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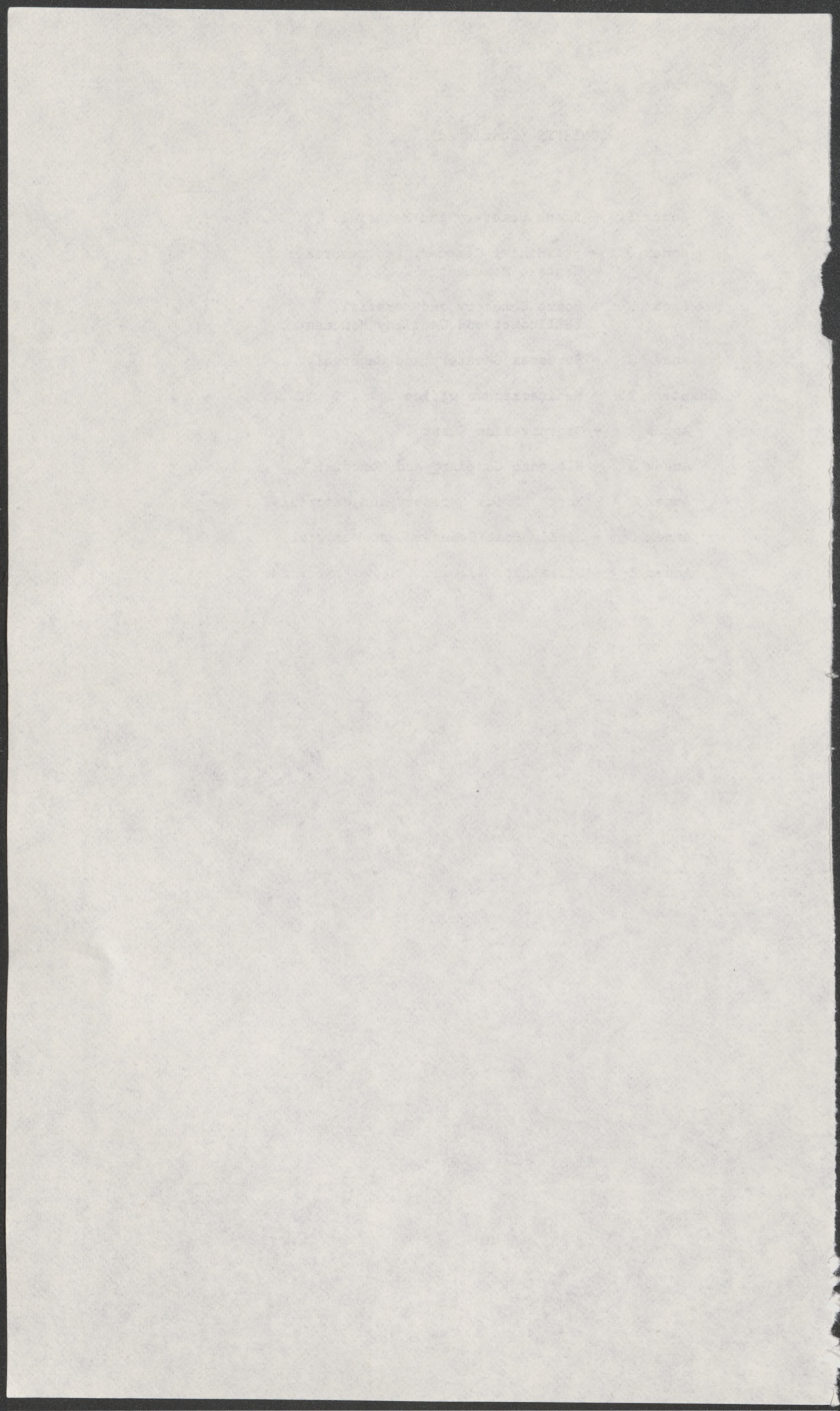
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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

14 August 1980

Senator Alan Cranston, Chairman
Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs
Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

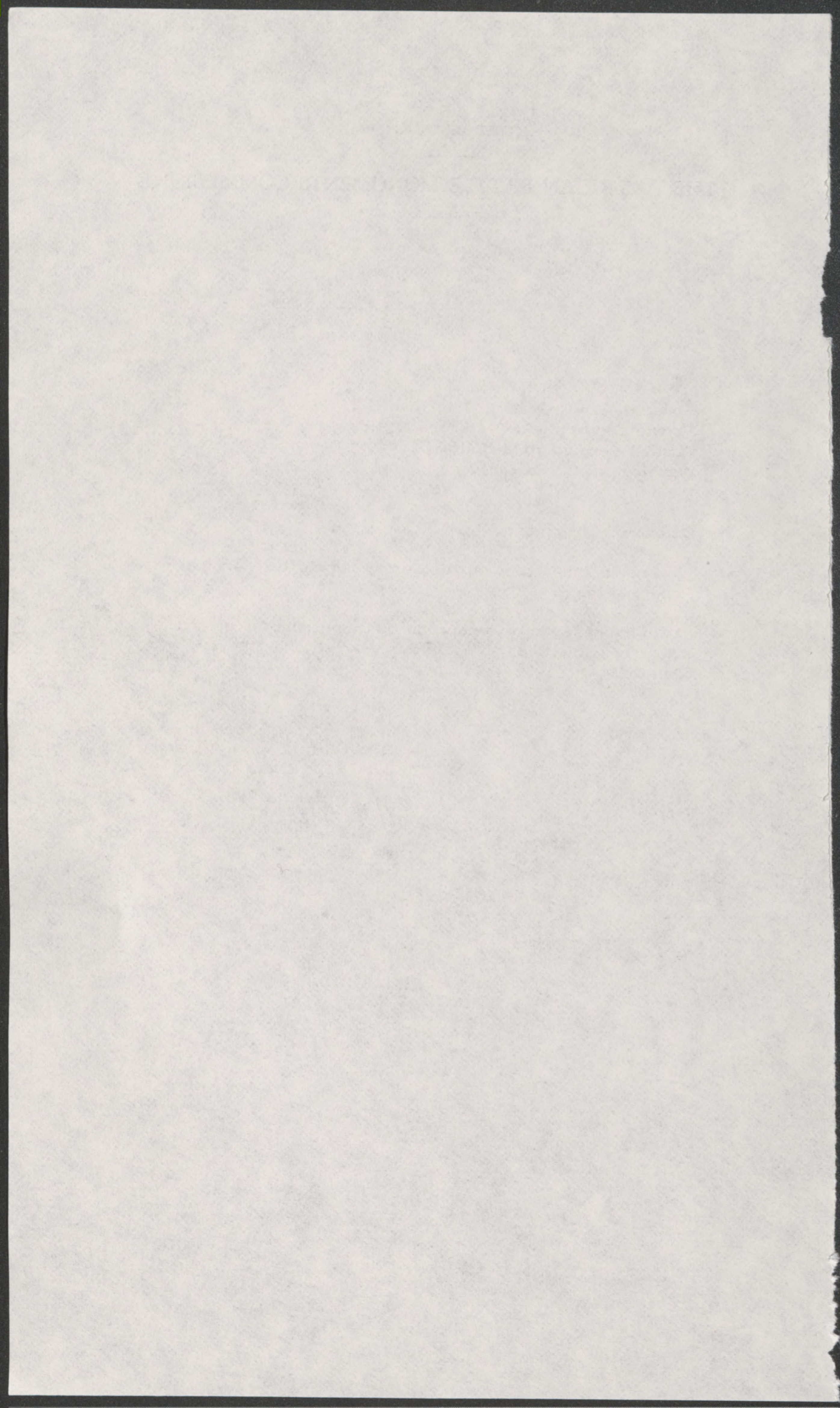
Enclosed is a copy of this Commission's 1979 Annual Report to the President.

In the past you have reproduced this report for us and if it is possible to do so again this year we shall be very grateful.

Sincerely,

A. J. Adams
A. J. ADAMS
Major General, USA
Secretary

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AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

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FOREWORD

It is my pleasure to submit to you, Mr. President, the Annual Report of the American Battle Monuments Commission for Fiscal Year 1979. 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 employees of the Commission of its activities, problems and plans.

During the fiscal year, the membership was changed. The Chairman, General Mark W. Clark; the Vice Chairman, Honorable Charles E. Potter; and the Honorable Alfred P. Chamie were retained. On 27 November 1978, Lieutenant General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., USAF, (Ret); Honorable T. Harry Gatton; Lieutenant General James M. Gavin, USA (Ret); Brigadier General Anna Mae Hays, USA (Ret); Admiral James L. Holloway, III, USN (Ret); Honorable Oliver E. Meadows; Honorable John M. Pope; and General Louis H. Wilson, USMC, (Ret) were appointed. The 100th meeting of the Commission was held on 11 April 1979.

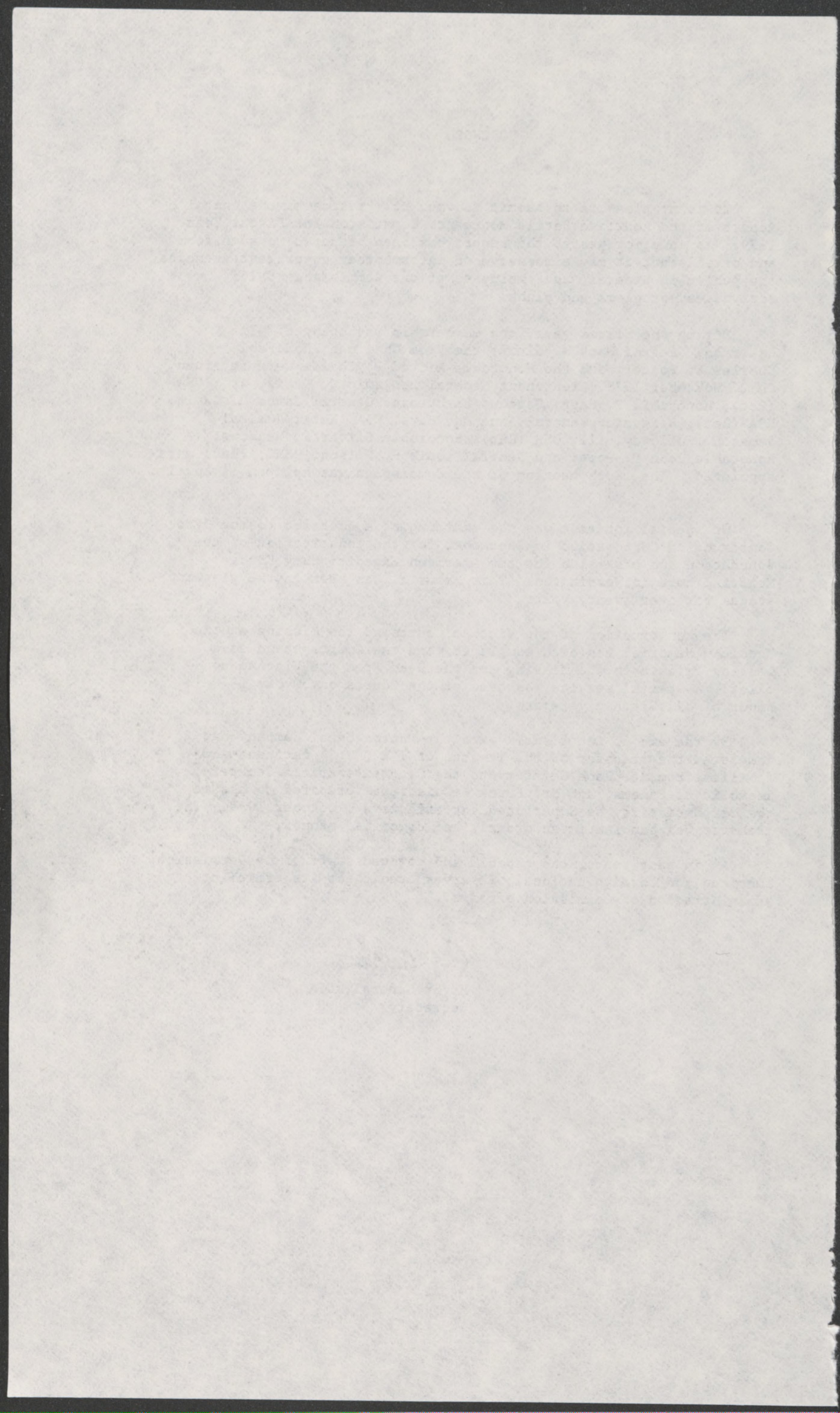
Of special interest was the awarding of a contract to the Tyroc Construction Corporation in September for the construction of the foundation and base slab for the American Expeditionary Forces Memorial here in Washington. This Memorial has been in the planning stages for over twenty years.

The construction of the Vietnam Courts of the Missing at the Honolulu Memorial has been completed, and the Courts stand as a lasting tribute to the Missing and the Dead from the Vietnam conflict. A special service was held at the Courts on 30 May 1979 in honor of all Vietnam veterans.

By the end of the fiscal year, the Panama Canal Company had completed the transfer of the remains of 1,120 U.S. citizens and families from Mt. Hope Cemetery to the Corozal American Cemetery, Republic of Panama, and Mr. Frank DeGuisti was prepared to assume the responsibility as Superintendent effective 1 October 1979. The transfer was handled in an orderly and dignified manner.

As in past years, the capable and devoted staff of the Commission, American and foreign national, deserves credit for its efficient administration of Commission affairs.

A. J. Adams
A. J. ADAMS
Major General, USA
Secretary



PART ONE

GENERAL REPORT

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THE YEAR

THE HISTORY

CHAPTER I

Commission Meetings and Inspections by Members

1. Meetings

The 100th Meeting of the Commission was held in Washington on 11 April 1979. The Chairman and all members were present. Principal subjects of discussion and actions taken were as follows:

a. As a part of his opening remarks, the Chairman welcomed the new members to the Commission who were appointed by the President on 27 November 1978.

b. The organization and staffing of the Commission and its field offices were explained. Staff discussed the recent personnel reductions and the effect they have on our operations. The Commission agreed that some action is required to restore some of the lost spaces, particularly the five U.S. spaces taken from the European Office.

c. Staff explained the complex maintenance problems encountered at our cemeteries are similar to those at isolated military posts. Without adequate funding and personnel the backlog of maintenance projects has grown to over one million dollars.

d. Staff explained the status of the memorial to General Pershing and the men of the American Expeditionary Forces to be built in Washington. The design is progressing well and is expected to be approved by the Fine Arts Commission in May 1979. Work should begin on the foundation during the summer of 1979.

e. Staff reported on the status of the construction of the Vietnam Courts of the Missing at the Honolulu Memorial. The contractor had completed all work except the tinting of the names of the Missing. The quality of the work was outstanding.

f. Staff explained that as a result of Executive Order 12115 of 19 January 1979, the Commission would assume responsibility for the operation of the American sector of the Corozal Cemetery in the Republic of Panama on 1 October 1979. Mr. Frank DeGuisti, Superintendent of the Lorraine American Cemetery, had been appointed as Superintendent of Corozal American Cemetery and would arrive in Panama in July 1979.

g. Staff explained that the United States and France had signed an agreement whereby control of the historic site Point-du-Hoc would pass to the United States. This point overlooks Omaha Beach, France and was captured by the American 2nd Ranger Battalion early in the morning of D-Day, 6 June 1944. A monument was built by the French to honor Colonel Earl Rudder and the men of the 2nd Ranger Battalion.

h. Staff gave the status of the Saipan Memorial, commemorating the Americans who lost their lives liberating the Northern Marianas during World War II. Plans for a simple pylon, two feet square, rising 12 feet above its base and with an appropriate inscription, have been sent to our Rome office for procurement.

i. Staff explained the status of our FY 1980 budget request and the impact the declining value of the dollar is having on our ability to procure supplies and execute maintenance contracts.

2. Inspections

a. During the period 5-11 September 1979, General Louis H. Wilson, USMC (Ret) and Lieutenant General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., USAF (Ret) visited the Rome office and inspected Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Florence American Cemetery. They reported that both cemeteries were in excellent condition.

b. During the period 22 - 28 September 1979, the Honorable T. Harry Gatton and the Honorable John M. Pope inspected cemeteries Lorraine, St. Mihiel, Epinal, Henri-Chapell, Meuse-Argonne, Luxembourg, and Netherlands. They reported that all cemeteries visited were in outstanding condition.

CHAPTER II

Personnel

1. 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 in Commission business.

b. In the spring of FY 1978, the members of the Commission submitted their resignations to the President since all had been appointed by one of his predecessors. Eight resignations were accepted.

c. The three continuing members of the Commission 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 Alfred P. Chamie	12 Nov 1971

d. The eight new members appointed, effective 28 November 1978, by President Carter were:

Lieutenant General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., USAF (Ret)
Honorable T. Harry Gatton
Lieutenant General James M. Gavin, USA (Ret)
Brigadier General Anna Mae Hays, USA (Ret)
Admiral James L. Holloway, III, USN (Ret)
Honorable Oliver E. Meadows
Honorable John M. Pope
General Louis H. Wilson, USMC (Ret)

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

2. Other Personnel

a. Key Personnel

Colonel Fred D. Clarke, Jr., Director of Personnel and Administration in the Washington Office for a period of ten years reverted to retirement on 31 July 1979. Colonel Clarke was replaced by Colonel Clayton L. Moran, who reported for duty on 1 June 1979.

b. Personnel Authorization

(1) The Commission's personnel requirements were six military officers on active duty (four in the Washington office and one each in the European and Mediterranean office), 50 U.S. civil service employees (43 in foreign countries, of which 37 were required as superintendents or assistant superintendents of the memorial cemeteries) and 379 permanent and 6 part time local national employees.

(2) The Commission has a FY 1979 authorized personnel strength of six military officers, 45 U.S. civil service employees (38 in foreign countries, of which 32 are authorized as superintendents or assistant superintendents of the memorial cemeteries) and 332 permanent and six part time local national employees that on 30 September 1979 were distributed as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilian</u> <u>U.S. Citizen</u>	<u>Local National</u>
Washington Office	4	7	
European Area	1	30	243
Mediterranean Area	1	5	48
Asian Area (Manila)		2	40
Mexico City		1	1
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Total	6	45	332*

* In addition, 5 part time LN employees in the European Area and 1 part time LN employee in the Mediterranean Area.

CHAPTER III

Organization

1. 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 Engineering and Maintenance 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 MATTERS

1. Appropriation for Salaries and Expenses

The Commission's Fiscal Year 1979 appropriation was \$7,425,000.00.

2. Construction Funds

As part of the technical agreement to the Commonwealth Covenant between the United States and the Northern Mariana Islands, the United States was required to erect a memorial to the Americans who lost their lives in the liberation of the Northern Marianas during World War II. The above appropriation contained \$40,000 in no-year funds to construct a simple memorial pylon on Muchot Point midway up the coast of Saipan. It will be an element in an American Memorial Park being developed by the National Park Service. Of these funds, \$30,000 were obligated in Fiscal 1979 to procure the stone.

3. Obligation of Funds

During Fiscal Year 1979, the below listed obligations by object classification were incurred by the Commission:

Personnel compensation	\$4,364,754
Personnel benefits	1,400,331
Benefits for former personnel	36,150
Travel and transportation of persons	53,541
Transportation of things	94,950
Rent, communications and utilities	246,859
Printing and reproduction	17,351
Other services (contractual services for main- tenance and repair of facilities and equipment	436,674
Supplies and materials	537,435
Equipment	226,928
Insurance claims and indemnities	11
Total	<u>\$7,414,984</u>

CHAPTER V

Maintenance and Repair of Existing Federal Memorials and Cemeteries

1. 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 Memorials

1. 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's architect, Mr. Wallace Harrison, in coordination with the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation developed a plan for the Memorial which was approved by the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capitol Planning Commission. The Memorial consists of an elevated granite terrace sixty-five by forty-two feet. There is an eight foot statue of General Pershing flanked by two walls ten feet high. One wall will contain two battle maps with accompanying narratives. The other wall will contain a quotation of General Pershing praising the men of the AEF.

c. In September a contract was awarded to the Tyroc Construction Corporation of Washington, DC for the construction of the foundation and the base slab. This work would be completed in December and a second contract is envisioned for the remaining work, less the statue.

2. Vietnam Memorial

a. Two additional half courts are being added to the existing eight courts of the Honolulu Memorial at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. It will pay tribute to the Dead and the Missing of Vietnam. The names of the 2,489 Missing are inscribed on marble panels similar to the existing courts. A tribute to the Dead is inscribed on the front face of the panels.

b. On 14 September 1978, a contract was awarded to the Pacific Terrazzo and Tile Corporation for the erection of the Italian stone at the Memorial. Work was completed in May 1979.

3. Saipan Memorial

a. As a part of the Technical Agreements to the Covenant between the United States and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the United States agreed to construct, at its own expense, a memorial to

the Americans who lost their lives in the liberation of the Northern Marianas during World War II. Plans have been prepared and discussed with Governor Carlos S. Camacho for a memorial to be constructed at the American Memorial Park, Muchot Point, Saipan. Funds have been included in the Commission's FY 1979 Budget Request.

b. A contract was awarded in September 1979 to Industria Marmi E Graniti, S.P.A. to furnish a twelve foot pylon of Balmoral granite with an appropriate inscription. In August 1979 the National Park Service was assigned the responsibility of developing the American Memorial Park. The Commission is working with the Park Service in the siting of the monument.

CHAPTER VII

Non Federal Memorials

1. 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. 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 Public

1. Inquiries and Requests for Information and Assistance

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

Name, location, and general information concerning a particular 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 in place.

