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2. The second part of the report deals with the specific results of the work. It is divided into three main sections: the first section deals with the results of the work in the field of agriculture, the second section deals with the results of the work in the field of industry, and the third section deals with the results of the work in the field of commerce.

3. The third part of the report deals with the conclusions and recommendations. It is divided into two main sections: the first section deals with the conclusions and the second section deals with the recommendations.

4. The fourth part of the report deals with the appendix. It is divided into two main sections: the first section deals with the list of names and the second section deals with the list of places.

5. The fifth part of the report deals with the index. It is divided into two main sections: the first section deals with the list of names and the second section deals with the list of places.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

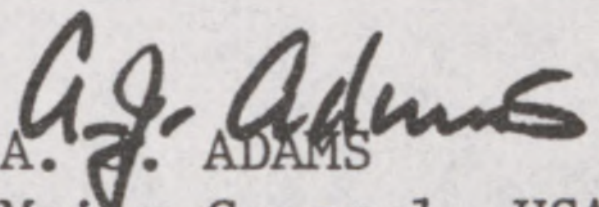
July 6, 1979

Honorable Alan D. Cranston
Chairman, Veterans' Affairs Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cranston:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of this Commission's
Annual Report to the President for Fiscal Year 1977.

Sincerely yours,


A. J. ADAMS
Major General, USA
Secretary

Enclosure

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 1, 1918

Respectfully submitted,
The American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,
The American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D. C.

[Signature]
The American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D. C.

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Major General A. J. Adams, USA

FOREWORD

It is my pleasure to submit to you, Mr. President, the Annual Report of the American Battle Monuments Commission for Fiscal Year 1977. 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.

During the period of this report, the 97th meeting of the Commission was held in Washington on February 23, 1977, to discuss important matters affecting Commission operations.

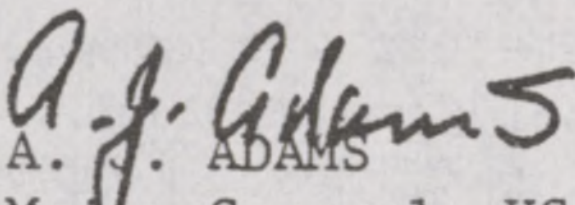
Of special interest was completion of reconfiguration of the Mexico City National Cemetery that resulted from expropriation by the Federal District of Mexico (Mexico City) of a 14.5 meter strip of land running the length of the Cemetery for the purpose of expanding the adjacent highway system. The reconfiguration was completed at a cost of \$229,600 to the Federal District. The Cemetery was rededicated by Ambassador John J. Jova in a small, dignified ceremony on January 11, 1977 "in the spirit of peace and friendship between Mexico and the United States."

The Commission will commemorate the 2,489 Missing from the Vietnam conflict by adding two courts to the Honolulu Memorial in the National Cemetery of the Pacific where the Missing from operations in the Pacific in World War II and Korea are memorialized. Although a strike delayed construction of the concrete foundation, construction of the two additional Courts of the Missing progressed in a manner not to affect the overall completion date. Procurement of the marble panels inscribed with the names of the Missing was also being done in a timely manner.

The Commission included \$300,000 in its Fiscal Year 1978 Budget Request to construct a modest but fitting Memorial to the American Expeditionary Force of World War I and its Commander, General John J. Pershing. U. S. Army. Funds in this amount were approved by the Congress and the Commission is working with the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation for construction of the Memorial as a segment of the overall development of the western end of Pennsylvania Avenue.

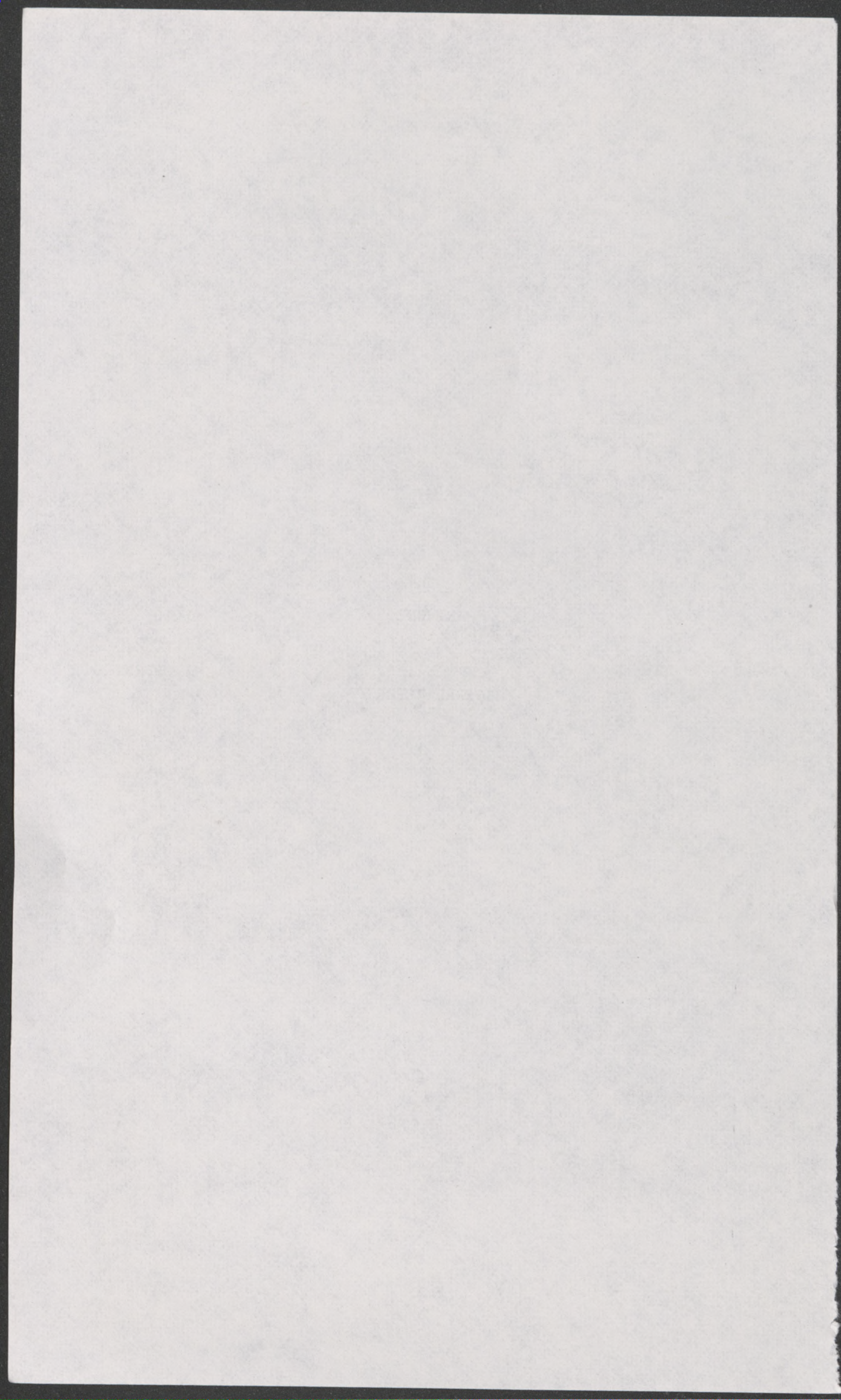
It is a pleasure to report that during the year the Commission in general maintained its previous high standards of immaculate appearance of headstones, structures, plantings and lawns, as well as service to the public and especially sympathetic attention to the inquiries, needs and desires of relatives and friends of the Dead. Its success in doing so is attested by hundreds of written and verbal communications from visitors to its shrines and from others.

The Commission again wishes to commend the offices and field personnel for their devotion to duty and continued excellence in maintaining the high standards of public service.


A. J. ADAMS
Major General, USA
Secretary

PART ONE

GENERAL REPORT



CHAPTER I

Commission Meetings and Inspections by Members1. Meetings

a. The 98th Meeting was held in Washington on 23 February 1977. The Chairman and all members were present except Honorable Gerald D. Bleicken. Principal subjects of discussion and actions taken were as follows:

(1) As a part of his opening remarks, the Chairman announced that the Commission was under consideration by those in charge of governmental reorganization and that he sincerely hoped that the Commission would remain a separate agency, capable of functioning efficiently on an austere budget.

(2) The staff reported that the reconfiguration of the Mexico City National Cemetery had been completed and a final inspection revealed that the new superintendent's quarters, wall crypts, monument to the 750 Mexican War Dead were excellent. The appearance of the Cemetery was very pleasing and once the grass is established and a screen placed behind the monument, the area should be very beautiful. The Chairman suggested that some members should visit the Cemetery to pay respect to the Dead, inspect the new construction, and to express appreciation to the Ambassador and his staff for their support.

(3) The staff explained the status of the two new Courts of the Missing at the Honolulu Memorial. A contract was being awarded by the Pacific Ocean Division, Corps of Engineers for the construction of the concrete foundations to support the marble name panels and travertine capstones. Another contract had been awarded to procure the 240 marble name panels and inscribe the 2,489 names of the Missing from Vietnam. An additional \$125,000 had been requested in the Commission's Fiscal Year 1978 Budget Request for the transportation of the marble and travertine from Italy to Hawaii and to install the stone in the Courts.

(4) The Staff informed the Commission that a concept drawing for the memorial to the American Expeditionary Force of World War I and its commander, General John J. Pershing had been prepared by architect Wallace K. Harrison and would be submitted to the Fine Arts Commission in the near future. The current working estimate for the memorial less the statue of General Pershing was \$300,000 and had been included in the Commission's Fiscal Year 1978 Budget Request.

(5) The Staff advised the members that the Commission's Fiscal Year 1978 Budget Request of \$6,463,000 was \$639,000 more than that appropriated in Fiscal Year 1977. Of this increase \$300,000 was for the AEF Memorial and \$125,000 was to complete the Vietnam Courts. The remaining \$214,000 would barely cover the increase in personnel costs.

2. Inspections

There were no inspections by members of the Commission during the fiscal year.

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
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
Honorable William G. Bray	15 Sep 1975

b. Major General A. J. Adams, USA served as Secretary of the Commission throughout the year.

2. Personnel Authorization

a. The Commission's personnel requirements were eight military officers on active duty (four in the Washington Office, three in the European Office and one 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.

b. The Commission has a FY 1977 authorized personnel strength that consisted of 8 military officers, 47 U.S. civil service (40 in oversea areas) and 346 local nationals (six part-time) that on 30 September 1977 were distributed as follows:

<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilian</u> <u>U.S. Citizen</u>	<u>Local</u> <u>National</u>
Departmental (Washington Office)	4	7	0
European Area	3	31	247
Mediterranean Area	1	6	49
Asian Area (Manila)	0	2	42
Latin American Area (Mexico City)	0	1	2
	—	—	—
Sub-total	8	47	340
<u>Part-Time</u>			
European Area			5
Mediterranean Area	—	—	1
	—	—	—
TOTAL	8	47	346

3. 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 1977 appropriation was \$5,824,000.

2. Construction Appropriations

There were no construction appropriations for Fiscal Year 1977.

3. Financial Transactions

Obligations incurred by the Commission during the Fiscal Year 1977 were as follows:

Personnel compensation	\$3,437,498
Personnel benefits	913,806
Benefits for former personnel	54,278
Travel and transportation of persons	63,787
Transportation of things	52,595
Rent, communications and utilities	206,542
Printing and reproduction	17,194
Other services (maintenance projects by contract, storage and repair of equipment, etc.)	487,050
Supplies and materials	427,313
Equipment	163,304
Insurance claims and indemnities	<u>607</u>
Total	\$5,823,974

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

Significant repairs are discussed in detail in Part Two, Chapters I, II and III.

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 John J. Pershing and the officers and men under his command who fought in World War I. This memorial is to be located in the District of Columbia on that parcel of Federally owned land bounded by Pennsylvania Avenue, E Street, 14th Street and 15th Street.

b. The Commission of Fine Arts has approved the elements of the Memorial, which consist of a statue, a small reflecting pool and a low wall on which will be inscribed battle maps and a brief narrative. The final positioning of these elements must be integrated into the overall plan for the development of Pennsylvania Avenue.

c. Final siting of the elements of the Memorial has been delayed because the memorial is to be an integral part of the development of the western end of Pennsylvania Avenue and the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation, responsible for the overall development, has not selected a landscape architect to study the project.

d. The Commission's Fiscal Year 1978 Budget Request includes \$300,000 to construct the memorial less the statue.

2. Vietnam Memorial

a. The American Battle Monuments Commission has been honoring the Missing in Action or lost or buried at sea individually, by name, on stone tablets at its cemeteries and memorials since World War I.

b. To commemorate the 2,489 Missing of Vietnam, the Commission has selected the Honolulu Memorial at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific as the site for this memorial. It will consist of two half courts at the base of and one on each side of the grand stairs leading to the Memorial. The names will be inscribed on marble panels similar to the existing courts. The beauty of the courts will be enhanced with a bas-relief of two angels holding a wreath.

c. During the Transition Quarter contracts were let to construct the concrete base and walls to support the marble panels and to provide the inscribed panels and travertine base, border and cap stones. Progress on the contracts has been good. There was a delay encountered when the steel workers went on strike. However, work has resumed and the strike will not delay the completion.

d. The Commission's Fiscal Year 1978 Budget Request includes \$125,000 to transport the panels and stones to Hawaii, to execute the bas-relief, to erect the stone work and to finish the floors in the courts.

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 Guamanian officials of the status of our memorial.

4. 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 1978 Budget.

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. Further, PL 93-244 provides that the Commission is authorized to take necessary measures to demolish any war memorial erected on foreign soil by an American citizen, a State, a political subdivision, any other Federal agency, foreign agency or private association if the appropriate foreign authorities agree and the sponsors of the memorial consent or the memorial has fallen into disrepair and the Commission cannot get the sponsors to adequately repair the memorial.

2. New Memorials

No new non-Federal memorials were constructed overseas during the fiscal year.

3. Maintenance of Memorials

a. The following organizations or states have had the Commission maintain their overseas memorials using funds provided by them:

- (1) 1st Division Association
- (2) 2nd Infantry Division Association
- (3) 3rd Infantry Division Association
- (4) 4th Infantry Division Association
- (5) 6th U. S. Engineer Veterans WW I
- (6) 94th Infantry Division Association
- (7) 316th Infantry Association
- (8) Lafayette Escadrille Foundation
- (9) State of Missouri
- (10) Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

b. For additional details see Chapter II, Part Two.

CHAPTER VIII

Services to and Relations with the Public1. Inquires 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 I and II cemeteries and memorials to which the headstone or section of the Tablets of 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, 2,553 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. A number of other inquiries were received from individuals and associations requesting advice on the design and construction of private monuments and memorials. Technical advice and suggestions reflecting the Commission's broad experience in this field were furnished to them promptly.

c. Articles concerning the Commission's cemetery memorials and the services it provides to the public appeared in several widely circulated travel magazines during fiscal year 1977. These articles generated a large response from travel agents throughout the country expressing interest in incorporating visits to the cemeteries in their oversea tour packages. In a continuing effort to inform the public of our services, articles concerning the Commission also appeared in a number of military and veterans publications.

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 mounted a photograph of the headstone or commemorative inscription. Since the inception of this project, many thousands of requests for the lithographs have been processed, 1,477 in fiscal year 1977. New color lithographs of the Henri-Chapelle WW II American Cemetery and Memorial were printed.

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 6,397,684 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 the reporting period is attached as Annex B.

5. Publications

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

6. Field Offices

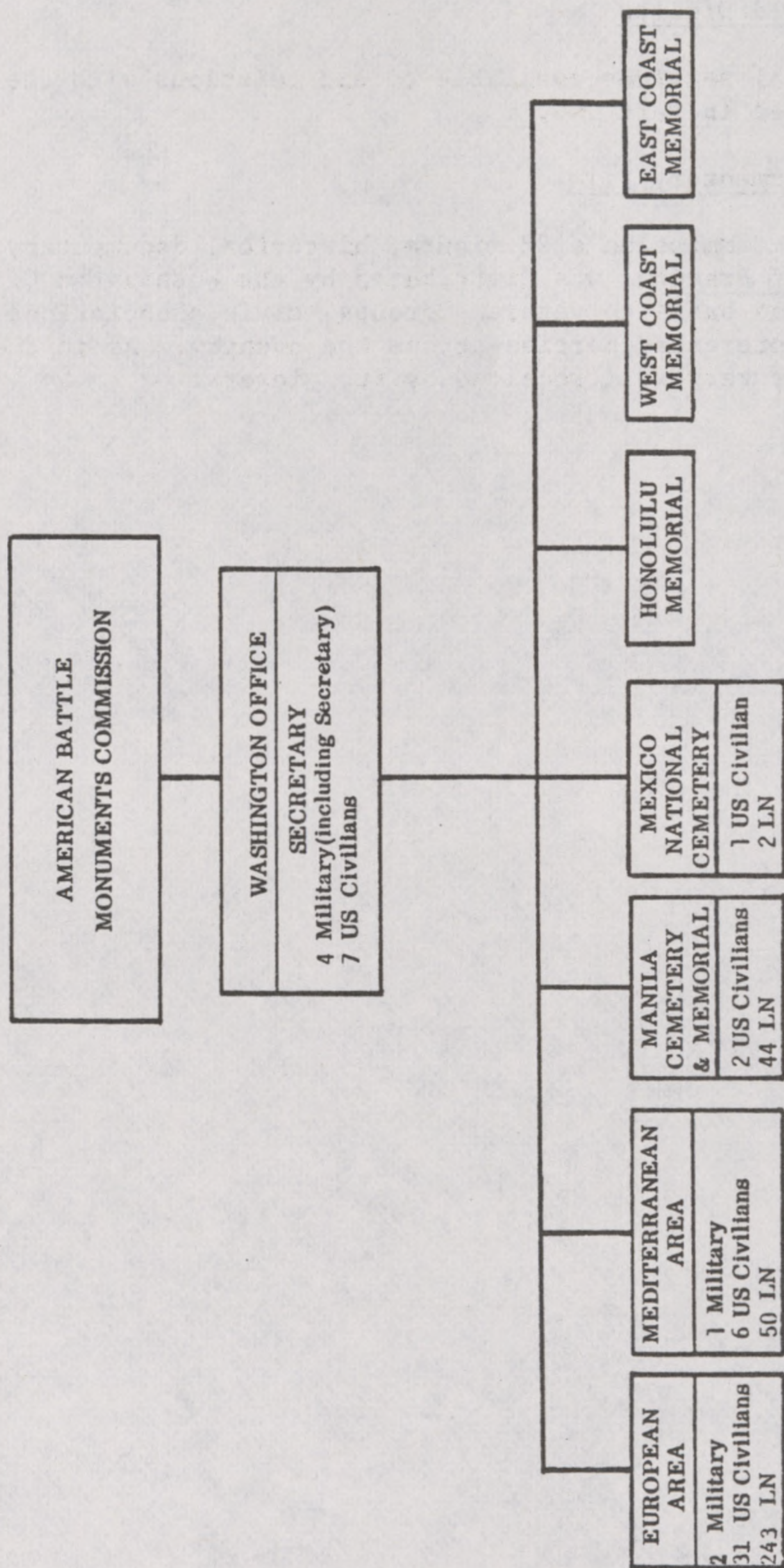
Local services available to and relations with the public are discussed in Part Two.

7. Documentary Film

The Commission's 28 minute, historical documentary film, The Price of Freedom, was distributed by the Washington Office on a free-loan basis to veterans groups, civic associations, schools and other interested parties across the country. As in the past, the film was very well received by its viewers.

ANNEX A

Overall Organization Chart



LN - Local Nationals

Actual Strengths, 30 September 1977

ANNEX B

Copy of Letter of Commendation from a Visitor

American Battle Monuments Commission
4C014 Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20314

Gentlemen:

I recently had occasion to spend two weeks in Europe. This was the first time I had ever been to that historic continent and one of the first things on my agenda was to see the grave of my father.

