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I—OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES. *Effective 15 May 1972*, the Office of the Chief of Support Services is discontinued, and all of its assigned functions, personnel, funds, records, and equipment are transferred to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Headquarters, Department of the Army. This transfer of responsibility includes jurisdiction over the class II activities of the Chief of Support Services: US Army Food Service Center, Fort Lee, Virginia; National Cemetery Supervising Offices, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Forest Park, Georgia, and Lathrop, California; and Laundry Technical Offices, Forest Park, Georgia, and Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

II—US ARMY FOOD SERVICE CENTER, FORT LEE, VIRGINIA. *Effective 15 May 1972*, the US Army Food Service Center, Fort Lee, Virginia, is redesignated the US Army Troop Support Agency, a class II activity of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Headquarters, Department of the Army.

III—LAUNDRY TECHNICAL OFFICES. *Effective 15 May 1972*, the Laundry Technical Offices, Forest Park, Georgia, and Fort Sam Houston, Texas, are discontinued, and all assigned functions and personnel are transferred to the US Army Troop Support Agency, a class II activity of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Headquarters, Department of the Army.

IV—US ARMY MEMORIAL AFFAIRS AGENCY, WASHINGTON, DC.

1. *Effective 15 May 1972*, the US Army Memorial Affairs Agency is established as a class II activity of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Headquarters, Department of the Army. The Commanding Officer is responsible for the procurement of Government headstones and markers; direction and control of the National Cemetery System; care and disposition of remains and personal effects of deceased personnel of the Army and, as directed, for the Navy and Air Force; and supervision of the operation of post cemeteries.

2. The Commanding Officer is directly responsible to the Secretary of the Army for the civil functions pertaining to the procurement of Government headstones and markers and operation of the National Cemetery System, which includes the National Cemeteries, soldiers' lots, Confederate cemeteries, Confederate plots, Confederate monument sites, national monument sites, and the Government-owned burial lots in the Washington Parish Burial Ground, Washington, DC. Provisions of paragraphs 6*b*(1) and (3), AR 290–5 pertaining to the responsibilities of appropriate major commanders are continued in effect. Jurisdiction over the National Cemetery Supervising Offices at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Forest Park, Georgia, and Lathrop, California, is transferred to the US Army Memorial Affairs Agency *effective 15 May 1972*.

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