

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, June 6, 1923.QUARTERMASTER CORPS.
NATIONAL CEMETERIES.

Paragraph

Burials in national cemeteries -----1

1. Burials in national cemeteries - a. General - All soldiers, sailors, or marines dying in the service of the United States, or dying in a destitute condition after having been honorably discharged from the service, or who served or hereafter shall have served, during any war in which the United States has been, or may hereafter be engaged, and, with the consent of the Secretary of War, any citizen of the United States who served in the Army or Navy of any government at war with Germany or Austria during the World War and who died while in such service or after honorable discharge therefrom, may be buried in any national cemetery free of cost. The production of the honorable discharge of a deceased man in the former case, and duly executed permit of the Secretary of War in the latter case, shall be sufficient authority for the superintendent of any cemetery to permit the interment. Army nurses honorably discharged from their service as such may be buried in any national cemetery, and, if in a destitute condition, free of cost. The Secretary of War is authorized to issue certificates to those Army nurses entitled to such burial. ACT APRIL 15, 1920 (41 Stat. 552).

b. Who can be buried in a national cemetery; authority required.

(1) Under the law, quoted in a. all officers, cadets, and enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, and Army and Navy paymasters' clerks, dying in the service of the United States, or dying in a destitute condition after having been mustered out or honorably discharged from the service, or who served, or hereafter shall have served, during any war in which the United States has been, or may hereafter be engaged, are entitled to burial in any national cemetery free of cost. The same rights will be accorded to Army nurses who are honorably discharged or pensioned. In all such cases the presentation of the commission, warrant, or honorable discharge of the deceased officer, enlisted man or Army nurse, or the letter of appointment of the deceased Army or Navy paymaster's clerk, signed by the Secretary of War or Navy, as the case may be, will be sufficient authority for the interment.

(2) Authority is also contained in a, for burial of any citizen of the United States who served in the Army or Navy of any Government at war with Germany or Austria during the World War and who died while in such service or after honorable discharge therefrom, free of cost upon presentation of a duly executed permit of the Secretary of War. In these cases the superintendent will ascertain the correct name, rank and military organization and Army in which the decedent served and communicate with the Quartermaster General, by telegraph, for the necessary permit of the Secretary