



AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

November 5, 2015

Mr. Brian Siddall
P O Box 3897
Ithaca, NY 14852

Dear Mr. Siddall:

I am responding to your email of October 26, 2015 regarding the grave marker inscription of Sergeant John P. Ray, service number 34005401, interred at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial.

As stated in our letters of July 14 and September 30, 2015, a completed or perfected FOIA request needs to state the requestor's willingness to pay any applicable fees or provide sufficient justification to support a fee waiver. Your imperfect FOIA request does not include such a statement.

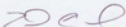
Additionally, requests for processing under the Freedom of Information Act must be in compliance with FOIA laws outlined in FOIA 5 United States Code Section 552, which generally requires federal agencies to make their records available to persons who make a proper request for them. A completed FOIA request must be in writing, reasonably describe the requested records, and indicate agreement to pay applicable fees. The FOIA is not a process for presenting questions or to otherwise obtain information, conversational content or requests for specific action to be taken by an agency of the U.S. government.

Contrary to the statements in the attachment accompanying your email, the program of permanent interment of U.S. World War II Dead, as well as the determination of the data to be inscribed on the grave markers at the overseas American military cemeteries, was carried out by the American Graves Registration Service of the Quartermaster General of the War Department, not this Commission.

As an independent civilian agency of the U.S. government, this Commission has no authority to change or correct military service records. Therefore, in the interest of determining Sergeant Ray's date of death, a request, to include your email and its enclosed narrative, have been sent to the Department of the Army Human Resources Command, Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center, 1600 Spearhead Division Ave., Fort Knox, KY 40122, which has executive authority over the World War II deceased personnel files, for a determination of SGT Ray's date of death. Based on the Department of the Army's findings, SGT Ray's grave marker will be changed if warranted.

You will be informed of the Department of Army's determination when received by this Commission.

Respectfully,

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Timothy Nosal
Chief, External Affairs
FOIA Officer

bnsiddall@gmail.com

From: Nosal Timothy [nosalt@abmc.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2016 11:44 AM
To: bnsiddall@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Quesiton

Mr. Siddall:

On behalf of Secretary Cleland I am responding to your recent query.

In July I received a phone call from the family of SGT. Ray who learned that his headstone was scheduled to be replaced through correspondence from you. The family asked that the headstone not be replaced and explained why. As such, I directed the cemetery to hold the new headstone and not replace the original. Through a miscommunication at the cemetery, the new headstone was installed in early August. On August 8, I was once again called by the family who became aware that the new headstone was installed and asked that the original be returned. I immediately contacted the cemetery and asked them to return the original headstone to the grave at the request of the widow. SGT Ray's widow then mailed me a formal request to keep the original in place. You already have a copy of the letter SGT Ray's widow sent to this office via certified mail on August 8.

The Secretary made the decision to keep the original headstone in place based on my recommendation that we should honor the wishes of primary next of kin. SGT Ray's widow, Mrs. Paula Ray Guidry, was his primary next of kin at the time of his death and at the time of determination for the disposition of SGT Ray's remains.

With the passage of time, headstone inscriptions marking those honored gravesites have taken on a significance and personal meaning for immediate family members that are beyond any outside observer's ability to comprehend. They have endured much on behalf of our great nation. ABMC has long recognized its legal and moral obligation to the next of kin who suffered the greatest loss, and made the decision to permanently honor their loved one with interment in an overseas military cemetery. Our agency owes it to surviving next of kin to recognize that same moral obligation when evaluating requests for changes to the headstone inscriptions.

We consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,

Tim Nosal
Chief of External Affairs

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August 17, 2012

TO: Walter Frankland, LTC, USA (Ret)
Chief of Staff, Overseas Operations Office
Unit 9200, Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker -
PVT Carl S. Rosmussen
4th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Division
Plot C, Row 32, Grave 10
Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A Department of the Army, Board for Correction of Military Records review of military service records has determined that the correct spelling of the surname of PVT Carl S. Rosmussen is Rasmussen.
2. Authorization is granted to correct the surname inscribed on the grave marker to Rasmussen rather than Rosmussen as currently inscribed.
3. Upon completion, please provide this office with a photograph and 35mm negative of the grave marker.
4. Authorization is also granted to annotate ABMC's printed and electronic burial registers.

Timothy Nosal
Acting Chief, Public Affairs



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August 31, 2012

TO: Walter Frankland
Chief of Staff
Overseas Operations Office
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker -
CAPT Kirby B. Sleppy
4th Engineer Bn, 4th Division
Plot B, Row 22, Grave 34
See Memo Somme American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A National Archives military archivist's review of the burial file of Captain Kirby B. Sleppy has determined that according to eye witness accounts that the correct date of death is **August 4**, 1918 rather than October 5, as currently inscribed.
2. Authorization is granted to correct the date of death inscribed on CAPT Sleppy's grave marker.
3. Upon completion, please provide this office with a photograph of the grave marker.
4. Authorization is also granted to correct ABMC's printed and electronic burial registers.

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August 31, 2012

TO: Walter Frankland
Chief of Staff
Overseas Operations Office
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker -
1LT David Loughlin
O-756274
Plot B, Row 33, Grave 18
Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A review of the mission record reports and crew member roster has determined that that the correct date of death for 1LT David Loughlin, O-75674 is September 9, 1944 rather than September 11, as currently inscribed.
 2. The mission report states that the 612th Bomb Squadron, 401st Bomb Group/H, was briefed on Saturday, Sept 9, 1994 at 0400 hours; piloted by 1LT David Loughlin, took off at 0816 hours for a bombing mission of the railroad yards at Mannheim, Germany; received a direct hit and broke in half at 20,000 feet. Seven crew members were killed; two survived. Several other members of the crew, all with date of death as September 9, 1944, are also interred at the Lorraine American Cemetery as follows:
 3. SSGT Albert M. Bailey, 1506363, Plot B, Row 33, Grave 14 – Tail Gunner (Mission roster lists SSGT Bailey as J.B. Bailey-however, SSGT Albert M. Bailey's unit, date of death, awards and location of temporary and permanent interment, are consistent with this mission.)
SSGT Arlo W. Dralle, 364555642, Plot B, Row 34, Grave 27 – Waist Gunner
1LT Charles F. Meredith, O-818292, Plot B, Row 33, Grave 15 - Co-pilot
SSGT John B. Punte at Plot B, Row 33, Grave 33 – Ball Turret Gunner
1LT Edwin F. Sedlak, 0761473, Plot B, Row 36, Grave 16 - Bombardier
TSGT James L. Sommers at Plot B, Row 33, Grave 17 – Radio Operator
- 1LT R. L. Bernard, Navigator and TSGT O.E. Livingston, Engineer/Top Turret were taken as prisoners of war and survived the war.
SGT D.C. Messex, Ball Turret Gunner also listed in the crew roster did not fly this mission. He also survived the war.



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October 26, 2012

TO: Walter Frankland
Chief of Staff, Overseas Operations Office
Unit 9200, Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker Inscription -
PVT William Jolicouer
306th Infantry Regiment, 77th Division
Plot D, Row 20, Grave 18
Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery

1. As supported by documentation received from the National Archives, authorization is granted to correct the spelling of the surname currently inscribed on the grave marker of Private William Jolicouer to Jolicoeur.
2. Upon completion, please provide this office with a digital photo of the grave marker.
4. Authorization is also granted to annotate ABMC's printed and electronic burial registers.