How thrilled I was to be able to visit his gravesite at Henri-Chapelle, Belgium. It was equally difficult to contain my pride in my country when I saw the beautiful memorial in which he is buried. Surely, this is the finest example I have ever seen of the worth of an individual in our society. I was proud and humble at the same time.

As a taxpayer who has been known to complain about the excesses of government, please accept my sincere appreciation for the efforts our government has made and continues to make to honor our war dead.

Certainly, I would rather have my father back alive, but he died for a worthy cause and, thanks to the efforts of our government, his memory lives on.

Sincerely,

/s/ Roger D. Gillespie

ANNEX C

BOOKLET

HENRI-CHAPELLE AMERICAN CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL

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PART TWO

REPORTS ON INDIVIDUAL OFFICES, CEMETERIES
AND MEMORIALS

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CHAPTER I

Washington Office

1. Personnel

Throughout the fiscal year, permanent personnel of the Washington Office consisted of four Army Officers and seven 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

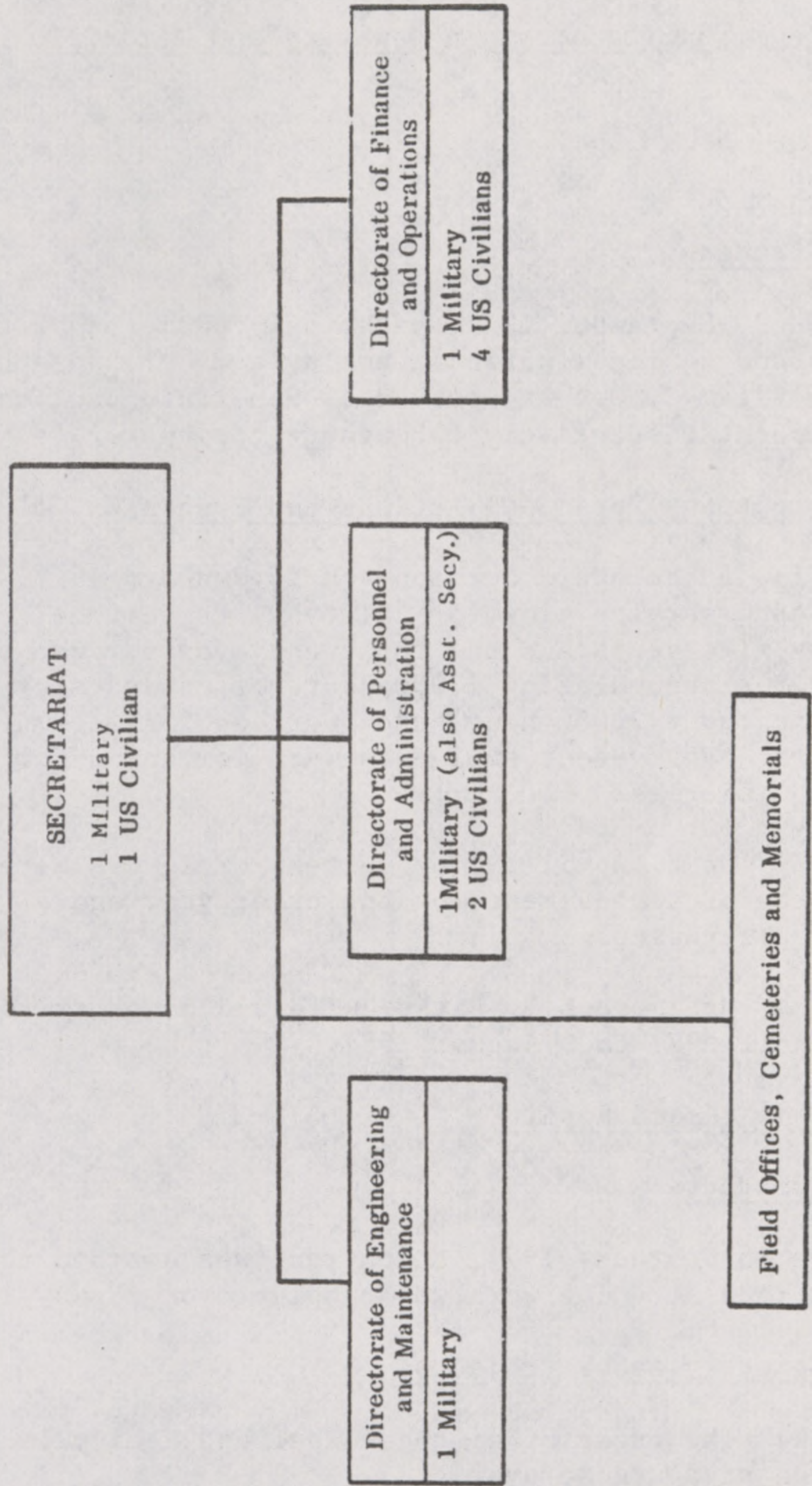
As in past years, Mr. John F. Harbeson of Harbeson, Hough, Livingston and Larson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was retained as the Commission's consulting architect.

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

On 30 September 1977, 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

(1) At an award ceremony on 14 January 1977, five employees received ABMC service pins for thirty years service, four employees for twenty-five years and one for twenty years. One employee was commended for accumulating 3,000 hours of unused sick leave, six for accumulating over 2,000 hours and fourteen for accumulating over 1,000 hours. Forty-four employees were commended for not sustaining on-the-job injuries.

(2) On 27 April 1977, fourteen employees were awarded certificates of achievement for the prior year and given within grade step increases.

(3) Mr. Joseph V. Darby, wife and daughter took home leave from 29 April 1977 to 5 August 1977.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

On 15 February 1977, a contract was awarded to HI-AM, Inc. to repair road AL. The work was completed on 29 May 1977.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

(1) The exterior of the Chapel and Hemicycle were cleaned with a high pressure sprayer.

(2) The two flagpoles at the Memorial were repainted.

(3) Road B was patched using hand equipment.

(4) All headstones were cleaned using Klenztone to remove the stains.

(5) The inscriptions on seven headstones and ten on the Walls of the Missing were regilded to commemorate the Medal of Honor recipients.

(6) The grave of British Chief Officer O'Robyns-Owen at the Manila North Cemetery was cleaned.

3. Services To and Relations With The Public

a. Ceremonies, Visitors and Events

25 October 1976 - Veterans Day - Wreath laying ceremony was held at the Chapel.

6 November 1976 - The Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Henry Mills, visited the Cemetery.

9 November 1976 - Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Sirimavo Bandaranaike, accompanied by Philippine First Lady and Metro Manila Governor, Mrs. Imelda Romualdez Marcos, visited the Cemetery.

22 November 1976 - Mrs. Mary Souders, National President, Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, presented a floral wreath at the Chapel.

8 December 1976 - Mrs. Norma Brown, National President, Auxiliary American Legion, presented a floral wreath at the Chapel

8 December 1976 - The Manila Office of the Veterans Administration dedicated a bronze plaque attached to a granite pedestal in front of one of the Narra trees at the Memorial.

16 December 1976 - The National Junior Vice Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mr. Eric Sandstorm, visited and presented a floral wreath at the Chapel.

23 February 1977 - A gravesite ceremony, requested by letter to President Marcos of the Republic of the Philippines by Mr. Richard Mark, was held at the grave of his brother, 1LT H. D. Mark. Rabbi (Capt. USAF) Atkins rendered appropriate prayers at the gravesite. A band, color guard, honor guard and firing detail were furnished by the Philippine Army. Philippine Undersecretaries of National Defense, Jose Crisol, and Tourism, Greg Araneta were the ranking Philippine government authorities who attended the ceremony.

5 April 1977 - A group of about 100 Americans, ex-prisoners of World War II visited this Cemetery. During the ceremony, a floral wreath was presented at the Chapel. Mrs. Eva Miller, 78 years old, who was with the group visited her son's grave, 2LT Edwin C. Miller.

6 April 1977 - A group of about twenty-five Japanese ex-World War II military personnel presented a floral wreath at the Chapel.

18 April 1977 - First Lady and Metro Manila Governor Imelda R. Marcos visited the Cemetery.

30 May 1977 - A very fitting Memorial Day Service was held at the Memorial at 5:00 p.m. where forty-three floral wreaths were presented by Veterans organizations. Principal speakers were Philippine President Marcos and U.S. Charge D'Affairs, Lee T. Stull.

14 June 1977 - Two floral wreaths were presented at the Chapel by the Lions International Reunion for Peace Group.

21 June 1977 - U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Bob Bergland presented a floral wreath at the Chapel.

18 August 1977 - Members of the First Cavalry Division Association visited and presented a floral wreath at the Chapel.

22 August 1977 - Mr. William G. Bray, ABMC Commissioner, visited the Cemetery.

b. Floral emplacements on graves made at request of kin and friends from 1 October 1976 to 30 September 1977 totaled 428.

c. During the fiscal year, 77,829 Americans and 457,657 others visited the Manila American Cemetery.

ANNEX C

Mexico City National Cemetery1. Personnel

On 30 September 1977, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and two local nationals. Mr. Bruce R. Snyder served as superintendent throughout the year.

2. New Construction

a. Construction of the west wall and the wall crypts by the Federal District was completed in October 1976. The existing headstones were cut into a square and placed over the crypt containing the remains. The Federal District was responsible for the landscaping in the area.

b. The contractor FRANSER, S.A. was responsible for the construction of the superintendent's house and adjoining reception building. The contractor also relocated the monument, installed two flag poles, extended the sidewalk, constructed the east wall and south entrance ramp, and constructed a shop building with toilet facilities. This work was completed in January 1977.

c. The renovated cemetery was rededicated by Ambassador Joseph J. Jova on 11 January 1977 in "the spirit of unity and friendship between the governments of the United States and Mexico."

3. Maintenance and Repair

a. The plugs of grass were tended to encourage healthy growth. The headstones were cleaned and the area around them painted with a cement slurry.

b. A new pump was installed for the fountain.

4. Services To and Relations With the Public

March 4, 1977 - The National Commander of the American Legion, Mr. William J. Rogers, placed a wreath over the grave of our Mexican War Dead. He was accompanied by ten Legionnaires from the United States and Mexico.

April 11, 1977 - The National Commander of the American Legion Womens Auxiliary, Mrs. Norma Brown, laid a wreath at the monument. Mrs. Brown was accompanied by 7 members of the American Legion Auxiliary in Mexico.

May 30, 1977 - The American Legion of Mexico City sponsored a Memorial Day Ceremony, with approximately one hundred fifty participants.

From 11 January 1977 until 30 September 1977 approximately two hundred fifty people visited the newly renovated cemetery.

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 Repair

a. The two plumeria located in the planters adjacent to the flagpoles were removed and the healthier tree was replaced in the center of the planter.

b. The top tread on each landing of the grand stairs was resealed to reduce the seepage of water under the stairs.

3. New Construction

a. A contract was awarded to F. T. Opperman Co. of Honolulu by the Pacific Ocean Division, Corps of Engineers for Phase I, Vietnam Courts. The work included the installation of the water service lines and drains, the foundations and supporting walls, and the reinforced concrete slabs for the courts.

b. The Washington Office received from the Department of Defense and verified the names of the Missing as of 30 April 1977. The total was 2,489 Missing of which there were 971 Air Force, 706 Army, 516 Navy, 295 Marine Corps and 1 Coast Guard.

c. Our Mediterranean Office awarded a contract to Industria Marmi e Graniti of Viareggio, Italy to furnish and inscribe the names of the Missing on marble panels, to carve the bas-relief embellishments and to furnish the travertine base and capstones. At the end of the Fiscal Year the work was about fifty percent complete.

4. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. During the reporting period over two million, two hundred thousand individuals visited the Memorial.

b. Some of the visitors include:

- 3 October 1976 - Annual Jewish Memorial Service, Rabbis Nodel and Silver officiating with joint participation by members of the Pearl Harbor Aloha Chapter and Temple Emanu-el.
- 8 October 1976 - French Citizens from Honolulu's sister city, Bruyeres, France, attended ceremony hosted by members of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Infantry Regiment.
- 17 November 1976 - Archbishop Higashifushinomiya, brother of the Empress of Japan accompanied by 227 members of the religious sect Tendai-Shu of Japan.
- 7 December 1976 - 35th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor attended by 5,000 members and families of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Assn.; keynote speaker, Governor George Ariyoshi.
- 27 December 1976 - Former ABMC Secretary, MG Thomas M. North, USA (Ret).
- 8 January 1977 - 2,200 members of the Hyogo Prefecture, Japan, goodwill delegation.
- 6 March 1977 - 380 officers and crewmen of the Royal Australian Navy aircraft carrier, "Melbourne."
- 8 March 1977 - Former ABMC Chairman, General Jacob L. Devers, USA (Ret) and Mrs. Devers.
- 28 March 1977 - Governor Hiroshi Miyazawa & officials of Honolulu's sister city, Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan; 350 visitors in attendance.
- 10 April 1977 - Annual Easter Sunrise Service, Rev. F. A. Chong, President, Hawaiian Council of Churches officiating; 7,500 individuals in attendance.
- 25 April 1977 - Consul General P. Muller of New Zealand; 650 visitors in attendance.

- 29 May 1977 - 1,200 members of Boy Scouts of America placed flags and leis strung by Hawaiian school children at the gravesites in the cemetery.
- 30 May 1977 - Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Service; 2,500 visitors in attendance.
- 12 June 1977 - 35th Anniversary of Club 100th Infantry Battalion with 650 members attending.
- 15 July 1977 - Mr. Max Cleland, Administrator, Veterans Affairs, Veterans Administration with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleland and official party members.
- 14 August 1977 - Memorial Service in tribute to World War II Japanese American War Dead interred in cemetery; attended by 110 school children of Tashima-Ku, Tokyo, Japan.
- 25 September 1977 - 32nd Annual Club 100 Memorial Service; Congressman Daniel K. Akaka, guest speaker; 650 members in attendance.

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

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

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. The replacement of the wooden bench seats was completed.

CHAPTER II

European Office1. Personnela. Strength

Personnel assigned to the European Office, its cemeteries and memorials consisted of two military officers, 31 U.S. civilians and 243 local nationals, including five part-time employees, at the end of FY 1977. Of this total, two military, four U.S. civilians, and 25 local nationals are assigned to the European Office in Garches, France. The authorized strength for this period was three military, 31 U.S. civilians and 250 local national employees.

b. Key Personnel Changes

(1) Change in military personnel during FY 1977:

Major Ronald L. Lane, CE, USA, departed European Office, Garches, on 18 July 1977. A replacement has not been provided to fill this space.

(2) The following key persons were employed during FY 1977:

Mr. Pierre Folliard, Assistant Superintendent-Trainee at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, on 18 August 1977.

Mr. James K. Lyons, Assistant Administrative Officer, arrived on 1 September 1977.

(3) The following separations of key persons were made during FY 1977:

Mr. Arthur E. Darois, Superintendent at Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, retired on 12 February 1977.

Mr. Gilbert Weiss, Utilities Technician, retired on 28 February 1977.

Mr. Ambrose D. Decker, Superintendent at Normandy American Cemetery, departed ABMC and was reemployed by Hqs 86th Combat Support Group (USAFE), Ramstein Air Base, Germany, on 31 July, 1977.

c. Key Personnel Shortage

(1) The position of Deputy Director, Maintenance, Operations and Management Directorate (an active Army Engineer Officer position) became vacant on 18 July 1977. It is not known if this position will be filled.

(2) The position of Utilities Technician became vacant on the retirement of Mr. Gilbert Weiss. A person was hired to replace Mr. Weiss on 28 March 1977. He was released on 12 August 1977 and this key position has remained vacant. In spite of the present unemployment situation in France, this office has been unable to fill the position. The primary reason given by candidates in declining is that the starting salary offered, coupled with the lack of social benefits, is less than they receive in unemployment compensation benefits.

d. Personnel - General

(1) The shortage of technically qualified U.S. personnel continues to adversely affect the operations of the European Office. Traditionally, Department of the Army has provided two active duty Army Corps of Engineer Officers (a Lieutenant Colonel and a Major) possessing a professional engineer license to assist with the maintenance mission. The Senior Army engineer officer is the Deputy Officer-in-Charge and is the Acting Officer-in-Charge in the absence of the Officer-in-Charge. Department of the Army is reimbursed by ABMC for all costs related to these two positions. When one of these officers (the Major) departed in July 1977, a replacement was not provided and this office was advised that a replacement would probably not be provided and further, that all active duty support would terminate by the end of Fiscal Year 1979. The second active duty engineer officer (the Lieutenant Colonel) is programmed for departure in the summer of 1978. This, coupled with the difficulty in recruitment of qualified local national technical personnel will seriously reduce the engineering/maintenance capability of this office. See paragraph 1c above. Unless relief is forthcoming, the only alternative will be to seriously curtail functions of the Maintenance, Operations and Engineering Directorate of the European Office. Other USGS authorized positions for Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents at the cemeteries are filled.

(2) The local national field strength of the European Office was reduced by 10% in FY 1970, from 286 to 257. Three additional local national positions were reduced in FY 1976 to enable the restoration of three USGS Assistant Superintendent positions which had been previously reduced. On 1 March 1977, the Presidential limitation on hiring of personnel, to not more than 75 per cent of the number of vacancies occurring after February 1977, resulted in an additional loss of four local national spaces, which cannot be

totally compensated by acquisition of labor-saving equipment. Also, effective 1 October 1977 (FY 1978), this office is obliged to reduce the work week for French cemetery employees from 48 to 44 hours per week. This reduction will result in an 8.3% loss of productivity or approximately twelve man-years. Restoration of some local national positions appears warranted to ensure proper maintenance and repair to structures that are aging, in need of a large amount of stone and masonry work, and for horticultural maintenance. Because of time distance factors between cemeteries and high per diem rates that must be paid to employees on temporary duty, movement of workers between cemeteries, except on a very selective basis in certain skills, is not considered cost effective.

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. An organization chart reflecting actual strengths as of September 1977 is at Annex A.

3. Budget and Fiscal

a. The European Office budget has increased by 164% in the past ten years (FY 1968 - FY 1977). This increase is the result of inflation in the European countries, salary increases decreed by the host governments and a decline in the value of the dollar. The cost growth in the area of personnel costs is a most predominant factor. In proportion to the total budget, personnel costs have increased from 78.77% in FY 1968 to 80.48% in FY 1977. The increasing personnel costs have been partially offset through the reduction of the local national personnel and introduction of additional or new labor saving equipment. However, further reduction in personnel even with the introduction of new equipment is not considered possible.

b. Of the European Office financial transactions, 79% is in five foreign currencies and subject to fluctuating exchange rates. This creates unique fiscal management problems, since the budget allotment is in fixed dollar amounts.

c. Considerable savings were realized by the European Office during FY 1977. These savings resulted primarily from the improved dollar exchange rates during the period. The FY 1977 budget, for example, was prepared using the dollar-French franc exchange rate as \$1.00 = 4.75 FF. However, the average operating rate for FY 1977 was \$1.00 = 4.95 FF. In FY 1977 this amounted to \$263,996. Of

these savings, \$102,936 was allocated to essential maintenance and new facility projects for ABMC, European Office Installations; \$9,262 was allocated to utilities expenses; \$24,000 was allocated to transportation of material and household goods for PCS movements; \$500.00 to travel expenses; \$61,298 was allocated to procurement of equipment and supplies; and \$66,000 was returned to the Washington Office. However, the reverse of savings made, due to a favorable dollar in FY 1977 may be true for FY 1978. The FY 1978 budget, for example, was prepared using the dollar-French franc exchange rate of \$1.00 = \$4.98 FF. On the last day of FY 1977 the operating exchange rate was only \$1.00 = 4.90 FF, or a loss of 1.61%. The dollar-French franc rate is used as an example as France is the country in which the most dollars are converted. Close coordination is maintained with the American Embassy to ensure dollars are exchanged at the proper time to benefit from the highest possible rate. All exchange transactions are conducted through the American Embassy.

