The hallowed dead shall also return from abroad. The general plans to return those who are now assigned to duty on fame's eternal camping ground have been completed. A request for 92½ million dollars with which to carry out the program has already been presented to Congress. In sixty days, the Quartermaster General will contact the next of kin by letter and ascertain their wishes in the matter. Families at home can determine whether they want their loved ones (1) returned to the U.S. for interment in a national cemetery, (2) returned for interment in the family cemetery, (3) to remain overseas in a national cemetery or (4) to remain overseas for interment in a private cemetery. Already, more than 100,000 letters have been addressed to the War Department making inquiry on this matter and nearly 98% have expressed the desire to have fathers, sons, and husbands returned to their native land. When answers have been received from the families, all data will be carefully catalogued and the program set in motion.

GENERAL PROGRAM.

America's heroic dead are today sleeping in 356 separate cemeteries in all parts of the world. If all are returned, it will mean that provision must be made to bring back 275,000. Special personnel will be assigned to this endeavor and full honors will be accorded to each alike. Liberty ships will be employed for this purpose and those returned from the Pacific will come by way of San Francisco and those from Europe, Africa and the Middle East by way of New York. From these two points, the remains will go forward to 10 well distributed centers from which they will in turn be returned to their respective homes under escort. This undertaking involves considerable administrative detail and it is estimated that it may take from 18 months to 2 years to complete the program. In the case of those whose families prefer that they sleep forever overseas, special national cemeteries will be provided and perpetually maintained by the American Battle Monuments Commission which is now charged with the responsibility for maintaining the cemeteries where sleep those who gave their lives in World War I. It is reasonably certain then that on or about August 1, 1946, the letters from the Quartermaster General will begin to go forward to the next of Kin, which will initiate the return of the hallowed dead.