During the fiscal year, 5,328 written replies to inquiries concerning these services were made. Whatever the request, all possible assistance was given.

b. A number of inquiries were received from individuals and associations requesting advice on the design and construction of private monuments and memorials. Technical advice and guidance reflecting the Commission's broad experience in this field were furnished.

c. As in past years, articles concerning the Commission's cemetery memorials and the services it provides appeared in numerous newspapers and military and veterans publications.

d. Letters were sent to 2,586 Travel Agents throughout the United States encouraging them to include the Commission's cemetery memorials in their tours. A copy of the letter is at Annex B.

2. Andrews Project

Named for its sponsor, the late Congressman George W. Andrews, this activity of the Commission provides that relatives of the Dead interred in its cemeteries or memorialized on its Tablets of the Missing 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, tens of thousands of lithographs have been provided relatives and friends, 1,309 in Fiscal Year 1979.

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 on Memorial and Veterans' Day. Each year, the number of pilgrimages and tours by relatives and veterans organizations increases. During many of these visits, special wreath-laying ceremonies are held to honor the War Dead. A number of these visits and ceremonies are described in Part Two.

4. Visitors

There were 7,418,822 American and foreign visitors to the Commission's memorials and cemeteries during fiscal 1979. As in past years, these visitors wrote hundreds of commendatory letters concerning the Commission's work. Copies of two of these letters concerning visits during the reporting period are attached as Annex C.

5. Publications

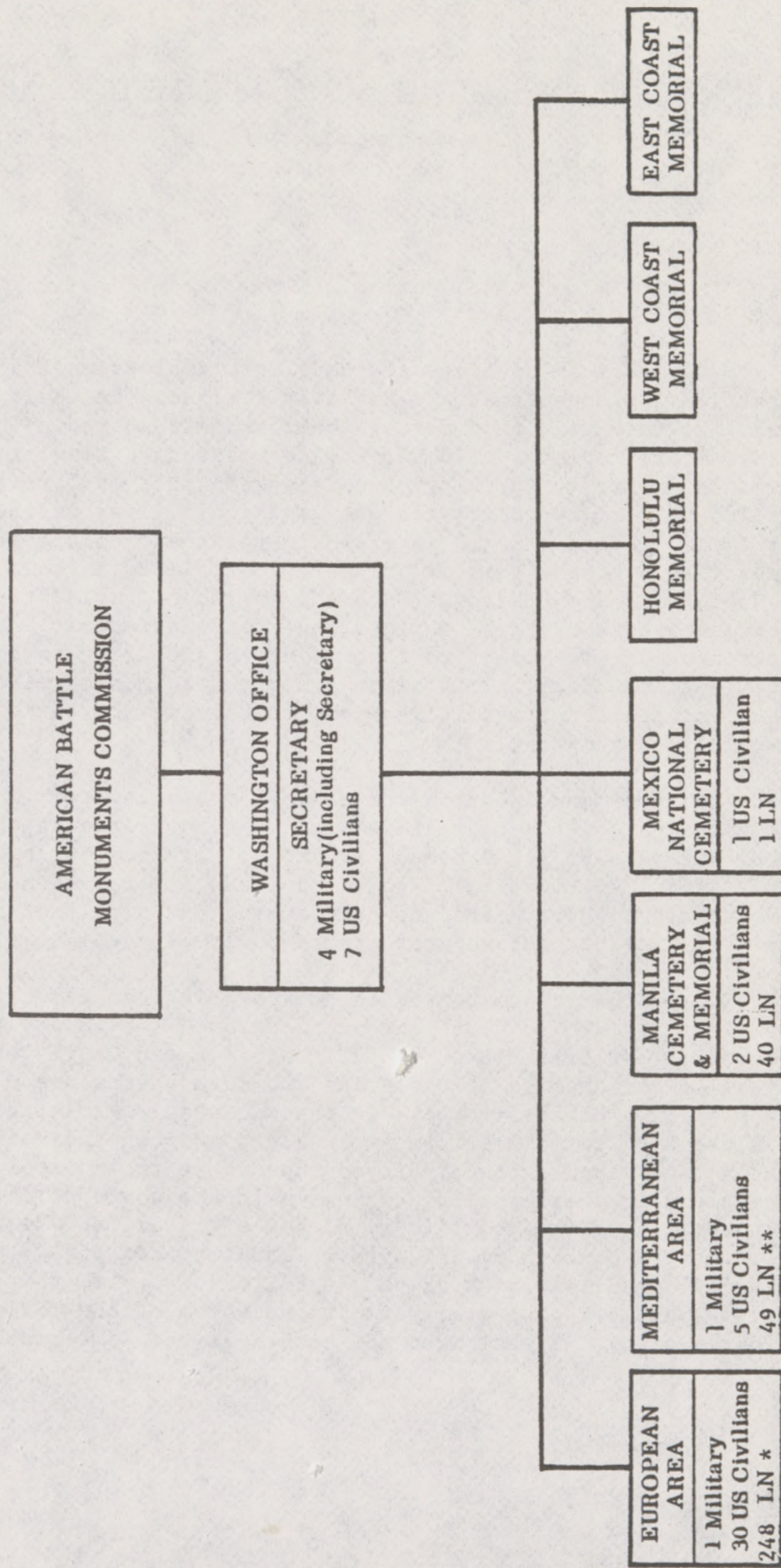
During the fiscal year, the booklet for Cambridge American Cemetery was rewritten and published. A copy is attached at Annex D.

6. 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. The film continues very well received by its viewers.

ANNEX A

Overall Organization Chart



* includes 5 part time

** includes 1 part time

LN - Local Nationals

Actual Strengths, 30 September 1979

ANNEX B

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

Dear Travel Agent:

Many American tourists are under the impression that embassies and consulates are the sole reminders of their native land that they will find during their travels abroad. This is not the case. Since World War I, Americans have been tending permanent military burial grounds and memorials on foreign soil for 185,000 fellow countrymen who gave their lives during World War I and II, and who are interred in permanent battlefield cemeteries of those wars or who are memorialized in them by name on Tablets of the Missing. Once the American tourist traveling overseas learns of these shrines and their incomparable beauty, the scheduling of visits to them is often appealing to both individual tourists and those on group tours. Information about these shrines and travel directions to them may be found in the enclosed pamphlet.

The names and locations of many of these cemetery memorials and monuments will be familiar to you -- Meuse-Argonne, Belleau Wood, Flanders Field, Montsec, Ardennes, Normandy, Omaha Beach, North Africa, Sicily-Rome, Anzio, Manila. All recall battles and campaigns where Americans have fought and died, not in their own self interest but so that others could be free.

To say that these battlefield cemeteries and memorials are beautiful or worthy of the men and women they honor is an understatement that cannot be fully appreciated until you have actually seen them. For those who do, such visits are often the highlight of their trip. In the words of one visitor, "I felt proud to be an American as I walked through the meticulously landscaped grounds, viewed the monuments and sculptures and prayed in the beautiful chapel." In the words of another, "how thrilled I was to visit my father's gravesite. It was difficult to contain my pride in my country when I saw the beautiful memorial in which he was buried. Surely, this is the finest example I have ever seen of the worth of the individual in our society. I was proud and humble at the same time."

The care and maintenance of these shrines is no happy accident. The superintendents and assistant superintendents are American veterans carefully selected for their empathy and tact in dealing with the public and their knowledge of horticulture, maintenance and construction. All are knowledgeable in the military actions which took place in their regions and are true ambassadors of good will who will go to extraordinary lengths to make a visit memorable.

Each of these cemetery memorials has been designed as an individually distinctive shrine to the Dead of World War I or II by eminent American architects, landscape architects and artists. All are located at or near the scene of major military action and contain a small chapel, tablets listing by name the Missing in the region, and a comfortable and appointed visitors room where an employee is on duty at all times to answer questions and help locate a particular grave or memorial site. The World War II cemeteries additionally have large battle maps with narratives depicting the course of the war in the region.

The following information and services are provided by the Commission to relatives without cost: name, location and general information about one of its cemeteries or memorials; plot, row and grave numbers if appropriate; best routes and modes of travel in-country to the cemetery or memorial; general information about accommodations available in their vicinity; escort service within the cemetery; letters authorizing fee-free passports for members of the immediate family traveling overseas specifically to visit a grave or memorial site; black and white photographs for relatives and friends of headstones or the sections of the Tablets of the where the servicemen's names appear; large color lithographs of the cemeteries; arrangements for floral decoration of grave and memorial sites when funded for by a donor.

As of possible interest to your clients, we have enclosed a general fact sheet on the Commission and a memorandum outlining the requirements for fee-free passports. Because the cost of suitable floral decorations varies in each locality, a floral price list has also been enclosed. Each time decorations are placed through the Commission, a color polaroid photograph of the decoration in place is taken and mailed to the donor.

When you include visits to our cemetery memorials in a tour package, we suggest that you advise the Officer in Charge of

the field office concerned ahead of time to let him know the date of arrival at each location and the number in the party so that the group will be expected. The addresses and telephone numbers of these offices may be found on the back of the pamphlet. A visit to one of our shrines is an experience no American should miss and one no one will forget.

We look forward to serving you.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Ryan Jr.
WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR.
Colonel, AD
Director of Operations
and Finance

Enclosures

ANNEX C

Mrs. Edward A. Albrecht
54-47 65th Place
Maspeth, New York 11378

August 11, 1979

Colonel William E. Ryan, Jr.
Director of Operations and Finance
The American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, DC 20314

Dear Colonel Ryan:

Back in 1975 we wrote to you concerning a visit to the grave of my brother, Thomas J. Davey, at the Military Cemetery in Epinal, France. At that time you sent us marvelously detailed information, but unfortunately some unexpected and large expenses prevented our taking the trip at that time. But this year we were able to, and again you were most helpful in sending the proper authorization letter for my passport and the up-to-date pamphlet. For all this, I thank you very much.

I used the pamphlet for the address of your office in Paris, arranging to have flowers placed on Thomas's grave, and for asking a few questions concerning our Paris arrangements. The response from Administrative Officer James K. Lyons was immediate, helpful and informative beyond anything I either expected or hoped for. Unfortunately our time in Paris was limited to only one day after our cemetery visit or we should like to have visited the office just to say thank you.

I also wrote to the Superintendent at the Cemetery with some questions about Epinal. Again, the letter from Mr. Antonelli was most helpful and informative. As for the visit to the cemetery itself, well, my vocabulary isn't extensive enough nor are there enough superlatives in the dictionary to truly express our feelings. During our stay in Epinal (where no one seems to speak English) we three Americans had a wonderful time and found the people there friendly and helpful; but if Mr. Antonelli is the only American they see on a regular basis, I can understand why they are so friendly: he is certainly a marvelous "ambassador" for the United States. He and his assistant, Mr. Cheek, couldn't have been more thoughtful, kind, understanding, helpful or friendly. We had the pleasure, too, of meeting Mr. Antonelli's wife, and both of them have to be the most friendly and hospitable people in all of France!

Thomas was my very much loved only brother. For 34 years I've wondered if it was right to leave him overseas (and my parents

wondered likewise during their lifetimes). My visit has set both my mind and heart at rest. The cemetery, in so lovely a setting, is beautiful and so meticulously maintained. The annual Memorial Service is better attended than anything this side of the Atlantic; and while we were there (on a Monday and Tuesday) there were several groups of local people just "making a visit." My brother and his comrades won't be forgotten, I am sure.

Since my return I've told my travel agent (as well as my traveling friends) that an American Military Cemetery should be included in the things to see overseas. Not only for the obvious reason: we too often forget that our freedom to travel was assured at a very high cost of lives -- a detour to say "we remember" shouldn't be too much to ask. But since my own visit, I think there are two reasons just as important: to feel awfully proud to be an American, as one sees how these small bits of America are so beautifully designed and maintained; and to feel a good bit of satisfaction as we see that one part of the American government (or however you may wish to express it), the A.B.M.C., really is doing its job not only well, but superlatively well!

I am quite active both in my community and in the American Legion Auxiliary and know from my experience and that of others that letters to "officialdom" are seldom answered; if they are answered, the response is never to the questions asked; and that more things are done carelessly or not at all than are done as they should be. So even though this letter is very long, I just had to write and through you, to commend the A.B.M.C. on all levels: Washington, Paris, and Epinal for its marvelous work. As an American, as a taxpayer, and most of all as Thomas's sister, I am deeply grateful to everyone involved.

Hope you don't mind, but I'm sending copies of this letter to Mr. Lyons and Mr. Antonelli so they know I appreciate their help. And also to my Congresswoman: I'm sure she will be glad to get something that isn't a complaint!

What could have been a sad and depressing trip was a sentimental, reassuring and memorable one instead and my husband, young son and I thank all of you for making it possible to write that.

Sincerely and gratefully

/s/ Florence Davey Albrecht

ANNEX C

The Parker Pen Company
Janesville, Wisconsin 53545

June 5, 1979

The American Battle Monuments Commission
4C014 Forrestal Building
10-0 Independence Avenue
Washington, DC 20314

Good Morning,

My wife and I just returned from a vacation trip to Europe. While in France we drove to visit Mont St. Michel.

As we left there heading for Rouen we saw signs for the Brittany Cemetery and decided to pay it a quick visit. What a beautiful and moving experience for both of us. When we signed the guest book, the man in charge suggested that since we were planning to drive for a way along the Normandy coast that we might care to also visit the Normandy Cemetery.

When we arrived it was late in the afternoon and because a fog was drifting in, we almost didn't stop and go in. How glad we are that we did because the bronze statue "Spirit of American Youth" was one of the most moving and beautiful pieces of art we saw on our trip that included Athens, Rome, Florence, Paris, London and many other cities... magnificent! I have never been prouder of an American effort and on behalf of both my wife and I we wanted to share this feeling with your Commission. Not only was the basic planning beautifully executed but the care on a daily basis is outstanding and warrants special recognition.

Our only wish is that many more Americans visit these and other American Cemeteries in foreign lands. We had both visited Arlington National and Pearl Harbour but our emotions in France were both stronger and clearer... you have created a final home away from home for these brave sons.

Congratulations... please continue this high level of care and concern.

/s/ Russ French

cc Senator Proxmire

ANNEX D

BOOKLET

WORLD WAR II
CAMBRIDGE AMERICAN CEMETERY

BOOKLET OMITTED

PART TWO

REPORTS ON INDIVIDUAL OFFICES, CEMETERIES
AND MEMORIALS

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

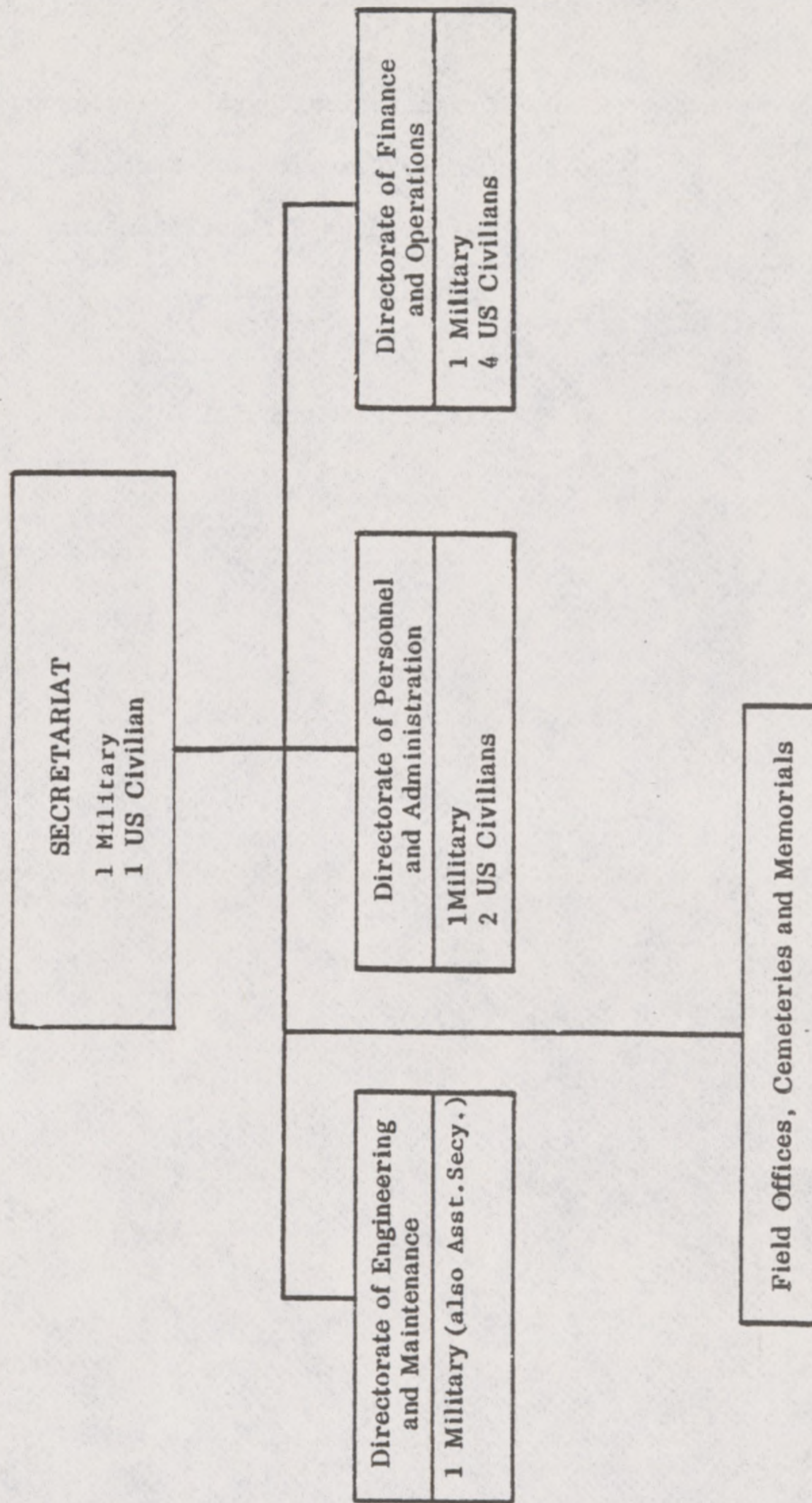
As in past years, Mr. John F. Harbeson of Harbeson, Hough, Livingston and Larson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was retained as the Commission's consulting architect.

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 Memorial

1. Personnel

a. Strength

On 30 September 1978, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 40 local national employees. Mr. William J. Gaulty and Mr. Robert E. Hockman served as Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, respectively.

b. Important Personnel Actions and Events

(1) Mr. Joseph V. Darby, Superintendent, departed the cemetery on 10 August 1979 and retired on 31 August 1979. On 2 September 1979, Mr. William J. Gaulty was promoted to Superintendent.

(2) on 31 August 1979, Mr. Robert E. Hockman was appointed Assistant Superintendent (Trainee).

(3) In compliance with the U.S. Embassy Compensation Plan, the salary of the Filipino employees was increased approximately 5% on 5 November 1978.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. Contracts

(1) The contract with Sentinel Watchman & Protective Agency, Inc. was terminated on 28 November 1978.

(2) A contract was awarded to Industrial Technologists, Inc. for the repair of the waterproof membrane on the roof of the Memorial Hemicycle. Work was completed on 20 February 1979.

(3) A submersible pump for Well No. 2 was installed and tested on 7 March 1979. The well now produces over 500 gallons per minute.

(4) Under separate contracts, Industrial Technologists, Inc. repaired roads and the Visitors Building roof.

(5) A contract was awarded to W. A. Chittick & Co. for the

installation of burglar and fire alarms in the residences. By 30 September 1979, most of the work was complete.

(6) P. I. Well Drillers, Inc. began a study of Well No. 3 on 14 September 1979, which should be completed in October 1979.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

(1) The wrought iron grills on the Visitors Building were painted.

(2) The exterior of the Chapel was cleaned with a high pressure spray.

(3) Doors, fabricated by cemetery personnel, were installed in front of the compost pits. Composting was resumed.

(4) Lawns were verticutted, mowed and fertilized.

(5) Inscriptions on the headstones of the Medal of Honor recipients were regilded.

(6) The warehouse exterior was repainted.

(7) The rest rooms at the memorial and the adjacent railings were painted. The nosing on the steps leading to the rest rooms was replaced.

(8) The badly eroded area inside of east entrance wall was filled and compacted.

(9) An 18 foot length of four inch pipe was replaced in section L.

(10) The ditch to the rear of the warehouse was lined with masonry to prevent further eroding.

(11) Continually hand weeded fine lawns and treated areas afflicted by fungus with fungicide, Elosal.

(12) Caulking performed as required on Visitors Building and memorial structures and walkways.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. Ceremonies, Visitors and Events

5 October 1978 - A photograph of General Jonathan M. Wainwright was presented to Colonel Manuel Acosta, PA (Retired), Director of Military Memorials Division, Philippines Ministry of National Defense, for display in the Pacific War Memorial on Corregidor.

18 October 1978 - 10 World War II Veterans of the 339th Engineering Group presented a floral wreath at our chapel. Honor guard, flag bearers, firing detail, band and bugler were furnished by the Philippine Army.

29 November 1978 - 28 missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints held a conference and sang hymns at the cemetery.

5 December 1978 - A floral wreath was presented at our chapel by Mrs. Earl Bigalow, National President, American Legion Auxiliary.

18 December 1978 - Mr. John M. Carey, National Commander, the American Legion, presented a floral wreath at the chapel.

3 February 1979 - An AMVETS delegation (about 60 people) presented a floral wreath at our chapel. Honor guard, firing detail, wreath bearers, color guard, band and bugler were furnished by the Philippine Army.

