

Collazo Beatriz

From: Nosal Timothy
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2016 2:21 PM
To: Sell Martha
Subject: FW: Request for Headstone review of information

Marti

Please contact the folks at Fort Knox and see if you can get an IDPF. My gut tells me that this change will be authorized – it is coming from the sister and it makes sense.. I'm going to shoot you a note from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOIA Exemption 6

related to this matter.

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Cheers!

Tim

Tim Nosal

Chief of External Affairs

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From: [REDACTED] FOIA Exemption 6
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 4:34 PM
To: Nosal Timothy
Subject: Request for Headstone review of information

Dear Mr. Nosal,

This is a request of a review of the unit information on the headstone for possible correction for my brother:

Sgt. George Bowler Tullidge III from Staunton , Virginia

33 539 482

Buried in Cambridge, England

DOD is June 8, 1944

George was wounded mortally at the La fiere Bridge near St. Mere Eglise.

I am George's sister [FOIAExemption 6] and I am the last remaining member of the immediate family. When I became aware of this discrepancy, it has become my mission to rectify the mistake for our family now and into perpetuity

I thank you for your work to keep the memory and history of our heroes alive.

My request is that George's headstone be changed from the 17th Airborne Division to the 82nd Airborne Division.

Gratefully,

[FOIAExemption 6]

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From: FOIAExemption 6
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 8:55 AM
To: Nosal Timothy
Subject: Fwd: i remembered something today...
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From: FOIAExemption 6
Date: Thu, Oct 13, 2016 at 3:32 PM
Subject: i remembered something today...
To: FOIAExemption 6

Mr. Nosal, FOIA Exemption 6 were at Fort Benning September 16 for a ceremony honoring former Secretary of the Army John Marsh. FOIAExemption 6 the picture below.

At Fort Benning, there was a walk of heroes that listed all of the regiments, their divisions, and their battles.

Chris took a picture of it...**sure enough under the the 82nd Airborne for Operation Overlord is listed the 507th PIR. The US Military considered the 507th a part of the 82nd Airborne during Operation Overlord.**

It is confusing to me that Fort Benning honors the 507 as a member of the 82nd on that monument for all to see, why would the ABMC not want to do the same? If it is good enough for a monument on an active duty post with Ranger and Jump School, why isn't it possible to honor a fallen soldier whose life and death made that monument possible? (Bronze Star Recipient #63 from 82nd)

Many thanks for listening and your consideration. Have a great weekend.

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From: FOIAExemption 6
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 1:16 PM
To: Nosal Timothy
Subject: Fwd:
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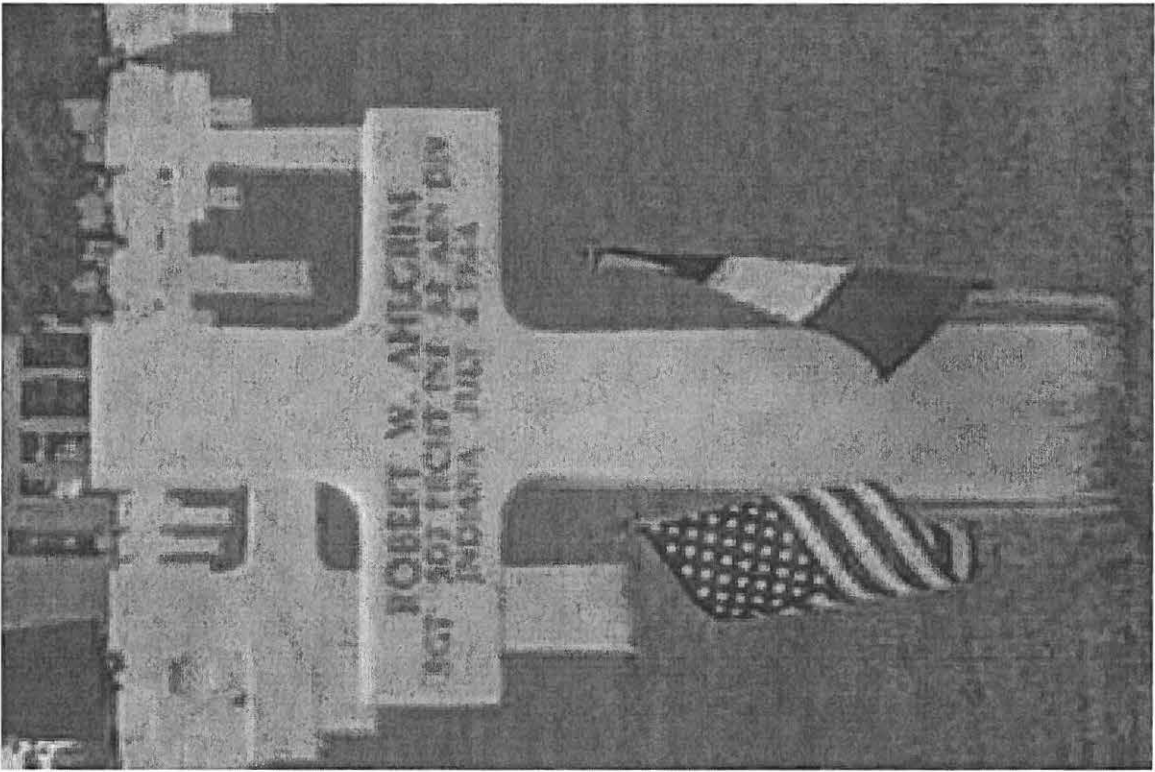