Timothy Nosal
Acting Director of Public Affairs



Date base verified 10/25/11

AMERICAN BATTLE
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March 28, 2013

TO: ABMC Director of Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Inscribe Award of DSC on Grave Marker
SGT Joseph A. Boyd
7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Division
Plot B, Row 11, Grave 26
Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A National Archives military archivist's review of General Order No 10, W.D., 1920, documents the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Sergeant Joseph A. Boyd, of the 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Division. A copy of the award citation is enclosed.
2. Authorization is granted to inscribe the award of the DSC on SGT Boyd's grave marker.
3. War Department General Order #10, as well as a witness statement, show the date of death for SGT Boyd as October 14. However, documents in the burial file from the Office of the Quartermaster General of the War Department, G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-C, Cemeterial Division, as well as the War Department Report of Casualties and Change, and the World War I Veterans Administration Index Cards report the date of death as October 13, 1918. Based on this documentation, the date of death currently inscribed on the grave marker, October 13, 1918, is determined to be accurate.
3. Upon completion of the inscription of the award of the DSC on the grave marker, please provide this office with a photograph.
4. Authorization is also granted to add the award of the DSC to SGT Boyd's entry in ABMC's printed and electronic burial registers.

Timothy Nosal
Acting Director of Public Affairs



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10/27/14*

AMERICAN BATTLE
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June 18, 2014

TO: ABMC Director of Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker
PFC Thomas O. Branch
34832197
320th Infantry Regiment, 35th Division
Plot D, Row 6, Grave 78
Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A Department of the Army review of the individual deceased personnel file confirms that the correct rank for Thomas O. Branch is Private First Class rather than Private as currently inscribed on the grave marker.
2. Authorization is granted to correct the the grave marker inscription.
3. Authorization is also granted to correct all entry for PFC Branch in the ABMC's printed and local electronic burial registers.

Timothy Nosal
Acting Director of Public Affairs



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June 25, 2014

TO: ABMC Director of Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker
MAJ James H. Pitman
O-023100
Plot C, Row 30, Grave 67
Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A review of the individual deceased personnel file confirms that the correct unit for Major James H. Pitman, O-023100 is the 42 CAV RCN SQ rather than the 45 CAV RCN SQ as currently inscribed on the grave marker.
2. Authorization is granted to correct the unit on the grave marker to the 42 CAV RCN SQ.
3. Authorization is also granted to correct the entry for MAJ Pitman in ABMC's printed and local electronic burial registers.

Timothy Nosal
Acting Director of Public Affairs



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September 4, 2014

TO: ABMC - Director of Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker
PVT Douglas R. Matthew
124th Field Artillery Regiment, 33rd Division
Plot C, Row 41, Grave 33
Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A review of the burial file and draft registration records by archivist at the National Archives confirms that the correct spelling of the surname is **Mathews**. Therefore, please correct the inscription on the grave marker to read **Mathews** rather than **Matthew** as currently inscribed.
2. Authorization is also granted to correct the entry for PVT Mathews in ABMC's printed and local electronic burial registers.

Timothy Nosal
Director of Public Affairs



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September 17, 2014

TO: ABMC Director of Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker
1LT J. Grantly Hall
Royal Air Force, British Army
Plot D, Row 20, Grave 13
Somme American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A review of burial records from the National Archives confirms that the state of entry into military service for 1LT J. Grantly Hall was Massachusetts rather than California as currently inscribed..
2. Authorization is granted to inscribed the state of entry into service on the grave marker to Massachusetts
3. Authorization is also granted to correct the entry for 1LT Hall in ABMC's printed and local electronic burial registers.

Timothy Nosal
Acting Director of Public Affairs



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October 28, 2014

TO: ABMC Director of Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker
SSGT Richard E. Sheraski
36840153
Plot E, Row 4, Grave 5
Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A review of the individual deceased personnel file by the Department of the Army has determined that the date of date of death for Staff Sergeant Richard E. Sheraski is March 24, 1945 rather than 1944 as currently inscribed.
2. Authorization is granted to correct the date of death on the grave marker.
3. Authorization is also granted to correct all ABMC printed and local electronic burial registers.

