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"TELL ME ABOUT MY BOY" IS THE REQUEST MOST FREQUENTLY SENT TO THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY BY NEXT OF KIN WHO WANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAM FOR THE RETURN AND FINAL BURIAL OF THOSE WHO DIED OVERSEAS IN WORLD WAR II.

THE REQUESTS ARE INSPIRED THROUGH THE FACT THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CARRYING OUT THE WISHES OF THE CONGRESS WHICH AUTHORIZED THE PLACE FOR FINAL DISPOSITION OF REMAINS MUST, TO USE THE MILITARY TERM, BE PHASED WITH THE AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORT TO AND FROM OVERSEAS, THE CLIMATIC CONDITIONS IN MANY DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD AND THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT HOME FOR THE PRODUCTION OF MANY ITEMS NEEDED IN THIS WORK.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PAMPHLET IS TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED ABOUT THE PROGRAM. OF COURSE, IT MAY NOT ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. IF THERE ARE FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT WHICH YOU ARE CONCERNED AFTER YOU HAVE PERUSED THIS PAMPHLET, WRITE TO: THE OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WASHINGTON 25, D. C. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN ACCURATE, PROMPT REPLY.

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INTRODUCTION

World War II brought death to more than 300,000 Americans who were serving their country overseas.

While the war was on, most of these honored dead were buried in temporary United States military cemeteries. Some were buried in isolated graves. These latter are being located as fast as possible and are buried in these temporary military cemeteries. Some were lost at sea. Their remains will never be recovered.

Now Congress has passed and the President has signed a bill which authorizes the War Department to take steps to provide a reverent final burial for those who gave the last full measure of devotion.

Within the War Department, the Quartermaster Corps is to direct the program, which includes all Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard personnel who died overseas since 3 September 1939, as well as civilians who were in the service of the United States.

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