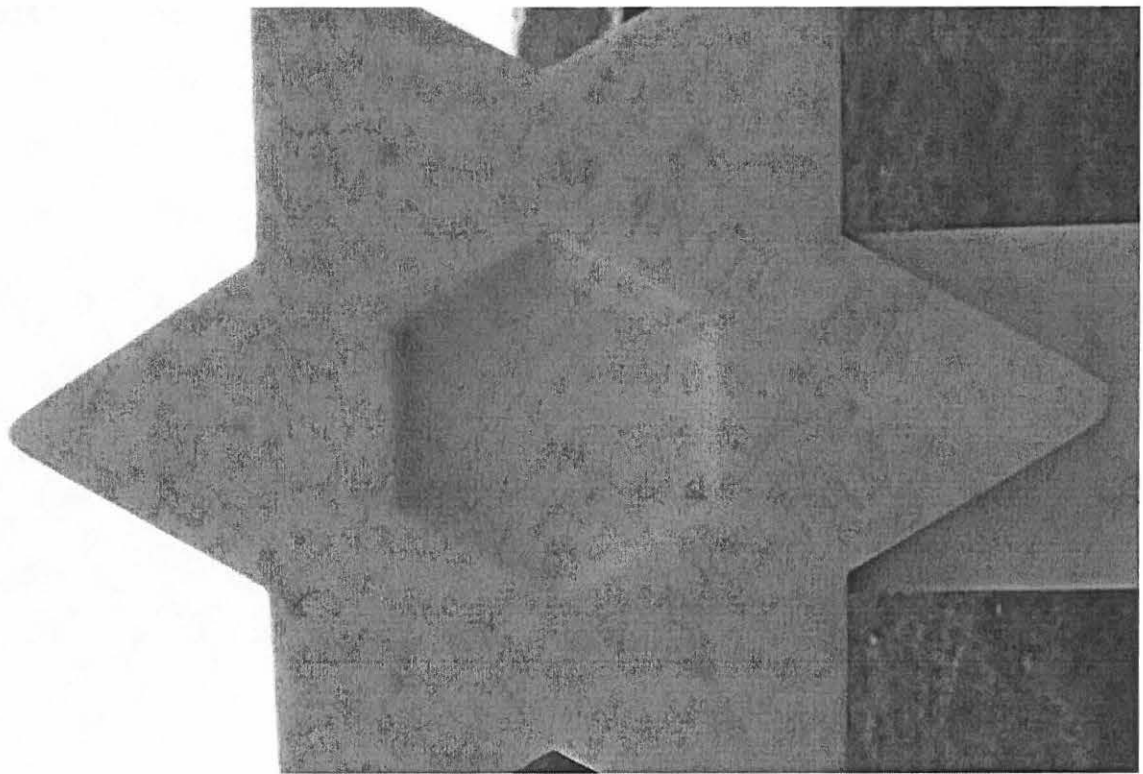
VERGERS "TIMMES"

**En hommage
au Lt Colonel
Charles J. TIMMES
et à ses parachutistes
du 507th P.I.R**

82ème Airborne Div.