Timothy Nosal
Director of Public Affairs



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October 29, 2014

TO: ABMC Director of Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker
LT COL Arthur W. Blair
O-18750
Plot B, Row 4, Grave 43
Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A review of the IDPF and state enlistment records has determined that LT COL Arthur W. Blair, O-1750 entered military service from the state of Louisiana rather than Indiana as currently inscribed on his grave marker .
2. Authorization is granted to correct the state inscribed on LT COL Blair's marker.
3. Authorization is also granted to correct all ABMC printed and local electronic burial registers.

Timothy Nosal
Director of Public Affairs



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November 20, 2014

TO: ABMC Director of Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker
TSGT Kenneth V. Ehrhart
06553476
Plot B, Row 30, Grave 38
Epinal American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A review of the unit history of the 328th Bomb Squadron, 93th Bomb Group found that the 93rd Bomb Group flew its last mission in April 1945. Additionally, The funeral Register of the city of Bruges confirms the year of death as 1944.
2. Authorization is granted to correct the date of death inscribed on the grave marker of TSGT Kenneth V. Ehrhart to June 19, 1944.
4. Please provide this office with a digital photograph of the grave marker upon completion.
3. Authorization is also granted to correct the date of death in all ABMC's printed and local electronic burial registers.

Timothy Nosal
Director of Public Affairs



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January 29, 2015

TO: ABMC – Director of Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200, Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker Inscription -
SGT Charles L. Baudry
16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Division
Plot B, Row 1, Grave 37
Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery

1. As determined by a records review by the military records historian at the National Archives, authorization is granted to correct the state of entry into military service inscribed on the grave marker of SGT Charles L. Baudry. The correct state is Mississippi rather than Missouri as currently inscribed.
2. Upon completion, please provide this office with a digital photo of the grave marker.
4. Authorization is also granted to annotate ABMC's printed and electronic burial registers.

Timothy Nosal
Director of Public Affairs



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February 19, 2015

TO: ABMC – Director of Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker -
PFC William H. Maltbie, Jr.
33719506
Plot E, Row 32, Grave 39
Lorraine American Cemetery

1. As supported by the roster of those who entered military service from the state of Maryland, authorization is granted to correct the state inscribed on the grave marker of PFC William H. Maltbie, Jr. to Maryland rather than Indiana as currently shown inscribed. .
3. Upon completion, please provide this office with a photograph of the grave marker.
4. Authorization is also granted to correct ABMC's printed and electronic burial registers.

Timothy Nosal
Director of Public Affairs



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March 26, 2015

TO: ABMC Director of Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Inscribe Award of Distinguished Service Cross

PFC Arthur R. Brandt
168th Infantry Regiment, 42nd Division
Plot B, Row 19, Grave 21
Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial

1.. Authorization is granted to inscribe the award of the Distinguished Service Cross on PFC Brandt's grave marker.

4. Authorization is also granted to add the award of the DSC to PFC Brandt's entry in ABMC's printed and electronic burial registers.

Timothy Nosal
Director of Public Affairs



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AMERICAN BATTLE
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August 7, 2015

TO: Director of Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker -
2LT Oscar W. Nordquist
359th Infantry Regiment, 90th Division
Plot B, Row 24, Grave 14
St. Mihiel American Cemetery

1. The printed ABMC burial register confirms that the current surname inscribed on the grave mark of 2LT Oscar W. Nordquist is incorrect.
2. Authorization to granted to correct the surname to Nordquist rather than Nordouist as currently spelled.
3. Authorization is also granted to correct local electronic and printed records as necessary.
4. Upon completion, please provide this office with a photograph of the corrected grave marker.

