

Tell Me About My Boy

(Ed. Note—This is the second in a series of articles designed to inform interested parents about return of bodies from overseas burial points to the United States for final burial.)

WHO IS CONCERNED

Who may make a decision as to final burial of service personnel or civilians who died overseas in the service of the United States during World War II?

In the absence of special circumstances, the War Department will recognize the wishes of relatives for final burial in the following order:

If the deceased were married: The surviving spouse has the first and final right. However, he or she must not have been divorced or separated at the time of death, or since remarried.

If the husband or wife has remarried, or the parties were divorced or separated, prior to his death, then the preference passes to sons who are over 21 years of age.

If there is no son over 21 years of age, the preference passes to the daughters who are over 21 years of age.

If there are children under age, or children at all, then the right to dispose of remains passes to surviving relatives in the order of their relationship to the deceased.

If the deceased were not married at the time of death, then the decision rests first with the Father. The Mother has next rights in the matter.

After the Father and Mother, brothers over 21 years of age, in the order of their seniority, and sisters over 21 years of age, in the order of their seniority, may make the decision.

If there are brothers and sisters under age, or no brothers or sisters

at all, the right to dispose of remains passes to other Relatives of the deceased in the order of their Relationship.

RELINQUISHING THESE RIGHTS

The judge advocate has rendered an opinion that the right to dispose of remains may be waived or relinquished.

However in the event of such waiver or relinquishment, the right to direct disposition of remains must pass to the person next on the list of those eligible and may not be assigned to anyone by a person relinquishing his or her rights.

THE FOUR OPTIONS

In regard to the final burial of those who died overseas during World War II, while serving the American armed forces, next of kin may select one of four options.

These are the four options:

1. Remains may be returned to the United States or any possession or territory thereof, for interment by next of kin in a private Cemetery.
2. Remains may be returned to a Foreign Country, the homeland of the deceased or the next of kin, for interment by next of kin in a Private Cemetery.
3. Remains may be interred in a Permanent United States Military Cemetery overseas.
4. Remains may be interred in a United States for interment in a National Cemetery.

WHAT THESE OPTIONS MEAN

In all of the above-cited options, all costs of exhumation, preparation of remains, casketing and forwarding to place designated by the next of kin (or his duly authorized representative) will be borne by the Government of the United States.

For Military Personnel the Government will provide a flag of the United States to be used for proper draping of casket during interment services. If the next of kin of deceased is present at the time of interment, the flag will be presented to him. Should the next of kin not be present, a flag of the United States will be forwarded to him upon his request to the Quartermaster General, Memorial Division, Washington 25, D. C. this flag is presented as a keepsake in memory of the Deceased and the cause in which he fell.

Printed directly below is further information about each of the options.

1. If it is decided by next of kin to have the remains of the deceased returned to the United States for interment in a private Cemetery, the Government will contribute a sum not to exceed \$50, in addition to the services described above. This money is to defray actual burial expenses.

Costs or expense over \$50 must be paid for by the person who contracted for the services rendered.

Religious services will be arranged by the next of kin. Local veterans organizations may assist next of kin in arranging for Military rites at the Cemetery, if that is desired by the next of kin. This includes providing honor guard, buglers and firing squad.

Arrangements for the burial plot in private Cemeteries at home and abroad are the responsibility of the next of kin.

When burial is in a private Cemetery, the Government, upon request, will provide and forward the selected Government approved type headstone or grave marker to the railroad station nearest the Cemetery of burial.

The cost of the headstone or grave marker, as well as the cost of its transportation to the proper railroad station, will be borne by the Government. The cost of subsequent transportation to the Cemetery and erection must be paid for by whosoever contracts for or orders such transportation and erection.

2. If it is desired to have the remains of a deceased interred in a private Cemetery in a foreign country, the homeland of the deceased or of the next of kin, the United States Government, in addition to the provisions of no. 1 above, will give assistance in obtaining medical clearance and procurement of reinterment authority. However, next of kin must arrange for burial plot and such religious services and local Military rites as may be desired. Upon application to the office of the Quartermaster General, Memorial Division, Washington 25, D. C., after interment, the next of kin will be furnished instructions regarding the manner of submitting claim for reimbursement of a sum not to exceed \$50 to cover expenses incurred during final interment.

