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2 June 1976

Honorable Vance Hartke
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hartke:

Enclosed is a copy of this Commission's Annual Report to
the President for Fiscal Year 1975.

Sincerely,


A. J. ADAMS
Major General, USA
Secretary

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THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

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Sincerely,

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FOREWORD

It is my pleasure to submit to you, Mr. President, the Annual Report of the American Battle Monuments Commission for Fiscal Year 1975. As in prior years, the report has been prepared in such form and detail that it may also serve to inform other government agencies, the public in general and the Commission's own employees of its activities, problems, and plans.

It is with regret that we inform you that Rear Admiral Leslie E. Gehres, USN (Ret) died on May 15, 1975, after a short illness. Admiral Gehres had rendered distinguished service as a member of the Commission for over five years and all members and the staff were saddened by his passing.

During the year, the 95th meeting of the Commission was held in Washington on 14 November 1974, to discuss important matters affecting Commission operations.

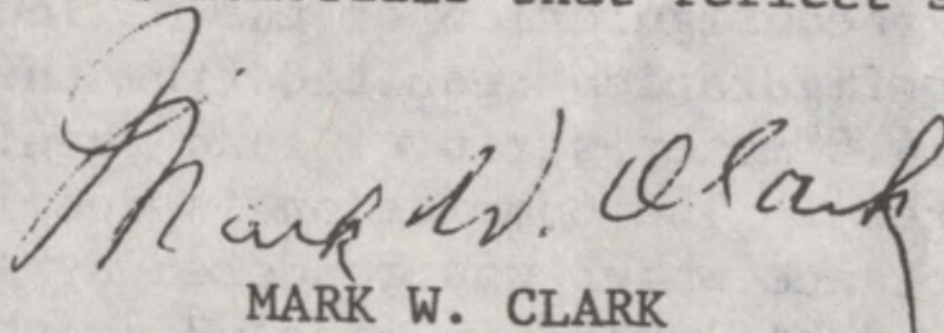
Of special interest was the negotiation of a final agreement with the Federal District of Mexico, with the approval of the Government of Mexico, by which the District agreed to pay the entire cost of the reconfiguration of the Mexico City National Cemetery. The reconfiguration resulted from the City of Mexico's requirement for a 14.5 meter strip of land running the entire length of the cemetery. The Commission is deeply grateful for the very able assistance which was rendered by Ambassador Joseph J. Jova, personally, and his staff in concluding the successful negotiations.

The American Battle Monuments Commission is concerned that it again has not been permitted to include construction funds in its annual budget for the memorialization of the American Expeditionary Force of World War I and its commander, General John J. Pershing. Public Law 89-786, enacted 7 November 1966, authorized the Commission to construct the memorial in Washington. In Fiscal Year 1973, Congress appropriated design funds and a contract was awarded to the firm of Harrison and Abramovitz. The Commission of Fine Arts has approved the elements of the memorial for budgetary purposes and should approve the final positioning of the elements once the memorial can be integrated into the overall plan of the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation. The American Legion has set aside \$125,000 for the sculpture of General Pershing to be used as an element of the memorial.

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This Commission is responsible by law for the erection and maintenance of memorials in the United States and at such places outside the United States to commemorate the services of the American Armed Forces where they have served since April 6, 1917. Plans have been approved by the Commission to commemorate the 2,506 Americans who are missing from the Vietnam Conflict by adding two courts to the Honolulu Memorial in the National Cemetery of the Pacific. The courts now list the names of the missing from operations in the Pacific during World War II and the Korean Conflict. The Commission believes it will be most fitting to include the missing of Vietnam with the missing from the Pacific in World War II and Korea. Although our request for construction funds was not approved for Fiscal Year 1977, it is hoped that the modest funds required will be made available in Fiscal Year 1978.

The Commission's 23 cemetery memorials were visited by over five million persons during Fiscal Year 1975, many of whom were relatives and friends of the Dead. The Commission holds its responsibilities as a sacred trust and is deeply appreciative of the many letters received from American visitors to these memorials commenting so favorably on the manner in which their loved ones' earthly remains are cared for by this Commission. The personnel of our field offices, superintendents and foreign national employees are to be commended for their devotion to duty and continual excellence in sustaining the traditional high standards of maintenance of our cemeteries and memorials that reflect so creditably on this Commission.



MARK W. CLARK
General, USA (Ret)
Chairman

PART ONE

GENERAL REPORT

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CHAPTER I

Commission Meetings and Inspections by Members1. Meetings

The 95th meeting of the Commission was held in Washington, D.C. on 14 November 1974. The Chairman and all members were present except Honorable Gerhard D. Bleicken. Principal subjects of discussion and actions taken were as follows:

a. After the opening remarks, the Chairman asked Honorable Harvey A. Roffman to report to the Commission on his recent inspection of the European cemeteries.

b. The Secretary presented a plan to reconfigure the Mexico City Cemetery to permit transfer of a 14.5 meter strip along the west boundary to the Mexican government for highway construction. The Commission authorized the Secretary to negotiate a settlement with the Mexican officials favorable to the Commission's desires.

c. The staff briefed the Commission on the following subjects:

(1) The status of Senate Joint Resolution 45 authorizing the construction of a memorial to the Armed Forces' service in Vietnam on Public Grounds in the District of Columbia was discussed.

(2) The Korean Government was planning to construct a memorial to the United States for their participation in the Korean War on Sunyu-Do Island near the Second Han River Bridge rather than Yoido Sister City Park.

(3) A revised plan of the Pershing Memorial was shown to the Commission. It was estimated that with this revision the cost of the Memorial would be reduced from \$1.8 million to \$950,000.

(4) Through careful planning and execution, the European Office now can complete the repair of the Varrennes Monument within the funds allocated.

(5) The effects of the OM&B cut for FY 1976 on the maintenance projects were discussed.

(6) The mechanization program to increase productivity of the European and Mediterranean Offices was discussed. The Mediterranean Office had reached its goal; and if the FY 1976 equipment can be procured, the European Office will be at 92% of its current authorized level.

(7) The Commission's Documentary Film had been viewed by an estimated 20 million people in FY 1974; and during the first four months of FY 1975, an estimated audience of 38 million people had seen either the long or short version of the film.

(8) Colonel Rowland, former Officer-in-Charge of the European Office had retired and Brigadier General John W. Donaldson replaced him on 1 August 1974. The personnel authorization of the European Office was discussed.

2. Inspections

Honorable Harvey A. Roffman inspected Sicily-Rome, Florence, Suresnes, Oise-Aisne and Aisne-Marne Cemeteries. He also inspected the Memorials at Chateau-Thierry and Belleau Woods. He reported that all sites he visited were in immaculate condition and fitting tributes to those who gave their lives for their country.

CHAPTER II

Personnel1. The Commission

a. The eleven Members of the Commission are appointed by the President and serve at his pleasure. They receive no compensation other than travel expenses and per diem when engaged on Commission business. At the beginning of the fiscal year, the Commissioners and their dates of appointment were:

General Mark W. Clark, USA-Ret., Chairman	10 Dec 1969
Honorable Charles E. Potter, Vice Chairman	9 Jul 1953
Honorable Gerhard D. Bleicken	10 Dec 1969
Major General William C. Garrison, USA-Ret.	10 Dec 1969
Rear Admiral Leslie E. Gehres, USN-Ret.	10 Dec 1969
Honorable Harold A. Horn	10 Dec 1969
Honorable Richard J. Vander Plaat	10 Dec 1969
Honorable Leslie M. Fry	10 Feb 1970
Honorable Fred C. Bramlage	12 Nov 1971
Honorable Alfred P. Chamie	12 Nov 1971
Honorable Harvey A. Roffman	1 Oct 1973

b. Rear Admiral Leslie E. Gehres, USN (Ret), who was appointed a member of the Commission on 10 December 1969, died on 15 May 1975.

c. Major General A. J. Adams, USA, served as secretary of the Commission throughout the year.

2. Other Personnela. Key Personnel

Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, USA, was appointed Officer-in-Charge, European Office, Garches, France, on 1 August 1974, replacing Colonel Henry C. Rowland, USA, who reverted to retirement on 30 June 1974.

b. Personnel Authorization

(1) The Commission's personnel requirements were eight military officers on active duty (four in the Washington

Office, three in the European Office and one in the Mediterranean Office), 48 U.S. civil service employees (41 in foreign countries, of which 37 were required as superintendents or assistant superintendents of memorial cemeteries) and 379 permanent and six part-time local national employees.

(2) At the beginning of the fiscal year authorized personnel strengths were eight military, 42 U.S. civilians (35 in overseas areas) and 356 local nationals (six part-time). On 30 June 1974 the authorized strength was distributed as follows:

<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>U.S. Citizen</u>	<u>Civilian</u> <u>Local National</u>
Departmental (Washington Office)	4	7	0
European Area	3	28	252
Mediterranean Area	1	6	50
Asian Area (Manila)	0	2	44
Latin American Area (Mexico City)	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Sub-total	8	44	348
<u>Part-Time</u>			
European Area	.		5
Mediterranean Area	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	8	44	354

c. Actual Strengths

Strengths given in Annex A to Part One and in organization charts and other annexes in Part Two are actual year-end strengths rather than authorizations.

CHAPTER III

Organization1. Washington Office

a. This was the headquarters for all Commission activities. The Secretary was chief Executive of the Commission and under him were Directors of Engineering and Maintenance, Personnel and Administration and Operations and Finance. The Director of Personnel and Administration also was Assistant Secretary and acted for the Secretary in his absence.

b. The Commission's Honolulu, West Coast and East Coast Memorials were administered directly by the Washington Office, as was all planning for new memorials.

c. At Annex A is the Commission's overall organization chart at the end of the fiscal year.

2. European Office

This office, located in Garches, a suburb of Paris, France, administered memorial cemeteries and separate memorials in England, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

3. Mediterranean Office

This office, located in Rome, Italy, administered memorial cemeteries in Italy and Tunisia and the Gibraltar Naval Memorial.

4. Manila and Mexico City Memorial Cemeteries

These cemeteries were administered by Superintendents who reported directly to the Washington Office.

CHAPTER IV

Fiscal Matters1. Operational and Maintenance Appropriations

The Commission's basic fiscal year 1975 appropriation was \$4,512,000. During the year it received a \$267,000 supplemental appropriation to defray the costs of wage board, GS and military pay increases, bringing the total appropriation for the year to \$4,779,000.

2. Construction Appropriations

No Federal funds for new construction were made available. To complete the Commission's World War I, World War II, and Korean War commemorative programs, annual construction appropriations averaging approximately \$300,000 will be needed over a five-year period. These programs are discussed in detail in Chapter VI.

3. Financial Transactions

Obligations incurred by the Commission during the Fiscal Year 1974 were as follows:

Personnel compensation	\$2,945,168
Personnel benefits	743,846
Benefits for former personnel	14,162
Travel and transportation of persons	55,949
Transportation of things	21,582
Rent, communications and utilities	171,168
Printing and reproduction	18,372
Other services (maintenance projects by contract, storage and repair of equipment, etc.)	258,933
Supplies and materials	397,657
Equipment	152,122
Insurance claims and indemnities	24
Total	\$4,778,983

CHAPTER V

Maintenance and Repair of Existing FederalMemorials and Cemeteries1. General

To the extent that its funds and personnel permitted, the Commission continued to the highest standards in the administration, maintenance and repair of its military cemeteries and memorials to the Armed Forces. Their maintenance and repair are discussed in detail in Part Two, and important features and problems are summarized in this chapter.

2. Maintenance

a. This involved complete care and upkeep of: (1) Eight World War I cemeteries in England, France and Belgium, each with a memorial chapel; (2) Eleven World War I memorials outside cemeteries in France, Belgium and Gibraltar; (3) Fourteen World War II cemeteries in England, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Italy, Tunisia and the Philippines, each with a large memorial including a chapel; two World War II memorials in New York City and San Francisco; (5) a World War II and Korean War Memorial in Honolulu; and (6) a Mexican War Cemetery in Mexico City. These total 23 memorial cemeteries and 14 separate memorials in 10 countries.

b. The Commission continued to insist that immaculate appearance of the headstones, structures, plantings and lawns is essential to the solemn purpose of these shrines.

c. In addition to routine maintenance, a number of special projects were required. Among them were projects for modernization of support facilities as well as for improved maintenance and convenience of visitors.

3. Major Repairs

a. Manila Cemetery and Memorial (See Part Two, Chapter I, Annex B)

(1) Roads

A contract for the replacement and patching of bad sections of roads was awarded and completed during this fiscal year.

(2) Visitors' Restroom

Construction of a new visitors' restroom was completed in May 1975 and opened to the public.

(3) Office Restroom

A restroom was constructed in the office building for use by employees and office visitors.

(4) Headstone for British Citizen

At the request of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, cemetery personnel purchased and installed a marble nameplate for British Chief Officer O. Robyns-Owen at the Manila North Cemetery.

b. Mexico City National Cemetery (See Part Two, Chapter I, Annex C)

(1) A plan was developed for the reconfiguration of the Cemetery. This envisions the transfer of the 820 individual remains into wall crypts, the relocation of the mass grave of 750 unknowns from the Mexican War, the construction of a new superintendent's quarters at the north end and the construction of a service building at the south end.

(2) The plan was presented to the Mexican authorities with the understanding that they would pay for the entire reconfiguration.

(3) At the end of the fiscal year, the Mexican Foreign Secretary had approved the plan and had referred the negotiation of details to the Federal District.

c. European Office (See Part Two, Chapter II)(1) Montfaucon Monument

Work was initiated to repoint the monument using "in-house" labor and a motor operated flying scaffold.

(2) Entrance Pylons--Lorraine Cemetery

The rebuilding of the entrance pylons was completed during the fiscal year.

(3) Engraving Headstones

There is an annual requirement to replace about 200 headstones. The engraving on these stones had been done by contract. The European Office procured an engraving machine and is now doing the work in-house. The savings in the first year will offset the cost of the machine.

(4) Roads--Meuse-Argonne

A contract was awarded to pave the major roads in the cemetery.

(5) Repaint and Repair Visitors' Building--Brookwood Cemetery

A contract was awarded to repair the roof and paint the interior and exterior of the Visitors' Building.

(6) Compost Platform--Suresnes Cemetery

A contract was awarded to place a concrete platform for the manufacture of compost at Suresnes.

d. Mediterranean Office(1) Wall--North Africa Cemetery

The new wall adjoining the Memorial Building was completed this fiscal year.

(2) Wall--Sicily-Rome

A contract to construct 78 meters of new wall was awarded. The final increment is scheduled for award next fiscal year.

CHAPTER VI

New Federal Memorials1. AEF Memorial

a. Public Law 89-786, enacted 7 November 1966, authorized the Commission to erect a memorial to General Pershing and the officers and men under his command in the District of Columbia on that parcel of Federally owned land bounded by Pennsylvania Avenue, E Street, 14th Street and 15th Street.

b. At the suggestion of the Commission of Fine Arts, the architect, Mr. Wallace Harrison, prepared several different landscape solutions where all elements of design are events in a park as a memorial to General Pershing and the men of the American Expeditionary Force. These solutions were submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts to get their suggestion as to which would be the best approach. The Commission deferred comment until the plan could be intergrated into the entire Pennsylvania Avenue Development plan. However, the elements of the memorial were approved for budgetary purposes.

c. The Commission was denied permission to include construction funds for this project in its Fiscal Year 1976 budget report.

2. Korean Memorial

a. When representatives of the Korean government found that the United States government would not fund a memorial in Seoul commemorating the services of our Armed Forces during the Korean conflict, they offered to construct a memorial at their expense.

b. Technical assistance was offered by this Commission. A site was selected at the south end of the Panmunjon Bridge. Design was completed and work initiated without requesting assistance from the Commission.

3. Guam Memorial

a. Final design, specifications to include the narratives and battle maps, and estimates are complete and construction could be initiated shortly after receipt of funds. The Commission was not successful in its attempt to get construction funds in fiscal year 1976.

b. Since the Japanese have constructed a memorial on Guam, the Commission has received several inquiries from prominent Guananian officials of the status of our memorial.

4. Utah Beach Memorial

Final design of this memorial could be completed within a short time, and construction could begin soon after receipt of funds. The Commission was denied permission to include construction funds for this project in its Fiscal Year 1976 budget.

5. Distinguished Military Actions Commemorative Program

The Commission was not able to include funds for the first increment of five of these monuments in its fiscal year 1976 budget.

6. Vietnam Memorial

The Commission approved the addition to two half courts at the base of the Honolulu Memorial to commemorate the 2,506 missing Americans from the Vietnam Conflict. The design of this addition will be done in-house. Permission was not granted to include the necessary funds in our fiscal year 1976 budget request.

CHAPTER VII

Non-Federal Memorials1. General

36 U.S.C. 123 provides that the American Battle Monuments Commission shall control the design and erection of all American monuments or memorials to the Armed Services on foreign soil. The Commission may assist in the erection and maintenance of non-Federal memorials providing it is reimbursed for its services.

2. New Memorialsa. Second Division Association Monuments

(1) Under the supervision of the Commission, the memorial at St. Vith, Belgium was completed and dedicated on 10 September 1974.

(2) A formal request was received to construct a memorial at Omaha Beach identical to the one at St. Vith, the Commission has approved the site and the memorial and is acting as liason between the contractor and the association for its construction.

b. The Battle of the Coral Sea Association

A request was received to erect a plaque on Tonga to commemorate those who lost their lives during the battle of the Coral Sea and were buried at Tonga. The Commission assisted the Association in the design of the plaque and getting the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts. The plaque was placed on the Tonga War Memorial and dedicated on 29 April 1975 with the Honorable Tuita, Deputy Prime Minister and HE A. Arthington Davy, British High Commissioner placing wreaths. Afterwards, the members of the Association were greeted by His Majesty King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV.

3. Maintenance of Memorials

a. The following associations have had the Commission hire and supervise caretakers to maintain their overseas memorials using funds provided by them:

- (1) 1st Infantry
- (2) 2nd Infantry Division
- (3) 4th Infantry Division
- (4) 6th U.S. Engineers Veterans, WWI
- (5) 316th Infantry Association

b. The State of Missouri Monument was cleaned and repair has been initiated. A new caretaker is being sought.

c. For the State of Pennsylvania, the restoration of the Varennes Monument is progressing well. The Nantillois Monument is in excellent condition and available funds are being used for general policing and horticulture work.

d. For additional details, see paragraph 6, Chapter II, Part Two.

CHAPTER VIII

Services to and Relations with the Public1. Inquiries and Requests for Information and Assistance

a. As in the past, special emphasis was placed upon prompt, courteous and informative replies to all inquiries from relatives, friends of the Dead, and the general public. Among the information and services provided were:

Name, location, and general information concerning the cemetery or memorial; plot, row, and grave number, if appropriate; best routes and modes of travel in-country to the cemetery or memorial; general information about the accommodations that may be available in the vicinity; escort service within the cemetery memorial for relatives; letters authorizing fee-free passports for members of the immediate family traveling overseas to visit a grave or memorial site; black and white photographs of headstones and sections of the tablets of the missing on which the servicemen's names are engraved; large color lithographs of World War II cemeteries and memorials to which the missing photographs are affixed; and arrangements for floral decoration of grave and memorial sites. As a further courtesy and service, each donor of a floral decoration is furnished a polaroid color photograph of the decoration after it is emplaced.