12 February 1979 - Members of the Association of 503rd parachute RCT presented a floral wreath at our chapel. Honor guard, flag detail, band and bugler were furnished by the Philippine Army.

26 March 1979 - General Louis H. Wilson, USMC, Commandant and ABMC Commissioner visited the cemetery and memorial and presented a floral wreath at the chapel on behalf of ABMC.

9 April 1979 - A floral wreath was received from Philippine Prime Minister and President and Mrs. Ferdinand E. Marcos for the 38th anniversary of the Fall of Bataan.

28 May 1979 - A solemn and fitting Memorial Day Service was held at the memorial at 5:00 p.m. Principal speakers were Philippine President and Prime Minister Ferdinand E. Marcos and U.S. Ambassador Richard W. Murphy.

7 June 1979 - General Prem, CINC, Royal Army of Thailand, visited the cemetery.

12 June 1979 - A floral wreath sent by Prime Minister and President Ferdinand E. Marcos was displayed at our chapel for Philippine Independence Day.

9 September 1979 - Honorable John Evans, Governor of the State of Idaho and Mrs. Evans visited the cemetery and memorial.

b. From 1 October 1978 to 30 September 1979, floral emplacements on graves made at request of kin and friends totaled 512.

c. From 1 October 1978 to 30 September 1979 230,070 Americans and 334,510 others visited the cemetery.

d. On 20 December 1978, the grave of British Chief Officer O'Robyns-Owen at the Manila North Cemetery was inspected.

ANNEX C

Mexico City National Cemetery

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, personnel consisted of one U. S. civilian and two local nationals. Mr. Bruce Snyder served as superintendent throughout the fiscal year.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. The spalling around the wall crypts was repaired and the area was painted with a cement slurry.

b. A second gas reservoir was installed in the rear of the residence.

c. The inner face of the south wall was stuccoed to match the surrounding surface.

d. The interior of the windows and the doors were sanded and repainted.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

October 15, 1978 - Senorita Allesia Robles, former engineer for Mexico City, visited the cemetery.

October 22, 1978 - Colonel Nunzio Cappodona, Air Attache, U.S. Embassy inspected the cemetery.

February 3, 1979 - The great-grandson of Mr. John Ayers, early superintendent of the cemetery and buried at the cemetery, visited.

February 15, 1979 - Mr. John M. Carey, National Commander of the American Legion, visited the cemetery and placed a wreath at the monument.

March 5, 1979 - Major General Andrew J. Adams, Secretary, ABMC, inspected the cemetery.

May 30, 1979 - Memorial Day services were held by the American Legion. Over one hundred people attended.

September 9, 1979 - Colonel Frederick C. Badger, Director of Engineering and Maintenance, ABMC, inspected the cemetery.

During the fiscal year, 133 Americans and 30 others visited the cemetery.

ANNEX D

Honolulu Memorial

1. Personnel

This Memorial is located in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, under the 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. New Construction

a. Industria Marmi e Graniti of Viareggio, Italy completed the inscription of the names of the 2,489 Missing from Vietnam on the marble panels, carving the bas-relief embellishments, boxed and crated the stone and shipped it to Honolulu in August 1978. It arrived on September 14, 1978.

b. A contract was awarded by the Pacific Ocean Division, Corps of Engineers to the Pacific Terrazzo and Tile Corporation of Honolulu for Phase II, Vietnam Courts. The work included receiving the stone at the docks at Honolulu and erecting it at the memorial, and installing a texturized concrete floor over the reinforced concrete slab. Work was completed in May 1979. The courts are a fine tribute to the Missing and Dead of Vietnam.

c. Stainless steel handrails were installed on the grand stairs of the memorial.

3. Maintenance

a. Three replacement panels for the existing Courts were shipped with the new stone from Italy. The Pacific Terrazzo and Tile Corporation installed these panels as a part of their contract.

b. The plumbing in the men's rest room burst and was replaced.

4. Services to and Relations with the Public

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

b. Some of the visitors include:

8 October 1978 - A memorial service was held by the Annual Jewish Joint Services, Temple Emanuel and Aloha Jewish Chapter with 52 members present.

28 October 1978 - A service was held by Archbishop K. Otagawa in honor of the 75th anniversary of Hawaii's Soto Sect (Japanese Zen Buddhists) with 180 in attendance.

31 October 1978 - RADM S. Omuro, Commander, Japanese Training Squadron, accompanied by 83 officers and midshipmen of training ships KATORI and AOIKUMO.

11 November 1978 - Veterans Day Observance: VFW Post #1540, keynote speaker, Post Commander R. Gasche. 210 in attendance.

11 November 1978 - A tributary wreath from the 27th Infantry Division Association, Inc., headquarters in New York.

12 November 1978 - Vice ADM Silva Horta, Portuguese CG Staff, with 364 officers and crewmen visited.

5 December 1978 - General Byong-Hion Lew, Deputy Commander in Chief, Republic of Korea-U.S. Combined Forces Command. 20 visited.

9 December 1978 - 21 members of the American Legion Post #27.

10 December 1978 - MG Muramatsu, Chief of Operations, Japanese Self-Defense Grounds Forces, members and CINCPAC staff. 21 visited.

14 December 1978 - A tributary wreath at the Memorial Chapel by Citizen of Bologna, Italy.

19 December 1978 - A joint memorial ceremony was held by John W. Carey, National Department Commander of American Legion, and Mrs. Maxine Bigelow, National President, Women's Auxiliary American Legion.

27 December 1978 - National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW, Washington, DC, Arlene McDermott and members of the local chapter.

28 December 1978 - U. S. Ambassador to Australia, the Honorable Philip H. Alston, Jr.

26 January 1979 - Inspection of the newly constructed Vietnam Courts of the Missing, an addition to the Honolulu Memorial, was made by COL Frederick C. Badger, Director, Engineering and Maintenance, ABMC.

21 March 1979 - General Kim, Chong Hwan, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Republic of Korea

26 March 1979 - Mrs. Arlene McDermott, National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW of the United States and 780 members.

31 March 1979 - His Royal Highness Don Juan De Borbon of Spain and officers and midshipmen of the Spanish Naval training ship, JUAN SEBASTIAN DE ELCANO. 73 attended.

7 April 1979 - Church of World Messianity and ministerial members from Japan. 120 were in attendance.

14 April 1979 - 77th Annual Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the Hawaii Council of Churches with 6700 in attendance.

25 April 1979 - 7th Annual Australian-New Zealand (ANZAC) Day service, keynote speakers: Honorable William C. Row, Consul General of Australia and Honorable Frank Mullen, Consul General of New Zealand. 1018 attended.

28 May 1979 - Mayor's Annual Memorial Day ceremony. Principal speaker, Mayor Frank F. Fasi of Honolulu. 1600 were in attendance.

30 May 1979 - Service in commemoration of Vietnam Veterans Week (28 May-3 June). 750 attended.

27 June 1979 - Hawaii State Senator Joseph Kuroda and members of the HCS 442 Regiment CDT team. 58 attended.

3 July 1979 - Japanese Kansai Goodwill Mission from Japan. 1258 were in attendance.

29 July 1979 - 320 members of the 25th Tropic Lightning Infantry Division.

7 August 1979 - 750 members of the Kyoto Kimono Consultants Association of Japan.

24 August 1979 - The Honorable Junji Nishime, Governor of Okinawa Prefecture, Japan, goodwill and cultural exchange. 15 were in the party.

23 September 1979 - 34th annual Club 100 memorial service. Keynote speaker, Hawaii's Lieutenant Governor Jean King. 492 were present.

ANNEX E

West Coast Memorial

1. 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 Memorial

1. 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 contract to repair the cracked pavement around the eagle and the settlement of the pavement by the stairs leading to the waterfront was completed in October 1978.

CHAPTER II

European Office

1. Personnel

a. Strength

Personnel assigned to the European Office, its cemeteries and memorials, consisted of 1 U.S. military, 28 U.S. civilians and 243 local nationals, including five part-time employees, at the end of FY 1979. Of this total, five US civilians and 25 local nationals were assigned to the European Office in Garches, France. The authorized strength for this period was 3 military, 27 U.S. civilians and 248 local national employees. One military space was filled on 1 July 1979 (see paragraph 1b (1) below) but the two others remained vacant throughout the Fiscal Year.

b. Key Personnel Changes

(1) Change in military personnel during FY 1979:

Colonel Gerald M. Steinberg, CE, USA, reported for duty on 1 July 1979 to fill the position of Director, Engineering and Maintenance.

(2) The following separations of key persons were made during FY 1979:

Mr. Pierre Folliard, Assistant Superintendent at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, Belgium, was transferred to the North Africa American Cemetery at Carthage, Tunisia on 28 January 1979.

Mr. Merlyn L. Grove, Superintendent at Normandy American Cemetery, retired on 28 February 1979.

Mr. Shields B. Reams, Chief, Property Records Division and Accountable Officer, retired on 19 June 1979.

Mr. Frank L. DeGuisti, Superintendent at Lorraine American Cemetery, was transferred to the Corozal American Cemetery, Panama Canal Zone on 29 July 1979.

c. Key Personnel Shortages

(1) At the close of the Fiscal Year, four Assistant Superintendent positions were vacant due to a reduction in US personnel authorizations from 31 to 27. These vacancies exist at Ardennes, Brittany, Epinal and Luxembourg. Additionally, the position of Personnel and Fiscal Officer in the European Office was vacant.

(2) The position of Utilities Technician, a local national position has remained vacant throughout FY 1979. However, this Office has interviewed several qualified candidates and anticipates to fill this position at the beginning of Fiscal Year 1980.

d. Personnel - General

(1) The shortage of technically qualified US personnel continues to adversely affect the operations of the European Office. Traditionally, the Garches Office had been staffed with four USGS and three military personnel. During FY 1979 the Garches Office had only six American personnel assigned. An Army Engineer Colonel was assigned to the position of Director, Engineering and Maintenance in July 1979. However, the position had remained vacant for over one year and had a serious impact on that directorate. The assignment of the Director, coupled with the impending employment of a local national Utilities Technician will substantially improve the Engineering and Maintenance Directorate.

(2) The military services have been unable to provide qualified military personnel to fill the other two military spaces authorized the Garches Office. A request has been made to convert the remaining two military spaces to USGS in FY 1980. If this request is approved, it will permit the Garches Office to recruit one USGS employee and attain the full complement of seven Americans in key supervisory positions (1 Officer-in-Charge; 2 US personnel each in the Engineering and Maintenance; Supply and Transport; and Administrative Directorates).

(3) The loss of the four assistant superintendent positions will have a serious impact on the ability of this office to insure American presence at the cemeteries to properly receive visitors and to supervise the work force and maintain the high standards of maintenance at these medium size cemeteries where the positions are unfilled.

(4) 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 US GS 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 was obligated to reduce the work week for French cemetery employees from 48 to 44 hours per week. This reduction resulted in a loss of 11.7 man-years. On 1 January 1979, the work week was further reduced to the standard 40 hours without a loss of income to the employee. This represents the loss of another 11.7 and will have a definite adverse impact on the ability of Superintendents to maintain the high standards of appearance expected of them unless an increase in the present strength ceilings is authorized. The loss of 23.4 man-years represents an across-the-board loss of two employees at each of the eleven cemeteries in France. This ranges from the equivalent loss of one man at the smallest cemetery to five at the largest.

In Belgium, the standard work week has been established at 40 hours since 1 November 1975 but Belgian Government employees have gone to a 38 hour standard work week effective 1 October 1979. It is expected that this reduction of working hours will be extended to all other workers in Belgium in the near future. Restoration of several 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 limited travel funds, the distance factors between cemeteries and high per diem rates that must be paid to employees on temporary duty, movement of workers between cemeteries is not considered cost effective, except on a very selective basis for short term projects that require highly skilled employees such as masons.

Under the provisions of Public Law 93-244, the American Battle Monuments Commission has agreed to assume responsibility for the restoration and maintenance of a privately erected monument, previously maintained by the French Committee of the Pointe du Hoc, erected to LTC James Earl Rudder and the men of the 2nd US Ranger Battalion who assaulted the cliffs of the Pointe du Hoc on D-Day, 6 June 1944 (see paragraph 1d (1)). This monument stands on approximately 31 acres of land which have been left in the condition of the battle site of 35 years ago. It has not been properly maintained in the past due to the lack of funds by its sponsors. Additional personnel and funds are necessary to bring the site to the standards of maintenance of the Commission.

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 and one World War II memorials outside of cemeteries, all in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. An organization chart reflecting actual strengths as of 30 September 1979 is at Annex A.

3. Budget and Fiscal

a. The European Office budget has increased by 208% in the past ten years (FY 1970 - FY 1979). 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 72.26% in FY 1970 to 81.15% in FY 1979. The increasing personnel costs have been partially offset through the reduction of the local national personnel and US/GS 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 if the present standards of appearance are to be maintained.

b. Of the European Office financial transactions, 78.9% are 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. In FY 1979 this office "lost" \$890,000 in Object Classes 11 and 12 from the decline of the dollar and the funding shortage. The Fiscal Year 1979 revised budget had been prepared using the dollar - French Francs exchange rate of \$1.00 = 4.75 FF. However, the average operating rate for Fiscal Year 1979 was actually only \$1.00 = 4.31 FF. To offset this shortage it was necessary to reprogram funds from other activities such as construction projects and equipment purchases to insure sufficient funds to pay employees' salaries and benefits and to offset other costs that increased due to the dollar devaluation until a supplemental appropriation could be approved. When the supplemental appropriation of \$1,085,000 was finally approved in August 1979, it was too late to permit an orderly execution of previously approved programs, and it was difficult to obligate this large sum in the short time remaining in the fiscal year. Based on the value of the dollar on 30 September 1979 (\$1.00 = 4.23 FF), and projecting this low rate to the FY 1980 budget, the shortage of funds in personnel salaries and benefits, over budget guidance provided, is estimated to be \$465,313

assuming an average operating exchange rate of \$1.00 = 4.32 FF can be maintained throughout Fiscal Year 1980. That may not be possible due to the present economic instability. The Fiscal Year 1980 budget update clearly spells this out and a supplemental appropriation of \$477,945 has been requested. However, should the dollar continue to decline, additional money will be required either in the form of an additional supplemental allocation or reserving money in other areas such as construction and equipment purchases. This latter course of action will, of course, be counterproductive by taking funds away from maintenance improvement projects and the purchase of new and more modern equipment. It is further estimated that should the exchange rate fall to \$1.00 = 4.15 FF, the shortage in personnel salaries and benefits alone would amount to approximately \$634,960 or \$157,015 over and above the requested supplemental appropriation.

The dollar - French Franc rate is used as an example as France is the country in which the most dollars are converted (53.35% of the total expenditures). 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. Maintenance, Repair and Improvement

(1) The primary goal of the European Office is to maintain the cemeteries and monuments in an optimum condition. The majority of the workforce 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 workforce 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.

b. Projects of Special Interest

(1) Suresnes Cemetery

(a) The Supply and Transportation Branch of the European Office is now based at Suresnes Cemetery. The access road to the service area was reprofiled to allow easier access for large trucks. The service yard was repaved. Construction of a new service building which will house offices and mechanics' shops was completed. The hardstand at the compost area was enlarged and a small storage shed for cemetery equipment has been erected by cemetery labor.

(b) A contract was issued for the cleaning of the heavily soiled façade of the memorial.

(c) Contract repairs are being made to winter-damaged stone of the memorial steps.

(d) A damaged portion of the boundary fence was repaired.

(2) Somme Cemetery

A utility building was constructed for the storage of cemetery horticultural equipment and supplies.

(3) Aisne-Marne Cemetery

(a) A contract was issued for the rewiring of the Superintendent's quarters.

(b) Safety devices were installed in the transformer building and the outdated equipment replaced.

(c) The pump station electrical controls were replaced.

(d) The Belleau Wood road was repaved.

(4) Rhone Cemetery

(a) Phase II of rewiring of the Superintendent's quarters was completed.

(b) The interior of the visitors building was repainted.

(c) The Superintendent's quarters exterior was weatherproofed.

(5) Oise-Aisne Cemetery

(a) The service entrance relocation work-contract was awarded.

(b) Repairs and improvements were made to the sprinkler system.

(6) Saint-Mihiel Cemetery

A contract was let for repairs to the roads and paths.

(7) Pointe du Hoc Memorial

The parking area was repaved. Major ground cleaning at site has been carried out by the contract caretaker and in-house labor from Normandy American Cemetery.

(8) Château-Thierry Monument

A contract was let for the repair of the leaking lead roof.

(9) Garches Office

The European Office headquarters building was weatherproofed.

(10) Bellicourt Monument

Damaged stones were replaced.

5. Maintenance of Non-Federal Monuments

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

a. First Infantry Division

Caretaker contracts for routine maintenance were awarded for the maintenance of the World War I monuments located at Buzancy, Cantigny, St-Juvin, Vigneulles, Wadelincourt. The repair work of the Cantigny Monument was completed this fall. Repairs of the monuments at St-Juvin and Wadelincourt have been postponed until the spring of 1980.

The monument grounds of the Society's World War II monuments continue to be maintained by the neighboring cities. The Commune of Bullange purchased new plants for the monument grounds. The Mayor of Havay was contacted as the vegetation around the monument was in a state of neglect, and the Mayor promised to get on with the maintenance program.

Funds were received from the Society to purchase wreaths on behalf of the 3rd Battalion 28th Infantry regarding that unit's celebration of the 61st Anniversary of the Battle of Cantigny which took place during the Society's Tour.

b. 2nd Division Association

A follow-up letter was forwarded to the 2nd Division (Indian Head) Association expressing concern about the condition of the 2nd Division Monument at Omaha Beach, France. A bid for the annual maintenance was forwarded to the 2nd Division Association in January 1979. In addition to the condition of the Omaha Beach monument, our letter requested support of the 2nd Division Monument at St-Vith, Belgium, erected in 1974 and the 2nd Division boulders, rejuvenated in 1975.

c. 3rd Division Association Monument, Château-Thierry

Funds were received from the Association for placing of wreaths in July and November.

d. 4th Infantry Division Association

Caretaker contracts were renewed for the 4th Division monuments at Brioules, Fismes and Manheulles. Funds received included \$150.00 for minor repairs and cleaning in 1980.

e. 6th US Engineers Captain Harris Monument, World War I

The caretaker's contract was renewed on 1 January 1979.

f. State of Missouri

The caretaker's contract was renewed on 1 July 1979. Funds were received and a purchase order issued for the restoration of the monument as well as procurement of fertilizers and selective weedkillers.

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

With funds received from the 316th Infantry Association,

two projects were completed:

- 1) the thinning of the trees which bordered the entrance road and obstructed passage by automobiles.
- 2) the replacement of road signs.

The caretaker resigned at the end of June 1979. Since that date and in spite of the efforts of the Meuse-Argonne Superintendent, no replacement has been found.

h. State of Pennsylvania

(1) Varenes

\$3,000 were received in July 1979 but no caretaker could be found for the ground maintenance of the Monument at Varenes. An agreement was passed between the Commune of Varenes, represented by its Mayor and the State of Pennsylvania represented by the European Office, effective 1 July 1979 through 30 June 1980. This agreement shall be renewed annually if work is done in compliance with the specifications prepared by this office. As for the monument proper, 13 coping stones were replaced this summer.

(2) Nantillois

The monument is in good condition. Routine maintenance continues to be performed as required.

For the maintenance of both monuments in 1980, \$3,000 were received in October 1979.

i. Lafayette Escadrille Monument

In response to a request made by the Board of Governors, Foundation of the Memorial de l'Escadrille Lafayette for ABMC's technical advice and assistance, a technical report was prepared. This report included comments on the bids obtained by the Foundation for the work required in the Memorial crypt to correct the existing water seepage situation. The President of the Foundation was informed of our concern as to the state of repair of the Memorial as its condition is deteriorating. A meeting between this office and the President of the Foundation is to take place in December 79 to discuss the repairs required and our recommendation to hire a full time mason for the Foundation.

j. National Guard Monument, Vierville

The Association's tour took place in June 1979. A ceremony

was conducted at the National Guard Monument, attended by groups from the 29th Division Association and the 28th Division Association as well as members of the National Guard Association. Funds were received for replacement of a brass ball (flagpole) and repair of the joints. To avoid possible damage from future vibration, emergency repair of the three flagpoles was executed this fall.

k. Engineer Monuments

(1) 147th Engineer Monument

A dedication ceremony was held this summer, at the monument, by members of the 147th Engineer Monument Association. A new bronze plaque provided by the 147th Association was installed on the 147th Engineer Monument at Englesqueville-la-Percée.

(2) American Military Engineer Monuments

In the scope of the repair program, the regional Vice-President SAME was informed that there is a shortfall of \$852.00 to carry out the repairs of the shields of the 6th Engineer Special Brigade Monument at Omaha Beach. This office is updating specifications and seeking bids for the annual maintenance work required after restoration is completed.

1. 94th Infantry Division Monument, Oberlenken, Germany

Inspection of the monument was made in November 1979. The monument is in good condition, except for the back and sides which are covered with moss. Cleaning work shall be done in the spring of 1980 with funds on-hand to include pruning of the shrub massives to remove dead branches.

m. Tuscania Monument, Isle of Islay, Scotland

Repair work of the monument was effected by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The invoice received by this office has been transmitted to the Vice-President, The American National Red Cross in Washington, sponsor of this 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 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.

c. 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.

d. Local developers in St-Avoid have agreed to ABMC's request to keep new housing adjacent to the Lorraine American Cemetery to a maximum three story height and to provide a 5 meter protective zone and screening plantations.

e. 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.

f. 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.