Timothy Nosal
Chief, External Affairs

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AMERICAN BATTLE
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April 10, 2015

TO: ABMC Director of Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker
2LT Owens H. Yeuell
O-026268
Plot H, Row 13, Grave 33
Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A review of the unit morning reports and unit daily journals has determined that Second Lieutenant Owens H. Yeuell was a member of the 330th Infantry Regiment, 83rd Infantry Division at the time of his death, July 17, 1944.
2. Authorization is granted to change the unit designated on the grave marker to the 330th Infantry Regiment, 83rd Division rather than "US Infantry" as currently inscribed.
3. Authorization is also granted to correct all ABMC printed and local electronic burial registers.

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Timothy Nosal
Director of Public Affairs

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Burial Reg created*



AMERICAN BATTLE
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June 10, 2015

TO: Director of Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker -
2LT Gerald M. Dalton
O-675562
Plot B, Row 25, Grave 22
Epinal American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A review of the Missing Air Crew Report confirms that the unit designation for 2LT Gerald M. Dalton, O-675562 is the 577th Bomb Squadron, 392nd Bomb Group rather than the 597th Bomb Squadron as currently inscribed.
2. Authorization is granted to correct the unit inscribed on 2LT Dalton's grave marker.
3. Upon completion, please provide this office with a photograph of the grave marker.
4. Authorization is also granted to correct ABMC's printed and electronic burial registers.

Timothy Nosal
Director of Public Affairs

Burial register verified 9/20/15



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June 17, 2015

TO: Director of Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker -
SGT James L. Gregory
12054947
Plot A, Row 4, Grave 25
Epinal American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A review of the Department of the Army World War II burial register and ABMC Form 1 Interment Record confirms that the spelling of the surname inscribed on Sergeant Gregory's grave marker is incorrect. The correct spelling is **Gregory** rather than Gregroy as currently inscribed.
2. Authorization is granted to correct the name inscription on SGT Gregory's marker.
3. Upon completion, please provide this office with a photograph of the grave marker.
4. Authorization is also granted to correct ABMC's printed and electronic burial registers if warranted.

Timothy Nosal
Director of Public Affairs

*Database & registers
revised - 4/4/15*



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July 16, 2015

TO: Director of Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker -
2LT Robert E. Forrest
O-727979
Plot A, Row 8, Grave 16
Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A review of the Missing Air Crew Report, the Department of the Army World War II and ABMC burial registers, has determined that the correct unit for the grave marker of 2LT Robert E. Forrest is the 67th Bomb SQ, 44th Bomb Group/H rather than the 64th Bomb SQ as currently inscribed. 2LT Forrest's date of death is March 8, 1943.

2. Authorization is granted to correct the unit inscription on 2LT Robert E. Forrest marker to the 67th Bomb Squadron.

3. Authorization is also granted to correct all ABMC printed and electronic burial record entries for 2LT Forrest to the 67th Bomb SQ, 44th Bomb Group/H rather than the 64th Bomb SQ, 43rd Bomb Group/H as currently shown.

Unit histories show that the 44th Bomb Group/H served in Europe from 1942 until its last combat mission in April 1945, consisting of the 66th, 67th, 68th, 404th and 506th Squadrons. The 43rd Bomb Group/H, consisting of the 63rd, 64th, 65th and 403rd Bomb Squadrons, served in the southwest Pacific Theatre of Operations from 1942 to 1945.

3. ABMC burial records confirm that the following crew members listed on the missing air crew report are interred as follows: 2LT Morton P. Gross, O-727336, 67th Bomb SQ, 44th Bomb Group is interred at Plot B, Row 17, Grave 43, Normandy American Cemetery. CAPT Clyde E. Price, O-398584; 1LT Jacob A. J. Augenstene, O-789432, SSGT Lewis J. Fleshman, 12035272, and TSGT Donald E. Jester, 17023590, all with date of death of March 8, 1943, are interred at the Ardennes American Cemetery. TSGT Dalton Snell, 17032555 is interred at private cemetery in Arkansas and SSGT Roy E. Gosline, 14069419 is interred at private cemetery in Alabama. All crew members are recorded as being temporarily interred at the St. Andre U.S. Temporary Military Cemetery at Evreux, France.