4. Maintenance and Repair of Existing Federal Cemeteries and Memorials.

a. Routine Maintenance

(1) The primary goal of the European Office is to maintain the cemeteries and monuments in an optimum condition. The majority of the work force is devoted to normal recurring maintenance operations such as care of lawns and plantations, cleaning of headstones, cleaning and maintaining the walls of the missing, memorials and monuments. The combination of budget constraints, inflation and high cost of contract services has necessitated the diversion, at times, of the cemetery work force to perform tasks that would normally be accomplished by contract.

(2) Major contract projects in recent years have been devoted to construction of improved or additional storage and service areas to accommodate the increase in mechanized equipment; replacement of deteriorated water sprinkler systems, or installation of sprinkler systems where none existed. Road repairs and resurfacing continue as a constant requirement generally requiring contract services.

(3) The maintenance and up-grading of superintendents quarters has been a lower priority area in the past, but efforts are being made to improve and modernize utility systems in quarters, particularly at the World War I cemeteries. The second phase of a large project is currently under way to expand and improve the quarters at Flanders Field American Cemetery. Work at other quarters involves providing stairways to attics, finishing attics to provide needed living space, placement of carpeting over deteriorated flooring, and modernizing outdated kitchens.

(4) In 1975 the European Office adopted a new red, white and blue colored polyester road sign to replace deteriorated metal road signs and to provide additional road signs along the many new roads that have been recently constructed. This project, when completed, will direct visitors to American Cemeteries and Memorials in a much better manner.

b. Projects of Special Interest

(1) At Aisne-Marne Cemetery, the kitchen in the Superintendent's quarters was renovated, and fence in Belleau Woods were repaired.

(2) The roof of the visitors' building at Ardennes Cemetery was repaired, and the flagpole terrace rebuilt. A long standing problem of heaving and cracking of the terrace was corrected by a new design consisting of raised, open joint slabs separated by an air space over a waterproof foundation.

(3) The compost platform at Cambridge Cemetery was enlarged to increase efficiency of compost manufacture operations.

(4) At Epinal Cemetery, cemetery employees constructed a mezzanine in the garage which encloses a new shop area. Supplies are stored overhead and the mechanic has a work area which can be efficiently heated during inclement weather.

(5) Work continued on the final phase of the quarters-visitors' facilities remodelling at Flanders Field Cemetery. This phase consists of enlarging the rear of the structure to provide a covered entrance and increased office space.

(6) The heavy bronze doors of the Memorial at Henri-Chapelle Cemetery were reset to correct settlement and warping.

(7) A dormer window was added to the Assistant Superintendent's quarters at Luxembourg Cemetery to increase family living space. Interior finishing work is being performed by cemetery labor.

(8) The central paths at Meuse-Argonne Cemetery were repaved.

(9) In both quarters at Normandy Cemetery, stairways were constructed to the attic to replace antiquated folding stairs, and wall to wall carpeting was installed.

(10) The water reservoir roof at Rhone Cemetery was waterproofed, and the quarters rewired.

(11) At Suresnes Cemetery, construction is underway of a service and storage building which will serve both the cemetery and the centralized supply activity. Also, the heating fuel tank at the visitors' building was replaced and the quarters were carpeted.

(12) A storage building is being constructed at Sommepey monument.

(13) Hedges at Montsec Monument are being replaced.

(14) A new water line was installed to serve the garden and parking area at the European Office in Garches.

5. Maintenance of Non-Federal Memorials

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

a. 1st Infantry Division

Caretaker contracts for routine maintenance were awarded for the maintenance of W.W.I monuments located at Cantigny, St-Juvin, Vigneulles, Wadelincourt. The Buzancy monument was completely renovated by the new caretaker and is now in good condition. For the Society's W.W.II monuments, the following work was performed:

Omaha Beach: The resurfacing of the path leading to the monument was completed.

Bullange: Complete renovation of the monument started in September 1977 and stopped during unfavorable weather conditions. Work will be resumed as soon as weather permits.

Havay: A purchase order was issued for the renovation of the shrub plantings around the monument. Part of the work which had already been done was unsatisfactory. The contractor was told to stop the work and PO was cancelled. Upon recommendation made by this office and in order to reduce maintenance effort, the 1st Div. agreed to the relandscaping around the monument.

Caretaker's contracts for W.W.II monuments were not renewed. Arrangements were made with the city of Welkenraedt for Henri-Chapelle monument and Bullange to perform the ground maintenance on the 1st Div. monuments in these towns. Due to the difficulties in obtaining a skilled

gardener/caretaker for the Havay monument, negotiations are in process with the cities of Mons and Havay to have the maintenance of the Havay monument taken over by one of these cities after completion of the planting renovation.

b. 2nd Division Association

Plants have been ordered for the landscaping around the new 2nd Division monument at Omaha Beach.

c. 3rd Infantry Division Monument at Chateau-Thierry

Bid was received for cleaning of the stones, repointing, painting of the lettering and cleaning of the bronze.

d. 4th Infantry Division Monuments

Caretakers continued to maintain the monuments at Brioules, Fismes and Manheulles, France.

e. 6th US Engineers Veterans, W.W.I

Caretaker's contract was renewed on 1 January 1977 for routine maintenance of the Captain Harris Monument, 6th US Engineers.

f. State of Missouri

The chestnut trees behind the monument were replaced by 6 Hawthorn trees. Renovation of the landscaping also included spreading of herbicide on shrub massifs, releveling, reseeding grass around newly planted hawthorn trees, purchasing and spreading selective weedkiller. Replacement plants were purchased to fill numerous gaps in the Hawthorn hedge framing the monument. Caretaker employed for routine maintenance continued to perform satisfactorily.

g. 316th Infantry Regiment Monument, Sivry-sur-Meuse

Caretaker's contract was renewed on 1 July 1977. Bid for the repainting of the lettering was received and approved by the 316th Infantry Regiment Association.

h. State of Pennsylvania

(1) Varennes Monument

Final acceptance certificate for the major contract was issued in May 1977. Replacement trees (Cotoneaster shrubs and conifer trees) were purchased and planted. The minimal work done by the city of Varennes is not adequate. A caretaker is urgently required.

(2) Nantillois Monument (80th Division)

General policing and horticultural work was performed as required, including mowing and treating of lawns, cleaning of the stone and gutters along road. Monument is in good condition.

i. Lafayette Escadrille Foundation

A FY 76 Contract for Painting of the Hemicycle was concluded.

The floueing effect of the paint has been corrected and after close examination by engineers of this office, it was found out that the adhesion of the paint has held up despite deformation of the asphalt below. Concerning the maintenance of the park, 60 Thuyas, one meter high, were purchased to extend the framing of the grass areas back of the monument.

6. Environment - Encroachment

a. Many of the American Cemeteries, which were formally located in outlying areas, are now subject to the pressures of urban expansion, and expanding commercial and industrial activity.

b. The Brookwood American Cemetery located within the greater Brookwood cemetery area owned by a private concern was threatened by the sale of small unused land parcels adjacent to the American Cemetery. This problem was resolved when the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, which also has military cemeteries in the area, purchased the small land parcels. The CWGC now protects ABMC interests in the area.

c. The Luxembourg American Cemetery is subjected to a noise and air pollution nuisance from jet aircraft from the nearby airport; jet fuel droplets stain the headstones and other masonry thus increasing maintenance effort.

d. The front and entrance of the Ardennes Cemetery were threatened by the widening of the adjacent national highway. Close cooperation between ABMC and the Belgian authorities, with US Embassy assistance, provided for a highly satisfactory resolution of the problem with little cost to ABMC which permitted the needed highway improvement. The property surrounding the cemetery is being developed for residential and recreational use, and this is being coordinated with ABMC to insure that there is no negative impact upon the cemetery.

e. The Flanders Field American Cemetery is now completely surrounded by high value homes. This may cause a reduction of activities, such as compost manufacture at the cemetery, to reduce local nuisances.

f. The Lorraine American Cemetery is subjected to increasing industrial air pollutants as a result of the steady growth of heavy industry in the St. Avoird area. The French government is also concerned and has installed a local air pollution monitoring system (one pollution recorder has been installed at the cemetery) to study the problem. Local developers are also considering construction of high rise apartments adjacent to the East side of the cemetery.

g. The Rhone American Cemetery has been surrounded by a build up of homes and apartments. The view from the cemetery is disturbed by unsightly apartment buildings on the hill and back of the cemetery. The West and rear boundaries of the cemetery are defined as a bottom portion of the rock wall and quarry face; protective fencing has been placed above the walls. A better definition of the cemetery boundaries or/and easement is required to insure a proper protective fence around the boundaries. The city of Draguignan has required that the ABMC fence on the West side be removed to permit expansion of the adjacent local French cemetery.

h. The magnificent view from the Suresnes cemetery towards Paris has been diminished by construction of high-rise buildings and expansion of the hospital on the other side of Boulevard Washington, behind the Superintendent quarters. Space is extremely limited on Suresnes cemetery grounds for the service area, storage buildings for cemetery equipment and for European Office supply operations.

i. The First Netherlands Cement Industry is processing a request through the Netherlands Government to open a large open-pit mine near the Netherlands American Cemetery. This raises the prospect of noise, air pollution, heavy traffic and possible reduction of access to Margraten cemetery. Some local property owners and environmental groups are opposed to this new mine. ABMC's concern was expressed in a letter from the Chairman, ABMC, to the U.S. Ambassador to the Netherlands. A hearing is presently scheduled for February or March 1978. Any decision taken may be appealed by interested parties within one year.

7. Services and Relations with the Public

a. General

All practicable means were used to extend the Commission's public relations policy and to assure that American visitors are provided every opportunity to learn about the cemeteries and memorials and to visit them. Assistance in the form of assisting in the arrangement

of ceremonies, photographic and newspaper coverage was extended upon request to the many military and veteran groups and associations who came from the United States to visit the cemetery-memorials to conduct memorial services honoring American War Dead.

These efforts and the beauty of the cemetery-memorials have prompted many written and verbal commendations and expressions of appreciation and admiration from Next-of-Kin and American visitors as well as from Host Nation dignitaries and from the hundreds of thousands of visitors from all countries in Europe and world-wide.

b. Services

The European Office, American Battle Monuments Commission, continued an active correspondence with Next-of-Kin, friends and relatives of American dead interred and responded to 265 letters requesting services or information. A total of 1,597 floral decorations requested by Next-of-Kin and others were placed during this fiscal year. European Office installations received 1,358 Next-of-Kin, 397,690 American visitors, and 2,296,729 foreign visitors during the fiscal year (1 Oct. 1976 - 30 Sept. 1977). Other services rendered by the European Office staff, the Superintendents and cemetery staff members consisted of arrangements for hotel reservations, providing travel information, interpreting, and providing various information of all types.

c. Principal Visitors and Events, Garches Office (Also visitors and events at each cemetery are shown in the Annex pertaining to the cemetery involved).

11 October 1976 - Ambassador and Mrs. Kenneth Rush, American Ambassador to France, visited Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.

17 October 1976 - General Alexander Haig, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, accompanied by Ambassador Rosemary Ginn, American Ambassador to Luxembourg, LTG Ken B. Cooper, Deputy Commander in Chief, US Army Europe, MG Gordon Duguernin, Deputy Chief of Staff, US Army Europe, visited Luxembourg American Cemetery.

18 October 1976 - Mr. Francis Keally, Architect of Luxembourg American Cemetery-Memorial, visited the cemetery. He was met and escorted by BG Donaldson, OIC, European Office.

19 October 1976 - A British Broadcasting film crew filmed sequences at Cambridge American Cemetery to be broadcast on Remembrance Sunday, 14 November 1976.

31 October 1976 - Major General A.J. Adams arrived for his annual inspection visit of the European Office installations and was met by BG John W. Donaldson, OIC. General Adams visited 5 cemeteries. He returned to Washington on 11 November 1976.

12 - 23 December 1976 - Congressman and Mrs. Ray Roberts (D-TX), Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, visited the European Office area of operations and the Lafayette Escadrille Monument, escorted by the OIC. He also visited 6 installations in England, France, Belgium, and Holland.

26 December 1976 - Mr. R. D. Smith, National Commander, VFW; Mr. N. Henry Hardman, Inspector General, VFW, and Mr. Leon Turrou, Commander, Paris Post, VFW, accompanied by BG Donaldson, OIC, visited Suresnes American Cemetery.

16 February 1977 - Major General Richard Bowman, Office of the Secretary of Defense (ISA) visited the Garches Office. He was briefed by the OIC and then visited the Lafayette Escadrille Monument.

28 February 1977 - Mr. James Whitfield, Executive Director, American Legion, visited Brookwood and Cambridge American Cemeteries, England.

1 March 1977 - The Officer-in-Charge attended a farewell reception, honoring Ambassador Kenneth Rush. Many French and American members of the Paris diplomatic corps also attended.

15 March 1977 - The Officer-in-Charge attended the annual ceremony commemorating the birth of the American Legion on 15 March 1919.

30 March 1977 - The Officer-in-Charge attended the annual meeting of the American Overseas Memorial Day Association to discuss plans for Memorial Day arrangements for 1977.

14 April 1977 - Congressman George O'Brien (R-Ill), visited the Garches Office and was briefed by the OIC on the Commission's responsibilities and activities. He then was escorted by the OIC on visits to the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial and the Suresnes American Cemetery where Congressman O'Brien laid a wreath at the altar of the Memorial Chapel.

18 April 1977 - The OIC attended the annual meeting of the Lafayette Escadrille Foundation. He presented a report on services rendered by ABMC and gave his recommendations on maintenance projects.

22 - 30 April 1977 - Mr. John Tsukano, a Japanese-American journalist from Hawaii and a veteran of the 100th Infantry Battalion, which fought with General Mark Clark's Fifth Army in Italy, visited the Garches Office and the Epinal, Lorraine, Aisne-Marne, and Oise-Aisne Cemeteries.

3 May 1977 - The European Office, Garches, hosted the annual turfgrass conference of the French National Horticulture Society at Normandy American Cemetery.

18 May 1977 - Mrs. Mary Souders, National President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, visited the European Office. The OIC briefed her on the responsibilities and operations of the Commission and escorted her to the Suresnes American Cemetery.

20 May 1977 - Mr. Dan Allen of the Armed Forces Television Network in Germany, visited the European Office and the Suresnes American Cemetery. He conducted an interview with the OIC and filmed scenes at Suresnes cemetery for a film to be shown on the American Forces Television Network, Europe, to commemorate Memorial Day.

26 May 1977 - A CBS News Team made film sequences at Oise-Aisne American Cemetery.

27 May 1977 - The OIC attended a reception at the City Hall of Paris during which Admiral H.E. Shear, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, was presented a medallion of the City of Paris.

29 - 30 May and 4 - 5 June 1977 - Memorial Day ceremonies were conducted at all cemeteries. Attendance was very good and at most cemeteries exceeded that of past years.

30 May 1977 - Congressman Olin Teague arrived in Paris and invited the OIC at his hotel for discussions concerning ABMC operations.

10 June 1977 - Mr. Theodore Johnson, President of the Rainbow Division Veterans Memorial Foundation, Inc. visited the Garches Office and the Suresnes American Cemetery.

20 June 1977 - Colonel Frederick C. Badger, Director of Engineering and Maintenance of the Washington Office, arrived in England and conducted an inspection of Brookwood and Cambridge cemeteries.

23 June 1977 - Colonel Badger visited the Garches Office and received a detailed briefing. He then departed for an inspection tour of all cemeteries and monuments in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland. He departed for the Mediterranean Office, Rome, on 9 July 1977.

25 - 26 June 1977 - BG Donaldson, OIC, European Office, attended Liberation Day ceremonies held at Bruyeres, France, near Epinal American Cemetery, conducted by the 442nd Infantry Regiment Association. This Japanese-American unit liberated the town in World War II and many of their dead are buried at Epinal American Cemetery.

4 July 1977 - The OIC attended the Independence Day reception at the American Embassy, Paris, hosted by the American Ambassador.

2 August 1977 - Mr. Samuel R. Gammon, Charge d'Affairs, American Embassy, Paris, accompanied by his wife, visited Oise-Aisne American Cemetery.

3 August 1977 - Mr. Richard Gordon, Apollo 12 Astronaut, visited Normandy American Cemetery.

5 September 1977 - Ambassador Arthur A. Hartman, newly appointed American Ambassador to France, visited the Normandy American Cemetery.

19 September 1977 - BG Roswell E. Round Jr., Defense Attache and Captain Neil L. Harvey, Naval Attache of the American Embassy, Paris, made an official call to the Garches Office and were briefed by the OIC who, later, escorted them to Suresnes American Cemetery.

25 September 1977 - Members of the 2nd Armored Division Association (Hell on Wheels) dedicated a newly installed plaque on a wall erected by the Association to commemorate the division's landings at Colleville-sur-Mer (Normandy Beach) in June 1944. Following the dedication, the group visited Normandy American Cemetery.

d. Incidents of Minor Vandalism - During this fiscal year, there were four incidents of vandalism at European Office installations. Two occurred at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in October 1976 and July 1977 and consisted of the breaking of 14 grave markers and theft of symbols from operations maps at the Memorial. Grave markers have been replaced and action taken to secure replacement symbols. Two incidents also occurred at the Chateau-Thierry Monument in May and August 1977. Both times, vandals painted what appeared to be politically motivated slogans on the face of the monument. This was removed and it is not readily noticed by the visiting public.

8. Supply and Equipment

a. General

Funding was adequate for regular supply procurement, replenishment of stocks and equipment procurement. Purchase of repair and utilities supplies (construction materials) continued at a relatively high level during the year due to a number of projects which were accomplished with "in house" labor plus procurement of materials for support of "troop labor" projects.

b. New Items of Equipment

Excavation for installation of an irrigation system plus considerable subsidence of grave sites at Meuse-Argonne Cemetery have made it necessary to relevel the grave areas and renovate the lawns, an area of 50 acres. In order to accomplish this work with available personnel, a soil preparation machine and narrow gauge, four wheel drive tractor were procured at a cost of \$12,000. This equipment levels and prepares a seed bed, leaving only a small area at the foot of each headstone to be levelled by hand. Savings in labor cost for the project at Meuse-Argonne when completed, will amortize the cost of this equipment which will then be available for similar projects at other cemeteries.

c. Equipment Procurement Program

Procurement of labor saving equipment was continued this year with the addition of leaf blowers, compost sifters and trailer type leaf vacuum sweepers.

The wide-cut gang mowers, which were introduced on a trial basis during FY 1976, have proven to be satisfactory and will be adopted as the standard mower for large open lawn areas.