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 226 requests for services or information. A total of 1,644 floral decorations requested by Next-of-Kin and others were placed during this Fiscal Year. European Office installations received 1,480 Next-of-Kin, 270,727 American visitors, and 2,990,379 foreign visitors during the Fiscal Year (1 October 1978 - 30 September 1979). 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).

2 October 1978 - Mr. Tom Ferrell, editor for the New York Times feature "The Week in Review", accompanied by Mrs. Ferrell, visited the Garches Office and the Suresnes American Cemetery, in connection with an article Mr. Ferrell was writing on the sixtieth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice on 11 November 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell later visited the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery.

8 November 1978 - The Officer-in-Charge represented General Mark Clark (Retired), Chairman of the Commission, at a dinner hosted by the Association which commemorates the Allied landings in North Africa.

9 January 1979 - Congressman Louis Stokes visited the European Office and the Suresnes American Cemetery. Congressman Stokes was in Paris at the invitation of the French National Television Network to participate in a panel discussion concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

11 January 1979 - US Ambassador Arthur Hartman and French Secretary of State for Veterans Affairs, Mr. Maurice Plantier, signed an amendment to the 1956 US-French country to country agreement transferring to the American Battle Monuments Commission the responsibility for the maintenance of the Rangers monument and 31 acres of World War II battle site at the Pointe du Hoc.

17 January 1979 - The Officer-in-Charge attended a ceremony at the Arch of Triumph in Paris, in honor of the birthday of Benjamin Franklin.

20 March 1979 - LTG Rienzi, Deputy Director of the NATO Integrated Communications Management Agency, Brussels, Belgium, visited the Garches Office where he met key personnel and was briefed by the Officer-in-Charge on the operations of the European Office. LTG Rienzi also visited the Suresnes American Cemetery and the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial.

19 May 1979 - Mrs. Arlene McDermott, National President, VFW Auxiliary visited the Garches Office, the Suresnes American Cemetery and the Lafayette Escadrille Monument.

23 May 1979 - Mr. Tom Conner of the Department of History University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, visited the European Office in preparation for the visit of a student group from the University to several cemeteries.

2 July 1979 - The Officer-in-Charge spoke about the ABMC mission to a group of 36 American students from the "Project Discovery" Program, at the American Embassy in Paris. The group was also shown the film "The Price of Freedom".

18 September 1979 - This Office hosted a one-day visit by members of the Chief Executives Forum to the Normandy American Cemetery and the Pointe du Hoc monument. The Chief Executives Forum, composed of senior American business executives from the

United States and Europe, held their annual convention in Deauville, France. The group, of approximately 300 persons was accompanied by the Officer-in-Charge on their tour to Normandy.

During the period 22-28 September 1979, Commissioners John M. Pope and T. Harry Gatton visited European Office installations. The Commissioners inspected Lorraine, St-Mihiel, Epinal and Meuse-Argonne Cemeteries in France; The Henri-Chapelle cemetery in Belgium; and the Luxembourg and Netherlands cemeteries.

8. Supply and Equipment

a. General

Overall funding was adequate for procurement of general supplies and replenishment of stocks which had been depleted during the first three quarters, when purchases were severely restricted due to lack of funds. For F.Y. 1979, expenditures for supplies increased by 22% over F.Y. 1978 expenditures. This was due to price increases and the decline in the exchange rate of the dollar.

The Accountable Officer and supply technicians moved from the Garches Office into new office space at Suresnes Cemetery. At the same time, additional shelving and spare parts bins were procured permitting reorganization of the warehouse and transfer of spare parts storage from the Garches Office to the warehouse at Suresnes. The consolidation of supplies, records and personnel has resulted in improved control and management in this important aspect of our operations.

b. Equipment Procurement Program

With few exceptions, the funds allocated for equipment procurement were utilized for replacement of unserviceable equipment such as mowers, edgers, portable generators, electric trimmers, motor vehicles and an agricultural tractor.

New items procured during FY 1979 included hydraulic pruning shears for use in the annual trimming of shaped trees. This equipment will, hopefully, reduce the man-hour requirements for maintaining these attractive features which exist at several of our cemeteries. New equipment also was procured to support the headstone renovation project at Meuse-Argonne Cemetery. The acquisition of 31 acres of rough land at Pointe du Hoc necessitated procurement of a self-propelled flail type mower which is a new item in our equipment fleet. If successful, these will be procured

for other cemeteries having rough terrain to mow.

c. Energy Conservation

During FY 1979 the European Office attained energy savings of 16.5% as compared to FY 1973 consumption. The cost of bulk gasoline increased by 24% and fuel oil by 10% during FY 1979.

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- N - Normandy Cemetery and Memorial.
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- Q - Saint-Mihiel Cemetery and Memorial; Montsec Monument.
- R - Somme Cemetery and Memorial; Bellicourt and Cantigny Monuments.
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Organization Chart

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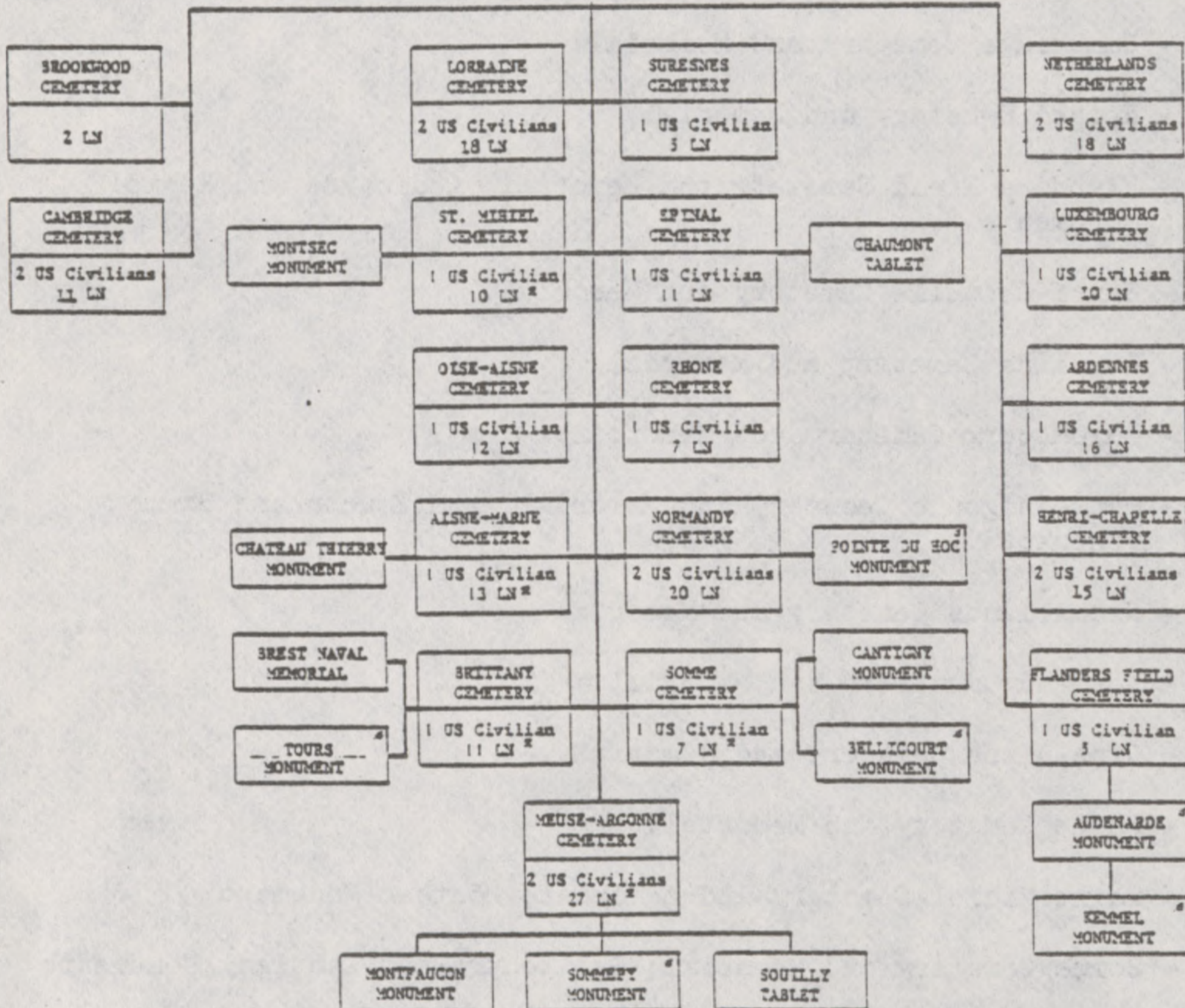
Actual Strengths,
September 30, 1979

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE	
1 US Civilian 1 LN	
ADMINISTRATION	SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT
1 US Civilian 13 LN	2 US Civilians 6 LN
ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE	
1 Military 1 US Civilian 5 LN	

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* Contract * Includes one monument caretaker
LN Local Nationals

ANNEX B

Aisne-Marne Cemetery and Memorial
Château-Thierry Monument

France

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and 13 local national employees, one of whom served as caretaker at Château-Thierry Monument. Mr. James V. Neill served as Superintendent throughout the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. Contracts

(1) Professional wood cutters completed the first phase of the selective clearing in Belleau Woods, designed to rejuvenate the forest.

(2) The 2 1/2 km of the road running through Belleau Woods were entirely repaired and resurfaced.

(3) Two new electrodes were installed for the protection of the deep well pump.

(4) The fuel oil burners of the heating system were adjusted and parts changed to insure maximum energy conservation.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

(1) Potholes and cracks in the roads and paths were repaired with Tarmac, furnished free of charge by the French Highway Department of Château-Thierry.

(2) Broken slats of the wooden benches were replaced and all benches were weathercoated.

(3) The mechanic constructed a snowplow to be pulled by the cemetery truck to clear roads in Belleau Woods and in the cemetery.

(4) A salt and/or sand spreader, donated by the French Highway Department of Château-Thierry was repaired and renovated for winter maintenance of the Belleau Woods road.

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(5) Sprinkler system pipes were repaired and replaced.

(6) All cement joints were repointed on the Chapel Terrace and the entrance wing walls. Repointing work was continued on the defective joints of the perimeter walls.

(7) All joints were raked out and repointed on the two flagpole bases.

(8) Several stones of the Chapel steps, damaged by winter frost, were repaired.

(9) All headstones were washed and treated with Thaltox.

(10) The doors and window frames of the garage and the supply building were scraped and sealed.

(11) The project of releveling sunken graves continued.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

On 16 November 1978, Brigadier General Victor Bleasdale, USMC (Ret.) visited the cemetery and Belleau Woods, escorted by Colonel Esau, USMC, Military Attaché, US Embassy, London and Colonel Mikkelson, USMC, Military Attaché, US Embassy, Paris. General Bleasdale fought in the area during World War I, as a young USMC Lieutenant.

On 4 October 1978, Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell, Editor of Weekly Review of the New York Times, visited the cemetery to write an article on the 60th Anniversary of the Armistice.

Mr. Leo Mullen (Capt. Ret.) who was in charge of World War I interments in the Belleau Woods temporary cemetery in 1919, visited the cemetery.

On 18 March 1979, the Audie Murphy Post 30 placed a wreath and visited the cemetery and Belleau Woods.

On 20 March 1979, Lt. General Thomas Rienzi (NATO-NICSMA) visited the cemetery and Belleau Woods.

The Memorial Day ceremonies were held on 27 May 1979, presided by Lt. General Schwenk, USMC, Washington, and Brigadier General Hittle (USMC Ret.) of Washington.

On 21 June 1979, Brigadier General Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, inspected the cemetery, Belleau Woods and Château-Thierry Monument.

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On 11 August 1979, the USMC from the Paris Embassy Security Guard offered a typical American barbecue to the population of the village of Belleau, in the old Château of Belleau farm courtyard. The success and friendly atmosphere of the outing was felt by all concerned.

The Superintendent represented the Commission in a number of ceremonies: on 10 November 1978 for a Torch Light ceremony in Belleau Woods, on 11 November 1978 for the ceremonies in Château-Thierry and at the cemetery, and on 29 April 1979 at the French Monument aux Déportés.

During the Fiscal Year 1979, 6 Next-of-Kin, 12,115 Americans and approximately 30,350 others visited the Aisne-Marne Cemetery. These figures do not reflect the thousands of visitors who visit Belleau Woods, and walk down into the cemetery.

ANNEX C

Ardennes Cemetery and Memorial

Belgium

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and 16 local national employees. Mr. Francis J. Duffy served as Superintendent throughout the period. Mr. William M. Matthys served as Assistant Superintendent until 11 February 1979, when he was transferred, in the same position, to Netherlands American Cemetery. The Assistant Superintendent position remained vacant throughout the remainder of the year.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. No services were contracted during this period.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

(1) Numerous loose stones in the Memorial podium and steps were removed and reset.

(2) The flagpole paint was chipped and scraped and pole resealed.

(3) The visitors ' reception room curtains and table lamps were replaced.

(4) The Memorial exterior walls were cleaned with high pressure sprayer.

(5) Portions of the Superintendent's quarters were painted for the first time in 8 years.

(6) Four new type fiber glass directional road signs were installed.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

On 6 October 1978, as part of their 341st Fall Field Day Tour of Duty, The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, under the leadership of Captain Commanding James A. Lynch, Jr., visited the cemetery and held a brief wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial and decorated the graves of all

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Massachusetts deceased. The Officer-in-Charge, European Office welcomed the visitors.

On 5 November 1978, took place the annual ceremony of the Sacred Torch commemorating Armistice Day. 100 participants stopped at the cemetery on their trek across Belgium and laid a wreath at the chapel altar.

On 11 November 1978, the Superintendent represented the Commission at the inauguration of a relocated monument commemorating the death in 1944 of two American servicemen. Relocation was sponsored by the combined Belgian Veterans' organizations of Ivoz-Ramet, Belgium.

On 19 November 1978, The Honorable E.C. Short, State Senator, Texas, visited the cemetery.

On 17 December 1978, General and Mrs. William Westmoreland visited the cemetery, together with a group of World War II veterans of the Ardennes Campaign.

On 4 March 1979, 300 members of Hq. Co., Companies A, B, and C, 341st Regiment, 2nd Armored Division, Garelsted, Germany, visited the cemetery.

On 19 March 1979, 25 members of the 36th TAC Wing, Bitburg Air Base, Germany, visited the cemetery.

On 22 March 1979, Brigadier General Arthur Exon, USAF (Ret.), former member of the 474th Fighter Group visited the graves of former Group members.

On 24 and 25 March 1979, was held the 8th International Folks March sponsored by local community activities groups. Over 3,000 persons participated including 50 enlisted members of HHB, 1st Bn., 40th F.A. Regiment., Hanau, Germany. At 5 PM on March 25, a remembrance ceremony was held at the cemetery. Over 500 persons attended.

On 25 April 1979, The Honorable Wayne A. Corpening, Mayor of Winston-Salem, N.C., visited the cemetery accompanied by Mrs. Corpening and their son.

The Memorial Day ceremonies were held on 26 May 1979 and attended by approximately 1,500 persons in the presence of the Honorable Arthur J. Olsen, Minister-Counsellor, American Embassy, Brussels, Brigadier General John A. Maurer, CG V Corps Artillery and numerous military and civil representatives of Belgium and the United States.

On 28 May 1979, the 8th Infantry Division (Pathfinders) held private Memorial Day services for their Division Dead. Approximately 50 members, with their families, attended. The group was led by Captain Byrne Sherwood, EXO, HHC.

On 30 May 1979, the Superintendent represented the Commission at Belgian Government sponsored Memorial Day services at Bastogne Monument presided by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Interior. The United States was represented by Minister-counsellor Arthur J. Olsen, General William Knowlton, US Mil Rep. to NATO and Lt. General Sidney Berry, CG, V Corps, Darmstadt, Germany.

On 31 July 1979, 30 members of the International Air Cadets from Canada, England, Greece, Israel and the United States visited the cemetery and laid a wreath at the grave of an Unknown American. Also present were Commander B. de Leersnijder, Belgian R.A.F. and LTC Thomas Elliott, Office of Defense Cooperation, Brussels.

On 7 August 1979, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin P. Linsey Jr., Executive Vice-President of the Georgia Bankers Assoc., Atlanta, Georgia, visited the cemetery.

On 8 September 1979, 70 Belgian Veterans from Huy and Termonde laid a wreath in the Memorial chapel and on the grave of 1/Lt. Floyd H. Chesmore as part of Liberation Day activities. Lt. Chesmore was killed in Termonde in 1944.

On 9 September 1979, Mr. Franz Kretzmann, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. visited the cemetery.

On 15 September 1979, 60 members of the 30th Infantry Division Association, visited the cemetery and laid wreaths in the Memorial chapel, on the graves of an Unknown American and of Sgt. James R. Becker whose remains were recently interred.

On 23 September 1979, the Superintendent represented the Commission in day long liberation festivities (35th anniversary) at Bastogne. The United States was represented by the Honorable Anne Cox Chambers, American Ambassador, General William Knowlton, Mil. Rep. to NATO and Brigadier General Bradshaw, Administrative Assistant to SACEUR.

During FY 1979, 79 Next-of-Kin, 2,250 Americans and 91,101 others visited the Ardennes American Cemetery.

4. Interments

On 8 November 1978, funeral services were conducted and the

remains of an Unknown American casualty of World War II were interred. Services were attended by Major General Lawrence M. Jones, Jr., CG, 21st Support Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany, Colonel Robert W. Muller, Defense Attaché, American Embassy and Wing Commander Robert J. Lindford, Air Attaché, British Embassy, Brussels, school children, general public and numerous Belgian Veterans' groups with campaign flags.

On 10 September 1979, funeral services were held and the remains of Sergeant James R. Becker, a World War II casualty of the 560th Bomb Sq. 388th Bomb Gp., killed in action March 8, 1944 were interred. Present for the ceremony were Mr. Thomas Becker, Fort Worth, Texas, brother of Sgt. Becker, Colonel Howland S. Russell, Defense Attaché, representing the Honorable Anne Cox Chambers, American Ambassador to Belgium, Colonel John Grinstead, NATO/SHAPE Suppac, Brussels, representing Major General Nathaniel R. Thompson, CG, 21st Support Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany, Colonel P. Baudot, Belgian Army, representing Major General J. Tichon, CG, 3rd Military District, local civic authorities, Belgian Veterans' groups with campaign flags, school children and general public.

In each case the remains were conveyed to the cemetery by members of the United States Army Memorial Affairs Activity, USAREUR, led by Mr. John G. Rogers, Director of the Activity in USAREUR.

ANNEX D

Brittany Cemetery and Memorial

Brest Naval Monument

Tours Monument

France

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and eleven local national employees, one of whom served as caretaker of the World War I 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 Assistant Superintendent until 15 July 1979, when he was promoted and transferred as Superintendent to Oise-Aisne American Cemetery. The Assistant Superintendent position remained vacant throughout the remainder of the year.

2. Maintenance and repair

a. Contracts

(1) The lead coating in the upper basin at the Tours Monument was repaired.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

(1) The interiors of the office, locker room, storage, and tool room in the service area garage were repainted.

(2) The interior of the visitors building basement was painted.

(3) A concrete surfaced washrack near the service area garage was constructed.

(4) All defective expansion joints around the terraces at each end of the Wall of the Missing and the main chapel steps were recaulked.

(5) The rusted fencing around the well and river inlet areas was replaced.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

On 11 January 1979, a group of 30 French soldiers commanded by Lt. Col. Hervé from the 38th R.I.T. in Laval held a ceremony in honor of our War Dead, and placed a wreath in the chapel memorial.

On 8 May 1979 (V-E Day), a group of 10 local French war veterans laid a wreath at the Cenotaph.

On 20 May 1979, USAF Major A.J. Adams Jr., son of Major General A.J. Adams, Secretary of the Commission, and Mrs. Adams, visited the cemetery.

On 27 May 1979, a Memorial Day ceremony was conducted with the participation of U.S. Air Force and local French military units. Approximately 350 people attended. Prior to the ceremony at the cemetery, wreath laying ceremonies were held in the towns of St. James, St. Georges de Reintembault, and Avranches.

On 23 June 1979, a group of 50 members of the association "Souvenir Français" from the district of Roissy-en-France, held a ceremony in honor of our War Dead, and laid a spray of flowers in the chapel.

On 23 July 1979, Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, inspected the cemetery.

On 11 September 1979, the Mayor of Dinan, France, and the Mayor of Starneberg, Germany, assisted by a group of 150 people from the two towns laid two wreaths in the chapel in honor of our War Dead.

During FY 1979, 38 Next-of-Kin, 1,115 Americans, and 100,000 others visited the Brittany American Cemetery.

ANNEX E

Brookwood Cemetery and Memorial

England

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, personnel consisted of two local nationals. Mr. Dennis McGarry served as Director of Maintenance and Operations 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, the flag base, the hemicycle wall and the Visitors' Building.

(3) The exterior of the Chapel, the Visitors' Building, the flag base and the hemicycle wall were washed.

(4) The bronze chapel doors, the notice board and the marble pillars were waxed.

(5) The paintwork of the Visitors' room and toilets was washed.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

On 5 June 1979, a Memorial Day ceremony was held, attended by many visitors.

During FY 1979, 2 Next-of-Kin, 84 Americans and 3,892 others visited the cemetery.

ANNEX F

Cambridge Cemetery and Memorial

England

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, 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) Four boilers were overhauled and serviced by a specialist firm.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

(1) Extensive stone repairs/repointing was accomplished.