During the fiscal year, 5,313 written replies to inquiries concerning these services were made. Many of the requests for information and assistance were from veterans and service organizations. As with the requests from individuals, all possible assistance was rendered.

b. Several individuals and associations requested advice on how to design and erect monuments or memorials. Advice reflecting the Commission's broad experience in this field was furnished to them promptly.

c. A short news feature released by Associated Press during the fiscal year was printed by hundreds of newspapers throughout the country. The sharp increase in requests for information during the fiscal year can be attributed directly to this article.

2. Andrews Project

Named for its sponsor, the late Congressman George W. Andrews, this project of the Commission provides for any close relative of the Dead interred in its cemeteries or memorialized on its Tablets of the Missing to receive a color lithograph of the appropriate cemetery or memorial on which has been affixed a photograph of the headstone or commemorative inscription. Since the inception of this project, many thousands of requests for the lithographs have been processed, 2,117 in fiscal year 1975. New color lithographs of the Cambridge and Epinal WW II American Cemeteries and Memorials were printed, as were lithographs of the Aisne-Marne and Suresnes WW I American Cemeteries and Memorials.

3. Memorial, Veterans' Day and other Ceremonies

Well-planned and executed ceremonies at each of the Commission's cemetery memorials were attended by many American and foreign dignitaries and visitors. Every year the number of pilgrimages and tours by next-of-kin, relatives, and veterans organizations to the Commission's cemetery memorials overseas increases. During these visits, special wreath-laying ceremonies are held in honor of our War Dead. Many such visits and ceremonies are described individually in Part Two.

4. Visitors

There were 5,094,195 American and foreign visitors to the Commission's memorials and cemeteries during the fiscal year. As in the past, these visitors wrote hundreds of commendatory letters concerning the Commission's work. A copy of one of these letters concerning a visit during fiscal year 1975 is attached as Annex B.

5. Publications

During the fiscal year a booklet on the Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial was written and published; a copy is attached at Annex C. The general information pamphlet was updated and reprinted.

6. Documentary Film

A one-year contract was signed with Modern Talking Picture Service, effective 1 July 1974 to market and distribute copies of the Commission's film, "The Price of Freedom," on a free loan basis. The film was very well received. During the year it was telecast 479 times and was seen in every State of the Union including Hawaii and Alaska. The potential television audience at the times of broadcast was 90,257,886. The estimated audience to see the film was 44,525,500. Also, the film was shown 19,115 times throughout the country to small

groups whose actual audience totaled 824,215. Modern Talking Picture Service, in addition to promoting and distributing the film, examined, cleaned and repaired each print as necessary after each booking.

7. Field Offices

Local services available to and relations with the public are discussed in Part Two.

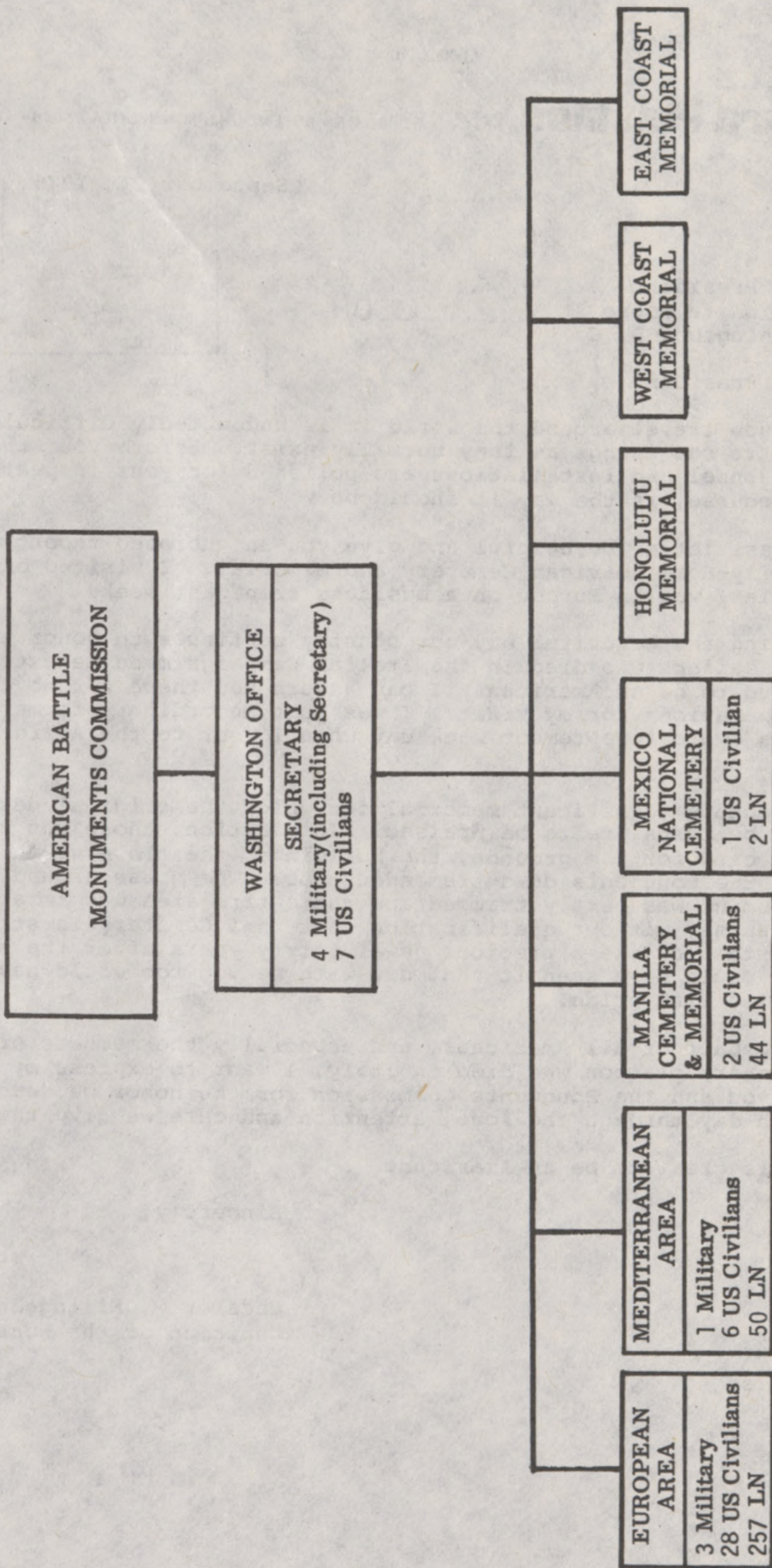
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Legislation1. Legislation Giving the Commission Authority Over Non-Federal Memorials Erected outside the United States

Public Law 93-244, enacted 2 January 1974, gave the Commission discretionary authority under certain circumstances to assume control of overseas war memorials erected by private persons and non-Federal and foreign agencies and to demolish them in certain instances. During fiscal 1975 the primary activity of the Commission with respect to this legislation was compiling a comprehensive listing of these monuments and their state of repair.

ANNEX A

Overall Organization Chart



LN - Local Nationals

Actual Strengths, June 30, 1975

MONUMENTS

ANNEX B

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September 24, 1975

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON

Mr. President:

As you travel around the world it is undoubtedly difficult for you to see things as they normally exist. Before you arrive all personnel and installations are polished for your inspection which, of course, is the way it should be.

Please let me be helpful and give you an unbiased report on the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial. I visited our cemetery while I was in Europe on a business trip last week.

Seeing the beautiful way our country continues to honor the soldiers and sailors who died in the Italian Campaign made me extremely proud to be an American. I can assure you there was no special preparations for my visit. I was just an ordinary former soldier on a typical September week day when I went to the Anzio-Nettuno Cemetery.

I found a magnificent memorial for which the original designers and builders are to be praised. In addition, those who administer and care for the grounds, the buildings, the flowers, the trees and the monuments do a tremendous job. The grass around every monument was neatly trimmed and the entire area was immaculate. I can say without qualification that this Cemetery is still maintained like a precious jewel thirty years after the war. If you could have seen it that day with me you too would have been filled with pride.

On behalf of all Americans, and especially the members of my infantry platoon who died in Italy, I want to express my appreciation to you and the Monuments Commission for the honor we demonstrate each day through the love, attention and care we give this memorial.

It is great to be an American.

Sincerely,

Chester W. Ellingson, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

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ANNEX C

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PART TWO

REPORTS ON INDIVIDUAL OFFICES, CEMETERIES

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CHAPTER I

Washington Office1. Personnel

Throughout the fiscal year, permanent personnel of the Washington Office consisted of four Army officers and six U.S. civilians.

2. Organization

a. The Washington Office directed the activities of all field offices, cemeteries and memorials. Directly subordinate to it were: the European and Mediterranean Offices; the Manila Cemetery and Memorial; the Mexico City National Cemetery and the Honolulu, West and East Coast Memorials.

b. At Annex A is an organization chart of the Washington Office as of the end of the fiscal year.

3. Maintenance and Repair of Existing Federal Memorials and Cemeteries

Maintenance and repair of memorials and cemeteries under direct jurisdiction of the Washington Office are described in Annexes B through F to this chapter.

4. New Memorials

These are discussed in Chapter VI, Part One.

5. Services to and Relations with the Public

These are described in Chapter VIII, Part One.

6. Consultants

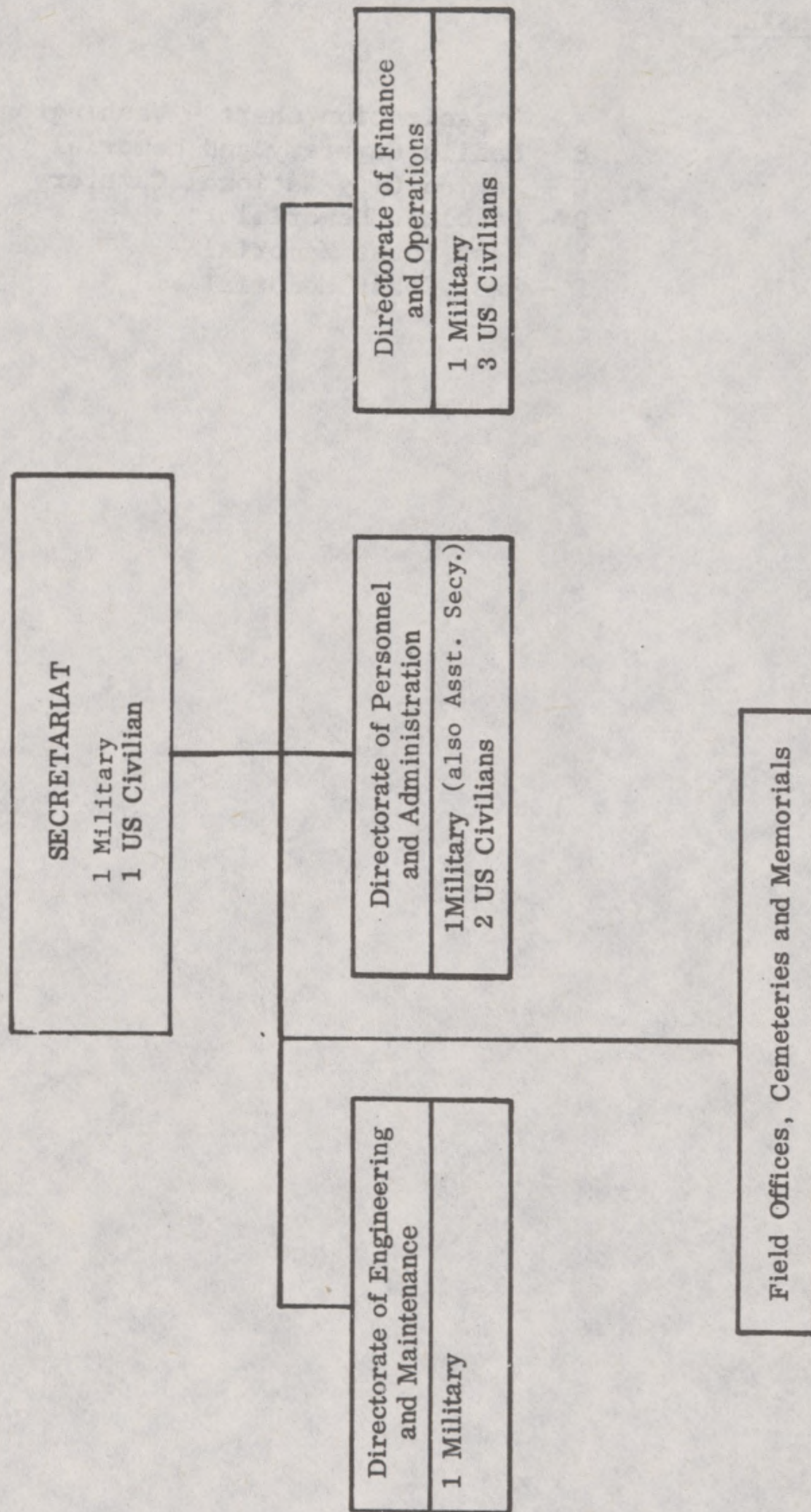
As in past years, Mr. John F. Harbeson of Harbeson, Hough, Livingston and Larson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was retained as the Commission's consulting architect. Mr. Gilmore D. Clarke of Clarke and Rapuano, New York City, served as consulting landscape architect and Mr. Joseph B. Mitchell of Alexandria, Virginia as consulting historian, both on a case by case basis.

ANNEXES:

- A - Organization Chart - Washington Office
- B - Manila Cemetery and Memorial
- C - Mexico City National Cemetery
- D - Honolulu Memorial
- E - West Coast Memorial
- F - East Coast Memorial

ANNEX A

Organization Chart - Washington Office



ANNEX B

Manila American Cemetery and Memorial1. Personnela. Strength

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 44 local national employees. Mr. Joseph V. Darby and Mr. William J. Gaulty served as Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent respectively throughout the year.

b. Important Personnel Actions and Events

The Incentive Award Program was emphasized during the year. At an award ceremony on 23 January 1975, five employees received ABMC service pins and certificates; twenty employees received sustained superior accomplishment certificates of which seven also received cash awards; nineteen employees were commended for accumulating 1,000 hours unused sick leave and two employees for accumulating 2,000 or more hours of unused sick leave. Thirty-nine employees were commended for not sustaining on-the-job injuries.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

(1) Installation of wall tile and terrazzo floor and replacement of five urinals in the temporary toilet building.

(2) The construction of the new visitors' toilet building was completed and opened to the public on 20 May 1975.

(3) A contract for the repair of asphalt roads was awarded to Industrial Technologist, Inc. on 21 March 1975. Work was completed on 23 May 1975.

(4) A contract for the construction of a toilet in the administration building was awarded to Machuca Floor Finishing Co. on 26 June 1975.

b. Cemetery labor projects

(1) In the fall of 1974, two typhoons struck the Cemetery and overturned 28 trees. All but one were righted.

(2) Repainted flagpoles, main entrance gate and wrought iron fence.

(3) Regilded seven Medal of Honor headstones.

(4) At the request of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, replaced a stolen bronze nameplate with an inscribed marble stone on the grave of British Chief Officer O. Robyns-Owen at the Manila North Cemetery. The grave was also cleaned.

(5) The exterior of three memorial buildings were cleaned with high pressure water and the Visitors' Building was painted.

(6) Continued the use of Klenztone to remove stains from headstones.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. The excellent relationship with the American Embassy, Manila and local authorities has been invaluable to the continued outstanding condition of the Manila Cemetery and Memorial.

b. Principal ceremonies and events include:

22 Jul 1974	General Robert E. Cushmen, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps, visited the Cemetery.
22 Sep 1974	The Jewish community of Manila held a memorial service for their dead.
29 Sep 1974	Mr. James M. Wagonseller, National Commander, American Legion, presented a floral wreath at the Chapel.
28 Oct 1974	Veterans' Day was observed by a wreath-laying ceremony. American Ambassador William H. Sullivan and Colonel Chato, representing the Philippine Undersecretary of National Defense placed floral wreaths. Brigadier General (Ret) Marking, Acting President, Veterans' Federation of the Philippines also placed a wreath.
5 Dec 1974	Mrs. Ione Kubby, National President, the American Legion Auxiliary, visited the Cemetery and placed a wreath.
11 Apr 1975	Mrs. Imelda Marcos, First Lady of the Philippines and Dr. Elena Ceausescu, First Lady of Romania visited the Cemetery.

- 22 May 1975 Undersecretary of the Air Force James W. Plummer, Major General Otis C. Moore, Brigadier General L. J. Mann, and Colonel Donald Kutyna accompanied by Colonel John C. Carson of U.S. DAO Manila visited the Cemetery.
- 22 May 1975 Mr. Rangab Vadhanasingha, Chief Cultural Division, Ministry of Education, Thailand visited the Cemetery.
- 26 May 1975 At Memorial Day service, guest speakers were Ambassador William H. Sullivan and Honorable Alejandro Melchor, Executive Secretary, Office of the President Republic of the Philippines.

ANNEX C

Mexico City National Cemetery1. Personnel

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian Superintendent and two local nationals. Throughout the year, Mr. Bruce R. Snyder was Superintendent.

2. Maintenance and Repair

Since a decision was made to reconfigure the entire Cemetery, only routine maintenance was performed during the year.

3. New Construction

a. The Federal District required a 14.5 meter strip along the western edge of the cemetery so that the District could construct a parallel access road to the new expressway being constructed. The loss of this land would require a complete reconfiguration of the Cemetery.

b. Plans were developed where the 820 individual graves would be placed in wall crypts along the east and new west walls of the Cemetery. The mass grave containing the remains of 750 Americans who lost their lives during the Mexican War would be relocated to a new position. An office, reception room and superintendent's quarters would be constructed in the northern section of the cemetery. And a service area would be built in the southern section. The center or cemetery section would be landscaped with walks, flower beds and shrubbery to give it a serene beauty.

c. With the capable assistance from Ambassador Joseph J. Jova and his staff, the Commission received approval from the Mexican Federal authorities, whereby the Federal District would pay for the entire reconfiguration of the Cemetery.

4. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. In August 1974, a group of sixty from the Women's Marine Association placed a wreath at the monument in honor of the Marine detachment that assisted in the attack of Chapultepec.

b. On 12 March 1975, Mr. James Wagonseller, National Commander of the American Legion, placed a wreath at the monument.

c. On 30 May 1975, a Memorial Day ceremony was held with 122 people attending. Ambassador Joseph Jova was the principal speaker.

ANNEX D

Honolulu Memorial1. Personnel

This Memorial is located in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, under jurisdiction of the Veterans' Administration. No Commission personnel are assigned to it permanently. The Cemetery Superintendent, Mr. Ernest C. Schanze, and all echelons of authority in the Veterans' Administration were most cooperative and helpful in resolving problems concerning the memorial.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Courts of the Missing

(1) The floor of Courts 7 and 8 were observed to be settling causing cracking. It was determined that fines in the gravel base under the floors were washing away leaving a void under the slab. Holes were drilled at six foot intervals and concrete was forced into the holes to prevent further settling.

(2) Ten panels inside Court 8 were sanded to determine if sanding would be successful in removing the white salt that had formed as a result of the treatment with ammonium bifluoride in 1968. It removed the salts; however the old stains had returned.

(3) The new panel with the corrected name arrived and was installed in Court 8.

b. Dedication Stone

(1) The top one inch of the Dedication Stone was removed because of the appearance of an objectionable crack running about one half inch below the surface. The top was now very porous from the layer of shells that had caused the crack, so the top was filled with a matching mortar and the stone is now very attractive.