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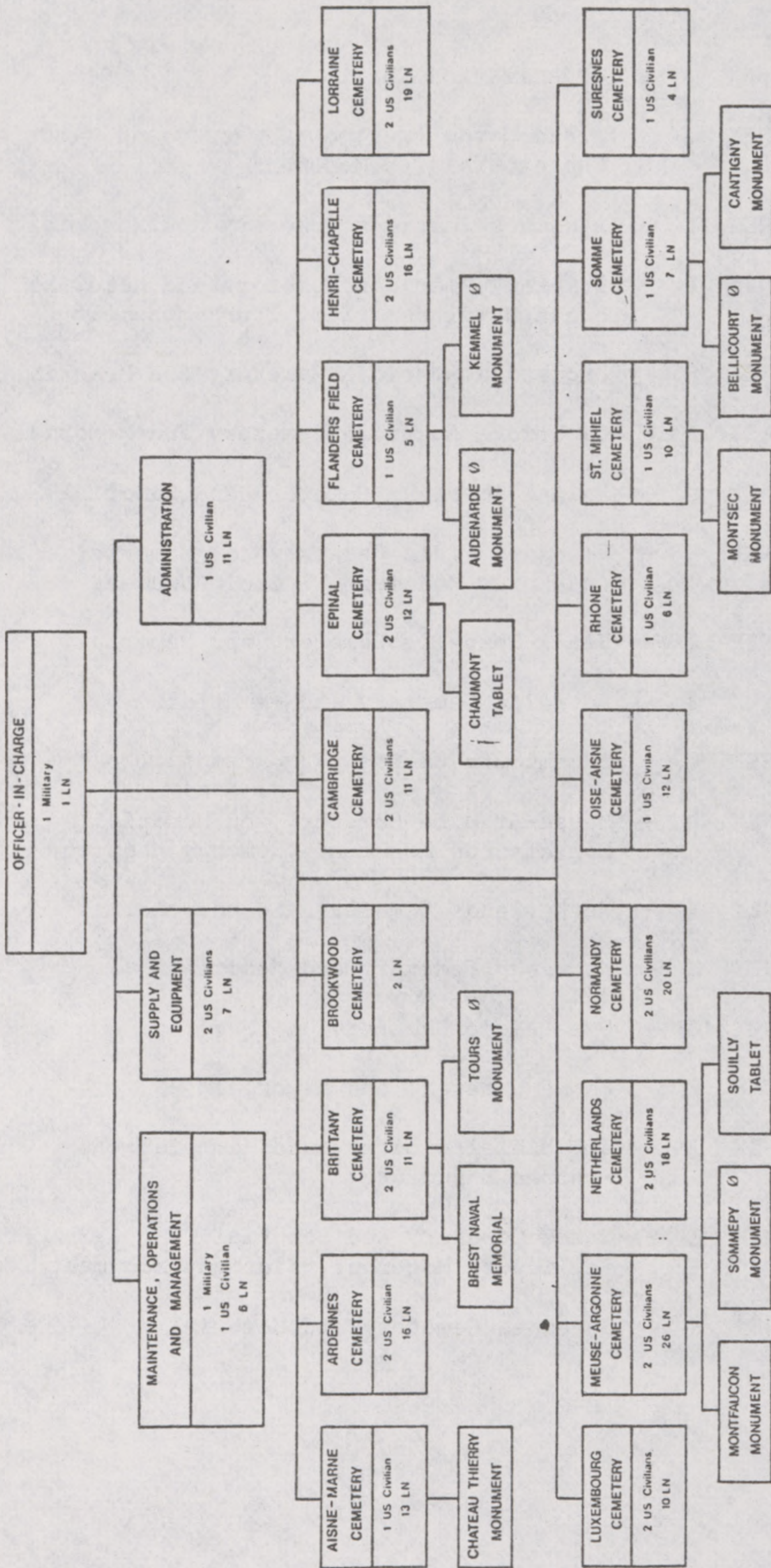
ANNEX A

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

EUROPEAN OFFICE

Actual Strengths, september 30, 1977

ORGANIZATION CHART



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ANNEX BAisne-Marne Cemetery and MemorialChateau-Thierry MonumentFrance1. Personnel.

On 30 September 1977 personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian (Superintendent) and 13 local national employees, one of whom served as caretaker at Chateau-Thierry Monument. Mr. Arthur E. Darois served as Superintendent from 1 October 1976 until 12 February 1977 when he retired. Mr. Norman B. Iorio came from Florence American Cemetery on 3 March 1977 and was the Superintendent until 11 July when he was transferred to the Netherlands American Cemetery. Mr. James V. Neill was assigned as the Superintendent on 17 July 1977 and served for the remainder of the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair.a. Contracts.

(1) All chimneys were cleaned and the oil burners cleaned and adjusted.

(2) The exterior ornamental lanterns on the Visitors' Building were repaired and cleaned.

(3) New telephones were installed in the office and quarters; an audible signal was also installed.

(4) Additional electric outlets were installed and the water and drain pipes in the basement of the quarters were modified.

(5) The six antique wood chairs in the Visitors' Room were repaired.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects.

(1) The Visitors' Room walls and ceiling were painted and the woodwork was revarnished.

(2) The stairwell and landing of the Chapel Tower were cleaned and painted.

(3) All rooms of the Superintendent's quarters were painted.

(4) 300 meters of wire fencing along the boundary line in Belleau Woods were replaced.

(5) The apartment above the Visitors' Building was repainted.

(6) The Visitors' Room, toilets and office under the Chateau-Thierry Monument were painted.

(7) The 2 large figures (representing France and America), the steps at front and rear of the Chateau-Thierry Monument were cleaned by high pressure water.

(8) The calcium deposits were removed from the steps leading to the Chapel and the steps cleaned by high pressure water.

(9) Seven new type fiber glass directional road signs were installed.

(10) Old wood tops were replaced with more durable stone tops on all the benches in the woods of Chateau-Thierry Monument.

(11) Hopper Cover for Ford Dump was rebuilt and converted to be used with the Giant-Vac in order to reduce manhours for the removal of leaves.

(12) Headstones were washed twice with high pressure water.

(13) The cemetery entrance pylons were repointed and cleaned with a high pressure water sprayer. Thaltax was applied as a treatment against fungus.

(14) The ornamental wood doors of the Chapel, quarters and Visitors' Building were varnished.

(15) The ornamental wrought iron entrance gates were cleaned and painted.

(16) The two wing walls at the cemetery entrance feature were cleaned and repointed.

(17) The exterior stone of the Chapel was treated with Thaltax against fungus.

(18) Dead and fallen trees in Belleau Woods were removed.

(19) The Chapel wing and retaining walls were cleaned with high pressure water sprayer and treated with Thaltax against fungus.

(20) Coping stones of the perimeter walls were cleaned with a high pressure water sprayer and treated with Thaltax.

(21) The replacement program of old shrubs in all massifs continued.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public.

On 28 October 1976, the cemetery was inspected by the Officer-in-Charge.

Mr. John Tsukano, former member of the 100 NISEI Bn, escorted by the Officer-in-Charge, visited the cemetery, Belleau Woods and the Chateau-Thierry Monument on 28 April 1977.

The Memorial Day ceremony was held on 28 May 1977 and addresses were presented by Admiral H.E. Shear, Vice-Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy, and Brigadier General James B. Hittle, representing the Veterans Administration.

On 24 June 1977, Colonel Badger, Director of Engineering and Maintenance, Washington Office, inspected the cemetery, Belleau Woods and the Chateau-Thierry Monument.

The French Philatelic Society held an exposition in the basement of the Chateau-Thierry monument where a post office was in operation from 25 to 27 June 1977. The exposition honored Jean de la Fontaine, French writer, and the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the Monument. An American Army Band, U.S. Embassy Marine Color Guard and French troops attended.

The Superintendent represented the Commission in a number of ceremonies: on 11 November 1976, Armistice Day; on 8 May 1977, V.E. Day; on 14 July 1977, French Independence Day.

During FY 1977, 1 Next-of-Kin, 2,807 Americans and 19,949 others visited the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery.

ANNEX CArdennes Cemetery and MemorialBelgium1. Personnel.

On 30 September 1977 personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 16 local national employees. Mr. Francis J. Duffy served as Superintendent throughout the period. Mr. William M. Matthys served as Superintendent-Trainee until 19 December 1976, and, after his promotion, as Assistant Superintendent for the remainder of the F.Y.

2. Maintenance and Repair.a. Contracts.

The Visitors' Building roof was repaired.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects.

(1) The tile floor in the visitors' room toilet was replaced.

(2) The flagpole wall and the memorial podium were cleaned.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public.

On 2 October 1976, a wreath was laid at the chapel altar by Mr. Robert Kiklas, President of the 75th Infantry Division Veterans Association. Approximately 50 persons attended.

On 4 October 1976, LTC Art Kinzel, Commander of the 501st Bn visited the cemetery with 150 servicemen from the 501st, 502nd and 506th Bns, 101 Airborne Division.

On 17 October 1976, a delegation of members of the Fédération des Déportés (Prisoners and Resistance Members) from Metz, France and a group of members of the Confederation of Political Prisoners from Seraing, Belgium, laid a wreath at the chapel altar. Approximately 25 persons attended.

On 7 November 1976 took place the annual ceremony of the Sacred Torch. Approximately 30 members of the Rotheux-Neuville section attended and laid a wreath. On the same day a group of W.W.II veterans of the 75th Infantry division visited the cemetery.

On 19 February 1977, the Superintendent was interviewed by the Belgian National Radio and spoke for about 4 minutes on the cemetery.

On 28 March 1977, the 6th Annual International Folks March remembrance ceremony was held with over 1,500 persons participating.

On 1 May 1977, 50 members of the Patton Fraternal Organization laid a wreath on the grave of an Unknown Soldier.

The Memorial Day services were held on 28 May 1977 in the presence of Mr. John C. Renner, Chargé d'Affaires, American Embassy, Brussels, Belgium, B.G. John A. Maurer, Commanding General, U.S. V Corps Artillery and many military and civilian honored guests, both Belgian and American.

On 2 June 1977, 55 participants of the C-47 Club/82nd Airborne Division Association conducted a brief service and wreath laying ceremony at the Chapel.

On 4 June 1977, the Belgian National Television Service produced a seven minute program on the cemetery. The Superintendent was interviewed on all aspects of cemetery operations and the Commission's mission.

On 5 June 1977, Commandant Levaux and the Mayor of Neupré led the annual motorcade pilgrimage of 200 members of the "Fraternelle des Garnisons des Forts de Liège" (Fraternity of the Garrisons of Liege Forts).

On 16 June 1977, 150 members of the "Oeuvre Royale des Automobiles pour Invalides de Guerre" (Royal Automobile Association for Disabled War Veterans) visited the cemetery and laid a wreath.

On 12 September 1977, 25 members of the Horticulture University of Sweden visited the cemetery.

During FY 1977, 67 Next-of-Kin, 1,577 Americans and 61,296 others visited the Ardennes American Cemetery.

4. Interments.

On 19 January 1977, funeral services were conducted and the remains of Pvt Harold G. Goodman, a W.W.II casualty of the 10th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, were interred.

On 13 April 1977, funeral services were conducted and the remains of Pfc Richard H. Quick, a W.W.II casualty of the 303rd Engineer Battalion, 78th Infantry Division, were interred.

In each case the remains were conveyed to the cemetery by members of Memorial Affairs Activity Group, USAREUR, under the direction of Mr. Carl J. Witzel, Supervising Mortuary Officer.

ANNEX DBrittany Cemetery and MemorialBrest Naval MemorialTours MonumentFrance1. Personnel.

On 30 September 1977, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and eleven local employees, one of whom served as caretaker of the World War I Naval Memorial in Brest. The person who served as caretaker of the World War I Services of Supply Monument in Tours, worked under contract. Mr. Donald L. Davis served as Superintendent throughout the period. Mr. Joseph P.P. Rivers served as a trainee until 27 February 1977 and, after his promotion, as Assistant Superintendent for the remainder of the F.Y.

2. Maintenance and Repair.a. Contracts.

- (1) A urinal and a sink were installed at Brest Memorial.
- (2) Visitors' Building and Chapel lighting systems were converted to 220 volts.
- (3) Walks around the terrace at Tours Monument were repaved.
- (4) The Visitors' Building heating system was rehabilitated.
- (5) A new metal double gate was made and installed.
- (6) Miscellaneous electrical repairs were made.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects.

- (1) Electric lighting was installed in the Tours Monument storage garage.
- (2) The southside boundary retaining wall was dismantled and reconstructed.

(3) Weatherstripping was applied to all windows and doors in the Visitors' Building, and the Superintendent's and Assistant Superintendent's quarters; Insulation of attic in the Assistant Superintendent's quarters was completed.

(4) The façade of the Chapel tower was cleaned.

(5) The Visitors' toilets, and the interior of the transformer building - low tension room were repainted.

(6) Plot 0 was tilled leveled and reseeded.

(7) Two-thirds of the meadow area were extensively upgraded.

(8) A new metal double gate was installed in the south-west boundary hedge, and an access-way to the adjacent communal road was constructed.

(9) A new taxus hedge was planted at Tours Monument.

(10) The Brest Memorial terrace steps were cleaned and areas of the north-west façade were repointed.

(11) "STAB" concrete slabs were installed in the south-west meadow.

(12) The interior of the water reservoirs was cleaned.

3. Service to and Relations with the Public.

On 1 October 1976, 129 veterans of the 35th Infantry Division visited the cemetery. The group was present at the grave of Pvt Marvin H. Farris while his brother placed a floral decoration.

On 16 December 1976, Congressman Ray Roberts (D-Tex), Chairman of Veterans Affairs Committee, escorted by the Officer-in-Charge, European Office, inspected the cemetery.

On 27 May 1977, Mr. Ridgeway Knight, former American Ambassador to Belgium and Portugal, visited the cemetery.

On 29 May 1977, a Memorial Day Ceremony was conducted with the participation of U.S. Air Force and local French military units. Approximately 1,200 people attended. Prior to the ceremony at the cemetery, wreath laying ceremonies were held by the Mayors of St. James, St-Georges de Reintembault, and Avranches.

On 19 September 1977, 12 members of the 29th Infantry Division Association visited the cemetery. The group was given a guided tour of the cemetery and a list of all of the members of the 29th Infantry Division buried in the cemetery.

On 22 September 1977, 9 members of the 90th Infantry Division Association toured the cemetery. The group paid homage to the grave of 1st Sgt. James H. Humphries, a former member of the 90th Infantry Division.

On 26 September 1977, Chaplain Henry H. Gary (Col. USA/Ret) visited the cemetery. He was assigned to Brittany American cemetery in 1946, while a member of the Army Graves Registration Command (AGRC).

During F.Y. 1977, 63 next-of-kin, 1,105 Americans, and 232,750 others visited the Brittany American Cemetery.

ANNEX EBrookwood Cemetery and MemorialEngland1. Personnel.

On 30 September 1977 personnel consisted of two local nationals. Mr. Dennis McGarry served as Superintendent throughout the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair.

a. No services were contracted during this period.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects.

(1) All headstones were cleaned and 180 were polished.

(2) Repointing work was done on the Chapel roof and walls, the Chapel steps, the stone flag-base and the hemicycle wall.

(3) The roof of the Chapel, the steps, the flag-base and the hemicycle wall were cleaned.

(4) The flag-base bronze, the notice board and the Chapel doors were waxed.

(5) In the Visitors' room, the walls, the lobby and the toilets were repainted.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public.

BG John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, inspected the cemetery on 5 October 1976.

On 29 May 1977 a Memorial Day ceremony was held, attended by many visitors.

The cemetery was inspected on 20 June 1977 by Colonel Frederick Badger, Director of Engineering and Maintenance, Washington Office, escorted by the Officer-in-Charge.

ANNEX FCambridge Cemetery and MemorialEngland1. Personnel.

On 30 September 1977 personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 11 local national employees. Mr. Joseph P. Cetola served as Superintendent and Mr. James L. Shaffer as Assistant Superintendent throughout the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair.a. Contracts.

- (1) The worker's lunchroom was completed.
- (2) Releveling and extension of the compost platform is under construction.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects.

- (1) The walls and the ceiling of the ladies toilet room at the Visitors' Building were repainted.
- (2) Trees were removed to clear the area for the compost platform project.
- (3) The concrete retaining wall of the existing compost structure was removed to clear way for the compost complex modifications.
- (4) 3 corroded/leaking riser pipes of the sprinkler system were replaced.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public.

The Officer-in-Charge inspected the cemetery on 6 October 1976.

On 19 October 1976, the British Broadcasting Corporation filmed some sequences within the cemetery in preparation of pre-recorded items to be shown during a live transmission of British Remembrance service at London Cenotaph, Sunday 14 November 1976.

On 9 November 1976, 8 ladies of the Protestant Chapel, USAF, Mildenhall, visited the cemetery, laid a wreath at the flagstaff, and participated in a service of prayers and hymns conducted by Lt. Col. Paul N. Kilde.

On 12 December 1976, Congressman and Mrs. Ray Roberts visited the cemetery escorted by Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge.

On 28 February 1977, American Legion National Headquarters Executive Director Mr. James S. Whitfield and Mrs. Whitfield visited the cemetery and laid a wreath at the Wall of the Missing, in memory of Wilson D. Bills.

On 6 May 1977, Chaplain John Krozser of USAF, Croughton and Catholic priests from other bases, held a Catholic Mass in the Chapel, attended by Ladies of the Military Council of Catholic Women from USAF, Croughton and several other USAF bases.

On Sunday, 5 June 1977, Memorial Day ceremonies were conducted in the cemetery with the participation of the Consul General of the American Embassy and with support from the Commander, Third Air Force. Approximately 1,000 people attended the ceremonies.

On 20 June 1977, Colonel Frederick Badger, Director of Engineering and Maintenance, Washington Office, inspected the cemetery, escorted by the Officer-in-Charge.

On 29 August 1977, 175 former members of various W.W.II American Air Force units, under the auspices of the 8th Air Force Historical Society, visited the cemetery and laid a wreath at the base of the flagstaff.

On 26 September 1977, 40 former members of 384th Bombardment Group visited the cemetery as part of a reunion pilgrimage. A wreath was laid at the flagstaff base and the group was escorted to each of the 32 graves of the 384th where small floral decorations were placed.

During F.Y. 1977, 133 Next-of-Kin, 5,018 Americans and 30,976 others visited the Cambridge American Cemetery.

ANNEX GEpinal Cemetery and MemorialFrance1. Personnel.

On 30 September 1977 personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 12 local national employees. Mr. Lucas V. Antonelli served as Superintendent and Mr. Loyd M. Cheek as Assistant Superintendent throughout the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair.a. Contracts.

(1) New electric wiring was installed in the ladies toilet room.

(2) New hoods over the cooking ranges in the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent quarters were furnished and installed.

(3) A cracked 10 inch cast iron section of the sprinkler line pipe was replaced.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects.

(1) Three sprinkler lines were extended in Plot A and three in Plot B.

(2) The upper concrete platform of the compost shed was extended.

(3) The wall tile in the ladies toilet room was replaced.

(4) All the mortar joints of the stone terrace, north and adjacent to the Memorial were cut out and repointed with cement mortar.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public.

On 1 October 1976, a group of 52 W.W.II Veterans of the 75th Infantry Division Association visited the cemetery with their families and laid a wreath.

On 2 November 1976, Major General A.J. Adams, Secretary of the Commission escorted by the Officer-in-Charge inspected the cemetery.

During the period 29 April - 5 May 1977, Mr. John Tsukano, a Japanese-American journalist from Hawaii and a veteran of the 100th Infantry Battalion visited the cemetery. Mr. Tsukano, assisted by Mr. Manasse, the Garches Office photographer, worked on a documentary film he was preparing on the 100th Battalion.

On 8 May 1977, the Town of Epinal commemorated the end of W.W.II and held a ceremony at the cemetery, attended by approximately 150 persons. A French military band was present and wreaths were laid by the Mayor of Epinal, the French Veterans of the 2nd D.B. and the French Veterans of the Vosges department.

The Memorial Day ceremonies were held on 29 May 1977 and presided by Col. Robert J. Morrissey of the 3rd Infantry Division and the Prefect of the Vosges department. Approximately 200 French and American military participated and 1,200 people attended the ceremony. Many wreaths were laid by dignitaries.

On 18 June 1977, approximately 100 W.W.I and W.W.II French Veterans held a ceremony and laid a wreath.

On 25 and 26 June 1977, Liberation Day ceremonies were held at Bruyeres, near the Cemetery. The Officer-in-Charge attended the ceremonies where he met Mr. John Tsukano and approximately 80 other members of the 442nd Infantry Regiment Association. This Japanese-American regiment liberated the town during World War II. They laid a wreath at the cemetery.

On 3 and 4 July 1977, Colonel Frederick Badger, Director of Engineering and Maintenance, Washington Office, inspected the cemetery.

On 5 September 1977, 60 Veterans of the 442nd Infantry Regiment, accompanied by their families, held a ceremony and laid a wreath at the cemetery.

On 23 September 1977, 95 Veterans of the 70th Infantry Division and their families visited the cemetery and laid a wreath. They were accompanied by French, Austrian and German Veterans who also offered wreaths.

On 24 September 1977, the town of Epinal commemorated the 33rd anniversary of its liberation by American troops. A ceremony was held at the cemetery with the participation of French troops and a military band. Three wreaths were placed by French dignitaries and associations.