(2) One corroded/leaking riser pipe of the sprinkler system was replaced.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

On 5 May 1979, Brigadier General and Mrs. James A. Wilson visited the cemetery.

On 22 May 1979, Lt. General S.B. Berry, HQ, V Corps, U.S. Army, visited the cemetery.

On 27 May 1979, a group of 41 members of the 452 Bomb Group Association visited the cemetery and laid a wreath at the base of the flagpole.

On 1 June 1979, a group of members of the Military Council of Catholic Women from R.A.F., Alconbury, visited the cemetery and laid a wreath at the Altar. An Air Force Chaplain held Mass.

On 3 June 1979, Memorial 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, USAFE. Approximately 2,000 people attended the ceremonies.

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On 18 June 1979, Mr. Max Cleland, Administrator Veterans Affairs visited the cemetery.

On 9 August 1979, 35 members of 452 Air Refueling Wing, led by Brigadier General R. Blalack visited the Cemetery and laid a wreath at the flagpole.

During FY 1979, 161 Next-of-Kin, 6,472 Americans and 89,801 others visited the Cambridge American Cemetery.

ANNEX G

Epinal Cemetery and Memorial

France

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, personnel consisted of one U.S. civilian and 11 local national employees. Mr. Lucas V. Antonelli served as Superintendent throughout the period. Mr. Loyd M. Cheek served as Assistant Superintendent until 20 August 1979 when he was transferred to Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery. The position of Assistant Superintendent remained vacant throughout the remainder of the year.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. Contracts

- (1) Defective parts in the four oil burners were replaced.
- (2) The International truck was repaired.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

- (1) Approximately 160 meters of cemetery roads were repaired.
- (2) The interiors of the office and of the Visitors' room were repainted.
- (3) All headstones were cleaned and washed and received a coat of Thaltox.
- (4) All the expansion joints in the perimeter wall were raked out and recaulked.
- (5) Approximately 70% of the coping stones of the perimeter wall were washed, defective joints repointed, and a coat of Thaltox applied.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

On 5 October 1978, a group of fourteen veterans of the 26th Infantry Division, accompanied by their wives, held a wreath laying ceremony. In the group were three veterans of World War I who had fought in France in 1918.

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On 30 October 1978, Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, inspected the cemetery.

On 18 November 1978, a group of 125 French Veterans of World War II, from Pau, visited the cemetery and laid a wreath.

On 25 February 1979, a group of 64 French Veterans of World War II, from Nancy, visited the cemetery.

On 14 March 1979, a group of thirty young Americans of the soccer team (Detroit Express) visited the cemetery and held a wreath laying ceremony.

On 18 March 1979, a group of 118 French Veterans of World War II, from Toulouse, visited the cemetery.

On 15 April 1979, a group of 84 French Veterans of World War II, from Mulhouse, visited the cemetery.

On 1 May 1979, a group of 112 French Veterans of World War II, from Tours, visited the cemetery.

The Memorial Day Ceremonies were held on 27 May 1979, presided by Colonel Roland Zeltmann, 3rd Infantry Division, Germany. Approximately seven hundred people attended the ceremony. Seven wreaths were laid by dignitaries.

On 29 June 1979, a group of fifteen American Veterans of the 75th Infantry Division, World War II, visited the cemetery and the graves of their comrades and offered a wreath.

On 30 June 1979, a group of thirty young Hawaiians (The Madrigal Singers) from the high school of Kailua, Oahu, with their director Mr. Shigera Hotoke, visited the cemetery and the graves of the members of the 442nd Infantry Regiment and held a ceremony in the Chapel.

On 2 September 1979, a group of French Veterans from Epinal and a group of French Veterans from Colmar (approximately 250 veterans for both groups) held a wreath laying ceremony at the cemetery.

On 24 September 1979, the town of Epinal commemorated the 35th anniversary of its liberation by American Troops in 1944. Three beautiful wreaths were laid by the local officials. The national anthems of both countries were played.

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On 24 September 1979, Commissioners Pope and Gatton and Brigadier General Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, inspected the cemetery.

During FY 1979, 180 Next-of-Kin, 1,000 Americans and 66,770 others visited the cemetery.

ANNEX H

Flanders Field Cemetery and Memorial

Audenarde Monument

Kemmel Monument

Belgium

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, personnel consisted of one US 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. Leenderd F. Berloth served as Superintendent until 19 September 1979, when he was transferred to Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, Mr. William M. Matthys served as Superintendent throughout the remainder of the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. No services were contracted during this period.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

(1) The compost hangar was transformed into a storage room for machines and supplies.

(2) The inscriptions on the Memorial Chapel outer walls were regilded.

(3) The joints of the perimeter wall and the chapel terrace were repaired.

(4) An electrical cable was installed from the garage to the chapel.

(5) Four bottom pipes of the deep-well pump were replaced. All pipes were cleaned and a RUBSON protective coating applied.

(6) The bathroom drainage pipe in the quarters was repaired.

(7) The gold leaf application was completed at the Audenarde Monument.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

On 11 November 1978, the annual ceremonies commemorating the two World Wars were attended by the Superintendent at the City of Waregem.

On 16 November 1978, Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, inspected the cemetery.

On 10 February 1979, Lt. General Rienzi, N.I.C.S.M.A., Brussels, visited the cemetery, accompanied by his wife.

On 17 May 1979, Mr. and Mrs. Boak visited the cemetery. Mr. Boak, a World War I veteran had served with the 37th Division in the Meuse-Argonne region and later in the region of Waregem-Olsene-Deinze during the Ypres-Lys offensive from October 28 through November 11, 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Boak also attended Memorial Day Ceremony on 27 May 1979.

On 24 May 1979, a group of American Legionnaires from Post 37, St. Augustine, Florida, USA, visited the cemetery and laid a floral decoration in the chapel memorial.

Memorial Day Ceremonies were held on 27 May 1979, attended by approximately 2,000 people including over 500 Americans. Belgian and American troops participated in the ceremony. Fifteen floral decorations were laid and 200 gravesites were decorated with flowers and flags by the Waregem school children.

On 17 June 1979, Lt. General George G. Cantlay, from the NATO Military Committee, visited the cemetery with his wife and daughter.

On 30 June 1979, the "Vlaams Oud Strijders" held a small ceremony for World Peace and laid a wreath at the Memorial. Approximately 80 World War I and World War II Veterans participated.

On 11 July 1979, Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, inspected the cemetery and the Audenarde and Kemmel monuments.

On 9 September 1979, took place the annual ceremony of "Heldentrouw". A wreath laying ceremony was held at Waregem and at the Anzegem Monument of Heldentrouw, attended by the Superintendent.

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On 23 September 1979, the Honorable and Mrs. T. Bennet, US Ambassador to NATO, visited the cemetery accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, also assigned to NATO, Brussels.

During FY 1979, 2,917 Americans and 14,599 others visited the Flanders Field American Cemetery.

ANNEX I

Henri-Chapelle Cemetery and Memorial

Belgium

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 15 local national employees. Mr. Stephen J. Hubai served as Superintendent until 18 September 1979 when he was transferred to the Luxembourg American Cemetery. Mr. Leenderd F. Berloth served as Superintendent throughout the remainder of the period. Mr. Pierre Folliard served as Assistant Superintendent until 28 January, when he was transferred to the North Africa American Cemetery. The position of Assistant Superintendent remained vacant until the arrival of Mr. Loyd M. Cheek, on 20 August 1979, who served as such throughout the remainder of the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. Contracts

(1) A deep-well water level gauge was installed.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

(1) All metal window guards of the chapel, the Museum and the refectory were weather sealed.

(2) The war maps of Germany and Japan were moved and replaced on cut marble pylon.

(3) One stone in the colonnade was replaced.

(4) The sinking of the road in the South-East corner of the graves area was relevelled and repaired.

(5) Hot and cold water lines with faucets were installed in the crew's assembly room.

(6) The Assistant-Superintendent's quarters were painted for the first time in 10 years.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

On 11 November 1978, a floral decoration was placed in the

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Chapel on the occasion of the annual ceremony of the Sacred Flame. The Superintendent represented the Commission at Aubeil at the Armistice Day Ceremony.

On 19 May 1979, 39 members of the 1st Infantry Division Association, accompanied by Mr. Arthur L. Chaitt, held a wreath laying ceremony at the base of the Angel of Peace.

Memorial Day Ceremonies were held on 26 May 1979, sponsored by the American Overseas Memorial Day Association and in the presence of Minister Arthur J. Olsen, Chargé d'Affaires; Mr. Georges Gramme, Minister of the Interior; Brigadier General John A. Maurer, Commander, V Corps Artillery.

On 4 June 1979, approximately 43 members of the Glendale Veterans Council visited the cemetery and placed a wreath in the Chapel.

On 12 June 1979, 44 veterans of company C-505, Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division, visited the cemetery.

On 24 June 1979, a group of 125 persons from the "Rallye Touristique" visited the cemetery and placed a floral decoration at the base of the Angel of Peace.

On 26 June 1979, a group of 48 veterans of the 75th Infantry Division, visited the cemetery.

On 22 September 1979, Colonel E.T. Hampstead, formerly with the 30th Infantry Division, accompanied by a group of 25 veterans, held a small ceremony and placed a wreath on the grave of an Unknown soldier, on behalf of the State of Georgia.

On 27 September 1979, Commission Members: Mr. and Mrs. Gatton, Mr. and Mrs. Pope accompanied by Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, visited the cemetery.

On 29 September 1979, a wreath laying ceremony was held by a group of 44 veterans from the 1st Infantry Division.

During FY 1979, 73 Next-of-Kin, 7,381 Americans and 491,088 others visited the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery.

ANNEX J

Lorraine Cemetery and Memorial

France

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and 18 local national employees. Mr. Frank L. DeGuisti served as Superintendent until 30 June 1979, when he was transferred to the Corozal American Cemetery, Panama. Mr. Morris V. Brewer served as Superintendent from 15 July 1979 for the remainder of the period. Mr. George A. Garriott served as Assistant Superintendent throughout the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. Contracts

(1) Two principal 28.8 KW sprinkler system pumps and three smaller potable water system pumps were factory overhauled.

(2) A badly needed air ventilation pipe was installed in the Superintendent's quarters extending from basement to roof.

(3) Six missing overhead lighting fixtures were replaced in the Superintendent's and Assistant's quarters.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

(1) The large stained glass window of the memorial building was washed inside and out.

(2) The interior of the Superintendent's quarters was painted for the first time in seven years.

(3) All natural colored hardwood doors and windows throughout the cemetery were re-varnished.

(4) The exterior of the reservoir station was weather sealed and a new coat of roof protecting compound was applied.

(5) The interior and exterior of the off-station deep well pump building was weather sealed and repainted.

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(6) Defective joints in the Overlook retaining wall and coping stone were repointed.

(7) The exterior of the transformer sub-station was weather sealed.

(8) The exterior of the equipment storage building was weather sealed.

(9) All headstones in Plot "A" and "B" were cleaned.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

On 4 October 1978, 30 members of the 26th U.S. Infantry Division Association visited the graves of former comrades.

On 24 October 1978, Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, inspected the cemetery.

On 29 October 1978, Colonel Gabriel, French Deputy Governor General of Nancy, visited the cemetery.

On 26 November 1978, a wreath laying ceremony commemorating the liberation of the City of Saint-Avold was held in front of the Memorial. The ceremony was attended by Mr. François Harter, Mayor of St-Avold, Lt. Colonel Lucien Henrion, Commander of the French 79th R.I.D., Mr. Mick, President of the French Veterans Association, and many French War Veterans. Approximately 200 persons attended.

On 1 May 1979, an Italian Catholic Mission and Veterans organization held a prayer service in the Memorial Chapel, attended by approximately 115 persons.

On 2 May 1979, Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, inspected the cemetery.

Memorial Day Ceremonies were held on 27 May 1979, attended by approximately 3,000 persons, an American Honor Guard, and a Firing Squad from the 1st Armored Division, the 151st French Infantry Regiment Band, troops from the French 61st Artillery Regiment and the local French military platoon from St-Avold along with the Color Guards, a US high school ROTC drill team from Kaiserslautern, Germany, and VFW and American Legion War Veterans from Germany. Among the participating dignitaries were: Mr. Christian Chapman, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires, American Embassy, Paris; Mr. Jean Ducret, Sous-Préfet; Mr. Kenneth Kurze, U.S. Consul General, Strasbourg,

France; the Mayor of Saint-Avold; Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge; Brigadier General T.F. Healy, 1st Armored Division; Brigadier General Smith, Commander A.I.D., Ramstein AB, Germany; Lt. Colonel Jozs, French Garrison Commander, Saint-Avold; Chaplain (Captain) Michael A. Stafford, U.S. 1st Armored Division; and Chaplains David Lukasik, American Legion and Daniel C. Martin, VFW, Germany.

On 29 May 1979, a group of 25 U.S. Military personnel from CENTAG Headquarters, Mannheim, Germany, visited the cemetery.

On 6 June 1979, a group of 80 German Army Officers from Idar-Oberstein, Germany, visited the cemetery.

On 16 June 1979, a group of 50 German businessmen and their wives visited the cemetery and held a prayer service in the Chapel.

On 17 June 1979, a group of 120 Americans from the State of Nebraska, held a wreath laying ceremony at the grave of a native son Next-of-Kin and said a prayer and sang hymns in the Chapel.

On 23 June 1979, a church choir from Elkhart, Indiana, visited the cemetery and sang hymns in the Chapel.

On 26 June 1979, choral group from the State of Ohio, visited the cemetery and sang hymns in the Chapel.

On 26 June 1979, Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, visited the cemetery to present the outgoing Superintendent with a Letter of Appreciation.

On 17 August 1979, a double wreath laying ceremony was held in front of the Memorial by 26 members of the 70th U.S. Division and 15 members of the 6th German SS Mountain Division - both groups accompanied by their wives. These former World War II combat adversaries fought each other in this area during the Fall of 1944, and they gathered together for the first time since the war in a peaceful gesture to pay homage to our American War Dead. Both groups later attended a similar type ceremony in Germany to pay homage to German War Dead.

On 22 and 23 September 1979, ABMC Commissioners Mr. T. Harry Gatton and Mr. John M. Pope, accompanied by their wives and escorted by Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, visited the cemetery.

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The Superintendent represented the Commission at ceremonies commemorating French All Saints Day on 1 November 1978, Armistice Day on 11 November 1978, and at the celebration of the liberation of the City of Saint-Avold on 27 November 1944.

During FY 1979, 214 Next-of-Kin, 11,830 Americans and 96,113 others visited the Lorraine American Cemetery.

ANNEX K

Luxembourg Cemetery and Memorial

Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, personnel consisted of 1 US civilian and 10 local national employees. Mr. Pedro Rivera Jr., served as Superintendent until 11 March 1979, when he was transferred to the Normandy American Cemetery. Mr. Stephen J. Hubai was transferred from the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery on 23 September 1979 and served as Superintendent for the remainder of the period. Mr. David J. Puckett served as Assistant Superintendent until 18 September 1979 when he was transferred to the Netherlands American Cemetery.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. Contracts

(1) The electrical system in the garage was partially rewired.

(2) The hazardous electrical system in the Superintendent's quarters was repaired.

b. Cemetery Labor

(1) The paving stone terrace around in front of the chapel was cleaned with Klenztone.

(2) The flagpole bases were repointed.

(3) The VALORE entrance stone border was cleaned and polished.

(4) The right entrance gate was relevelled.

(5) The right chapel door was reset.

(6) Cracks in the reception room walls were repaired.

(7) The interior woodwork in the Assistant quarters was painted for the first time in 6 years.

- (8) Closets in the Assistant quarters were plastered and painted for the first time in eleven years.
- (9) 381 meters of metal support bars of the perimeter fence were replaced.
- (10) The walls and ceiling of the Visitors Building were painted.
- (11) The interior walls of the exterior restrooms were painted.
- (12) A leaking water line in the Superintendent quarters was repaired.
- (13) A broken toilet in the exterior restrooms was replaced.
- (14) The entrance sidewalk was resurfaced with paving seal.
- (15) The paving stone joints of the chapel terrace were repointed.
- (16) A security system (anti-theft), was installed in the Visitors Building.
- (17) The path pool pylons were cleaned with Munckhof high pressure sprayer.
- (18) The electrical system of the east path pool was rewired.
- (19) A security valve was installed in the east-west path pool.
- (20) A new drainage system was installed in garage.
- (21) Headstones were cleaned with Munckhof high pressure sprayer.
- (22) A concrete wash rack for equipment was constructed.
- (23) The water circulating pump was replaced in the furnace room of the Visitors Building.
- (24) The construction of a workshop in the garage was commenced.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

On 1 October 1978, members of the 26th Infantry Division Association laid a wreath and held a brief ceremony in front of the chapel.

On 26 October 1978, Mr. Ladislav Farago, author of the book "Patton, Ordeal and Triumph", visited the cemetery.

On 1 November 1978, the traditional "All Saints Day" Ceremony was held at the cemetery. Two large floral wreaths were laid on the Eisenhower plaque, by the Prime Minister, Mr. Gaston Thorn and by Mr. Josy Barthel, for the City of Luxembourg. Mr. Charles Higginson, DCM, American Embassy, represented the United States. Approximately 13 others participated in the ceremony.

On 15 December 1978, General Westmoreland (Retired) U.S. Army, and approximately 100 veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, visited the cemetery.

On 13 January 1979, Colonel Koppenhaver, Marine Security Guards, Washington, D.C., accompanied by M/Sgt Willms, NCOIC, American Embassy Luxembourg, visited the cemetery.

In January 1979, Major General George S. Patton, Deputy Commander VII Corps, accompanied by several other U.S. Army Officers and the Director of the NATO Maintenance and Supply Center, Luxembourg-Ville, visited the cemetery. General Patton laid a wreath on his father's grave.

On 1 April 1979, the Societies of the town of Hamm, held their traditional (33rd), commemorative ceremony for our War Dead buried here. The ceremony started at Hamm with a High Mass, at the village church, followed by a Vin d'Honneur, at the Town Hall. The participants proceeded to the cemetery where floral decorations were placed by Mr. Jean Kyser, President of the Societies, Mrs. Kimmes, Secretary for C.E.B.A., Mr. Krus, for the city of Ettlebruck, and Mr. Weltsel, President of the Luxembourg/American Society. Mme Flesch, Burgomeister, represented the City of Luxembourg, the Minister of Defense, the Luxembourg Government and Mr. Higginson, DCM, the American Embassy, Luxembourg. The band of Hamm rendered the music, taps and the National Anthems. Approximately 150 persons attended.

On 4 April 1979, Lt. General Thomas Rienzi, NATO-NICSMA, visited the cemetery.

On 11 April 1979, l'Amicale de Buchenwald laid a wreath on General Patton's grave. Taps and the National Anthems were played

by the Luxembourg Army Band.

On 8 May 1979, the Anciens Combattants of Luxembourg held their annual ceremony at General Patton's grave, to commemorate VE Day 1945. The president laid a wreath on General Patton's grave. Taps were rendered by a bugler of the Luxembourg Army. Approximately 75 persons attended.

Memorial Day ceremonies were held on 27 May 1979 in the presence of many dignitaries.

On 8 June 1979, the President of the Luxembourg War-disabled Association, held a ceremony in the chapel. A wreath with a ribbon reading "Amicale des Mutilés de Guerre Luxembourgeois des Hôpitaux Militaires Américains en France 1945" was laid at the foot of the altar.

On 10 June 1979, members of the 1st Infantry Division Association, 2nd Infantry Division Association, 4th Infantry Division Association, 28th Infantry Division Association, 2nd Armored Division Association and the American Veterans Association, held a ceremony in the chapel. Mr. Dennett, American Embassy, welcomed the group on behalf of the American Ambassador. Taps were played by a bugler of the Luxembourg Army. Wreaths were laid in the chapel. Approximately 150 persons attended.

On 12 June 1979, members of the 90th Infantry Division Association held a ceremony in the chapel. A floral wreath was laid at the foot of the altar. Taps were played by a bugler of the Luxembourg Army.

On 30 June 1979, the annual "Remembrance Day" Ceremony was held at the cemetery. The ceremony was attended by the following dignitaries: The Mayor of Ettelbruck; Mr. Dennett, American Embassy; Brigadier General F. Brown, Assistant Division Commander, 8th Infantry Division. A wreath was laid on General Patton's grave. Approximately 200 persons attended.

On 8 July 1979, the American Luxembourg Society held a brief ceremony. Mr. Weitzel, President of the society gave a speech and laid a wreath on General Patton's grave. Ambassador Lowenstein was also present. Approximately 45 persons attended.

In August 1979, Colonel Jan C. Mennig, MP Corps, accompanied by a group of 45 police department members from Culver City, visited the cemetery.

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In August 1979, Colonel Cheves, President of the 70th Division Association, with 65 members of the association, visited the cemetery.

On 24 August 1979, Mrs. N.D. Cota, wife of the late General Cota, visited the cemetery.

On 3 September 1979, a group of 35 members of the COT, CONFEDERATION DU TRAVAIL DE LUXEMBOURG, held a brief ceremony and laid a wreath on the grave of General Patton.

On 9 September 1979, a ceremony was held for the 35th Anniversary of the Liberation of Luxembourg City. Wreaths were laid on the grave of General Patton by the City of Luxembourg, the American Luxembourg Society, l'Union, Les Jeunes de l'Union and Luxembourg Veterans of World War II. VIPs attending the ceremony were: Mr. Emile Krieps, Minister of Defense; Mr. Charles Higginson, DCM, representing the American Ambassador, Mr. Weitzel, President of the American Luxembourg Society; Colonel Phillips, U.S. Defense Attaché; Major D.E. Higgins, a member of the 5th Armored Division Association, who entered Luxembourg City on 10 September 1944, and many other local civic and patriotic groups and officials. Approximately 100 persons attended the ceremony.