(2) In the bright sunlight the inscription on the dedication stone is hard to read. The inscription will be tinted.

c. Monumental Stairs

Stains were observed forming on the monumental stairs caused by water flowing from under the steps. A close examination

revealed that the source of this water was improper sealing of the Travertine border on the top tread. It was decided to reseal this border.

d. Services to and Relations with the Public

(1) This year over 2,000,000 visitors came to the Cemetery and it is estimated that most of these visited the Memorial.

(2) Some of the distinguished visitors include:

20 Jul 1974	310 members of Zenkoku Isshin-Kai (Japanese Lion's Club)
28 Jul 1974	350 members of the 25th Infantry Division Reunion
18 Aug 1974	Nine Bishops of the HI Buddhist Association
20 Aug 1974	100 Iranian Navy Personnel
26 Aug 1974	Abbott-Apparent K. Ohtani and 200 Boy Scouts of Japan
28 Aug 1974	LTG (Ret) Kim Il Han, Republic of Korea and six members of the Veterans Association of Korea
10 Sep 1974	TBS-TV of Japan
22 Sep 1974	Annual Jewish Memorial Service with 40 members in attendance.
29 Sep 1974	Annual Club 100 Memorial Service, with the following members in attendance: MG H. S. Brookes, Jr., CG, 25th Infantry Division; BG E. M. Yoshimasu, Deputy AG and Assistant Division Commander of the 25th Infantry; BG A. J. Gatsis, CG, USASCH; MG V. Seiferman, AG, Hawaii NG; Mr. W. Oshiro, Director, VARO, Honolulu, and family members of five Medal of Honor recipients.
1 Nov 1974	VFW Western Conference Group, with Joint Services Color Guards, 310 visitors in attendance.
1 Nov 1974	Hawaiian Catholic Folk Mass (a torch-lit ceremony held in conjunction with Veterans' Day and All Saints Day)

- 27 Nov 1974 Archbishop J. Higashifushinomiya and 480 members of the religious sect, Tendai-Shu of Japan.
- 4-9 Jan 1975 U.S. Senator William L. Scott, Virginia
- 16 Jan 1975 350 members of the National Funeral Directors Association
- 28 Jan 1975 Mr. Hiroo Onoda (Japanese war straggler, WWII)
- 8-12 Feb 1975 Mr. A. Matsuzono, Director, Economic Dev. and Cabinet Members, Nagaski, Japan.
- 19 Mar 1975 200 members of the Joint Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce and Kobe-Tokyo-Fukuoka Junior Chamber of Commerce.
- 30 Mar 1975 7,000 members of the Hawaii Council of Churches 73rd Easter Sunrise Service.
- 6 Apr 1975 150 Kansas City Senior Citizens attended a Sunrise Service
- 10 Apr 1975 1,100 visitors from the Hawaii Tour Group, Tokyo, Japan
- 17 Apr 1975 Ernie Pyle Memorial Service, 30th Anniversary, Honolulu Press Club.
- 25 Jun 1975 25th Anniversary Commemorative Service, Invasion of Korea, Yang You Chan, Ambassador-at-large, keynote speaker.

ANNEX E

West Coast Memorial1. Personnel

This Memorial, located in the Presidio of San Francisco, California, had no Commission personnel permanently assigned to it.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. Routine maintenance of the Memorial continued to be performed by the Installation Engineer, Presidio of San Francisco.

b. Installed new shrubs near Memorial.

ANNEX F

East Coast Memorial1. Personnel

No Commission personnel were assigned permanently to this Memorial, which is located in Battery Park, New York City.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Administration of the City of New York continued to perform routine maintenance of the Memorial.

b. A contract was awarded to the City of New York to replace all light standards with the understanding that the City would assume responsibility for future maintenance of standards.

CHAPTER II

European Office1. Personnela. Strength

Personnel in the European Office, its cemeteries and memorials consisted of three military officers, 28 U.S. civilians and 257 local nationals at the end of the fiscal year; these included five part-time seasonal employees. Of the total, three military, four U.S. civilians and 26 local nationals were members of the European Regional Office in Garches.

b. Important Personnel Actions and Events

(1) Change in Military Personnel during the fiscal year:

Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, U.S. Army, was designated Officer-in-Charge of the European Office on 1 August 1974.

Major Ronald L. Lane, CE, U.S. Army, was designated Deputy Director of Maintenance, Operations and Management on 21 August 1974.

(2) The following key persons were employed during the fiscal year:

Mr. Arthur A. Martin, Superintendent-Trainee, Henri-Chapelle Cemetery and Memorial, 1 October 1974.

Mr. George Rovder, Supervisory Engineer, Garches Office, 2 March 1975.

(3) The following separation of a key person was made during the fiscal year, as a result of resignation:

Mr. Richard E. Butzow, Supervisory Engineer, 15 December 1974.

c. Key Personnel Shortages at End of Fiscal Year

Assistant-Superintendent position at Ardennes Cemetery and Memorial, Brittany Cemetery and Memorial and Epinal Cemetery and Memorial. These positions are to be filled in fiscal year 1976.

d. Personnel Shortages

(1) The most serious personnel problem was lack of sufficient authorized U.S. civilians to permit filling vacant assistant-superintendent positions at the Ardennes, Brittany and Epinal cemeteries and memorials. Lack of assistant-superintendents at these major memorial cemeteries made it impossible to provide a desirable level of supervision of maintenance and reception of visitors. The problem will be solved in fiscal year 1976, with the authorization given to employ three assistant-superintendent trainees to fill these positions.

(2) It is estimated that 32 additional local national spaces also are required. The effect of lack of these spaces is discussed in paragraph 3 below.

2. Organization

The European Office, located at Garches, a suburb of Paris, France, supervises the administration and maintenance of eight World War I and ten World War II cemeteries, each including a memorial, as well as ten World War I memorials outside of cemeteries, all in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Organization chart reflecting actual strengths as of June 30, 1975 is at Annex A.

3. Personnel Problems

a. U.S. Personnel

(1) During the past four fiscal years emphasis was placed on staffing cemeteries and memorials. Inadequate numbers of U.S. civilian positions as a result of overseas personnel reduction programs in past years made it impossible to provide a desirable level of American supervision and reception of over three million visitors annually of which approximately 273,900 were Americans, including next-of-kin and friends of deceased who wished to be received at the cemeteries by American supervisors.

(2) Additionally when Superintendents or Assistants went on extended leave or were ill, because of the shortage of Assistant-Superintendents it was not always possible to place an American in charge of the cemetery.

(3) Because new Superintendents must receive on-the-job training obtainable only through experience as Assistant-Superintendents, the shortage of U.S. civilians spaces limited our ability to provide an invaluable and irreplaceable training ground from which Superintendents can be selected when vacancies occur.

(4) Restoration of three U.S. civilian spaces in FY 1976 will permit filling Assistant-Superintendent positions at Ardennes, Brittany and Epinal cemeteries, thus resolving the above problems.

b. Local Nationals

(1) The authorized personnel strength for local nationals in 1968 was 286. Because of oversea personnel authorization reduction imposed on the Commission, the authorization for FY 75 was 257 or 90% of that authorized in 1968.

(2) Restoration of these local national spaces is needed for maintenance and repair work in the cemeteries to prevent deterioration of the standards of maintenance. Especially in World War I cemeteries and memorials, where buildings, structures, roads and paths and other facilities have aged to the point that a great amount of stone and masonry repair work, road repair work, and painting of facilities is urgently required. Because of the locations of many cemeteries away from principal cities, accomplishing this type of work by contracting with private firms often is impossible, and if obtained, the costs to the Government are exorbitant. Restoration of these local national spaces would permit hiring of qualified technicians, masons and painters so that this work could be performed at reasonable cost by Commission personnel.

(3) Likewise at many cemeteries, because of the shortage of personnel, horticulture maintenance was reduced in some peripheral areas.

4. Maintenance and Repair of Existing Federal Cemeteries and Memorials

a. Routine Maintenance

(1) The European Office continued to apply its personnel and resources to the maintenance of traditionally high standards of state of repair of monuments and overall appearance and condition of installations under its jurisdiction. These standards were met in spite of the strict measures imposed in every facet of operations to meet the President's energy conservation goal for the fiscal year. The goal of an overall 15 percent energy savings over energy expenditures in fiscal year 1973 was more than achieved, but its realization raised the question of productivity versus energy savings. Previous operational planning and maintenance equipment purchases have been directed toward increasing productivity while reducing manpower requirements. However, the labor-saving equipment purchased to increase productivity is also energy consuming and therefore all efforts to conserve fuel had to allow for the effects on productivity and the quality of maintenance.

Initial revised estimates of \$163,354 for fiscal year 1975 contractual maintenance services requirements were made when foreign currency exchange rates were estimated at relatively high levels, e.g., \$1.00 = 4.80 FF. Actual obligations of \$163,438 during the fiscal year were accomplished at considerably reduced exchange rates, e.g., an average rate of \$1.00 = 4.43 FF and a fiscal year closing rate of \$1.00 = 3.98 FF. This reduction in buying power of the dollar and severe economic inflation in Europe during the fiscal year seriously affected maintenance operations by restricting the extent of repairs to emergency and preventive maintenance projects.

(2) The horticulture program of the European Office area of operations was given high priority throughout the year. Funds were allocated for the purchase of necessary horticulture maintenance supplies, plantings and equipment. A Standing Operating Procedures Handbook for horticulture was prepared and distributed to field personnel. Future plans include publication of this handbook in the various languages of each country in which the European Office has its installations.

(3) "In-house" and "Self-help" projects increased in number during this fiscal year. All cemetery personnel are aware of the necessity for the self-help program. These employees continue to undertake many maintenance and repair projects beyond the normal labor skill of their employment, compensating for reduced operating funds and inflation. Work performed during the year included large stone replacements, pulling and re-installing deep-well pumps, attic dormer construction, interior and exterior painting projects, and major water line and sprinkler line repairs. An example of typical savings experienced in self-help projects is the installation of the deep-well pump at St. Mihiel cemetery by the employees at no additional cost to ABMC. A similar installation of a deep-well pump by contract service at Normandy cost \$1,430. This diversion of in-house labor to major projects, does, however, adversely affect the level of grounds maintenance.

b. Projects of Special Interest

(1) Initially an FY 74 Maintenance Project, the repointing of the Montfaucon Monument column was deferred to FY 75. The original estimate for repointing this 200 foot high monument was \$15,000. Dollar devaluation and inflation in the construction industry in Europe produced bid offerings for the project exceeding \$30,000. The greater part of this price involved the erection of scaffolding around the monument.

The technical staff of the European Office designed and installed a motor-operated flying scaffold which eliminated

the requirement for rental of costly pipe scaffolding. Cost of this device was \$3,344. Cost of cemetery labor presently employed on the project is estimated to be \$7,500, representing potential savings to the United States Government of approximately \$22,000.

(2) The contract to rebuild the entrance pylons at Lorraine Cemetery was completed during this fiscal year. Additional funds of \$4,226 were required from the FY 75 program to replace broken stones and for interior work not identified in the original FY 74 contract.

(3) Seventeen headstones were replaced during FY 75 with engraving costs of \$667.58. With current replacement requirements numbering 203, headstone engraving represented a potentially large item in the annual budget (approximately \$8,000).

Replacement of headstones is required continuously due to normal wear during maintenance of the stone, damage by equipment and effects of weather, and a frequent requirement to correct inscriptions. In the past, headstones were engraved by a private contractor at approximately \$40 each. The European Office maintenance staff conducted a feasibility study, investigating various engraving machines, and determined that it would be considerably more economical for the European Office to engrave its own headstones. Upon approval of the Secretary, an engraving machine was purchased and installed at Meuse-Argonne cemetery. It will be operated during the winter and during inclement weather by the chief mason of that installation. The current engraving requirements of 200 crosses will offset the \$5,500 cost of the equipment, resulting in immediate savings during its first year of use, and will reduce future year engraving costs to less than \$10 per headstone.

(4) Paving projects were accomplished by contract at Aisne-Marne and Meuse-Argonne cemeteries. At Aisne-Marne, the project provided a durable surface for the principal cemetery roads which were previously of loose aggregate. This improvement eliminates a nuisance and danger to cemetery visitors and personnel caused by instability of the surface.

The paving project at Aisne-Marne, for repair work, has been contracted with the local road department in accordance with a long-standing agreement.

(5) The second of three 50 HP motors in the reservoir at Henri-Chapelle burned out in June 1975 which led to over-working of the third. The first motor was already inoperative. These three motors drive the sprinkler system at the installation. Two motors are required to efficiently operate the sprinkler system. Emergency repairs were accomplished.

(6) In his budget submission to the European Office, the Superintendent of Brookwood Cemetery requested the project of roof repair and exterior and interior painting of the Visitors' Building. It was the original intent of the European Office to include this project in the revised FY 76 budget submission. However, inspection by the Officer-in-Charge and a staff engineer revealed that the condition of the slate tiles and gutter indicated a need for immediate action to avoid possible water damage to the building interior. A reallocation of funds and deferment of requirements of a lower priority permitted the European Office to award a contract for this project.

(7) A contract was awarded to make necessary repairs, install control valves and extend the sprinkler system at Oise-Aisne Cemetery. The existing pipes of the system had been continually breaking or bursting due to corrosion. Installation of sectional control valves permits cutting off portions of the system to conduct repairs. Plastic pipes and fittings replace lines beyond repair. Project is scheduled for completion in October 1975.

(8) Surface area was cleared for construction of a compost platform at the Suresnes Cemetery in May 1975. By negotiating on site with representatives of three firms, a contract was awarded to a small construction company for the construction of a concrete platform.

(9) Forty-nine road signs, large and more visible to passing motorists, were ordered from a Normandy supplier. Permission was obtained from all local and national authorities to install road signs at designated places. Signs will be posted during FY 76.

(10) The Assistant-Superintendent quarters at Henri-Chapelle Cemetery were modified by constructing dormer windows to provide more family space in the attic. This addition enhanced the quarters appearance and permitted occupation of unused space. Work was accomplished by cemetery labor. Cost for contracting the work would have been prohibitive.

5. New Memorials

There were no new construction of Federal Monuments during the year. The 2nd Infantry Division Association contracted for construction of a new non-Federal monument which will be erected on Omaha Beach during FY 76. The role of the American Battle Monuments Commission in this endeavor is detailed in section 6a. below.

6. Maintenance of Non-Federal Memorials

a. Work performed

During the year, work was performed for the following sponsors of non-Federal memorials using funds provided by the sponsors:

(1) 1st Infantry Division

Caretaker continued to be employed for the Society's WWII monuments at Henri-Chapelle and Bullange, Belgium. A new caretaker was hired for the Society's monument at Havay, Belgium. The monument at Omaha Beach is maintained by Normandy Cemetery personnel.

Caretaker contracts were awarded for maintenance of WWI monuments located at Cantigny, St. Juvin, Vigneulles and Wadelincourt.

(2) 2nd Division Association

The program for rejuvenation of monument boulders marking the fighting lines of the 2nd Division is continuing. Ten bronze plaques have been ordered, received and forwarded to Aisne-Marne, Oise-Aisne, Meuse-Argonne cemeteries to be affixed to the boulders.

The European Office is acting as a liaison between the Association and the contractor for the construction of the new monument at Omaha Beach. Services provided include supervision of construction and reporting of progress and eventually arranging for routine maintenance.

(3) 4th Infantry Division

Caretakers continued to maintain the monuments at Brioules, Fismes and Manheulles, France. All monuments are in good condition.

(4) 6th U.S. Engineers Veterans, WWI

Upon the death of the former caretaker, a new caretaker was hired for routine maintenance of the Captain Harris Monument located near Cléry-le-Grand, France. Monument is in good condition.

(5) 316th Infantry Association

Contracted caretaker services continued for routine maintenance of the monument located near Sivry, France. The monument is in good condition.

(6) State of Missouri

Instructions were issued for the repair and cleaning of the monument. Work will be completed before 15 October 1975 by off-duty cemetery personnel upon their return from annual leave in September.

The material and gold leaf for the renovation and repair of the monument have been delivered to the site.

Contracted caretaker services continued for routine maintenance, however, the actual caretaker does not wish to renew his contract unless the wages are increased. The Missouri Association is not willing to increase the caretaker's contract wages, therefore, a new caretaker will have to be sought and hired.

(7) State of Pennsylvania(a) Varennes Monument

The monument's restoration is progressing well. Eight purchase order contracts were awarded, three for Vaurion and Euville stones, two for the installation and removal of scaffoldings, one for stone cleaning, one for flagpole repairs and one for painting of letters.

A change order to the major contract for restoration work was issued. It covers additional work and extension of the completion date to 31 October 75. Approximately 65% of the total scheduled work has been performed. Additional purchase order contracts and eventually change orders will be issued during the month of September to cover additional work not included in the major contract and made possible by the savings made through negotiated purchase order contracts and the purchasing and furnishing of stones to the major contractor.

(b) Nantillois Monument, 80th Division

General policing and horticulture work was performed as required following the on-call policy established last year. The monument is in excellent condition.

7. Services to and Relations with the Publica. General

All practicable means were used to insure that American visitors to Europe learned about the Commission's cemeteries and

memorials and had opportunities to visit them. A wide variety of assistance, from arranging ceremonies to photographic and news coverage was rendered the many U.S. military and veterans' groups and associations who visited the cemeteries and memorials to conduct memorial services honoring the War Dead.

b. Representation and Services

The Superintendents or their Assistants of each cemetery participated in numerous local patriotic and religious ceremonies in the vicinity of their respective installations, as representatives of the American Battle monuments Commission and in many instances as the sole representatives of the U.S. Government. Additionally, many services of an extra-curricular nature were rendered by Superintendents and their Assistants to the local authorities and population, such as acting as interpreters between the local authorities and American tourists who were victims of accidents, assisting local patriotic and veterans' groups in organizing ceremonies, attending church services, receptions and participating in other community activities. These extra-curricular activities were often participated in during off-duty hours and are considered as important to enhance the image of the United States of America with the general public.

The services were rendered by Superintendents and Assistants to next-of-kin and other Americans visiting the area of the cemeteries, such as arranging for hotel reservations, giving travel information, interpreting and providing such visitors with various information.

c. Relations with Embassies, Government Agencies and other Organizations

The European Office made a particular effort to enhance relations with American Embassies in the five countries where American cemeteries are located. The Officer-in-Charge made courtesy calls on all Ambassadors and Defense Attachés at these Embassies to assure close cooperation on matters concerning relations with the host nation governments. This resulted in close coordination of efforts to organize ceremonies, thus reinforcing the image of the United States.

Likewise, emphasis was put on relations with host nation officials, organizations, associations, and the general public. These efforts have resulted in an increased number of ceremonies and visitors to cemeteries and memorials and a better knowledge by the general public of the Commission's mission.

d. Principal Ceremonies and Events

- 1 July 1974 - Epinal Cemetery - 64 Veterans of the 103rd Infantry Division WWII laid a wreath and held a brief ceremony in the Chapel.
- 5 July 1974 - Suresnes Cemetery - Post 662 of the American Legion, the Mayor of New Holland, Pennsylvania and townspeople held a ceremony. A band played "Abide with Me" and "Taps" and American Legion poppies were placed on a number of graves.
- 6 July 1974 - Normandy Cemetery - Major General Thomas North, former Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission visited the Cemetery.
- 7 July 1974 - Luxembourg Cemetery - The U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg, Mrs. Ruth Lewis Farkas made an informal visit to the Cemetery and placed a bouquet of flowers on General Patton's grave.
- 8 July 1974 - Luxembourg Cemetery - The town of Ettelbruck held its traditional "Remembrance Day" ceremony at General Patton's grave in the presence of American and local dignitaries. The Charge d'Affairs represented the Ambassador. The Luxembourg Cemetery Superintendent represented the American Battle Monuments Commission.
- 15 July 1974 - Luxembourg Cemetery - 175 members of the Carlisle High School Band held a short informal ceremony at General Patton's grave.
- 17 July 1974 - Henry-Chapelle Cemetery - A short ceremony and wreath laying was held by 100 members of the 99th Infantry Division Association.
- 19 July 1974 - Luxembourg Cemetery - 64 members of the 99th Infantry Division Association headed by its President visited the Cemetery where they conducted a ceremony at the gravesite of General Patton. A floral decoration was placed, followed by a moment of silence.
- 20 July 1974 - Ardennes Cemetery - A group of 200 Belgian War Veterans with color guard visited the Cemetery to pay tribute to their fallen American comrades.