ANNEX HFlanders Field Cemetery and MemorialAudenarde MonumentKemmel MonumentBelgium1. Personnel.

On 30 September 1977 personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and five local national employees. Audenarde and Kemmel Monuments are satellited on Flanders Field cemetery. Maintenance of the monuments was performed by contract. Mr. George A. Garriott served as Superintendent until 8 July 1977. Mr. Leenderd F. Berloth was assigned as Acting Superintendent until 24 August 1977 and then as Superintendent for the remainder of the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair.a. Contracts.

(1) Phase I of the Superintendent's quarters renovation was completed: the garage area was converted into living quarters with a hall, toilet and laundry room facilities.

(2) Planning of Phase II of the quarters modification in an expansion of the office and visitors room toilet facilities. Work is expected to begin in November 1977.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects.

(1) A temporary door was installed to secure the new quarters extension.

(2) Stones and headstones were cleaned.

(3) Insulation between the roof rafters of the service building and the quarters extension was installed.

(4) The attic floor was replaced.

(5) An isolated storage building for combustibles was constructed.

(6) Deteriorated bricks on the flagpole platform were replaced.

(7) Headstones were polished.

(8) A low partition was installed to divide the compost hangar into suitable storage space for equipment and space for compost manufacture.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public.

On 10 November 1976, the cemetery was inspected by the Officer-in-Charge.

On 20 January 1977, a group of 20 people filmed and took photographs of the cemetery for the UNESCO International Schools over the world.

Memorial Day ceremonies were held on 29 May 1977, attended by approximately 2,950 people, of which 450 were Americans. Belgian and American troops participated at the ceremony. 12 floral decorations were placed by dignitaries and 185 gravesites were decorated with flowers and flags by the school children of Waregem.

On 6 June 1977, 28 members of the Dunkirk Veterans Association held a brief ceremony.

On 2 July 1977, a group of W.W.I and W.W.II Veterans of the "Vlaams oud Strijders (Flemish Veterans) held a ceremony and laid a wreath at the chapel memorial.

The Superintendent represented the Commission at local ceremonies held on 1 November -All Saints Day- and 11 November 1977 -Armistice Day-.

During FY 1977, 1 Next-of-Kin, 3,182 Americans and 47,702 others visited the Flanders Field American Cemetery.

ANNEX IHenri-Chapelle Cemetery and MemorialBelgium1. Personnel.

On 30 September 1977 personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 16 local national employees. Mr. Stephen J. Hubai served as Superintendent throughout the period. Mr. Arthur A. Martin served as Assistant-Superintendent until 7 July 1977. Mr. Ambrose D. Decker was assigned as Assistant Superintendent on 11 July 1977 and served until 31 July 1977. Mr. Pierre Folliard was appointed Assistant Superintendent-Trainee on 16 August 1977 and served throughout the remainder of the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair.a. Contracts.

(1) An automatic switch was installed and a new underground cable for the deep well was laid.

(2) The inner bronze doors and the south bronze door of the memorial were repaired.

(3) New circuit breakers and other electrical components in the transformer building were installed.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects.

(1) The north end of the compost hangar was closed.

(2) A new concrete slab was poured in the compost hangar.

(3) Water softeners were installed in the quarters.

(4) The flagpoles and eagles were painted.

(5) The hot air duct in the office was relocated.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public.

On 21 December 1976, The Honorable Ray Roberts, Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, visited the cemetery.

On 13 January 1977, the Mayor and council members of Bejaia, Algeria, visited the cemetery.

On 8 February 1977, the cemetery was inspected by the Officer-in-Charge

On 22 March 1977, Mrs. John Milligan visited the grave of her brother, Brigadier General Frederick W. Castle.

On 22 March 1977, a group of former veterans of the 30th Infantry Division visited the cemetery and placed a floral wreath at the base of THE ANGEL OF PEACE WITH OLIVE BRANCH.

On 26 May 1977, the Superintendent represented the Commission at the Memorial Day Ceremony in the city of Bastogne.

The Memorial Day ceremony was held on 28 May 1977 by the American Overseas Memorial Day Association whose President Mr. M.W. Roch was master of ceremonies. The V Corps Artillery, U.S. Army, furnished honor guards, with color guards in revolutionary uniform to keep with the bicentennial spirit. The following dignitaries were present: Mr. John C. Renner, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of the United States of America in Belgium; Brigadier General John A. Maurer, USA, Commanding General, V Corps Artillery; Brigadier General T.G. Smith, USA, Hqs. AFCENT, Brunsum, Netherlands; Mr. Albert Baltus, Mayor of Aubel; Mr. Andre M. Noreillie, Commander of the Flanders Field Post No. 2, American Legion; Colonel B.E.M. Wolf, representing Major General Ameryckx, Commanding the Third Military Circumscription; presidents of Patriotic; Mayors of surrounding towns; Officers; personnel and families from military bases in the Netherlands.

ANNEX JLorraine Cemetery and MemorialFrance1. Personnel.

On 30 September 1977, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 19 local national employees. Mr. Frank L. DeGuisti served as Superintendent throughout the period. Mr. David J. Puckett served as Assistant Superintendent-Trainee until 17 July 1977, was appointed Assistant Superintendent, and served as such until 17 August 1977. Mr. George A. Garriott was assigned as Assistant Superintendent on 24 August 1977 and served for the remainder of the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair.a. Contracts.

(1) A new hot water heater was installed in the Assistant Superintendent's quarters.

(2) New, industrial type lavatories were installed in workers' wash room.

(3) A furnace was installed in the mechanics work shop.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects.

(1) 250 meters of water line, with 6 sprinkler outlets, for new grass and flower nursery were installed.

(2) The sod nursery was relocated.

(3) The exterior of the service buildings was repainted.

(4) The potable water pump in the reservoir station was replaced.

(5) 200 meters of underground telephone cable were installed.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public.

On 10 October 1976, the Count de Selancy from Thionville, France, and 100 former members of the French forces visited the cemetery and laid a wreath in the Chapel.

On 17 October 1976, 110 members of the French Veterans of the Wars in North Africa visited the cemetery.

On 19 October 1976, the Officer-in-Charge inspected the cemetery and presented the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Joint Services Commendation Medal to Mr. David J. Puckett, Superintendent-Trainee, in recognition of his service with the Defense Attache Office in Helsinki, Finland.

On 13 March 1977, Lt. Gen. John W. Pauly and Major Gen. William H. Ginn, Jr., Hq. U.S. Air Forces Europe, accompanied by their wives, visited the cemetery.

On 8 May 1977, a group of 150 American and French veterans with their families visited the cemetery during the celebration of a Franco-American Friendship Day in the city of Saint-Avold.

On 29 May 1977, approximately 3,000 people attended the Memorial Day ceremony. An American honor guard and firing squad from the 1st U.S. Armored Division, the 151st French Infantry Regiment Band and troops from the 61st French Artillery Regiment participated. Among the participating dignitaries were: Mr. W. Romine, Consul General, American Embassy, Strasbourg; The Sous-Prefet; Colonel Jack O. Bradshaw, 1st U.S. Armored Division; the Mayor of St-Avold; LTC Wan-Genh, Deputy Commander of the 61st French Artillery Regiment; and Mr. W. Williams, a representative of the American Legion.

On 26 June 1977, 60 American servicemen and women from Zweibrucken AFB in Germany visited the cemetery and laid a wreath on the grave of an Unknown Soldier.

On 2 July 1977, 18 American servicemen, headed by Rev. Father Arlie Enis from Kaiserslautern, Germany, visited the cemetery. The group laid a wreath and said a prayer on the grave of Pvt. Lloyd M. Cook, Jr.

On 24 September 1977, 21 members of the 70th Divisions Association visited the cemetery. Many of those visitors participated in the liberation of the city of Forbach, located approximately 10 miles east of Saint-Avold.

On 27 September 1977, 30 members of the 87th Infantry Division Association visited the cemetery. The group, of which several members fought in this area during W.W.II, laid a wreath in the Chapel.

The Superintendent represented the Commission at ceremonies commemorating French "All Saints Day" on 1 November 1976, Armistice Day on 11 November 1976, the French National Day on 14 July 1977, and

at the celebration of the liberation of the city of Saint-Avoid on 27 November 1944.

During the F.Y. 1977, 195 next-of-kin, 14,770 Americans, and 86,000 other visitors visited the Lorraine American Cemetery.

ANNEX KLuxembourg Cemetery and MemorialGrand Duchy of Luxembourg1. Personnel.

At the end of the Fiscal Year 1977, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and ten local national employees. Mr. Joseph D. Lastauskas served as Superintendent throughout the period. Mr. Leenderd F. Berloth served as Superintendent-Trainee and Assistant Superintendent until 7 July 1977. Mr. David J. Puckett served as Assistant Superintendent from 18 August 1977 to the end of the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair.a. Contracts.

(1) Refection of the main gate traverses was effected. Bronze covers were removed and the rust scaled off, I beams were treated, rust proofed and painted, and covers were replaced.

(2) A large dormer was built into the roof of the Assistant Superintendent's quarters as part of the added living space project.

(3) Revision of all oil burners was effected to control the economy and efficiency of the operation.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects.

(1) The overflow system of the cemetery reservoirs was revamped: missing section on overflow pipe was fabricated and replaced, increasing the capacity of the reservoirs by 35m3.

(2) The compost shed was revamped. The west end, (prevailing wind side), was closed off. A brick wall to the level of the side walls was erected and polyester sheeting was used to close off the top.

(3) A covered storage area was added to the north side of the compost building.

(4) The reservoir pump room roof was repaired. Metallized asphalt sheets were heat-fixed in place and joints repaired with seal coat.

(5) The fire-breaks, along the south and west perimeters of the cemetery were cleared and enlarged.

(6) Storm windows were installed at the house of the Assistant Superintendent.

(7) The reservoir pump room electrical control installation was completely revamped. Old cable, relays and fusing were removed and replaced with new or refurbished materials.

(8) The exterior of the pump-house and reservoirs was repainted.

(9) The main entrance gates, to the Cemetery, were prepared and repainted.

(10) Six sprinkler outlets were repaired, new plastic protectors installed and lawns leveled.

(11) All headstones were cleaned and hand polished, during the period, using fine pumice and fine sanding paper. All stones were also washed, using high pressure water jets.

(12) Infected trees were removed under the guidance and advice of the Luxembourg Ministry of Agriculture.

(13) The replanting of plant beds, in front of the three photograph stands, at south end of cemetery, was effected.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public.

On 15 October 1976, a Television Team, from Hq. U.S. Army Health Services Command, spent 2 1/2 hours taping scenes of the cemetery features and General Patton's gravesite.

On 17 October 1976, General Alexander Haig, SACEUR; Lt. Gen. Kenneth B. Cooper, DCINC, US Army, Europe; Major General Gordon Duguernin, DCSOPS, USAR, Europe; Her Excellency Rosemary and Mr. Ginn, US Ambassador to Luxembourg, visited and toured the cemetery. 32 persons attended.

On 17 October 1976, Captain Ley, Luxembourg Army, visited the cemetery with 100 US Army officers.

On 18 October 1976, Mr. Francis Keally, architect of the Luxembourg cemetery memorial visited the cemetery, accompanied by the Officer-in-Charge.

On 25 October 1976, (Veterans' Day), the Boy Scouts Black Eagle Troop, from Heidelberg, Germany, held a ceremony at General Patton's gravesite. 30 Boys participated with 60 members of their families and leaders.

On 1 November 1976, the annual, "All Saints Day" ceremony was held. Two wreaths were laid at the Eisenhower Plaque, one by the Honorable Raymond Vanel, Vice-President of the Luxembourg Government and the other by Miss Colette Flesch, Burgomeister of Luxembourg City. Several other Ministers and the US Ambassador, Mrs. Rosemary Ginn were present.

On 31 January 1977, Mr. Harry G. Wiles, former National Commander of the American Legion; Mr. R.N. Winkler, Commander of the Bitburg Post 20, and other members visited the cemetery.

On 3 March 1977, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Whitfield, Executive Director, National Headquarters, American Legion, laid a wreath in the Chapel.

On 27 March 1977, The Societies of the Town of Hamm, held their traditional (31st) annual ceremony in commemoration of American War Dead. Wreaths were laid by Mr. Jean Kayser, President of the Societies; Mrs. Kimmes of the "Circle for the Study of the Battle of the Bulge"; Mr. Junckers, Mayor of Ettelbruck, for his City; Mrs. Ginn, US Ambassador to Luxembourg and Mr. Weitzel, President of the Luxembourg/American Society. Approximately 200 persons participated.

On 11 April 1977, the annual ceremony of "The Amicale de Buchenwald", Nazis Death Camp Prisoners Group, was held. A floral decoration was placed at General Patton's gravesite. 15 persons participated.

On 8 May 1977, (VE-Day), a ceremony was held by 35 members of the "Association des Anciens Combattants Luxembourgeois et des Forces des Nations Unies". A floral cushion was laid at General Patton's gravesite.

On 29 May 1977, Lt. General and Mrs. John W. Pauly, Hq. USAFE, Ramstein Air Base, visited the cemetery.

On 31 May 1977, the American Legion delegation held a ceremony at the Chapel. The past National Commander, Harry G. Wiles and Mr. William J. Rogers, present Commander, laid wreaths in the Chapel. Approximately 45 persons attended.

On 4 June 1977, the annual ceremony of "The Amicale des Anciens des Hopitaux Militaires Americains en France" was held at the Chapel. 14 persons attended.

On 5 June 1977, the annual Memorial Day ceremony was held. Approximately 700 persons attended; 18 wreaths were laid by Government Representatives, Presidents or heads of groups, organizations and societies. Among the Dignitaries present were Their Royal Highnesses Prince Charles and Princess Joan of Luxembourg; Secretary of State and Minister of Defense, Robert Krieps; Minister of Interior, Jean Hamilius; the U.S. Assistant Chief of Mission, James Philips; Brigadier General Frederick C. Kyler; LTC John Miller, Military Attache, Brussels; Ministers and Deputies of the Luxembourg Government; Ambassadors and Consuls of the principal European Countries.

On 2 July 1977, Colonel Frederick Badger, Director of Engineering and Maintenance, ABMC, Washington, inspected the Cemetery.

On 9 July 1977, the traditional Remembrance Day ceremony of the City of Ettelbruck, was held. The Honorable Mayor Edward Juncker, the US Ambassador and General Jeremiah J. Brophy, ADC 8th Infantry Division, laid a floral decoration at General Patton's grave. Approximately 100 persons attended.

On 10 July 1977, the Superintendent represented the Commission at the "Remembrance Day" ceremonies at Ettelbruck.

On 20 July 1977, 129 members of the 76th Infantry Division Association held a ceremony at the cemetery. General Elliot C. Cutler and Colonel Gerard Noble laid a floral decoration at the Chapel. Mr. John P. Riley represented the US Embassy and Mr. Camille Kohn, President of the C.E.B.A., attended the ceremony. General Cutler was provided with a complete list of all 76th members left buried or memorialized here. The Luxembourg Army furnished the Buglers, Honor Guard and Chaplain.

On 30 July 1977, the Superintendent attended the Mass and Funeral Services for Prince Charles of Luxembourg, representing both the Cemetery and the Commission.

On 11 August 1977, a group of 43 Rotarians visited the cemetery accompanied by Mr. James Philips, DCM. 43 persons were present.

On 17 August 1977, 73 members of the "Spinning Spokes" group from Florida visited the cemetery. This has now become an annual pilgrimage for the group, which changes each year.

On 4 September 1977, Major General A.M. Wegand, COM, AMF (L), Heidelberg, Germany, accompanied by Major P. Bergem of the Luxembourg Army, visited the cemetery.

On 10 September 1977, the 5th Armored Division Association visited the cemetery. A large wreath was placed at the Chapel by Mr. Lindstrum

Executive Director. The group was furnished with a list of all 5th Armd left buried or memorialized here. The US Embassy was represented by Mr. Ellise, Consul. The Band, Buglers and Troops were provided by the Luxembourg Army and the Town of Hamm. 75 persons participated.

During the F.Y. 1977, 146 Next-of-Kin, 104,532 American and 123,160 others visited the Luxembourg American cemetery.

ANNEX LMeuse-Argonne Cemetery and MemorialFrance1. Personnel.

a. On 30 September 1977, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 26 local nationals, one of whom served as caretaker for the Montfaucon monument. Mr. George T. Tate served as Superintendent throughout the year. Mr. Phillip DeLaMater, former Assistant was promoted to Superintendent and transferred to Somme cemetery on 21 July 1977. Mr. Arthur A. Martin, former Assistant of Henri-Chapelle Cemetery was assigned to this station on 18 July 1977 and served as Assistant Superintendent for the remainder of the period.

b. The caretaker's position for Blanc Mont monument in Somme, France, is filled by contract.

2. Maintenance and Repair.a. Contracts.

- (1) Phase III and IV of sprinkler system were completed.
- (2) The borders of central alleys were leveled.
- (3) Central alleys were repaved.
- (4) A prefab storage building was constructed.
- (5) Work for a storage building and an office at Blanc Mont monument in Somme was contracted.
- (6) Work to repair and repave portion of the roads at Meuse-Argonne cemetery was contracted.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects.

- (1) The repointing work on Montfaucon monument was continued.
- (2) Steps, terraces and base at Montfaucon monument were cleaned.
- (3) Stones in the chapel and pylons were repointed and repaired.
- (4) Headstones for the European Office were engraved.
- (5) Concrete foundation and floor slabs for prefab storage building were poured.
- (6) A new water line to the storage building was installed.

(7) Outside woodwork on quarters and service buildings was painted.

(8) The Assistant Superintendent's quarters were painted.

(9) Gutters on quarters and service buildings were repainted.

(10) The entrance pylons were cleaned and treated.

(11) A fence around the nursery dam was installed.

(12) The chapel doors were varnished.

(13) Rain gutters were repaired.

(14) Pot holes in roads were repaired.

(15) Three grave plots were leveled and sowed. The leveling of grave plots for spring sowing was continued.

3. Service to and Relations with the Public.

On 11 October 1976, Ambassador and Mrs. Rush visited the cemetery. Mrs. Rush placed flowers on the grave of her uncle, Henry B. Smith buried here. Consul General and Mrs. Romine were also present.

On 11 November 1976, the Assistant Superintendent attended the French Armistice Day ceremonies at the War Memorial of Romagne-Gesnes and at the Meuse-Argonne cemetery.

The Officer-in-Charge inspected the cemetery on 8 February 1977.

On 8 May 1977, a V.E. Day ceremony was celebrated by French war veterans. Many officials attended.

On 10 May 1977, the Officer-in-Charge visited the cemetery for an inspection and to make a provisional acceptance of the sprinkler system project.

On 29 May 1977, the Memorial Day ceremony was celebrated. Approximately 2,500 people including twenty Americans and three next-of-kin attended. Some of the officials present for the ceremony were: Sous-Prefet, Senator and Deputy of the Department of the Meuse; Mayor of Romagne-Gesnes; Commanding General and troops of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division; Commanding Officer of the French Gendarmerie; Commanding Officer with band and troops from French Infantry Division. Colonel John Hunt acted as Chairman for the ceremony.

On 3 July 1977, the Superintendent attended a French-American ceremony at Pennsylvania State monument in Varennes, France.

On 14 July 1977, the Superintendent and Assistant attended a ceremony conducted in Romagne-Gesnes in commemoration of the French National Day.

On 17 July 1977, the Assistant Superintendent attended a ceremony in Navarien commemorating the French National Day and War Deads of that region.

On 26 July 1977, sixty-six Americans including one next-of-kin on a Progressive Farmer's tour, visited the cemetery.

During the F.Y. 1977, 48 Next-of-Kin, 862 Americans and 103,400 others visited the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.

4. Non-Federal Memorials.

a. Sixth U.S. Engineers, Captain Harris' Monument.

Services of a caretaker were provided throughout the F.Y. The monument and grounds are in good condition.

b. 1st U.S. Infantry Division Monuments.