6-9 juin 1944







AMERICAN BATTLE
MONUMENTS COMMISSION

October 4, 2016

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

Director of Cemetery Operations
Attn: Christine Young
Office of Overseas Operations

SUBJECT: Authorization to Correct Grave Marker -
SGT George B. Tullidge
Plot D, Row 7, Grave 11
Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial

1. A review by the Department of the Army, Center of Military History has determined that the unit designation for SGT George B. Tullidge is the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, rather than the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 17th Airborne Division as currently inscribed. At the time of SGT Tullidge's death, the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment was a "non-divisional unit."
2. Authorization is granted to correct the unit inscribed on SGT Tullidge'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

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From: FOIAExemption 6
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2016 5:55 PM
To: Nosal Timothy
Subject: George B. Tullidge Stone correction
Attachments: Shqbizhub316100512220 (3).pdf; SKMBT_C36016091911401 (1).pdf

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My cell number is FOIAExemption 6

Thank you.

Best,

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To: Nosal Timothy
Subject: Re: George B. Tullidge Stone correction

Dear Mr. Nosal,

Thank you for your kind letter and giving me an opportunity to talk to you by phone or email. I decided on the later due FOIAExemption 6. It wasn't quite clear to me what you have ordered engraved on George's stone. It is my thought that if it is only the 507, there would be room on the stone for us, the family, to amend the stone and include the unit and company. Is that a possibility ?

I am just thinking that we have strong support with the primary source letter of condolence to mama from General Gavin. And also we have the Headquarters of 82 Division order for a Bronze Star for George for displaying aggressiveness and unusual courage at La Fiere Bridge. where he was mortally wounded. General Orders Number 63. I think you can see my confusion since General Gavin, the Commander supports George as a member of the 82.

In just a few weeks, we will be posting a book on Amazon and Kindle called POLIO TO PARATROOPER written by FOIA Exemption 6 telling George's life story of 20 short years.
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We also have a website for the booklet FOIAExemption 6 wrote for George. Not too many WWII heroes have websites. !

www:AParatroopersFaith.org

I thank you for your time and your mission which is parallel to mine. . I have no doubt that you join me in wanting to honor the sacrifices of our dear heroes and and historical accuracy for their stories. This is their only voice. I want nothing for myself, FOIAExemption 6 FOIAExemption 6 FOIAExemption 6. I just wish to honor my FOIAExemption 6 brother with historically accurate and complete history.
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God bless America and her unselfish heroes!

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On Tue, Oct 11, 2016 at 11:02 AM, Nosal Timothy <nosalt@abmc.gov> wrote:

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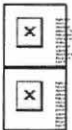
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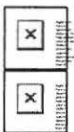
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From: Herrmann Sarah
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 6:44 AM
To: FOIAExemption 6
Cc: Nosal Timothy
Subject: RE: Request for assistance for a soldiers family

FOIAExemption 6

Good Morning FOIAExemption 6

Thanks for your email. We always want to ensure our records and our headstones reflect accurate information.

In order to move forward, we need a letter/email from Sgt. Tullidge's sister requesting that we review the unit information on his headstone for a possible correction. It's our policy that these types of headstone change requests must come from a family member. It does not need to be lengthy letter/email, but it needs to state that she is the sister of Sgt. Tullidge (include his service #, rank, burial location, date of death) and that she is requesting that the unit on his headstone be changed from the 17th Airborne Division to the 82nd Airborne Division. She does not need to provide any additional documentation. Once we have that in hand, we can then begin review the supporting documentation.

She can send the letter/email to:

American Battle Monuments Commission

Attn: Tim Nosal

2300 Clarendon Blvd.

Suite 500

Arlington, VA 22201

nosalt@abmc.gov

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Thanks very much!

Sarah

Sarah A. Herrmann

Digital Communications Manager

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From: FOIAExemption 6
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 11:12 PM
To: Herrmann Sarah
Subject: Request for assistance for a soldiers family

The American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington D.C.

Dear Ms. Herrmann,

I was given your name by a friend of mine, a FOIAExemption 6 who informs me that you might be able to assist me in helping a family of a fallen soldier.