- 26 July 1974 - Luxembourg Cemetery - A ceremony was held by 184 members of the 94th Infantry Division Association followed by a visit to the 404 graves of 94th Division members in the Cemetery. Luxembourg troops formed an Honor Guard and their bugler played taps.
- 29 July 1974 - Lorraine Cemetery - Major General John L. Klingenhagen, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Headquarters USAREUR and 7th Army visited the Cemetery.
- 30 July 1974 - Lorraine Cemetery - Group of approximately 100 persons, members of 749th Tank Battalion Association and their families, held a ceremony at the Cemetery in honor of their former comrades whose remains are interred at that Cemetery. In addition, the Mayor of the city of St. Avold, his Secretary General and the Commanding Officer of the local French Garrison attended the ceremony, during which a floral decoration was placed in the Cemetery Chapel. Small bouquets of flowers were also placed at the gravesites of each former member of the 749th Tank Battalion.
- 1 August 1974 - Netherlands Cemetery - Superintendent received a visit from the Association of the 749th Tank Battalion. Seventy-five members of the Association conducted a memorial ceremony and placed a wreath.
- 6 August 1974 - Cambridge Cemetery - A group of former WWII members of the 401st Bomb Group (H), 8th United States Army Air Forces, held a ceremony at the Cemetery placing a wreath at the base of the Cemetery flagpole and sprays of flowers on the gravesites of 17 of their former comrades.
- 14 August 1974 - Aisne-Marne Cemetery - 26 members of the 26th Infantry "Yankee" Division held a wreath laying ceremony at the Cemetery then visited the church in Belleau which was rebuilt by the Division after WWI. The village of Belleau hosted a reception for the group.

- 15 August 1974 - Ardennes Cemetery - A motorcade pilgrimage of Belgian War Veterans comprising of 350 people in 85 vehicles placed floral offerings in the names of the "Fraternelle des Forts de Liège and Fort de Eben-Abal.
- 16 August 1974 - Luxembourg Cemetery - A ceremony was held by 32 members of the 26th Infantry Division Association. A floral decoration was placed in the Chapel and several graves of Division members were decorated.
- 25 August 1974 - Ardennes Cemetery - Troop 1171 of the Girl Scouts of America, Eldridge, Iowa visited the Cemetery.
- 26 August 1974 - Aisne-Marne Cemetery - The Yankee Division Veterans Association laid a wreath. A Vin d'Honneur was offered by town officials at the Belleau Town Hall, and group hosted a lunch at Hotel Ile de France in Chateau-Thierry.
- 2 September 1974 - Luxembourg Cemetery - The 29th consecutive Labor Day Ceremony was held by the Luxembourg Labor Confederation. Thirty-eight members were in attendance with the Luxembourg Minister of Labor and the President of the Confederation.
- 7 September 1974 - Ardennes Cemetery - A delegation of 100 members of the Belgian Resistance Movement placed a wreath in the Memorial and played "Taps" in commemoration of Belgian Liberation Day.
- 8 September 1974 - Aisne-Marne Cemetery - 110 members of the 2nd Division laid a wreath and held a short ceremony and afterward attended a reception by the nearby villages of Belleau, Bauresches and Lucy-le-Bocage.
- 8 September 1974 - Luxembourg Cemetery - A ceremony was held by 39 members of the 106th Infantry Division Association.
- 9 September 1974 - Luxembourg Cemetery - A group visit of the Cemetery was made by 123 members of the 2nd Infantry Division Association.

- 10 September 1974 - Luxembourg Cemetery - Upon the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Grand-Duché of Luxembourg, a wreath laying ceremony was held at the Cemetery at the gravesite of General Patton, under the auspices of the American-Luxembourg Society. In attendance were the Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of the United States of America in Luxembourg, the French Ambassador to Luxembourg and members of the Luxembourg Resistance Council. The Superintendent of the Luxembourg Cemetery represented the American Battle Monuments Commission on the same day at the official Luxembourg War Memorial where a ceremony was headed by Prince Jean, the Grand Duke of Luxembourg and other members of the Royal family.
- 10 September 1974 - Normandy Cemetery - Mr. A. D. Decker, Superintendent welcomed the 135th A.A.A. Veteran Association held a ceremony at the monument where a wreath was laid by the group.
- 13 September 1974 - Netherlands Cemetery - Memorial ceremony conducted by 300 members of 30th Infantry Division commemorated the 30th Anniversary of the Liberation of Maastricht 13 Sept 1944. Thirtieth Army Band played; the AFCENT American Chaplin conducted the innovation. Brigadier General Hoskins represented AFCENT. About 700 persons attended this ceremony.
- 15 September 1974 - Netherlands Cemetery - A memorial service was held for 50 members of 135th Gun Battalion. A wreath was placed.
- 17 September 1974 - Netherlands Cemetery - Wreath laying and memorial ceremony conducted by 80 members of the 102 Infantry Division.
- 21 September 1974 - Normandy Cemetery - A visit was made by four Russian Generals escorted by two French Generals.
- 21 September 1974 - Netherlands Cemetery - A memorial service for 101st Airborne held at the Cemetery, under the

supervision of Mr. Ronald Grotegut. Brigadier General Mauerer was Ambassador Gould's representative. Approximately 150 persons in attendance. Five wreaths were presented. Taps played by a local Margraten resident.

24 September 1974

- Epinal Cemetery - On the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Liberation of the city of Epinal (Vosges), France, a ceremony was held at the cemetery attended by such dignitaries as the Prefet of the Vosges department, Deputy (Congressman) of the same department, the American Consul General of Strasbourg and the President of the Epinal Déportés' Association. Floral decorations were placed. A French Military band played the American and French national anthems. The Superintendent of the Epinal Cemetery represented the American Battle Monuments Commission at the ceremony held at the City's War Memorial and at a reception sponsored by the Mayor of Epinal.

4 October 1974

- Luxembourg Cemetery - A ceremony was held in the Chapel by members of the 87th Engineer Association.

19 October 1974

- Epinal Cemetery - 340 Veterans of the 442nd Infantry Regiment WWII placed a wreath in commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of their fighting in the region.

1 November 1974

- (All Saints' Day) - Official groups visited most of our cemeteries offering floral decorations.

1 November 1974

- Suresnes Cemetery - At 1000 hours, a short ceremony was held at the Cemetery by the city of Suresnes. It was the traditional French Memorial Day ceremony to pay respects to our Dead.

3 November 1974

- Luxembourg Cemetery - Mr. Elwyn H. Lindstrom, National Secretary of the 26th "Yankee" Division visited the installation to pay his respects to fallen comrades.

8 November 1974

- Meuse-Argonne Cemetery - A group of 38 non-commissioned officers of various nationalities

from the U.S. Air Force Base at Zweibrucken, Germany, visited the Cemetery. This group calls itself "Senior NCO's Little NATO." Military honors were rendered.

10 November 1974

- Ardennes Cemetery - Fifty members of the Rotheux-Neuville-en-Condroz Section, Belgian Ex-Prisoners and War Veterans conducted a portion of their annual ceremony of the "Sacred Torch" at this installation. Carrying flags, the group marched through the Cemetery during its passage of the Torch throughout Belgium. Flowers were placed at the foot of the altar and members observed a minute of silence at the Memorial.

10 November 1974

- Henri-Chapelle Cemetery - Veterans from surrounding villages conducted their annual ceremony of the sacred flame (Flambeau Sacré) in memory of their fallen comrades.

11 November 1974

- Meuse-Argonne Cemetery - A group of 33 officials and French War Veterans from the town of Romagne-Gesnes, including the Mayor of that town, placed a floral decoration at the Cemetery during a simple but well conducted ceremony. Following this ceremony, the Superintendent of the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery represented the American Battle Monuments Commission and the U.S. Government at a ceremony at the War Memorial of the town of Romagne-Gesnes and at the ensuing "Vin d'Honneur" given by that municipality.

11 November 1974

- (European Armistice Day) - All cemeteries were visited by delegations of host nation authorities, Veterans and local population at which time many floral decorations were offered. Superintendents of our cemeteries located in France, Belgium and Luxembourg were invited to participate in local Armistice Day ceremonies as representatives of the American Battle Monuments Commission and in some cases as the sole representatives of the U.S. Government.

11 November 1974

- Cambridge Cemetery - Approximately 60 Boy Scouts of America visited this installation

for a Remembrance Service. Introductory remarks by the Scout Leader were followed by religious remarks by visiting Air Force Chaplain. The Boy Scouts formally retired the American flag.

16 November 1974

- Luxembourg Cemetery - Fifteen members of the society, "Amical des Anciens Prisoniers Luxembourgeois de Mauthausen" held their annual commemorative ceremony. A wreath was laid at General Patton's grave, taps were sounded and traditional honors made.

17 December 1974

- Luxembourg Cemetery - Twenty-two members of the 28th Infantry Division, including Generals James C. Rusborough and Daniel B. Strickler toured the Cemetery and placed a wreath on the grave of General Patton.

22 December 1974

- Luxembourg Cemetery - A ceremony was held by CEBA (Circle d'Etudes sur la Bataille des Ardennes - as association dedicated to the study of the Battle of Ardennes) with approximately 30 persons participating. A chaplain gave an innovation, taps were sounded, minutes of silence observed and a wreath was laid in the Chapel.

28 December 1974

- Ardennes Cemetery - United States Ambassador to Belgium, Leonard Firestone visited this installation for an orientation tour.

6 February 1975

- Luxembourg Cemetery - The United States Ambassador to Switzerland, Mr. & Mrs. Shelby Cullan Davis visited the Cemetery and made a short tour escorted by the Superintendent, Mr. Joseph D. Lastauskas.

16 March 1975

- Luxembourg Cemetery - The United States Ambassador to Luxembourg, Mrs. Ruth Farkas, and a group of approximately 30 persons visited in celebration of the 30th Annual Commemorative Ceremony of the "Entente des Sociétés de Hamm." The ceremony, which included four wreaths laid on the terrace below the Chapel, was held to honor the young Americans who sacrificed their lives for the liberation of Luxembourg.

- 22 March 1975 - Ardennes Cemetery - In conjunction with a local "Folks March" commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, approximately 2,000 persons visited the Cemetery. During a brief ceremony, three floral decorations were placed on graves of unknowns. About 50 Americans were among the marchers.
- 23 March 1975 - Normandy Cemetery - The Superintendent, Mr. Ambrose D. Decker, represented the American Battle Monuments Commission at an Anniversary Mass held in Criqueville-en-Bessin, France, in honor of Colonel Earl Rudder and the Rangers who climbed the cliffs of Pointe du Hoc on D-Day, 6 June 1944.
- 11 April 1975 - Luxembourg Cemetery - The Annual Commemorative Ceremony of the Amicale des Anciens de Buchenwald was held attended by the group's president, Mr. Bertima, also Mayor of Beaufort, Mr. McCornich, U.S. Vice Consul, and approximately 25 group members. A large wreath was laid at the grave of General George S. Patton.
- 14 April 1975 - Netherlands Cemetery - Approximately 50 persons, members and wives of the 285th Field Artillery Observation Battalion visited the Cemetery.
- 27 April 1975 - Aisne-Marne Cemetery - The Superintendent attended a ceremony organized by the city of Chateau-Thierry to honor the memory of victims and heros of political deportation. (Commémoration du Souvenir des Victimes et des Héros de la Déportation.)
- 1 May 1975 - Ardennes Cemetery - One hundred veterans of the 11th Belgian Fusiliers Battalion, "Brigade Patton," made their annual pilgrimage to this installation to place a floral decoration on their adopted grave, Unknown C-5-11.
- 4 May 1975 - Luxembourg Cemetery - Approximately 2,000 persons attended the annual Girl Scout Ceremony, Rhone Main District, Germany, held at this installation. Numerous wreaths were laid in the Chapel, on the grave of General Patton and on the graves of unknowns.

8 May 1975

- Aisne-Marne Cemetery - A ceremony was held by prominent citizens of Chateau-Thierry on the occasion of the anniversary of the Armistice of 1945. Particular honors were rendered to former members of the 3rd Infantry Division.

8 May 1975

- Luxembourg Cemetery - Thirty-eight members of the Anciens Combattants, Luxembourg, held their annual Commemorative Ceremony at 1045 hours. The group laid a wreath on the grave of General Patton and then toured the Cemetery

- Luxembourg Cemetery - Twenty-eight members of the Enroles de Force, Luxembourg, held their annual ceremony at 1130 hours. A wreath was laid at General Patton's grave, honors were rendered and a prayer said.

8 May 1975

- Lorraine Cemetery - In commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Allied Victory over a common enemy, a symbolic tree-planting ceremony, attended by approximately 50 local children, was held at the cemetery. Also in attendance were the Sous-Préfet of the Moselle department, the American Vice Consul from Strasbourg, the Mayor of the city of St. Avold, a delegate of the French Ministry of Veterans Affairs, the Chief of the French National Cemetery Service, the local Military Commander and representatives of many local veterans associations and approximately 250 other persons.

- Lorraine Cemetery - Fifty-three boys and girls of the Music School of GNOSJO, Sweden, visited the cemetery. The "Brass and Wind" orchestra of this group of children 12 to 16 years old played appropriate classical music in honor of our dead.

22 May 1975

- Cambridge Cemetery - The National Commander of the American Legion, Mr. James M. Wagonseller, and the National Adjutant, Mr. William F. Hank, visited this installation and laid a wreath at the Wall of the Missing for T/Sgt Wilson D. Bills.

- 22 May 1975 - St. Mihiel Cemetery - Approximately 600 French soldiers visited, conducted a memorial ceremony and laid a wreath.
- 24 May 1975 - Netherlands Cemetery - A small group of Veterans of the 17th Airborne Division conducted a memorial service in the Chapel.
- 30 May 1975 - Epinal Cemetery - A group, sixty American Veterans and their wives, of the 80th Division visited the Cemetery. The group was led by U.S. Army, retired Colonel Paul E. Roberts of Killeen, Texas.
- 1 June 1975 - Luxembourg Cemetery - MG H. W. Ives and approximately sixty members and wives of the 80th Division Association held a ceremony in honor of former members of their division.
- 2 June 1975 - Luxembourg Cemetery - The United States Ambassador to Luxembourg, Mrs. Ruth Farkas, and a number of other dignitaries visited the installation in celebration of Remembrance Day.
- 4 June 1975 - Rhone Cemetery - The Honorable J. K. Bunting, Mayor of Poquoson-Yorktown, Va. and Mrs. Bunting, accompanied by the Commander, Riviera Post No. 5, the American Legion, visited the Cemetery to pay their respects to the War Dead.
- 15 June 1975 - Henri-Chapelle Cemetery - A group of German War Graves Commission members visited the installation, held a short ceremony, including a speech honoring the American dead, and laid a wreath.
- 22 June 1975 - Flanders Field Cemetery - A group of 125 World War I and World War II veterans from the region of Namur (Belgium) visited, said a prayer and laid a wreath in the Chapel.
- 28 June 1975 - Luxembourg Cemetery - Approximately 250 persons attended Remembrance Day ceremonies, including United States Ambassador to Luxembourg, Mrs. Ruth Farkas; Commander of the 8th Infantry Division, MG J. C. McDonough;

Commander of the 17th Air Force, MG B. N. Bellis; Defense Attaché, American Embassy Brussels, Colonel E. Borsare, and numerous local dignitaries. A wreath was placed on the grave of General Patton, honors were rendered and taps sounded.

29 June 1975

- St. Mihiel Cemetery - Approximately 140 persons representing the School Band of America visited the Cemetery and nearby Montsec Monument. Taps were played.

8. Supply and Equipment

a. General

Due to marked price increases of both local and U.S. suppliers, funding was only adequate for procurement of 80% of the items in the FY 75 equipment procurement program. Necessary supply procurement was accomplished by shifting funds from equipment procurement.

b. Major Equipment Acquisition

Installation of color photograph printing equipment at the European Office was accomplished this FY. This equipment will permit a reduction of costs, and improved quality of color photographs required in increasing quantities by all offices of the Commission for next-of-kin and other public relations. At the present rate of production, this installation will be amortized within 5 years. Another major improvement at the European Office this fiscal year was the provision for an updated semi-automatic dial telephone system to replace the outmoded manual switchboard which was in extremely poor condition.

c. New Items of Equipment

Leaf blowers, introduced last year have proven successful and are programmed for procurement. These machines, though consumers of energy, result in considerable savings in manpower for removal of leaves and litter.

Two Cushman "Minute Miser" runabouts were received this year and the Superintendents who have used them are enthusiastic. These machines provide rapid and economical transport of supervisory and technical personnel between job sites and will be procured for use at the larger cemeteries.

d. Standardization

This fiscal year also marked the completion of standardization of the principal lawn mower, as well as some other items used by this office. With the exception of the United Kingdom, where parts and service would present a serious problem, all cemeteries are now equipped with the same 30 inch production mower. All cemeteries are now also equipped with the same makes of many other items of equipment such as aerifiers, turf trucks, sod cutters, rotary mowers, sprayers and trimmers.

e. Energy

In accordance with the President's directive to reduce energy consumption for FY 1975 by 15%, the European Office instituted a vigorous conservation program and attained the following reductions:

Electricity	6%
Gasoline	16%
Fuel Oil	29%

Using BTU equivalents, a net energy saving of 23% was achieved. While the mild winter contributed largely to the reduction in fuel oil consumption, a considerable management effort and, in some cases, restrictions of necessary maintenance operations were required to attain these reductions.