Services of caretakers were provided throughout the F.Y. for the monuments in St-Juvin and Wadelincourt. Monuments and grounds are in good condition.

c. Pennsylvania State Monument in Nantillois.

Services of a caretaker were provided throughout the F.Y. The monument and grounds are in good condition.

d. 4th Division Monument in Brioules.

Services of a caretaker were provided throughout the F.Y. The monument and grounds are in good condition.

e. 316th Infantry Monument in Sivry-sur-Meuse.

Services of a caretaker were provided throughout the F.Y. The monument and grounds are in good condition except the lettering which needs repainting.

f. State of Missouri Monument in Cheppy.

Services of a caretaker were provided throughout the F.Y. Old horse-chestnut trees were pulled out and replaced with hawthorn trees. The monument and grounds are in good condition.

g. Pennsylvania State Monument in Varennes.

Final phase of the restoration was completed. Dead evergreen trees and shrubs were replaced. No caretaker's service provided for monument and grounds. They are in good condition but need a caretaker.

h. 5th Division Monuments.

All 5th Division monuments in this region are in poor condition. No restoration work or caretaker's service were provided.

5. Mechanical Equipment.

A soil preparation machine purchased during F.Y. and currently in use has proven to be an outstanding success to level, prepare the seed bed, cover and roll in new seed. This machine will save many man hours and do better professional work.

ANNEX MNetherlands Cemetery and MemorialThe Netherlands1. Personnel.

On 30 September 1977, personnel consisted of 2 U.S. civilians and 18 local national employees. Mr. Merlyn L. Grove served as Superintendent until 11 July 1977. Mr. Norman B. Iorio was transferred to the cemetery on 11 July 1977 and served as Superintendent for the remainder of the period. Mr. Edward D. Wright completed his probationary training year on 30 August 1977, was promoted to Assistant Superintendent on 11 September 1977 and served as such for the remainder of the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair.a. Contracts.

None.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects.

- (1) The humus storage bin wall was repaired.
- (2) The exterior walls of the Memorial Chapel Tower were cleaned.
- (3) The reflection pool was cleaned and painted.
- (4) The Memorial tower observation platform was resealed, reset and repointed.
- (5) Asphalt repairs to the Court of Honor walkway were completed.
- (6) The maintenance shop, garage and breakroom were repainted.
- (7) The Superintendent quarters were repainted.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public.

On 11 October 1976, 400 members of the World Veterans Federation visited the cemetery and held a memorial service and wreath laying ceremony.

On 16 November 1976, Dr. Van Rooy, Commissioner of the Queen for the Province of Limburg and His Excellency A. Eghbal, Iranian Ambassador to the Netherlands, visited the cemetery.

On 3 December 1976, the American Ambassador to the Netherlands, Robert J. McCloskey, Mrs. McCloskey, and Mr. and Mrs. Victor L. Stier visited the cemetery.

On 23 December 1976, Congressman and Mrs. Ray Roberts (D-Tex), visited the cemetery.

On 17 May 1977, Lt. General Barrow, US Marine Corps, visited the cemetery. A brief ceremony was held in the Chapel.

The Memorial Day ceremonies were held on 30 May 1977. Approximately 4,500 people attended. The Honorable J. McCloskey, Ambassador of the United States of America; MG Charles J. Simmons, Commander 3rd Armored Division; Mr. G.A.A. Horsmans, Deputy Queen's Commissioner for the Province of Limburg; Chaplain (LTC) George W. Alexander; Chaplain (LTC) Barnabas P. Daniels, participated.

On 30 June 1977, the Indian Ambassador to the Netherlands visited the cemetery.

On 9 August 1977, 150 American High School Students (American Musical Ambassadors) visited the cemetery, played the National Anthem and Taps and placed 3 floral decorations.

On 13 September 1977, 41 members of the 5th Armored Division, visited the cemetery and conducted a brief wreath laying ceremony.

On 14 September 1977, Mr. Karl Wendt, American Legion Post Commander, Baldwin N.Y., accompanied by Col. Gary L. Blahna, Army Attache, visited the cemetery and laid a floral decoration.

On 16 September 1977, Mr. Brown, 101st Allied Airborne Association, visited the cemetery and placed a floral decoration in the chapel.

ANNEX NNormandy Cemetery and MemorialFrance1. Personnel.

On 30 September 1977, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 20 local national employees. Mr. Ambrose D. Decker served as Superintendent until 11 July 1977. Mr. Merlyn L. Grove was transferred from the Netherlands American Cemetery and assumed the duties of Superintendent from 12 July 1977 through the remainder of the period. Mr. Gene S. Dellinger served as Assistant Superintendent-Trainee until 16 January 1977 when he was promoted to Assistant Superintendent and served as such through the remainder of the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair.a. Contracts.

- (1) A hot air generator was installed in the garage office.
- (2) Oil heaters were installed in the lunch room and workshops.
- (3) 3 fuel tanks were installed.
- (4) Commodes in the Visitors building were replaced.
- (5) Sinks were replaced in both quarters.
- (6) A new transformer was installed in the Memorial basement.
- (7) A new electrical panel was installed in the visitors building.
- (8) 220 volts outlets were installed in the Assistant quarters.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects.

- (1) Emergency repair of water leaks was effected.
- (2) Emergency repair of water softeners in both quarters were effected.
- (3) Minor repairs were effected to garage walls.
- (4) The reflecting pool was drained and cleaned.
- (5) The ventilation doors in the Assistant quarters were repaired.
- (6) Woodwork in the Visitors building was revarnished.
- (7) The interior walls and the ceiling of the Visitors building were repainted.
- (8) A bedroom in the Assistant quarters was repainted.

- (9) The Superintendent quarters were repainted.
- (10) The orientation table rail was repainted.
- (11) The catch basins were repainted.
- (12) The interior of the outside toilets was repainted.
- (13) The Memorial roof was repaired.
- (14) Chimney plates in both quarters were installed.
- (15) Road signs were installed on the cemetery.
- (16) Fluorescent lights in the service building were installed.
- (17) Work was started to close the South end of the compost shed.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public.

On 1 November 1976, the Assistant Superintendent attended local All Saints Day ceremonies at the Bayeux cemetery and the British cemetery.

On 3 November 1976, the Paris Boys Choir delegation visited the cemetery, laid a wreath at the Memorial and sang American and French anthems. Local Mayors and dignitaries attended. French television covered the visit.

On 11 November 1976, the Superintendent attended local Armistice Day ceremonies at Colleville-sur-Mer and Ste Honorine-des-Pertes, and laid a wreath at the Monument aux Morts.

On 21 November 1976, a Chinese delegation, including two Chinese Generals, the Chinese Military Basketball Team and French Military officials, toured the cemetery.

On 14 December 1976, a group of 90 French Officers and soldiers from 32nd Division held a brief ceremony at the Memorial and toured the cemetery.

On 17 December 1976, Congressman and Mrs. R. Roberts, accompanied by the Officer-in-Charge, BG Donaldson, laid a wreath at the Memorial, visited the cemetery, private monuments, Omaha Beach, Pointe du Hoc, Ste-Mere-Eglise, etc.. They also attended the 1st Division Christmas party for the children of Colleville-sur-Mer, escorted by the Superintendent.

On 20 January 1977, the Officer-in-Charge inspected the cemetery and met with the Sous-Prefet of Bayeux to discuss the future of the private monument at Pointe du Hoc.

On 29 January 1977, Mr. Gendelman, Director of the New York Times for Europe, Africa and Middle East, and his family, visited the cemetery.

On 6 February 1977, a group of 47 members of the French Navy School visited the cemetery.

On 23 March 1977, a group of 50 French Officers and soldiers were briefed and escorted on a tour of the cemetery.

On 27 March 1977, the Superintendent attended a Religious Ceremony at Criqueville-en-Bessin in memory of Gen. Rudder and Mr. G. Triboulet.

On 27 March 1977, a group of 55 French Officers and sailors from the Cherbourg Navy School visited the cemetery.

On 3 April 1977, another group of 50 French Officers and sailors from the Cherbourg Navy School visited the Cemetery.

On 17 April 1977, a group of 55 French Officers and sailors visited the cemetery.

On 18 April 1977, a group of 55 French Veterans of the 1st Army, Rhin et Danube, visited the cemetery.

On 23 April 1977, a group of 60 French Officers and soldiers visited the cemetery.

On 24 April 1977, Lt. General Pauly, USAF, Ramstein and his family, visited the cemetery.

On 24 April 1977, the Superintendent attended a wreath laying and religious ceremony for the "Deportes" French National Day.

On 26 April 1977, a group of 40 French Veterans visited the cemetery.

On 30 April 1977, a group of 270 French "Deportes" from Falkensee (Concentration camp) laid a wreath at the Memorial and were escorted on a tour of the cemetery.

On 2 May 1977, a group of 50 French Officers and sailors visited the Cemetery.

On 3 May 1977, the European Office hosted an annual turfgrass conference of the French Horticulture Association attended by 80 persons, led by Mr. J. Chatard, Mr. J. Mountjoy, ABMC, EO, and Mr. Sollier, Normandy American Cemetery foreman. Our methods of operations, including equipment, material and manpower, gave very obvious results during the escorted tour of the cemetery.

On 6 May 1977, 50 French and Belgian Officers led by Lt. Col. Bourdeau d'Huy, visited the cemetery.

On 7 May 1977, two Vice-Admirals and one Captain of the Mexican Navy were escorted on a tour of the cemetery.

On 9 May 1977, a group of 16 American VIPs, led by Lt. General Colglazier, were escorted on a tour of the cemetery. (Lt. General Colglazier was the addressee at the Brittany cemetery Dedication on 4 August 1956).

On 15 May 1977, a group of 80 French Veterans visited the cemetery.

On 22 May 1977, a group of 200 French Veterans visited the cemetery.

On 26 May 1977, Russian Admiral Egorov, USSR North Fleet and party; the French Prefet Maritime from Cherbourg; Colonel Heinz, commanding the Gendarmerie of Calvados, visited the cemetery. Admiral Egorov laid flowers at the Memorial and strongly complimented the American role in W.W.II and the conditions in which our Cemeteries and Memorials are maintained.

On 27 May 1977, a group of 100 Russian Officers and sailors visited the cemetery.

On 29 May 1977, Memorial Day ceremonies were held at Bayeux, Vierville-sur-Mer, Colleville-sur-Mer and at the cemetery. Mr. Julien, Sous-Prefet; Mr. Hook, American Memorial Day Association Representative; Mr. De Bourgoing, Senator; Mr. Le Carpentier, Conseiller General and Mayor of Bayeux; Colonel Killebrew, 26 TRW, from Zweibrucken, Germany; Colonel Heinz, commanding the Gendarmerie of Calvados; Colonel Bouffet, representing General Hauslein, commanding the 32nd Division in Caen; numerous Mayors; local dignitaries and over 4,000 persons attended the ceremonies.

On 5 June 1977, Mr. and Mrs. Gammon, US Embassy, Paris, were escorted on a tour of the cemetery.

On 6 June 1977, the American Legion Representatives, Paris Chapter, held a wreath laying ceremony at the 1st Division Monument.

The Superintendent attended 6 June ceremonies at Beny-sur-Mer, Luc-sur-Mer, presided by the French Secretary of Defense, Minister Triboulet, Mr. Gammon

A group of 100 Veterans of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions held a wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial.

At 1600 hours, a wreath laying ceremony was held at the Memorial by the Mayors of Omaha Beach (Colleville-sur-Mer; St-Laurent-sur-Mer; Vierville-sur-Mer); also attended the Mayors of Grandcamp, Criqueville, Mr. Ravelet, and the representatives of the French Anciens Combattants and American Veterans.

On 8 June 1977, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Director of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, were escorted on a tour of the cemetery.

On 18 June 1977, a section of French Anciens Combattants held a ceremony at the Memorial and visited the cemetery.

On 21 June 1977, a group of Brazilian Navy Officers and sailors were escorted on a tour of the cemetery.

On 25 and 26 June 1977, Colonel F. Badger, Director of Engineering and Maintenance, ABMC, Washington, inspected the cemetery and private monuments.

On 29 June 1977, Mr. and Mrs. F. Friendly, Ford Foundation; Mr. and Mrs. Bernstein, Ramdom House, visited the cemetery and were escorted on a tour of the cemetery, Omaha Beach, Pointe du Hoc and local area by Acting Superintendent.

On 2 July 1977, Lt./Cmdr R. Tisdell and family, US Embassy, Paris, visited the cemetery.

On 3 July 1977, one Russian General, three Russian Colonels, Colonel Heinz, commanding the Gendarmerie of Calvados, were escorted on a tour of the cemetery.

On 7 July 1977, Lord Dulverton and wife,; Gen. D. Brown and a group of International Officers visited the cemetery.

On 15 July 1977, Congressman and Mrs. Dave Evans (Indiana), escorted by Mr. Le Carpentier, Conseiller General and Mayor of Bayeux, held a wreath ceremony at the Memorial and visited the cemetery.

On 3 August 1977, Astronaut Richard Gordon, member of Apollo 12 crew; the Mayor of Touques and a group of French Anciens Combattants were escorted on a tour of the cemetery.

On 21 August 1977, Veterans of the 290th Field Observation Group held a ceremony at the Memorial and visited the cemetery.

A group of Veterans from Denmark laid a wreath at the Memorial and visited the cemetery.

On 28 August 1977, a group of French Anciens Combattants from Le Mans held a brief ceremony at the Memorial and visited the cemetery.

On 2 September 1977, Maj. Gen. (USA Ret.) and Mrs. Flemmings visited the cemetery.

On 4 September 1977, U.S. Ambassador to France and Mrs. Hartman visited the cemetery.

On 15 September 1977, Mr. J.M. McLaughlin, President of the Lions Club International and a group of 59 persons laid a wreath at the Memorial and visited the cemetery.

On 20 September 1977, a group of Veterans of the 121st Infantry Regiment held a wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial and were escorted on a tour of the cemetery.

On 21 September 1977, a group of approximately 60 members of the 90th Infantry Division laid a wreath at the Memorial and were escorted on a tour of the Cemetery.

On 21 September 1977, members of the 29th Division were briefed and escorted on a tour of the cemetery.

On 25 September 1977, Members of the 745th Tank Regiment, 2nd Armd Div. Veterans and 2nd Armd Div. visited the cemetery. Wreath laying ceremonies were held. Taps and the Colors were exercised by the 2nd Armd Unit. A plaque dedication ceremony was held at the Tank Wall, Colleville-sur-Mer. The Mayor and his Council members attended and laid a wreath.

On 26 September 1977, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Greer (Staff Assistant to Congressman J. Wright) visited the cemetery and laid a wreath on the grave of Sgt. John Wade.

On 29 September 1977, a wreath laying ceremony and visit by Mme Giscard d'Estaing (French President's wife) was held at Utah Beach. Ceremonies were attended by the Prefet of St-Lo,; the Sous-Prefet of Cherbourg; the Mayor of Ste-Marie-du-Mont, many local dignitaries and numerous visitors.

On 29 September 1977, Colonel (USA Ret.) and Mrs. Mike Murphy, first glider pilot to touch ground at Ste-Mere-Eglise on 6 June 1944, visited the cemetery.

During the Fiscal Year 1977, 198 Next-of-Kin, 119,665 Americans and 470,375 others visited the Normandy American Cemetery.

ANNEX OOise-Aisne Cemetery and MemorialFrance1. Personnel.

On 30 September 1977, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and 12 local national employees. Mr. Morris V. Brewer served as Superintendent throughout the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair.a. Contracts.

(1) A factory overhaul and rebuilding of the air compressor unit in the water filtration system were made.

(2) The defective electric wiring in Chapel and Museum was replaced.

(3) The worn out cable of the electric heating system in the Chapel and Museum was replaced.

(4) New thermostatically controlled blower type heaters were installed in the Chapel and Museum.

(5) The defective micro-shunter was replaced in the transformer sub-station.

(6) The overflow system of the central heating water circulation plant was modified.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects.

(1) The exterior of the quarters/reception building, the front hemi-cycle wall, all cemetery gates, exterior woodwork, exterior surface of transformer building, and interior walls and ceiling of the garage work-shop were repainted.

(2) All stone window sills and coping stone of the cemetery boundary wall were cleaned and treated with Thaltax.

(3) 87 dead trees were removed and replaced.

(4) 220 linear meters of joints of the Memorial steps were repointed.

(5) 12 linear meters of cracks in the service area cement walk were repaired.

(6) A "jeep ditch" in the lower elevation of the service area was constructed to facilitate water evacuation.

(7) 10 Buckner sprinkler system leaks were repaired in the burial area.

(8) 48 individual sunken graves were releveled.

(9) Turf was releveled in the graves area.

(10) 441 Carrara marble headstones having light wrinkles were hand sanded.

(11) 128 meters of boundary fence adjacent to the water reservoir were repaired.

(12) Memorial stone surfaces and sculptures were high-pressure washed and Italian and French marble columns were washed and waxed.

(13) Headstones were cleaned and siliconated.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public.

On 25 October 1976, an American Veteran's Day ceremony was held at the cemetery.

On 28 October 1976, Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, OIC of the ABMC, European Office, inspected the cemetery.

On 11 November 1976, Colonel L. Vigier, French Military Commander of the 1st Transportation Regiment of Paris, officers and men of his Regiment participated in a wreath laying ceremony for French Armistice Day. Many local officials and dignitaries attended and several local mayors placed wreaths at the Memorial Altar. Following this ceremony, the Superintendent assisted at two other wreath laying ceremonies at local War Memorials, and placed wreaths on behalf of ABMC.

On 24 April 1977, the Superintendent attended a ceremony at the "Memorial to the 1940 Deportees" at near-by Viller-sur-Fere, and placed a wreath on behalf of ABMC.

On 28 April 1977, Mr. John Tsukano, a Japanese-American journalist from Hawaii, former member of the 100th Nisei Battalion during the Italian Campaign, World War II, escorted by Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, OIC, visited the cemetery.

On 8 May 1977, the Superintendent participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial, Fere-en-Tardenois, commemorating World War II Victory Day in France.

On 27 May 1977, a CBS News camera crew visited the cemetery to photograph the burial area and Memorial for television viewing in the USA on Memorial Day 1977.

On 30 May 1977, a Memorial Day ceremony was held, attended by Brigadier General Robert Gaskill, Deputy Commander of the 21st Support Command, US Army, Germany; Colonel Carl J. Studer, representing the American Overseas Memorial Day Association; Mr. Emmanuel Karlin, Sous-Prefet of Chateau-Thierry; Lt. Colonel Donald F. Hartman, ABMC European Office, other local dignitaries and over 1,500 participants and visitors.

On 18 June 1977, the Superintendent attended a wreath laying ceremony at the local War Memorial, in commemoration of the "18 June 1940 Call to History" broadcast by General DeGaulle from London.

On 24 June 1977, Colonel Frederick C. Badger, Director of Engineering and Maintenance, ABMC, Washington Office, inspected the cemetery.

On 14 July 1977, the Superintendent attended a local ceremony commemorating the French Independence Day.

On 16 July 1977, Colonel William T. Collins, USA, former member of the 165th Infantry, 42nd Rainbow Division which fought during World War I over the ground where the cemetery site now stands, toured the cemetery accompanied by Mrs. Collins. Colonel Collins was a personal friend of Joyce Kilmer, the American poet who was killed in action during W.W.I, and is buried in the cemetery.

On 2 August 1977, Mr. Samuel R. Gammon, Charge d'Affaires, American Embassy, Paris, and Mrs. Gammon, visited the cemetery.

During Fiscal Year 1977, 15 Next-of-Kin, 264 Americans and 9,310 others visited the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery.

ANNEX PRhone Cemetery and MemorialFrance1. Personnel.

On 30 September 1977, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and 6 local national employees. Mr. John H. Brunea served as Superintendent throughout the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair.a. Contracts.

