



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND  
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE DEPT# 107  
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5100

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

November 4, 2015

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AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION  
ATTN: MARTHA R. SELL  
2300 CLARENDON BOULEVARD, SUITE 500  
ARLINGTON VA 22201-3367

Dear Ms Sell,

This is in response to your request for a review of the Individual Deceased Personnel File pertaining to SGT John P. Ray, SN: 34005401 to determine the correct date of death. After careful review of the IDPF pertaining to SGT John P. Ray, the correct date of death is determined to be June 13, 1944. Please correct all ABMC records to include interment records and grave maker inscription to reflect the corrected date of June 13, 1944.

If you have any questions regarding your request please contact our office at (502) 613-4203 or at [Susan.m.kilianski.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Susan.m.kilianski.civ@mail.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. Kilianski".

Susan M. Kilianski  
Freedom of Information  
and Privacy Act Office



AMERICAN BATTLE  
MONUMENTS COMMISSION

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 19, 2015

SGT John P. Ray  
34005401  
Plot E, Row 26, Grave 36  
Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial  
Colleville-sur-Mer/St. Laurent-sur-Mer  
(Calvados), France

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

Dear Mr. Siddall:

Reference is made to our letter of November 5, 2015.

A review of the individual deceased personnel file by the Department of the Army Human Resources Command, Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center, 1600 Spearhead Division Ave., Fort Knox, KY 40122 has determined that the correct date of death of Sergeant John P. Ray, service number 34005401, is June 13, 1944.

Based on the Department of the Army's findings, Sergeant Ray's grave marker at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial will be inscribed as June 13, 1944 rather than June 7, 1944 as currently inscribed.

A copy of the findings of the Department of the Army's findings are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Martha R. Sell  
Director, Public Programs

A white cross-shaped gravestone stands in a cemetery. The stone is inscribed with the name and service details of John P. Ray. In the background, many other similar white crosses are visible, arranged in rows on a green lawn under a cloudy sky.

JOHN P. RAY  
SGT 505 PRCHT INF 82 ABN DIV  
LOUISIANA JUNE 13 1944