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September 10, 2015

TO: Deputy Secretary, Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker -
Major James R. Farris
O-789698
Plot F, Row 6, Grave 86
Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A review of the Report of Aircraft Accident Investigation, USA AF Station 429, confirms that the unit designation as 326th Carrier Group inscribed on the grave marker of Major James R. Farris, O-789698 is incorrect. The correct unit is the 36th Squadron, 316th Troop Carrier Group rather than the 326th Troop Carrier Group as currently inscribed.
2. Authorization is granted to correct the unit inscribed on Major Farris' grave marker.
3. Upon completion, please provide this office with a photograph of the grave marker.
4. Authorization is also granted to correct ABMC's printed and electronic burial registers.

Timothy Nosal
Chief of External Affairs



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Database corrected
11/2015 per Army
approval in Sep*

October 14, 2015

TO: Deputy Secretary, Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker -
SSGT Loyd T. Wright
16150377
Plot D, Row 4, Grave 17
Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A Department of the Army review of the individual deceased personnel file determined that the spelling of the first name of Staff Sergeant Wright inscribed on the grave marker is incorrect. The correct spelling is **Lloyd T. Wright** rather than **Loyd** as currently inscribed.
2. Authorization is granted to correct the first name inscribed the grave marker.
3. Upon completion, please provide this office with a photograph of the grave marker.
4. Authorization is also granted to correct all ABMC's printed and electronic burial registers.

Timothy Nosal
Chief, External Affairs



AMERICAN BATTLE
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November 9, 2015

TO: Deputy Secretary, Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker -
SGT John P. Ray
34005401
Plot E, Row 26, Grave 36
Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A Department of the Army Human Resources Command review of the individual deceased personnel of Sergeant John P. Ray, service number 34005401, has determined that the date of death inscribed on his grave marker is incorrect. The correct date of death is June 13, 1944 rather than June 7, 1944 as currently inscribed.
2. Authorization is granted to correct the date of death inscribed on Sergeant Ray's grave marker.
3. Upon completion, please provide this office with a photograph of the grave marker.
4. Authorization is also granted to correct ABMC's printed and electronic burial registers.

Timothy Nosal
Chief of External Affairs



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November 10, 2015

TO: Deputy Secretary, Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
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SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker -
TSGT Everett L. Brannen
12039340
Plot J, Row 11, Grave 20
Brittany American Cemetery and Memorial

1. It has been determined by review of the ABMC Headstone Inscription and Interment Record, as well as the printed ABMC burial register, that the date of death inscribed on the grave marker of TSGT Everett L. Brannen at the Brittany American Cemetery is incorrect. The correct date of death is June 28, **1943** rather than June 28, 1944 as currently inscribed.
2. Authorization is granted to correct the date of death inscribed on TSGT Brannen's grave marker.
3. Upon completion, please provide this office with a photograph of the grave marker.
4. Authorization is also granted to correct ABMC's printed and electronic burial registers.

Timothy Nosal
Chief of External Affairs



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1) Burial register
DoD corrected
2) Database corrected
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November 17, 2015

TO: Deputy Secretary, Overseas Operations
Attn: John Wessels
Unit 9200 Box 1030
DPO AE 09777-1030

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker -
CAPT Edward L. Grant
307th INF, 77th DIV
Plot A, Row 2, Grave 24
Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A review of the burial file by National Archives military archivist has determined that the date of death inscribed on the grave marker of Captain Edward L. Grant at the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery is incorrect. The correct date of death is **October 5, 1918** rather than October 9, 1918 as currently inscribed.
2. Authorization is granted to correct the date of death inscribed on CAPT Grant's grave marker.
3. Upon completion, please provide this office with a photograph of the grave marker.
4. Authorization is also granted to correct ABMC's printed and electronic burial registers.

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