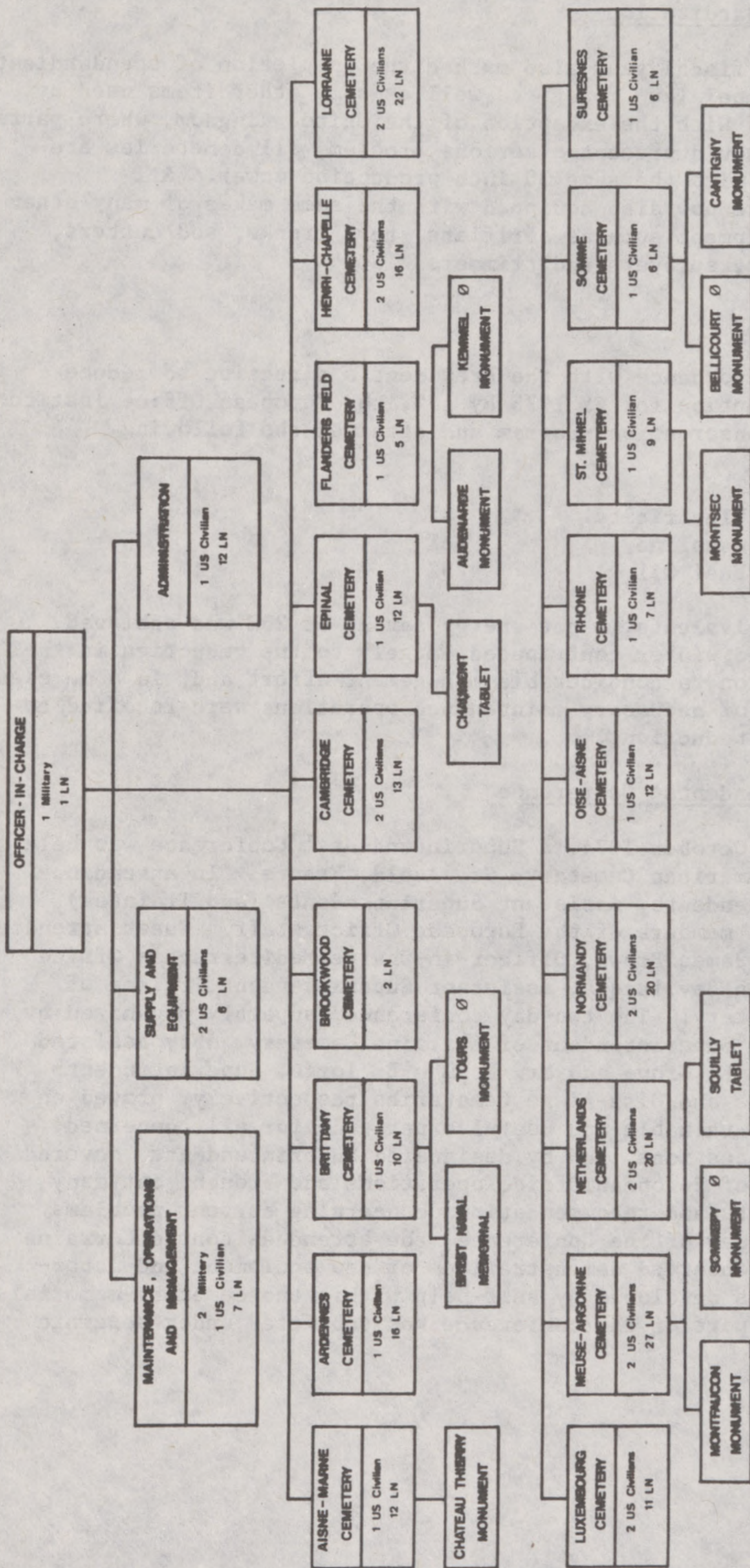
9. Superintendents' Conference

On 24-25 October 1974, a Superintendents' Conference was held at Lorraine American Cemetery, St. Avold, France. In attendance were Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents (and Trainees), and principal members of the European Office staff. Guest attendees were Colonel James Brown, Officer-in-Charge Mediterranean Office and Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, Assistant Superintendent Trainee of Florence Cemetery. The two-day conference, superbly organized by Mr. DeGuisti, Superintendent of Lorraine Cemetery, ably assisted by Mr. Merlyn L. Grove and Mr. Norman B. Iorio, Superintendents of Netherlands and Oise-Aisne Cemeteries respectively, proved an exceptionally valuable and useful experience for all concerned. Committee discussions, led by designated Superintendents, covered every aspect of European Office operations and brought out many useful comments and recommendations concerning current problems. On the final day of the Conference, the attendees toured Lorraine Cemetery and observed demonstrations of new equipment and labor-saving devices developed by self-help within the cemetery-memorials. A detailed report of the conference was submitted under separate cover.

ANNEX A

Actual Strengths, June 30, 1975

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION
EUROPEAN OFFICE
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ANNEX BAisne-Marne Cemetery and MemorialChateau-Thierry MonumentFrance1. Personnel

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian (Superintendent) and 13 local nationals, of whom one served as caretaker for the Chateau-Thierry Monument, which is satellited on the Aisne-Marne Cemetery. Mr. Arthur E. Darois served as Superintendent throughout the year.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

- (1) Repair and surfacing of cemetery roads
- (2) Repair of sky-light and replacement of broken slate tiles on the quarter's roof.
- (3) Replacement of the tariff-switching clock in electric substation.
- (4) Unplug and clean four manholes in the sewer system.

b. Cemetery labor projects

- (1) Repair of the manure pit
- (2) Cleaning of drain pipes
- (3) Repoint base of flagpole
- (4) Repair two wheels of Belleau Wood guns
- (5) Repair the guns of Belleau Wood
- (6) Repair and maintain the Belleau Wood road

(7) Repair and replace Belleau Wood fence.

(8) Replace submerged pump in well.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

Well-attended ceremonies were held in the Cemetery on Veterans' and Memorial Days. See paragraph 7 of Chapter II, Part Two.

The Superintendent of the Aisne-Marne Cemetery participated in many ceremonies as representative of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such as, the 14th of July, French National Holiday; 1 November, "All Saints' Day" and 11 November, Armistice Day ceremonies.

On 6 August 1974, Marine guards from the Paris Embassy took soil from Belleau Woods for use by the U.S. Navy in the launching program at the U.S.S. Belleau Woods.

On 23 August 1974, the Aisne-Marne Cemetery was visited by Commissioner and Mrs. Harvey A. Roffman.

On 1 September 1974, the Superintendent, Mr. Arthur Darois, attended a ceremony in Chateau-Thierry commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the liberation of the city.

On 4 November 1974, 65 students of Wagner College Study Group visited the Aisne-Marne Cemetery.

On 7 December 1974, Boy Scouts of Troop No. 112, American Embassy Paris, camped in Belleau Wood and paid their respects to the fallen soldiers buried at the Aisne-Marne Cemetery.

ANNEX CArdennes Cemetery and MemorialBelgium1. Personnel

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and 16 local nationals. Mr. Francis J. Duffy served as Superintendent throughout the year.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

- (1) Replace a flush tank in Visitors' toilets
- (2) Replace a wash-basin in the quarters
- (3) Chimney sweep, boiler cleaning and burner adjustments
(5 units)
- (4) Repair and interior epoxy coating of the iron removal
unit
- (5) Installation of a water-softener
- (6) Replacement of the hot water boiler in the garage
- (7) Repair of the bronze shields at the entrance gate
- (8) Install aluminium doors and window sashes at pump house

b. Cemetery labor projects

- (1) Install tile and plastic pipe drainage in the
reforested area
- (2) Repair the cemetery roads
- (3) Testing to replace sod strips with artificial lawn
(Astroturf) at the Memorial
- (4) Reset border stones along Memorial banks
- (5) Repair section of the storm drain

- (6) Construct an access road to the pump house
- (7) Repoint Memorial podium steps
- (8) Repaint inscriptions at Wall of Missing

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. Well-attended ceremonies were held in the cemetery on Veterans' and Memorial Days.

b. For ceremonies, visits and public relations, see paragraph 7, Chapter II, Part Two.

In addition, the Superintendent of the Ardennes Cemetery represented the American Battle Monuments Commission during several ceremonies sponsored by local surrounding municipalities and local religious and patriotic organizations, such as the Belgian National Holiday on 21 July, "All Saints' Day" on 1 November and Armistice Day on 11 November.

The Superintendent of the Ardennes Cemetery very effectively represented the American Battle Monuments Commission during several ceremonies sponsored by local surrounding municipalities and local religious and patriotic organizations, such as the Belgian National Holiday on 21 July, "All Saints' Day" on 1 November and Armistice Day on 11 November.

The Superintendent of the Ardennes Cemetery very effectively represented the American Battle Monuments Commission in dealings with local government authorities especially as concerns a road widening project affecting the Cemetery entrance feature.

The Superintendent worked in close relation with the American Embassy in Brussels on ceremonies and other public relation matters.

On 2 November 1974, an annual All Souls Day Mass was celebrated in the cemetery Memorial Chapel by Pastor Emeritus of Neuville parish. Approximately 50 parishoners attended.

On 14 April 1975, fifteen next-of-kin, members of the Netherlands War Graves Commission, visited the Cemetery. Two have sons buried at this installation.

ANNEX DBrittany Cemetery and MemorialBrest Naval MemorialTours MonumentFrance1. Personnel

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and 11 local nationals, one of whom served as caretaker for the World War I Brest Naval Memorial which is satellited on the Brittany Cemetery. One employee who served as caretaker for the Tours Monument worked under contract. Mr. Donald L. Davis served as Superintendent throughout the year.

2. Maintenancea. Contracts

- (1) Engraving of a marble cross
- (2) Replacement of two oil burners in quarters
- (3) Excavation and leveling for compost platform extention
- (4) Repair of two leaks in the sprinkler system
- (5) Electrical repairs in garage and workshop

b. Cemetery labor projects

- (1) Repair the grounding of the lighting system
- (2) Repair the brickwork and door of hot-air generator
- (3) Repaint Assistant Superintendent quarters.
- (4) Repair access road to compost service area
- (5) Repaint Superintendent quarters
- (6) Repaint garage and supply buildings

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

For ceremonies, visits and public relations, see paragraph 7, Chapter II, Part Two.

The Superintendent of the Brittany Cemetery participated in many ceremonies as representative of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such as the French National Holiday of 14 July, "All Saints' Day" on the 1st of November and Armistice Day on 11 November.

ANNEX EBrookwood Cemetery and MemorialEngland1. Personnel

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of two local nationals. Mr. Dennis McGarry served as Superintendent throughout the year.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

Roof repair and exterior painting of Visitors' Building.

b. Cemetery labor project

(1) Repair electrical fixtures in workshop

(2) Repair one quickcoupling in sprinkler system

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

Well-attended ceremonies were held in the cemetery on Veterans' and Memorial Days.

On 3 November 1974, a service was held in the Italian Section of the Brookwood cemetery complex with about 1400 persons attending. This group visited the American Cemetery at Brookwood.

ANNEX FCambridge Cemetery and MemorialEngland1. Personnel

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 13 local nationals. Throughout the year, Messrs. Joseph P. Cetola and James L. Shaffer were Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, respectively.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

- (1) Replace two wall-type urinals in garage
- (2) Replace four model aircrafts on the Memorial map
- (3) Perform maintenance of three boilers
- (4) Replace circulating pump in Visitors' Room heating system
- (5) Repair underground water line in Assistant quarters
- (6) Repair and resurface cemetery roads

b. Cemetery labor projects

- (1) Repair cracks and repaint Visitors' toilets
- (2) Clean fuel oil tank in Superintendent's quarters
- (3) Paint gutters and downspouts of Memorial
- (4) Repoint stones at Wall of Missings

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. Well-attended ceremonies were held in the Cemetery on Veterans' and Memorial Days.

b. For other ceremonies, visits and public relations, see paragraph 7, Chapter II, Part Two.

ANNEX GEpinal Cemetery and MemorialFrance1. Personnel

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and 12 local nationals. Mr. Lucas V. Antonelli served as Superintendent throughout the year. Due to inadequate authorization of U.S. personnel spaces, the post of Assistant Superintendent was vacant.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

- (1) Alteration of hot and cold water lines of kitchen sink in the Superintendent's quarters
- (2) Engraving of one headstone
- (3) Replacement of the mirrors in the Visitors' Building
- (4) Maintenance of heating system (4 units)
- (5) Replacement of a leaky hot-water heater in the service building
- (6) Install new hot air furnace and burner in the garage

b. Cemetery labor projects

- (1) Clean and varnish the door of Visitors' Building and the floor
- (2) Painting of the flagpole
- (3) Coating with Flinkote of the reservoir roofs
- (4) Repair of potholes and ravelled areas of cemetery roads
- (5) Repair aluminium scaffold
- (6) Retile Superintendent's kitchen

3. Service to and Relations with the Public

a. Well-attended ceremonies were held in the cemetery on Veterans' and Memorial Days.

b. For other ceremonies, visits and public relations, see paragraph 7, Chapter II, Part Two.

The Superintendent of the Epinal Cemetery participated in many ceremonies as representative of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such as the French National Holiday of 14 July, "All Saints' Day" on 1 November and Armistice Day on 11 November as well as an important ceremony sponsored by the city of Epinal to commemorate its liberation by the American Armed Forces.

ANNEX HFlanders Field Cemetery and MemorialAudenarde MonumentKemmel MonumentBelgium1. Personnel

a. At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and five local nationals. Mr. George A. Garriott served as Superintendent throughout the year.

b. Audenarde and Kemmel Monuments are satellited on Flanders Field Cemetery; maintenance of the monuments was performed by contract.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

(1) Repair of front door, kitchen cabinets, and bathroom fixture in Superintendent's quarters.

(2) Replacement of rotted wooden portion of greenhouse with aluminum construction

(3) Renovation of greenhouse heating

b. Cemetery labor projects

(1) Cleaning of the Chapel stones exterior and of the interior floor

(2) Interior painting of the service buildings

(3) Installation of 10 tons of crushed stone on paths

(4) Interior painting of reception room

(5) Repaint gates (wood & metal), flagpole, and dormer windows.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

Well-attended ceremonies were held in the Cemetery on Veterans' and Memorial Days.

In addition, the Superintendent of Flanders Field Cemetery represented the American Battle Monuments Commission during several ceremonies sponsored by local surrounding municipalities and local religious and patriotic organizations, such as the Belgian National Holiday on 21 July, "All Saints' Day" on 1 November and Armistice Day on 11 November.

The Superintendent worked in close relation with the American Embassy in Brussels at ceremonies and other public relation matters.

On 28 June 1975, a group of "Veterans from Courtrai" (Belgium), Vlaams Oud Strijders, said a prayer and laid a wreath in the Chapel.

ANNEX IHenri-Chapelle Cemetery and MemorialBelgium1. Personnel

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 16 local nationals. Mr. Burt R. Dewey served as Superintendent throughout the year. The post of Assistant Superintendent Trainee was filled on 1 October by Mr. Arthur A. Martin.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

- (1) Safety inspection of the electric high voltage substation
 - (2) Electric repairs and hook-up of a kitchen stove
 - (3) Engraving of one headstone
 - (4) Replace two entrance doors and one garage door in the quarters
 - (5) Rewire three electric motors
- b. Cemetery labor projects
- (1) Repair of perimeter wall
 - (2) Rebuild manhole of fuel reservoir for the Memorial
 - (3) Install heating in 2nd floor of Assistant Superintendent's quarters
 - (4) Install living quarters in the attic of Assistant Superintendent's quarters
 - (5) Repair Memorial gutters
 - (6) Insulate quarters' attics
 - (7) Waterproof reservoir pumproom's roof

- (8) Build parking area for worker's vehicles
- (9) Install fin-tube radiator in greenhouse
- (10) Clean exposed aggregate cement slabs with acid.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

Well-attended ceremonies were held in the cemetery on Veterans' and Memorial Days.

On 15 March 1975, a small group of members of the School Committee and Pedestrian Club of Aubel (Belgium) conducted a brief ceremony and laid a spray of flowers in the Chapel.

On 10 May 1975, twelve War Veterans of Aubel, Belgium, visited and held a small ceremony in honor of their fallen American comrades.

ANNEX JLorraine Cemetery and MemorialFrance1. Personnel

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and 22 local nationals. Messrs. Frank L. DeGuisti and John H. Novier served as Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, respectively, throughout the year.

2. Maintenancea. Contracts

(1) Installation of new flush tanks for Visitors' and Administrative Building

(2) Installation of mixing valves in the quarters

(3) Installation of a swing type garage door in the Superintendent's quarters

(4) Rewiring of the well pump electrical cabinet and controls

(5) Provision and installation of two watersofteners in quarters

(6) Repair of the flying scaffold for the Chapel windows cleaning

(7) Repair of entrance pylons

(8) Rehabilitation of the porch in the Superintendent's quarters

b. Cemetery labor projects

(1) Application of Flintkote on equipment building

(2) Construction of a new locker room for personnel

(3) Painting of shutters in the Assistant Superintendent's quarters

- (4) Installing of false ceiling and plastic door in prefabricated metal building
- (5) Construction of a platform for compost manufacturing
- (6) Construction of cold frames
- (7) Interior painting of the outside toilets
- (8) Installation of a new submerged pump in the well

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

- a. Well-attended ceremonies were held in the cemetery on Veterans' and Memorial Days.
- b. For ceremonies, visits and public relations, see paragraph 7, Chapter II, Part Two.

The Superintendent of the Lorraine Cemetery participated in many ceremonies as representative of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such as the French National Holiday of 14 July, "All Saints' Day" on 1 November and Armistice Day on 11 November, as well as in the celebration of the liberation of the city of Saint-Avold by American Armed Forces.

The Superintendent of this Cemetery and his Assistant maintained close relations with the U.S. Armed Forces installations located at Kaiserslautern and Ramstein, Germany, thus obtaining many logistical support services, for not only his cemetery, but all other European office installations.

On 9 November 1974, a German Choir from Saarlouis visited this installation and sang appropriate religious songs in honor of our dead. The spirit and quality of singing were excellent.

On 27 April 1975, the Superintendent attended a local ceremony in commemoration of the departed, held at the "Monument aux Morts" (Monument to the Dead), and placed a wreath on behalf of the United States Government.

On 28 May 1975, the Fourth Grade Class of the American Elementary School of Ziveibruecken, Germany, visited this cemetery to pay homage to our war dead. The children laid a wreath on the grave of an unknown soldier. The group consisted of 25 children, their teacher and 8 escorting parents.

On 23 June 1975, thirty-eight members of the Methodist Church Choir, El Dorado, Arkansas, and the Kolping Orchestra of Fischbach, Germany, visited this Cemetery. They placed a floral decoration in the Chapel and sang several spirituals.

The Superintendent of the Luxembourg Cemetery participated in many ceremonies as representative of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such as the liberation ceremonies of the Grand-Duché of Luxembourg held on 10 September, "All Saints' Day" on 1 November and Armistice Day on 11 November.

On 22 July 1974, Dr. and Mrs. James M. Mester, President of New York University visited the Luxembourg Cemetery. On 4 August 1974, Protestant Bishop Hausse held a religious ceremony in the Cemetery Chapel with 58 pilgrims in attendance.

On 5 October 1974, a large ceremony was held at Esch, Luxembourg in commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the liberation of that city. The U.S. Ambassador and a large detachment of U.S. troops were present. The Assistant Superintendent of the Luxembourg Cemetery represented the American Battle Monuments Commission at this ceremony.

On 10 November 1974, the Netherlands Pilgrimage Tour Group visited the Cemetery. Four American next-of-kin were present. Flowers were placed upon the grave of a brother.

On 27 March 1975, BG John K. Stoner, 2d Support Command Commanding General, visited this installation.

On 6 June 1975, eleven members of the "Amicale des Mutiles de Guerre Luxembourg et des Hopitaux Militaires Américains 1945" (handicapped veterans of Luxembourg treated in American Military Hospitals, 1945) laid a floral decoration in the Chapel and said prayers.

ANNEX KLuxembourg Cemetery and MemorialLuxembourg1. Personnel

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 11 local nationals. Throughout the year, Messrs. Joseph D. Lastauskas and Loyd M. Cheek were Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, respectively.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

- (1) Maintenance of the heating system (4 units)
- (2) Installation of three oil burners
- (3) Scheduled removal of solid waste
- (4) Replacement of a float-switch in the cemetery reservoir
- (5) Annual overhaul of the path-pool pumps
- (6) Gilding of the entrance gate
- (7) Installing of a new pump at the Alzette River

b. Cemetery labor projects

- (1) Repair of cemetery path with cold paving seal
- (2) Replace 2 sections of fire hose
- (3) Spot painting in locker room and service building
- (4) Extend vent pipes on the quarters' roofs.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. Well-attended ceremonies were held in the cemetery on Veterans' and Memorial Days.

b. For ceremonies, visits and public relations, see paragraph 7, Chapter II, Part Two.

