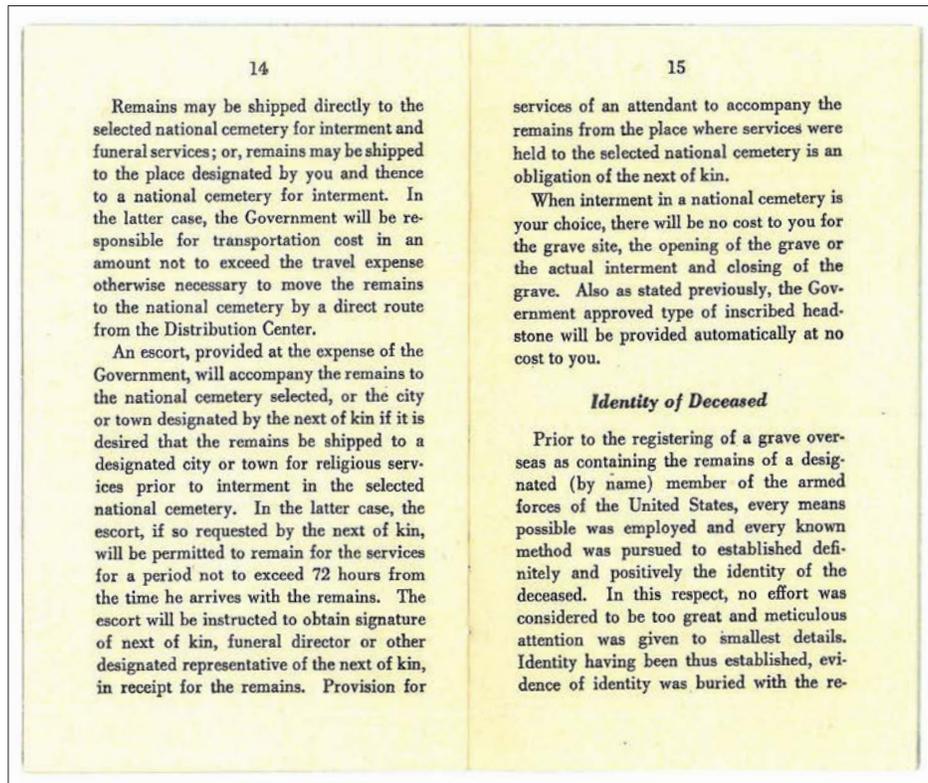
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