Please allow me a moment to introduce myself. I am FOIAExemption 6, the FOIAExemption 6 U.S. Navy sailor FOIA Exemption 6, killed in action on June 6th, 1944, who is buried in the Normandy American Cemetery. I am one of the few people who have been successful in providing the necessary proof needed to have FOIAExemption 6 headstone amended in Normandy. With the help of your former colleague, Martha Sell, who I think has since retired since my emails to her rebound back to me, Daniel Neese, Superintendent of the Normandy American Cemetery, Lt. Nathan Kaspar of the United States Navy (Retired from the Causality Office) and a number of former platoon-mates from my FOIAExemption 6 unit that witnessed his death on D-Day, FOIAExemption 6 June 8th 1944 dated headstone was excavated and replaced in 2009 by a new stone that adorned the correct date of his death to June 6th 1944. FOIA Exemption 6

Because of this FOIAExemption 6 documented transition, from time to time people run across my web site and discover that indeed miracles are possible. Recently I was contacted by FOIA Exemption 6 Sgt. George B. Tullidge, who is buried in the Cambridge American Cemetery north of London England. There is an issue with his headstone that I hope you can help me with.

Sgt. Tullidge was wounded on June 6th, 1944, and subsequently died on June 8th, 2 days later. Unlike my great uncle's headstone, Sgt. Tullidge's date of death is listed correctly. However, what is incorrect is the headstone inscription listing his parent unit as the 17th Airborne Division. Prior to and during the Normandy invasion, and at the time of Sgt. Tullidge's death and for some time after the initial invasion, the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment was part of the 82nd Airborne Division, not the 17th as his headstone suggests. In August of 1944, the 507th was later assigned to the 17th Airborne Division as they prepared for additional operations in Europe. The reassignment of the 507th was a full 2 plus months plus following Sgt. Tullidge's death.

The decision of changing of FOIAExemption 6 headstone from June 8th to June 6th was most likely a simple one considering the significance of date itself and the location of the cemetery in proximity to the site of his death. In the case of Sgt. Tullidge, the request to have his stone corrected isn't about a date, it's about the unit. Yet like all things set in stone, memorials, headstones and monuments are all storybooks to the past, a person's legacy. They tell a story about sacrifice and courage and in the case of Sgt. Tullidge that story is not correct as currently written.

I have attached documentation that supports the history behind trooper Tullidge as provided to me by FOIA Exemption 6 fallen, that he was a part of the 507th and that the 507th was part of the 82nd Airborne Division at the time of his death. General Gavin's condolence letter written to Sgt. Tullidge's mother plainly establishes that fact. Of course it is easy to understand how such errors occurred, with the reinterments of remains after the cemeteries in their current shape and layout were established after

the war was over. Yet in a few years those that are living will not be able to tell the first hand stories of those who died so long ago. I think with this in mind it is obvious that those monuments must be correct in what they say.

I can tell you that it was with profound gratitude that the [redacted] family appreciates the correction of [redacted] FOIA Exemption 6. I even went so far as to tie the replacement date to a significant event on the [redacted] calendar, FOIA Exemption 6, believing that [redacted] FOIA Exemption 6. During the excavation, beams of light entered the area to which his headstone was affixed. I captured those moments on video and in still photography. It was an amazing sight which validated all the efforts made to assure that he was properly recorded for his sacrifice. At every opportunity I speak about the dedication and devotion of all that are a part of the American Battle Monuments Commission have towards our fallen servicemen and women. During my [redacted] FOIA Exemption 6 address at the National D-Day Memorial in [redacted] FOIA Exemption 6, I mention this bond that is exhibited by each and every person that has the honor to work at the cemetery that sits above the sand where so many gave their lives for liberty. During that speech I could not honor [redacted] without honoring those who keep his final resting place in such good order. FOIA Exemption 6

I hope that you can assist me in sharing this same gratitude and bringing to a close this family's grief or at least point me in the right direction of who I can address the request to have Sgt. Tullidges' headstone amended. I would be as equally grateful to you for your help in assisting the Tullidge family.

Please kindly reply to me at your first opportunity.

Until then I wish you a very pleasant day and may God continue to bless America and all those who have defended her.