On 26 September 1979, Commission members, Mr. T. Harry Gatton, accompanied by Mrs. Gatton, Mr. John M. Pope, accompanied by Mrs. Pope, visited the cemetery, escorted by Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge.

During FY 1979, 145 Next-of-Kin, 112,725 Americans and 132,660 others visited the Luxembourg American Cemetery.

ANNEX L

Meuse-Argonne Cemetery and Memorial

Montfaucon Monument

Sommepey Monument

France

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, personnel consisted of two US civilians and 27 local nationals, one of whom served as caretaker for the Montfaucon monument. Mr. George T. Tate served as Superintendent and Mr. Arthur A. Martin, as Assistant Superintendent throughout the year. The caretaker's position for Blanc Mont Monument in Sommepey, France, is filled by contract.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. No services were contracted during this period.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

(1) Repointing work was continued on the Montfaucon Monument.

(2) Stone terraces and steps on the Montfaucon monument were cleaned by sandblasting.

(3) Several new road signs were installed.

(4) The front of the chapel was cleaned and treated with fungicide.

(5) Headstones for other cemeteries were engraved.

(6) Two grave plots were relevelled. One grave plot was sowed.

(7) The entrance pylons were repointed.

(8) The stone terrace at Blanc Mont monument was repointed.

(9) Storm windows were repaired and placed in quarters and the office building to reduce heat losses and conserve energy.

(10) A storage building was installed at the Montfaucon Monument.

(11) A toilet was installed in the chapel.

(12) Cobble stone gutters were cleaned by sandblasting.

(13) Roofs were cleaned and treated with fungicide.

(14) Headstones were cleaned and treated with fungicide.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

On 11 November 1978, the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent represented the Commission at the French War Memorial in Romagne-Gesnes for Armistice Day ceremonies which were followed by another ceremony at the cemetery.

On 21 March 1979, Professor Robert Linberg and 14 students from Belmont High School, Belmont, Massachusetts, visited the cemetery.

On 28 March 1979, seventeen American and German officers from CENTAG visited the cemetery and laid a wreath at the chapel.

On 29 April 1979, a French Déportés ceremony was held at the cemetery and was attended by the Mayor of Romagne-Gesnes; Mr. Maurice Plantes, Secrétaire d'Etat aux Anciens Combattants; Mr. Jean Senie, Préfet de la Meuse and approximately 250 people.

Memorial Day ceremonies were held on 27 May 1979, attended by 40 Americans and approximately 500 others. Some of the officials present for the ceremony were: General Creighton, Commander of the 1st Infantry Division; Général Paty, Commandant d'Armes de la Place de Verdun; Senators and representatives from the Meuse Department; the Mayor of Romagne-Gesnes; Commanding officers from French Garrison and Gendarmerie; Commanding officers with band and troop from French Infantry Division and troops from the 1st US Infantry Division.

On 6 June 1979, the 28th Infantry Regiment held a ceremony and laid a wreath at the cemetery.

On 14 June 1979, Professor Leutze with 37 students from the University of North Carolina, visited the cemetery.

On 14 July 1979, the Superintendent attended ceremonies held

for the French National Day at Navarin and Sommepey to commemorate French and American War Deads.

On 30 August 1979, Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, inspected the cemetery and the monuments.

On 1 September 1979, the Assistant Superintendent attended a ceremony in honor of the French Resistance Patriots killed near the cemetery on 29 August 1944.

On 25 September 1979, Commission members: Mr. Harry Gatton and Mr. John M. Pope and their wives, escorted by Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, visited the cemetery.

During FY 1979, 37 Next-of-Kin, 835 Americans and 60,300 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 Fiscal Year. The monument and grounds are in good condition.

b. 1st U.S. Infantry Division Monuments

Services of caretakers were provided throughout the Fiscal Year for the monuments in St-Juvin and Wadelincourt. Funds were requested for major repairs.

c. Pennsylvania State Monument in Nantillois

Services of a caretaker were provided throughout the Fiscal Year.

d. 4th Division Monument in Brioules

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

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

Services of a caretaker were provided through 30 June 1979. Advertised for a new caretaker.

f. State of Missouri Monument in Cheppy

Services of a caretaker were provided throughout the

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Fiscal Year. The monument is in good condition. The monument terrace and steps need a good cleaning and Thaltox treatment. Funds received.

g. Pennsylvania State Monument in Varennes

Services of a caretaker were provided since 1 July. The monument and grounds are in good condition.

h. 5th Division Monuments

All 5th Division monuments in this region are in poor condition. No restoration work nor caretaker's service were provided.

ANNEX M

Netherlands Cemetery and Memorial

Netherlands

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, personnel consisted of 2 US civilians and 18 local national employees. Mr. Norman B. Iorio served as Superintendent throughout the period, and Mr. Edward D. Wright Jr., as Assistant Superintendent until 26 December 1978 when he was transferred to the Garches Office; Mr. William M. Matthys served as Assistant Superintendent from 11 February to 18 September 1979, when he was transferred to the Flanders Field American Cemetery; Mr. David J. Puckett was transferred from the Luxembourg Cemetery on 19 September 1979 and served as Assistant Superintendent for the remainder of the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. Contracts

(1) Drapes and rods were installed in the Visitors' Building.

(2) The faulty sump pump and float in the Assistant quarters were replaced.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

(1) The Visitors' Building inner toilet door was repaired and refinished.

(2) The chapel roof was repaired.

(3) Joints were repointed in the firewall of the Visitors' Building.

(4) Doors and windows were weather sealed in the service area.

(5) The steel door of the pump house and storage building was repaired, frames were rewelded, and sheeting replaced on the bottom section where rusted out.

(6) The ground floor of the Assistant quarters was repainted for the first time in six years.

(7) A water drain line for dishwasher was installed in the kitchen of the Assistant quarters.

(8) Exterior screens were installed on the chapel landing windows to stop birds from nesting and soiling walls.

(9) The interior walls and ceiling of the lower story of the storage building were painted.

(10) Masonry spalls in the Court of Honor and flagpole base were repaired.

(11) The wooden doors in the Visitors Building basement and tower were varnished.

(12) The entrance gate was painted.

(13) Woodwork on the main entrance door of the Assistant quarters was repaired, the doorsill and the lower part of the door frame were replaced for the first time in ten years.

(14) The inoperative Culligan water softener in the Assistant quarters was repaired.

(15) Approximately 2 1/2 Ks of curb along roads and paths were sealed as well as joints cracks on asphalt roads.

(16) The water heater was cleaned and a water pressure regulating valve with safety hot water valve was installed.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

On 3 and 4 October 1978, Major General Trainer, USMC, with 20 USMC special detail visited the cemetery.

On 17 November 1978, Mr. Jack Sulser, the new Consul General from Rotterdam unofficially visited the cemetery.

On 11 February 1979, Brigadier General John Serrio, AFCENT, visited the cemetery.

On 12 February 1979, Lt. General Sidney B. Berry, V Corps, visited the cemetery.

On 20 February 1979, Brigadier General W.M. Douglas visited the cemetery in preparation of a visit by the 102nd Infantry Division Veterans.

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On 21 February 1979, Colonel Blahna, U.S. Military Attaché, visited the cemetery in connection with future Memorial Day Ceremonies.

On 22 March 1979, Brigadier General A.E. Exon visited the cemetery.

In March 1979, Colonel Blahna, U.S. Military Attaché and Superintendent attended a meeting with Mr. Dolmans of the Provincial Government.

On 18 April 1979, Colonel Schmitz, 3rd Armored Division, and Colonel Blahna, U.S. Military Attaché, attended a pre-Memorial Day meeting at the cemetery.

On 18 May 1979, Mrs. Earl Bigalow, President of American Legion Auxiliary and husband visited the cemetery.

Memorial Day ceremonies were held on 26 May 1979. Approximately 2,500 persons attended. Principal dignitaries were: Vice Admiral E. Roest, Chief of Military House of Her Majesty the Queen; Mrs. Geri Joseph, U.S. Ambassador to the Netherlands; Mr. C.A. van der Klauw, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Mr. W. Scholten, Minister of Defense; Lt. General Geschiere, Chief of Staff, Netherlands Air Force; Major General W.E. Whitlatch, U.S. Senior Representative AFCENT; Dr. J. Kremers, Queens Commissioner of the Province Limburg; Major General W.H. Nutting, Commander, 3rd Armored Division; Dr. A.A.J. Kuijpers, Burgomeister of Margraten; Mr. Jack Sulser, Consul General, Rotterdam, and Captain E. van Reeth, Defense Attaché, USN.

On 11 June 1979, 25 members of the 101st Airborne Division Association and 98 members of the 29th Infantry Division Association visited the cemetery and laid a wreath on the Mall.

On 12 June 1979, 45 members of the 82nd Airborne Division Association with their wives and Dutch friends visited the cemetery, conducted a short memorial service and laid 2 wreaths on the Mall.

On 18 September 1979, 50 members of the 102nd Infantry Division Association with their wives visited the cemetery, conducted a memorial service and laid a wreath.

On 22 September 1979, 170 members of the 101st Airborne Division Association with their wives visited the cemetery along with Dutch friends and conducted a memorial service. Chaplain Love

(AFCENT) led the prayer service and 10 wreaths were laid by members of various component units of the Division. This unit was fêted for a week by citizens of Eindhoven, Netherlands and spent a two day period as guest of the City of Bastogne, Belgium. Superintendent was invited and attended reception at Bastogne.

During FY 1979, 250 Next-of-Kin, 18,906 Americans and 592,855 others visited the Netherlands American Cemetery.

ANNEX N

Normandy Cemetery and Memorial

France

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, personnel consisted of two US civilians and 20 local national employees. Mr. Merlyn L. Grove served as Superintendent until his retirement on 28 February 1979. Mr. Pedro Rivera Jr. was transferred from the Luxembourg American Cemetery and assumed the duties of Superintendent through the remainder of the period. Mr. Gene S. Dellinger served as Assistant Superintendent throughout the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. Contracts

(1) Drainpipes were replaced in the Visitors Building toilets.

(2) The furnace of the Visitors Building heating system was relocated and water lines replaced.

(3) New toilet fixtures were installed in the Pointe-du-Hoc Memorial toilet building.

(4) The septic tank at the Pointe-du-Hoc Memorial was emptied and cleaned twice.

(5) The defunct hot water heater in the quarters was repaired along with the inoperative pump and accelerator in the heating system of the quarters.

(6) A heater radiator was installed in the kitchen of the Superintendent quarters.

(7) Central heating radiators were installed in the attics of both quarters.

(8) Telephones were installed in both quarters.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

- (1) Repairs were effected in the water sprinkler system.
- (2) New road signs were installed in the area, including those for the Pointe du Hoc Memorial.
- (3) Doors and windows were replaced in the Pointe du Hoc toilet building.
- (4) Metal doors and security screens were manufactured and installed in the Pointe du Hoc toilet building.
- (5) Flag poles were repaired and repainted at the Pointe du Hoc monument.
- (6) A major clean up was effected, and paths and grounds prepared for the 35th Anniversary and Dedication ceremonies at the Pointe du Hoc Memorial.
- (7) All water catch basins were cleaned and repainted.
- (8) The orientation table was repainted.
- (9) The exterior woodwork of the Visitors Building was revarnished.
- (10) The reflecting pool was drained and cleaned.
- (11) The interior and exterior of the outside toilet building were resealed and painted.
- (12) All the window screen frames of the two quarters were weather sealed for the first time in seven years.
- (13) All the metal supports of the compost building were repainted.
- (14) The employees bicycles storage building was weather sealed.

c. Special Notes

Winter maintenance schedule was hampered by unusually harsh weather conditions; on Friday 29 December 1978, a severe snowstorm struck the area. Dry snow was blown by strong winds, piling up to over 6 feet in some areas. The cemetery entrance road was blocked by snowdrifts from Friday 29 December until 1 January 1979. The roads leading to local villages and towns were also

blocked and the cemetery was completely isolated. Temperatures dropped to a low -14°C , an ample justification for emergency generator support.

The presence of more than one million visitors to the cemetery during the period continued to increase the enormous workload, requiring action on additional parking facilities.

The cemetery acquired the additional responsibility of maintaining a new monument: "The Pointe du Hoc American Memorial", covering approximately 31 acres of land. This land was turned over to the U.S. Government on 11 January 1979. At present, only one local national is assigned for maintenance and care of the monument, on a contract basis.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

On 15 October 1978, Vice Admiral and Mrs. Wesley McDonald, Flagship USS Mount Whitney, Rear Admiral and Mrs. R.G. Christophe, Flagship USS Mount Whitney, Captain Harvey, USN, Naval Attaché, American Embassy, Paris, visited the cemetery.

On 22 October 1978, a wreath laying ceremony was held by 77 members of the 252nd FA Bn Association.

On 30 October 1978, a delegation of the USSR Red Army World Champion Rifle Team, accompanied by French Brigadier General Bellamy and Colonel Mazereau, visited the cemetery.

On 1 November 1978, the Assistant Superintendent attended All Saints Day ceremonies at the Bayeux Civilian Cemetery and the British Military Cemetery.

On 11 November 1978, the Superintendent represented the Commission at World War I Armistice ceremonies at Colleville-sur-Mer and Sainte-Honorine-des-Pertes, laying wreaths, while the Assistant Superintendent attended the same ceremonies at Bayeux, laying a wreath.

On 13 November 1978, Brigadier General and Mrs. R.C. Tripp visited the cemetery.

On 19 December 1978, Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, hosted the Christmas party offered to the children of Colleville-sur-Mer, sponsored by 1st Division Society.

On 23 December 1978, a wreath laying ceremony was held by the Mayor of Touques, with several delegations of "Anciens Combattants" and Scottish Veterans. Approximately 100 persons attended.

On 15 February 1979, Colonel McGlasson, National Guard, visited the cemetery and inspected the National Guard Monument at Vierville-sur-Mer.

On 24 March 1979, Mr. J.G. Rogers, Mortuary Officer, Frankfurt, Germany, visited the cemetery.

On 27 March 1979, Mr. Jean-Pierre Prouteau, French Secretary of State for Minor Industries made an unannounced visit to the cemetery, accompanied by a film crew of the French National Television who made some film sequences in the cemetery.

On 3 April 1979, Mr. Artu, President of the National Congress of French Veterans, visited the cemetery.

On 7 April 1979, a group of 200 Veterans from Belgium, the United States and American Legion Post 20, led by Mr. Grandemange, Mayor of Le Dezert, held a wreath laying ceremony and visited the cemetery.

On 17 April 1979, Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, inspected the Pointe du Hoc Memorial and attended a meeting with Mr. Triboulet, President of the Landing Committee, on 5 June ceremonies.

On 22 April 1979, Mayor Wayne A. Corpening, of Winston-Salem, N.C., visited the cemetery.

On 25 April 1979, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chaitt, Society of the 1st Division and 18 Veterans, visited the cemetery and laid a wreath at the Memorial.

On 25 April 1979, three U.S. newspaper travel editors: Mr. Richard Paoli of the Oakland Tribune, Mr. J.J. Smith, of the Chicago Times and Mr. Harold H. Gramban of the San Diego Tribune, visited the cemetery.

On 12 May 1979, members of the Lions Club, Garches, visited the cemetery.

On 13 May 1979, 40 members of the Society of the 1st Division, led by Mr. A. Chaitt, held wreath laying ceremonies at the 1st Division Monument, St-Laurent Monument and Memorial; local Mayors and dignitaries attended.

On 13 May 1979, 60 members of the Association "Mémoire de De Gaulle", visited the cemetery.

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On 13 May 1979, 50 members of the "Groupe de la Résistance" held a wreath laying ceremony.

On 14 May 1979, Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in Charge, inspected the cemetery and the Pointe du Hoc Memorial.

On 15 May 1979, Mr. T.W. Parsons, 3,058 Graves Registration Co. visited the cemetery. Mr. Parsons had been in charge of St-Laurent cemetery from 1944 to 1947.

On 18 May 1979, a group of 130 Resistants held a wreath laying ceremony.

On 18 May 1979, 50 Veterans of the 44th Infantry Division visited the cemetery.

On 18 May 1979, Colonel Peters, US Air Force, Mannheim, Germany, and his family visited the cemetery.

On 19 May 1979, LTC Adams, son of Major General A.J. Adams, Secretary, ABMC, and his family, visited the cemetery and the Pointe du Hoc memorial.

On 19 May 1979, 140 Resistants held a wreath laying ceremony, also attended by local Mayors and French Flag bearers.

On 20 May 1979, 150 French War Veterans from Thiais, held a wreath laying ceremony.

On 26 May 1979, 50 French War Veterans from the Finistère Department, held a wreath laying ceremony.

On 26 May 1979, 50 French War Veterans from the Gironde-Médoc region held a wreath laying ceremony with 10 Flag bearers.

Memorial Day ceremonies were held on 27 May 1979 at Bayeux, Vierville-sur-Mer, St-Laurent-sur-Mer, Colleville-sur-Mer and at the cemetery. Attending dignitaries were: Sub-Prefect, Mr. P. Jutras, representing the OAMDA, Colonel C.B. Stackhouse, III Chief, US Air Force Security Police, Europe, Canon Marie, Rabbi Belhdeb, Father Small, Chaplain Stainman, General Michel, Mr. A. Brassert, Vice-Chairman, Mr. B. Petit, Mayor of Colleville-sur-Mer, Mr. F. D'Harcourt, Député, Capitaine Breffeil, numerous Mayors of local towns of the area, the Director of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and Mrs.

On 28 May 1979, the Association et Entraide des Veuves et

Orphelins de Guerre de France (Association and Assistance to War Widows and Orphans of France) held an important wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial and visited the cemetery.

On 31 May 1979, a group of over 1,000 ladies from Chartres visited the cemetery; a short briefing was given at the Memorial; more than 50 buses brought in visitors during the entire day.

On 3 June 1979, a group of Belgian Veterans held a wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial.

On 4 June 1979, two newspaper men from Time Magazine visited the cemetery and took pictures.

On 5 June 1979, ceremonies were held at the cemetery to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, in the presence of the following dignitaries: General of the Army Omar Bradley and Mrs. Bradley, Minister Chapman, Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy, representing Ambassador Hartman, Mr. Raymond Triboulet, former French Minister and President of the Landing Committee, Mr. Feuilloley, Prefect of lower Normandy and Calvados, representing the French Government, Ambassadors or their representatives and Military Attachés from Canada, Belgium, Holland, Great Britain, Norway. Military bands from subject nations were on hand and played their respective national anthems and the Damascus High School Band represented the United States. Numerous veterans groups were represented: Mrs. Earl Rudder and Mr. S. Salomon, 2nd Ranger Battalion, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chaitt, 1st Infantry Division and many members of the National Guard, 28th Infantry Division, 2nd Infantry Division, 90th Infantry Division, 83rd Infantry Division, 29th Infantry Division, 1st Infantry Division, 313th Infantry Division, 452nd Bomb Group, 250th FA Bn, American Veterans Associations, 2nd Armored Division, 4th Infantry Division, 101st Airborne Division, 82nd Airborne Division and many others including European Veterans Groups. Most of these groups laid wreaths during the ceremony. Many of the local VIPs, including Députés, Sénateurs, Conseillers Généraux and Mayors also attended.

Later in the day ceremonies were held at the Pointe du Hoc for the dedication of the memorial and to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of D-Day. General Omar Bradley gave a speech to the very large audience of people from many nations. A large group of Ranger Veterans who had landed at the Pointe du Hoc were present. Supporting troops were from the 2nd RIMA of Le Mans, France, the 84th U.S. Army Band and the 1st Infantry Division Honor Guard. All these ceremonies were covered by numerous newspaper and television groups.

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On 6 June 1979, official ceremonies were held in the British-Canadian sector, sponsored by Mr. Triboulet, President of the French Landing Committee. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent represented the Commission at these ceremonies.

On 6 June 1979, Mrs. Rudder with her family and Mr. S. Salomon, President of the Ranger Bn Association, visited the cemetery.

On 9 June 1979, a group of the University of North Carolina History Class, led by Professor J. Leutze, visited the cemetery, Omaha Beach and the Pointe du Hoc Memorial.

On 15 and 16 June 1979, Mr. Carthwaite and four assistants from CBS visited the cemetery and made a film series.

On 28 and 29 June 1979, Mr. J. Rogers, Mortuary Officer, Europe, visited the cemetery.

On 29 June 1979, Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller with her family and Mr. J. Berg, US Embassy, Paris, visited the cemetery. They were escorted on a guided tour of the cemetery and Pointe du Hoc, where they were welcomed by Mr. L. Villiers, Mayor of Cricqueville-en-Bessin.

On 3 and 4 July 1979, a group of American Students (Project Discovery) visited the cemetery.

On 21 July 1979, Mr. R. Bourguignon and his family, Vice-President 28th Division Association, visited the cemetery.

On 29 July 1979, 150 French War Veterans from Le Mans, visited the cemetery.

On 18 August 1979, a group of U.S. tourists and Veterans from the 101st Airborne Division, and the 5th Engineer Brigade, visited the cemetery and the 5th Eng. Brigade Monument.

On 19 August 1979, Lt. Colonel Rose, Adj. General, SHAPE, Belgium, and Mrs. Rose, visited the cemetery.