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ANNEX LMeuse-Argonne Cemetery and MemorialMontfaucon MonumentSommepy MonumentFrance1. Personnel

a. At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 28 local nationals, one of whom served as caretaker for the Montfaucon Monument. Throughout the year, Messrs. George T. Tate and Phillip D. De La Mater were Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent respectively.

b. The position of caretaker for the Sommepy Monument, which is satellited on the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, is filled by contract.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

- (1) Maintenance of telephone system
- (2) Rewinding of electric motor for water system at Memorial
- (3) Engraving of 15 headstones
- (4) Purchase and installing of a motorized scaffold
(Montfaucon)
- (5) Rehabilitation of electric panel in Memorial basement
- (6) Purchase of engraving equipment with attachments
- (7) Maintenance of the heating systems (4 units)
- (8) Resurfacing of roads and parking area at Montfaucon
Monument

b. Cemetery labor projects

- (1) Stone repair at Chapel and pylons
- (2) Repointing joints at base of Montfaucon Monument

- (3) Painting of pump-house
- (4) Cleaning and treating roof of compost shed
- (5) Varnish dormer window in Superintendent's quarters
- (6) Painting of Superintendent's quarters
- (7) Treat perimeter wall
- (8) Install drainage for round point at Sommepy Monument
- (9) Widening of parking strips in service area
- (10) Install new fire pump motor in well house
- (11) Repair drain of well pump house
- (12) Install false ceiling and 2 light fixtures in garage
- (13) Repair gutters and clean same on buildings, replace tiles

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. Well-attended ceremonies were held in the cemetery on Veterans' and Memorial Days.

b. For other ceremonies, visits and public relations, see paragraph 7, Chapter II, Part Two.

The Superintendent of the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery participated in many ceremonies as representative of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such as the French National Holiday of 14 July, "All Saints' Day" on 1 November and Armistice Day on 11 November.

ANNEX MNetherlands Cemetery and MemorialNetherlands1. Personnel

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 20 local nationals. Messrs. Merlyn L. Grove and Ronald C. Grotegut served throughout the year as Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, respectively.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

- (1) Installation of floor covering in quarters
- (2) Repair of broken cast-iron water main
- (3) Repair of heating system in Superintendent's quarters

b. Cemetery labor projects

- (1) Apply Flintkote on building roofs
- (2) Install skimmers on east side of reflection pool
- (3) Sealing of the asphalt sidewalk
- (4) Resurface Court of Honor with gravel
- (5) Tiling the garage maintenance pit
- (6) Insulation of quarters' attics
- (7) Repointing of joints in Court of Honor
- (8) Install storm windows for both quarters

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. Well-attended ceremonies were held in the cemetery on Veterans' and Memorial Days.

b. For other ceremonies, visits and public relations, see paragraph 7, Chapter II, Part Two.

The Superintendent of the Normandy Cemetery participated in many ceremonies as representative of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such as the French National Holiday of 14 July, "All Saints' Day" on 1 November and Armistice Day on 11 November.

The Superintendent of this Cemetery assisted the Society of the 1st Infantry Division in organizing their traditional children's Christmas party for local children of the town of Colleville in the Department of Calvados.

The Superintendent likewise represented the American Battle Monuments Commission in the preliminary stages in the negotiations relative to the take-over by the American Battle Monuments Commission of the Pointe du Hoc Ranger Monument.

On 18 November 1974, LTG William Knowlton, Chief of Staff, US EUCOM, visited the Normandy Cemetery.

On 11 February 1975, the Netherlands Cemetery was visited by MG Richard H. Groves, U.S. Army, Europe.

On 1 April 1975, MG R. A. Palladins, retired former member of the 104th Infantry, 26th Infantry Division, visited the Cemetery to pay his respects to his fallen World War II comrades-in-arms.

On 14 April 1975, fourteen members of the Benelux Next-of-kin Pilgrimage visited the Cemetery, conducted a memorial ceremony and laid a wreath in the Chapel.

ANNEX NNormandy Cemetery and MemorialFrance1. Personnel

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 20 local nationals. Messrs. Ambrose D. Decker and James V. Neill served throughout the year as Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, respectively.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

- (1) Install hot air furnace in garage
- (2) Install electric hot water tank in Visitors' Building
- (3) Install gas-fired hot water instant heater in refectory
- (4) Maintenance of heating systems (4 units)
- (5) Alteration of heating system in Superintendent's quarters
- (6) Replacing discharge pipe of well No. 1
- (7) Rewind motor of submerged well pump
- (8) Install new transformer and control panel in high voltage substation
- (9) Replace electric cable for well No. 2
- (10) Install overhauled pump in well No. 2, and new 2 1/2" pipe

b. Cemetery labor projects

- (1) Construct rooms in Assistant Superintendent's quarters attic
- (2) Repoint joints on the Chapel's terrace and on the flagpole bases

(3) Paint interiors of pump house, outside toilets and office building

(4) Repair leaks in sprinkler system

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. Well-attended ceremonies were held in the cemetery on Veterans' and Memorial Days.

b. For other ceremonies, visits and public relations, see paragraph 7, Chapter II, Part Two.

On 8 June 1975, a group of Anciens de la Première Armée Française et de la Division Leclerc 2ème D.B. (2nd Leclerc Division, First French Army) held a memorial ceremony and placed a wreath.

ANNEX OOise-Aisne Cemetery and MemorialFrance1. Personnel

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and 12 local nationals. Mr. Norman B. Iorio served as Superintendent throughout the year.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

- (1) Rewire motor for chemical dosing pump
- (2) Engraving on one headstone
- (3) Rehabilitate electricity in water-treatment room
- (4) Repair of dosing pump for the water-treatment
- (5) Install one light-fixture in Superintendent's quarters
- (6) Install two waterproof outlets in Chapel
- (7) Electric repair in substation

b. Cemetery labor projects

- (1) Repair leak in sprinkler system of Plot A
- (2) Repair of macadam paths
- (3) Paint exterior woodwork of quarters and service building
- (4) Paint Visitors' room interior
- (5) Erect storage shed
- (6) Cleaning of the river intake for the water system at the stream

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. Well-attended ceremonies were held in the cemetery on Veterans' and Memorial Days.

b. For other ceremonies, visits and public relations, see paragraph 7, Chapter II, Part Two.

The Superintendent of the Oise-Aisne Cemetery participated in many ceremonies as representative of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such as the French National Holiday of 14 July, "All Saints' Day" on 1 November and Armistice Day on 11 November.

ANNEX PRhone Cemetery and MemorialFrance1. Personnel

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and seven local nationals. Mr. Stephen J. Hubai served as Superintendent throughout the year.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

(1) Electric rehabilitation of pump room control panel and switch

(2) Repair electric wiring in Superintendent's quarters

(3) Provide one 1/2 HP electric motor

(4) Resurface parking area

(5) Locate missing phase in the pump room

(6) Install new hot-air furnace in the quarters

(7) Install two exterior light fixtures

(8) Install an electric radiator in the greenhouse

b. Cemetery labor projects

(1) Repair leak in sprinkler system

(2) Paint interior of furnace room in quarters

(3) Erection of scaffold and transportation of same for Cemetery pictures

(4) Scrubbing and cleaning of the flagpoles

(5) Repair of oil burner in Visitors' Building

(6) Enlarge paved section of compost shed access road

(7) Apply Flintkote to pump room roof

(8) Remove scale and spot-paint gates and grilles

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. Well-attended ceremonies were held in the cemetery on Veterans' and Memorial Days.

b. For other ceremonies, visits and public relations, see paragraph 7, Chapter II, Part Two.

The Superintendent of the Rhone Cemetery participated in many ceremonies as representative of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such as the French National Holiday of 14 July, "All Saints' Day" on 1 November and Armistice Day on 11 November.

The Superintendent of this Cemetery has maintained excellent relations with the 6th U.S. Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea, organizing ceremonies at the Cemetery upon visits to the French Mediterranean ports of units belonging to the 6th Fleet.

On 15 August 1974, the Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Hubai, attended at Dramont Plage, near St. Raphaël, Var, a ceremony commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Allied Forces invasion of Southern France.

On 16 August 1974, he attended two brief wreath laying ceremonies in Draguignan, commemorating the liberation of Draguignan on 16 August 1944.

On 1 November 1974, a brief wreath laying ceremony was held at the Cemetery by the local community. Attending were local patriotic and Veterans' organizations with Military and Government officials.

On 16 January 1975, three U.S. Marine Corps officers visited the Cemetery and were taken care of by Mr. Hubai.

On 17 April 1975, a group of officers of the "Sovenier Franco-Americain Association" visited the Cemetery and laid a wreath at the gravesite of Lawrence W. Barsby.

On 18 June 1975, the Superintendent attended a patriotic ceremony in the city of Draguignan, as the American Battle Monuments Commission representative. The ceremony was in commemoration of "the call to history of 18 June 1940."

ANNEX QSt. Mihiel Cemetery and MemorialMontsec MonumentFrance1. Personnel

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and ten local nationals, one of whom served as caretaker for the Montsec Monument, which is satellited on the St. Mihiel Cemetery. Mr. Donald J. Keefe served as Superintendent throughout the year.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

- (1) Repair water-softener valve
- (2) Replace electric motor of motorized valve
- (3) Install night tariff clock for well pump operation
- (4) Replace two main switches in the electric substation
- (5) Repair leak in sprinkler system
- (6) Replace sprinkler pump couplings
- (7) Provide 78 lm of 2 1/2 inch black steel pipe for well pump
- (8) Replace one toilet bowl with low flush tank in Visitors' toilet
- (9) Replace the electric heaters in the Chapel and Museum

b. Cemetery labor projects

- (1) Repair leaks in the sprinkler system
- (2) Scrape and paint side gate and rail in office building basement

- (3) Repoint joints at Chapel
- (4) Unplug and clean the Chapel downspouts
- (5) Paint interior of reception room toilets and doors
- (6) Replace one stone step at Montfaucon Monument
- (7) Paint reception room windows inside and outside
- (8) Repair cracks in wall of compost shed
- (9) Replace discharge pipe of deep well pump

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. Well-attended ceremonies were held in the cemetery on Veterans' and Memorial Days.

b. For ceremonies, visits and public relations, see paragraph 7, Chapter II, Part Two.

The Superintendent of the St. Mihiel Cemetery participated in many ceremonies as representative of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such as the French National Holiday of 14 July, "All Saints' Day" on 1 November and Armistice Day on 11 November.

ANNEX RSomme Cemetery and MemorialBellicourt MonumentCantigny MonumentFrance1. Personnel

a. At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and seven local nationals, one of whom served as caretaker for the Cantigny Monument, which is satellited on the Somme Cemetery. Mr. John H. Brunea served as Superintendent throughout the year.

b. Maintenance of the Bellicourt Monument was assured by contract.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

- (1) Provide propane space heater for worker's locker room
- (2) Repair timer of the watersoftener
- (3) Chimney sweep and burner maintenance

b. Cemetery labor projects

- (1) Repair concrete platform at compost shed
- (2) Repair perimeter fence and paint same
- (3) Repoint joints at Bellicourt Monument
- (4) Paint catch basins
- (5) Paint interior of tool shed at Bellicourt Monument
- (6) Repair leaky Chapel cross-window
- (7) Paint interior of garage

(8) Relevel curbstones

(9) Repair pot-holes at entrance of cemetery

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. Well-attended ceremonies were held in the Cemetery on Veterans' and Memorials Days.

b. For ceremonies, visits and public relations, see paragraph 7, Chapter II, Part Two.

The Superintendent of the Somme Cemetery participated in many ceremonies as representative of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such as the French National Holiday of 14 July, "All Saints' Day" on 1 November and Armistice Day on 11 November.

The Superintendent represented the American Battle Monuments Commission in the traditional 4th of July ceremony sponsored by the local Veterans' Association in the City of Cantigny.

ANNEX SSuresnes Cemetery and MemorialFrance1. Personnel

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and six local nationals. Mr. Robert D. McClellan served as Superintendent throughout the year.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

- (1) Repair, paint and gild entrance gate
- (2) Construction of underground reservoir and pumping station
- (3) Maintenance of boilers and burners (4 units)

b. Cemetery labor projects

- (1) Repaint quarters' windows
- (2) Repair quarters' roadside fence
- (3) Repoint deteriorated joints of entrance driveway
- (4) Scrape and paint Chapel ornamental railing
- (5) Repaint boundary fence
- (6) Clean Chapel roof and clean downspouts
- (7) Repair circulation pump of Visitors' Building heating system
- (8) Erect the supply shelter on concrete footing
- (9) Repoint the joints of Chapel terrace
- (10) Repair raveled spots in the Cemetery paths
- (11) Install concrete floor in supply shelter

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. Well-attended ceremonies were held in the cemetery on Veterans' and Memorial Days.

b. For other ceremonies, visits and public relations, see paragraph 7, Chapter II, Part Two.

The Superintendent of the Suresnes Cemetery participated in many ceremonies as representative of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such as the French National Holiday of 14 July, "All Saints' Day" on 1 November and Armistice Day on 11 November.

On 22 August 1974, the Superintendent welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Roffman, new Commission member. Present during the visit were LTC Doherty, Mr. Callen and Mr. Mountjoy.

CHAPTER III

Mediterranean Office1. Personnela. Strength

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel in the Mediterranean Office and its memorial cemeteries consisted of one U.S. military officer, six U.S. civilians and 49 local nationals. Of these, the one military and six of the local nationals were in the Mediterranean Office.

b. Important Personnel Actions and Events

(1) Colonel James H. Brown, USA, served as the Officer in Charge, Mediterranean Office, throughout the fiscal year.

(2) Allocation of one additional U.S. civilian space effective on 1 July 1974, permitted filling the vacant assistant superintendent's position at Florence Cemetery and Memorial. Filling of this position has provided training for a future superintendent, familiar with the Italian language, customs and procedures. This also assists in the handling of visitors and supervision of workmen.

(3) At least 11 additional local national spaces are required. This would provide three additional at North Africa Cemetery, three at Florence Cemetery, four at Sicily-Rome Cemetery, and one in the Mediterranean office.

2. Organization

a. The Mediterranean Office, located in Rome, Italy, supervised the administration and maintenance of three World War II Cemeteries (two in Italy and one in Tunisia), each including a memorial, and the WW I Naval Memorial at Gibraltar.

b. Organization chart as of June 30, 1975 is at Annex A.

3. Maintenance and Repair of Federal Cemeteries and Memorialsa. General

The Mediterranean Office continued to apply the highest standards of maintenance and repair. Compensation for shortage of

personnel was effected by use of additional and more modern mechanical equipment, management improvements, and maximum coordination of manpower and equipment to insure constant employment of available manpower.

b. Projects of Special Interest

The program to accomplish urgent projects needed to correct the physical plant and to improve parts of the memorials that are aging continued in fiscal year 1975. Major projects completed or initiated in fiscal year 1975 were as follows:

(1) A Tunisian contractor completed a new section of ornamental wall adjoining the Memorial Building at North Africa Cemetery. This stone wall replaced the chain link fence along the road, thus improving the approach along the road to the Cemetery.

(2) On the west boundary of Sicily-Rome Cemetery, a contractor constructed an additional increment of 230 meters of tufo stone wall. This wall, which is 2 1/2 meters high, greatly enhances the appearance of the west boundary, and also improves security considerably. A contract for 78 more meters of wall was awarded in June 1975. It is hoped to complete the wall all along the west boundary in the next fiscal year. This project is on schedule.

(3) Additional minor maintenance projects were completed as outlined in the individual cemetery reports.

c. Horticultural Maintenance

(1) The Mediterranean cemeteries continued to implement maintenance programs to maintain all grass and plants at the highest standards. Emphasis was given this fiscal year to the pruning and shaping of trees. The fig trees at North Africa Cemetery were pruned so as to train them in a square shape; the eucalyptus trees at the Sicily-Rome Cemetery were substantially pruned by contract, and the plane trees at Florence Cemetery were pruned to eliminate excess branches and to shape them for future ornamental growth.

(2) Mechanical Equipment

The horticultural equipment and other support equipment on hand is all relatively new and all is serviceable. Attention was given to improving hand tools and maintenance tools, so as to make minor maintenance tasks and maintenance of equipment more efficient. A major advance was made when a small tractor with front loader and a back blade was purchased for each cemetery.

d. Energy Savings

An intensive energy conservation and savings program was implemented at each installation this fiscal year. Substantial savings were made in use of gasoline, heating fuel and electricity from the amount used in previous years. For example, a 23% savings was made in gasoline from that used in fiscal year 1973. This program was carefully monitored to insure that all essential maintenance operations were continued.

4. Non-Federal Memorials

During the fiscal year, the Mediterranean Office did not maintain any non-Federal memorials.

5. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. General

A wide variety of assistance, from answering requests for information to assisting in arranging for ceremonies, was rendered to individuals and to military and veterans' groups. The number of visitors continued at a high level, reflecting increased interest in our memorials.

b. At the request of the next-of-kin, 165 flower decorations were placed at the grave of a loved one, and a polaroid photo of the decorated gravesite sent to the next-of-kin. This was a considerable increase over decorations requested in FY 1975. Thirty-eight wreaths were placed at the request of organizations. In addition, many bouquets of cut flowers were placed on graves by visitors to the cemeteries.

c. Principal Ceremonies, Events and Visits:

16 Jul 1974	Florence Cemetery - Mr. Rufus H. Wilson, Director of the National Cemetery System, Veterans' Administration.
22 Jul 1974	Florence Cemetery - Major General Thomas North, former ABMC Secretary.
28 Jul 1974	Sicily-Rome Cemetery - Admiral and Mrs. Means Johnson, Jr. with daughter, Hope, CINCSouth, Naples, Italy.
5 Aug 1974	Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 31 veterans of the 1st Special Service Forces placed a wreath at the base of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue.

11 Aug 1974 Florence - On behalf of Chairman, General Mark W. Clark (Ret), ABMC, personnel laid a wreath at the Wall of the Missing at a moving ceremony commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Liberation of Florence by the Allies during World War II. The Honorable John A. Volpe, American Ambassador to Italy placed a wreath. Italian General Apollonio placed a wreath for the Italian Army. Mayor Bausi of the city of Florence placed a wreath.

Other dignitaries present at the ceremony were the British Ambassador to Italy, Lord Harding; the French Ambassador to Italy; high ranking military officers of the British and French Armed Forces and the Italian Army was well represented.

75 dignitaries and their wives were present.

13 Aug 1974 Sicily-Rome Cemetery - Honorable and Mrs. Harvey A. Roffman, Commissioner, ABMC, inspected the Cemetery and placed a wreath on behalf of General Mark W. Clark at the base of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue.

15 Aug 1974 Florence Cemetery - Honorable and Mrs. Harvey A. Roffman, Commissioner, ABMC.

15-30 Sep 1974 North Africa Cemetery - Visited by more than 100 officers and men from the USS Blakeley, U.S. Navy.

21 Sep 1974 Florence Cemetery - At a ceremony commemorating the liberation of the Tuscany region, eight wreaths were placed at the Wall of the Missing:

- 2 by Italian Army generals
- 2 by Italian Army colonels (Veterans of the campaign)
- 1 by Commanding Officer Camp Darby.
- 1 by U.S. Consul General of Florence
- 1 by the Prefect, city of Florence.
- 1 by leaders of the Resistance.