- (1) The fuel oil line was replaced.
- (2) The garage toilet was replaced.
- (3) An electric heater was installed in the garage.
- (4) The electrical fuse box was replaced.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects.

- (1) The quarters shutters were repaired and revarnished.
- (2) Pools were repaired and repainted.
- (3) A loading platform for trucks was constructed.
- (4) A sealer coat was applied to the paths.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public.

On 1 November 1976, Major General A.J. Adams, Secretary, ABMC and Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge participated in a wreath laying ceremony held by local veterans and patriotic organizations to commemorate All Saints Day.

On 11 November 1976, the Superintendent represented the Commission at the Draguignan Armistice Day ceremony.

On 29 May 1977, Captain Toole of the US 6th Fleet presided the Memorial Day ceremonies.

On 8 July 1977, Colonel Frederick Badger, Director of Engineering and Maintenance, ABMC, Washington Office, inspected the cemetery.

On 14 July 1977, the Superintendent laid a wreath at the French War Memorial in Draguignan in commemoration of the French Independence Day.

On 16 August 1977, the Superintendent participated in a ceremony commemorating the liberation of Draguignan.

During the Fiscal Year 1977, 19 Next-of-Kin, 205 Americans and 12,064 others visited the Rhone American cemetery.

ANNEX QSt-Mihiel Cemetery and MemorialMontsec MonumentFrance1. Personnel.

On 30 September 1977, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and 10 local nationals, one of whom served as caretaker for the Montsec Monument. Mr. Donald J. Keefe served as Superintendent throughout the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair.a. Contracts.

None.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects.

(1) All monuments, headstones, stone buildings (Chapel, Reception room, Office building) were treated with an application of "Thaltox Q".

(2) The complete surface, 2 1/2 acres, of Block "D" was releveled and seeded.

(3) The deposits of saltpeter on all areas of the Chapel were removed by sanding. Repointing and removal of all stains were accomplished at the same time.

(4) The Visitors room mirror was regilded and the marble over the fireplace was replaced.

(5) All doors and windows of the reception room were repainted.

(6) Outside part of doors and windows in the garage, the quarters and the storage building were repainted.

(7) The interior of the storage building was repainted.

(8) All directional signs were repaired and repainted.

(9) Saltpeter was removed by sanding at the Montsec Monument.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public.

On 29 May 1977, Memorial Day ceremonies were held at the cemetery and the city of Thiaucourt with participation of American and French troops and 37 Veterans organizations.

On 21 June 1977, 1,600 students, "Pennsylvania Ambassadors of Music" visited the cemetery.

On 10 August, 60 members of the Missionary of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints visited the cemetery and laid flowers in front of the chapel.

4. Non-Federal Memorials.

a. First Division W.W.I Monument at Vigneulles, France.

A caretaker was present throughout the year.
The monument was treated with Thaltax "Q".

b. Fourth Division W.W.I Monument at Manheulles, France.

A caretaker was present throughout the year.
The monument was treated with Thaltax "Q".

ANNEX RSomme Cemetery and MemorialFrance1. Personnel.

On 30 September 1977, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and 7 local national employees, one of whom served as caretaker of Cantigny Monument. Mr. James V. Neill served as Superintendent until 17 July 1977. Mr. Phillip D. DeLaMater was appointed to Somme and served as Superintendent from 21 July 1977 through the remainder of the period. The Bellicourt Monument caretaker position was contracted.

2. Maintenance and Repair.a. Contracts.

- (1) The electric panel board was rewired.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects.

- (1) The Chapel Memorial and stone walls were cleaned.
- (2) The meadow area damaged during the 1976 summer drought was oversowed.
- (3) All stoneworks at the Bellicourt Monument were washed.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public.

The Officer-in-Charge inspected the cemetery on 8 November 1976.

On 11 November 1976, French Armistice Day, a wreath was placed at the War Memorial in Bony by the Superintendent and the village of Bony laid a wreath at the Cemetery Chapel.

On 29 May 1977, a Memorial Day Service was conducted at the cemetery with the participation of Colonel James Gerard, Col. J.L. Bonet-Maury, the Mayors of Bony and Saint-Quentin, the Sous-Prefet of the Aisne, school children, French and American Military troops.

On 4 July 1977, the Superintendent attended a ceremony held at Cantigny Monument by the village of Cantigny. The Superintendent laid two wreaths on behalf of the Commission.

During F.Y. 1977, 5 Next-of-Kin, 105 Americans and 2,275 other visited the Somme American Cemetery.

4. Non-Federal Memorials.

The First Division monument located near Cantigny, France, was maintained by a caretaker throughout the year.

ANNEX SSuresnes Cemetery and MemorialFrance1. Personnel.

On 30 September 1977, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and 4 local national employees. Mr. Robert D. McClellan served as Superintendent throughout the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair.a. Contracts.

(1) The second half of contract to repair and reseal cemetery paths was completed.

(2) Contract to replace 5,000 liter fuel oil tank in cemetery service area was completed. The pump motor was additionally replaced.

(3) Hardwood floor in the Superintendent's quarters was stabilized and a hardboard covering laid over the entire area. Wall to wall carpeting was installed.

(4) Heating and telephone systems were repaired.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects.

(1) The boundary fence was scraped, primed and painted. Use of power compressor to chip old paint proved successful.

(2) Sunken graves were repaired.

(3) The chapel terrace joints were repaired.

(4) Headstones were polished. Test of a protective product was made.

(5) Temporary Filled building in the service area was dismantled.

(6) Obstruction in the cemetery sewer main had to be cleared.

(7) Shop and workers' concrete floors were painted. Tiles were placed at wash stand and in shower room/toilet in the workers' facilities.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public.

On 1 November 1976, the city of Suresnes sent a delegation of about 100 people to render honors to our Soldiers. French Veterans with banners were also present. Mr. Plavis represented Mayor Pontillon. Colonel l'Hopitalier, Mr. Massena and other dignitaries were present.

On 11 November 1976, the Superintendent represented the OIC to the inauguration of reconstructed veterans section of Suresnes Communal cemetery. A reception was offered at the City Hall.

On 12 November 1976, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Berry visited the cemetery escorted by Brigadier General J.W. Donaldson.

On 20 December 1976, Congressman Ray Roberts, accompanied by Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, visited the cemetery.

Mr. R.D. Smith, National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Mr. N. Henry Hardman, Inspector General of the VFW, accompanied by Mr. Leon Turrou, Commander of the Paris Post of the VFW and the Officer-in-Charge, visited the cemetery on 26 December 1976 and placed floral decorations in the chapel and on the grave of an Unknown Soldier.

On 14 April 1977, Congressman George M. O'Brien, 17th, Illinois, visited the cemetery with Brigadier General J.W. Donaldson.

On 27 April 1977, Mr. John Tsukano, from Honolulu, accompanied by Brigadier General Donaldson, visited the cemetery. Floral decorations were placed in the chapel and on an unknown grave.

On 18 May 1977, Mrs. Mary Souders, National President of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary; Mr. Doyle E. Souders, National VFW Council member, from Portland, Oregon, visited the cemetery accompanied by Brigadier General Donaldson. Mrs. Victor Mack, local Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer, was also present.

On 20 May 1977, Mr. Dan Allen of the Armed Forces Television Network in Germany, filmed some scenes at the cemetery for a film to be shown on television in Europe to commemorate Memorial Day.

On 29 May 1977, Memorial Day ceremonies were held and attendance was estimated at about 300 French and U.S. Armed Forces troops were present as well as representatives of the United States and French governments and veterans organizations of both nations also participated. Minister Samuel Gammon, represented the U.S. Ambassador to France.

On 9 June 1977, Mr. Theodore A. Johnson, President of the 42nd (Rainbow) Division Association, and Mrs. Johnson, from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, visited Suresnes cemetery with Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Maland.

On 12 June 1977, Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Skinder, Veterans Administration Cemetery System, visited the cemetery.

On 22 June 1977, Colonel Frederick C. Badger, ABMC Washington, D.C., inspected the installation with Brigadier General Donaldson.

On 12 July 1977, Mr. Joseph V. Darby, Philippines Manila American Cemetery Superintendent, accompanied by Mrs. Darby and their daughter, visited the cemetery.

On 14 July 1977, 42 members of a choral group from Mississippi and Tennessee, visited the cemetery as part of a concert tour in France and England. They sang "Down by the River Side" in the memorial chapel.

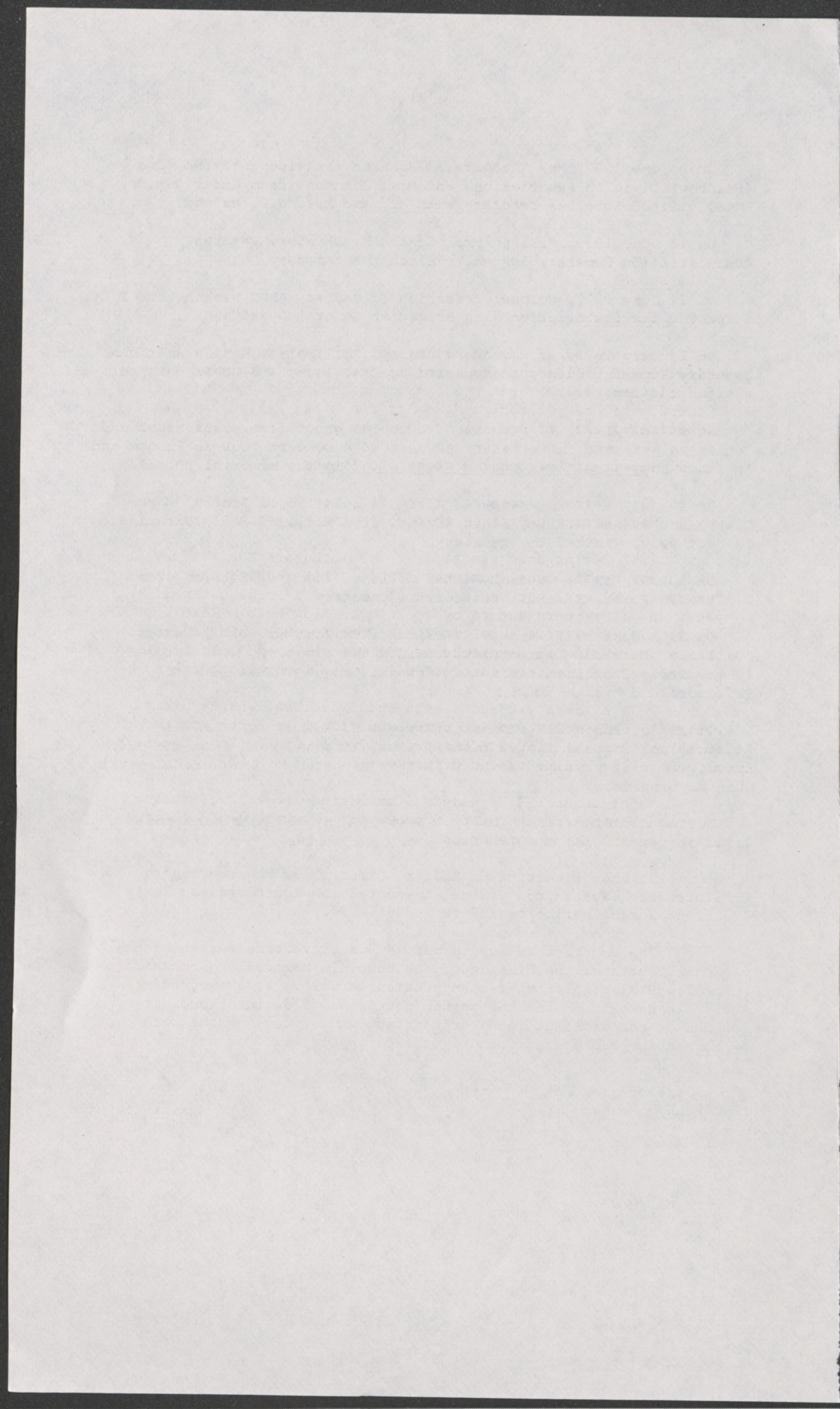
On 19 July 1977, Lawrence S. Clark, a relative of General Mark Clark, and friend William Scott Bryant, from Maryland and N.Carolina, respectively, visited the cemetery.

On 20 July 1977, Colonel Walter Collins, and Mrs. Collins from Lighthouse Point, Florida, visited the cemetery.

On 31 August 1977, Mrs. F.C. Briggs, VFW Post No. 2212, Ladies Auxiliary, Norwich, Connecticut, visited the cemetery. Mrs. Briggs is the State Coordinator for the National League of Families of Prisoners and Missing in S.E. Asia.

On 19 September 1977, General Roswell E. Round, Jr., Defense Attache, and Captain Nat L. Harvey, Naval Attache, both from the U.S. Embassy, Paris, visited our installation escorted by Brigadier General John W. Donaldson.

During the Fiscal Year 1977, 7 Next-of-Kin, 208 Americans and 4,360 others visited the Suresnes American Cemetery.



CHAPTER III

Mediterranean Office1. Personnela. Strength

At the end of the reporting period, 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 reporting period.

(2) During this Fiscal Year our authorization for personnel was reduced by one local national space. This reduced the strength from 50 to 49 local nationals. We had been cut local national spaces in prior years due to overseas gold flow cuts. This constant reduction of spaces is not compatible with accomplishing a mission that is increasing in magnitude as the memorials and installations age, and as the visitors interested in these memorials increase.

(3) At least 12 additional local national spaces are required. This would provide three additional at North Africa Cemetery, three at Florence Cemetery, five at Sicily-Rome Cemetery, and one in the Mediterranean Office.

c. Major General A. J. Adams, Commission Secretary, visited Italy and North Africa from 20 October to 1 November 1976 to inspect Mediterranean Office cemeteries.

d. Colonel Frederick C. Badger, Director of Engineering and Maintenance, Washington Office, inspected the Mediterranean installations during period from 9 to 16 July 1977.

e. The contract to supply marble and travertine for the additional Courts of the Missing at the Honolulu Memorial to commemorate the 2,489 Missing from Vietnam progressed well. By 30 September 1977 about half of the 186 marble panels had been inscribed with names of the missing. Another contract was signed for the work of carving two bas-relief with figures of angels, and for other sculpture

work for the Memorial Courts. It is expected work under this contract will be completed and the stone shipped to Hawaii during FY 1978. All inspections of finished stone were accomplished by Mediterranean Office personnel.

f. The Mediterranean Office procured, inspected and shipped to France 53 marble crosses as replacements for deteriorated crosses in World War I Cemeteries in Northern Europe. LASA Marble Company furnished these crosses.

2. Organization

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

b. Organization chart as of 30 September 1977 is Annex A.

3. Maintenance and Repair of Federal Cemeteries and Memorials

a. General

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

b. Projects of Special Interest

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

(1) On the west boundary of the Sicily-Rome Cemetery, the wall over the small stream was completed. This project extended the 2½ meter high boundary wall along the complete west boundary. Security and the appearance of the Cemetery has been greatly improved.

(2) A contract was signed to build a 400 meter increment of boundary wall along the north boundary of Sicily-Rome Cemetery. When a wall has been completed along this boundary, we will have a stone boundary wall around all of the cemetery.

(3) At North Africa Cemetery, a contractor completed the work of enclosing two open porches on the two sets of government quarters.

(4) At Florence a project was completed with cemetery labor to enclose the open porches on the two quarters.

(5) A bronze figure of Orpheus was installed in the South Garden at Sicily-Rome Cemetery. This statue was donated to the Commission by Eric Gugler.

(6) 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. A fungus disease attacked some of the cypress trees along the entire Mediterranean coast. Corrective measures stopped the infestation at our cemeteries, and we are continuing preventive measures.

(2) Mechanical Equipment

The horticultural equipment and other support equipment on hand is all relatively new and all is serviceable. The deadline of equipment remained at almost zero during the year.

d. Energy Savings

An intensive energy conservation and savings program was continued at each installation this year. Use of gasoline and heating fuel was less than that used in FY 1975.

4. Non-Federal Memorials

During the reporting period, the Mediterranean Office maintained a small private monument for the 3rd Infantry Division at Nettuno, Italy.

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. Services

At the request of next of kin, 204 flower decorations were placed at the grave of a loved one, and a polaroid photograph of the decorated gravesite sent to the next of kin. 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

- 17 October 1976 - North Africa Cemetery - The Honorable William P. Clements, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Defense, visited and laid a floral wreath at the cemetery. Secretary Clements remarked about the beauty of this cemetery and that "more people should be made aware about all our overseas cemeteries".
- 25 October 1976 - North Africa Cemetery - An impressive Veterans' Day Ceremony was held. Mr. Barrington King, Deputy Chief of Mission, American Embassy, Tunis, officiated at this ceremony in the absence of the Honorable Edward W. Mulcahy, American Ambassador to Tunisia.
- 25 October 1976 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A Veterans' Day Ceremony was held at this cemetery.
- 25 October 1976 - Florence Cemetery - The Veterans' Day Ceremony was held. Present were: Commander Carl Fantacci and twenty-eight (28) members of the American Legion. Also present was Mr. Robert C. F. Gordon, U.S. Consul General, together with Mr. Wright, U.S. Consul, and Mr. G. F. De Zigno of the U.S. Consulate. A total of fifty (50) visitors were present at the cemetery.
- 30 October 1976 - Florence Cemetery - Rabbi Belgrado with a group from the Jewish community of Florence held a prayer meeting.
- 2 November 1976 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - The All Saints Day Ceremony (Italian day for remembrance of the Dead) was held at 10:00 a.m. Three (3) wreaths were placed by Italian civilian authorities, Army and police. Among the dignitaries present: Antonio Simeoni, Mayor of Nettuno, with his staff; Colonel Giuseppe Turinese, Commanding C.E.A., Nettuno, and Colonel Renato Barbe, Commanding Italian Police School, Nettuno. Present were also representatives of the Italian Army, Air Force, Navy, finance, police officers and NCO's. There were approximately 1,250 visitors present at the ceremony.

2 November 1976

- Florence Cemetery - The All Saints' Day Ceremony was held at 11:30 hours. Four (4) wreaths were placed by the following officers and dignitaries:

1) Lt. Gen. Ezio Monti (CG Italian Air Force School, Florence) on behalf of the Italian Armed Forces.

2) Major Robert Fellers (representing the C.O., Camp Darby) on behalf of U.S. Armed Forces.

3) Dr. Aldo Buoncristiano (Prefect) on behalf of the Prefecture of Florence.

4) Mr. Elio Gabbugiani (Mayor of Florence city) on behalf of the Commune of Florence.

Present were approximately 900 participants at the ceremony. Honor and color guards were furnished by Camp Darby and the Italian Army. Among the dignitaries present were: U.S. Consul General Robert C. F. Gordon; U.S. Consul, Mr. W. Wright; Vice Commander of Tuscany and Emilia Regional HQ, General Natalino Maggiorano; Chief of Finance Guards, Brig. Gen. Ugo Nicotera; Director of Military Geographical Institute of Florence, Brig. Gen. Celestino Revelli. Also present were the Consuls of Great Britain, Denmark and Sweden.

16 November 1976

- Florence Cemetery - A bouquet of flowers was delivered to this cemetery by Mr. Morotti of Bologna, to be placed in the Chapel in memory of the Fifth United States Army.

20 November 1976

- Florence Cemetery - Mrs. Kelleher visited and donated a potted plant for the Visitors' Building and a spray of flowers for the Chapel in memory of her father who is buried in this cemetery.

24 November 1976

- Florence Cemetery - Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Berry, Minority Counsel, House Cmte. on Interstate & Foreign Commerce visited this cemetery.

1 December 1976

- Florence Cemetery - A ceremony was held at which the OIC, Colonel James H. Brown, presented service longevity awards to three (3) employees.