H. Y. Belk AND HIS NEWS OF NEBO VALLEY

Mrs. Lum Gantt has been visiting Capt. Fred Gantt and family in Mobile, Ala.

Some of Price Harmon's good neighbors stole every chicken he had. Didn't leave a feather. That's dirty of any gentleman.

I declare, March came in like a snow ball. Ice snow, sleet and rain fell for hours But its beautiful to see it drifting down from heaven.

Bill — My wife talks to herself. Tom — So dies mine, but she does not realize it. She thinks I'm listening.

Oh, well, folks must east. So many tramps have chicken when they don't cost them anything.

The Bible says one's enemies are behind you and runs you ragged, and brother, when your wife gets in those of our own household. Oh, boy you are in a heck of a mess. A woman can bless you or damn you.

Let me say this one time—the Kings Mountain Herald is a better paper to day than it has ever been since its birth. I don't care if you like it or fight it, it's a fact. Hundreds of our readers say this. Some few say we copy everything from other papers. It's a lie.

I like our officers. They are nice and kind to our man Belk. I respect the law. They have a hard task and do their jobs well. Like a news reporter, they get kicked, but we don't care.

It was Friday. I called at C. J. Gaul's and Sons. I had the pleasure of looking over their nice stock of good things to eat, drink and smoke. They are really fixed up to sell you what you want and they appreciate your trade. They sell it for cash or credit or short notice. You may take it home with you or they will take it to your kitchen and leave it there. Then you may go back and get more of what they got. They got a lot.

Its no use to fret about the weather. Winter almost gone. In 14 days spring will be back to see us. You ladies may start looking around for that smart new spring hat in a hundred shapes and turned up at every corner, but they are stylish and very becoming to your pretty heads.

Frankly I know its worse than the dickens to have to have stamps and points to get a little sugar. But what if one had to have stamps and points everytime you went to kiss your wife, sweetheart or the cook. I tel you sisters, we'd be out of luck.

Why do the doctors send so many of their patients to the hospitals? I don't know. A doctor sent a man's wife to the hospital. The next week he tried to send the husband. He said to hell with your hospitals. They haven't caught him yet.

A man that totes a pistol in his pocket and a pint in the other pocket is a fool.

Common sense is a far better protection than all the whiskey and pistols in the world. A man is dam fool to tote whiskey in one pocket and a pistol in the other. They soon part.

The letter "Z" is the least used in the English alphabet.

What ever became of the country girl who rubbed her cheek briskly with a brush to make them red and rosy just before going into the parlor to meet her beau?

My dear sisters: If you can't be the brightest diamond where you are, Go where the diamonds are not so numerous—then shine.

Judge—Are you the defendant in this case?

Moss — I've got a lawyer to do my defending. I've the man that

stole de chickens. Don't talk unless you know what you're talking about.

A man who shoots his mouth off all day seldom ever fires anything but blanks.

Here about the pandhandler who walked up to a civilian and said, "Gimme a dollar Mister, and I'll tell you where you can get a cap of coffee."

Investigation officer: What were you doing after the accident?

Driver — Oh, just scraping up an acquaintance.

Its not a crime to steal unless one gets caught in the act—then its too late.

One point-landing: Making a forced landing, the young pilot hit a tree top. The machine turned over and landed upside down.

The pilot crawled out and surveyed the wreckage, then he remarked: "Well, that sort of landing sure saves the tires."

I never thought I'd be a poet: Among the yard-birds woes, Few can top this blight, To be redlined on payday, And have a date that night.

The minimum fine in North Carolina for taking or attempting to take deer at night with the aid of an artificial light is \$100.

Fishing regulations of the N. C. Division of Game and Inland Fisheries put a size limit of seven inches on all species of trout.



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