In attendance at this ceremony were the British and French Consul Generals of Florence; U.S. Army officers and men of the 509th Airborne Brigade, SETAF (1st Battalion); Platoons of Italian Army, Navy, Air Force, Finance Guards, Carabinieri, Police and a 50 piece Italian Carbinieri band.

Television coverage included a 30-minute documentary later shown on Italian TV. Press coverage was given by all major newspapers.

A total of 1,200 visitors were present.

- 9 Oct 1974 Florence Cemetery - Mr. and Mrs. Karl S. Leffert, Secretary and Treasurer, 1st Armored Division Assoc., Chicago, Illinois.
- 15 Oct 1974 Florence Cemetery - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer, Jr., Member of Cemetery Association in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 25 Oct 1974 Florence Cemetery- A group of 45 Veterans of the 442nd Infantry Regiment (Hawaiians and Japanese) accompanied by their wives.
- 28 Oct 1974 Florence Cemetery - (Veterans' Day) Ceremony held at 1100 hours at the Wall of the Missing. Mr. Harry Coburn, U.S. Consul in Florence and Commander Carlo Fantacci, American Legion, Department of Italy, laid wreaths at an impressive ceremony.
- 28 Oct 1974 Sicily-Rome Cemetery - (Veterans' Day) A ceremony was conducted by Colonel James H. Brown at the Memorial Peristyle.
- 28 Oct 1974 North Africa Cemetery - (Veterans' Day) An impressive ceremony was held attended by many Americans. Ambassador Seelye, the U.S. Ambassador, made the main address.
- 1 Nov 1974 Florence Cemetery - (All Saints' Day) An impressive and colorful ceremony was held at the memorial officiated by Italian and American dignitaries. Three wreaths were placed at the Wall of the Missing.
- Other guests present were the Swiss, British, Danish and Swedish Consuls of Florence; Officers and NCO's of the Italian Army; Officers of the Italian Air Force, Finance, Police, Florence City Guards, Carabinieri, and officials of nearby communities.
- Two hundred persons in attendance.
- 2 Nov 1974 Sicily-Rome Cemetery - (All Souls' Day) A ceremony was held at 10 a.m. Three wreaths were placed by Italian authorities, Army and Police. Among the dignitaries were present: Antonio Simeoni, Mayor of Nettuno, with his staff; Colonel Manelli, Commanding C.E.A., Nettuno; Colonel Barbe, Commanding School Italian Police, Nettuno. Present also were representatives of the Italian Army, Air Force, Finance, Police, Officers and NCO's. There were approximately 1,000 visitors present at the ceremony.

November and December 1974	North Africa Cemetery - Visits by a total of eight next-of-kin were made to the Cemetery. In each case, a color polaroid photo of the gravesite was made for the next-of-kin. Next-of-kin packets are issued to all next-of-kin visiting the Cemetery or to those who request them by mail.
18 Dec 1974	Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 100 students from the Christian Brothers High School, Rome, Italy.
14 Feb 1975	Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 120 Americans from Hot Springs and Hazen, Arkansas.
1 Mar 1975	Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 150 Americans from Ohio.
14 Mar 1975	Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 35 Americans from Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania.
5 Apr 1975	Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 45 Americans from Gaeta, Italy.
13 Apr 1975	Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 350 Italian Veterans of WW II placed a wreath at the base of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue.
20 Apr 1975	North Africa Cemetery - 27 members of the National War College, Washington, D.C., visited the Cemetery. They made many comments about the outstanding appearance of the cemetery.
25 Apr 1975	Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 30 Americans from Connecticut.
26 Apr 1975	Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 85 Germans from Traureut, Germany.
27 Apr 1975	Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 10 Americans from Worcester, Massachusetts.
1 May 1975	Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 40 Americans from Naples, Italy.
13 May 1975	Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 50 Americans from Naples, Italy.
15 May 1975	Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 90 students from Rome, Italy.

- 17 May 1975 Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 100 students from Micheli High School, Rome, Italy.
- 18 May 1975 Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 80 students from Borgata Ottavio, Rome, Italy.
- 18 May 1975 Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 120 Italian Veterans of WW II, from Frosinone, Italy.
- 18 May 1975 Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 10 Americans from Wisconsin.
- 18 May 1975 Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 80 Italians from Velletri, Italy.
- 22 May 1975 Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 9 Americans from Texas.
- 22 May 1975 Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 60 Italians from Rome, Italy.
- 22 May 1975 Sicily-Rome Cemetery - General and Mrs. Georges R. Guay from U.S. Defense, Air Attache, Egypt.
- 22 May 1975 Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 120 Italian Students from Rome, Italy.
- 22 May 1975 Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 80 Irish from Dublin, Ireland.
- 26 May 1975 Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A Memorial Day Ceremony was held and 42 wreaths were placed. Among the dignitaries present were the U.S. Ambassador John Volpe and Vice Admiral Frederick C. Turner, U.S. Navy, Commander, U.S. Sixth Fleet who was guest speaker. About 4,200 persons were present.
- 26 May 1975 North Africa Cemetery - Memorial Day Ceremony was held. The Ambassador read the President's Memorial Day proclamation, and made an address. The beautiful ceremony was attended by most Americans living in the environs of Carthage and employed at the American Embassy. The Tunisian Army furnished troop support for the ceremony.
- 26 May 1975 Florence Cemetery - The Memorial Day Ceremony was celebrated at 1100 hours at the memorial area.

Order of events and wreath laying ceremonies were: musical prelude by Carabinieri Band of Florence; invocation by Parish Priest Don Giancarlo Iacopozzi of St. Andrea; reading of the President's proclamation by Mr. Robert M. Beaudry, American Embassy DCM in Rome; tribute to the Fallen read by Major General Wilbur H. Vinson, Jr., CG USA-SETAF; address by Senator Luigi Dalvit, Italian Undersecretary of Defense; laying of the wreaths as announced by Mr. G. F. De Zigno, of the U.S. Consulate in Florence, by U.S. and Italian officials. Benediction by Chaplain Frank G. Wilkins, Jr., USA; prayer by Dr. Fernando Belgrado, head rabbi of the Jewish community of Florence; rifle volleys by U.S. Army rifle squad, Camp Darby; playing of "Taps" by Italian Carabinieri Band Buglers; one minute of silence; Italian and American national anthems played by the Carabinieri Band; closing ceremony as the national flags of Italy and United States were raised to full mast at 12 noon.

Twelve foreign consular officers with their families; journalists; mayors of several nearby communities; U.S. Army officers and NCO's; U.S. Navy personnel from Naples, were also present.

In addition, there were American Army Color and Honor Guards; Italian Army Color and Honor Guards; American school children from the elementary school of San Casciano paid tribute by placing flowers at the Wall of the Missing.

There were approximately 800 visitors present at the ceremony.

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| 1 Jun 1975 | Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 60 Italian veterans of WW I placed a wreath at the base of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue. |
| 2 Jun 1975 | Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 120 Italians from Terni, Italy. |
| 5 Jun 1975 | Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 100 Irish from Derry, Ireland. |
| 8 Jun 1975 | Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 65 Italian Sisters from Rome, Italy. |

9 Jun 1975 Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 55 Americans from Pennsgrove, N.J.

19 Jun 1975 Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 80 American Sisters from Rome, Italy.

d. Relationship with other Government Agencies

(1) Close and cordial relationships were maintained with the U.S. Embassies in Italy and Tunisia, which extended complete cooperation. A similar close relationship was maintained with the U.S. Consul-General in Florence, Italy.

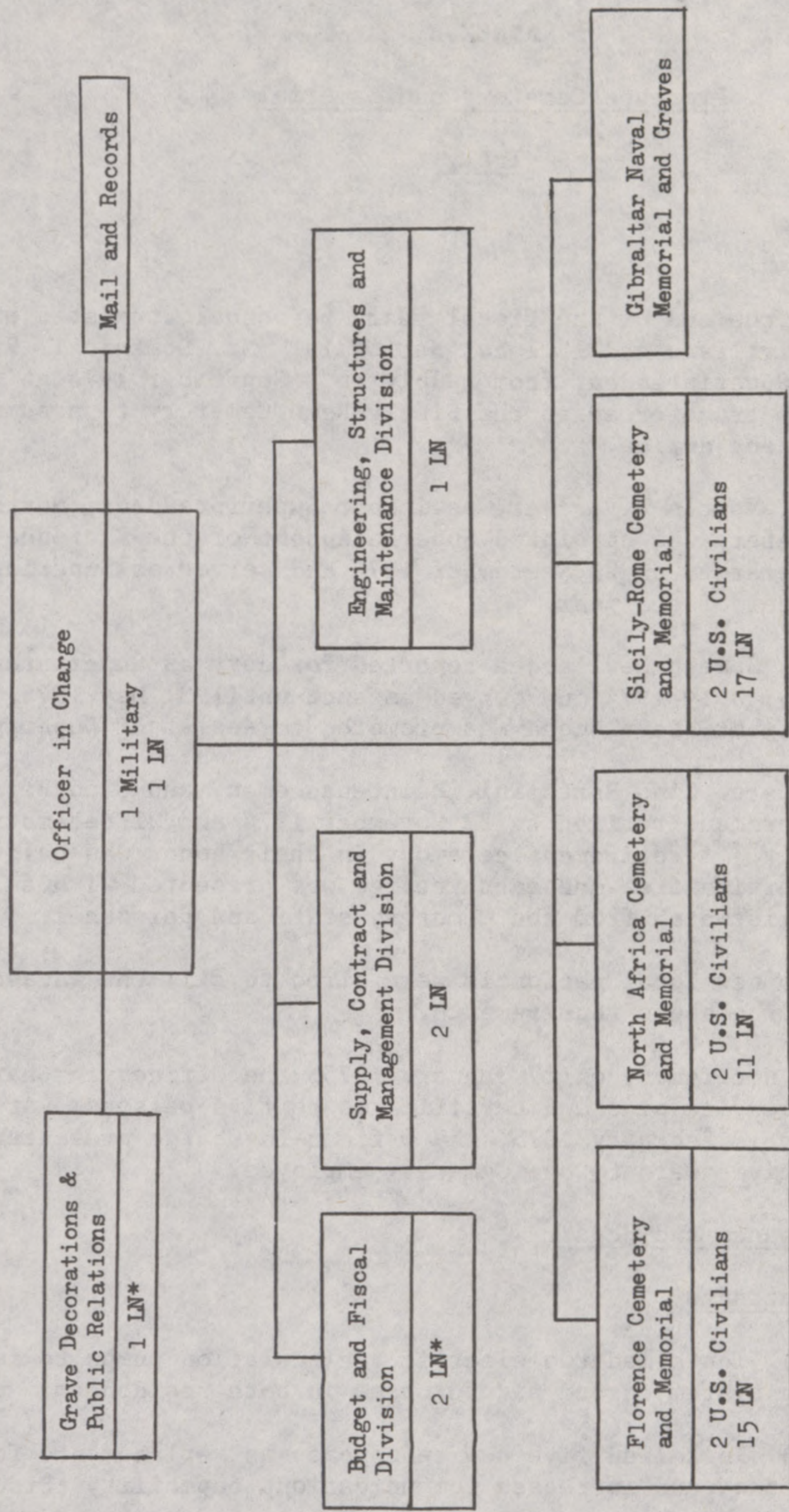
(2) During June 1972, the American Embassy in Tunis presented a draft agreement for operation of the North Africa American Cemetery to the Tunisian Government. Since that time this agreement has lain almost dormant in the Tunisian Foreign Office. Informal inquiry indicated no objections, but also no indication of any final approval or action. It is hoped the agreement may be finalized in FY 1976. Although no difficulties arose in operation of the Cemetery, an agreement would formalize relationships between the United States and Tunisia for cemetery operations, and make it simpler for both U.S. and Tunisian officials, who deal with day-to-day administrative details of cemetery operation.

ANNEXES:

- A - Organization Chart - Mediterranean Office
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ORGANIZATION CHART - MEDITERRANEAN OFFICE



LN - Local Nationals

* 1 LN - Dual Assignment

Actual Strengths, June 30, 1975

ANNEX B

Florence Cemetery and MemorialItaly1. Personnel

a. At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 15 local nationals. Mr. Dominic T. Valentine served as Superintendent from 1 July to 3 September 1974 at which time he was transferred to the Sicily-Rome Cemetery to assume Superintendent duties.

b. Mr. Morris V. Brewer, Assistant Superintendent, North Africa Cemetery was appointed Superintendent of the Florence American Cemetery on 29 September 1974 and served as Superintendent the remainder of the year.

c. Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua reported for duty as Superintendent-Trainee on 1 July 1974 and served as such until 31 May 1975. On 1 June 1975, Mr. Bevilacqua was promoted to Assistant Superintendent.

d. Messrs. Gino Bartolini, Maintenceman, and Gino Bernacchioni, Gardener/Foreman, retired on 23 November 1974 and 21 December 1974 respectively. A retirement ceremony in their honor was held at the Cemetery Service Area and each retiree was presented with an engraved wristwatch from the Cemetery staff and personnel.

e. Two new local nationals were hired to fill the vacancies created by the above requirements.

f. At a ceremony on 17 January 1975, the Officer-in-Charge presented service pins and certificates to five persons. At another ceremony on 13 February 1975, the Officer-in-Charge presented a cash incentive award to one Cemetery employee.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

(1) Installed two electric recirculation pumps to improve the heating system forced air furnaces in both residences.

(2) Installed five new telephones as replacements for the old telephones, and increased communications capability throughout.

(3) A local Italian expert repaired the transparent surface sealer of the Scagliola map in the Memorial.

(4) Local electric company replaced the industrial current electric meter (reactive current) at the transformer station and calibrated all the other electric meters in service group and residences.

(5) Installed new stainless steel kitchen sink and drain board with base cabinet in Assistant Superintendent's quarters to replace a worn-out sink.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

(1) Repacked Worthington pumps, overhauled air compressor, and repainted entire interior pump installation in pump room.

(2) Replaced defective flushing mechanisms in six of the cemetery toilets.

(3) Cleaned, washed and siliconated all marble headstones.

(4) Cleaned and washed all Travertine stone structures throughout. Applied "THALTOX Q" algicide to surfaces.

(5) Cleaned, washed and whitewashed retaining wall behind memorial area complex.

(6) Washed and cleaned granite slabs of Walls of the Missing.

(7) Painted all fire points, manhole covers, storm drains, sluice gate, and fire hydrants throughout.

(8) Painted both entrance gates including decorative wreaths and polished rondelles.

(9) Painted all teakwood benches in burial area.

(10) Painted all boundary and directional signs. Installed six new boundary signs, and three "No Entry" signs.

(11) Painted interior walls of water reservoir and water plant. Painted exterior doors and entry of both buildings.

(12) Repaired eight breaks in boundary fence. Painted south fence.

(13) Painted all door and window shutters of residences. Painted window shutters and doors and service group buildings.

(14) Recemented Porphyry and Selci stone settings at memorial area, and stone settings at bridge and office complex.

(15) Repaired broken water service pipe-line (pump house to reservoir) at south side of Plot C.

(16) Repaired six defective sprinkler valve service pipes.

(17) Repaired two defective fire hydrants, and replaced defective cesspool pipe in service area.

(18) Installed new resistor/electrodes complete assembly in the ozone station.

(19) Constructed additional wooden storage bins in storage building to house ASL parts and supplies. Relocated all janitorial and office supplies to office building cellar.

(20) Cleaned gold eagle atop flagpole and painted flagpole.

(21) Pruned 102 FNG specimen plane trees. Planted 235 replacement rose plantings at flagpole and office area.

(22) Applied the highest standards of maintenance and repair.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. Relationships with all local authorities and U.S. Government agencies as well as attitude of host country nationals, are excellent.

b. The Florence Cemetery maintains a close liaison with the U.S. Consul General, Florence.

c. High standards of services to NOK and the public continued and all requests for assistance were met. On numerous occasions, U.S. civilian staff members provided transportation to stranded NOK visitors--to and from the cemetery.

4. Conservation of Government Funds

a. Savings in Electrical Energy

(1) Replaced all light bulbs throughout cemetery with lower wattage bulbs. Checked and repaired as necessary any defective electric wiring.

(2) Lowered thermostat settings to lowest acceptable settings in work areas and residences.

(3) Use of light fixtures during daylight hours eliminated except when necessary for work.

(4) Use of industrial current to operate deep well pump minimized.

b. Savings in Gasoline and Fuel Oil

(1) Number of weekly trips with official sedan reduced by 40%. Trips to U.S. Consulate, mail pick-up, etc., combined with trips to make local purchases and dealing with merchants.

(2) All vehicles and motor powered equipment tuned up. Overhauled as necessary.

(3) Smaller vehicles used in place of larger gasoline consuming vehicles, when applicable.

(4) Fuel heating systems turned off at night and during prolonged absences of quarters' occupants.

(5) New recirculation pumps installation in residences provides better heating and more economical fuel oil consumption.

c. Savings in Utilities

Long distance calls reduced by 45%. More use of written communications media to transmit cemetery business to Rome Office, except where urgent business requires immediate transmission.

ANNEX C

North Africa Cemetery and MemorialTunisia1. Personnel

a. At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 11 local nationals. Throughout the year, Mr. Pedro Rivera, Jr., served as Superintendent. Mr. Morris V. Brewer served as Assistant Superintendent from 1 July 1974 to 28 August 1974, when he was transferred to the Florence Cemetery in Florence, Italy, as Superintendent. Mr. Patrick M. Hubai was hired as an Assistant Superintendent-Trainee on 22 September 1974, and he served in this capacity the remainder of the fiscal year.

b. On 30 June there was one local national vacancy to fill.

c. During the year, the positions of nine local nationals were reclassified to one higher grade to meet Embassy criteria for their job positions.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. All pittosporum tobira and myoporum hedges throughout the cemetery were pruned to encourage new growth.

b. Three tall, dead eucalyptus trees were removed and replaced with young replacement trees (two on north side of highway, and one on south side of highway).

c. Professional pruning personnel from the Tunis Municipal Nursery accomplished the pruning of 37 ficus nitida trees on the terrace along the "Wall of the Missing." With two or three more subsequent prunings of this type (boxing) we will eventually obtain the desired effect of a canopy to provide shade for the visitors walking on the terrace adjacent to the "Wall of the Missing" from the pool to the memorial and back.

d. All kikuyu grass areas throughout the Cemetery were scarified and composted immediately afterwards. This is an annual requirement to keep this type of fine grass in good condition.

e. It was necessary to spray all the aleppo pine trees with insecticide to eliminate tent caterpillars. In some cases where

the insecticide was not effective, the nests were clipped from the branches and burned.

f. One of the primary fire prevention measures taken at this cemetery is the cleaning of the fire lanes in the meadow areas, accomplished twice a year.

g. Removed 50 dead myoporum from along highway hedge and replaced them with 50 new plants.

h. The project of installing metal raceways to cover the new electric cables in the pump room was completed, thus making the room a clean and safe installation.

i. A kerosene water heater was replaced with an electric water heater in the garage to supply hot water to the employees shower room. This improvement has eliminated a fire hazard.

j. The five Peerless pumps used for our sprinkling operations received a thorough overhaul during the fiscal year, to insure that no breakdown would occur during the period of time that sprinkling of the grassed areas is very critical--particularly in this hot climate.

k. Headstones have been kept in good condition using a sprayer (high pressure), soft pumice stone cleansing, and Nubex siliconate.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

Principal visits and ceremonies are shown in paragraph 5c, Chapter III, Part Two.