On 1 September 1979, a group of U.S. Officers of the 565th Eng. Bn, on a bicycle tour, visited the cemetery, the 1st Division and the 5th Eng. Brigade Monuments.

On 4 September 1979, Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, visited the cemetery to prepare the Forum Group visit.

On 8 September 1979, Mr. Franz Kretzmann, Chief, Army Branch National Security Division Office of Management and Budget, visited the cemetery and the Pointe du Hoc Memorial.

On 11 September 1979, Mr. Schneider and Mr. Parrish of the Chief Executive Forum group visited the cemetery and the area.

On 15 September 1979, 100 French Veterans from the Somme region, visited the cemetery.

On 16 September 1979, the Superintendent attended religious ceremonies held in memory of General E. Rudder at the Cricqueville-en-Bessin church.

On 18 September 1979, the Chief Executive Forum Group, led by Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, visited the cemetery and held a wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial and later visited the Pointe du Hoc and Bayeux, where a reception was held. Approximately 350 persons attended.

On 23 September 1979, 80 British visitors, led by the Mayor of Dorchester, England, visited the cemetery.

On 29 September 1979, Mr. James MC Gee, Mayor of Dayton, Ohio, and his family, visited the cemetery.

On 27 September 1979, Admiral Bernard A. Cleary and Mrs. Cleary visited the cemetery and gravesite of a cousin.

On 30 September 1979, a group of U.S. Veterans of the 101st Airborne Division held a wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial and visited the cemetery.

During FY 1979, 262 Next-of-Kin, 91,435 Americans, 1,176,700 others visited the Normandy American Cemetery (a total of 1,268,397 visitors).

ANNEX O

Oise-Aisne Cemetery and Memorial

France

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, personnel consisted of one US civilian and 12 local national employees. Mr. Morris V. Brewer served as Superintendent until 18 July 1979, when he was transferred to the Lorraine American Cemetery. Mr. Joseph P.P. Rivers served as Superintendent throughout the remainder of the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. Contracts

(1) Electrical repairs were made in the transformer station and the Memorial Chapel.

(2) The telephone system was repaired.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

(1) The exteriors of the Memorial features were cleaned with a high pressure sprayer.

(2) The chapel and museum doors were varnished.

(3) Various preventive maintenance projects consisting of sanding, priming, and painting of wood and iron work were accomplished.

(4) Approximately 100 trees in the wood areas were removed.

(5) 472 sunken graves were relevelled.

(6) All headstones were cleaned by hand and partially treated with an algaecide.

(7) 4 hectares of fine grass area were scarified.

(8) Damaged slate tiles on the Reception/Quarters building roof were replaced.

(9) Approximately 30 square meters of roads and paths were repaired with a cold patch mix.

(10) Badly spalled flagstones on the forecourt terrace were replaced.

(11) 40 m of leaking sprinkler line piping were replaced.

(12) Stucco boundary walls were extensively repaired and repainted.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

On 3 October 1978, Mr. Robert H. Farrell, Indiana University, History Professor and World War II Veteran, visited the cemetery. Mr. Farrell is researching the World War I battle activities in this area for a forthcoming Armistice Day newspaper publication in Indiana.

On 11 November 1978, an Armistice Day ceremony was held at the cemetery, presided by local officials and dignitaries who placed wreaths at the Memorial altar. Following this ceremony, the Superintendent represented the Commission at two local War Memorials.

On 12 November 1978, eleven Doughboys of the World War I Drum and Bugle Corps from Soo, Michigan, visited the cemetery to pay tribute to the brother of one of its members who is buried here, and to visit the site where they fought in 1918.

On 4 May 1979, the Superintendent represented the Commission at a ceremony at the "Memorial to the 1940 Deportees" at nearby Villers-sur-Fère, and laid a wreath on behalf of the Commission.

On 8 May 1979, the Superintendent attended a ceremony at the War Memorial in Fère-en-Tardenois celebrating World War II Victory Day.

Memorial Day ceremonies were held on 27 May 1979, attended by Colonel W.J. Davis, U.S. Army, Headquarters SHAPE, Belgium; Mr. Guy Durham, representing the American Overseas Memorial Day Association; Mr. Pierre Barcon, Sous-Préfet of Château-Thierry; other local dignitaries and 900 participants and visitors.

On 18 June 1979, the Superintendent attended a wreath laying ceremony at the local War Memorial in commemoration of the "18 June 1940 Call" broadcast by General De Gaulle from London.

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On 19 June 1979, Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, inspected the cemetery.

On 14 July 1979, the Superintendent attended a local ceremony commemorating the French Independence Day.

On 12 September 1979, Mr. and Mrs. Girard Davidson visited the cemetery. Mr. Davidson is a former Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

During FY 1979, 8 Next-of-Kin, 335 Americans and 8,212 others visited the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery.

ANNEX P

Rhône Cemetery and Memorial

France

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, personnel consisted of one US civilian and 7 local national employees. Mr. John H. Brunea served as Superintendent throughout the period.

2. Maintenance and Repairs

a. Contracts

(1) The Visitors Building was repainted.

(2) The electrical disconnecter in the pump room was replaced.

(3) The exterior of the Superintendent quarters was weather sealed for the first time in 25 years.

(4) The electrical wiring in the Superintendent quarters was replaced.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

(1) The replacement of the Cypress hedge in front of the cemetery was completed.

(2) The sprinkler water line was repaired.

(3) The well pump pipe was repaired and the deep well pump verified.

(4) The pools were resealed.

(5) Headstones were cleaned three times during the year.

(6) The Superintendent Quarters tile roof was partially replaced.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

On 1 November 1978, local government officials and military

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laid wreaths at the cemetery to commemorate "All Saints Day".

The Superintendent represented the Commission at the ceremony for Deported Persons during World War II and VE Day 1945.

Memorial Day ceremonies were held on 27 May 1979, presided by Commander Ryan, Commanding Officer, USS Edward McDonnell and attended by approximately 600 persons. A total of 33 wreaths were laid by dignitaries and various Franco-American organizations.

On 14 July 1979, the Superintendent represented the Commission at the "Bastille Day" ceremony in Draguignan.

On 16 August 1979, the Superintendent represented the Commission at the ceremony commemorating the liberation of Draguignan.

On 11 November 1978 the Superintendent laid a wreath at the "Monument aux Morts" (War Dead Monument) at Draguignan, on behalf of the Commission.

During FY 1979, 6 Next-of-Kin, 306 Americans and 16,223 others visited the Rhône American Cemetery.

ANNEX Q

St-Mihiel Cemetery and Memorial

Montsec Monument

France

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, personnel consisted of one US 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

(1) Electrical and plumbing repairs were effected in the reception room, office and workers' toilet.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

(1) Open joints on the stone steps of the chapel and at Montsec Monument were repointed.

(2) The grill and gates in front of the cemetery were completely cleaned of paint and rust, repainted and gold leaf was applied to 154 spear heads, 12 large Eagles and the four great seals of the United States.

(3) All buildings and headstones were treated with Thaltox Q, to destroy moss and lichen.

(4) Floor and wall tiles were installed in the bathroom, kitchen, and kitchen hall in the Superintendent quarters.

(5) One stone step on the Montsec Monument was removed and a replacement installed.

(6) Over 7,000 annual flowers were grown from seed and planted in the cemetery.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

On 31 October 1978, Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, inspected the cemetery.

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On 24 April 1979, French General Poty, from Verdun, visited the Montsec Monument.

On 29 April 1979, Major Ferguson, from the Zweibrucken US Army Base and Doctor Osswald, historian, accompanied by 65 Americans from the University of Maryland, visited the cemetery and the Montsec Monument.

Memorial Day ceremonies were held on 27 May 1979 with the participation of American and French troops and 42 Veterans organizations.

On 25 June 1979, 133 American students from the School Band of Lakewood University visited the cemetery and held a short ceremony.

On 14 July 1979, the Superintendent represented the Commission at ceremonies held for French Independence Day.

On 23 September 1979, Commissioners Pope and Gatton inspected the cemetery and the Montsec monument.

During FY 1979, 10 Next-of-Kin, 523 Americans and 7,754 others visited the St-Mihiel American Cemetery.

4. Non-Federal Memorials

a. First Division World War I Monument at Vigneulles, France

- (1) A caretaker was present throughout the year.
- (2) The monument was treated with "Thaltox Q".

b. Fourth Division World War I Monument at Manheulles, France

- (1) A caretaker was present throughout the year.
- (2) The monument was treated with "Thaltox Q".

ANNEX R

Somme Cemetery and Memorial

Bellicourt Monument

Cantigny Monument

France

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, personnel consisted of one US civilian and 7 local national employees, one of whom served as caretaker of the Cantigny Monument. Mr. Phillip D. DeLaMater served as Superintendent throughout the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. Contracts

- (1) A new storage building was constructed.
- (2) Three stones were replaced on the Bellicourt Monument.
- (3) The quarters heating system was cleaned and maintained.
- (4) A faulty electric switch box was replaced in the quarters basement.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

- (1) All service building doors were weather sealed.
- (2) Part of the perimeter fence was weather coated.
- (3) All stone work was cleaned and treated.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

On 11 November 1978, Armistice Day, the Superintendent represented the Commission at ceremonies held in Bony and placed a wreath at the French War Memorial; representatives of the village of Bony later laid a wreath at the cemetery flagpole.

On 12 November 1978, sixty French veterans of World War I visited the cemetery.

Memorial Day ceremonies were held on 27 May 1979, with the participation of General James Gerard, Colonel J.L. Bonet-Maury, the Sub-Préfet of the Aisne Department, mayors and local people of nearby towns and villages and French and American troops. American troops presented the cemetery with a plaque to their Fallen Comrades-in-Arms. They also presented the village of Bony with a plaque and two picnic tables with benches.

On 28 May 1979, Memorial Day ceremonies were also held at the Cantigny Monument by the 28th Infantry Regiment (US), 1st Division (Black Lions of Cantigny); numerous national and local officials and local people participated and also commemorated the 61st Anniversary of the battle of Cantigny during World War I.

On 4 July 1979, a ceremony was held at the Cantigny Monument by the French Veterans of Montdidier, Somme, France, who laid several wreaths.

On 11 July 1979, Brigadier General John W. Donaldson, Officer-in-Charge, inspected the cemetery.

On 2 September 1979, the Superintendent attended a Day of Remembrance in the town of Saint-Quentin, for the town citizens who died for France and Liberty during World War II.

During FY 1979, 1 Next-of-Kin, 98 Americans and 7,626 others 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. The joints in the stonework were repointed and the monument was painted.

ANNEX S

Suresnes Cemetery and Memorial

France

1. Personnel

On 30 September 1979, personnel consisted of one US civilian and 5 local national employees. Mr. Robert D. McClellan served as Superintendent throughout the period.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. Contracts

- (1) Part of the front boundary fence was repaired.
- (2) The Memorial Chapel façades and columns were cleaned.
- (3) The chapel basement heating plant was repaired; the telephone system was modified to furnish two additional lines.

b. Cemetery Labor Projects

- (1) Painting of the boundary fence was continued.
- (2) Sunken graves were repaired.
- (3) Joints on the chapel terrace were repointed.
- (4) Headstones were pumiced and washed.
- (5) An equipment shelter was constructed on the compost platform.
- (6) About 2/3 of the supply depot built by contract last year was converted to office space.
- (7) The lighting system in the Memorial chapel basement was completely rebuilt.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

On 2 October 1978, Mr. Tom Ferrell, Weekly Review Editor, New York Times, visited the cemetery.

On 1 November 1978, the City of Suresnes held a brief ceremony at the cemetery to commemorate All Saints Day. Approximately 90 persons attended, including French War Veterans. Wreaths were placed in front of the Memorial.

On 11 November 1978, the City of Suresnes extended an invitation to the Officer-in-Charge, on the occasion of the celebration of Armistice Day (Veterans' Day). Tribute was paid to War Dead in the local cemetery. Following this, a ceremony was held in the French Signal Corps fort behind the Suresnes American Military Cemetery, at the Memorial to the two World Wars. A reception was held at the City Hall.

On 9 January 1979, Congressman Louis B. Stokes visited the cemetery.

On 20 March 1979, Lt. General Thomas M. Rienzi, NATO-NICSMA, visited the cemetery.

On 14 April 1979, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Iselin visited the cemetery. Mr. Iselin was the sculptor of the "Memory" statue in the World War II souvenir room of the Memorial.

On 14 May 1979, Mr. Eric Sandstrom, Commander in Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, visited the cemetery.

On 19 May 1979, Mrs. Arlene C. McDermott, National President of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, visited the cemetery.

Memorial Day ceremonies were held on 27 May 1979, attended by approximately 275 persons. Dignitaries included representatives of the Australian, British, French, Polish and Russian nations. Mr. William D. Morgan, Councillor of the U.S. Embassy represented Ambassador Arthur A. Hartman.

On 6 June 1979, 46 members of a Youth Chorale from the University of Louisiana, visited the cemetery.

On 20 and 29 June 1979, Dr. Martin Ackerman, Director-France for the "People to People" program, established during the presidency of General Eisenhower, made preliminary visits to the cemetery, prior to later group visits.

On 3 July 1979, 40 participants in the "People to People" program, from South Carolina, visited the cemetery.

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On 10 July 1979, 80 participants in the "People to People" program, from California and Iowa, visited the cemetery.

On 15 July 1979, 40 participants in the "People to People" program, from Washington State, visited the cemetery.

On 17 July 1979, 36 participants in the "People to People" program, from Tennessee, visited the cemetery.

On 27 July 1979, 25 Catholic Sisters from Canada visited the cemetery.

On 28 August 1979, Mr. Christian Chapman, Minister, U.S. Embassy in Paris, visited the cemetery.

On 14 September 1979, General Robert W. Hasbrouck and Mrs. Hasbrouck visited the cemetery.

During FY 1979, 8 Next-of-Kin, 400 Americans and 4,035 others visited the Suresnes American Cemetery.

CHAPTER III

Mediterranean Office

1. Personnel

a. 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 forty-nine 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 cut by 1 local national space.

(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. In late July - early August 1979, Colonel Clayton L. Moran, Director of Personnel and Administration, ABMC Washington Office, visited the Mediterranean Office, the Florence American Cemetery, the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery, and the North Africa American Cemetery.

d. In September 1979, Commissioners General Louis H. Wilson, USMC, (Ret) and Lieutenant General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., USAF, (Ret) visited the Mediterranean Office, the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and the Florence American Cemetery.

e. A contract was signed with an Italian stone supplier to furnish two monuments of Balmoral Granite. One is for installation at Munchot Point, Saipan, Marianas Islands, and the other at Utah Beach, Normandy, France. These monuments will memorialize the men who fell in these battles during World War II.

2. Organization

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

b. Organization chart as of 30 September 1979 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) A contract was signed to construct 76 meters of boundary wall along the north boundary of Sicily-Rome Cemetery. This will be an iron link fence and will complete the project initiated in 1973 to build a wall around all of the cemetery.

(2) In the South Garden at Sicily-Rome Cemetery, the wooden armillary sphere around the statue of Orpheus was replaced with bronze. The statue is a gift to the Commission from the noted sculptor Eric Gugler.

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

c. Horticultural Maintenance

(1) The Mediterranean Cemeteries continued to implement maintenance programs to maintain all grass and plants at the highest standards.

(2) The horticultural equipment and other support equipment on hand is relatively new and 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 1978.

4. Non-Federal Memorials

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

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 continued interest in our memorials.

b. Services

At the request of next of kin, 225 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

1 October 1978 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - Mr. Alfred E. Vellucci, Mayor of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, visited.

3 October 1978 - Florence Cemetery - Major General (Ret) Henry K. Kellog and Colonel (Ret) Edgar F. Pohlmann with a group of 25 members of the 19th Combat Engineer Regiment (WW II) with their families visited and held a short ceremony in the Chapel.

6 October 1978 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 25 members of the 19th Combat Engineer Regiment, visited and placed a wreath at the base of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue.

15 October 1978 - Florence Cemetery - A group of 125 Americans of the Rogers Heart Foundation visited while touring Europe.

15 October 1978 - Florence Cemetery - An informal ceremony was held at which a plaque was presented to Mr. Paolo Morotti of Bologna who has decorated graves on numerous occasions.

30 October 1978 - Florence Cemetery - Veterans Day Ceremony was held. A wreath was placed by Mr. Carlo Fantacci for the American Legion. Present were 55 members of the American Legion and others.

November and December - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - The following officials of the American Embassy, Rome, visited the cemetery: Mr. Theodore Austin, Budget and Management Officer; Mr. Victor D. Russillo, General Services Officer; Mr. Patrick N. Murphy, Economic Officer; Mr. John D. Sinozich, Personnel Officer; and Mr. Kenwood S. Foster, Political Section.

1 November 1978 - Florence Cemetery - All Saints Day Ceremony was held at 0930 hours. Four wreaths were placed by the following dignitaries: General D. Ninetto Lugaresi, Vice CG Regional HQ of Tuscany and Emilia, on behalf of the Italian Armed Forces; LTC Anthony J. Trafficante, Deputy Commander, Camp Darby, on behalf of the U.S. Army; U.S. Consul General Donald A. Johnston, on behalf of the American people; Mr. A. Colzi, Vice Mayor of Florence, on behalf of the Commune of Florence. Approximately 650 persons participated in the ceremony. The local press and TV reporters were present. The entire ceremony was viewed on the local TV. All present placed flowers on a number of graves after the ceremony and visited the Chapel and museum.

2 November 1978 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - All Souls Day, three (3) wreaths were placed by the Italian civilian authorities, Army and Police, Among the dignitaries present were: Antonio Simeoni, Mayor of Nettuno; Colonel Domenico Tarzia, Commanding Italian Police School, Nettuno; and Colonel Luigi Putotto, Commanding the C.E.A., Nettuno. There were approximately 700 visitors present.

5 November 1978 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A Group of 45 Italians from Rome, Italy visited and placed a wreath at the base of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue.

10 November 1978 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - Veterans Day, during a ceremony, a cushion of flowers was placed at the base of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue on behalf of the "People of the United States", by the American Battle Monuments Commission.

10 November 1978 - North Africa Cemetery - An impressive Veterans Day Ceremony was celebrated at the cemetery. The Honorable Edward W. Mulcahy, American Ambassador to Tunisia, officiated this ceremony in the presence of 100 visitors.

10 November 1978 - Florence Cemetery - A brief ceremony was held. A cushion of flowers was placed at the Wall of the Missing on behalf of the American people. Present at the ceremony were 25 visitors.

3 December 1978 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - Colonel McDonald, Canadian Forces Attache, from the Canadian Embassy, Rome, Italy, visited.

22 January 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - In remembrance of the 35th Anniversary of the landing of the Allied Troops at Anzio, the Mayors of Anzio, Giorgio Polverini, and of Nettuno, Antonio Simeoni, placed a wreath at the base of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue. There were approximately 450 visitors present.

15 February 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - Mr. Julius Byles, from Floralton Vero Beach, Florida, visited, escorted by Colonel and Mrs. James H. Brown.

1 March 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - To commemorate the battle of Campo di Carne, a wreath was placed at the base of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue, by the Mayor of Anzio accompanied by the Mayors of Nettuno, Aprilia, Cisterna and Pomezia. The dignitaries present were: General Dionisio Sepielli, representing the Italiana Army Chief of Staff; The Military Attaches: Colonel Jack E. Baker, of the U.S. Embassy; Colonel Werner Krossingmans, German Embassy; and Colonel R. J. A. Krambock, British Embassy. There were approximately 300 visitors present.

6 March 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - General Attilio Di Nunzio, C.S.A.E., Rome, Italy, visited.

24 March 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - Mrs. Jean Hurt, State Department, Washington, DC, escorted by Mr. John D. Sinozich, Personnel Officer, U.S. Embassy, Rome, Italy, visited.

24 April 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 51 Germans, former members of the 26th Armored Division, placed a cushion of flowers at the base of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue.

25 April 1979 - Florence Cemetery - The Mayor of San Casciano, Mr. Vasco Agresti and a group of Commune officials with guests placed a wreath at the Wall of the Missing for Liberation Day of Italy. A short prayer was read. 100 people were present at the ceremony.

2 May 1979 - North Africa Cemetery - Eighteen veterans of the 1st U.S. Infantry Division, and fourteen wives conducted a memorial service. Mr. Arthur L. Chaitt, Executive Director, Society of the First Division, conducted a pilgrimage to many of the places in Tunisia where members of the Division fought and died. All members of the Society praised the beauty of the cemetery, and thanked the American Battle Monuments Commission for maintaining "this great tribute to America."

4 May 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - Mrs. Betty Frederick from Providence, Rhode Island, escorted by Colonel James H. Brown, OIC, ABMC, Rome, Italy, visited the cemetery and the grave of her husband.

6 May 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - LTC James L. Williams, USMC, Assistant Naval Attache, U.S. Embassy, Rome, Italy, visited.

12 May 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - Joseph A. Carucci, Jr., Mayor of Lyndurst, New Jersey, visited.

22 May 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 56 Germans, former members of the 90th Armored Division, visited and placed a cushion of flowers at the base of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue.

24 May 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 150 Italian members of the Associazione Nazionale Combattenti e Reduci, from Rome, Italy, visited and placed a wreath at the base of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue.

28 May 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A Memorial Day Ceremony was held and 39 wreaths were placed. Among the dignitaries present were the Italian Chief of General Defense Staff, General Francesco Cavalera, Italian Air Force; the American Deputy Chief of Mission, American Embassy, Rome, Minister H. Allen Holmes; and the Chief of Staff, Allied Forces Southern Europe, Lieutenant General James M. Lee, U.S. Army, who was the guest speaker. Approximately 7,000 persons were present.