[redacted] FOIA Exemption 6, USNR, Killed in Action, June 6th, 1944
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Thank you for the note. We have anticipated your requests and have already contacted the Army. Hopefully, we will have an authorization soon. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Tim Nosal

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Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 4:34 PM
To: Nosal Timothy
Subject: Request for Headstone review of information

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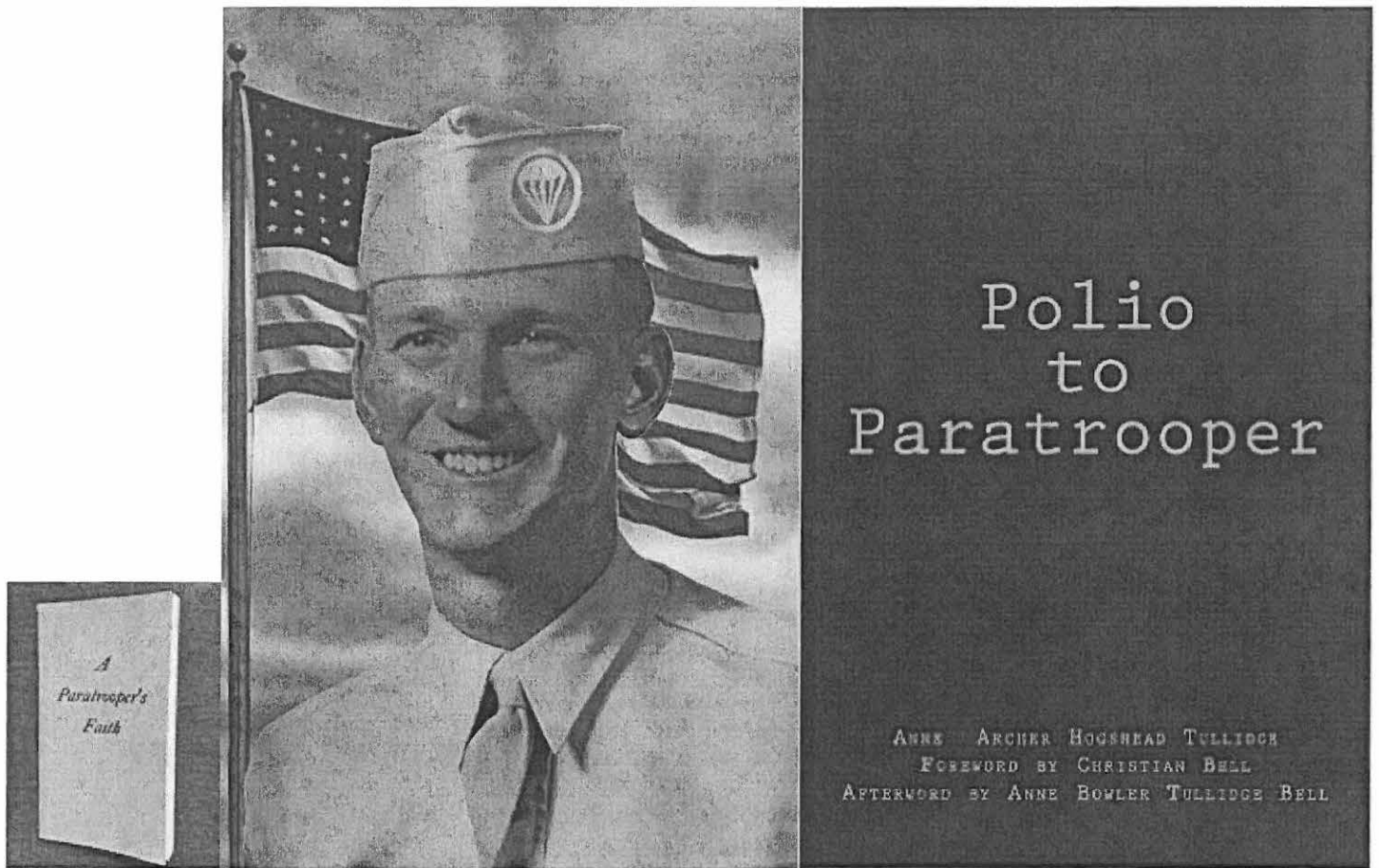
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Flowers from Tracey Haylock, George B Tullidge III, Book Polio to Paratrooper is now on sale at Amazon, (George's story)

Thank you for your kind gentleness, Tim and Bud !