ANNEX D

Sicily-Rome Cemetery and MemorialItaly1. Personnel

a. At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 17 local nationals. Mr. Dominic T. Valentine served as Superintendent, September 3, 1974, to end of the year. Mr. Galen M. Boone served as Assistant Superintendent throughout the year, and Acting Superintendent from 1 July to 2 September 1974.

2. Maintenance and Repair

- a. Received and installed twelve fire extinguishers, type AAM Dry Rapid 6 kgs., to improve fire protection.
- b. Checked and cleaned all stone and waterproofed headstones.
- c. Repaired stone and selci gutters.
- d. Minor repairs to asphalt roads.
- e. Repaired and painted cemetery and road signs.
- f. Cleaned, repaired and varnished teakwood benches.
- g. Applied Mightyplate to roofs of buildings.
- h. Gilded inscriptions, entrance and Memorial areas.
- i. Retouched gilding on Medal of Honor crosses.
- j. Minor repairs to masonry and stone walls and coping.
- k. Minor repairs to headstones.
- l. Applied protective treatment to roof beams and woodwork of residences and garages, plus hardwood floors, large sliding door and furniture of Visitors Building and Chapel benches.
- m. All structures were checked and minor repairs performed and painted where necessary.

n. Pruned 200 trees and 100 shrubs, trimmed six miles of hedges.

o. Replaced trees, shrubs, hedges. (Nursery stock.)

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. The high standards of service to the public continued at the Sicily-Rome Cemetery and every request for information or assistance was met.

b. Relationship with local authorities and U.S. Government agencies including American Embassy, Rome, has always been favorable and full cooperation has been received from both local and national groups.

4. Conservation of Government Funds

a. Savings in Electrical Energy

(1) All lights turned off when no one is using them, only the lights for the normal operations used.

(2) Essential irrigation accomplished but not to excess.

b. Savings in Gasoline and Fuel Oil

(1) All burners of the heating systems kept in perfect operating condition.

(2) Thermostats in all buildings were set at a reasonable level so that heating fuel would not be wasted.

(3) All windows and doors closed to insure that heat is not lost due to having windows and doors open.

(4) All vehicles used only for essential use. Trips combined whenever possible.

(5) For patrol of the Cemetery, only the Lambro or Ape 3-wheel scooter used.

(6) Engines of all motor vehicles and horticultural equipment kept in perfect tune-up.

ANNEX E

Gibraltar1. Gibraltar Naval Memorial

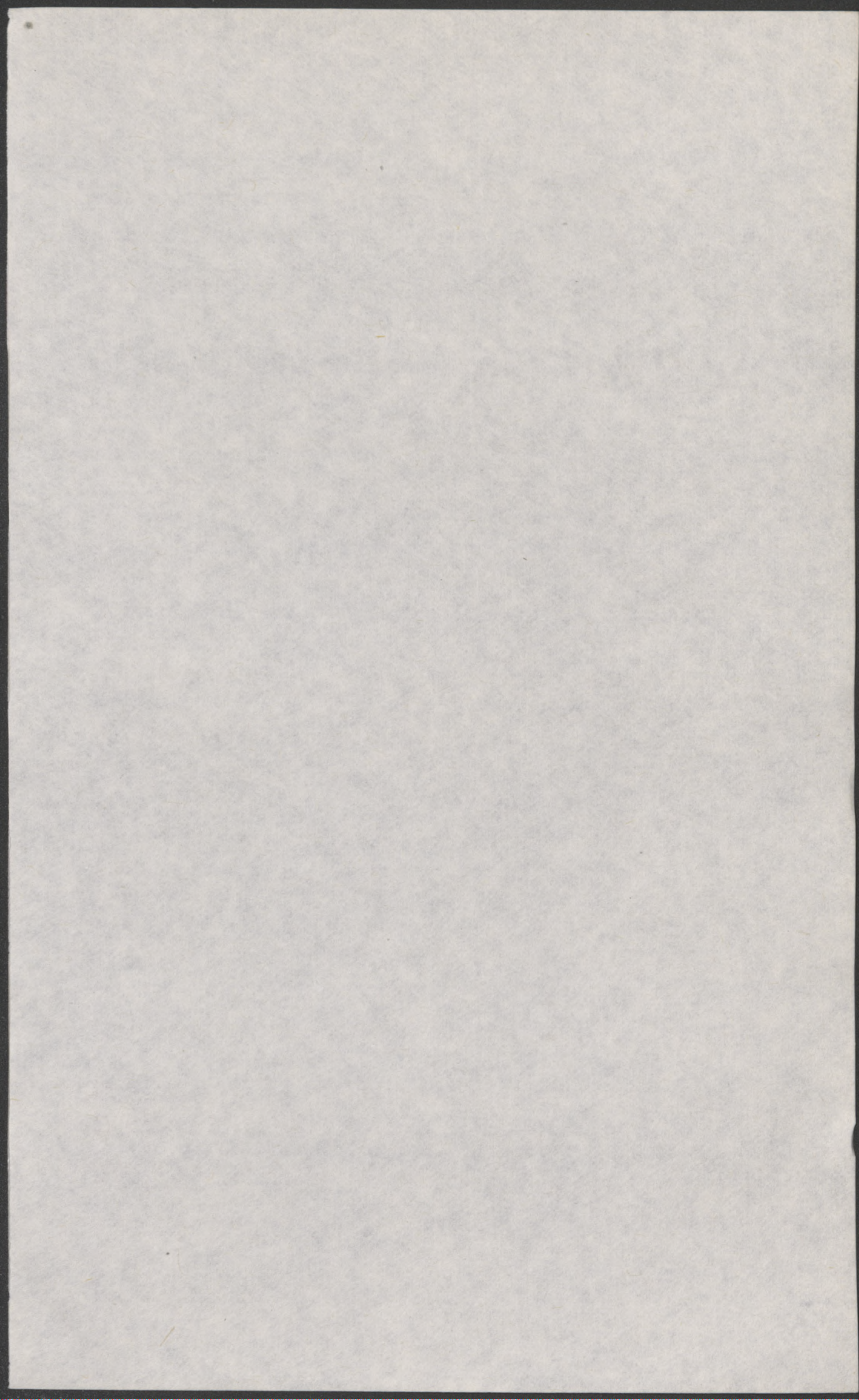
This small Memorial is dedicated to the service of the U.S. Navy, and cooperation with the British Navy in nearby waters during World War I. It consists of an archway and stairs leading from one level of the city to another. Large gold seals on both sides of the facade of the Memorial are distinguishing features. The Memorial is in the downtown area of Gibraltar and is a well-known landmark for the local populace.

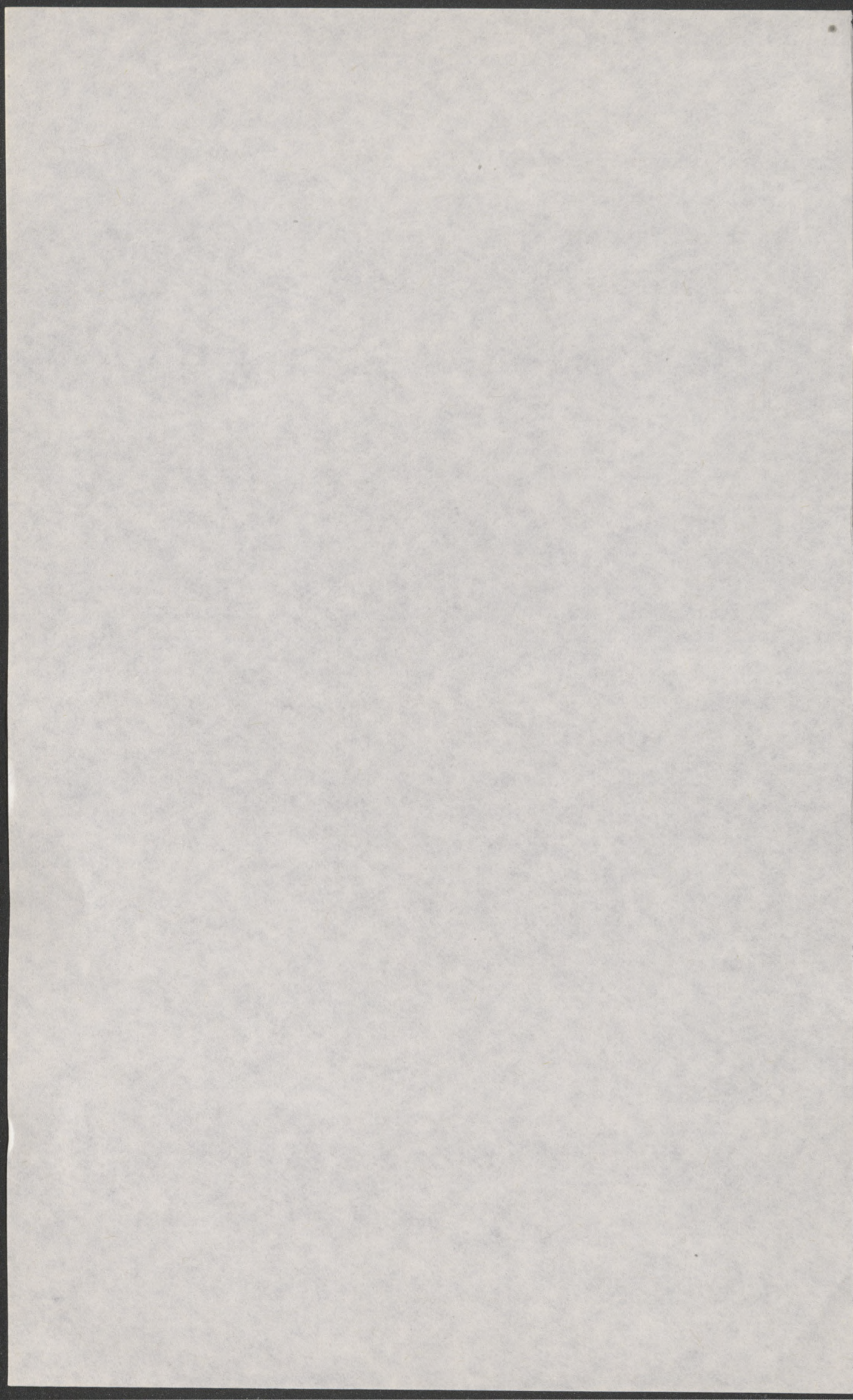
The Gibraltar Government Administration has provided excellent routine maintenance of the stone, without cost to the United States. The Commission provides gold leaf when needed for gilding the seals and lettering. The Government engineer arranges for application of the leaf.

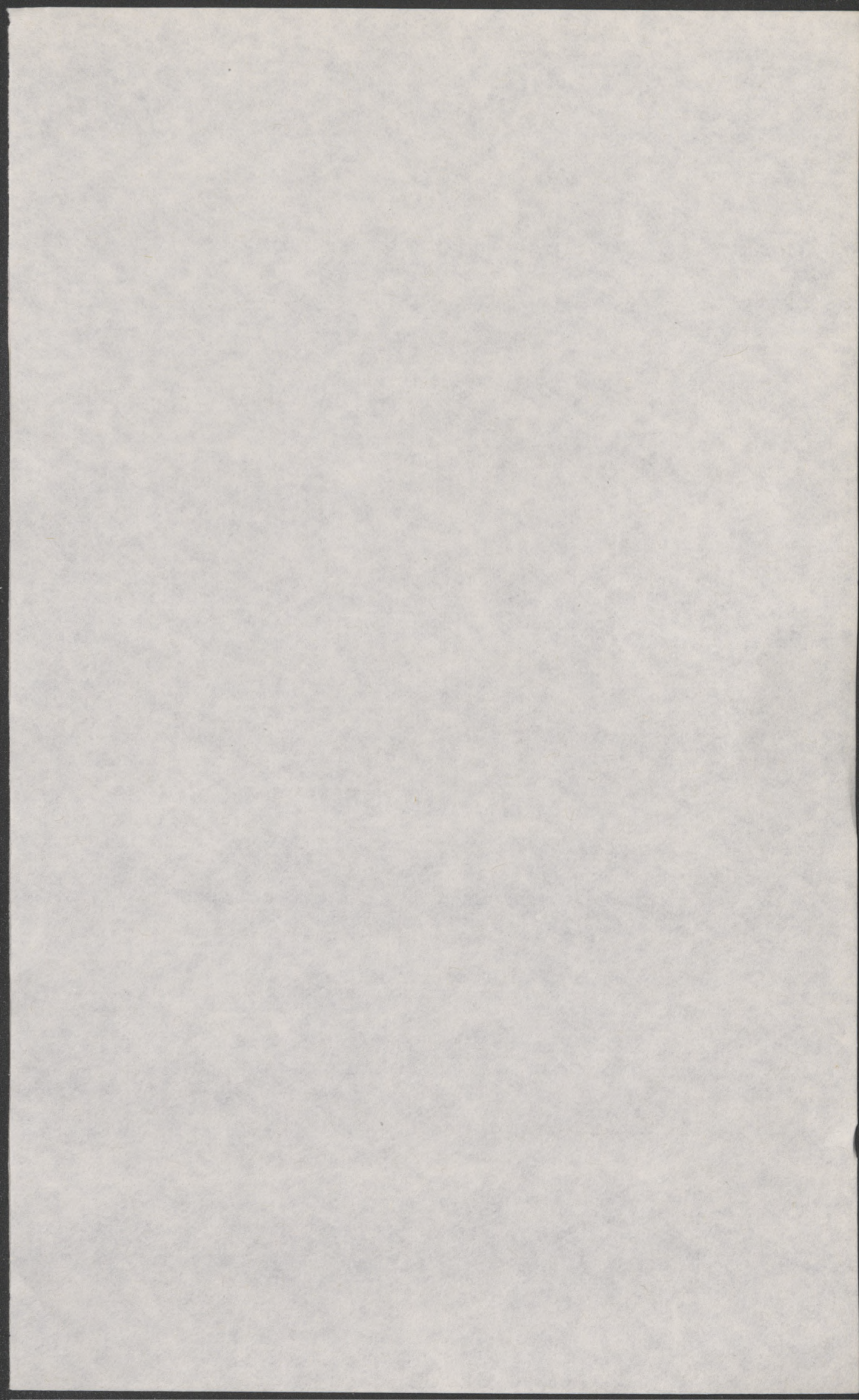
The Officer-in-Charge, Mediterranean Office, visited the Memorial in December 1974. The Monument is in excellent condition, and only minor attention was needed.

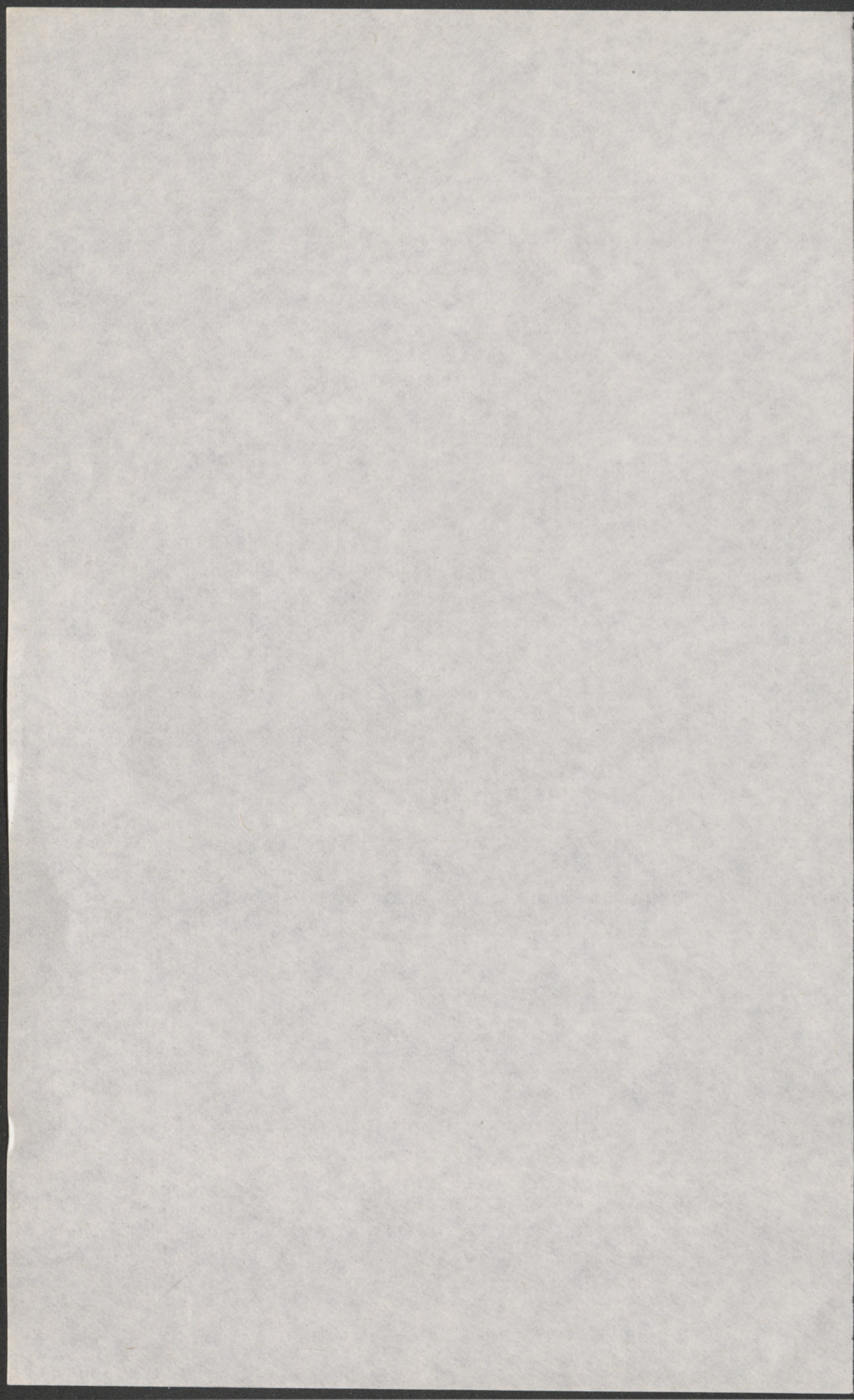
2. There are seven graves of U.S. servicemen from World War I and the Korean War in Gibraltar at the North Front Cemetery. The maintenance of these graves needed some attention. Arrangements were made with the local representative of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to place these graves in top flite condition. By the end of the fiscal year all the graves were in fine condition, and further routine maintenance will be carried out by the CWGC on a cross service basis.

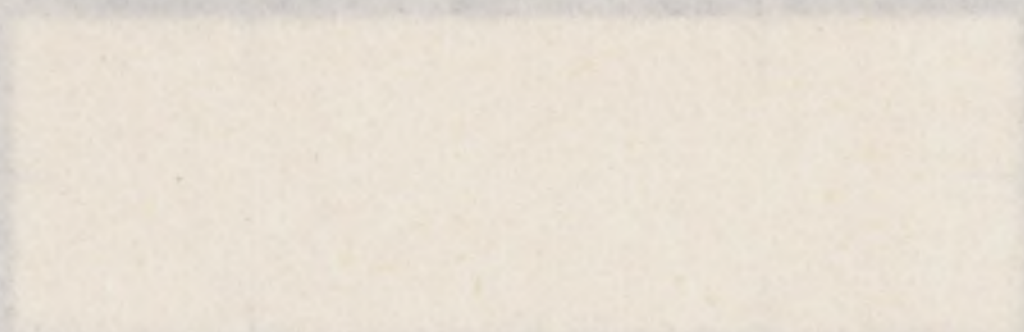














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