28 May 1979 - Florence Cemetery - A Memorial Day Ceremony was held. Present were Mr. Donald A. Johnston, U.S. Consul General; Honorable Martino Scovacricchi - Italian Undersecretary of Defense; Major General William R. Wolfe, Jr., CG SETAF; Dr. Rolando Ricci, the Governor of Florence; General Aldo De Carlini, CG Military Regional HQ of Tuscany and Emilia; Brigadier General Alberto De Lellis, CG 5 Carabinieri Brigade; Brigadier General Sante Guistino, CG Military Geographic Institute; Dr. Camillo Rocco, Police Chief, Florence; Brigadier General Dr. Ugo Nicotera, Chief of Finance Guards, Tuscany Region; Major General Luigi Saporito, Chief Inspector of Public Security, Florence; Brigadier General Guiliano Giovannelli, CG "Friuli" Brigade; LTC Anthony J. Trafficante, CDR 8th Support Group; the local Parish Priest, the Protestant Minister and Rabbi; the Mayors of Florence, San Casciano and Impruneta. The Consuls of Great Britain, France, Germany, Belgium, Sweden, Panama, Spain, Switzerland, and San Marino participated in the ceremony. Press and TV coverage were at the cemetery. Approximately 1,820 persons were present at the ceremony.

28 May 1979 - North Africa Cemetery - Colonel William P. O'Bryan, Defense Attache, American Embassy, Tunis, officiated at the Memorial Day Ceremony in the presence of approximately 300 persons. Due to the large presence of military personnel and American girl and boy scouts, this ceremony possessed an impressive air of dignity. Colonel O'Bryan publicly thanked the Superintendents and congratulated ABMC for maintaining this site.

5 June 1979 - Florence American Cemetery - The 10th Mountain Division Association held a ceremony at 1100 hours. Present were: General Aldo De Carlini, Military Commander of Tuscany and Emilia regions; Mr. Malcom McKenzie, President of the National Association of the 10th Mountain Division; LTC (Ret) Earl E. Clark, Chairman of the Board; Dr. Pierluigi Caldini, President of the "Alpini" National Association, Florence; General (Ret) Raffaello Sacconi, President of Freedom Volunteers Association in Tuscany; General Vitaliano Gambarotta, Commander of Leghorn Military Zone; Colonel Italo Poggiolini, Commander Carabinieri of Leghorn; Colonel Mario Arpino, Commander 46th Air Brigade of Pisa; Don Giancarlo Iacopozzi, Parish Priest of St. Andrew Church; Mons. Creste Vighetti, Representative of the Archbishop of Florence; Dr. Luciano Caro, Head Rabbi of Florence; U.S. Honor Guard, Color Guard, Rifle Squad, 8th Support Group, Camp Darby, Leghorn and an Italian Honor Guard. Also present were the

Consuls of Great Britain, France and Switzerland. Seven wreaths were placed by the dignitaries. Buglers were furnished by the carabinieri. 620 persons participated in the ceremony.

9 June 1979 - Florence Cemetery - Professor Peter Shephard, Artistic Advisor of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission with his Horticulture Director and staff visited.

17 June 1979 - North Africa Cemetery, LCDR George E. Peznola, USNR, CDR Herbert Tomy, USNR, BG Joseph S. Zareiko, LTC Frederick A. York, III, and Major Joseph Kreas of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts visited.

17 June 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 700 Italian members of the Associazione Nazionale Combattenti e Reduci, from Terni, Italy, visited and placed a wreath at the base of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue.

19 June 1979 - North Africa Cemetery - Mr. and Mrs. John W. McNutt visited. Mr. McNutt is a former member of the 1st Armored Division.

1 July 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 67 Italians from Bergamo, Italy, visited and placed a bouquet of flowers at the base of the altar in the Chapel.

11 July 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - Brigadier General James L. Collins, Jr., Chief of Military History, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, escorted by General Rinaldo Crucco, Chief of Italian Military History, S.M.E., Rome, Italy, visited.

13 July 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - Mr. Charles L. Shaw, Customer Support Representative, Boeing Commercial Airplane Co., Rome, Italy, visited.

1 August 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - Colonel Clayton L. Moran, Director of Personnel and Administration, ABMC, Washington, DC, escorted by Colonel James H. Brown, OIC, Mediterranean Office, inspected and visited the cemetery.

2 August 1979 - North Africa Cemetery - Colonel Clayton L. Moran, Director, Personnel and Administration, American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington Office, visited and inspected the North Africa American Cemetery.

3 - 6 August 1979 - Florence Cemetery - Colonel Clayton L. Moran, Director of Personnel and Administration, ABMC, Washington Office, inspected and visited the cemetery.

6 September 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - General Louis H. Wilson and Lieutenant General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., ABMC Commissioners, escorted by Colonel James H. Brown, OIC, Italy, inspected and placed a wreath of flowers at the base of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue.

8 September 1979 - Florence Cemetery - An informal ceremony was held for the Christian Democratic party. A large wreath was placed at the Wall of the Missing. A small silver plaque was presented in memory of the occasion, to be placed in the Visitors Room. 150 people were present to include Italian Senator Taviani.

8 - 10 September 1979 - Florence Cemetery - General and Mrs. Louis H. Wilson and Lieutenant General and Mrs. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., ABMC Commissioners, escorted by Colonel James H. Brown, OIC, inspected and placed a wreath at the Wall of the Missing on 9 September.

10 September 1979 - Florence Cemetery - Mrs. Mary E. Vegezzi, wife of Mr. John O. Vegezzi, visited. Mr. Vegezzi was an architect with McKim, Mead and White of New York, architects of the cemetery and memorial.

13 September 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - Mr. Joseph C. Amoroso and Mr. Gene C. Amoroso, from Rochester, New York, visited.

18 September 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 61 Belgians from Brussels, Belgium, visited and placed a cushion of flowers at the base of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue.

25 September 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - A group of 4 former members of the 3rd Ranger Bn, visited and placed a wreath of flowers at the base of the Brothers-in-Arms Statue.

28 September 1979 - Sicily-Rome Cemetery - Mrs. Minnie Appling, the sister of the former OIC of the Mediterranean Office, Colonel Albert Antonelli, visited.

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.

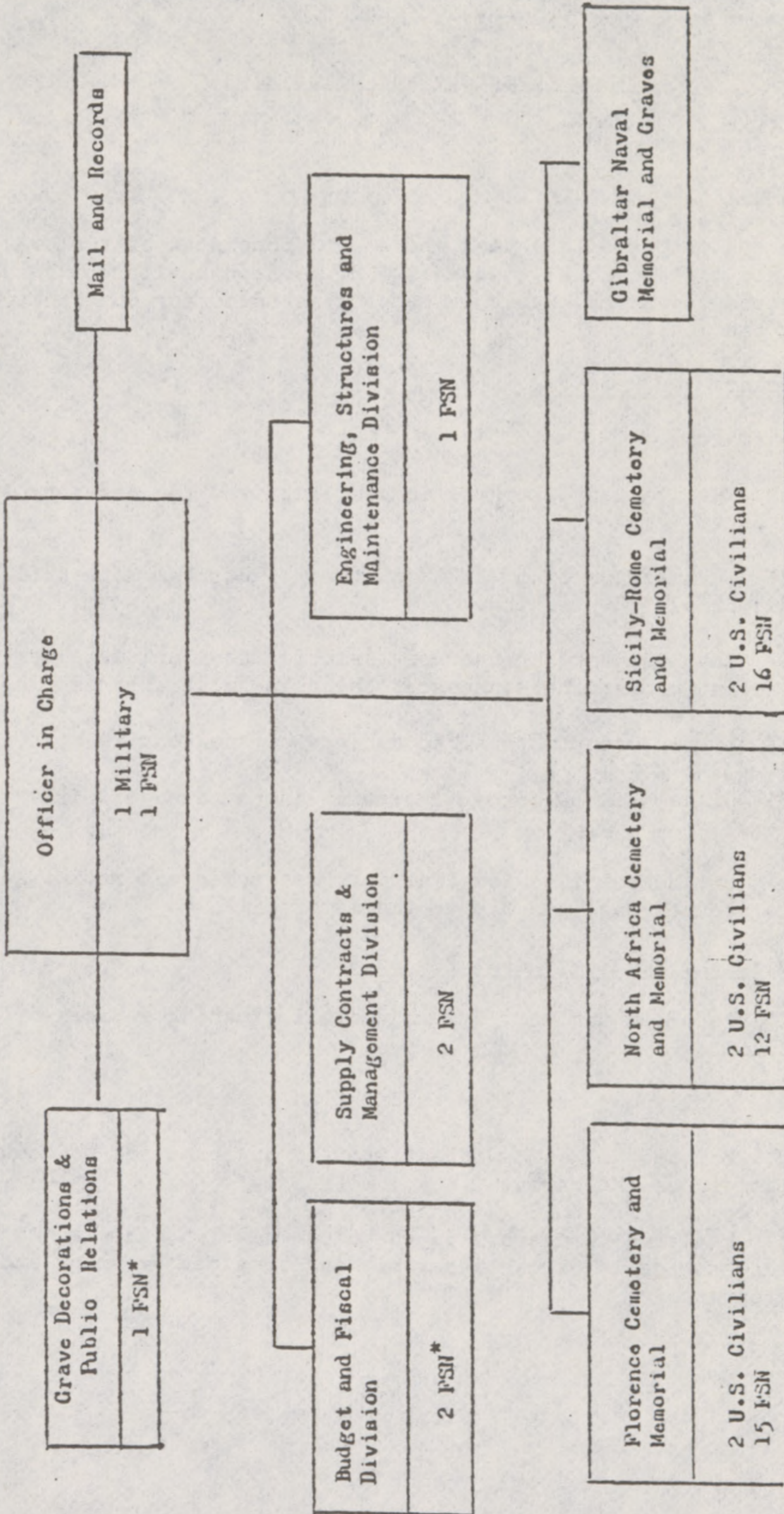
(2) During June 1972, the American Embassy in Tunis presented a draft agreement for operation of the North Africa American Cemetery to the Tunisian Government. Since that time, this agreement has lain almost dormant in the Tunisian Foreign Office. Informal inquiry indicates no objections, but also no indication of any final approval or action. It is hoped the agreement may be finalized in FY 1980. 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. Both ABMC and the American Embassy in Tunis continue follow-up action.

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ANNEX A

ORGANIZATION CHART - MEDITERRANEAN OFFICE



FSN - Foreign Service Nationals

*1 FSN - Dual Assignment

Actual Strengths, 30 September 1979

ANNEX B

Florence Cemetery and Memorial

1. Personnel

At the end of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and fifteen local nationals. Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua served as Superintendent and Mr. Stoke R. Kempton as Assistant Superintendent throughout the year.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. Contracts

(1) The Italian Telephone Company repaired the cemetery telephone system.

(2) Technicians from "ENEL" checked electrical meters for accuracy and proper functioning.

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

(4) Ditta Guidotti repaired burners of the heating system.

(5) Ditta Nuti performed quarterly inspections of fire extinguishers.

(6) Mr. Martelli, a local artist, retouched and refinished the surface of the Scagliola Map at the memorial.

b. Principal Cemetery Labor Projects

(1) Repaired sanitary system and all flushing devices of memorial toilets.

(2) Realigned travertine curbing in rose beds.

(3) Painted and whitewashed interior and exterior of ozone station, residences and garages.

(4) Replaced insulators in the ozone station, checked and disinfected water cells of the reservoir and repaired ozonizer and chlorine apparatus.

(5) Treated with an anti fungus product, Thaltox Q, all travertine and granite.

(6) Cleaned, washed and waterproofed with Nubex all headstones.

(7) Rebuilt reservoir roof.

(8) Installed an irrigation system for the rose beds adjacent to the flagpole.

(9) Repaired several breaks in the irrigation system pipes.

(10) Pruned all plane trees and oleanders.

(11) Applied herbicide, Erbitox S-40 (2-2-D) and Kloben, to lawns and planting pockets.

(12) Applied Quelacross anti-chlorosis and CAP 50 insecticide ointment to all cypress and plane trees to combat a fungus.

(13) Painted wooden shutters of all buildings, the fire-cabinets, cemetery signs and fire points.

(14) Completed renovation of memorial toilets roof.

(15) Applied Mighty Plate aluminum coating on rear walls of memorial and on visitors and office building roofs.

(16) Repainted with gold paint all gilded letters for inscriptions on panels in the atriums of the memorial.

(17) Painted all iron framework of the compost pits.

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 Florence Cemetery maintains a close liaison with the U.S. Consul General and staff at Florence.

c. Next of kin and the general public are received at all times with the highest ABMC standards of service. On many occasions, cemetery staff members provide transportation to and from town to next of kin visiting the cemetery.

d. Principal visits and ceremonies are shown in Paragraph 5c, Chapter III, Part Two. Of 37,356 visitors, 20,182 were Americans.

4. Conservation of Government Funds

a. Savings in Electrical Energy

(1) All possible measures were taken to conserve electrical current, to include irrigation at night to minimize pumping operations, using low voltage bulbs and improving electricity lines.

b. Savings in Gasoline and Fuel Oil

(1) All vehicles are maintained in perfect operating condition.

(2) Used the smallest vehicles such as Cushman trucksters and "APE" scooters, to perform daily maintenance activities and local procurement errands.

(3) Operated heating system at a minimum and shut off furnaces in the evenings.

c. Savings in Utilities

(1) Repaired water lines and equipment to save water.

(2) Replaced all worn-out sprinklers to improve irrigation and to save water.

ANNEX C

North Africa American Cemetery and Memorial

1. Personnel

a. At the close of the fiscal year, personnel consisted of two U.S. civilians and twelve foreign service nationals. Throughout the year, Mr. Patrick M. Hubai served as Superintendent. On 4 February 1979, Mr. Pierre Folliard was designated Assistant Superintendent and served in this capacity during the remainder of the fiscal year.

b. The American Embassy, Tunis, renegotiated the FSN Health Insurance Plan for an additional year, commencing 7 May 1979. All our FSN employees participate in this health care plan.

c. Monthly safety meetings were conducted throughout this period to illustrate that, in most cases, the causes of accidents are normal human failings that can be corrected.

d. On 25 June 1979, Mr. Habib Dakhlaoui, Probational Mechanic, was released from duty due to unacceptable performance. Mr. Mohsen Graffi was employed as Probational Maintenance Foreman, on July 16, 1979, to fill the vacancy created by the release of Mr. Dakhlaoui.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. All kikuyu grass areas throughout the cemetery were scarified and composted immediately afterwards. This project is an annual procedure for keeping this grass healthy and attractive in appearance.

b. The vinca major ground covers throughout the cemetery were rejuvenated by fertilizing, trimming, weeding, and watering, thus encouraging a fresh and healthy growth.

c. The project initiated during FY 1977 to gradually replace old and unattractive myoporum shrubs along the highway was continued. Approximately 200 plants were replaced. During FY 1981, this task will be completed.

d. Fire lanes in the meadow area, and other areas accumulating leaves, pine needles and other debris, were thoroughly cleaned. This continues to be a major fire prevention measure.

e. During the winter months, it was necessary to spray the numerous Pinus Halepensis (Aleppo Pine) trees against tent caterpillars.

- f. Continued an intensive pruning schedule to simulate the healthy appearance of trees, shrubs and hedges.
- g. Propagated the following flowers and plants in the nursery: myoporum, hibiscus, rosemary, ivy, roses, oleander, cineraria, spider plants, dwarf hedge, geranium (ivy-like and erectus), and hyacinth.
- h. Transplanted roses opposite the visitors building and adjacent to the Forecourt wall.
- i. Planted shade grass at the cemetery entrance. All former bare spots are lush and green in appearance.
- j. Redefined and backfilled the edgings of ground covers and shrubs throughout the burial area.
- k. Root fed various trees as necessary.
- l. Transplanted spider plants adjacent and behind the Honor statue. This task improved the general aspect of the planting beds in this area.
- m. Service building interiors were painted by cemetery employees, as well as all iron gates, the flagpole and the compost pits metal structures.
- n. The major project to caulk, point and repair needed stone work was continued.
- o. Thoroughly cleaned stone work throughout the cemetery. Applied poultice of Thaltox Q to stained areas of stone work. The application of one or the other, depending on type of stone and staining, has proven to be quite effective.
- p. A local contractor serviced the forced air heaters at the residences, garage and visitors building.
- q. A local contractor repaired and remounted the large, rolling garage door axle.
- r. Cemetery labor overhauled the water inlet valves, Worthington and Peerless pumps used for irrigation. Yearly maintenance assures trouble-free operation of this group.
- s. All fissures and cracks on the residences and service buildings walls were repaired by cemetery labor. A local contractor prepared and painted all exterior walls and fixtures of these buildings.

t. Methodically blocked many scuppers on the memorial building roof. This task, executed by cemetery labor, permits the free flow of water after a rain. Previously, still water standing in the gutters was splashed by the wind against the memorial walls and piers. This measure will eliminate future stone deterioration and staining.

u. Purchased new furniture for the cemetery visitors reception area to replace furniture 25 years old.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

a. Relations with local authorities and U.S. Government agencies are excellent, and the North Africa American Cemetery maintains a very close liaison with the American Embassy, Tunis, Tunisia.

b. ABMC's high standards of services to next of kin and the general public continue to be met. An influx of visitors to this cemetery, possibly due to improved tourism, occurred. During the reporting period, there were 15,871 visitors of which 5,288 were Americans.

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

4. Conservation of Government Funds

a. The program for savings in electrical energy, gasoline and fuel oil continued.

b. Commencing with this fiscal year, the systematic night irrigation of fine lawns, shrubs, and planting beds, was initiated. The cost of water increased by 60% over the last FY, but approximately 15,500 cubic meters of water was conserved versus the FY 1978 usage. This is a 43% savings. This important measure was taken to conserve government funds and still accomplish the mission.

ANNEX D

Sicily-Rome Cemetery and Memorial

1. Personnel

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

b. Mr. Silvio Di Cresce, a FSN, retired on April 30, 1979.

c. Mr. Ernesto Rosi was employed as Memorial Guide on 4 June 1979 to replace Mr. Di Cresce.

2. Maintenance and Repair

a. Replaced the broken bulletin board that lists cemetery features.

b. Repaired quick couplers for valves.

c. Sprayed all cypress trees with Bordeaux mixture.

d. Repaired stanchions at 3rd Division Monument, a private monument near the cemetery.

e. Injected trees to insure health.

f. Treated stone with Thaltox Q against fungus growth.

g. Minor repairs made to headstones.

h. Applied protective treatment to roof beams and woodwork of residences, visitors building and chapel benches.

i. Planted Gazania Varicolor in south garden of memorial area to landscape the Orpheus statue.

j. Replaced pressure gauge on water 8-HP pump at pump house.

k. Varnished, cleaned and repaired teakwood benches.

l. Painted cemetery road signs.

- m. Minor repairs made to asphalt roads.
- n. All structures checked and minor repairs performed and painted where necessary.
- o. Pruned 331 trees, 188 shrubs and trimmed 6 miles of hedges.
- p. Replaced trees, shrubs and hedges as needed from nursery stock.
- q. Planted flowers in the nursery area to provide cut flowers for the Chapel and the visitors room.
- r. Continued to apply the highest standards of horticultural maintenance to all trees, shrubs, hedges and lawns.
- s. Repaired Selci and stone gutters.
- t. Repaired masonry ditches.
- u. Repaired tufo and masonry walls.
- v. Checked and cleaned all stone and waterproofed headstones.
- w. Built road signs.

3. Services to and Relations with the Public

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

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

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

d. During the reporting period, there were 209,720 visitors of which 52,341 were Americans.

4. Conservation of Government Funds and Utilities

a. The program for savings in electrical energy, gasoline and fuel oil continued.

b. Thermostats in all buildings are set at a reasonable level so that heating fuel will not be wasted.

ANNEX E

Gibraltar

1. 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.

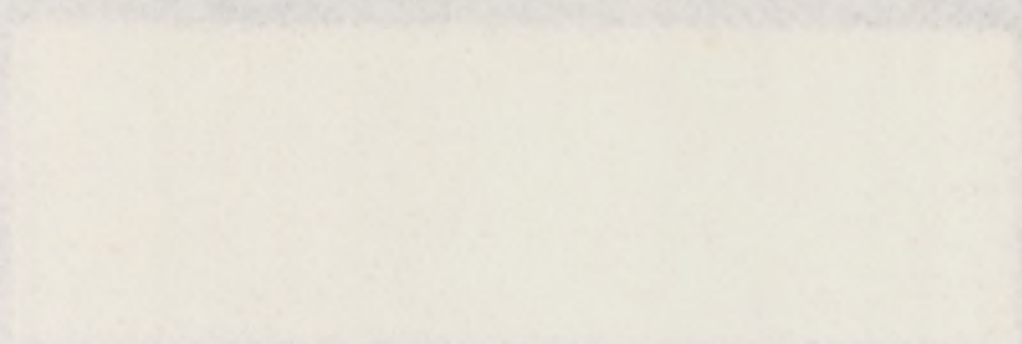
The Officer in Charge, Mediterranean Office, inspected this memorial in January 1977. It was in fine condition, needing only minor maintenance, which was provided by local officers. No inspections were made in FY 1979 but confirmation was received by letter that maintenance had been accomplished.

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. There are also five U. S. Navy graves that date from 1817 to 1831. All graves are now in top flight condition.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission provides routine maintenance of the 12 graves on a cross service basis, without reimbursement from the United States.







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