

## WAR GRAVES

*Agreement signed at Paris October 1, 1947*

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### AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERMENT IN FRANCE AND IN TERRITORIES OF THE FRENCH UNION OR THE REMOVAL TO THE UNITED STATES OF THE BODIES OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS KILLED IN THE WAR OF 1939-1945

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic, having resolved to facilitate the burial in French territory or the removal to their own country of the bodies of American soldiers killed in the war of 1939-1945, the undersigned, duly authorized for this purpose, have agreed on the following provisions:

#### SECTION I

#### *Creation of permanent cemeteries and commemorative monuments called "Fields of Honor"*

Article 1. The French Government grants to the Government of the United States of America, gratis, and for unlimited duration, the free disposition of the terrains situated in France and in territories of the French Union, chosen and utilized either as permanent cemeteries for the burial of American victims of the war of 1939-1945, or for the construction of monuments commemorative of the exploits of the Armed Forces of the United States in the course of this same war. However, by the terms of the decree of October 14, 1946, these terrains shall remain the property of the French State.

Article 2. The location of the cemeteries and monuments shall be subject to the prior approval of the French Government.

Article 3. The free disposition specified in Article 1 allows to the Government of the United States the right to proceed with all arrangements deemed necessary for the permanent cemeteries, as well as with the con-

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<sup>1</sup> 7 UST 561; TIAS 3537.