- 5 December 1976 - Florence Cemetery - Mayor Joseph Kelly of Harpers Ferry, Iowa, visited graves of men from his home town for next of kin.
- 13 December 1976 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - Major General D. E. Isles, from London, England, visited the Cemetery.
- 14 December 1976 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - Colonel James H. Brown, OIC, ABMC, Rome, presented longevity awards to five (5) employees during a ceremony.
- 22 December 1976 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - General W. B. Rosson, from St. Petersburg, Florida, visited the cemetery.
- 6 January 1977 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - U.S. Consul General Ernest J. Colantonis, from Naples, Italy, visited the cemetery.
- 12 January 1977 - North Africa Cemetery - Admiral David H. Bagley, U.S.N., Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe (HQ London), made a brief, but very moving speech and laid a floral wreath.
- 20 February 1977 - North Africa Cemetery - Major George B. Van Buren, USA, Retired, visited this cemetery. Major Van Buren is the brother of 2LT James Frederick Van Buren (B-11-6). The Memorial Custodian escorted Major Van Buren to the gravesite of his brother.
- 6 March 1977 - North Africa Cemetery - Lieutenant General Samuel V. Wilson, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency and Colonel Bobby J. Berry, Executive Assistant to the Director, visited the cemetery. The General was very pleased with his visit and made many complimentary comments regarding the cemetery.
- 15 March 1977 - North Africa Cemetery - Admiral James L. Holloway, CNO - USN, visited this cemetery. Admiral Holloway placed a wreath of natural flowers at the "Stone of Remembrance". Admiral Holloway's comments concerning the beauty, "and pride I feel in visiting this beautiful tribute to our men" were greatly appreciated.

- 24 April 1977 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - The Indonesian Ambassador from Rome, Italy, visited the cemetery.
- 25 April 1977 - Florence Cemetery - The Mayor of San Casciano - Mr. Vasco Agresti, accompanied by a group of Commune officials and former partisans placed a wreath at the Wall of Missing to celebrate the Liberation Day of Italy. Taps were played by the "Vigili" of San Casciano. Present were approximately fifty (50) participants.
- 30 May 1977 - Florence American Cemetery - The Memorial Day Ceremony was held at 11:00 hours. Auspices: American Consulate, Florence - Mr. Robert C. F. Gordon, U. S. Consul General and Mr. Fabrizio Giannozzi, Director of Ceremony. The Presidential Proclamation was read by the Hon. Michael Calingaert, Minister Counselor for Economic & Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy, Rome. Tribute to the Fallen by Major General George W. Putnam, CG, USA, SETAF. Participants were: Italian Under-Secretary of Defense - Hon. Guiseppe Caroli; General Giangiorgio Babasetti de Prun - CG Military REgional HQ of Tuscany & Emilia. The Prefect of Florence - Dr. Rolando Ricci; Commander Carlo Fantacci - American Legion, Italy. General Basile Cottone - CG Italian Air Force School, Florence.

30 May 1977 North Africa Cemetery - A Memorial Day Ceremony was celebrated. Three hundred and twenty two persons participated in this impressive and emotional event. The American Ambassador to Tunisia, the Honorable Edward W. Mulcahy officiated.

Sicily-Rome Cemetery - The Memorial Day Ceremony was held and 29 wreaths were placed. Among the dignitaries present were: The American Ambassador to Italy, the Hon. Richard Gardner; the Italian Undersecretary of State for Defense, the Hon. Americo Petrucci, and the Commander U.S. Sixth Fleet, Vice Admiral Harry D. Train, II, U.S. Navy who was the guest speaker. About 5,300 persons were present.

- 18 July 1977 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - Robert N. Dardano, Sr., National Commander of the Italian American War Veterans, placed a wreath at the base of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue.
- 11 August 1977 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - Mrs. Linda Noe Laine, member Board of Directors of KNOE Radio and Television, Monroe, LA., visited the cemetery, and took photos for release on U.S. television outlets.
- 11 August 1977 - Florence American Cemetery - A representative of the Commune of Florence placed a wreath at the Wall of the Missing. (In memory of the liberation of Florence by Allies, WWII).
- 31 August 1977 - North Africa Cemetery - Mrs. Elsie Morin, widow, visited the grave of her husband, T/SGT Arthur C. Morin (E-19-16). A long-stemmed rose and a capsule were presented to Mrs. Morin to decorate her husband's grave. After her visit throughout the cemetery, Mrs. Morin was shown Sidi Bou Said and Carthage. The Superintendent accompanied Mrs. Morin back to the "Stella Oceanis" where he was thanked for all the services rendered on this "important day", honoring her husband.
- 1 September 1977 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - General Pietro Tolomeo, Head of Italian Office of War Graves, Rome, Italy, visited the cemetery.
- 12 September 1977 - Florence American Cemetery - Miss Patricia Roberts and party, Adm. Asst. to Director, Cemetery Systems, Veterans' Administration, Washington, DC, visited this cemetery.
- 28 September 1977 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 39 former members of the 45th Infantry Division in World War II visited the cemetery and placed a wreath at the base of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue.
- 29 September 1977 - Florence American Cemetery - Major John Reichley, U.S. Army, PIO Officer, 1st Armd. Div. Ansbach, Germany visited this cemetery.
- European Bureau Chief of Stars & Stripes, Mr. Dan Synovec visited the cemetery to take a pictorial story for Stars & Stripes newspaper, and also for the 1st Armd. Div. newspaper - History of Cemetery, ABMC, WWII.

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.

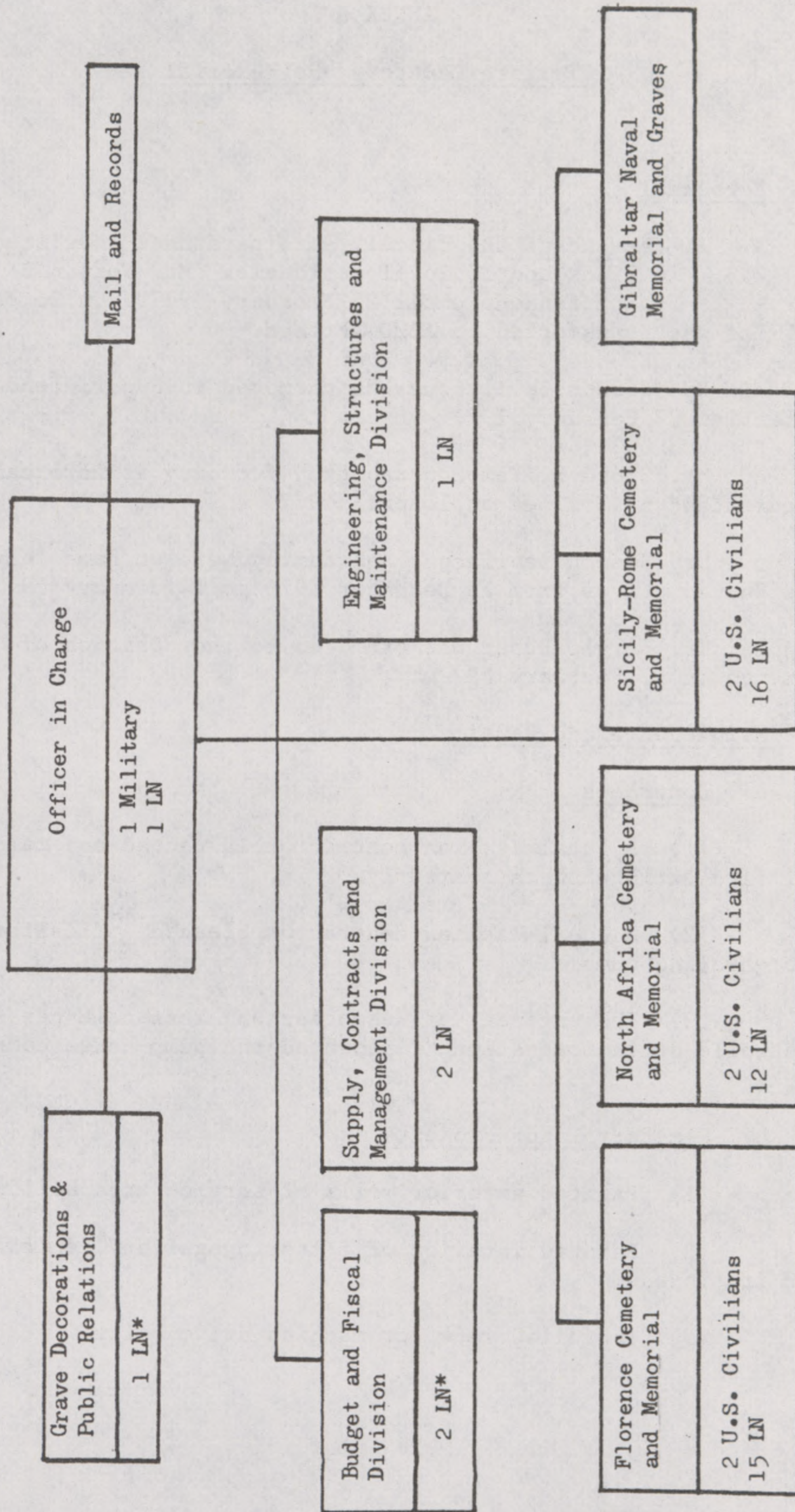
(2) During June 1972, the American Embassy in Tunis presented a draft agreement for operation of the North Africa American Cemetery to the Tunisian Government. Since that time, this agreement has lain almost dormant in the Tunisian Foreign Office. Informal inquiry indicated no objections, but also no indication of any final approval or action. It is hoped the agreement may be finalized in FY 1978. 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:

- ANNEX A - Organization Chart - Mediterranean Office
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- ANNEX E - Gibraltar Naval Memorial

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ORGANIZATION CHART - MEDITERRANEAN OFFICE



LN - Local Nationals

*1 LN - Dual Assignment

Actual Strengths, September 30, 1977.

ANNEX B

Florence Cemetery and Memorial1. Personnel

a. At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 15 local nationals. Mr. Norman B. Iorio served as Superintendent until 25 February 1977. On 26 February 1977 he was transferred to ABMC, France.

b. Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua was promoted to Superintendent effective 27 February 1977.

c. Mr. Stoke R. Kempton reported for duty as Assistant Superintendent Trainee on 1 April 1977.

d. Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua and family were on home leave in the United States from 15 December 1976 to 14 January 1977.

e. Mr. Sergio Bassi was promoted to the position of Gardener Foreman on 13 February 1977.

2. Maintenance and Repaira. Contracts

(1) A local Italian contractor inspected and maintained all fire extinguishers quarterly.

(2) A local Italian contractor cleaned and calibrated the gasoline pump.

(3) The engineer of "Associazione Nazionale per il Controllo della Combustione" inspected the pump-house compression tank.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

(1) Painted exterior walls of service area buildings.

(2) Painted interior of filtering gallery, entrance gates and its roundels.

(3) Installed rack for machine-drive belts.

- (4) Repaired and replaced storm drain pipes at the Memorial area which were damaged due to heavy rains and roots. Constructed two (2) new manholes to clean out drain lines.
- (5) Installed new photo-electric ignition cell for furnace burner (heating system) of office and visitor buildings.
- (6) Washed and treated Wall of Missing, center mall stairs, terraces and curbing stone with "Thaltex Q".
- (7) Replaced broken potable and non-potable water pipes located on bridge under the travertine curbing and periphery pavement.
- (8) Cleaned, washed and waterproofed with "Nubex" all headstones.
- (9) Scraped and refinished teakwood benches.
- (10) Painted interior of toilets in visitors building and Memorial.
- (11) Completed "self help" compost pit project to provide a concrete apron for mixing compost.
- (12) Cut reeds at bottom of the Greve River bed, using chain saw and "Weedy" machine.
- (13) Minor repairs performed on asphalt roads.
- (14) Repaired broken 4 inch water line in center mall area.
- (15) Replanted replacement plants in crataegus hedges.
- (16) Removed dead plane tree in burial area and replaced it with nursery stock.
- (17) Joints on memorial steps were cleaned and old caulking removed. Steps were completely re-caulked. All travertine joints in the memorial area were re-caulked.
- (18) Replaced damaged cypress trees with grafted plants in front section of cemetery.
- (19) Crataegus plants were planted in nursery area to be used as stock to fill-in in the future.
- (20) Applied "Atril M" weed killer to clover areas throughout the cemetery.

(21) Treated all cypress trees with "CAP 50" for protection against disease.

(22) Applied herbicide "Kloben" in rose beds.

(23) Applied "Foliar K" (foliage food) & "Irol" to all laurel, roses and hypericum plants.

(24) Repainted all cemetery signs.

(25) Exterior of pump house building washed and treated with "Thaltox Q".

(26) Scraped, repaired and repainted exterior walls of memorial latrine.

(27) Removed and remounted in place large travertine panel that was out of place at head of bridge.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

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

b. The cemetery maintains a close liaison with the U.S. Consul General and staff at Florence.

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

d. Principal visits and ceremonies are shown in paragraph 5c, Chapter III, Part Two. Of 36,134 visitors, 21,842 were Americans.

4. Conservation of Government Funds

a. Savings in Electrical Energy

(1) Replaced electrical outlet boxes. Changed flourescent tubes and replaced wiring in service group and residences.

(2) Used electrical current only when necessary.

(3) Replaced bulbs and appliances with lower watt bulbs.

b. Savings in Gasoline and Fuel Oil

(1) Kept all vehicles in perfect running condition.

- (2) Motors shut off when parked.
- (3) Tires kept in good condition and checked periodically for correct pressure.
- (4) Used smallest vehicles (APE & Cushman Trucksters) to perform daily maintenance and some petty purchases.
- (5) Kept heating system as low as possible and shut off at night in office, visitors' building and service group area.
- (6) No heavy vehicles or equipment are utilized one day per week.
- (7) Used a lower cost fuel oil for heating system, "Esso Red" in place of Diesel oil.

c. Savings in Utilities

- (1) Installed new water pipes in burial area and bridge area to improve water system.
- (2) Replaced washers and gaskets on all faucets and valves, where needed.
- (3) Constant maintenance of watering equipment was accomplished to maintain maximum saturation when watering.

ANNEX C

North Africa Cemetery and Memorial1. Personnel

a. At the close of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 12 local nationals. Throughout the year Mr. Pedro Rivera, Jr. served as Superintendent and Mr. Patrick M. Hubai as Assistant Superintendent.

b. During the peak growing season the Officer-in-Charge Mediterranean Office, authorized the hire of part-time help to maintain the cemetery at the highest standard. Throughout April to September 1977, this cemetery employed three casual laborers.

c. On 7 November 1976, two local national employees were promoted. Mr. Hassen Ben Arous was promoted from Senior Maintenance Aide, FSL-10, Step-3 to Senior Maintenance Aide (Mason Trainee), FSL-9, Step-1. Mr. Sassi Jelloul was promoted from Maintenance Aide, FSL-11, Step-3 to Senior Maintenance Aide, FSL-10, Step-1.

d. Mr. Tahar Ben Mohamed at his request was placed on disability retirement, effective 11 December 1976.

e. On 29 January 1977, Mr. Lotfi Bounouh, probational employee, was separated from further duty. Effective 30 January 1977, Mr. Naceur Khadraoui was hired to fill this vacancy.

f. On 28 February 1977, Mr. Abdallah Ben Mohamed Atoui was employed on a probational basis to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. Tahar Ben Mohamed.

2. Maintenance and Repair

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

b. During winter months, tent caterpillars were cut off low hanging branches of allepo pines throughout the cemetery.

c. Propagated the following flowers and plants in the nursery for their use at this cemetery: carnations, zinnias, marigold, coleus, celosia, portulaca, chrysanthemums, roses lantana, bouganvillea and myoporum.

d. During this period an intensive pruning schedule was administered to stimulate the healthy appearance of trees, shrubs and hedges.

e. Removed "old" myoporum shrubs. Approximately three hundred young myoporum were substituted.

f. The five Peerless pumps used for irrigation received a thorough overhaul.

g. Headstones have been kept in good condition using a high pressure sprayer, soft pumice stone and "Nubex" silicone product.

h. The International Harvester dump truck was shipped to ABMC, European Office, via ocean freight. This large truck was considered to be of more use at a larger installation.

i. Applied aluminum coating to visitors' building, memorial and Chapel roofs.

j. A local contractor enclosed the rear porches of this cemetery's residences. This project was undertaken to provide an additional room to the families.

k. Service building interiors were painted by cemetery employees. Walls were sanded before the initial and final coats of paint were applied.

l. Replaced three (3) broken storm drain grills in the forecourt area.

m. Approximately 250 square meters of perimeter fence was brushed to remove old, scaly paint and then repainted.

n. As an added security measure, the American Embassy, Tunis, supplied locks for this cemetery's residences. These additional door locks were installed by Embassy labor.

o. A kitchen stove hood was installed at residence No. 2.

p. Purchased four (4) window-type "Fedder" air-conditioners for this cemetery's residences. These were purchased through the American Embassy, Tunis.

q. Considerable stone repair work was accomplished.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

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

b. During the reporting period there were 12,259 visitors of which 4,435 were Americans.

ANNEX D

Sicily-Rome Cemetery and Memorial1. Personnel

a. At the end of the reporting period, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 16 local nationals. Mr. Dominic T. Valentine served as Superintendent throughout the year. Mr. Galen M. Boone served as Assistant Superintendent throughout the year.

b. Mr. Vittorio Banda, an Italian local national, who served as utility mechanic, retired on 26 August 1977.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. Sprayed all cypress trees with Bordeaux Mixture as a preventive measure against a cypress fungus.

b. Applied protective treatment to roof beams and woodwork of residences and garage plus wood floor, sliding door and furniture of visitors' building, and chapel benches.

c. Replaced automatic magnetotermico switches in garage building, memorial toilets and chapel memorial building.

d. Repaired 3rd Division Monument.

e. Repaired masonry ditches.

f. Repaired tufo and masonry walls.

g. Mounted Orpheus Statue, south garden, Memorial area.

h. Installed an additional 18 meters of pipe to connect cemetery to the new Carano potable water line vicinity service gate entrance.

i. Retouched with paint flagpoles, Memorial area.

j. Retouched gilding on the Medal of Honor crosses.

k. Varnished, cleaned and repaired teakwood benches.

l. Repaired and painted cemetery and road signs.

- m. Minor repairs were made to asphalt roads.
- n. All structures checked and minor repairs performed and painted where necessary.
- o. Pruned 310 trees and 85 shrubs and trimmed 6 miles of hedges.
- p. Planted flowering annuals in the nursery area to provide cut flowers for the Chapel and the visitors' room.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

- a. 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.
- b. The high standards of service to the public continued at the Sicily-Rome cemetery and every request for information or assistance was met.
- c. Principal visits and ceremonies are shown in paragraph 5c, Chapter III, Part Two.
- d. During the reporting period there were 165,576 visitors of which 39,156 were Americans.

4. Conservation of Government Funds

a. Savings in Electrical Energy

- (1) All lights were turned off when no one was using them. Only lights for the normal operations were used.
- (2) All windows and doors were closed to insure that the heat is not lost due to having windows and doors open.
- (3) Thermostats in all buildings set at a reasonable level so that heating fuel will not be wasted.

b. Savings in Gasoline and Fuel Oil

- (1) Engines of all motor vehicles and horticultural equipment were kept in perfect tune-up.
- (2) For patrol of the cemetery only the small 3 wheel scooters were used.
- (3) Vehicles were used only for essential tasks. Trips were combined whenever possible.

(4) All burners of the heating systems were kept in good operating condition.

c. Savings in Utilities

Long and local distance calls were reduced by using the telephone only when urgent business required immediate action.

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, inspected this Memorial in January 1977. It was in fine condition, needing only minor maintenance, which was provided by local officers.

2. Graves of U.S. Servicemen

There are 7 graves of U.S. Servicemen from World War I and the Korean War in Gibraltar at the North Front Cemetery. Inspection revealed that all of these graves are in top flite condition following the rehabilitation work carried out in previous years.

There are also five U.S. Navy graves that date from 1817 to 1831. Some work was needed on these graves, and work was accomplished by a local contractor using funds provided by the U.S. Navy. All graves are now in excellent condition.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission will provide further routine maintenance without reimbursement from the United States.



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