

MILITARY GOVERNMENT —GERMANY  
SUPREME COMMANDER'S AREA OF CONTROL

**Law No. 151**

SURRENDER OF EFFECTS OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
UNITED STATES FORCES

1. Every person within the occupied territory holding personal property of a deceased member of the United States Forces as custodian or bailee or indebted to any such member upon a debt, then due and owing, or payment on demand shall, upon demand by the Summary-Court-Effects-Quartermaster, European Theater of Operations, United States Army:

(a) surrender to the said Quartermaster all such personal property;

(b) pay <sup>to</sup> to said Quartermaster any such debt.

2. The production of a certificate of authority in the form set forth in Table A hereto annexed, executed by the authority of the Adjutant General, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, shall be conclusive proof of the facts therein stated.

3. Compliance with such demand, as evidenced by appropriate release or receipt of the said Quartermaster shall operate to relieve such custodian, bailee or debtor of any and all further liability for such personal property or debt.\*

4. For the purposes hereof, the term "person" shall mean and include any natural person, collective persons and any entity under public or private law.

5. Any person violating the provisions of this law shall upon conviction by Military Government Court be liable to any lawful punishment other than death as the Court may determine.

6. This law shall become effective upon the date of its first promulgation.

Approved and enacted 23 January 1945.

BY ORDER OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT.