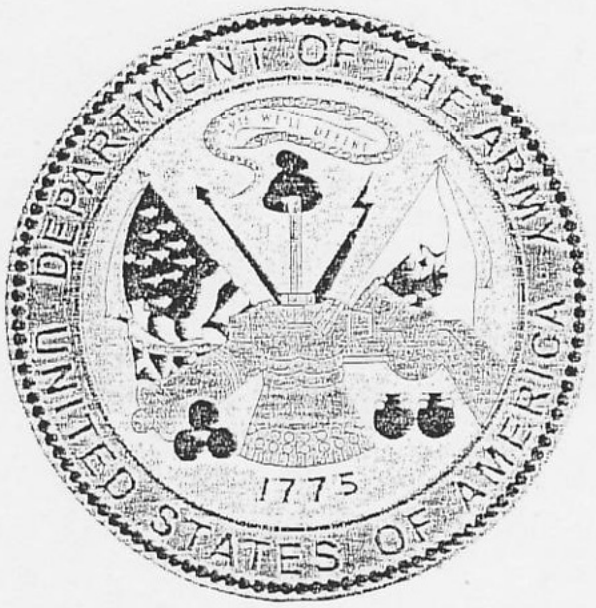

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LTC Leemann/325-0811
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16 JUN 1995

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Chief, Mortuary Affairs and
Casualty Support Division

REVIEW
Director, CMAOC
Division Chief
Secretary
Branch Chief
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By

SALL/Dorothy Groome/697-8131/OCLL #5052899

Congressional

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- ☐ Prepare for Director's Signature
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- ☐ Reply Direct
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31 MAY 95 AM 9:34

AO: DOROTHY GROOME, 66 Phone: 78131

Constituent: Donald J. De Lotell

Member of Congress: Boehner, John A.

Subject: OTHER MILITARY PERS ISSUES

Action Desired: (X) Draft of an Appropriate Reply**
( ) Reply Direct to Member of Congress and copy to SALL**
( ) Necessary Action/Information
( ) See Remarks

REMARKS: PERSCOM both Awards Branch and Casualty & Memorial Affairs will have to work this action. Pls provide reply NLT 950609

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2. TYPE OF DOCUMENT: Letter 3. DATE: 19 Nov 47

4. FROM: OQMG

5. TO: Brig Gen Thomas North, Sec, American Battle Monuments Comm.

6. SUBJECT: With respect to the grave of Gen. Patton, it is the opinion of this office that special consideration is warranted.

7. DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 687 GRS, European

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JOHN A. BOEHNER
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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

May 18, 1995

Colonel Don Deline
Department Of Defense
Office Of Legislative Liaison
Room 3D918, The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Colonel Deline:

The enclosed correspondence requesting the return of General George Patton's body was sent to me by Mr. Don J. DeLottel.

I would greatly appreciate you providing my Hamilton office with the appropriate information so that I may reply to my constituent's inquiry.

If I may provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John A. Boehner

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Don J DeLotell
1275 Cleveland Ave.
HAMILTON OHIO 45013

Monday, April 17, 1995

APR 19 1995

Dear Mr. Boehner:

While we are talking about World War II I think that it is appropriate that we give some thought to General George Patton, who never lost a batt;e from Normandy to the borders of Czechoslovakia and Austria.

After the city of Weimar and the Buchenwald concentratuon were taken on the morning of April 15th, 1945, General Patton's Third Army was ordered to turn south to Czechoslovakia and Austria where the enemy was no longer able to fight because their lines of communication had been cut and their supplies were exhausted.

I'm sure the Yalta agreement made General Dwight Eisenhower issue the order to General Patton to take his Third Army southward intead of continuing the drive to Berlin. We could have reached Berlin three weeks ahead of the Russians, but the honor of taking Berlin was reserved for the Russians, thanks to General Stalin. The Yalta agreement is one of the few scars on President Franklin Roosevelt's great record during World War II, but it was a costly one because Russia put up the Berlin Wall that proved to be a big fat headache for quite a few years.

General Patton is the silent hero of World War II and it is time for the leaders in the House of Congress to do something about recognizing General Patton's accomplishments in the greatest war of all times. Maybe you could be the one to do the job of bringing attention to the U. S. Army leaders in the Pentagon Building to start doing something to recognize General Patton. This is a matter that is long overdue and now is the time to act. I'm sure you know that General Patton is buried in Luxembourg with thousands of other Third Army soldiers and officers who were killed in World War II. It would be fitting for General Patton's body to be brought back to the United States and then laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

Maybe my idea will sound good to you and you might come to the aid of General Patton's relatives who might like to have his body returned to the United States. General Patton died at 5:45 p. m., December 21st, 1945. Fifty years is a long time for a hero's body to be buried in a foreign country. Do you agrre with me?

I'll close for now, Congressman Boehner. I'm hoping you'll be able to get the Bronze Star Medal for me.

Sincerely, Donald J. DeLotell

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LTC Leemann/325-0811
TAPC-PED-F/Mr. Howard

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Chief, Mortuary Affairs and
Casualty Support Division

SALL/Dorothy Groome/697-8131/OCLL #5052899

LTC Leemann/325-0811
TAPC-PED-F/Mr. Howard

6 JUN 1995

Authorities at the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command (PERSCOM) tell us that in order to answer your inquiry, the individual deceased personnel file for General George S. Patton, Jr., O-2605, must be reviewed. Records of deceased personnel are stored at the Washington National Records Center, Suitland, Maryland. PERSCOM has requested the file. It takes approximately eight weeks for the file to be received in that command. As soon as it is received and reviewed, they will respond further.

AS APPROVED BY:

SIGNED

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
MORTUARY AFFAIRS BRANCH
CONTROL SHEET

PCN: ZL9-RR3

DATE RECEIVED: 95/06/05

CASE CONTROL #: 95-6891

INQUIRY TYPE: Congressional

FORM OF INQUIRY: Letter

(_____/_____/_____)
INITIALS DATE TIME

CONFLICT/WAR/INCIDENT: WII

DECEASED NAME: PATTON, GEORGE S JR.

RANK: GENERAL

DEATH DATE: 1945/12/21

SERVICE/SSN #: 02605

REMARKS: LUXEMBOURG AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY (PLOT P, ROW 1, GRAVE 1)

INQUIRER'S LAST NAME: DELOTTEL

FIRST NAME: DON

MI: J SFX:

DECEASED'S RELATIONSHIP TO INQUIRER:

PHONE #:

MAILING ADDRESS: 1275 CLEVELAND AVENUE

CITY: HAMILTON

STATE: OH ZIP CODE: 45013

INFORMATION REQUESTED:

Individual Inquiry

REMARKS: OCLL #5052899; REQ REPAT OF GEN PATTON'S REMAINS

COPY REQUIREMENTS: (DOCUMENTS IN IDPF)

ALL:_____(INCLUDE IDPF COVER)

ABOVE PINK DIVIDER:_____

TABBED DOCUMENTS:_____

REDACT: YES / NO (CIRCLE ONE).

DATE CLOSED: 95/06/12

Revision date 8 Mar 93

DAAG-PED-O 9 November 1981

LTC James D. Stephens (Ret)
660 South Broadway
Box 503
Georgetown, Kentucky 40324

Dear Colonel Stephens:

This is in response to your letter dated 24 September 1981 requesting the burial locations of several servicemen.

Records available to this office indicate that the remains of General George S. Patton, Jr., are interred in the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg, in Plot P, Row 1, Grave 1. His date of death is 21 December 1945. The remains of Private Arlus P. Trottier, are interred in the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, St. Laurent-sur-Mer, France in Plot I, Row 23, Grave 10. His date of death is 7 June 1944.

We do not possess data on burial locations in the United States, therefore, we are unable to honor your request on the following personnel: Colonel William Dickey Long; First Sergeant Hugo Frederick William Quade; Staff Sergeant William C. Twitty and Captain William H. Norton.

I trust the information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM R. FLICK
LTC, GS
Chief, Memorial Affairs Division

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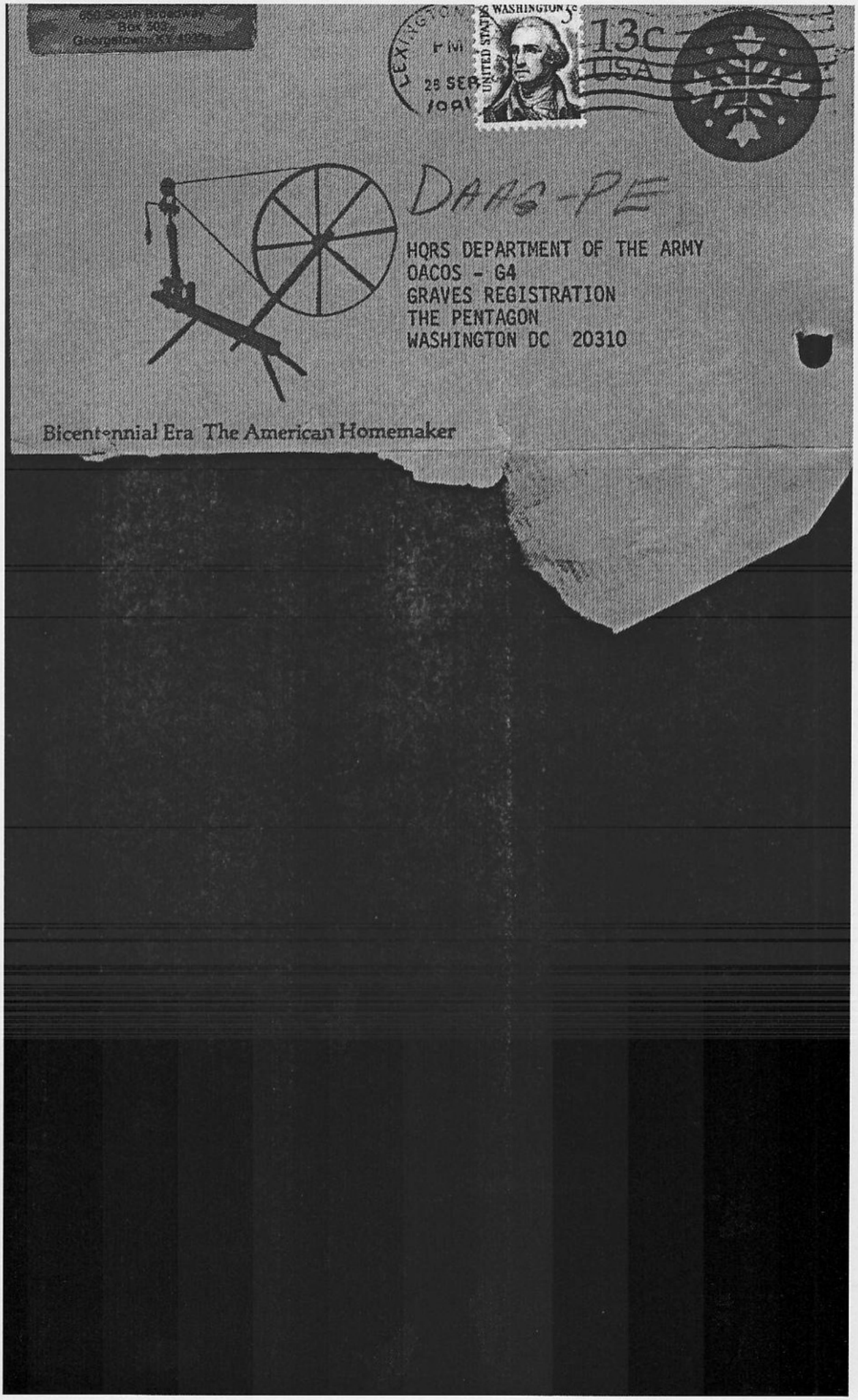

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James Darwin Stephens

650 South Broadway Box 503
Georgetown KY 40324-0503

24 September 1981

Hqrs Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington DC 20310
ATTN: ACOS-G4
Graves Registration

Dear Sir:

I am planning a trip to England and Western Europe next year and wish the following information:

The burial gravesites of the following by cemetery name and town location -

Private Arius P TROTTIER (Jr) KIA Omaha Beach 6 June 1944;
General George Smith PATTON Jr - died subsequent to auto accident in Germany 1945; and
Colonel William Dickey LONG - died following a throat operation in Germany 16 February 1962.

As the following are buried in the United States, I would like to know of their burial locations also:

1st Sgt Hugo Frederick William QUADE USA-Ret 1937;
S/Sgt William C TWITTY USA Cav (Bugler);
Capt William (H?) NORTON USA former PMS&T KMI in late 20's and early 30's.

Should you not be positioned to furnish the information requested, please advise the most expedient means by which it may be obtained. I am presently writing a book which will devote some reflection to one or more of the above deceased Army persons.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES DARWIN STEPHENS
LTC USA RETD

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

November 5, 1970

611-61

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Gravesite of General George S. Patton

1. General George S. Patton was initially interred in Plot EE, Row 9, Grave 222 of the Luxembourg American Cemetery by the Graves Registration Service in 1945. In 1947, his grave was moved to a position in front of the other grave plots because the many visitors to his grave were trampling and killing the grass on surrounding graves.

2. As this appeared at the time to be preferential treatment for General Patton's remains, Major General Thomas North, Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission, directed that his grave be relocated to Plot B, Row 1, Grave 50, a standard gravesite. Before these instructions were carried out, the plans for the Memorial at the cemetery were modified to incorporate the grave as a feature of the Memorial.

3. The isolated location of General Patton's grave having been made permanent, paving blocks were installed near it to accommodate visitors and protect the grass.

4. Inasmuch as General Patton's gravesite is separate from the other grave plots in the cemetery, it has been designated as Plot P (for Patton), Row 1, Grave 1. A change to the World War II burial register is being published to reflect this designation.

Marilyn F. Mallwitz

MARILYN F. MALLWITZ
Chief, Operations Division

File
NAN
Ofc. Spec. Asst
Mem. Dev.
R Braid
30075

Mrs. Braid/mb/30075/18 August 1970

18 AUG 1970

Miss Virginia L. Donley
4036 Birchman Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

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Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert E. Jordan, III

Robert E. Jordan, III
Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Army
(Civil Functions)

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Ofc, Special Assistant

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Patton, George S. Jr.
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Reply to Inquiry Concerning the Burial of General George S. Patton, Jr.

18 August 1970

Special Assistant to SA
for Civil Functions

Chief of Support Services
Mrs. Braid/mb/30075

1. Recommend that the attached reply to an inquiry be approved, signed, and dispatched.

2. The proposed reply has been coordinated with ABMC (Mrs. Mallwitz - 36099).

2 Incl
1. Ref Slip 12 Aug 70 w/incl
2. Ltr for sig w/env

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Colonel, QMC
Chief of Support Services

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July 13, 1970

President Richard M. Nixon
White House
Washington, D. C. 20000

Dear Mr. President:

I read in a magazine article in which it mentioned you too had seen the movie "Patton".

After seeing it I was so moved that I wrote the enclosed article, a copy of which I am sending for you to read.

Do you know the reason why General Patton is not buried in Arlington National Cemetery with rest of our famous generals?

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Virginia Donley

Virginia Donley

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Enc.

A SALUTE TO A WARRIOR OF WARRIORS

On July 4th I saw the movie "Patton", and was moved that there was such an American (during my lifetime) who knew how to command and fight a war-----to him, there was no other way but to fight offensively-----not to dig in or give up at any price.

What a shame it is that General George S. Patton, Jr.'s achievements, accomplishments, and deeds have not been predominately written up in the news media or publications been printed lately, giving him a place of esteem as has been done for so many----both friend and foe.

There are those who have said he was responsible for a large amount of casualties, maybe so, but that is the price for victory. Today's authors, historians and commentaries have failed, for some reason, to mention his greatness and accomplishments. His code of honor----was not that of a polished statesman, but a spirit of a true warrior----the characteristic of which made this country great.

In all fairness, his astonished accomplishments, and his foresightingness should be revealed again----along with facts, such as, that under his command, his well trained army (over a million men) was able to pull out from one battle, travelled 100 miles through inclement weather without rest and hot food to fight in a major battle, turning the Battle of the Bulge into victory; that his Third Army re-captured more towns and gained more ground than any other army in U. S. history. WHAT A FEAT!

In re-reading a 1962 American Legion Magazine article, an account of a 1945 May press conference gave the same conclusive events as was in the movie with this exception: that General George Patton sounded the following grim warnings about the Russians.....we had help to established a more evil force than the one defeated; that just a series of battles were won, "not a war for peace". General Patton said that Winston Churchill was the only free world leader with power who knew that we should have taken the Balkans, Central Europe, Berlin, Prague, and the Baltic coast of the North----that Churchill had a sense of history, and unfortunately some of our own leaders had no idea of Russian history. He also said, "this day we have missed another date with our destiny, and this time we'll need Almighty God's constant help if we're to live in the same world with Stalin and his murdering cutthroats."

It is a pity when the apologists, the peace at any price cowards, the friends of the Soviet Union, and the do-gooders can cause a man such as General Patton, and other Generals (MacArthur and Walker) to be stripped of their command and belittled in order to gain their own end---how despicable.

Of General George S. Patton, Jr., this grateful American's belated salute is.....WELL DONE FAITHFUL WARRIOR OF WARRIORS.

Virginia L. Donley
4036 Birchman

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President Richard M. Nixon
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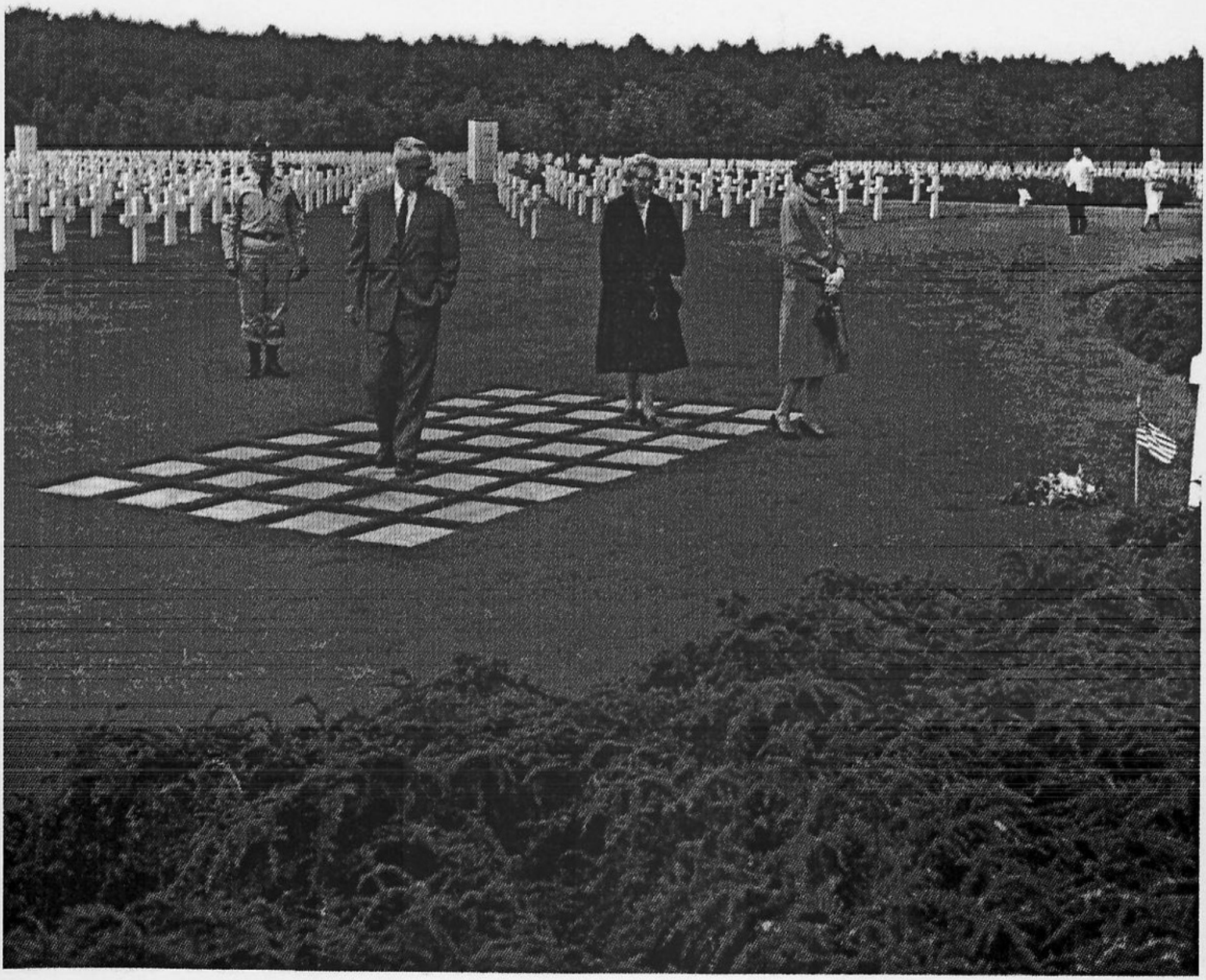

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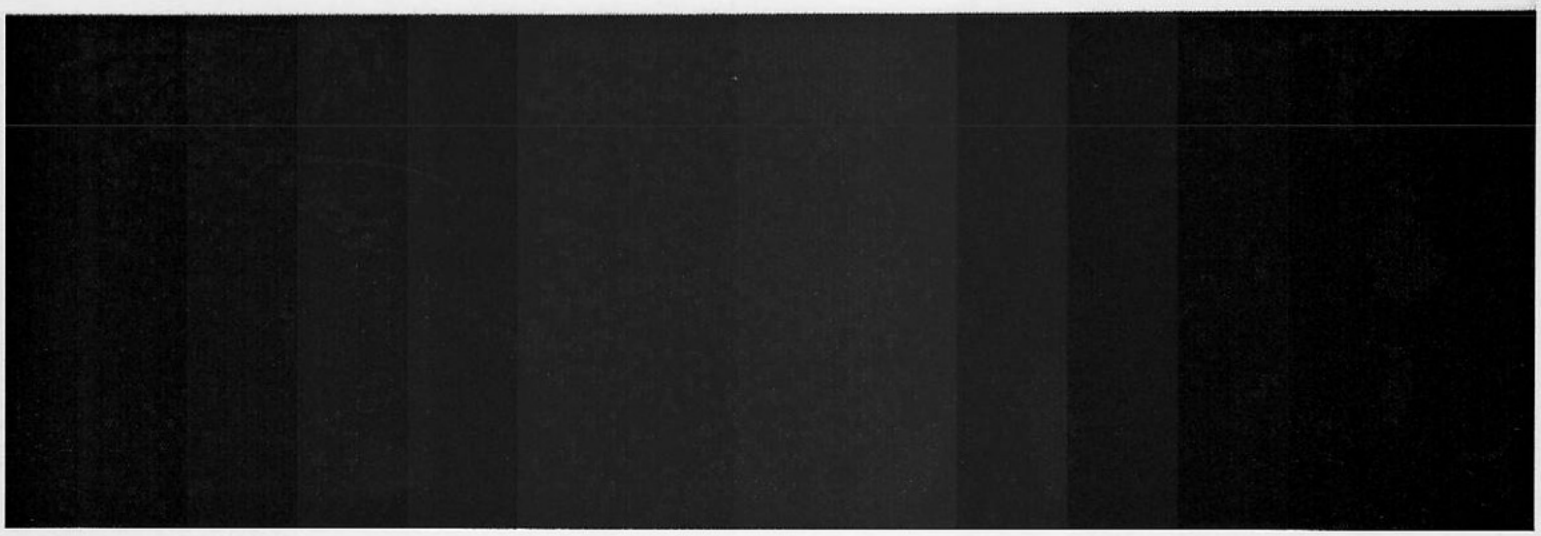

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Patton, George S., Jr.
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14 July 1959

Mr. James F. Martin, Jr.
30 Chelmsford Road
Bedford, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Martin:

This is in reply to your letter of 3 July 1959 in which you asked who prepared the body of the late General George S. Patton for burial.

Department of the Army policy prohibits the furnishing of information such as you request to other than the next of kin of the decedent.

I regret that a more favorable reply cannot be made.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES G. HATTOX
Colonel, GSC
Chief, Memorial Division

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD: Braid/52322/

The recent correspondence was discussed with Mr. Allbee, Assistant Chief, Memorial Division, who suggested that we base our reply on the letter which was written on 14 September 1956 in reply to an identical request from another person.

July 3, 1959

Graves Administration Dept.
U.S. Army
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

A question has arisen as to who prepared the body of the late General George S. Patton for burial.

I would appreciate it, if possible, to have you send me the information to settle the question.

Cordially yours,

James P. Martin Jr.

JPM:NF

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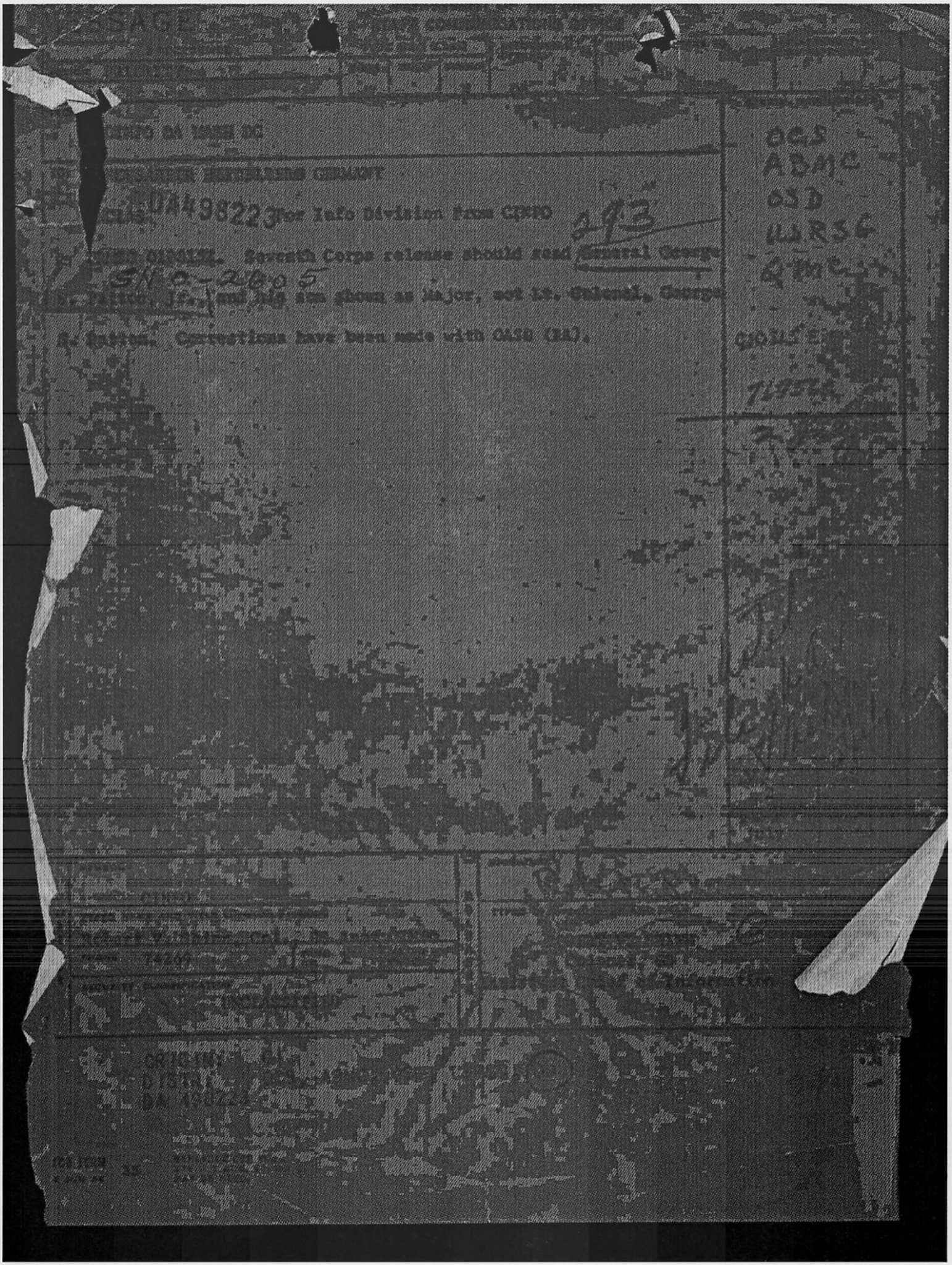

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[illegible] Seventh Corps release should read General George S. Patton, Jr., and his son shown as Major, not Lt. Colonel, George S. Patton. Corrections have been made with OASD (PA).

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September 10, 1956

Dear Sir: Geo S Jr 0-26205

I was informed by the Wilkes Barre Times Leader Information Bureau that I must write to you for the following information.

I would like to know the name of the person who embalmed General George Patton and conducted his funeral. Your answer will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
Michael J. Fasuana
198 E. Railroad St.
Pittston, Penna.

P.S. Enclosed is a three cent stamp.

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Patton, George S., Jr.
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14 September 1956

Mr. Michael J. Fasuana
195 East Railroad Street
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Fasuana:

Your letter of 10 September 1956 requesting information concerning the late General George S. Patton, Jr., is acknowledged.

The policy of the Department of the Army is to give such information as you requested only to the next of kin of the decedent.

It is regretted that a more favorable reply cannot be made and the three cent stamp which you inclosed is returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

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R. J. THOMAS
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SUBJECT: Reburial of Remains of Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr.

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RECOMMEND APPROVAL:
OCS US ARMY 29 FEB 1956

Recommend Approval
General Counsel
Date MAR 2 1956

APPROVED BY — Secretary of the Army

No official report of burial for Mrs. Patton is availble in Army records.

Informal conversations with members of the staff in ABMC had revealed that Mrs. Patton's son was angered because she was denied burial in the Luxembourg Cemetery and that he entered the cemetery and scattered the cremated remains around the grave of General Patton. No official records to this effect have been made.

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DISCUSSION

1. A Memorandum dated 8 Feb. 56 (TAB A) states that Lt. General Hobart R. Gay, USA, (Ret), has communicated with the White House and the Secretary of the Treasury for the purpose of having the ashes of Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr., removed to Luxembourg for burial in the grave of her husband, General Patton. The S/A has asked that a staff study of this request be submitted to him and that recommendations be made as to the position which the D/A should take with reference to the matter.

2. The requested study is inclosed. (TAB B) It explains that:

a. General Patton died while on active duty in Europe immediately after the close of WW II. When asked for final disposition instructions, Mrs. Patton, his next of kin, requested that he be permanently interred overseas. His burial in the U.S. Military Cemetery Hamm, Luxembourg, was accomplished under the authority of P.L. 368, 80th Cong., the legislation which also authorized the establishment of military cemeteries on foreign soil. The D/A has completed the program for the final disposition of WW II dead; P.L. 368, 80th Cong., expired on 31 Dec. 51; the Hamm Cemetery has been closed to burials and has passed by Executive Order to the administrative control of the American Battle Monuments Commission; and an Agreement has been signed with the Government of Luxembourg stating that our purpose in establishing the cemetery was for the interment of U.S. military and civilian personnel who died in Europe incident to WW II.

b. Mrs. Patton was killed accidentally in Massachusetts on 30 Sept. 53. She was not in any of the categories of persons who were eligible for interment in Hamm under the provisions of P.L. 368, 80th Cong., or under the Agreement with Luxembourg.

c. National cemeteries on American soil, 85 of which are under the jurisdiction of the S/A, have been established for the burial of eligible military personnel, veterans, and dependents.

RECOMMENDATION

3. It is recommended that the S/A inform those interested that he does not have the legal or administrative authority to authorize the interment of Mrs. Patton's remains in the U.S. Military Cemetery Hamm, Luxembourg, a battle monument now under the jurisdiction of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

COORDINATION

4. None required.

K. L. Hastings

K. L. HASTINGS
Major General, USA
The Quartermaster General

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1. TAB A - Memo 8 Feb 56
2. TAB B - Staff Study

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

8 February 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR LOGISTICS:

SUBJECT: Reburial of Remains of Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr.

1. Lt. General Hobart R. Gay, USAR, has contacted the Secretary of the Treasury and the White House for the purpose of having the ashes of Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr., removed to Luxembourg for burial in the grave of her late husband, General George S. Patton, Jr.

2. The Secretary of the Army desires that a staff study of this request be made and that appropriate recommendations be made to him as to the position which the Army should take in connection with this matter.

C. J. Hauck, Jr.

C. J. HAUCK, JR
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27 February 1956

SUBJECT: Reburial of Remains of Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr.

1. PROBLEM. To establish the position of the Department of the Army with reference to the request that the ashes of Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr., be removed to Luxembourg and that their interment in the grave of General Patton be authorized.

2. FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM.

(a) General Patton died at Heidelberg, Germany, on 21 December 1945 as the result of an accident. His remains were interred on 24 December 1945 in the temporary United States Military Cemetery Hamm, Luxembourg.

(b) In response to an official inquiry, Mrs. Patton requested in August 1947 that General Patton's remains be finally interred in the permanent United States Military Cemetery Hamm, Luxembourg. This installation was then being established on the site of the wartime cemetery by the American Graves Registration Command, European Area, and permanent interments were being authorized under the provisions of Public Law 368, 80th Congress. General Patton is now buried in Plot B, Row 1, Grave 50, in Hamm.

(c) Mrs. Patton was killed in a hunting accident near Hamilton, Massachusetts, when she was thrown from her horse on 30 September 1953.

3. DISCUSSION.

(a) Public Law 368, 80th Congress, approved 5 August 1947 (Annex 1), provided the authority under which final disposition was made of World War II dead. The Act applied only to the remains of persons who died on or after September 3, 1939 and are buried outside the continental limits of the United States. The Act further applied only to members of the armed forces of the United States who died in the service; civilian officers and employees of the United States; citizens of the United States who served in the armed forces of our allies and who died while in such service; citizens of the United States who died outside the continental limits and whose death was attributable to the war; and such other citizens, the disposition of whose remains

under the provisions of the Act would, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Army, serve the public interest. With respect to these categories of decedents, the Act authorized the Secretary of the Army, upon application of the next of kin, to inter remains in the United States Military Cemeteries established outside the continental limits of the United States. Finally the Act authorized the Secretary of the Army to acquire land or an interest in land in foreign countries; to establish permanent United States Military Cemeteries thereon; and to maintain the cemeteries until such time as the functions of administration should pass to the American Battle Monuments Commission in accordance with Public Law 456, 79th Congress. (Annex 2) Public Law 368 expired on 31 December 1951.

(b) Under the authority of Executive Order No. 10057, dated 14 May 1949, as amended by Executive Order No. 10087, dated 3 December 1949 (Annex 3) all the functions of administering the U. S. Military Cemetery Hamm, Luxembourg, were transferred to the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Department of the Army retained the right to re-enter the cemetery subsequent to the date of transfer only for the purpose of making exhumations or reinterment of eligible decedents should such action be necessary.

(c) As a part of the program for the final disposition of World War II dead, the Army drafted an Agreement embodying the concessions desired by our Government from the foreign countries in which we planned to establish permanent cemeteries under the provisions of Public Law 368, and submitted them through diplomatic channels to the countries concerned. The Agreement between the United States and Luxembourg with reference to the Hamm Cemetery (Annex 4) was signed on 20 March 1951 and entered into force on 13 May 1952. According to the terms of the Agreement, the United States desired the cemetery "for the interment of the remains of deceased members of its Armed Forces and of other American citizens who died on the European continent while engaged in activities contributing to the prosecution of World War II, * * *."

(d) The United States Military Cemetery Hamm, Luxembourg, is one of 14 such World War II installations and eight of such World War I installations on foreign soil. They are all battle monuments closed to current interments. This Office is not aware of a single instance in which an official of our Government

has authorized the interment in one of these cemeteries of a widow with her husband or a widower with his wife.

(e) National cemeteries have been provided on American soil for the burial of eligible current decedents and of those war dead whose next of kin requested such interment. The Secretary of the Army has jurisdiction over 85 of these installations in the United States and its Territories. Eligibility for interment in national cemeteries is established by Public Law 526, 80th Congress. (Annex 5) Generally a widow of an officer or enlisted man who died in the service is eligible for interment in a national cemetery only if the remains of the serviceman are buried in the same or adjoining grave.

4. CONCLUSIONS

(a) The Hamm Cemetery was established by law for the interment of specific categories of decedents; Mrs. Patton does not fall in any of the categories of eligibles.

(b) The categories of persons eligible for interment in Hamm are further limited by a formal Agreement with the Government of Luxembourg; Mrs. Patton's case is not covered by the Agreement.

(c) The legislation authorizing the Secretary of the Army to carry out the disposition of World War II dead has expired, and the cemeteries established under that law, including Hamm, have passed from the administrative control of the Army to the American Battle Monuments Commission.

(d) The Army has the right to re-enter the cemeteries only to disinter and reinter eligible decedents. Mrs. Patton's case does not meet this requirement.

(e) There is no precedent for the interment in a military cemetery on foreign soil of a widow who survived a wartime casualty and died as a current decedent in the United States.

5. ACTION RECOMMENDED. That the Secretary of the Army inform those interested in the case that he does not have the legal or administrative authority to authorize the interment of the remains

27 February 1956

of Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr., in the United States Military Cemetery Hamm, Luxembourg, a battle monument now under the jurisdiction of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

K. L. HASTINGS
Major General, USA
The Quartermaster General

5 Annexes
1. PL 368
2. PL 456
3. Executive Orders
4. Agreement
5. PL 526

[PUBLIC LAW 368—80TH CONGRESS]

[CHAPTER 497—1ST SESSION]

[H. R. 3394]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the evacuation and return of the remains of certain persons who died and are buried outside the continental limits of the United States", approved May 16, 1946, in order to provide for the shipment of the remains of World War II dead to the homeland of the deceased or of next of kin, to provide for the disposition of group and mass burials, to provide for the burial of unknown American World War II dead in United States military cemeteries to be established overseas, to authorize the Secretary of War to acquire land overseas and to establish United States military cemeteries thereon, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of May 16, 1946, entitled "An Act to provide for the evacuation and return of the remains of certain persons who died and are buried outside the continental limits of the United States" (Public Law 383, Seventy-ninth Congress), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"That the Congress hereby declares it to be in the public interest to provide for the interment of the remains of certain persons who died on or after September 3, 1939, and whose remains are buried in places located outside the continental limits of the United States and could not be returned to their homeland for burial due to wartime shipping restrictions, by authorizing their permanent interment outside the continental limits of the United States or their evacuation and return either to their homeland or to the homeland of their next of kin, and to centralize in one agency the task of accomplishing the purpose of this Act.

"SEC. 2. All activities herein provided for are hereby made a responsibility of the Secretary of War, except as expressly reserved to the American Battle Monuments Commission by section 9 of this Act.

"SEC. 3. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed upon application by the next of kin in the case of individual identified remains to return such remains to the homeland of the decedent or of his next of kin for interment at places designated by the next of kin, including national cemeteries provided such remains are entitled to interment therein; and he is further authorized at his own discretion in the case of group or mass burials, which include the remains of one or more known individuals, to cause them to be interred in such places as he may direct: *Provided*, That this Act shall apply only to the remains of persons who died on or after September 3, 1939, and are buried outside the continental limits of the United States, and who were—

"(a) members of the armed forces of the United States who died in the service;

"(b) civilian officers and employees of the United States;

"(c) citizens of the United States who served in the armed forces of any government at war with Germany, Italy, or Japan

and who died while in such service and who were citizens of the United States at the time of such service;

"(d) citizens of the United States whose homes are in fact in the United States and whose death outside the continental limits thereof can be directly attributed to the war or who died while employed or otherwise engaged in activities contributing to the prosecution of the war; and

"(e) such other citizens of the United States, the disposition of the remains of whom under the provisions of this Act would, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, serve the public interest.

"SEC. 4. With respect to the remains of all persons who are included in the categories set forth in the preceding section of this Act, the Secretary of War is further authorized and directed upon application by the next of kin in the case of individual identified remains, and authorized at his own discretion in the case of unidentified remains and in all cases of identified remains which are not returned to the homeland under the provisions of this Act to inter the remains in United States military cemeteries established outside the continental limits of the United States.

"SEC. 5. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized to acquire by purchase, gift, or devise, without submission to the Attorney General of the United States under the provisions of section 355 of the Revised Statutes (34 U. S. C. 520; 40 U. S. C. 255), land or interest in land in foreign countries necessary for the purposes of this Act, and to establish thereon United States military cemeteries. Cemeteries established by the Secretary of War under the authority of this Act are subject to the provisions of section 12, Public Law 456, Seventy-ninth Congress.

"SEC. 6. The Secretary of War is authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and provisions of this Act.

"SEC. 7. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated from time to time such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, said sums to be made available for civil functions administered by the War Department, 'Cemeterial expenses, War Department', to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War.

"SEC. 8. This Act and the authority granted therein and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder shall terminate on December 31, 1951, or upon such earlier date as may be specified in a proclamation by the President, or in a concurrent resolution by the two Houses of Congress as the date beyond which further continuance of the authority granted by this Act is not necessary in the public interest, whichever date is earliest: *Provided*, That as to any applications provided for under sections 3 and 4 filed prior to such termination date, the provisions of this Act and such rules or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto shall be treated as remaining in force for the purpose of providing for the return or overseas burial of remains in proper cases."

SEC. 9. The American Battle Monuments Commission shall be solely responsible for the permanent design and construction of the cemeteries to be established in foreign countries under section 5 of this Act and of all buildings, plantings, headstones, and other permanent improvements incidental thereto. The Secretary of War is

authorized to undertake such temporary construction as will be necessary for the accomplishment of this Act and to maintain such cemeteries in a suitable condition until such time as the functions of administration thereof shall pass to the American Battle Monuments Commission in accordance with section 12 of Public Law 456, Seventy-ninth Congress, or any other law.

Approved August 5, 1947.

[PUBLIC LAW 456—79TH CONGRESS]

[CHAPTER 502—2D SESSION]

[H. R. 6393]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act for the creation of an American Battle Monuments Commission to erect suitable memorials commemorating the services of the American soldier in Europe, and for other purposes", approved March 4, 1923, as amended, in order to extend the Commission's authority to all areas in which our armed forces have operated during World War II, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of March 4, 1923, as amended, entitled "An Act for the creation of an American Battle Monuments Commission to erect suitable memorials commemorating the services of the American soldier in Europe, and for other purposes", is hereby amended to read as follows:

"That the Commission, known as the American Battle Monuments Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission), shall consist of not more than eleven members who shall be appointed by the President, who shall also appoint one officer of the Regular Army to serve as its secretary. The members and secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the President who shall fill any vacancies that from time to time occur. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, commissioned officers of the armed forces of the United States may be appointed members of the Commission.

"The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation except that their actual expenses in connection with the work of the Commission may be paid from any funds appropriated for the purposes of this Act, or acquired by other means hereinafter authorized.

"Upon the request of the Commission, the heads of the Federal departments or agencies are authorized to designate such personnel of their respective departments or agencies, or of the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, as the case may be, as may be necessary to assist in carrying out the purposes of this Act, and the Commission is authorized to employ such further personnel as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, within the limits of any appropriation or appropriations made for such purposes.

"SEC. 2. That the Commission shall prepare plans and estimates for the erection of suitable memorials to mark and commemorate the services of the American armed forces and shall erect and maintain memorials in the United States and at such places outside the United States where the American armed forces have served or shall hereafter serve as the Commission shall determine. The Commission shall also erect and maintain works of architecture and art in such American cemeteries located outside of the United States, its Territories and possessions, as the Secretary of War shall declare to be permanent cemeteries.

"The Commission shall control as to materials and design, provide

regulations for, and supervise the erection of, all memorial monuments and buildings in American cemeteries located outside of the United States and its Territories and possessions.

"The Commission shall control as to materials and design and provide regulations for the erection of all memorial monuments and buildings commemorating the services of the American armed forces erected in any foreign country or political division thereof which may authorize the Commission to perform such functions, or upon federally owned or controlled property in the United States or in its Territories and possessions, except national cemeteries.

"SEC. 3. That before any design or material for memorials is accepted by the Commission, the same shall be approved by the National Commission of Fine Arts.

"SEC. 4. That the Commission is authorized to cooperate with American citizens, States, municipalities, or associations desiring to erect war memorials outside the continental limits of the United States in such manner as may be determined by the Commission: *Provided*, That no assistance in erecting any such memorial shall be given by any administrative agency of the United States unless the plan has been approved in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

"SEC. 5. That the Commission shall advise the Secretary of War of the location and date of completion of each memorial erected by it.

"SEC. 6. That the President is requested to make the necessary arrangements with the proper authorities of the countries concerned to enable the Commission to carry out the purposes of this Act.

"SEC. 7. That the Commission is authorized to receive funds from any State, municipal, or private source for the purpose of this Act, and such funds shall be deposited by the Commission with the Treasurer of the United States and shall be kept by him in separate accounts and shall be disbursed upon vouchers approved by the Chairman of the Commission.

"SEC. 8. That authority is hereby given for the preparation of models and designs and the fabrication of memorials, and the materials for such memorials, at arsenals or navy yards, or by other governmental agencies, if the Commission shall so determine.

"Authority is hereby given for the use of captured war materials, not otherwise disposed of by congressional action, in the fabrication of memorials constructed under the provisions of this Act.

"SEC. 9. That the Commission is authorized to furnish replicas of any memorial, or any part thereof, to States, municipalities, or interested private persons or associations at actual cost, and to apply any proceeds from such sales to the purposes of this Act.

"SEC. 10. That the Commission shall transmit to the President of the United States annually on the 1st of July a statement of all its financial and other transactions during the preceding fiscal year.

"SEC. 11. That the records and archives of the Commission shall, upon the termination of its duties, be deposited with the National Archives.

"SEC. 12. That the President may by Executive order transfer to the Commission, with respect to any national cemeteries located outside of the United States and its Territories and possessions, the same functions of administration which were transferred to the Commission with respect to national cemeteries located in Europe by Executive Order 6614, dated February 26, 1934.

"SEC. 13. That such sum or sums as Congress may hereafter appropriate for the purposes of this Act are hereby authorized to be appropriated.

"SEC. 14. That within the limits of any appropriation or appropriations made for such purposes, the Commission is authorized (1) to acquire land or interest in land in foreign countries for carrying out the purposes of this Act or of any Executive order conferring functions upon the Commission without submission to the Attorney General of the United States under the provisions of section 355 of the Revised Statutes (34 U. S. C. 520; 40 U. S. C. 255); (2) to maintain, repair, and operate motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles and other property, which may be furnished to the Commission by other departments of the Government; (3) to establish offices in the District of Columbia and elsewhere in or outside of the United States; (4) to rent office and garage space in foreign countries which may be paid for in advance; (5) to procure printing, binding, engraving, lithographing, photographing, and typewriting, including the publication of information concerning the American activities, battlefields, memorials, and cemeteries with respect to which it may exercise any functions.

"Notwithstanding the requirements of existing laws or regulations, under such terms and conditions as the Commission may in its discretion deem necessary and proper, the Commission may contract for work, supplies, materials, and equipment outside of the United States and engage, by contract or otherwise, the services of architects, firms of architects, and other technical and professional personnel.

"The Commission may under such terms and conditions and in such manner as it may deem proper dispose of any land or interest in land in foreign countries which has been or may hereafter be acquired by the Commission in connection with its work: *Provided*, That this subsection shall not be effective until the expiration of the Surplus Property Act of 1944.

"The Commission may delegate to its Chairman, secretary, or officials in charge of any of its offices, under such terms and conditions as it may prescribe, such of its authority as it may deem necessary and proper."

Approved June 26, 1946.

Executive Order 10057, published in Volume 14, Number 94 of the Federal Register, The National Archives of the United States dated 17 May 1949 is quoted below:

"TRANSFERRING TO THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION FUNCTIONS PERTAINING TO CERTAIN UNITED STATES MILITARY CEMETERIES

"By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 12 of the act of March 4, 1923, 42 Stat. 1509, as amended by the act of June 26, 1946, 60 Stat. 318, and as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

"1. All functions of administration pertaining to World War II United States Military Cemeteries located in or near Cambridge, England; Margraten, the Netherlands; Hamm, Luxembourg; Henri-Chapelle, Belgium; Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium; St. Laurent, France; St. James, France; Epinal, France; St. Avold, France; Draguignan, France; Nettuno (Anzio), Italy; Florence, Italy; Tunis (Carthage), Tunisia; and Ft. McKinley, Philippine Islands, now vested in or exercised by the Secretary of the Army pursuant to the act of May 16, 1946, c. 261, 60 Stat. 182, as amended by the act of August 5, 1947, c. 497, 61 Stat. 779, together with (a) such supplies, equipment, temporary structures, utilities and facilities pertaining thereto as are located therein or are in depots or other places under the jurisdiction of the American Graves Registration Service which are in excess of the needs of the Department of the Army and are requested by the American Battle Monuments Commission, and (b) the cemetery records currently maintained for the operation of such cemeteries, including records pertinent to the acquisition of real estate upon which the cemeteries and their appurtenances are situated, are hereby transferred to the American Battle Monuments Commission; such transfer to become effective as to any particular cemetery or group of cemeteries upon the completion of the operational mission of the Department of the Army with respect to such cemetery or group of cemeteries, but in no instance later than December 31, 1951, or at such earlier date as may be determined by the President or the Congress pursuant to the said act of May 16, 1946, as amended by the act of August 5, 1947.

"2. The Department of the Army shall have the right to re-enter any of such cemeteries subsequent to the effective date of the transfer of functions with respect thereto for the purpose of making exhumations or reinterments should any such action become necessary.

"3. There shall be transferred to the American Battle Monuments Commission so much of the unexpended balances of appropriations now, or which may become, available to the Department of the Army for the performance of the functions transferred by the provisions of this order as the Director of the Bureau of the Budget may deem necessary for use prior to July 1, 1949, in connection with such functions.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

THE WHITE HOUSE,
May 14, 1949."

Orders

JOINT ARMY AND AIR FORCE
BULLETIN No. 35

DEPARTMENTS OF THE ARMY AND THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C., *9 December 1949*

Section

EXECUTIVE ORDER—Transferring to American Battle Monuments Commission functions pertaining to certain United States military cemeteries; amendment of Executive Order 10057 I
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I..EXECUTIVE ORDER.—The following Executive Order (No. 10087), which amends Executive Order No. 10057 (sec. III, JAAF Bul. 12, 1949), is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

EXECUTIVE ORDER 10087

AMENDMENT OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10057 OF MAY 14, 1949, TRANSFERRING TO THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION FUNCTIONS PERTAINING TO CERTAIN UNITED STATES MILITARY CEMETERIES

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 12 of the act of March 4, 1923, 42 Stat. 1509, as amended by the act of June 26, 1946, 60 Stat. 318, and as President of the United States, it is ordered that paragraphs 1 and 3 of Executive Order No. 10057 of May 14, 1949, entitled "Transferring to the American Battle Monuments Commission Functions Pertaining to Certain United States Military Cemeteries," be, and they are hereby amended to read as follows:

"1. All functions of administration pertaining to World War II United States Military Cemeteries located in or near Cambridge, England; Margraten, the Netherlands; Hamm, Luxembourg; Henri-Chapelle, Belgium; Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium; St. Laurent, France; St. James, France; Epinal, France; St. Avold, France; Draguignan, France; Nettuno (Anzio), Italy; Florence, Italy; Tunis (Carthage), Tunisia; and Ft. McKinley, Philippine Islands, now vested in or exercised by the Secretary of the Army pursuant to the act of May 16, 1946, c. 261, 60 Stat. 182, as amended by the act of August 5, 1947, c. 497, 61 Stat. 779, together with (a) such supplies, equipment, temporary structures, utilities and facilities pertaining thereto as are located therein or are in depots or other places overseas under the jurisdiction of the American Graves Registration Service and are determined by the American Battle Monuments Commission to be required for the discharge of its responsibilities under this order, and (b) the cemetery records currently maintained for the operation of such cemeteries, including records pertinent to the acquisition of real estate upon which the cemeteries and their appurtenances are situated, are hereby transferred to the American Battle Monuments Commission; such transfer to become effective as to any particular cemetery or group of cemeteries upon the completion of the operational mission of the Department of the Army with respect to such cemetery or group of cemeteries, but in no instance later than December 31, 1951, or at such earlier date as may be determined by the President or the Congress pursuant to the said act of May 16, 1946, as amended by the act of August 5, 1947."

"3. There shall be transferred to the American Battle Monuments Commission so much of the unexpended balances of appropriations now, or which may become, available to the Department of the Army for the performance of the functions transferred by the provisions of this order as the Director of the Bureau of the Budget may deem necessary for use prior to July 1, 1950, in connection with such functions."

HARRY S. TRUMAN

THE WHITE HOUSE,
December 3, 1949.

[PUBLIC LAW 526—80TH CONGRESS]

[CHAPTER 289—2D SESSION]

[S. 1620]

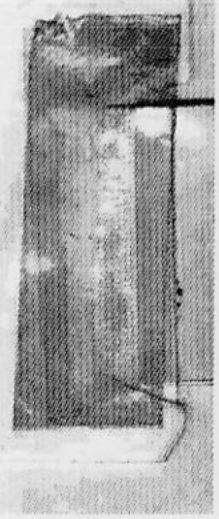
AN ACT

To establish eligibility for burial in national cemeteries, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That burial in national cemeteries of the remains of the following classes of persons is authorized under such regulations as the Secretary of the Army may prescribe: (a) Any member or former member of the armed forces of the United States whose last service terminated honorably, by death or otherwise; (b) any citizen of the United States who, during any war in which the United States has been or may hereafter be engaged, served in the armed forces of any government allied with the United States during such war, and whose last service terminated honorably, by death or otherwise; and (c) the wife, husband, widow, widower, minor child, and, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Army, unmarried adult child of any of the persons enumerated in (a) and (b) herein: *Provided*, That the remains of those persons enumerated in (c), above, may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Army, be removed from a national cemetery proper and interred in the post section of a national cemetery or in a post cemetery if, upon death, the related member of the armed forces of the United States or allied government is not buried in the same or an adjoining grave site. Persons who were members of the Cabinet of the President of the United States at any time during the period between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, may also be buried in any national cemetery: *Provided*, That the interment is without cost to the United States. As used in this section, the term "widow" includes the widow of any member of the armed forces of the United States lost or buried at sea or officially determined to be permanently absent in a status of missing or missing in action.

SEC. 2. Section 4878, Revised Statutes, as amended (24 U. S. C. 281), is hereby repealed.

Approved May 14, 1948.



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AMERICAN DEAD IN WORLD WAR II

Hamm Military Cemetery

Agreement between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and LUXEMBOURG

- Signed at Luxembourg March 20, 1951
- Entered into force May 13, 1952

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
PUBLICATION 4703
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AGREEMENT

between the United States of
and the Grand Duchy of Luxe
concerning the establishment
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between the United States of America and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg concerning the establishment of a permanent World War II Cemetery in Luxembourg.

ACCORD

entre les Etats-Unis d'Amérique Grand-Duché de Luxembourg cernant l'établissement d'un cimetière permanent de la deuxième guerre mondiale à Luxembourg.

WHEREAS the Government of the United States of America desires to establish in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg a permanent United States Military Cemetery for the interment of the remains of deceased members of its Armed Forces and of other American citizens who died on the European continent while engaged in activities contributing to the prosecution of World War II, and;

CONSIDÉRANT que le Gouvernement des Etats-Unis d'Amérique désire établir dans le Grand-Duché de Luxembourg un cimetière militaire Américain permanent pour l'inhumation des corps des membres des Forces Armées et d'autres citoyens américains décédés sur le continent européen pendant les engagements militaires contribuant à la poursuite de la deuxième guerre mondiale et,

WHEREAS the Government of the State of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in recognition of, and in appreciation of, the liberation by the United States Army of its country and citizens from the enemy, is disposed to grant to the Government of the United States of America the use of land necessary for the establishment of a permanent World War II Cemetery in Luxembourg;

CONSIDÉRANT que le Gouvernement du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg, en reconnaissance et en souvenir de la libération par l'Armée des Etats-Unis d'Amérique de son territoire et de ses citoyens, est disposé à céder au Gouvernement des Etats-Unis d'Amérique l'usage des terrains nécessaires dans le Luxembourg pour l'établissement d'un cimetière permanent de la deuxième guerre mondiale:

Now, therefore, this Agreement made this twentieth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and

En conséquence, par le présent accord daté le vingt mars mil neuf cent cinquante et un par et entre

fifty-one by and between the Government of the United States of America, represented by Her Excellency Mrs. Perle MESTA, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America, party of the first part, and the Government of the State of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, represented by His Excellency Mr. Joseph BECH, Minister of Foreign Affairs, party of the second part, witnesseth:

ARTICLE I: The State of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg grants to the Government of the United States of America, and the Government of the United States of America accepts for the establishment of a permanent United States World War II Military Cemetery, the free use, in perpetuity and without taxation, of the following parcels of land consisting of nineteen hectares, sixty-nine ares, forty-two centiares, to wit:

No. 627/634 Wooded land 5 hectares, 77 ares, 40 centiares
No. 628/2078 Tillable land 9 hectares, 70 ares, 80 centiares
No. 628/324 Tillable land 16 ares, 20 centiares
No. 628/2079 and
No. 629/638 Partly wooded 4 hectares, 05 ares, 02 centiares

all of which are contiguous and situated in the State of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in the commune of Hamm at a location known as "Scheid" and which are more particularly designated by the area shown within the yellow border on a Property Requirements Plan which, after having

le Gouvernement des Etats-Unis d'Amérique représenté par Son Excellence Madame Perle MESTA, Envoyé Extraordinaire et Ministre Plénipotentiaire des Etats-Unis d'Amérique, d'une part, et le Gouvernement du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg, représenté par Son Excellence Monsieur Joseph BECH, Ministre des Affaires Etrangères, d'autre part, il est convenu ce qui suit:

ARTICLE I: L'Etat du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg cède au Gouvernement des Etats-Unis d'Amérique, et le Gouvernement des Etats-Unis d'Amérique l'accepte, pour l'établissement d'un cimetière militaire américain permanent de la deuxième guerre mondiale, l'usage gratuit, à perpétuité et exonéré de toutes taxes, des parcelles de terrain d'une superficie de dix-neuf hectares, 69 ares, 42 centiares mentionnées ci-après:

No. 627/634 Bois 5 hectares; 77 ares; 40 centiares
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les dites pareelles étant contiguës et situées dans l'Etat du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg dans la commune de Hamm, au lieu dit "Scheid" et qui sont plus particulièrement désignées par un liseré jaune indiqué sur le plan de situation, lequel, après avoir été paraphé "ne varietur" par les

been initialled "ne varietur" by the Contracting Parties, will be annexed to this Agreement.

Parties Contractants, restera annexé au présent accord.

ARTICLE II: It is understood and agreed that title to the land described in Article I will remain in the name of the State of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg with full, free and perpetual use of the land by the Government of the United States of America; further, that the full, free and perpetual use of the land described in Article I permits the Government of the United States of America to proceed with all arrangements deemed by it necessary for the establishment of a permanent cemetery on this land, to include the installation thereon of memorials, grave markers and all structures, buildings, utilities, roads and horticultural plantings as may be desired for the embellishment and administration of the cemetery.

ARTICLE II: Il est entendu et agréé que le droit de propriété du terrain décrit dans l'article I restera au nom de l'Etat du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg, avec l'usage entier et gratuit et à perpétuité du dit terrain par le Gouvernement des Etats-Unis; de plus, que l'usage entier et gratuit à perpétuité du terrain décrit dans l'article I permet au Gouvernement des Etats-Unis d'Amérique de procéder à tous les aménagements nécessaires pour l'établissement d'un cimetière permanent sur ce terrain, y compris l'installation de monuments funéraires, points de démarcation des tombes, et toutes constructions, bâtiments, services publics, chemins et allées ainsi que toutes plantations horticoles sur le dit terrain qui pourraient être nécessaires à l'embellissement et à l'administration du cimetière.

Further, that in case of litigation arising with respect to this land or the use thereof, the State of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg will institute and pursue such litigation if requested by the Government of the United States of America, or will defend against and satisfy judgments or awards resulting from such litigation if instituted by third parties.

De plus, en cas de litige concernant ce terrain ou son usage, le Gouvernement du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg entamera et poursuivra, à la demande du Gouvernement des Etats-Unis, toute action judiciaire ou, au cas où une action serait intentée par des tiers, se portera défendeur et prendra à sa charge l'exécution de tout jugement ou de toute autre sentence qui en résulterait.

ARTICLE III: This Agreement shall come into force on the day on which notice of its approval by the Luxembourg Legislature is

ARTICLE III: Le présent accord entrera en vigueur à la date à laquelle son approbation par le Pouvoir Législatif luxembourgeois

received from the Government of Luxembourg by the Government of the United States of America.[1]

aura été notifié par le Gouvernement du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg au Gouvernement des Etats-Unis d'Amérique.

Done at Luxembourg, in duplicate, in the English and French languages, both texts authentic, this twentieth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-one.

Fait à Luxembourg, en double orginal, en langue anglaise et française, les deux textes faisant foi, ce vingt mars mil neuf cent cinquante et un.

For the Government of the
United States of America.

[SEAL] PERLE MESTA

Pour le Gouvernement du
Grand-Duché de Luxembourg.

[SEAL] JOS BECH

[1] May 13, 1952.

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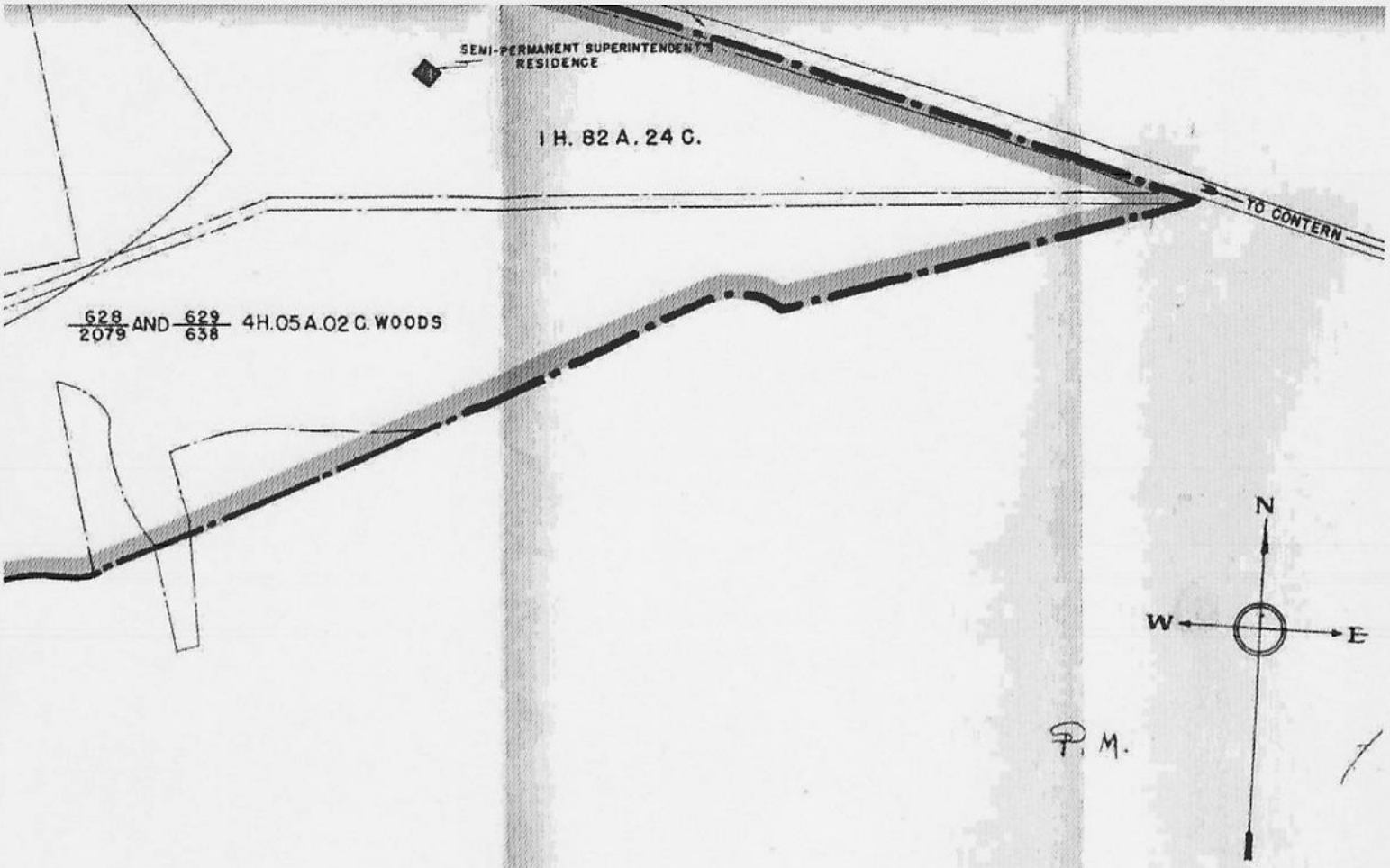

NOTE:

- REVISION 4 AUG. 1949 PROPERTY NUMBERS CORRECTED.
- SEE A.G.R.C. PLAN NO. 104/2-467 "TURNOVER CONDITION SURVEY" FOR PROPERTY BOUNDARY AS MONUMENTED BY THE LUXEMBOURG GOVERNMENT AND SURVEYED BY U.S. RESIDENT ENGINEER - AND FOR CORRECTED COORDINATES.

GRAPHIC SCALE

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ABMC NOTE, 15 MARCH 1950:

REVISION IS BASED ON SECRETARY'S APPROVAL CONTAINED IN 4789-W TO ADD TRIANGULAR STRIP EAST OF SEMI-PERMANENT SUPERINTENDENT'S HOUSE TO PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS.

AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION
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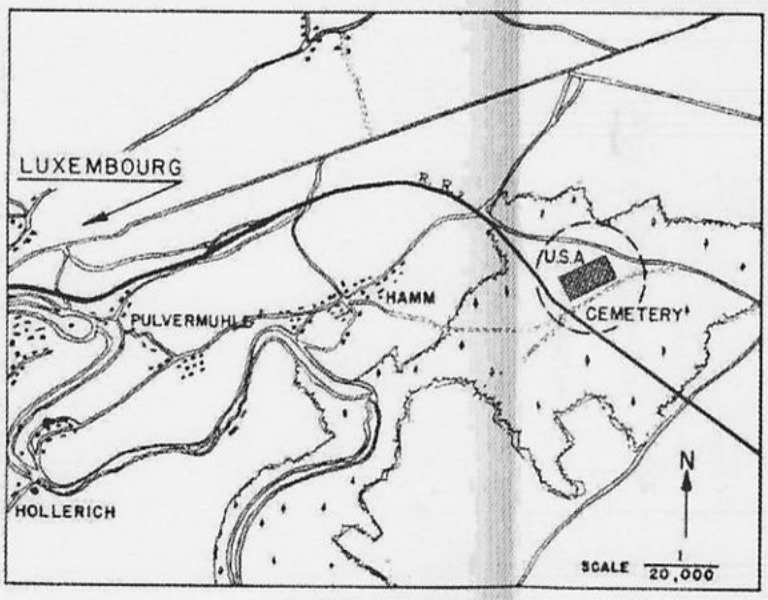

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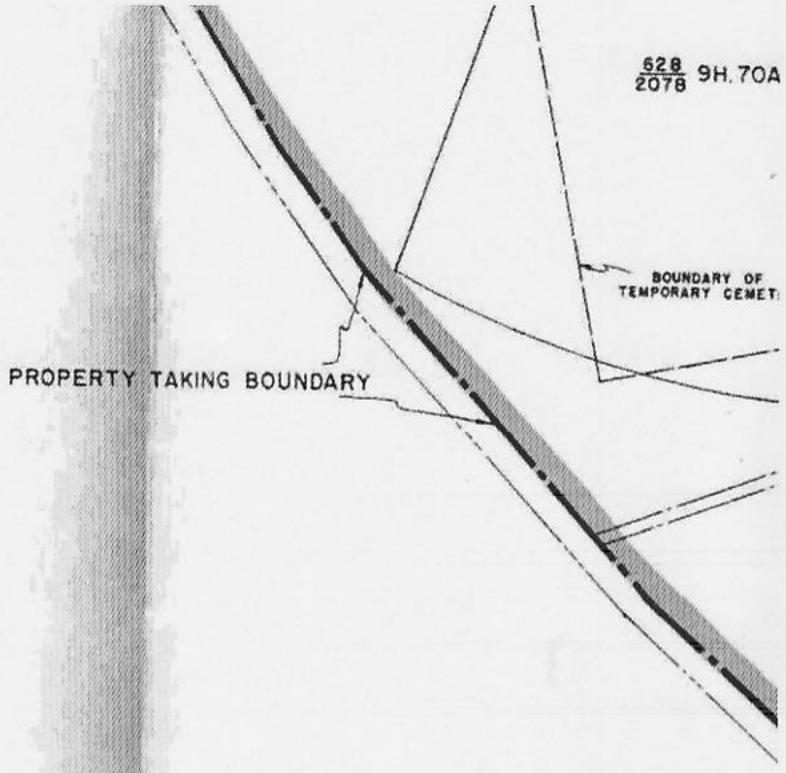

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- BOUNDARY OF TEMPORARY EXISTING CEMETERY.
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- EXISTING PROPERTY LINES.
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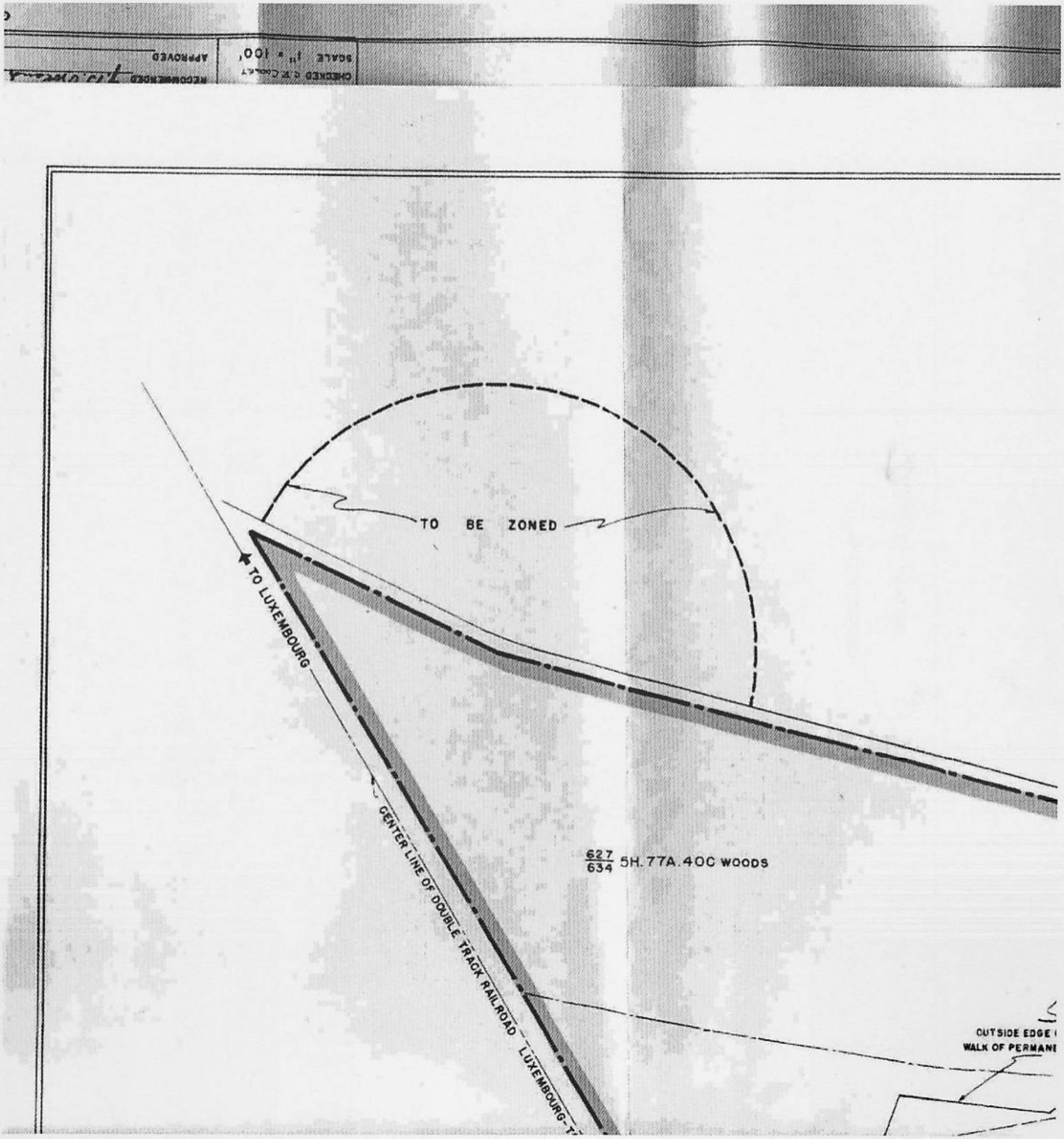
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Approval

Patton, George S., Jr. Funeral of remains of Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr. 27 Feb 54

Discussion

1. A memorandum dated 8 Feb. 54 (TAB A) stated that Lt. General Robert B. Kay, USA, (Ret.) had communicated with the White House and the Secretary of the Army for the purpose of having the body of Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr., returned to Washington for burial in the plot of her husband, General Patton. The S/A has asked that a brief study of this request be submitted to the end that recommendations be made as to the position which the S/A should take with reference to the matter.

2. The requested study is enclosed. (TAB B) It explains that:

a. General Patton died while on active duty in Europe immediately after the close of the war. When plans for final disposition of remains were made, Mrs. Patton, in view of the expressed wish of her husband previously, requested that he be permanently interred overseas. He rested in the U.S. Military Cemetery, Hamm, Luxembourg, which was established under the authority of Public Law 368, 80th Congress, and accomplished under the authority of this law, which simply implemented the legislation which also authorized the establishment of military cemeteries on foreign soils. The S/A has completed the program for the final disposition of WW II dead by Feb. 1951. With only, exhumed on 11 Dec. 51 the Hamm cemetery has been closed to burials and has passed by transfer order to the administrative control of the American public monuments commission and an agreement has been signed with the Government of Luxembourg stating that our purpose in establishing the cemetery was for the interment of U.S. military and civilian personnel who died in Europe incident to WW II.

b. Mrs. Patton was killed accidentally in Luxembourg on 21 Dec. 53. She was not in any of the categories of persons who were eligible for interment in the cemetery under the provisions of Pub. Law 368, 80th Cong., or under the agreement with Luxembourg.

c. Technical considerations are involved, only two of which are noted: the portion of the S/A Area from which land for the burial of eligible military personnel, veterans and dependents

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3. It is recommended that the S/A inform those interested that as there has been no change in circumstances entitling or authorizing the interment of Mrs. Patton's remains in the U.S. Military Cemetery, Hamm, Luxembourg, a burial cannot now take the [illegible] of the American public interments precludes.

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1. TAB A - Memo, 8 Feb 54
2. TAB B - Staff Study

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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

DATE:

TO: Secretary of the General Staff

ORIGINATOR: Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics

SUBJECT: Reburial of Remains of Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr.

SHORT SUMMARY, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS *(Use reverse, if necessary)*

1. Lt. General Hobart R. Gay, USA (Ret), wishes the remains of Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr., removed to Luxembourg and interred there with her husband in the U. S. Military Cemetery Hamm. She was killed accidentally in Massachusetts in 1953.

2. General Patton was interred as a WW II decedent under the authority of a law which has expired, P. L. 368, 80th Congress. The Hamm Cemetery, also established under this law, is closed to burials and has passed by E.O. to the jurisdiction of the American Battle Monuments Commission. By Agreement with Luxembourg, the cemetery was established for the burial of Americans who died in Europe incident to WW II. National cemeteries on U. S. soil have been established for the interment of eligible current decedents.

3. It is recommended that the S/A inform those interested in the case that he has neither the legal nor administrative authority to authorize the burial of Mrs. Patton's remains in the Hamm Cemetery, a battle monument now under the jurisdiction of ABMC.

CONCURRENCES:

NONCONCURRENCES:

ACTION TAKEN, AUTHORITY, AND DATE:

FINAL DISPOSITION:

SIGNATURE:

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SUBJECT: Reburial of Remains of Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr.

1. PROBLEM. To establish the position of the Department of the Army with reference to the request that the ashes of Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr., be removed to Luxembourg and that their interment in the grave of General Patton be authorized.

2. FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM.

(a) General Patton died at Heidelberg, Germany, on 21 December 1945 as the result of an accident. His remains were interred on 24 December 1945 in the temporary United States Military Cemetery Hamm, Luxembourg.

(b) In response to an official inquiry, Mrs. Patton requested in August 1947 that General Patton's remains be finally interred in the permanent United States Military Cemetery Hamm, Luxembourg. This installation was then being established on the site of the wartime cemetery by the American Graves Registration Command, European Area, and permanent interments were being authorized under the provisions of Public Law 368, 80th Congress. General Patton is now buried in Plot B, Row 1, Grave 50, in Hamm.

(c) Mrs. Patton was killed in a hunting accident near Hamilton, Massachusetts, when she was thrown from her horse on 30 September 1953.

3. DISCUSSION.

(a) Public Law 368, 80th Congress, approved 5 August 1947 (Annex 1), provided the authority under which final disposition was made of World War II dead. The Act applied only to the remains of persons who died on or after September 3, 1939 and are buried outside the continental limits of the United States. The Act further applied only to members of the armed forces of the United States who died in the service; civilian officers and employees of the United States; citizens of the United States who served in the armed forces of our allies and who died while in such service; citizens of the United States who died outside the continental limits and whose death was attributable to the war; and such other citizens, the disposition of whose remains

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Under the provisions of the Act would, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Army, serve the public interest. With respect to these categories of decedents, the Act authorized the Secretary of the Army, upon application of the next of kin, to inter remains in the United States Military Cemeteries established outside the continental limits of the United States. Finally the Act authorized the Secretary of the Army to acquire land or an interest in land in foreign countries; to establish permanent United States Military Cemeteries thereon; and to maintain the cemeteries until such time as the functions of administration should pass to the American Battle Monuments Commission in accordance with Public Law 456, 79th Congress. (Annex 2) Public Law 368 expired on 31 December 1951.

(b) Under the authority of Executive Order No. 10057, dated 14 May 1949, as amended by Executive Order No. 10087, dated 3 December 1949 (Annex 3) all the functions of administering the U. S. Military Cemetery Hamm, Luxembourg, were transferred to the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Department of the Army retained the right to re-enter the cemetery subsequent to the date of transfer only for the purpose of making exhumations or reinterment of eligible decedents should such action be necessary.

(c) As a part of the program for the final disposition of World War II dead, the Army drafted an Agreement embodying the concessions desired by our Government from the foreign countries in which we planned to establish permanent cemeteries under the provisions of Public Law 368, and submitted them through diplomatic channels to the countries concerned. The Agreement between the United States and Luxembourg with reference to the Hamm Cemetery (Annex 4) was signed on 20 March 1951 and entered into force on 13 May 1952. According to the terms of the Agreement, the United States desired the cemetery "for the interment of the remains of deceased members of its Armed Forces and of other American citizens who died on the European continent while engaged in activities contributing to the prosecution of World War II, * * *."

(d) The United States Military Cemetery Hamm, Luxembourg, is one of 14 such World War II installations and eight of such World War I installations on foreign soil. They are all battle monuments closed to current interments. This Office is not aware of a single instance in which an official of our Government

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has authorized the interment in one of these cemeteries of a widow with her husband or a widower with his wife.

(e) National cemeteries have been provided on American soil for the burial of eligible current decedents and of those war dead whose next of kin requested such interment. The Secretary of the Army has jurisdiction over 55 of these installations in the United States and its Territories. Eligibility for interment in national cemeteries is established by Public Law 526, 80th Congress. (Annex 5) Generally a widow of an officer or enlisted man who died in the service is eligible for interment in a national cemetery only if the remains of the serviceman are buried in the same or adjoining grave.

4. CONCLUSIONS

(a) The Hamm Cemetery was established by law for the interment of specific categories of decedents; Mrs. Patton does not fall in any of the categories of eligibles.

(b) The categories of persons eligible for interment in Hamm are further limited by a formal Agreement with the Government of Luxembourg; Mrs. Patton's case is not covered by the Agreement.

(c) The legislation authorizing the Secretary of the Army to carry out the disposition of World War II dead has expired, and the cemeteries established under that law, including Hamm, have passed from the administrative control of the Army to the American Battle Monuments Commission.

(d) The Army has the right to re-enter the cemeteries only to disinter and reinter eligible decedents. Mrs. Patton's case does not meet this requirement.

(e) There is no precedent for the interment in a military cemetery on foreign soil of a widow who survived a wartime casualty and died as a current decedent in the United States.

5. ACTION RECOMMENDED. That the Secretary of the Army inform those interested in the case that he does not have the legal or administrative authority to authorize the interment of the remains

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of Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr., in the United States Military Cemetery Hamm, Luxembourg, a battle monument now under the jurisdiction of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

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5 Annexes
1. PL 368
2. PL 456
3. Executive Orders
4. Agreement
5. PL 526

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Major General, USA
The Quartermaster General

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD (McDonald - 52321)

1. ABMC (Colonel Bogaski, Ext 63649) furnished the information on the Plot, Row, and Grave in which General Patton is interred.

2. The information on Mrs. Patton's death was taken from a clipping from the WASHINGTON POST for October 2, 1953, copy in file.

Executive Order 10057, published in Volume 14, Number 96 of the Federal Register, The National Archives of the United States dated 17 May 1949 is quoted below:

"TRANSFERRING TO THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION FUNCTIONS PERTAINING TO CERTAIN UNITED STATES MILITARY CEMETERIES

"By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 12 of the act of March 4, 1923, 42 Stat. 1509, as amended by the act of June 26, 1946, 60 Stat. 516, and as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

"1. All functions of administration pertaining to World War II United States Military Cemeteries located in or near Cambridge, England; Margraten, the Netherlands; Hamm, Luxembourg; Henri-Chapelle, Belgium; Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium; St. Laurent, France; St. James, France; Epinal, France; St. Avold, France; Draguignan, France; Rotzmo (Anzio), Italy; Florence, Italy; Tunis (Carthage), Tunisia; and Ft. McKinley, Philippine Islands, now vested in or exercised by the Secretary of the Army pursuant to the act of May 16, 1946, c. 261, 60 Stat. 162, as amended by the act of August 5, 1947, c. 487, 61 Stat. 779, together with (a) such supplies, equipment, temporary structures, utilities and facilities pertaining thereto as are located thereon or are in depots or other places under the jurisdiction of the American Graves Registration Service which are in excess of the needs of the Department of the Army and are requested by the American Battle Monuments Commission, and (b) the cemetery records currently maintained for the operation of such cemeteries, including records pertinent to the acquisition of real estate upon which the cemeteries and their appurtenances are situated, are hereby transferred to the American Battle Monuments Commission; such transfer to become effective as to any particular cemetery or group of cemeteries upon the completion of the operational mission of the Department of the Army with respect to such cemetery or group of cemeteries, but in no instance later than December 31, 1951, or at such earlier date as may be determined by the President or the Congress pursuant to the said act of May 16, 1946, as amended by the act of August 5, 1947.

"2. The Department of the Army shall have the right to re-enter any of such cemeteries subsequent to the effective date of the transfer of functions with respect thereto for the purpose of making exhumations or reinterments should any such action become necessary.

"3. There shall be transferred to the American Battle Monuments Commission so much of the unexpended balances of appropriations now, or which may become, available to the Department of the Army for the performance of the functions transferred by the provisions of this order as the Director of the Bureau of the Budget may deem necessary for use prior to July 1, 1949, in connection with such functions.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

THE WHITE HOUSE,
May 14, 1949."

Order

TREATIES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ACTS SERIES 2445

AMERICAN DEAD IN WORLD WAR II

Hamm Military Cemetery

Agreement between the
United States of America
and Luxembourg

Signed at Luxembourg March 20, 1951

Entered into force May 13, 1952

The Agreement states in part that the United States of America desires to establish in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg a permanent United States Military Cemetery for the interment of the remains of deceased members of its Armed Forces and of other American citizens who died on the European continent while engaged in activities contributing to the prosecution of World War II, and; ******

(extra copies not available)

[PUBLIC LAW 526—80TH CONGRESS]

[CHAPTER 289—2D SESSION]

[S. 1620]

AN ACT

To establish eligibility for burial in national cemeteries, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That burial in national cemeteries of the remains of the following classes of persons is authorized under such regulations as the Secretary of the Army may prescribe: (a) Any member or former member of the armed forces of the United States whose last service terminated honorably, by death or otherwise; (b) any citizen of the United States who, during any war in which the United States has been or may hereafter be engaged, served in the armed forces of any government allied with the United States during such war, and whose last service terminated honorably, by death or otherwise; and (c) the wife, husband, widow, widower, minor child, and, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Army, unmarried adult child of any of the persons enumerated in (a) and (b) herein: *Provided*, That the remains of those persons enumerated in (c), above, may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Army, be removed from a national cemetery proper and interred in the post section of a national cemetery or in a post cemetery if, upon death, the related member of the armed forces of the United States or allied government is not buried in the same or an adjoining grave site. Persons who were members of the Cabinet of the President of the United States at any time during the period between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, may also be buried in any national cemetery: *Provided*, That the interment is without cost to the United States. As used in this section, the term "widow" includes the widow of any member of the armed forces of the United States lost or buried at sea or officially determined to be permanently absent in a status of missing or missing in action.

SEC. 2. Section 4878, Revised Statutes, as amended (24 U. S. C. 281), is hereby repealed.

Approved May 14, 1948.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR LOGISTICS

REFERRAL SLIP
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CASE NUMBER
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SUBJECT

Reburial of Remains of Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr.

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X NECESSARY ACTION

Case No. 1470

BY DIRECTION OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR LOGISTICS

J. A. BASTILLE
CWO USA
Chief, Mail & Records Branch
Office, Deputy Chief of Staff
for Logistics

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON 25,D.C.

8 February 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR LOGISTICS:

SUBJECT: Reburial of Remains of Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr.

1. Lt. General Hobart R. Gay, USAR, has contacted the Secretary of the Treasury and the White House for the purpose of having the ashes of Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr., removed to Luxembourg for burial in the grave of her late husband, General George S. Patton, Jr.

2. The Secretary of the Army desires that a staff study of this request be made and that appropriate recommendations be made to him as to the position which the Army should take in connection with this matter.

s/C. J. HAUCK, JR
C. J. HAUCK, JR
Brigadier General, GS
Chief of Legislative Liaison

COPY

Mrs. Patton Rites

To Be Held Monday

HAMILTON, Mass., Oct. 1 (AP)—Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, Beverly Farms, for the widow of Gen. George S. Patton, jr.

Mrs. Patton was killed Wednesday when thrown from her horse during a Myopia Hunt Club simulated fox hunt on the estate of her brother, Frederick Ayer, who also was taking part in the hu[illegible]

THE WASHINGTON POST

Friday

October 2, 1953

DATE 26 JAN. 1956 FILE DATE

INDEX: 293 PATTON, GEORGE

~~080 AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENT COMM.~~

TO:

FROM:

SUMMARY: CONGRESSIONAL TELEPHONE INQUIRY 25 JAN 1956

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QMGML 293
Patton, George S., Jr.
O-2605

18 January 1954

Mrs. Carl L. Dutton
3043 South 39th Avenue
Minneapolis 6, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Dutton:

The letter which you recently addressed to the President concerning the possibility of bringing General George S. Patton's remains to Arlington National Cemetery for reburial, has been referred to this Office for reply.

While we are appreciative of the fine patriotic sentiment expressed in your letter, you may be sure that when we interred General Patton's remains overseas with those who fought so valiantly with him, we were respecting not only his own wishes, but those of his family. In taking this action, we were also guided by the provisions of Public Law 383, 79th Congress, as amended by Public Law 368, 80th Congress, which permitted the next of kin to specify whether remains were to be buried overseas in a United States Military Cemetery or returned to this country for interment. At the request of his widow, Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr., now also deceased, he was buried in the United States Military Cemetery Hamm, in Luxembourg.

In making her decision, she asserted that General Patton himself was opposed to moving bodies from war graves. She was sure, therefore, that he would not want his body moved, and that he would want to be surrounded by the men whom he trained and with whom he had served. His body lies in a prominent place in this cemetery, where many visitors pay homage to his memory.

The following are statements taken from a newspaper article by Mrs. Patton which was published on 26 January 1947:

"The crosses, each with its identification tag, stand in long rows guarding the dead, and on my journey overseas last June I saw local people everywhere, both grown-ups and children, putting flowers on the graves of the men they call 'our liberators.'

"I have seen this picture repeated three times, in 1921, 1938, and 1946, and I believe every American who some day visits a grave in one of these cemeteries will come away feeling 'it is completely right that he should lie there.'"

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All of the United States Military Cemeteries overseas have now been transferred from the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army to the American Battle Monuments Commission for erection of marble markers, for necessary construction and landscaping, and for perpetual maintenance. A memorial structure, beautiful in design and appropriate to its setting, will be erected in each cemetery.

May it be a source of comfort, therefore, to know that the United States cemetery where General Patton has been interred will be maintained in perpetuity, and that to make any other arrangements for his reburial would be to desecrate the memory of one whom we all so greatly admire.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN D. MARTZ JR.
Colonel, GMC
Chief, Memorial Division

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD (Miss Hranac - 52322)

Although General Patton's death occurred as the result of an automobile accident which occurred while he was off duty, the disposition of his remains was effected in accordance with the laws cited in our letter.

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Mr. President



With best wishes

for the New Year

Mrs. C. L. Dutton
3043 - 39th Av. So.
Minneapolis, Minn

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Dear Mr President:

It is with great pride I attach "The Patton" stamp to your letter.

You were in France when last I wrote you and it was concerning your treatment of The Great Warrior when everyone was yelling about him Lord rest his soul.

It seems a shame to have such a body in foreign soil.

Is it impossible to bring his remains to Arlington? If any soldier rates it — This "Great Warrior" does.

May God bless you and grant you strength is the prayer of

Katherine P. Dutton

Mrs. Carl L. Dutton
3043 South 39th Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Respectfully referred for appropriate reply. Not acknowledged by this office.

Frances Adams
The Assistant to the President



Pres. D. Eisenhower,
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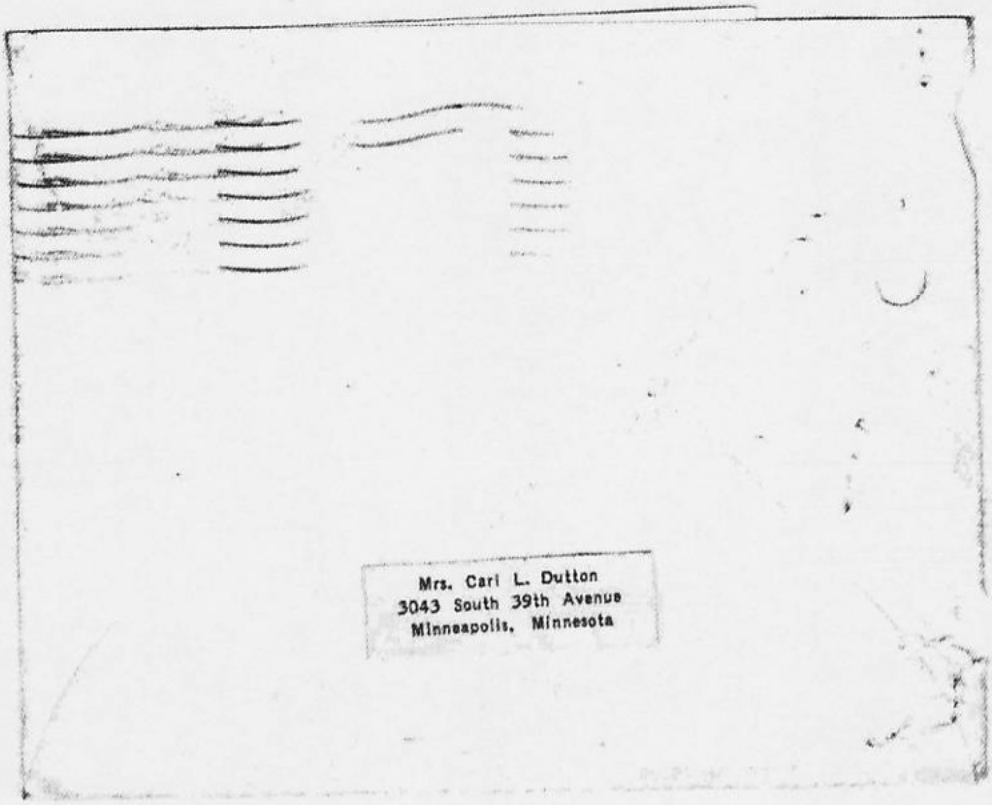
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293 Patton, George D.

QMGRL 201
Innes, Roy L.
RA 15172862

11 January 1954

SUBJECT: Marker in Germany at the Site of General Patton's Injury

TO: Commanding Officer, Hq. and Service Co., 510th Tank Battalion, APO 46, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. Inclosed for your information is a copy of a letter dated 19 December 1953, addressed by Sergeant Roy L. Innes, RA 15 172 862, to the President, (Incl 1) which has been referred to the Department of the Army for acknowledgment and reply.

2. While this Office has no knowledge of the marker, beyond the facts contained in the letter, the communication appears to evidence a commendable interest and attitude of respect on the part of this soldier.

3. It is requested that the inclosed reply (Incl 2) be transmitted to Sergeant Innes in an appropriate manner.

FOR THE ACTING THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

2 Incl
1. Copy ltr 19 Dec 53
2. QMGC ltr 11 Jan 54

JOHN D. WARTZ JR.
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

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11 January 1954

Sergeant Roy L. Innes-RA 15172862
Hq & Svc Co., 510th Tank Bn.
APO 46, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

Dear Sergeant Innes,

The letter which you addressed to the President on 19 December 1953 has been referred to the Department of the Army for acknowledgment and reply, with the request that we express our appreciation of your desire to assure that proper respect is being shown the memory of General Patton. You have pointed out that a small wooden cross on the Heidelberg-Mannheim Highway marks the spot where he was fatally injured and that it appears to you to be inappropriate.

Were this the only monument in Europe erected in the General's honor and were it a marker over which the Government of the United States has any official control, I would surely agree with you that it appears to be entirely inadequate; such, however, is not the case. General Patton's remains are interred in the United States Military Cemetery Hamm, Luxembourg, an installation under the jurisdiction of the American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington 25, D. C., a civilian agency of our Government. The Commission is now in the process of completing the construction and beautification of all of the permanent World War II cemeteries in foreign countries.

According to present plans, General Patton's remains eventually will rest in a conspicuous place of honor in the Hamm Cemetery, the site where many of the men of his beloved Third Army are permanently at rest. The grave will be marked with a white marble cross inscribed with a record of his distinguished military service. The cemetery will be beautifully landscaped and a fitting structure will be built there commemorating the deeds of American Forces as they advanced across Europe toward eventual victory.

The marble cross at General Patton's grave will be the sole tribute erected in Europe in his honor by the United States Government. Since it will emphasize his accomplishments in life as an outstanding military leader, we feel that it is the most fitting tribute to his memory.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN D. [illegible] JR.
Colonel, [illegible]
Chief, Memorial Division

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1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Executive Office OQMG	Colonel Johnson Memorial Div.	5 Oct. 51	The attached was in our files up here and we are forwarding it to you for whatever it may be worth.

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22 November 1948

Colonel L. R. Talbot
Memorial Division, OQMG
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

/s/ H. L. Peckham
/t/ H. L. PECKHAM
Brigadier General, USA
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COPY THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

5-A-732, The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

24 November 1947.

SUBJECT: Permanent Cemeteries in European Area.

To: Chief, Memorial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Department of the Army

Reference is made to your letter of 18 November 1947 (QMGMO 687) enclosing one to you from the European Area, dated 6 November, regarding the St. Avold and Hamm cemeteries. These were referred to the Commission's consulting architects, whose recommendations are given below.

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"When General North asked if Hamm Cemetery could accommodate 5800 burials we made a layout, as a result of which we answered that it could. We enclose two prints of this layout (No. 5413K.38); we suggest you send one copy to General Peckham to inform him of the basis of our statement to General North that this number of burials could be handled: please advise him, however, that this print should not be used by his staff as a basis for work on its part.

"I yesterday discussed with Mr. Walker, of Voorhees, Walker, Foley and Smith, the problem of the Individual Grave, and gave him a copy of this drawing.

"Mr. Walker is only now becoming familiar with the problem, but he indicated he visualized a different graves area arrangement, which he will shortly be putting in sketch form***. He will provide for 5800 in the studies he makes.***

"Mr. Walker is going to Paris shortly, as a delegate to an international congress of architects, and it is his purpose to utilize this opportunity to visit Hamm Cemetery to better see the problem. He intends to call on General Peckham, at my suggestion: I hope one of General Peckham's staff will be able to go over the site with him.

"Therefore we agree with General Peckham that a complete new layout will be prepared. We do not, however, see any problem in accommodating 5800."

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/s/ Charles B. Shaw
/t/ CHARLES B. SHAW
Lt. Colonel, AGD,
Officer in Charge.

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"When General North asked if Hamm Cemetery could accommodate 5800 burials we made a layout, as a result of which we answered that it could. We enclose two prints of this layout (No. 541SK.38); we suggest you send one copy to General Peckham to inform him of the basis of our statement to General North that this number of burilas could be handled: please advise him, however, that this print should not be used by his staff as a basis for work on its part.

"I yesterday discussed with Mr. Walker, of Voorhees, Walker, Foley and Smith, the problem of the Individual Grave, and gave him a copy of this drawing.

"Mr. Walker is only now becoming familiar with the problem, but he indicated he visualized a different graves area arrangement, which he will shortly be putting in sketch form***. He will provide for 5800 in the studies he makes.***

"Mr. Walker is going to Paris shortly, as a delegate to an international congress of architects, and it is his purpose to utilize this opportunity to visit Hamm Cemetery to better see the problem. He intends to call on General Peckham, at my suggestion: I hope one of General Peckham's staff will be able to go over the site with him.

"Therefore we agree with General Peckham that a complete new layout will be prepared. We do not, however, see any problem in accommodating 5800."

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/s/ Charles B. Shaw
/t/ CHARLES B. SHAW
Lt. Colonel, AGD,
Officer in Charge.

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APO 46, c/o PM, N.Y.N.Y.

19 December 1953

President of the United States
The White House
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

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I believe that the Army has a Monument Commission of some kind for this sort of thing and I think that a small concrete cross in the same spot with an inscription of some sort like, General Patton, lost his life on this spot, the date, etc. should be placed there. It certainly wouldn't cost very much and would be much more recognizable than the one there now.

Hoping that you will give this thoughtsome consideration, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Roy L. Innes

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Where Gen. Patton was killed

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Respectfully referred for appropriate reply. Not acknowledged by this office.
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In Hallowed Rest Abroad

The bodies of 110,000 Americans who died in World War Two lie in 15 beautifully-kept cemeteries overseas

By RICHARD SEELYE JONES

IN EVERY CONTINENT and under all the seas l
the bodies of Americans who died serving
the uniform of their country in World W
Two. Especially as Memorial Day approach
we recall their services, and remember their heroism
saving the cause of freedom throughout the world. Du
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from overseas to a final resting place in cemeteri
throughout America. And soon the last of 110,000 othe
who were buried in temporary graves will be re-i
terred in fifteen overseas cemeteries owned by t
United States Government.

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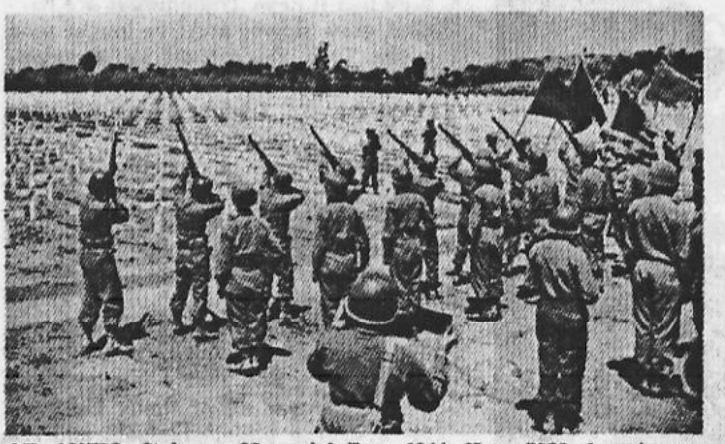
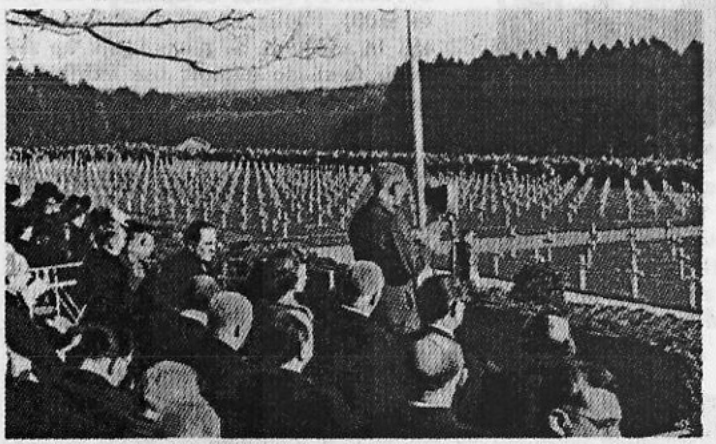
on arrival they would be buried with all the hono
due them The American Legion has played an in
portant part. Guards of honor, pallbearers, firi
squads have been furnished by Posts in almost eve
county in the land. Continuing the work that has be
carried on for thirty years, the Graves Registrati



TO THE FALLEN: Miss Mary Piette of Verviers, Belgium, places flowers on grave of American soldier in Henri-Chapelle cemetery



AT ANZIO, Italy on Memorial Day, 1944. Here 7832 Americans killed in the bloody Italian fighting have found a final resting place



BENEDICTION CEREMONIES in 1948 at Hamm, Belgium. General Patton is one of more than 5000 who sleep beneath these headstones

THE STARS AND STRIPES at half staff in the cemetery in Margraten, Holland. Here 8580 Americans are buried





GOURMETS prize the hump steak, "best part of the buffalo," held by Mrs. Butters



ED TELLS JOELLEN and Sonny that the sign means exactly what it says, and no fooling

to a large eastern hotel and used the money for a second installment on the big herd he wanted. Not long afterwards he repeated the process, and finally the banks agreed to lend him the rest of the money. In the Spring of 1945 the big buffalo herd was his. But his troubles were only beginning.

No cattle car, even the newest and best, was strong enough to hold buffalo. The Northwestern Railroad, co-operating to the fullest, reinforced some of their newest cars. Then came the problem of feeding and watering the buffalo. No stockyard en route would accept them, even temporarily. Finally, Butters split some oil drums and nailed them to the corners of the cars. The drums were filled regularly with water, and the buffalo arrived safely.

They arrived on a Saturday. On Sunday, almost three thousand people appeared, many from hundreds of miles away, to see the animals. The Butters family was unprepared. So were the buffalo. They had wandered back on the range. To keep the crowds from being disappointed, Butters spent the whole day astride a horse with a snake whip to drive the buffalo up to the fence and keep them in view. Two drunks added to the confusion by getting into the fenced area, and very nearly becoming targets for the animals.

In many ways, buffalo are quite different from cattle. They can't be tamed. They are suspicious and unpredictable, and they fight each other – even the little ones fight. So Butters keeps the mature ones in one place, the yearlings in another, and the calves in a third.

The amazing thing about the whole set-up is that Butters handles three farms and the whole herd of buffalo with the help of just one hired man. It's not an easy job. Once a cow was having trouble calving and Butters called in a veterinarian. The cow was in extreme difficulties, and would have died without help, but that didn't mean she was going to submit to help easily. The vet stood at one end of the barn with a ladder. Butters was the other end where he could climb up on the beams. First one tried to rope her and then the other one tried. The cow charged them whenever they were on the floor. After almost an hour of trying, the vet finally roped one horn and a front leg. Together, they threw her, and Butters got another rope around both horns and fastened it to the ceiling. The other was snubbed to a post. Finally, they were able to give her a hypodermic – a heavy enough dose to put a dairy cow out for two hours. The buffalo was "out" for only half an hour, but that was just long enough.

One of the most dangerous things about buffalo is the fact that if they think they are going to lose their freedom, they will fight for life itself. When afraid, they start to mill around, going faster and faster. When Butters first tried to get them into a corral, the tremendous speed and pressure of their milling bodies forced ten buffalo right through the fence wire.

Buffalo can be crossed with cattle, and the result is called a "cattleo," but so far such crosses have been purely experimental. Buffalo will eat anything that cattle will, and a lot that cattle won't – like weeds on the range. They had to be taught to eat corn, though they like it now. The animals are hardier, grow slower and live longer than cattle. They reach their full development at a later age and because of this they are not slaughtered until they are 2¼ to 2½ years old.

Today, Butters has three farms on which he keeps the buffalo. The present herd is down to about 125, of which 14 are calves, and 40 are yearlings. But the herd has nearly reached its low point, and soon he will start building it up.

Butters has had all sorts of requests for live animals from zoos, would-be competitors, and rarity-fanciers, but he has refused all of them. He plans to breed the buffalo himself, and sell only the meat and by-products such as mounted heads (which sell for $75 to $100), skulls, horns, buffalo robes, etc. In addition, he plans to fix up the main farm to exploit the exhibition possibilities of the herd.

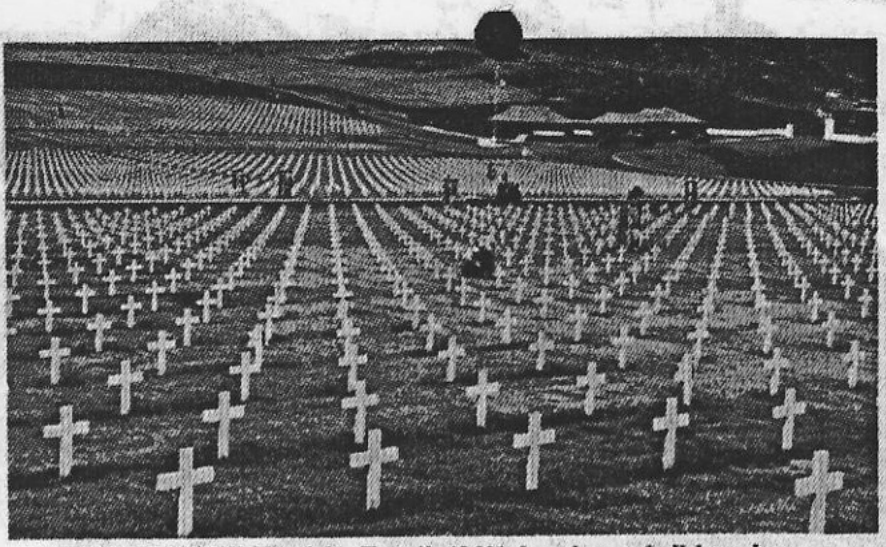
Profiting by the experience of others, he is not going to try to milk the buffalo, but that is about the only use that won't be made of them. Hides will be sold to novelty manufacturers as well as for robes; and some of the horns are already being sold to a company in Kentucky which makes blowing horns out of them. Butters has even found a use for buffalo tongues. They are a rare delicacy when smoked, and may bring prices as high as genuine Russian caviar.

Despite the *(Continued on page 71)*

and Memorial Committee under the chairmanship of Mancel Talcott of Waukegan, Illinois has provided not only suitable honors on the return of the bodies, but the means for making a permanent record of these graves in America and for decoration of them on succeeding Memorial Days. A similar service is performed for the graves outside the continental United States by the Legion's Overseas Graves Decoration Trust, under the chairmanship of the National Commander.

The fifteen overseas cemeteries in which the bodies of American dead of World War Two have been assembled are under the control of the American Battle Monuments Commission, a quietly efficient organization created by Congress in 1923. In addition to the details involving the WWI dead who lie in cemeteries abroad, the Commission erected a large number of monuments to American WWI valor at strategic points in Europe. General Pershing was the Commission Chairman from the beginning, and after his death General George C. Marshall became its head.

Under the direction of the ABMC the wooden crosses in the overseas cemeteries are being replaced with crosses of Carrara marble. Chapels and museums are being erected at the cemeteries. In addition, the commission has the responsibility of approving all private memorial and monumental enterprises which involve structures on foreign soil or on the property of the United States.



JUST OUTSIDE Honolulu, Hawaii, 13,221 Americans of all branches of the service sleep beneath memorial stones in a national cemetery



AT NEUVILLE, Belgium, Major and Mrs. John W. Adams, Jr. lay wreath on their son's grave. Young Adams died in Berlin bomber raid in 1944

Of the ten members of the Commission, D. John Markey, former Department Commander of Maryland, who served also as a National Executive Committeeman, has been in a wholly unofficial but effective way a contact point for the Legion with his colleagues. Robert G. Woodside, a former Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, is in a similar situation for that organization. Both are brigadier generals of the Reserve and two-war veterans. Other members of the commission are Judge Finis J. Garrett of the U. S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals, Mrs. Henry F. Baker, Admiral Richard C. Kalfus, USN Ret., General Alexander A. Vandergrift, USMC Ret., Leslie J. Biffle, Secretary of the Senate, Senator Burnet R. Maybank, and former Representative Joseph C. Baldwin. Mr. Biffle happens to be a close friend and advisor of President Truman, and in that sense is the contact with the White House for the Commission.

The immediate task of the Commission is completion of the cemetery program. The Graves Registration Service handled the assembly of the dead. The Memorial Division of the Army (including by arrangement the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps) managed the return of the soldier dead requested by next of kin. The 79 National Cemeteries on American soil, including the large one at Honolulu, and small ones in Alaska and Puerto Rico, will remain the charge of the Army's Quartermaster Corps. About 32,000 returned World War Two dead rest in them. The fourteen cemeteries on foreign soil are in charge of ABMC, and some 96,000 dead will rest there forever. There have been about 130,000 reburials in private cemeteries in the United States.

The graves *(Continued on page 68)*



I EXPLAINED that a few weeks before my grates had fallen down and I had phoned him to come right away

Don't You Know There Was a War?

If you've had any recent dealings with fellows who make, alter, repair, fix or adjust things, this story will have a familiar ring of exasperation

By W. F. MIKSCH

ONCE UPON A TIME plumbers, carpenters, and other people who make, deliver, install, look at, or fix things were proud of a thing called "Service." They printed it on their letterheads. They pledged it in their advertising. They talked it up at luncheon club meetings. They offered it plain, fancy, or with a smile.

If Omar the Tentmaker promised a tepee for Tuesday, you could bet your turban that on Tuesday he'd make delivery. Whenever the Lily Maid of Astolat was troubled with dragons, she had only to dial GAlahad 7738, and presto — a man in a tin suit was around to dispatch them forsooth. "Jes stash yer gold dust under the seat, pardner," the Wells-Fargo man used to say, "and I'll have it in Dawson City come sundown." And come sundown, there it was, even though the stage driver had to cover the last thutty miles of sagebresh with a splintered singletree and his beaver hat shot full of Arapaho arrows.

Today, things have come to such a pretty pass that if you call up your contractor to report that the north wall has collapsed and Aunt Emma is pinned in the debris, he simply will say, "I'll be with you in apple blossom time," and hang up.

There is no use appealing to his better nature. He hasn't any. Service is what he is fresh out of, and should you raise your feeble voice in protest, your contractor will be the first to point out that in dealing with your superiors you had best doff your cap and keep a civil tongue in your head. After all, which twin drives the Cadillac — you or your contractor? Whose wife is *(Continued on page 55)*

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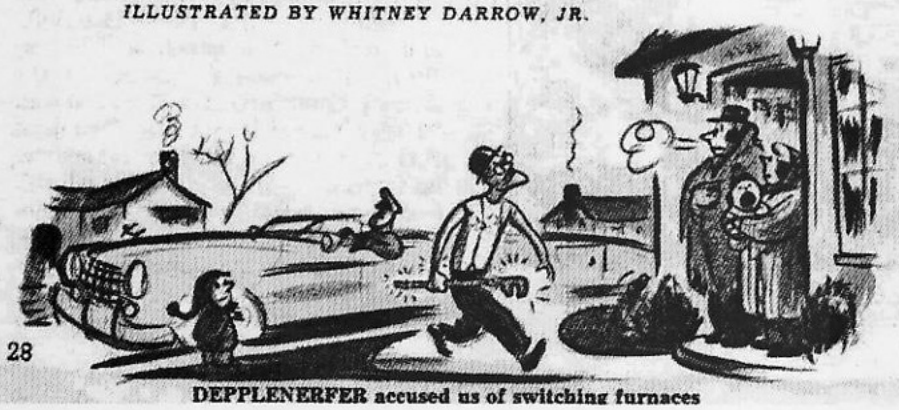

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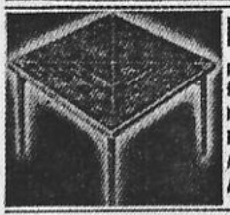

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(Continued from page 27)

overseas are all alike without distinction of race or rank; of creed only in that Jewish graves bear the Star of David and all others the Cross. General George Patton rests at Hamm under a marble stone no larger than that above the grave of any private. Generals Leslie McNair and Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. lie at St. Laurent. The only special arrangement was to place certain graves at the end of rows so that the more numerous visitors seeking them might not have occasion to trample any others.

AT EACH cemetery will be a chapel, nondenominational, and a museum of historic data, including maps of the battle areas. Pamphlet guides will inform and direct visitors desiring to see the battlefields. At two or three cemeteries remote from towns with hotel facilities, modest guest houses will permit overnight stops. At each cemetery will be recorded, in bronze, the names of the unknown and unrecovered dead. The lists of the unrecovered will be especially long at Honolulu and Manila.

The permanent overseas American cemeteries of World War Two and the number of graves at each are as follows:

St. Laurent, France	9,503
*St. James, France	4,398
*Margraten, Holland	8,580
*Henri-Chapelle, Belgium	8,009
Neuville, Belgium	5,722
Hamm, Luxembourg	5,071
St. Avold, France	11,517
*Epinal, France	5,254
Draguignan, France	837
Anzio, Italy	7,832
Florence, Italy	4,684
*Carthage, N. Africa	2,823
*Cambridge, England	3,802
Manila, P. I.	18,240

On American soil outside the U.S.A. proper:

Honolulu, T. H.	13,221
Sitka, Alaska	72
Puerto Rico	67

St. James is near the junction of the Normandy and Britanny peninsulas, and Epinal, where the U.S. forces coming up the Rhone turned eastward through the Belfort gap. Henri-Chapelle is near the German frontier. Carthage is the cemetery for the North African campaign, and at Cambridge lie those who took part in the many phases of the war centering on the British Isles.

THERE are eight WWI cemeteries overseas and happily none of them were seriously damaged in WW2 fighting. At but one of these, Surèsnes, on the outskirts of Paris, are any WW2 graves. A group of unidentified dead of the second war have been laid at rest there, and its original chapel is being remodeled and enlarged into a handsome shrine of memory for both wars.

The location of this shrine will probably make it the scene of many memorial ceremonies in the future, symbolic of the whole host of the fallen of both wars. Work on this fine marble structure is well advanced and it will be finished this year. Large monumental projects memorializing American WW2 service are being considered for Rome, Paris and London. Placing large buildings at actual battlefields of WWI did not work out successfully, as many of these places have been found to be too far from the usual path of tourists. A proposal has been made to the Commission that it place a Statue of Liberty, along the lines of the famous shrine in New York, at Corregidor in the harbor of Manila.

WALLY



(From May, 1937 A.L.M.)

THERE ARE several as yet uncompleted features of the whole WW2 memorial project. Congress has not made up its mind about the burial of an Unknown Soldier of that conflict. Various bills have been offered, some for gathering several unknown dead of various services. It now seems likely that the decision will be for a single burial at Arlington, beside The Unknown of WWI.

The Congress must also decide if there shall be a pilgrimage of Gold Star Mothers to the cemeteries overseas. The time for such a visit will be when the chapels and museums are finished and every feature of the cemeteries complete.

There is also in Congress a bill instructing the ABMC to plan a memorial to General Pershing. His will, providing for his burial at Arlington beneath a simple soldier's-stone, gave great strength to the cemeterial program which has marked our hero dead without distinction of race or rank. The nation has not yet erected a memorial to this great leader, and in time probably will select and build one of adequate and fitting character.

THE END

**Opened to visitors early this year. Most of the other cemeteries will be ready for visitors sometime this year.*

Conservation's ordinary work is too much for this short list. When you have the whole outdoors to take care of, from minerals, soil and waters through fish and their diseases, game animals and their friends and enemies, and all sorts of plant problems, the job gets complicated.

For instance, if the conservationist wants to increase small game birds and animals he is immediately a salesman and a farmer. He persuades farmers to plant decent cover to feed and protect game — then he supplies multiflora rose for living fences and maybe lespedeza, both of which (surprise!) are raised and supplied to farmers in many states by the conservation department. Same with many kinds of trees.

So it goes. The conservationist does autopsies. When the small-game hunter begs to have the hawks and foxes killed off so there'll be more rabbits and pheasants the conservationist may shake his head. The stomachs of foxes and many hawks, etc., show that mice and such critters are their chief food. Only *some* predators should be eliminated — those *known* to do more harm than good. The rest should be controlled, not wiped out. If there are too many mice, the little rodents might destroy the nests of the small game the weeping amateur wants more of. Then there wouldn't be any small game.

Left to themselves, with decent budgets, conservationists could manage our wild life very nicely with their many sciences and skills. But there is one animal they haven't mastered yet which is the toughest creature of all to deal with, and which makes nearly all of our really perplexing conservation problems.

This is a two-legged beast, an unreasonable animal called man. It has done more to damage our outdoors than all other factors combined. It is the only animal that pollutes fresh water. The only one except the beaver that kills trees. The only one that burns forests.

It is the only animal that kills all other animals wantonly. Many adult men discriminate in what they kill and when. But other adults and most of the young males of this species will kill almost anything that moves in the woods. Man is responsible for the wild dogs in New York. One man brought the hyacinths into our southland. Men kill male deer when they are too few and interfere with the efforts of conservationists to reduce the number of female deer when they are too many. Man is the only animal that destroys the soil.

To solve the man problem, conservationists are above all else trying to be educators.

They try to educate man to stop burning the forests, to obey the game laws, to cooperate in conservation methods, stop pollution of fresh water, keep out of poison ivy, ward off mosquitoes, shun sunburn, avoid getting lost, watch out for snakes — and a host of other things.

Man is supposed to have the best brain of all beasts. But the education of man is the biggest job of the conservationist and the most difficult in terms of results. While waiting for some success in the educational field the conservationist has had to turn politician. He is doing his level best to encourage the legislators to protect the land and the wilderness from man and man from himself.

Yes, it's a great job, this conservation business, with a lot more to it than asking to see your fishing license. But before you rush into the business, investigate your chances. Many states spend little more than peanuts on the conservation programs that guard the basis of all their state wealth. In fact, some state conservation administrators are financial wizards above all else. To get by they keep a close watch on the postage stamps and the petty cash drawer. Generally, conservation departments are undermanned and underpaid. However some states are slowly learning that a dollar spent on conservation may be many many dollars saved — or earned.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Reinterment of General George S. Patton

In view of the fact that the American Battle Monuments Commission, at its meeting regarding the reinterment of General George S. Patton, did not deem it expedient to either place an entirely new row in the center or to make other provisions for the reinterment of General Patton in a center location, I accede to the ruling made by the Commission and have so advised General Marshall under date of December 14, 1949.

Louis Johnson

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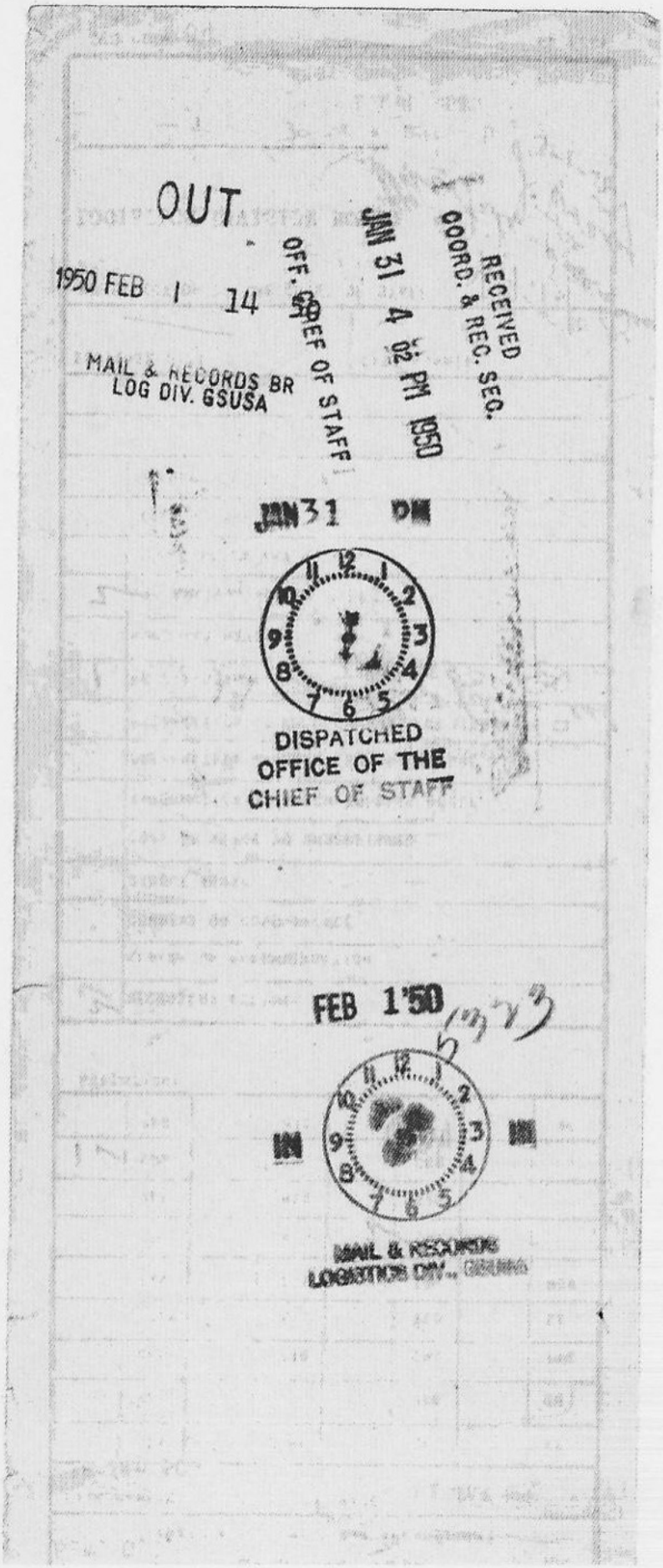
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D/Logistics, GSUSA [illegible] 4 January 1950

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1. Reference is made to Memorandum to the Secretary of the Army from the Secretary of Defense dated 13 August 1949, subject: Reinterment of General George S. Patton, and Disposition Form from the Quartermaster General to the Director of Logistics, GSUSA, dated 7 November 1949, subject: Final Interment of the Remains of General George S. Patton, and Comment No. 2 replying thereto from the Director of Logistics, GSUSA, to the Quartermaster General dated 18 November 1949. Copies of this correspondence are inclosed.

2. Although it has been informally ascertained that the American Battle Monuments Commission has decided that the remains of General George S. Patton should be reinterred on the left front corner of the middle section, with adequate surrounding vacant space to prevent unintentional desecration of adjoining graves by visitors, this Office has not as yet received formal notification of this decision from the Secretary of Defense.

3. Therefore, before proceeding to accomplish final burial in this instance, because of the special considerations involved, it is believed formal notification should be furnished this Office.

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Major General
The Quartermaster General

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1. Copy [illegible] fr Secy of Def, 13 August 1949
2. Copy DF fr TQMG 7 November 1949 w/Comment #2 fr D/L, 18 November 1949

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FOR RECORD ONLY (Thomas/71691)

1. Memorandum to the S/A from the Secy of Def dated 13 August 1949, subject: Reinterment of General George S. Patton recommended two alternate proposals for final burial. DF from TQMG to D/L, GSUSA dated 19 Nov 49 stated that this Office had no objection to any final arrangement except one which would involve removal of remains already permanently interred. Comment No. 2 replying thereto from the D/Log, GSUSA to TQMG dated 18 Nov 1949 stated that DF dated 7 November was not processed insufficient time to dispatch it to ABMC in sufficient time for their 9 November 1949 meeting.

2. Subsequently this Office learned informally that ABMC decided on their 9 November 1949 meeting that Gen. Patton's remains should be reburied on the left corner of the cemetery in accordance with the Commission's previous recommendations and that the Secretary of Defense was so advised. It was also learned informally that the

Secretary of Defense had acceded to the wishes of the Commission and had so advised them in a letter dated 14 December 1949.

3. To date this Office has not been informally advised of the action taken. Therefore, before proceeding to accomplish the reburial, this office is advising D/Log, GSUSA that because of the special considerations involved, it is believed that the TQMG should be formally notified so that the records of this Office will be complete in this respect.

CMHNP 293 (Patton, George S., Jr., General, SN 07603)
SUBJECT: Final Interment of Remains of General George S. Patton

TO: D/Log, GSUSA FROM: TQMG DATE: 30 Nov 49 COMMENT NO. Thomas/71891

1. Reference is made to Memorandum to the Secretary of the Army from the Secretary of Defense dated 13 August 1949, Subject: Reinterment of General George S. Patton and Disposition Form from The Quartermaster General to the Director of Logistics, GSUSA dated 7 November 1949, Subject: Final Interment of the Remains of General George S. Patton, and Comment No. 2 replying thereto from the Director of Logistics, GSUSA to The Quartermaster General dated 18 November 1949. Copies of this correspondence are inclosed.

2. Although it has been informally ascertained that the American Battle Monuments Commission has decided that the remains of General George S. Patton should be reinterred on the left front corner of the middle section, with adequate surrounding vacant space to prevent unintentional desecration of adjoining graves by visitors, this Office has not as yet received formal notification of this decision from the Secretary of Defense.

3. Therefore, before proceeding to accomplish final burial in this instance, because of the special considerations involved, it is believed formal notification should be furnished this Office.

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TO D/Log, GSUSA FROM TQMG DATE 7 November 1949 COMMENT No. 1
Lt. Col. Johnson/3184

1. Reference is made to Memorandum of August 13, 1949, from the Secretary of Defense to the Secretary of the Army, Subject: Reinterment of General George S. Patton, which was transmitted to this Office 9 September 1949, for appropriate action.

2. General North of the American Battle Monuments Commission informed this Office on 4 November that the subject of the place of permanent interment of the remains of General Patton in Hamm Cemetery, Luxembourg, would be taken up for final determination at the regular meeting of the Commission 9 November 1949.

3. With respect to the several suggestions which have been made in the matter, the American Battle Monuments Commission has sole responsibility for the permanent design and construction of all American military cemeteries overseas. This Office has no objection to any final arrangement which may be planned, excepting one which contemplates the removal, for the purpose of making room for the grave of General Patton and the necessary surrounding space, of the remains of World War II Dead now interred in the cemetery. Next of kin of these decedents have been informed that the burials are permanent, and a change at this time, for any reason whatever, would engender justifiable criticism and result in unfavorable newspaper publicity.

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H. PEDDMAN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

CSGLD/C3 64373 COMMENT NO. 2

TO: TQMG FROM: D/Log, GSUSA DATE: 28 NOV 1949

1. Attached summary sheet to the Secretary of the Army, subject: "Reinterment of the Remains of General George S. Patton," dated 8 November 1949, is transmitted for recommendation of any further action deemed necessary.

2. Summary sheet was not processed in sufficient time to dispatch the proposed letter to the American Battle Monuments Commission in time for their meeting of 9 November 1949.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

for T. B. LARKIN
Lieutenant General, GSC
Director of Logistics

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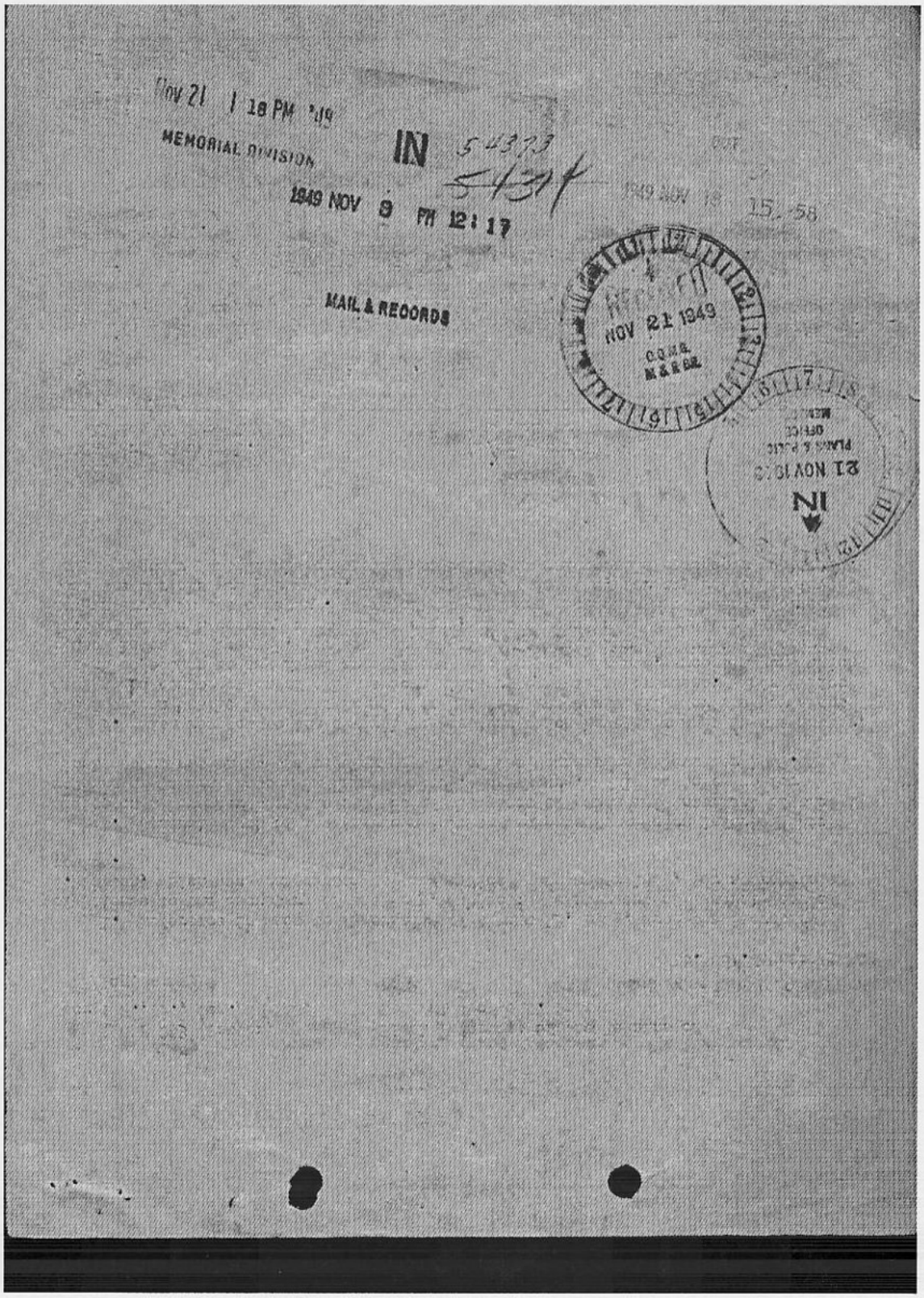
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(Signed) H. Feldman
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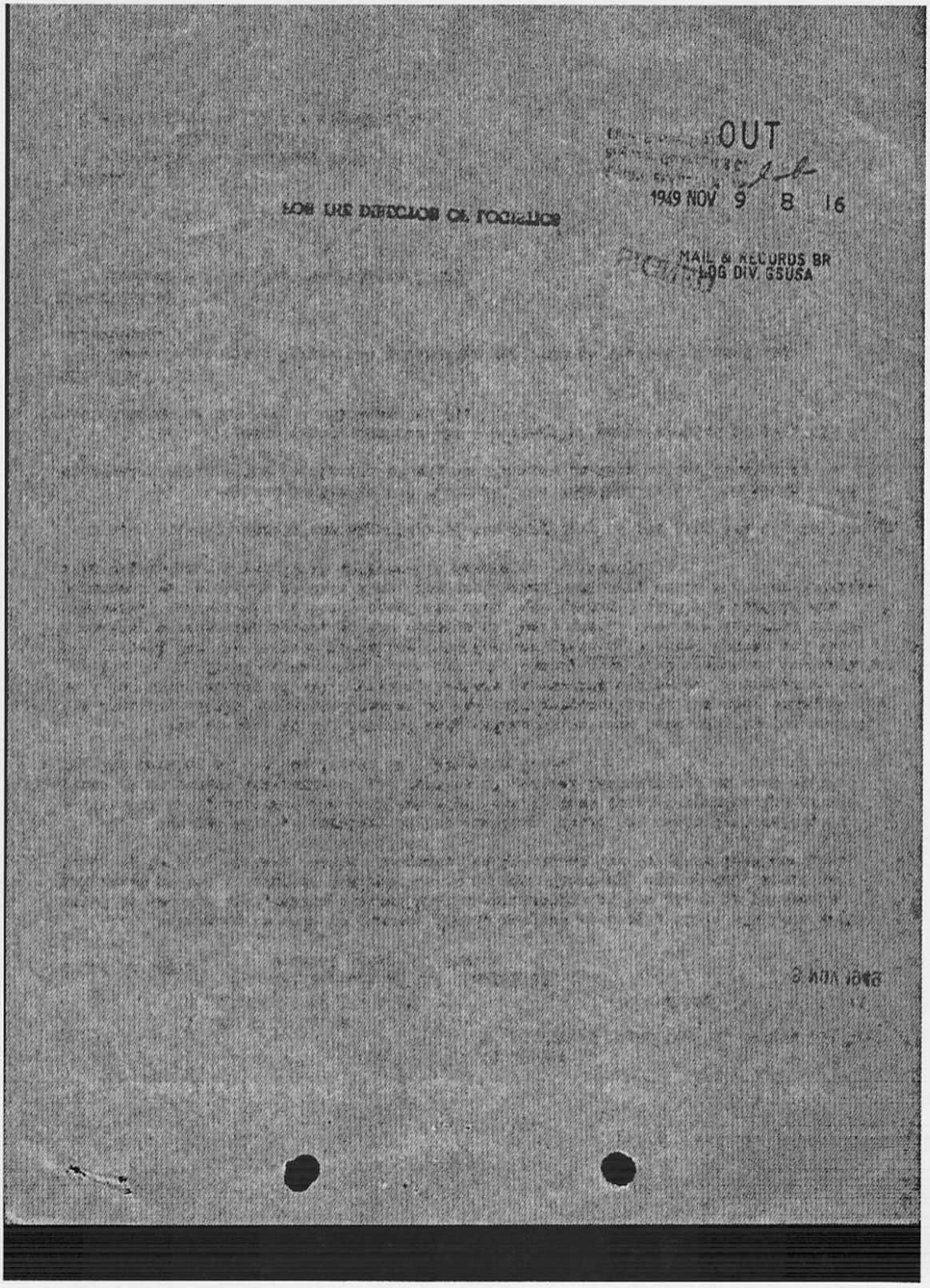
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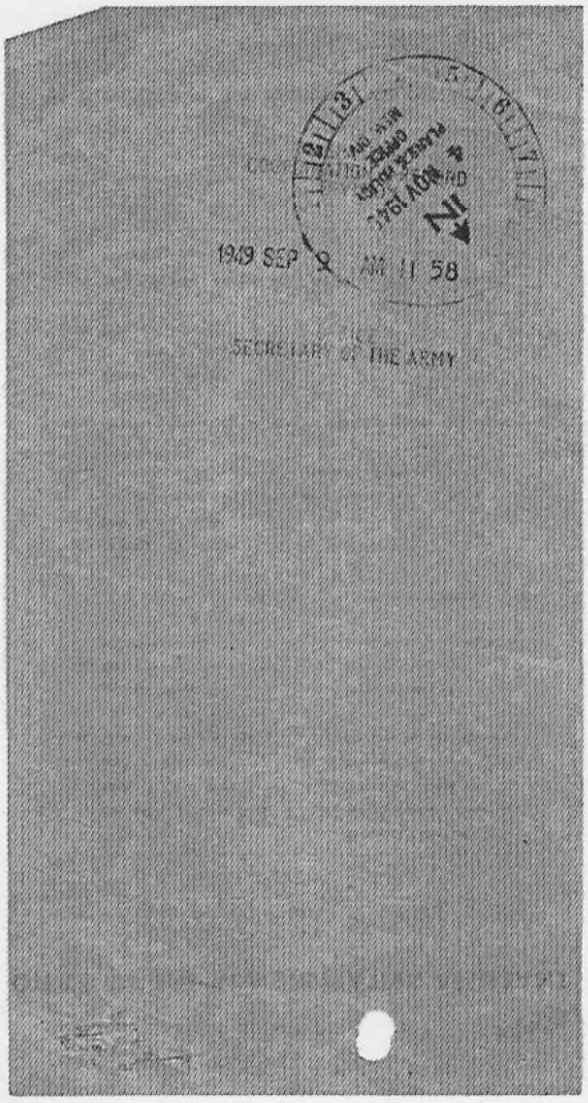
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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

August 13, 1949

MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Reinterment of General George S. Patton

Recently representation was made by my office to the Office of the Quartermaster General and the Battle Monuments Commission relative to the relocation of the grave of General George S. Patton, now interred in the Hamm Cemetery, Luxembourg.

It is my recommendation that the contemplated location on the left front corner of the middle section, selected as the site of his reinterment, be changed to a place in front of and attached to the center section, with a Medal of Honor man on his right. This recommendation was not acceptable to the Battle Monuments Commission, as evidenced by a letter from General Marshall.

I then recommended that consideration be given to the interment of an additional row of graves in front of the center section with General Patton's grave in the center of that row. This recommendation is under consideration by the Battle Monuments Commission to ascertain whether or not it can be accomplished within the present plans for this cemetery. I am advised further by representatives of the Quartermaster General that they could carry out this recommendation if approved by the Battle Monuments Commission.

I am still of the opinion that this location is proper in contrast to the suggested location on the left front corner, however, as this matter of reinterment of General Patton has been under consideration for some time, I am not disposed to delay it any longer and, therefore, the final decision arrived at by the Battle Monuments Commission will be acceptable as far as I am concerned.

At present General North, Secretary of the Battle Monuments Commission, and Colonel Talbot, of the Quartermaster Corps, are in Europe and awaiting this memorandum to proceed.

Will you convey my thought in this matter to them at an early date?

/s/ Louis Johnson

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1 APPROVAL
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1 CHIEF OF STAFF
2 SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

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CSGLD/C3 64373

Reinterment of the Remains of
General George S. Patton

SUMMARY

1. Reference is made to Summary Sheet, subject as above, (file CSGLD/C3 47608) dated 10 October 1949, which advised that determination of the place of permanent interment of the remains of General Patton in Hamm Cemetery, Luxembourg, would be taken up by The American Battle Monuments Commission at its November 1949 meeting.

2. General North, Secretary of The American Battle Monuments Commission, on 4 November 1949, informed The Quartermaster General that final determination of the place of permanent interment of the remains of General Patton would be made at the regular meeting of the Commission on 9 November 1949.

3. With respect to the several suggestions which have been made in the matter, The American Battle Monuments Commission has sole responsibility for the permanent design and construction of all American Military Cemeteries overseas. There is no objection to any final arrangement which may be planned, excepting one which contemplates the removal for the purpose of making room for the grave of General Patton and the necessary surrounding space, of the remains of World War II Dead now interred in the cemetery. Next-of-kin of these deceduts have been informed that the burials are permanent and a change at this time, for any reason whatever, would engender justifiable criticism and result in unfavorable newspaper publicity.

4. Attached hereto for signature of the Secretary of the Army are the following:

a. Proposed letter to the Chairman, The American Battle Monuments Commission which advises the Commission of the Army's view in this matter (Inclosure No. 1).

b. Proposed Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense which advises him of action taken by the Army (Inclosure No. 2).

RECOMMENDATION

That the proposed letter and memorandum referred to above be signed and dispatched.

COORDINATION

Concurs - TQMB (Maj Gen Feldman/2000)

SIGNED

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS

AARON BRADSHAW, JR.
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Chief, Service Group

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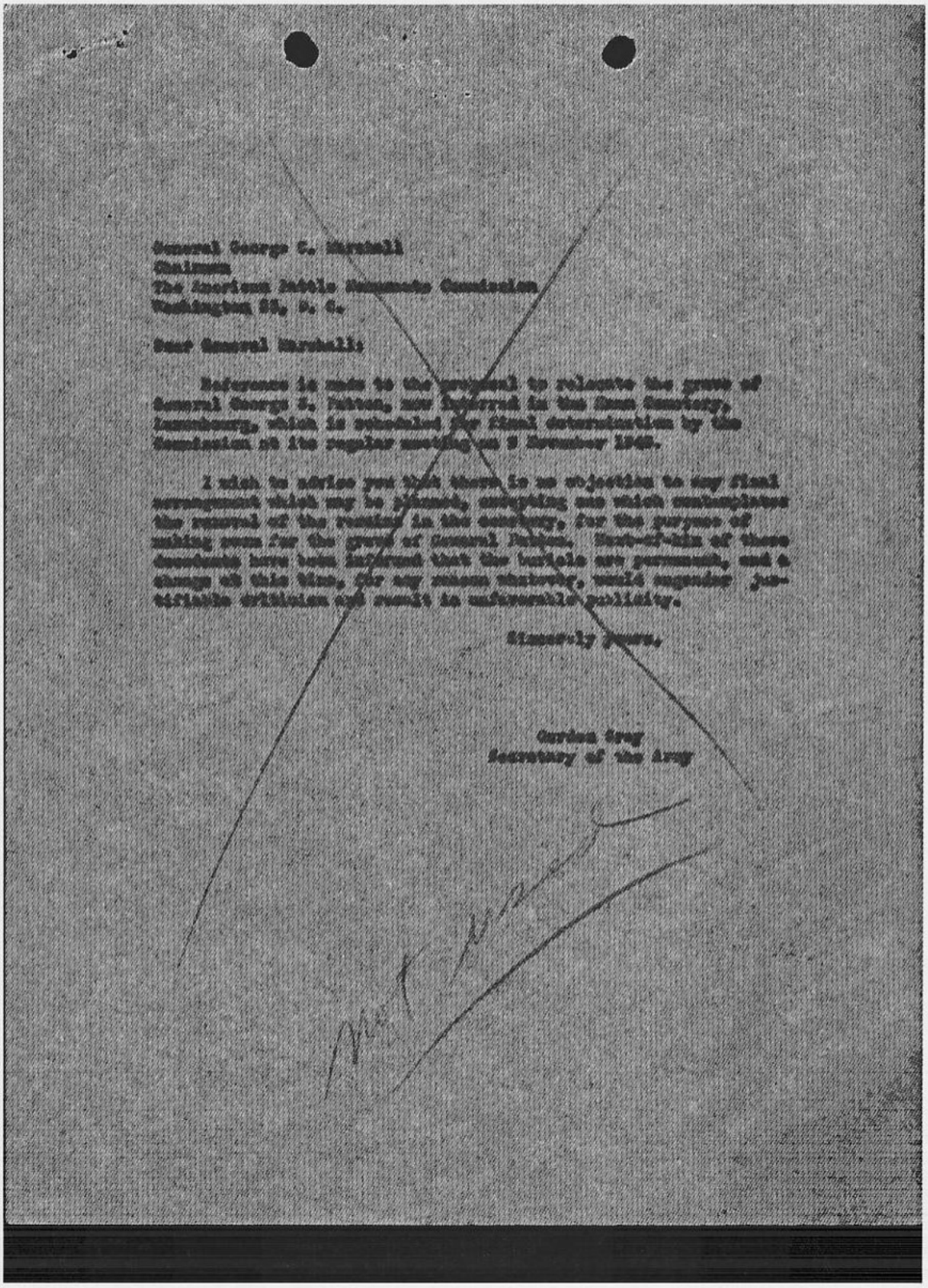

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE:

SUBJECT: Reinterment of Remains of General George S. Patton.

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1 Incl:
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Chairman, ABMC.

Gordon Gray
Secretary of the Army

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

SUMMARY SHEET

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CSGLD/C3 54373	Reinterment of the Remains of General George S. Patton	8 NOV 1949

SUMMARY

1. Reference is made to Summary Sheet, subject as above, (file CSGLD/C3 47605) dated 10 October 1949, which advised that determination of the place of permanent interment of the remains of General Patton in Hamm Cemetery, Luxembourg, would be taken up by The American Battle Monuments Commission at its November 1949 meeting.

2. General North, Secretary of The American Battle Monuments Commission, on 4 November 1949, informed The Quartermaster General that final determination of the place of permanent interment of the remains of General Patton would be made at the regular meeting of the Commission on 9 November 1949.

3. With respect to the several suggestions which have been made in the matter, The American Battle Monuments Commission has sole responsibility for the permanent design and construction of all American Military Cemeteries overseas. There is no objection to any final arrangement which may be planned, excepting one which contemplates the removal for the purpose of making room for the grave of General Patton and the necessary surrounding space, of the remains of World War II Dead now interred in the cemetery. Next-of-kin of these decedents have been informed that the burials are permanent and a change at this time, for any reason whatever, would engender justifiable criticism and result in unfavorable newspaper publicity.

4. Attached hereto for signature of the Secretary of the Army are the following:

a. Proposed letter to the Chairman, The American Battle Monuments Commission which advises the Commission of the Army's view in this matter (Inclosure No. 1).

b. Proposed Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense which advises him of action taken by the Army (Inclosure No. 2).

RECOMMENDATION

That the proposed letter and memorandum referred to above be signed and dispatched.

COORDINATION

Concurs - TQMG (Maj Gen Feldman/2000)

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS

2 Incls:
1 - Prop ltr to Chairman, ABMC for sig of S/A.
2 - Prop Memo to S/D for sig of S/A.

AARON BRADSHAW, JR.
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Chief, Service Group

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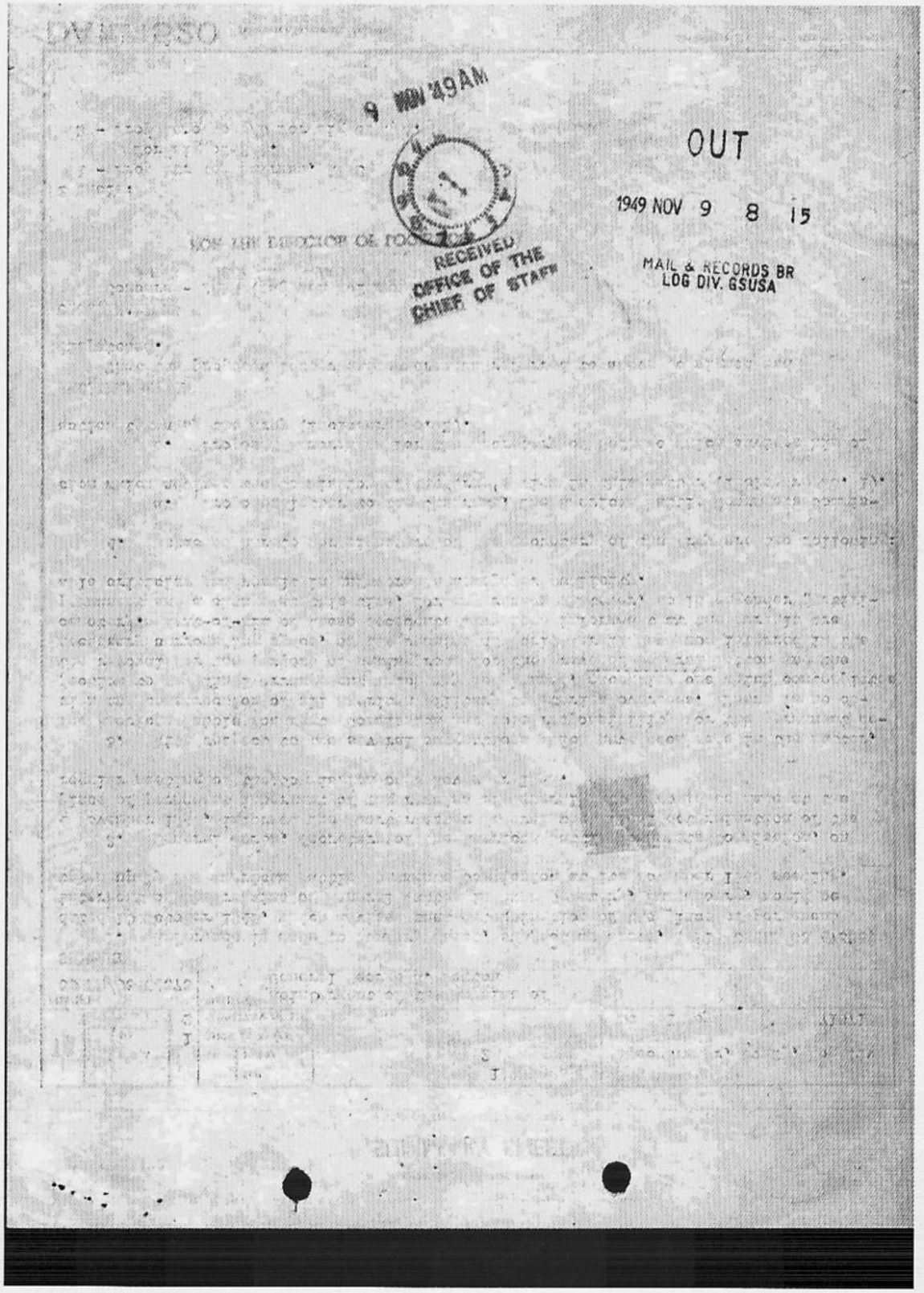

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

General George C. Marshall
Chairman
The American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Marshall:

Reference is made to the proposal to relocate the grave of General George S. Patton, now interred in the Hamm Cemetery, Luxembourg, which is scheduled for final determination by the Commission at its regular meeting on 9 November 1949.

I wish to advise you that there is no objection to any final arrangement which may be planned, excepting one which contemplates the removal of the remains in the cemetery, for the purpose of making room for the grave of General Patton. Next-of-kin of these decedents have been informed that the burials are permanent, and a change at this time, for any reason whatever, would engender justifiable criticism and result in unfavorable publicity.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon Gray
Secretary of the Army

Encl #1

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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THOMAS NORTH, Secretary

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

November 29, 1949

Colonel Edw. V. Freeman
Chief, Memorial Division, OQMG
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Colonel Freeman:

On September 9, 1949, you submitted to the American Battle Monuments Commission a copy of the memorandum from the Secretary of Defense to the Secretary of the Army dated August 13, 1949, subject: "Reinterment of General George S. Patton" for this Commission's "decision" with regard to the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense.

Inclosed is copy of the Chairman's letter to the Secretary of Defense dated November 29, 1949.

Faithfully yours,

Thos North

THOMAS NORTH
Brigadier General, USA
Secretary

Incl.

COPY

November 29, 1949

The Honorable

The Secretary of Defense

Dear Mr. Secretary:

A copy of your memorandum to the Secretary of the Army, dated August 13, 1949, subject: Reinterment of General George S. Patton, having been submitted for its "decision" to the American Battle Monuments Commission by the Chief, Memorial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, this Commission again gave to the problem its careful consideration at its meeting on November 9, 1949.

It appeared to the Commission that the burial of General Patton in the center of an entirely new front row, while possible of execution, would require the removal of at least two graves in the center of the present front row in order to minimize trampling over neighboring graves by the large number of visitors. The Commission questioned the propriety of thus moving two bodies now presumably permanently interred. Moreover, the precedent thus set for the selection of a grave site for one distinguished individual could give rise to unending demands on the part of others. An additional objection would lie in the requirement that in order to establish the proposed new row of graves some forty other bodies must be brought to the cemetery.

The Commission therefore unanimously concluded that it should adhere to the views expressed in its letter of May 16, 1949. Its plan provides for a grave at each end of the present front row of the center plot, separated from the mass of the graves by open space; these would appear to be eminently suitable locations for the graves of General Patton and of an Unknown soldier, respectively. A photograph of this arrangement is attached.

With warm personal regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

Chairman

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QMGMD 293 Patton,
George S.

Reinterment of remains of Gen. George S. Patton

D/Log. GSUSA

TQMG

27 Sep 49
Col. E. V. Freeman/[illegible]

1. The exact location within the U.S. Military Cemetery, Hamm, Luxembourg, of the permanent burial site for the remains of the late General George S. Patton has been the subject of considerable discussion among the widow of the General and representatives of the Department of Defense and of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

2. Attached is a copy of memorandum dated 13 August 1949 from the Secretary of Defense to the Secretary of the Army, stating that early settlement of the matter was desired and that any decision of the American Battle Monuments Commission would be acceptable.

3. Representatives of my office have been in contact recently with General North, Secretary of the ABMC, and members of his staff in connection with this matter. General North has stated that a final decision cannot be given until the Commission has considered the matter at a formal meeting, and that the next meeting will be held sometime in November. General Marshall, Chairman of the ABMC, does not consider favorably the individual polling of members of the Commission prior to the formal meeting. Attached as Inclosure No. 2 is a memorandum for record detailing the foregoing actions.

4. Brigadier General Louis H. Renfrow, Office of the Secretary of Defense, is understood to be interested in the current developments of this matter. It is recommended that he be advised of the foregoing data.

5. Except for the decision on the exact location of the Patton grave, the U.S. Military Cemetery at Hamm will be ready for release to the American Battle Monuments Commission on 15 October 1949.

Incl
1-Cy memo 13 Aug fr S/D
2-Memo for record 26 Sep.

E. FELDMAN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
Washington

August 13, 1949

MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Reinterment of General George S. Patton

Recently representation was made by my office to the Office of the Quartermaster General and the Battle Monuments Commission relative to the relocation of the grave of General George S. Patton, now interred in the Hamm Cemetery, Luxembourg.

It was my recommendation that the contemplated location on the left front corner of the middle section, selected as the site of his reinterment, be changed to a place in front of and attached to the center section, with a Medal of Honor man on his right. This recommendation was not acceptable to the Battle Monuments Commission, as evidenced by a letter from General Marshall.

I then recommended that consideration be given to the interment of an additional row of graves in front of the center section with General Patton's grave in the center of that row. This recommendation is under consideration by the Battle Monuments Commission to ascertain whether or not it can be accomplished within the present plans for this cemetery. I am advised further by representatives of the Quartermaster General that they could carry out this recommendation if approved by the Battle Monuments Commission.

I am still of the opinion that this location is proper in contrast to the suggested location on the left front corner, however, as this matter of reinterment of General Patton has been under consideration for some time, I am not disposed to delay it any longer and, therefore, the final decision arrived at by the Battle Monuments Commission will be acceptable as far as I am concerned.

At present General North, Secretary of the Battle Monuments Commission, and Colonel Talbot, of the Quartermaster Corps, are in Europe and awaiting this memorandum to proceed.

Will you convey my thought in this matter to them at an early date?

/s/ Louis Johnson

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MEMORIAL DIVISION

26 Sep 49

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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"Col. Freemans 9 Sept. ltr. has been read to me by Gen Peckham who asks prompt reply.

At its last meeting ABMC officially expressed through its chairman its views concerning Naas difficulty. It thus took from its secretary all discretion to act in the matter.

Proposal mentioned in para 3 of Secretary Johnsons 13 Aug. memo to Sec War was made verbally and informally to individuals of our commission, I believe. Our commission has not met since then nor otherwise had opportunity to act on that proposal.

We concur with Sec Johnson in desirability of early settlement and if Sec War would like to present the proposal to the commission, or wants me to do so, I will ask that it be considered at a meeting to be set at an early date probably in first half November. Consulting architect has recently visited site and will be available to advise commission.

Otherwise the commissions views already expressed by Gen Marshall constitute its only guidance to Gen North. Suggest you reply to Col Freeman accordingly."

Memorandum for Record (Cont'd)

After the receipt of this cable, I telephoned Colonel Shaw on 19 September requesting that an effort be made to poll the members of the commission in order to obtain their views rather than waiting for the next meeting of the commission which was scheduled for some time early in November. Colonel Shaw said that he had an appointment with General Marshall, Chairman of American Battle Monuments Commission, on Wednesday, 21 September, and would present the matter to him.

On 21 September, Colonel Shaw advised me that General Marshall did not consent to polling the members of the commission and that this matter would have to be deferred until the next meeting of the commission in November.

FREEMAN
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U/Leg, GSUSA

Final Interment of the Remains of General George S. Patton

TQMG

7 November 1949

Lt. Col. Johnson/3184

1. Reference is made to Memorandum of August 13, 1949, from the Secretary of Defense to the Secretary of the Army, Subject: Reinterment of General George S. Patton, which was transmitted to this Office 9 September 1949, for appropriate action.

2. General North of the American Battle Monuments Commission informed this Office on 4 November that the subject of the place of permanent interment of the remains of General Patton in Hamm Cemetery, Luxembourg, would be taken up for final determination at the regular meeting of the Commission 9 November 1949.

3. With respect to the several suggestions which have been made in the matter, the American Battle Monuments Commission has sole responsibility for the permanent design and construction of all American military cemeteries overseas. This Office has no objection to any final arrangement which may be planned, excepting one which contemplates the removal, for the purpose of making room for the grave of General Patton and the necessary surrounding space, of the remains of World War II Dead now interred in the cemetery. Next of kin of these decedents have been informed that the burials are permanent, and a change at this time, for any reason whatever, would engender justifiable criticism and result in unfavorable newspaper publicity.

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13 Aug 49 from GA/C

H. FELDMAN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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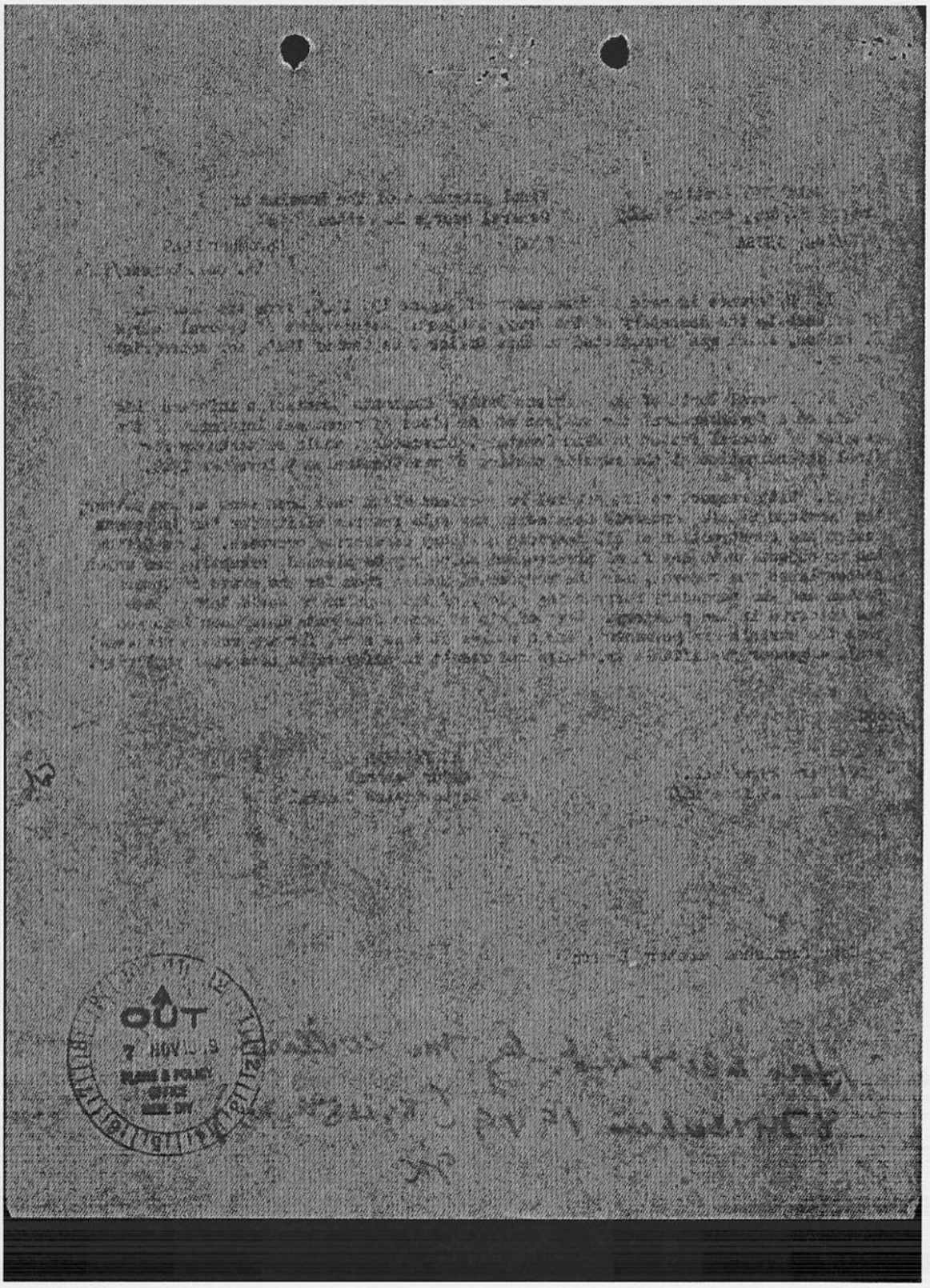

FOR RECORD ONLY: (Cannon/74502)

1. The place in Hamm Cemetery, Luxembourg, in which the remains of General George S. Patton are to be permanently interred has been a matter of considerable interest and discussion for several years. Memorandum 13 Aug 49 from the S/S to the S/A, transmitted to the Acting TQMG for appropriate action, informed the S/A that the S/S had made two recommendations:

a. That the contemplated location of the permanent grave of General Patton be changed from the left front corner of the middle section to a place in front of and attached to the center section, with the remains of a Medal of Honor man on the right of General Patton.

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2. In an effort to have the final determination made promptly, OCMH (Colonel Freeman, Chief, Memorial Division) made an effort to have the members of the Commission polled, but General North of ABMC advised that the matter would be taken up at the November meeting of the Commission.

3. D/F to D/Log advises that the meeting of ABMC will be held 9 November 1949, and that TQMG has no objection to any plan for the final interment of the remains of General Patton in the cemetery at Hamm, except one which would require disinterment of remains of World War II Dead already buried there, in view of the unfavorable reaction of NOK who have already been informed that the burials are permanent, and adverse newspaper publicity.

CONCURRENCES:

Cemetery Branch, Colonel Ashley

Liaison Office, Colonel Hinman

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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

9 Sept. 49

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TO: Q . M. GENERAL

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BY DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

John W. Martin

Administrative Assistant

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MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

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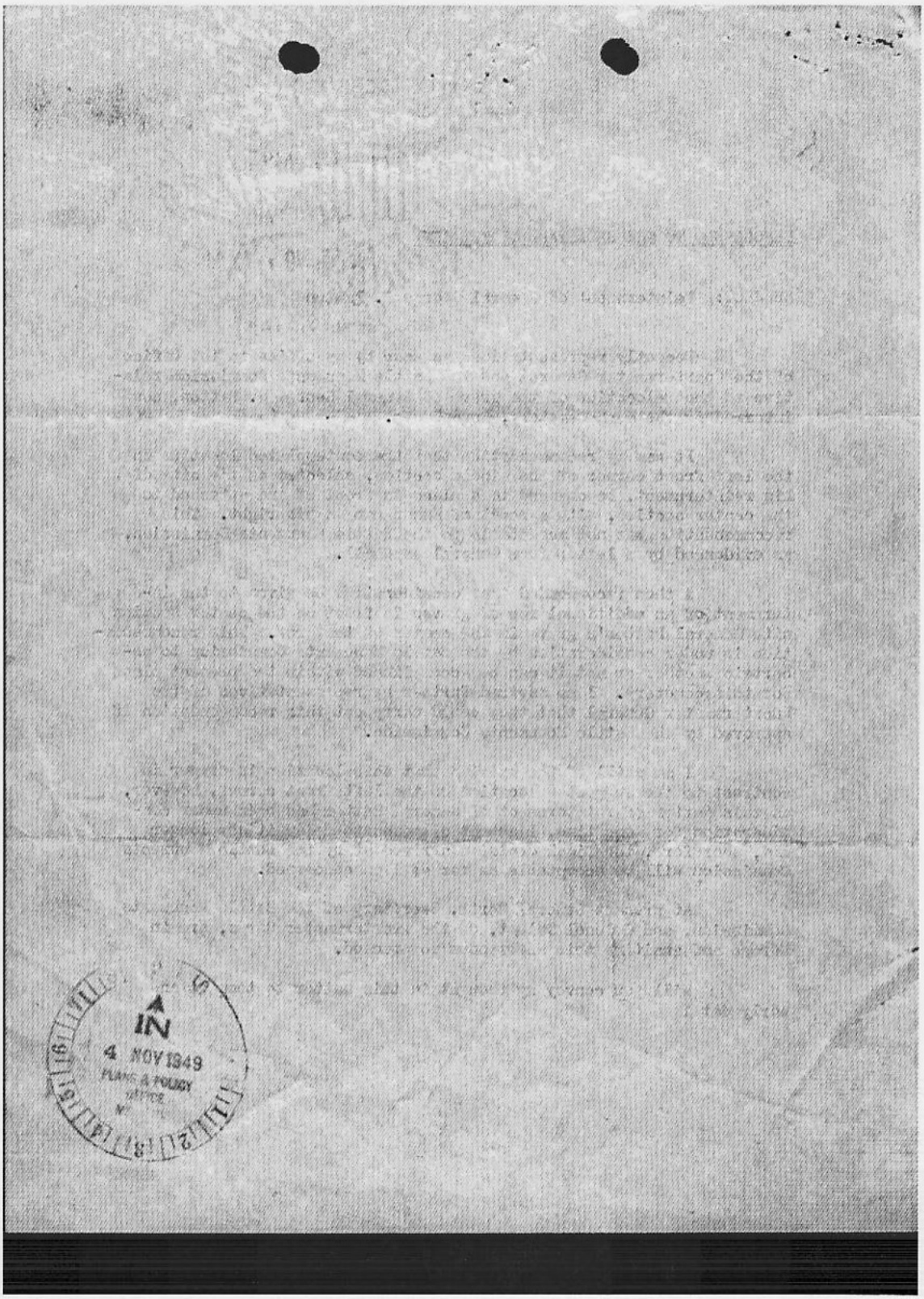
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OQMG FORM 638
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Chief, Oper Br Mem Div	Chief, Mem Div	21 Sep 1949	1. Reference is made to your letter to me dated 26 August, inclosing the memorandum of 13 August from the Office of the Secretary of Defense on the subject of the reinterment of General George S. Patton.

2. It is apparent from the 4th and 5th paragraphs of Mr. Johnson's memorandum that he expected this matter to be settled between General North and I, in Europe. Since this was not accomplished, I feel that it is important to have a written record of the attempts I made to settle this matter.

3. I arrived in Paris on 11 August, and immediately tried to get in touch with General North to attempt to get an expression out of him with regard to his acceptance of St. James and Anzio Cemeteries, and to discuss with him the Patton case. He was not in his office, but was on an inspection trip in Holland and Belgium. Colonel Moore, of his Paris office, agreed to try to contact him by phone, which he did on Friday, 12 August, and said he had arranged for me to meet General North in Liege, Belgium on Tuesday, the 13th. As a result of this phone call, I changed my plans and went to Belgium and was at Liege and its surrounding cemeteries all day Tuesday. General North did not show up and I made a phone call to his office in Paris, where they said they had no knowledge of why he had not shown up nor when he would show up. I therefore returned to Paris on the 14th. It later developed that he had arrived at Liege on the 17th or 18th, and had left there, leaving no itinerary.

4. Colonel Moore tried to contact him on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and as he had been unable to do so by noon on Friday the 19th, I arranged with Colonel Raguse, Chief of Staff to General Peckham, to furnish me with a car and driver, with the thought that I would try and locate him over the week-end. However, late Friday, Colonel Moore advised he had finally reached General North and that he would be in Paris on Monday, the 22nd, and would see me in his office.

5. Major Springer and I fulfilled this appointment and talked to General North, Colonel Moore, and Mr. Harbeson on Monday, 22 August. At this time, General North reiterated the fact that he would be unable to accept the turnover of any cemeteries until he had the necessary funds on hand to take care of their maintenance. He dictated a cable to Colonel Shaw in my presence, to this effect. I requested him to change the wording to state that he would accept them when he was assured that the money would become available and he agreed to this change.

6. With respect to the Patton case, he stated definitely, and Mr. Harbeson concurred, that the matter of the additional row at Hamm had been discussed, and that he and the architects were unalterably opposed to putting in another row, and felt that if

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

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General Patton's remains were to remain overseas they should go in the corner plot which had been reserved for him.

7. As you know, I left for Italy on the 23rd and returned to Paris on 5 September, which was a holiday. I therefore did not receive your memorandum of 26 August until the office opened on the morning of Tuesday, the 6th. I immediately got in touch with Colonel Moore and showed him Mr. Johnson's memorandum and pointed out to him the importance of getting in touch with General North. He stated General North was in Italy somewhere, had left no itinerary, and was not expected back until Monday, 19 September. He agreed to try and locate General North and advise us if he was able to find him.

8. Your telephone message to General Peckham came in on Friday, 9 September, after my departure for the U.K., and when I returned on Monday, 12 September, they had still been unable to locate General North, but had obtained information that he was somewhere in Italy. I therefore called his Rome office and was advised he had left there by motor vehicle, and had again left no itinerary. His Paris office advised he was not expected back until Monday, 19 September, but stated there was a bare possibility that he might be in Germany.

9. Therefore, at my request, General Peckham contacted the Visitors Bureau in Heidelberg and requested them to ascertain, if possible, whether General North was in Germany, and if so, where. I was on an alert status to MATS for return from Tuesday on, and reported to Orly Field on the afternoon of the 15th for a scheduled 7 P.M. take-off. At 6:30 P.M. General Peckham called me and advised that he had finally located General North in Munich, and had read Mr. Johnson's memorandum of the 13th to him, and requested him to cable his office in Washington his views on the matter. He agreed to compose a cable and send it out on Friday, the 16th. As I felt I had done everything in my power to try and close up this matter, and in view of the fact that I was overdue back in Washington, I felt it proper to proceed with my plans for return, which I did.

10. It is my understanding that General North did cable his office, but put the decision in the matter up to General Marshall and the Commission in spite of the fact that he had already advised me verbally that both he and his architects were opposed to an additional row.

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11. As you are aware, General Marshall sent a letter to the Secretary of Defense in June 1949 in which he expressed very emphatically the Commission's views on the matter. We do not have a copy of this letter in our Office, but I have seen the letter at least twice, and it is my recollection that the matter of the additional row was covered, or at least referred to in this communication.

TALBOT
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Resume of telephone conversation between General Peckham, Paris, and Lt. Colonel Allen, at approximately 10:45, 12 September 1949.

I talked to General Peckham this morning at approximately 10:45, regarding the Patton case, and dictated a letter to the General's secretary which we wrote to General North, ABMC, 9 September 1949, and requested that General Peckham attempt to obtain an expression of opinion from General North as to whether they will add a front row in Hamm Cemetery with General Patton's remains interred in the center of the row, or whether interment should be made in the left front corner of the center section, in order that we may inform Mrs. Patton of the decision. Colonel Shaw, who is acting for General North during his absence, will not give us an opinion in writing. There has been an expression of opinion from General Marshall that the recommendation that reinterment be made in front of and attached to the center section, with a Medal of Honor man on his right, is not acceptable to the ABMC.

General Peckham stated he had seen this memorandum from the Secretary of Defense and that it was his opinion that General North would not give us anything in writing as he is only the Secretary of the ABMC, and could not speak for the Commission until they had met and discussed this particular situation regarding the front row. However, he also stated that he would do everything in his power to get an expression of opinion from General North. Colonel Freeman talked to General Peckham, and General Peckham told Colonel Freeman that he would send a radio reference General Patton.

I requested information from General Peckham as to when we would get some more remains. General Peckham stated that his people were in Heidelburg yesterday (11 September), working out the SOP for shipment of remains through Bremmerhaven. He stated Antwarp is completely closed out, and that they have approximately 1,000 remains ready to return. It was his opinion that the first movement would not leave Bremmerhaven prior to 1 October. I told him that we were out of remains in New York, that our overhead was costing a tremendous amount of money, and that anything he could do to get a shipment prior to 1 October would help us considerably on this side.

L. W. ALLEN
Lt. Colonel, QMC

CMHD 293 General George S. PATTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD: (Col. E. V. Freeman, Ext. 5289)

In connection with letter dated 13 August 1949 from Secretary, National Defense to Secretary of the Army, regarding the final interment of General George S. PATTON, this memorandum recommends that, if the Battle Monuments Commission will not agree to an additional row of graves in front of the center section of Hamm Cemetery, that the remains of General PATTON be removed from present location and interred on the left front corner of the center section.

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8 September 1949

This should be confirmed in writing.

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[illegible] Patton,
George S. ([illegible])

9 September 1949

293 - Patton, George S. Gen

Brigadier General Thomas North
Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General North:

Reference telephone conversation 8 September 1949 between Colonel [illegible], your office, and the undersigned. Inclosed is copy of memorandum from the Secretary of Defense to the Secretary of the Army, Subject: Reinterment of General George S. Patton, dated 13 August 1949.

In view of the contents of paragraph 3 of the inclosed memorandum it is requested that this office be advised the decision of the American Battle Monuments Commission with regard to the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense of an additional row in the front of plot B, [illegible], Luxembourg (the north side of plot B).

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl:
Memo for Sec of
Defense to Sec
of Army, dtd,
13 Aug 49

E. V. [illegible]
Colonel, [illegible]
Chief, Memorial Division

Hand carried
by my [illegible]
9 Sept 49
1700

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1 APPROVAL
2 SIGNATURE

Spec Svs Br, Sv Op, Log Div

1 CHIEF OF STAFF
2 SECY OF THE ARMY

Lt Col Boy 71671

CSGLD/C3 47605 Reinterment of Remains of General George S. Patton

SUMMARY

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4. Attached as Inclosure No. 1 is a proposed memorandum to the Secretary of Defense for signature of the Secretary of the Army which advises that office of the current developments in this matter.

5. Except for the decision on the exact location of the Patton grave, the United States Military Cemetery at Hamm will be ready for release to the American Battle Monuments Commission on 15 October 1949.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached proposed memorandum to the Secretary of Defense be signed and dispatched (Incl. No. 1).

COORDINATION

TQMG (Maj. Gen. Feldman/2000)

SIGNED

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS

3 Incls:
1 - Prop Memo to S/D
2 - Cy of Memo, 13 Aug 49
fr S/D to S/A
3 - Memo for Record

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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3. You will be kept advised of further developments in this matter.

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
Washington

August 13, 1949

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/s/ Louis Johnson

Incl No. 2

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D.C.

MEMORIAL DIVISION

26 Sep 49

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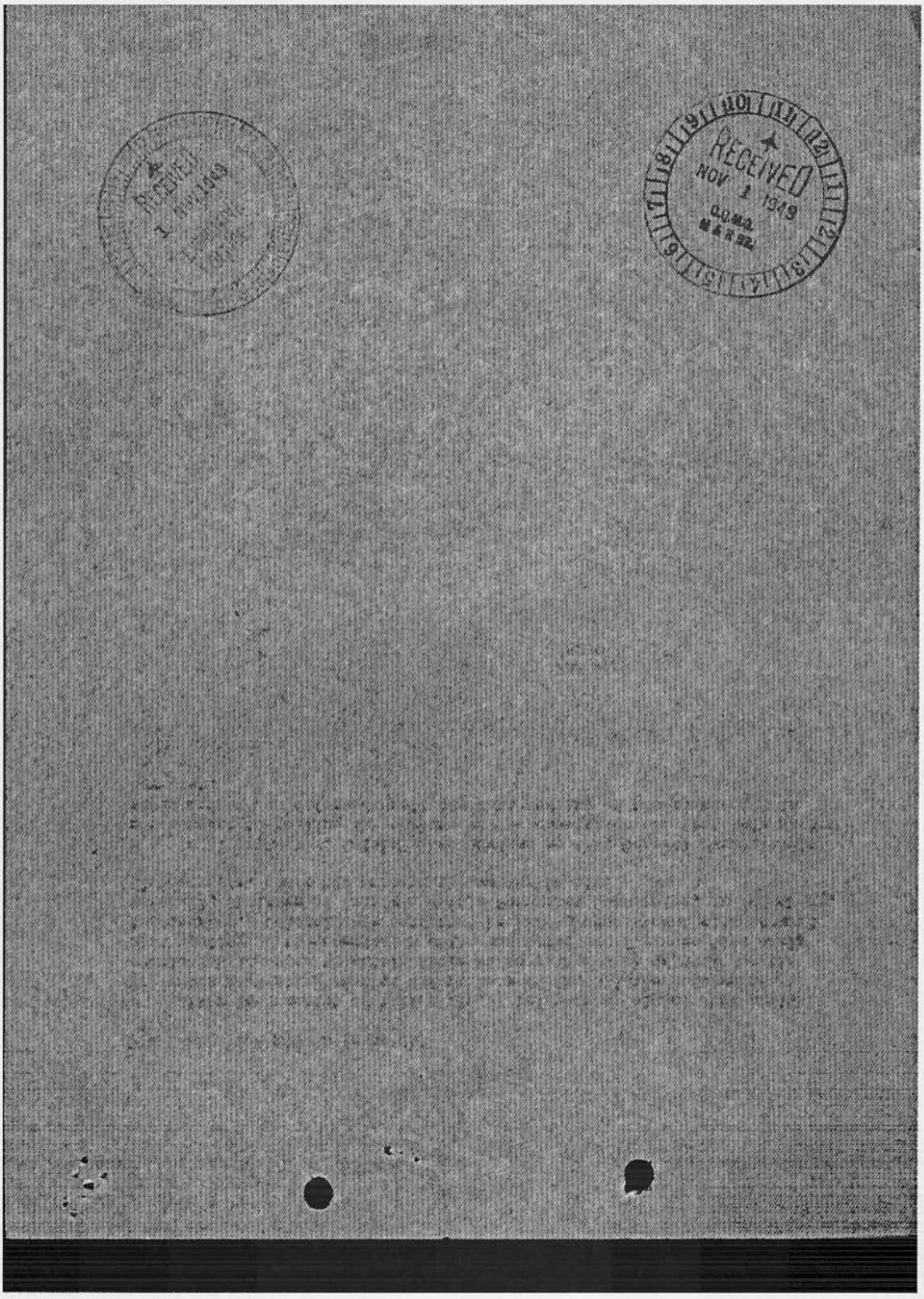
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Reinterment of remains of Gen. George S. Patton

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27 Sep 49

Col, E. V. Freeman/2269

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2 Incls
1-Cy memo 18 Aug fr S/D
2-Memo for record 26 Sep.

H. FELMAN
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VIA AIR MAIL

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/s/ LOUIS JOHNSON

LHR/tg
11 Aug 49

File: Patton Grave

VIA AIR MAIL

293 GRS Europe
(Misc - Personal Correspondence)

25 August 1949

Colonel L. S. Talbot
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 58, c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

Dear Colonel Talbot:

The following comments are submitted in connection with the suggestions referred to in Weekly Report, transmitted with your letter dated 18 August 1949. The recommended action of closing the Port of Antwerp and making future shipments of remains through the Port of Bremerhaven, has been carefully studied and Colonel Allen reports that there would be a considerable savings by making future shipments through Bremerhaven. In addition, Major Archer of the Office of the Under Secretary of the Army has conferred with the State Department and has concurred with this Office that costs of transportation and stevedoring within Germany is chargeable to the German economy. The overseas command has been informed of this action by radio on 23 August.

Reference to your comment pertaining to the unresolved cases in the European Area, the Identification Branch has reported that the total of unresolved, exclusive of Neuville, runs closer of 1,700 than 2,700. It is assumed that the information furnished you by the field included identified cases on which this Office has yet to furnish Disinterment Directives.

The action recommended in regard to handling of future unresolved cases, has been carefully studied and found that the suggestion that this Office accept field board findings on matters of identification on their face value, would prove to be a very dangerous procedure. It is necessary that this Office verify the work of the several field commands to insure that errors are kept to a minimum. The turning back to this Office the responsibility for writing identification cases would mean reverting to the system that was in effect in 1946. Experience has shown that the present method is far superior as we are in a better position to defend any questionable cases that may arise after the body has been delivered to the NOK.

293 Pierce, George / Bernard

VIA AIR MAIL

VIA AIR MAIL

Colonel L. A. Talbot 25 August 1949

There has been no complaint in this Office regarding the quality of the work of the anthropologist in the European Area. However, only a few cases received so far indicate that the processing has been performed by the anthropologist. It would greatly facilitate matters and speed up the work of identification, if the report would bear a certificate showing that the examination of the remains had been made by the anthropologist.

I feel that there must be some misunderstanding with some agencies regarding requests for physical processing of unknown remains, as it was never the intention of this Office, even by suggestion, that they change their previous findings. However, it has been shown, by experience, that by suggesting that certain anatomical parts be removed from one remains and consolidated with another, we have been able to salvage individual identifications which otherwise could not have been approved. Even where remains have been well processed initially, it is sometimes necessary to ask for reprocessing in order to verify bone fractures which may be hidden under decomposed tissue. However, Colonel Metz has been made aware of the necessity of reducing the number of cases to be reprocessed to a minimum and instructed to do everything possible in speeding up the identification in the European Area.

I regret to note that you were unable to contact General North as we were especially anxious to get a decision from you regarding the turn-over of St. James and Annie by 1 August. As you know, it takes time to process the papers through the Staff and we would like to get the information at the earliest possible date.

I have noted your comments regarding the turn-over of other cemeteries and will try to arrange our planning in this Office to meet the dates specified.

In regard to the Patton case, Colonel Mandrow informed me that the Secretary had approved Whereby General Patton's remains can be placed in the front row, provided the American Battle Monuments Commission would consent to putting in another row, if not, the original place designated in the corner of the cemetery, as proposed by the ABMC, would be the location of the grave. However, I have not received a copy of the Secretary's letter which Colonel Mandrow stated would be sent to me. He also indicated that a copy of this letter was being dispatched to Europe to both you and General North.

I have discussed with Colonel Allen, your comments regarding the cavity field and he has informed me that the matter is being taken care of.

VIA AIR MAIL

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WEEKMAN
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OQMG FORM 638
1 Sep 1949

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

Rec'd 2 Mar 49

DUE, HOUR AND DATE

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	QMG	Col Comm GEN. HASTINGS	1 Mar.	Lyz Patton, Geo S

Note to File: Col Clearwater inherited this original letter among papers in his office file. He turned them over to me for disposition. H McDonald. 29 Jan 51.

File
Helen L. McDonald
Liaison Office
Mem. Dir
5 Feb 51
X52322

THIS FORM WILL REMAIN PART OF THE OFFICIAL FILE

AG 210.2 1st Ind.

Commander-in-Chief, European Command, APO 742, U. S. Army,
23 February 1949

TO: The Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C.

1. I concur in this indorsement. In point of fact, I see much merit in General Patton's grave being placed in front of the cemetery in which there will lie a large number of Third Army veterans, as I believe would the veterans of the Third Army.

LUCIUS D. CLAY
General, U. S. Army
Commander-in-Chief

1 Incl:
No change.

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 US ARMY

RCG 293.8 17 February 1949
(CF)

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave of General George S. Patton, Jr

THRU: Commander in Chief
European Command
APO 403, U S Army

TO: The Quartermaster General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

1. In accordance with Disinterment Directive No. 6020-05866 and instructions of The Quartermaster General, it is the responsibility of this command to move the remains of General George S. Patton, Jr from their temporary location at Hamm Cemetery, Luxembourg, to a permanent location at the same cemetery, a distance of approximately 120 feet, as indicated on the attached drawing entitled "United States Military Cemetery - Hamm, Luxembourg - Plan of Permanent Grave Plots - Drawing No. 104/31-40".

2. By direction of the Commander in Chief, European Command, I met Mrs. Patton, widow of General Patton, in Luxembourg yesterday to accompany her to Hamm Cemetery and to discuss with her the matter of General Patton's permanent grave.

3. Before visiting the cemetery I showed Mrs. Patton a drawing similar to the one enclosed; told her that the location of General Patton's permanent grave had been determined by the American Battle Monuments Commission which, under the law, is solely responsible for the permanent design of Hamm Cemetery; and explained to her the plan of this command for transferring the remains of her husband from their present location to the new location without opening the concrete vault in which General Patton's casket now rests.

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4. Mrs. Patton stated that she had no objection in principle to the moving of her husband's remains, but that she was unalterably opposed to the proposed new location. She stated in substance that she did not want him in a row with any other deceased, that he should be by himself out in front of the others, that such a position of prominence in the cemetery was appropriate in view of his achievements, that that is what he would have wanted, and that many people would visit his grave in the years to come.

5. I explained that in my opinion the location selected by the ABMC was in a position of honor - on the right of the front row of the front center plot, as viewed from the chapel site, and occupying the space of six normal graves. Mrs. Patton insisted that she wanted General Patton out in front by himself (I gathered that a solution of leaving General Patton's remains in his present location and burying an unknown in a symmetrical location on the other side of the main axis of the cemetery would also be unacceptable). She indicated that she would like to have General Patton's remains moved in a generally easterly direction to a location on the main axis, the exact location on the axis to be determined by the architectural development of the chapel site including the location of flagpoles, sidewalks and other features.

6. Mrs. Patton requested me to transmit her views to General Clay and said that she would write to him at once telling him that I would do so. She stated furthermore that on her return to Washington on or about 1 May 1949 it is her intention to take up the matter with General Marshall, Chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

7. It is recommended that the moving of General Patton's remains be deferred pending the outcome of Mrs. Patton's conference with General Marshall.

H. L. Peckham

1 Incl:
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H. L. PECKHAM
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

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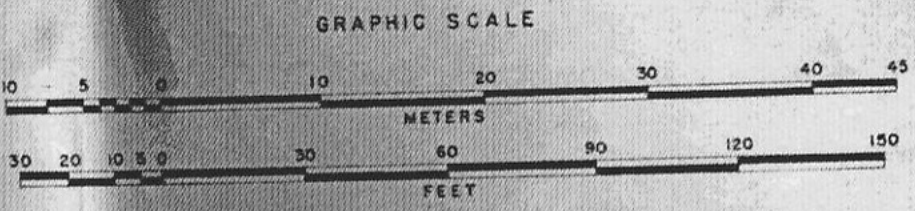

AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND

EUROPEAN AREA

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HAMM, LUXEMBOURG

PLAN OF PERMANENT GRAVE PLOTS

PREPARED BY ENGINEER SECTION

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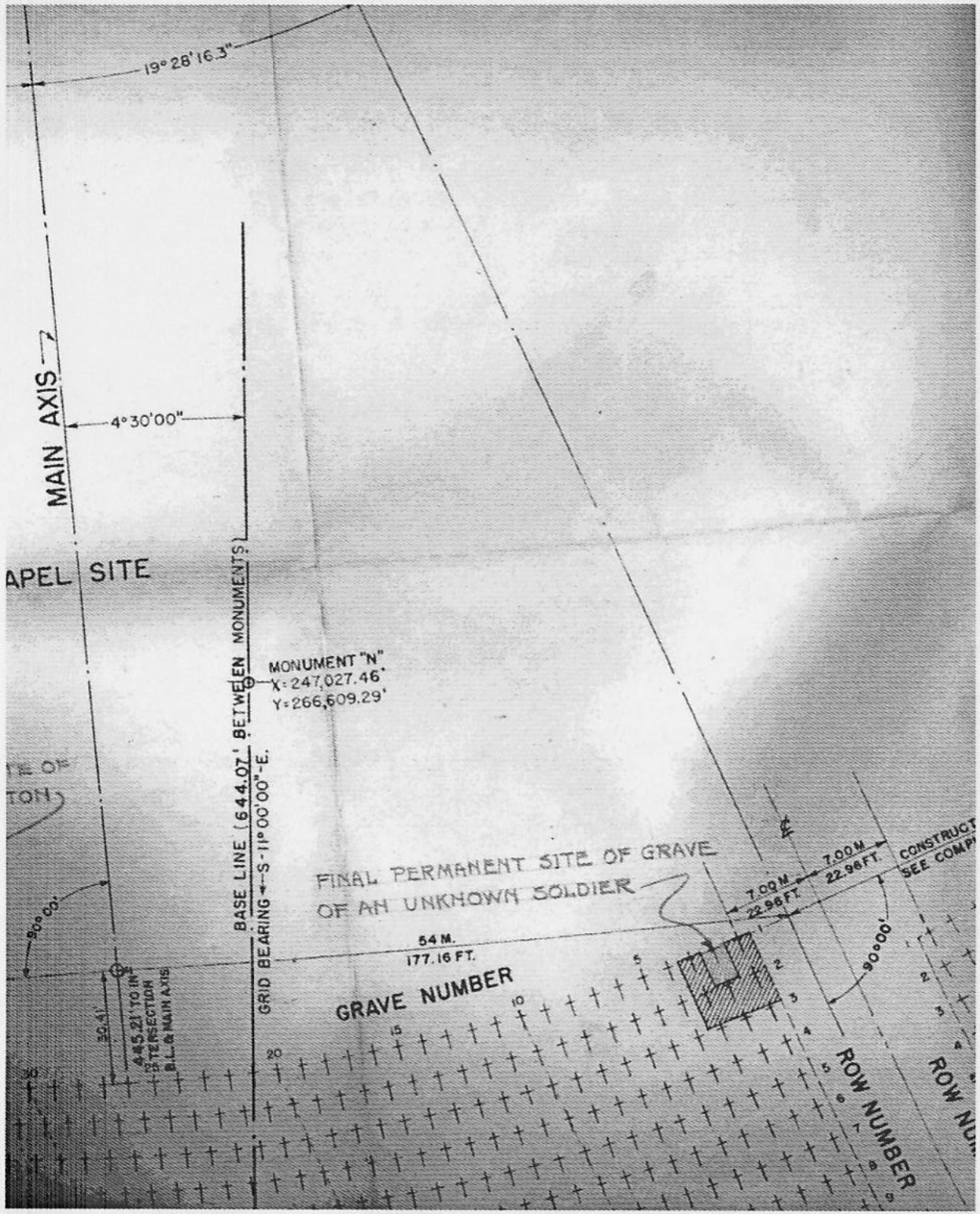
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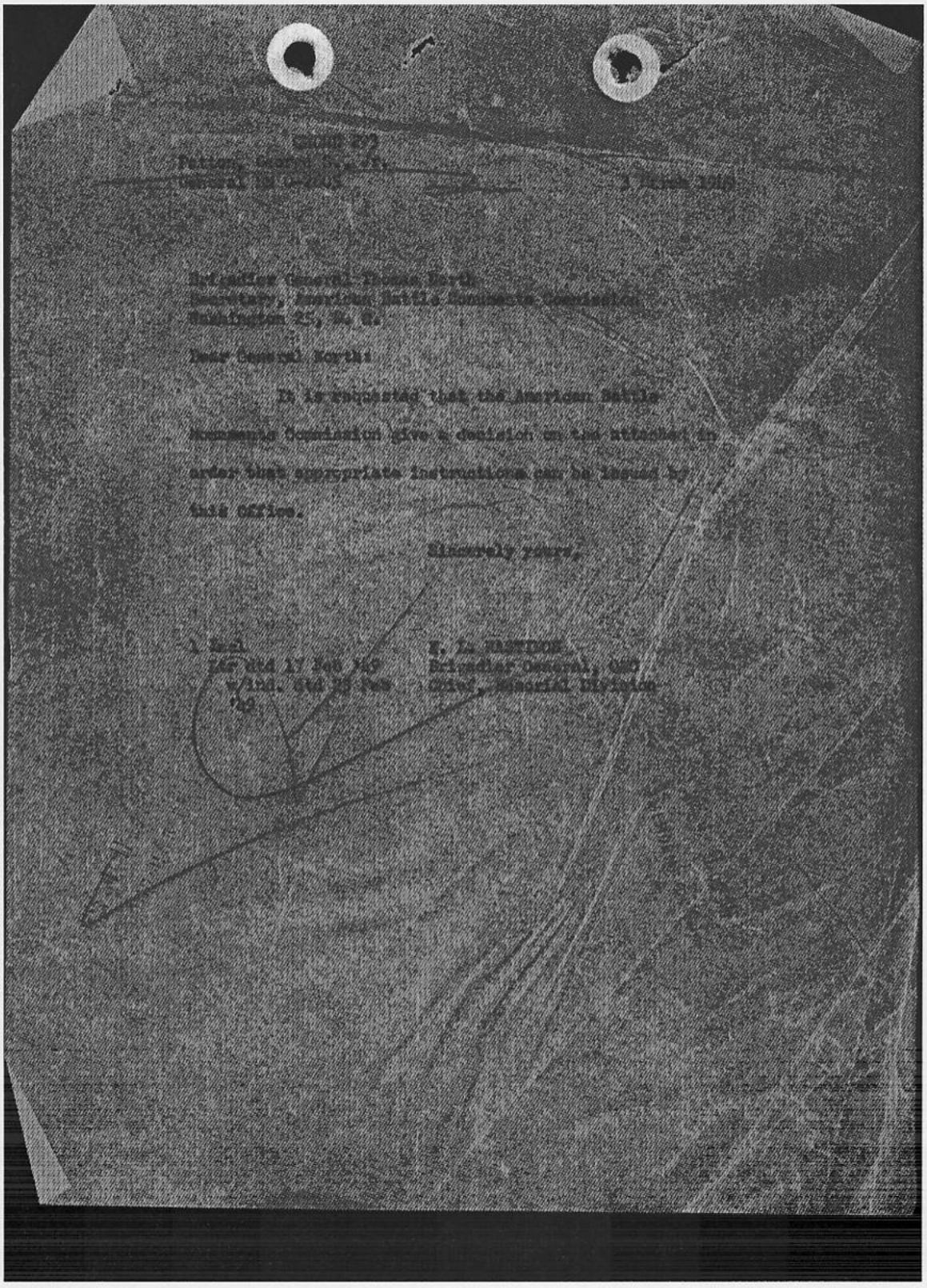
GROUP 293
Patton, George S., Jr.
General [illegible] 3 March 1949



Brigadier General Thomas North
Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General North:

It is requested that the American Battle Monuments Commission give a decision on the attached in order that appropriate instructions can be issued by this Office.

Sincerely yours,

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E. L. HASTINGS
Brigadier General, GSC
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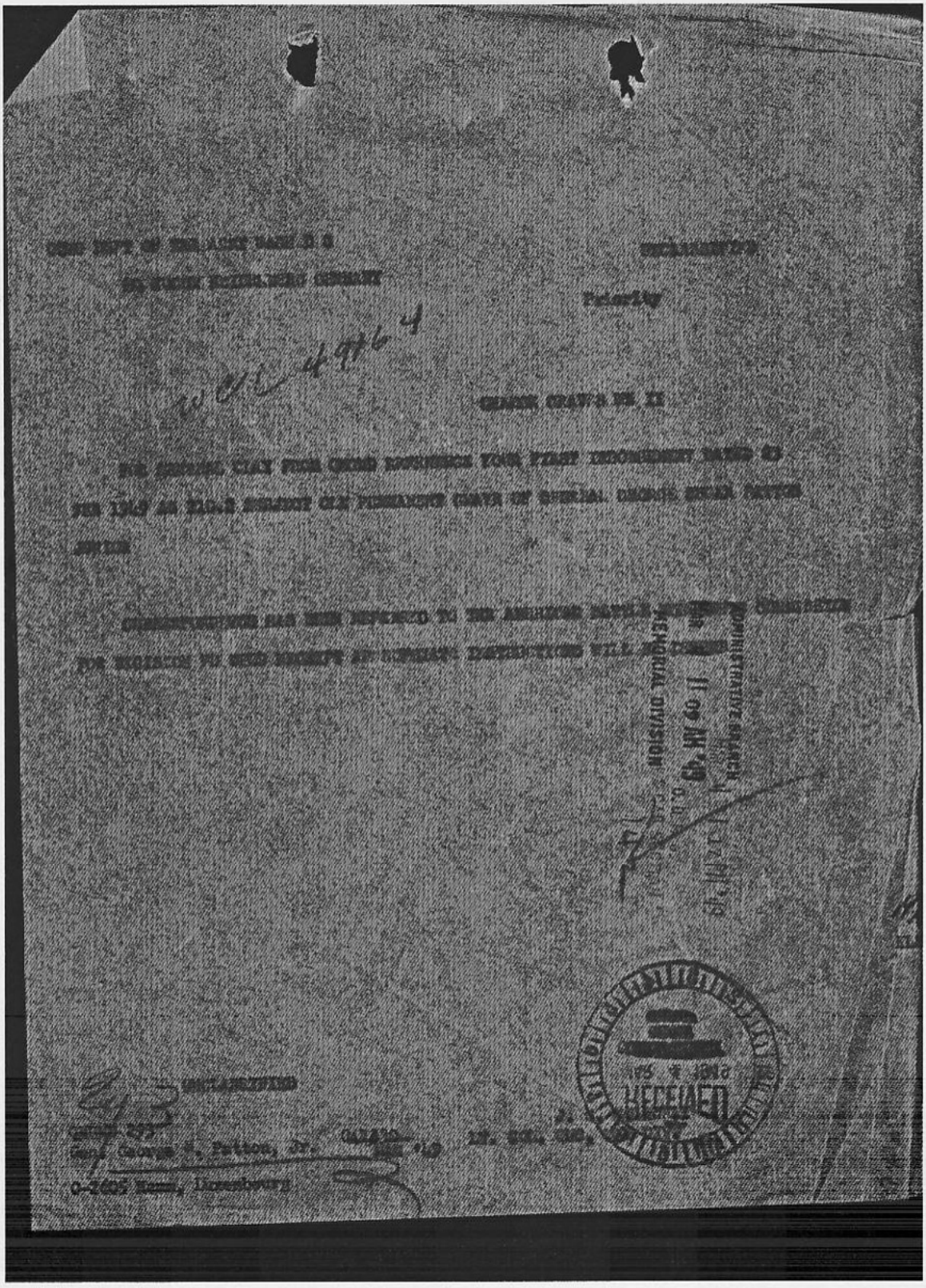

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March 30, 1949

Colonel Edw. V. Freeman
Memorial Division, OQMG
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

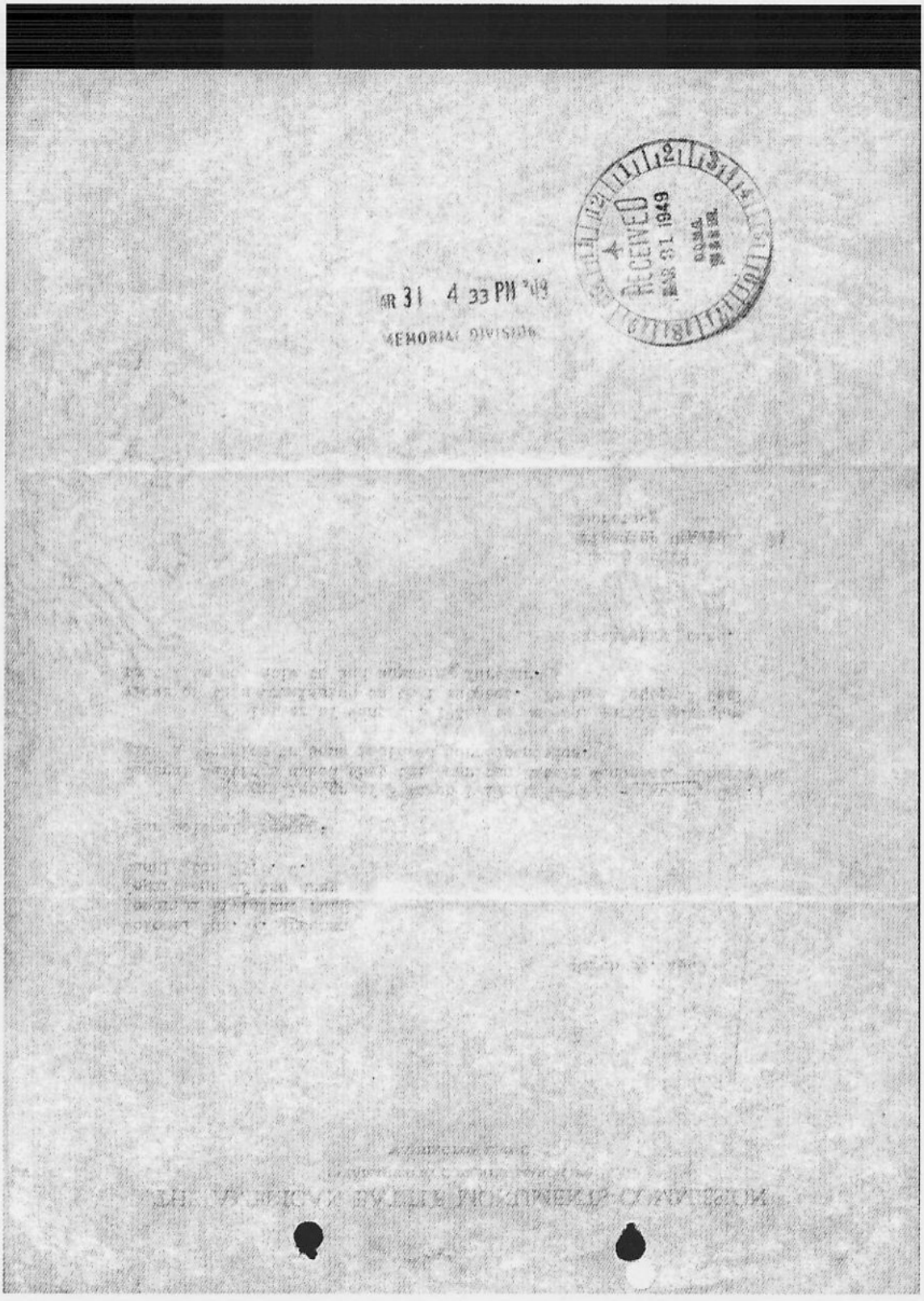
Dear Colonel Freeman:

By his letter of 3 March 1949 (QMGMD 293 - Patton, Geo.) General Hastings asked that the American Battle Monuments Commission give a decision on some inclosed correspondence.

My letter of June 11, 1948, to General Larkin gave the views of this Commission on that subject. To that letter I feel that I am not able to add anything further.

Faithfully yours,

THOMAS NORTH
Brigadier General, USA
Secretary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Patton, George S. Jr.
General, SN 0-2605

3 March 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY, GENERAL STAFF

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave of General George S. Patton, Jr.

1. The attached copy of letter and 1st indorsement are forwarded for information in view of the fact that General Bradley's personal attention has been brought into this case and the probability that he will be called again in regard to it. It is believed that you would be interested in the latest correspondence on this subject.

2. This communication has been submitted to the American Battle Monuments Commission for a decision in order that appropriate instructions can be issued.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

K. L. HASTINGS
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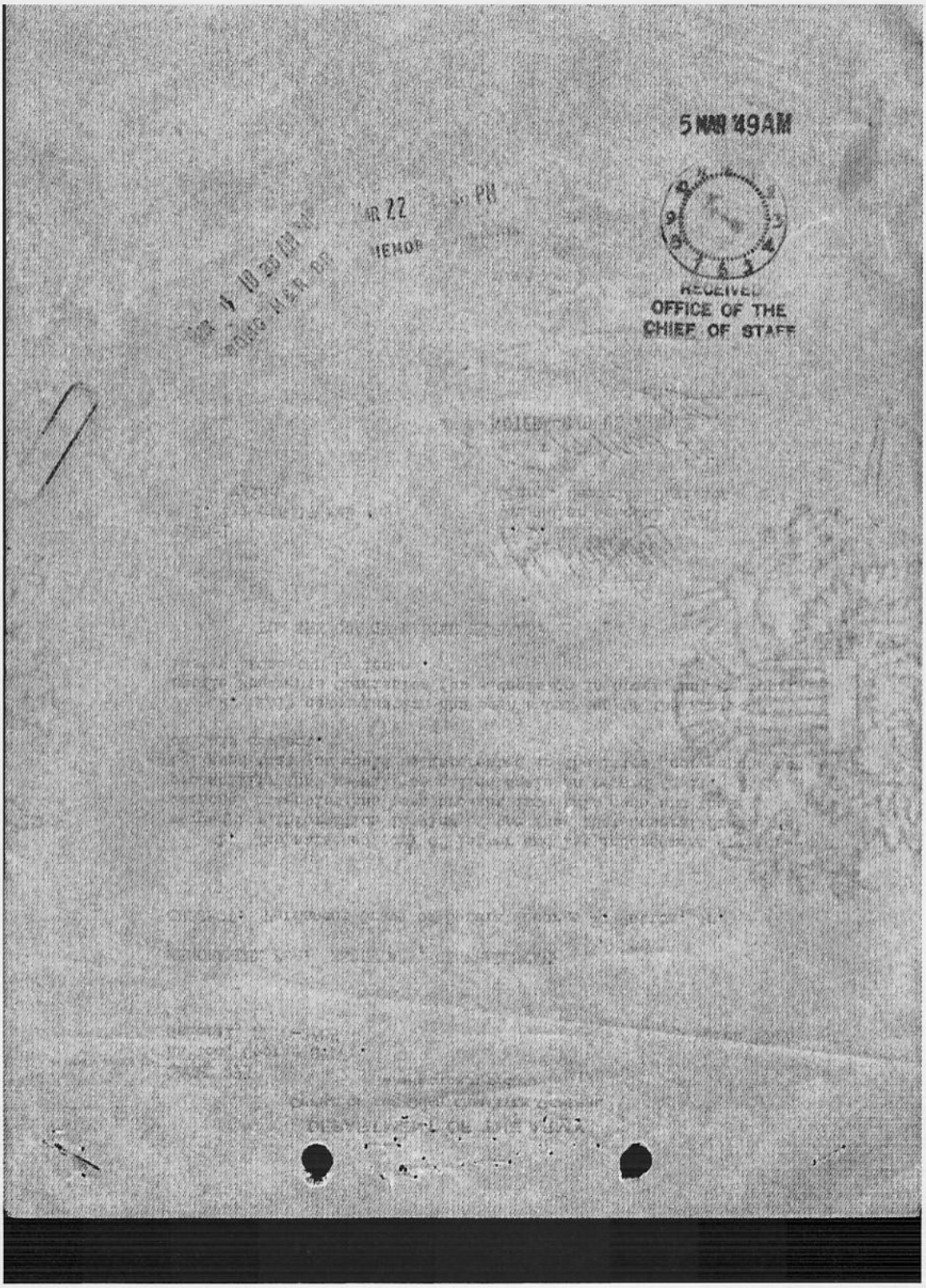
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APO 58 US ARMY

RGG 293.8 17 February 1949
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SUBJECT: Permanent Grave of General George S. Patton, Jr

THRU: Commander in Chief
European Command
APO 403, U S Army

TO: The Quartermaster General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

1. In accordance with Disinterment Directive No. 6020-05866 and instructions of The Quartermaster General, it is the responsibility of this command to move the remains of General George S. Patton, Jr from their temporary location at Hamm Cemetery, Luxembourg, to a permanent location at the same cemetery, a distance of approximately 120 feet, as indicated on the attached drawing entitled "United States Military Cemetery - Hamm, Luxembourg - Plan of Permanent Grave Plots - Drawing No. 104/31-40".

2. By direction of the Commander in Chief, European Command, I met Mrs. Patton, widow of General Patton, in Luxembourg yesterday to accompany her to Hamm Cemetery and to discuss with her the matter of General Patton's permanent grave.

3. Before visiting the cemetery I showed Mrs. Patton a drawing similar to the one enclosed; told her that the location of General Patton's permanent grave had been determined by the American Battle Monuments Commission which, under the law, is solely responsible for the permanent design of Hamm Cemetery; and explained to her the plan of this command for transferring the remains of her husband from their present location to the new location without opening the concrete vault in which General Patton's casket now rests.

(C O P Y)

RCG 293.8 17 February 1949
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4. Mrs. Patton stated that she had no objection in principle to the moving of her husband's remains, but that she was unalterably opposed to the proposed new location. She stated in substance that she did not want him in a row with any other deceased, that he should be by himself out in front of the others, that such a position of prominence in the cemetery was appropriate in view of his achievements, that that is what he would have wanted, and that many people would visit his grave in the years to come.

5. I explained that in my opinion the location selected by the ABMC was in a position of honor - on the right of the front row of the front center plot, as viewed from the chapel site, and occupying the space of six normal graves. Mrs. Patton insisted that she wanted General Patton out in front by himself (I gathered that a solution of leaving General Patton's remains in his present location and burying an unknown in a symmetrical location on the other side of the main axis of the cemetery would also be unacceptable). She indicated that she would like to have General Patton's remains moved in a generally easterly direction to a location on the main axis, the exact location on the axis to be determined by the architectural development of the chapel site including the location of flagpoles, sidewalks and other features.

6. Mrs. Patton requested me to transmit her views to General Clay and said that she would write to him at once telling him that I would do so. She stated furthermore that on her return to Washington on or about 1 May 1949 it is her intention to take up the matter with General Marshall, Chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

7. It is recommended that the moving of General Patton's remains be deferred pending the outcome of Mrs. Patton's conference with General Marshall.

/s/ H. L. Peckham
H. L. PECKHAM
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

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Commander-in-Chief, European Command, APO 742, U. S. Army,
23 February 1949

TO: The Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, Washington
25, D. C.

1. I concur in this indorsement. In point of fact, I see much merit in General Patton's grave being placed in front of the cemetery in which there will lie a large number of Third Army veterans, as I believe would the veterans of the Third Army.

/s/ Lucius D. Clay
LUCIUS D. CLAY
General, U. S. Army
Commander-in-Chief

1 Incl:
No change.

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Army in Europe To Honor Patton, Other War Dead

PARIS, May 24 (AP) — Gen. Lucius D. Clay, commander of American forces in Europe, will speak Memorial day at Hamm cemetery in Luxembourg, where Gen. George S. Patton jr. is buried, and the Army will pay tribute to soldier dead at other U. S. cemeteries in Europe.

[In Washington the War department announced that the grave of every American soldier buried overseas, from Paris to Ie Shima, will be decorated. The War department has arranged for 266,000 graves to be visited and for a flag to be placed beside the cross or the star of David marking the burial place.]

In England, Ambassador Lewis Douglas will place a wreath in the cemeteries at Cambridge. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery will speak at ceremonies at Solers cemetery, 23 miles southeast of Paris, in the principal rites in France.

Ceremonies in All

No matter how small the cemetery, however, there will be Army representation and ceremonies at each of the 24 cemeteries in France, four in Belgium, three in the Netherlands, one in Sweden, one in Switzerland, three in the United Kingdom and the cemetery at Hamm in Luxembourg.

The Army has no military cemeteries in Germany or Austria. In Italy there are 14 temporary American military cemeteries for the dead of World War II. They are administered by the American Graves Registration Command of the Mediterranean.

There are six cemeteries from World War I in France, one in England and one in Belgium. The American Overseas Memorial Day association, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars will join in decorating the graves.

Caffery in Rites

Traditional religious services will be held at 11 a.m. at the American cathedral in Paris, and Ambassador Caffery will place a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier at the Arch of Tri-

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Times herald
Sunday
25 May 1952

Wash Sunday Star
26 Jan 47

'Let War Dead Rest,' Patton's Widow Urges

Says Gen. Patton Opposed Moving Bodies From War Graves

By Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr.

Wherever our soldiers are buried overseas, there is America, and American cemeteries mark the triumphal march of our armies through the islands of the Pacific and from Africa, Sicily and Italy, through France to the borders of Germany. No Americans are buried in any enemy soil.

The crosses, each with its identification tag, stand in long rows guarding the dead, and on my journey overseas last June I saw local people everywhere, both grown-ups and children, putting flowers on the graves of the men they call "our liberators."

I have seen this picture repeated three times, in 1921, 1938 and 1946, and I believe every American who some day visits a grave in one of these cemeteries will come away feeling "it is completely right that he should lie there."

This is the judgment of many of the bereaved of World War I who have talked with me after the first poignancy of their grief subsided.

After the last war I saw the dead brought back. I watched them being put into graves on "funeral day" at a national cemetery, week after week. Each of those coffins had meant the bereavement of some family when the word of death was received, and in that time of great emotion the relatives had asked to have the bodies returned.

* * * *

But on the day of burial it was rare to see a family present. Many of them did not come, I think, because the wound of sorrow had begun to heal, the meaning of the burial ceremony had changed for them, and they had begun to realize that the broken bodies brought back in sealed caskets bore no relation to the men they had known and loved.

Our Army graves registration units under the quartermaster general are making incredible efforts in all parts of the world to identify the bodies of lost Americans, thus ending the strain of uncertainty in many homes. Our Government will either bury their bodies

My husband felt this deeply, and in 1919 he wrote the poem in which he said:

"Our free souls will be far,
Holding the line in Sunny France
Where we died to win the war."

Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, killed in Normandy, held the same belief. Mrs. McNair wrote:

"Lesley was a soldier and wanted to die a soldier's death. I know he would want to stay where he is, surrounded by the men he trained and with whom he died. He would not want his body moved."

* * * *

What do most of those graves overseas hold? Parts of men wrapped in blankets or mattress covers, without coffins—gone back to earth because they could no longer serve their purpose.

Will it comfort you to hear that your soldier is being shipped home in a box or an urn to be reburied? What will come home to you isn't what you remember and love.

Will it ease your grief, or make you happier to know that some young soldier, drafted to serve our country overseas, is digging up these poor bones?

If the family of the fallen soldier would find comfort in a permanent, tangible record near at hand, let them erect a simple monument in the family cemetery plot, inscribed with the man's name and record and the place of his burial overseas. Or this could be added to the list on a family monument already established.

Thus there would be a lasting memorial at home where it could be seen, without the gruesome performance of moving the remains.

And what would your man himself say if he could speak?

Every good soldier I have ever known wanted to be buried where he fell.

Mine did.

Our dead have earned the rights to rest in peace.

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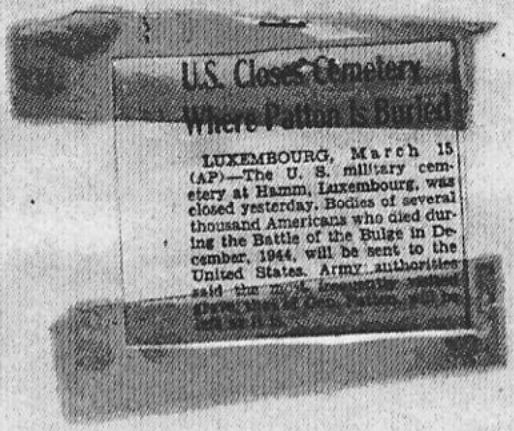

U.S. Closes Cemetery Where Patton Is Buried

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Chicago Tribune

16 March 1948

AMERICAN CEMETERY IN LUXEMBURG CLOSED; PATTON'S BODY STAYS

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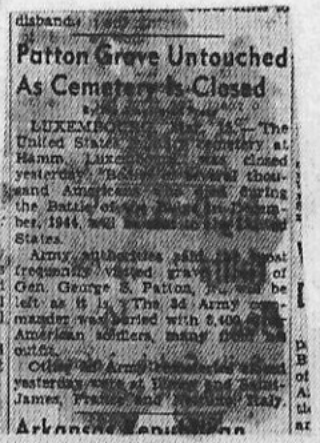
Army authorities [illegible] the most frequently visited grave, that of Gen. George [illegible] Patton Jr., will be left [illegible] is. The 3d army [illegible] was buried with [illegible] other United States soldiers, [illegible] his outfit.

At ceremonies [illegible] the cemetery, Lt. Gen. [illegible] R. Huebner, deputy [illegible] commander in chief, described Gen. Patton [illegible] the gre[illegible] leader, that mo[illegible] Other 3d [illegible] were at Illiney and Saint James, France, and Nettuno, Italy.

WASHINGTON STAR

15 March 1948



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Patton Grave Untouched As Cemetery Is Closed

LUXEMBOURG, [illegible] 15.—The United States [illegible] cemetery at Hamm, Luxembourg, was closed yesterday. [illegible] thousand Americans [illegible] during the Battle of [illegible] December, 1944, [illegible] States.

Army authorities said [illegible] frequently visited grave [illegible] of Gen. George S. Patton, [illegible] be left as it is. The 3d Army commander was buried with 8,400 [illegible] American soldiers, many [illegible] outfit.

Other [illegible] yesterday were at [illegible] and Saint-James, France and [illegible] Italy.

Arkansas Republican

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Gen. Patton's New Grave at Hamm—Silent ranks of white crosses stretch out behind the two visitors who stand quietly at the foot of Gen. George S. Patton jr.'s new grave in the military cemetery at Hamm, Luxembourg. The grave was recently moved because the crowd was wearing away the grass on the graves surrounding his. Acme

WASHINGTON SUNDAY STAR October 19, 1947



LUXEMBOURG STAMPS HONOR PATTON—These are reproductions of stamps which the Luxembourg Postoffice Administration will issue Friday in honor of the late Gen. George S. Patton, jr. The three-and-a-half-franc stamp (top) features a portrait of Gen. Patton with his tanks liberating the city of Luxembourg in the background. One-and-a-half-franc stamp (bottom) shows view of the American Military Cemetery at Hamm where Gen. Patton is buried. (AP Wirephoto.)

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RCG 293 22 December 1948

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave of General George S. Patton, Jr.

TO: Office of The Quartermaster General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Memorial Division

1. References:

a. Letter QMGMD 293, OQMG, to Commanding General, AGRC, subject, "Permanent Grave of General George S. Patton, Jr," dated 8 July 1948, with two inclosures.

b. Letter QMGMD 293, OQMG, to Commanding General, AGRC, subject, "Permanent Grave of General George S. Patton, Jr," dated 30 July 1948, with two inclosures.

c. Personal letter, General Hastings to General Peckham dated 27 October 1948, enclosing copy of personal letter from General Bradley to General Keyes, dated 15 October 1948.

d. Third indorsement, QMGMO 687, OQMG, 18 November 1948, on letter Hq AGRC, subject, "Grading of Hamm Cemetery, Luxembourg," 21 September 1948.

2. The effect of reference d, above, is to direct that General Patton's remains be moved to a new grave in the northwest corner of the northern central grave plot, as shown on Revision No. 8 dated 6 October 1948 of the Hamm Cemetery Layout Drawing, 1425-L-10 prepared by the architectural firm of Voorhees, Foley, Walker and Smith which was received at this headquarters on 25 October 1948.

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Rec: (1) Not sign willingly, but
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apparently no recourse left.
Believe Gen Hastings has
discussed w/you.

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1		Gen Hastings		Does this office have a request from Battle Monuments Com to move Gen Patton's remains? If so, let me see it. FRL 26 Oct.
2				(1) Letter 11 June 48 from ABMC to TQMG filed 293 Patton Geo S Sr. #7
				(2) Letter 8 July 48 ms to AGRC Paris forwarding above & directing compliance filed 293 Patton etc.
3	Liaison Office Mem Div	M&RBr Admin Div	29 Oct 48	For file in 293 Gen Patton, Geo S

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RCC 293 22 December 1948
Subject: Permanent Grave of General Geo. S. Patton, Jr.

3. In view of the verbal instructions which I have received from both Major General Larkin and Lt. General Huebner, I do not feel that the above references give me adequate authority to move General Patton's remains. If it is the desire of The Quartermaster General that the remains be moved to the position indicated on the drawing mentioned above, it is requested that I be so advised over General Larkin's signature.

4. In view of the interest of Lt. General Huebner in this matter and since he and General Larkin discussed the matter personally during the past summer, a copy of this communication is being furnished to General Huebner.

S. L. PECKHAM
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

Copy furnished:
Lt. General Huebner



15 October 1948 CSUSA/2078
McDuff/ofgm

CSUSA 201 Patton, George S. (15 Oct. 48)

Dear Jeff:

It was good to receive the firsthand information about your command and I am happy indeed to have your letter.

The interest you have shown in the location of General Patton's grave is certainly understandable. Mr. Keith Merrill, a member of the Patton family, was in the office to see me in September. I explained to him that this matter is under the complete jurisdiction of the Battle Monuments Commission and for this reason I could not enter into the case. I did promise him that I would call General North upon his return from Europe and let him know the desires of the Patton family. General North returned last week and he informs me that the American Battle Monuments Commission agrees unanimously in the policy of giving no distinction to individuals. He emphasized that to make an exception in one case, the Commission must anticipate requests from others with equally cogent reasons for asking for special consideration. However, he stated it was recognized that the number of visitors to General Patton's grave could destroy others by trampling over them, and in deciding upon the new grave site the Commission was able to take advantage of a place in the architects' lay-out that would provide ample space for visitors.

The Commission has always considered the present location of the grave a temporary one. It proposes to move General Patton's remains to the first row of graves in the cemetery, adjacent to one of the main roadways. This would make it possible for visitors to stand on the road to view the grave site. It also plans to leave sufficient space around the grave so that visitors may walk around it without trampling over other graves. On the opposite end of this first row, set off in the same manner as the Patton grave, would be buried an unknown soldier. The Commission believes that in this way General Patton's grave can be given the honor that it is due and at the same time not show any particular discrimination.

General North tells me that the architects' plans call for a chapel to be built near the place where the grave is presently located and that the steps to the chapel will pass over the present grave site. He further

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As a matter beside the point, General North stated that although it was outside the scope of responsibilities of the Battle Monuments Commission, Mrs. Patton had urged the families of deceased veterans to let their remains stay overseas, and it would be unfortunate indeed if she changed her mind at this late date.

Mr. Merrill has been informed of General North's statement and of the fact that I am completely out of the picture in this instance.

I am asking Paul to write you about overseas chevrons after he has had an opportunity to go into the matter again.

I would like very much to get over to see you again, but from the way things are shaping up here, such a possibility is very remote. The next best thing to a personal visit is hearing from you.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely.

(Sgd) Brad

Lt. General Geoffrey Keyes
Commanding General
U. S. Forces in Austria
APO 777, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

cc to: QMG (Memorial Division)
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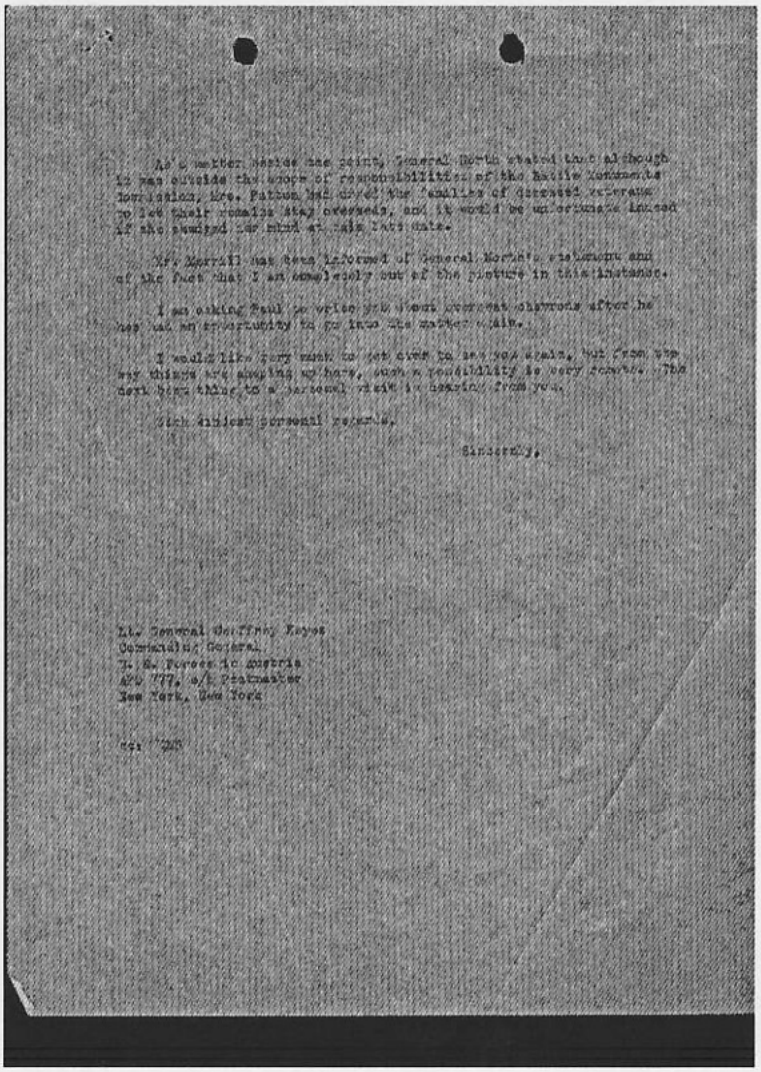

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Lt. General Courtney Hayes
Commanding General
U. S. Forces in Austria
APO 777, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

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QMGMO 293
George S. Patton, Jr. 1st Ind

Dept of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 3 January 1949

TO: Commanding General, AGRC, European Area, APO 58, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

You are authorized to proceed with the permanent interment of the remains of General George S. Patton, Jr., as indicated in Paragraph 2 of basic communication.

T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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FOR RECORD ONLY: (TALBOT EXT 4634)

1. Letter from AGRC European Area to OQMG, Subject: "Permanent Grave of General George S. Patton, Jr.", dated 22 December 1948, indicated that there is some doubt in General Peckham's mind as to the disposition of General Patton's grave, in view of verbal instructions from General Larkin and General Huebner.

2. Later instructions by telephone on 5 November 1948 and 3rd Indorsement dated 18 November 1948, Memorial Division, furnished disposition instructions.

3. This indorsement for General Larkin's signature is to remove any doubt as to disposition.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

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1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
				QMGML 293 Patton, George S., Jr.
1	Liaison Office	MAR Br Adm Div	15 Oct 1948	It is requested the attached Memo for the Record be placed in the 293 file of the above-named decedent. R. HOLLOWAY 74485

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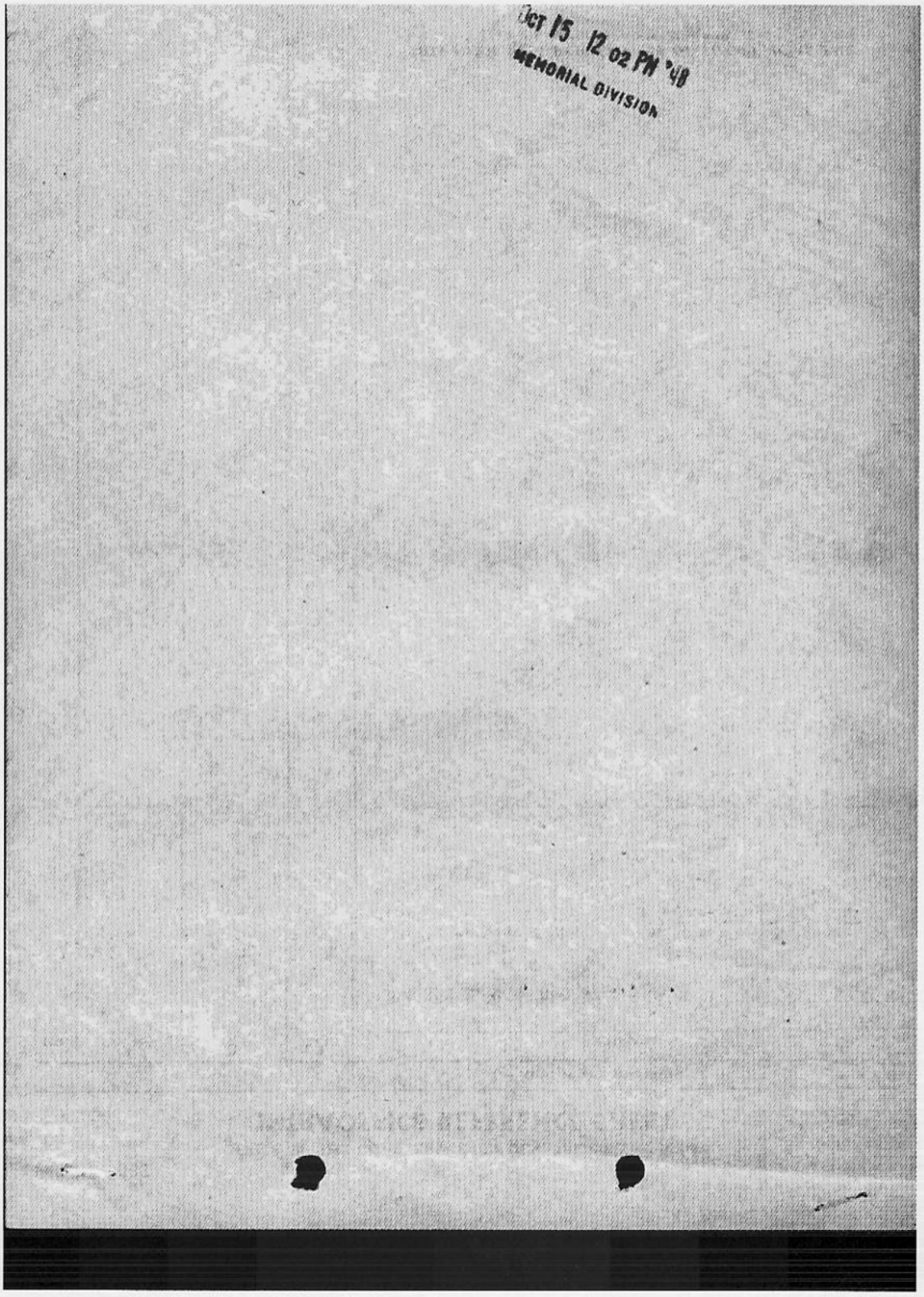
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MEMORIAL DIVISION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

15 October 1948

293, Patton, George S., Jr. General

In conference with General North, 14 October 1948, he informed me that he had been with General Peckham just last Friday and that General Peckham was waiting for further instructions for moving General Patton.

General North also stated that he had received a call from the Chief of Staff's Office regarding the grave of General Patton. The Chief of Staff's Office wanted to know the status on the Patton case. General North talked to General Bradley's aide and the aide informed General North that General Bradley was asking North to write Mrs. Patton telling her of the intention to move the grave.

General North is protesting doing this and yet feels that it is his job to do it rather than the Quartermaster Generals.

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293 Patton, George S. (Gen.) MZ

20 October 1948

MEMORANDUM TO GENERAL HASTINGS:

On receipt of the attached copy of letter from General Bradley to General Keyes in reference to the permanent location of General Patton's grave I showed this letter to Colonel Comm and suggested that we should send a copy to General Peckham.

He had copies of this letter made and suggested that we do not take any action in this office as General Larkin would probably want to take this up through personal correspondence with General Peckham.

Colonel Talbot and Colonel Hinman have also seen copy of this letter.

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1.	Liaison Office Mem.Div.	M & R Br. Admin,Div. OQMG	12 Oct. 48	293 PATTON, GEORGE S., JR., GENERAL 0-2605 1. It is requested that this IRS with attachments be placed in the 293 file of the subject officer. It represents a chronological listing of the communications exchanged within the Army and between the Army and the ABMC in connection with the final burial of General Patton. 2. Following is a listing of the pertinent papers: a. Form 345 dated 31 July 47 sent to Mrs. Patton. She returned the form electing permanent burial in Hamm. She put NO special remarks on the back of the form. (293 Patton, Geo. S. Jr.) b. Letter dated 19 November 1947 signed Horkan to ABMC, with copy to AGRC, copy attached as Incl 1. (687 Graves Registration Service European Jan-Dec.47 c. DD 6020 05866 dated 15 March 48.(Copy No. 6 in 293 Patton, Geo. S. Jr.) d. Cable No AGRC 1511 dated 16 March 48 to OQMG, copy attached as Incl. 2.(687 Luxembourg, Hamm Cemetery.) e. Ltr. from ABMC dated 18 March 48 to General Horkan. (Confidential File 293 Patton, George S.) f. Teletype dated 19 March 48, WARX-98102, OQMG to AGRC Paris.(A cross reference sheet with a copy of the text is in 293 Patton, George S., Jr.) g. Ltr. dated 14 May 48, ABMC to TQMG (293 Patton, George S., Jr.) h. Ltr. dated 19 May 48, TQMG to ABMC (293 Patton, George S. Jr.) i. Summary Sheet dated 19 May 1948 from TQMG to C/S and S/A. (293 Patton, George S., Jr.) j. Attachments added to this Summary Sheet by the Staff en route to C/S - from LLD. PID, and Chief of Information. (293 Patton, George S., Jr.)

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PATTON, GEORGE S., JR., GENERAL O-2605

1. Liaison M & R Br. Off. Admin Div Mem.Div. OQMG 12 Oct 48 (cont)

k. Ltr. dated 11 June 48 from ABMC to TQMG (293 Patton, George S., Jr.)

l. Ltr. dated 8 July 48 to AGRC, Paris, from OQMG (293 Patton, George S., Jr.)

m. Copy of Ltr. from Gen. North, Sec. ABMC, dated 20 July 48 written from Europe to Lt. Colonel Shaw, ABMC Washington. (Confidential file on Patton, George S., Jr.)

n. Ltr. dated 30 July 48 from OQMG to AGRC Paris. (Patton, George S., Jr. 293.)

o. Copy of ltr. dated 27 July 48 from AGRC Paris to General Horkan signed Peckham. (293 Patton, George S. Jr.)

p. Copy of Cable No. AGRC 4695 dated 4 Aug 48 , Peckham to QMG amending letter cited in topic o above. (293 Patton, George S., Jr.)

q. Copy of ltr to C/S from Mr. Keith Merrill dated 30 August 48. (293 Patton, George S., Jr.)

2. A draft of a letter to Mrs. Patton was prepared for the signature of TQMG on 11 October 48 by the Mem. Div. and was discussed with TQMG with the recommendation that it be NOT dispatched. The draft is attached as Incl 3. It was not sent.

3. There is also attached as Incl 4. a Memorandum for the Record dated 12 October 48, signed by General Hastings.

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5- Incl
1- 293 Patton
2- LtR 19 Nov 47
3- Radio 05579
4 Memo/LtR
5 F/R dtd/12 Oct

Recd. by Miss Cook 12 Oct 48 after Tel Conv with Capt Longo

C O P Y

QMCMD 667 19 November 1947

Brigadier General Thomas North
Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission
Room 5A732, The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General North:

We have your letter of 10 November advising that the cemetery at Hamm can be expanded to accommodate approximately 5,800 graves.

With respect to the grave of General Patton, it is the opinion of this office that special consideration is warranted. It is believed that careful thought should be given to keeping the grave in a location near the permanent flag pole. In this connection it is desired to invite your attention to these facts:

1. General Patton was the only Army Commander to die in Europe.

2. As the Commander of Third Army, his fame was world wide.

3. Hamm Cemetery - to a greater degree than any other permanent cemetery in Europe - will be restricted to Third Army dead.

4. There is a strong feeling among former members of Third Army that General Patton's grave should be in a separate location, in the vicinity of the permanent flag pole, in order that it might do honor to all Third Army dead. This would not be true if he were buried in one of the regular plots.

General Peckham of the European Area is being furnished a copy of your letter and our reply.

Sincerely yours,

GEO. A. HORKAN
Brigadier General, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

C O P Y

Incl. 1

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PRIORITY

C5579

FROM: HQ AGRC Paris France signed Peckham

To: The QM General Dept of the Army

Nr: AGRC 1511 16 March 1948

This headquarters has received disinterment directive in case of General George S. Patton, Jr., directing permanent burial at Hamm Cemetery. Hamm Cemetery was closed to the public on 14 March and disinterments have commenced. Your cable WCL 33997, 27 February 1948, indicates that American Battle Monuments Commission's revised plans for Hamm Cemetery will not be available before 1 April. Hence, this headquarters not informed as to whether plans contemplate change in location of General Patton's grave. This headquarters not informed as to action taken by American Battle Monuments Commission as result of General Horkan's letter to General North, 19 November 1947, recommending that General Patton's grave remain in location near permanent flag pole. In view of above factors, advice is requested as to whether or not remains of General Patton shall be disinterred or left undisturbed.

End

ACTION: CMC

MC IN 56747 (17 Mar 48) DTG 161300Z hhl

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Encl 2

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Cancel 1/K

Dear Mrs. Patton:

There has recently come to my attention a letter addressed to General Bradley by your brother-in-law, Mr. Merrill, dated 30 August 1948 discussing the plans for the permanent cemetery at Hamm. Those plans must necessarily take into particular consideration the permanent location of the most distinguished of the graves there, that of General Patton.

Since it will be the Army's responsibility actually to implement the final plans for the cemetery design decided upon by the American Battle Monuments Commission, I must reassure myself that you have been fully apprised of the current proposals. The latest architect's drawings would make it most undesirable to consider leaving the grave in its present place.

I have studied the plans minutely and feel that they provide an excellent solution of a wish very dear to all of us who were the Generals'

Incl 3

old friends and admirers - that in death he may occupy as distinguished a place as he did in life. My only concern is that I feel it imperative that you be personally acquainted with the details of each development.

Sincerely yours,

J. B. L. Lee.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD: 12 October 1948

In discussing the Patton case with General Larkin, 11 October 1948 it was decided that no further correspondence was necessary, especially with Mrs. Patton, that General Peckham had received instructions for the disinterment in compliance with the American Battle Monuments Commission's wishes and that in discussions between Generals Larkin and Peckham it had been decided that General Peckham would not make the disinterment until such time as it was absolutely necessary in keeping with the Battle Monuments Commission's plans.

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2	Liaison Office Mem Div	M&R Br Admin Div	22 Sept 48	1. noted 2. No liaison action necessary at this time. Request Correspondence be placed in the 293 file of Gen Patton. Lorzo 71088

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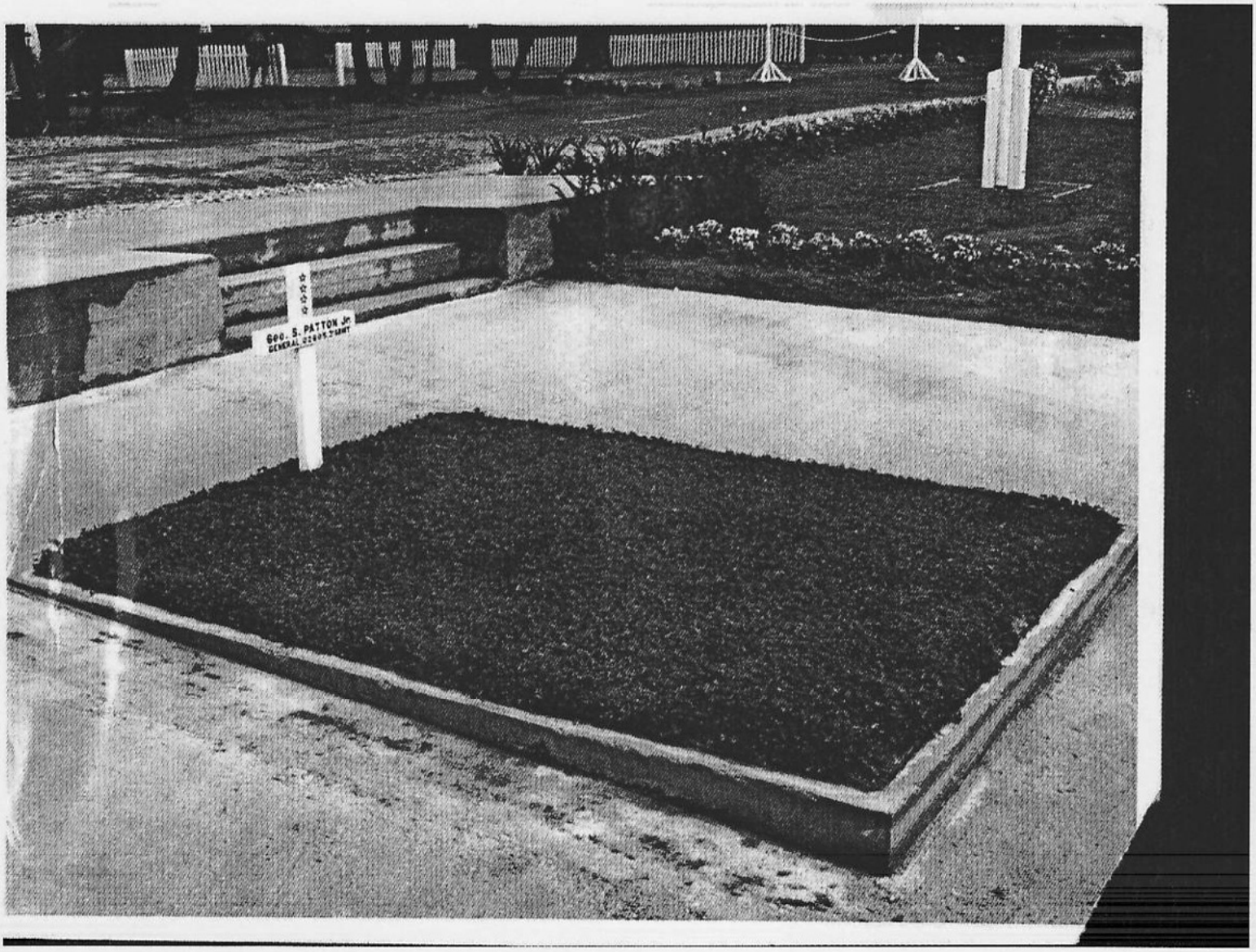
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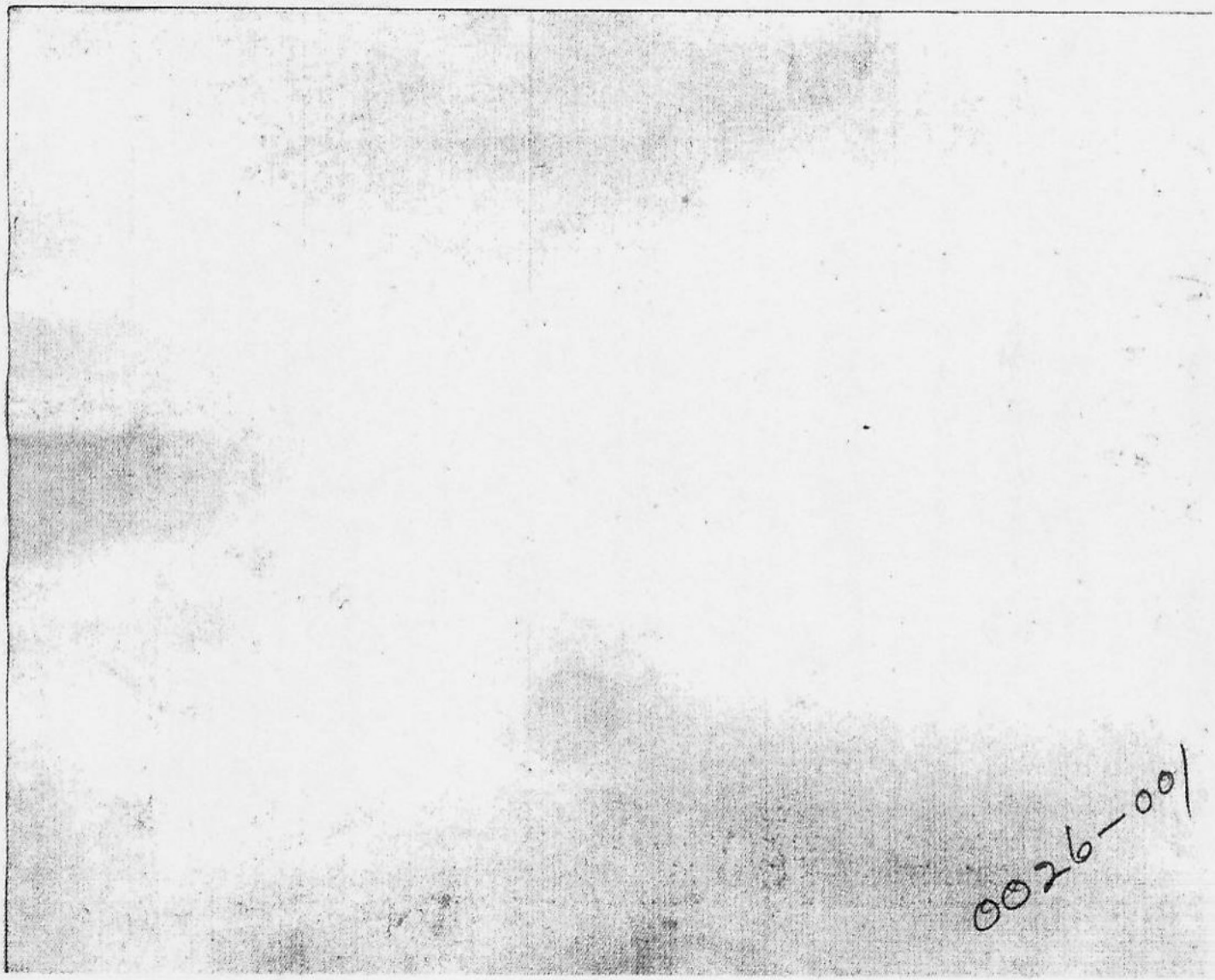
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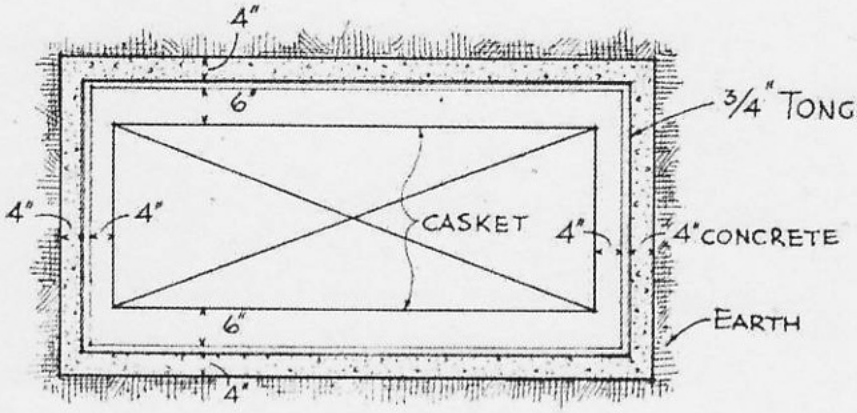

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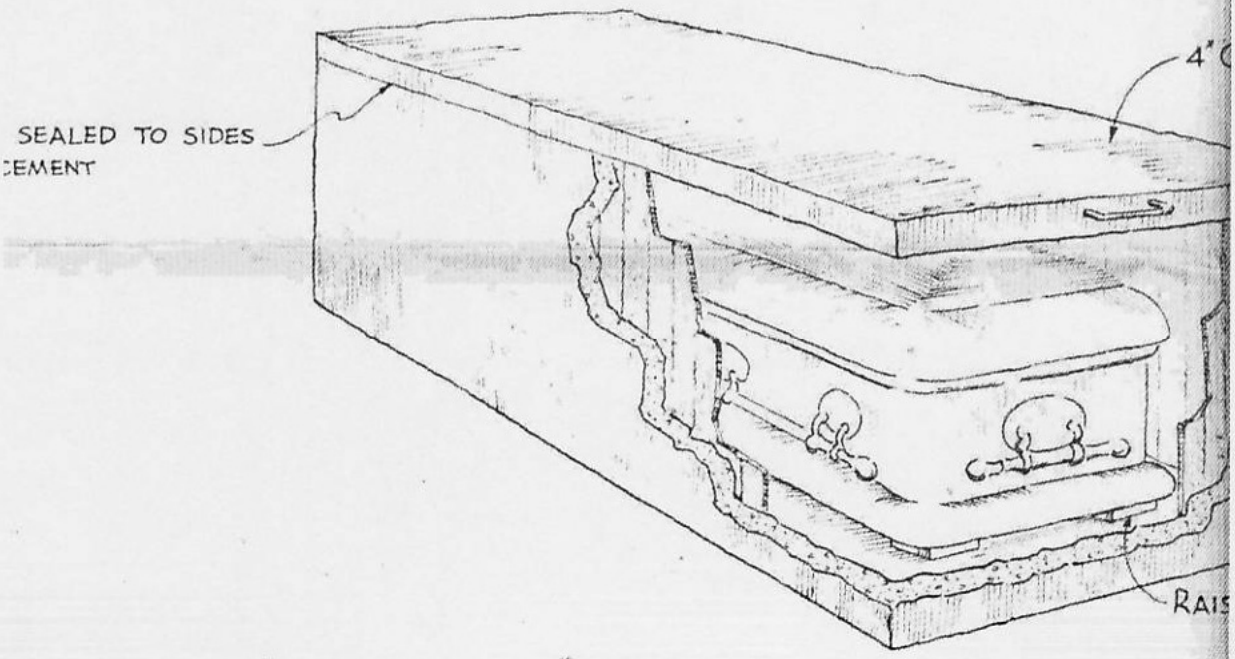

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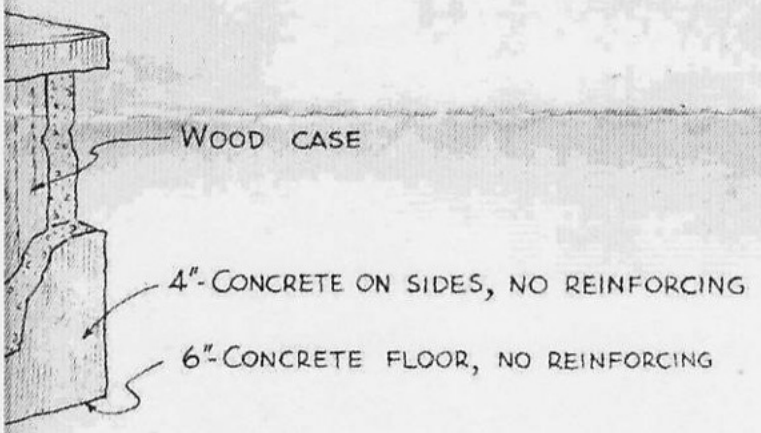

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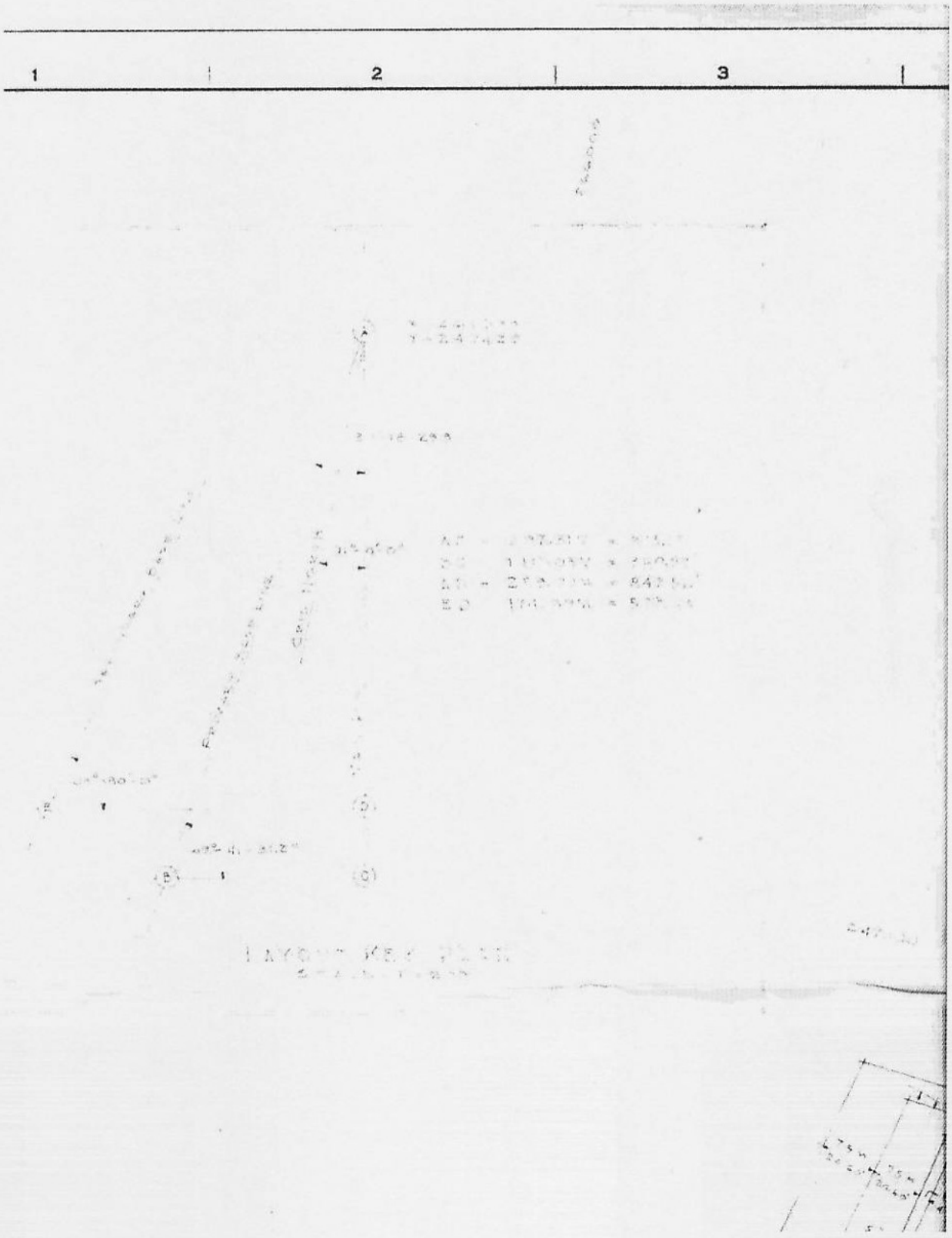
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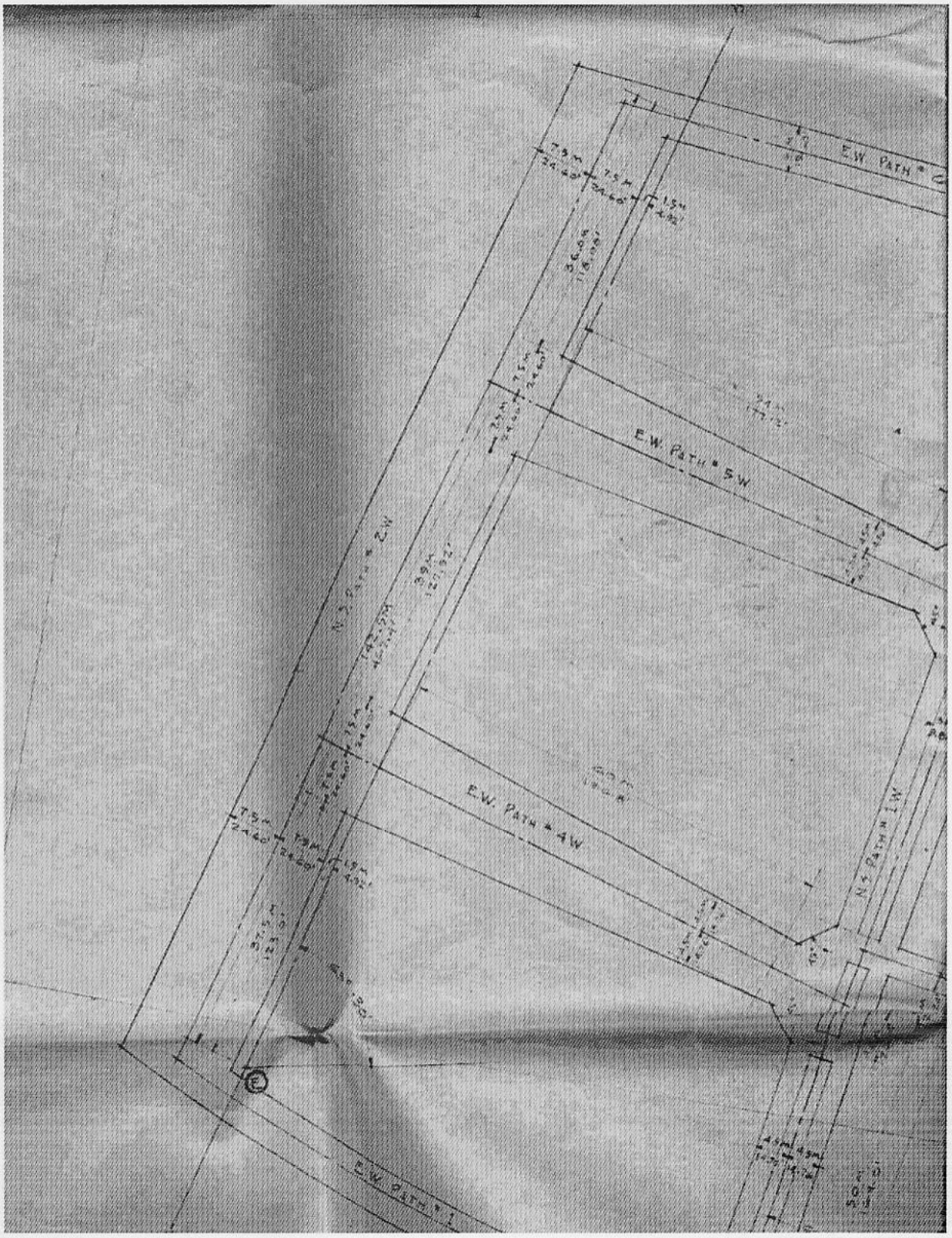
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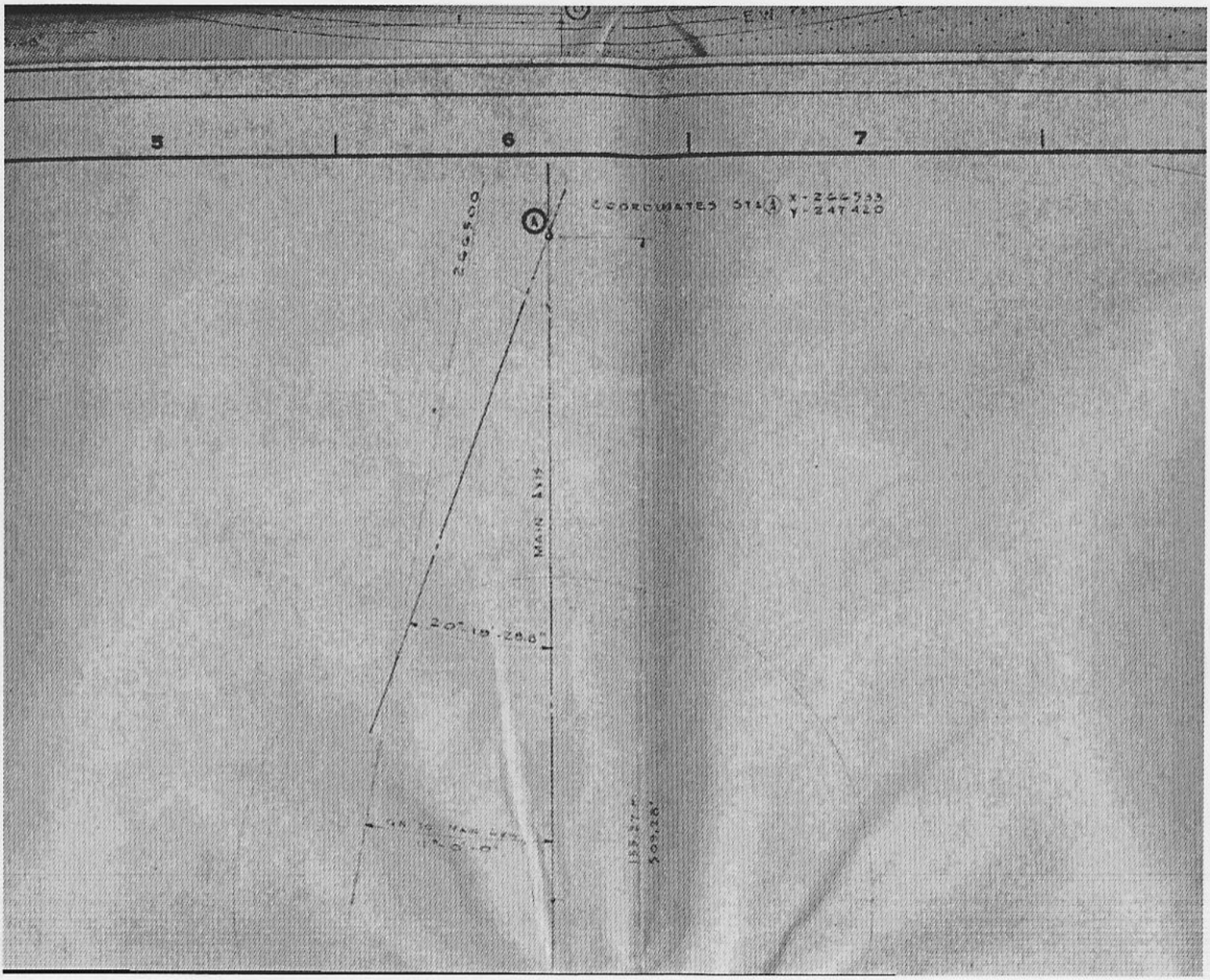
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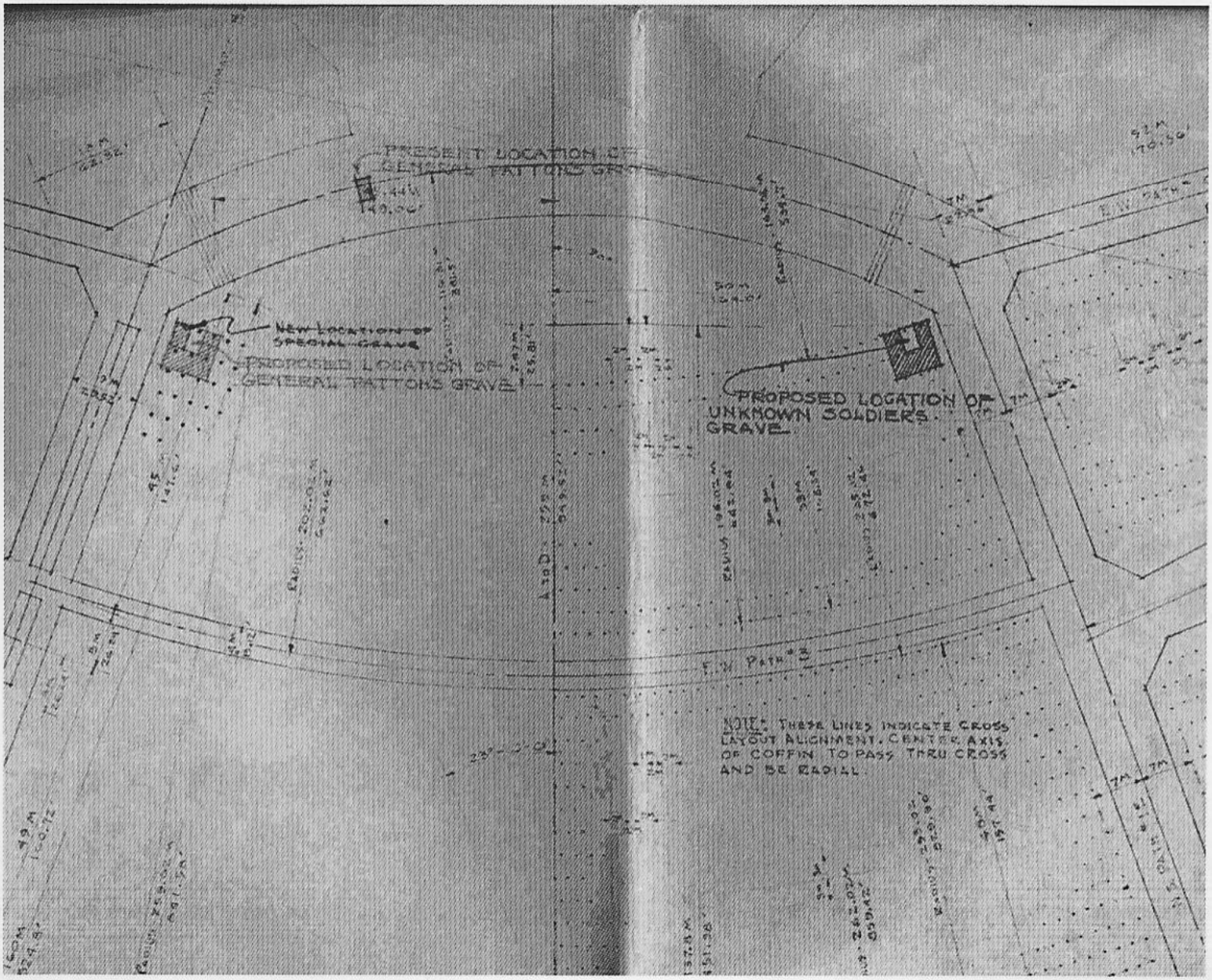
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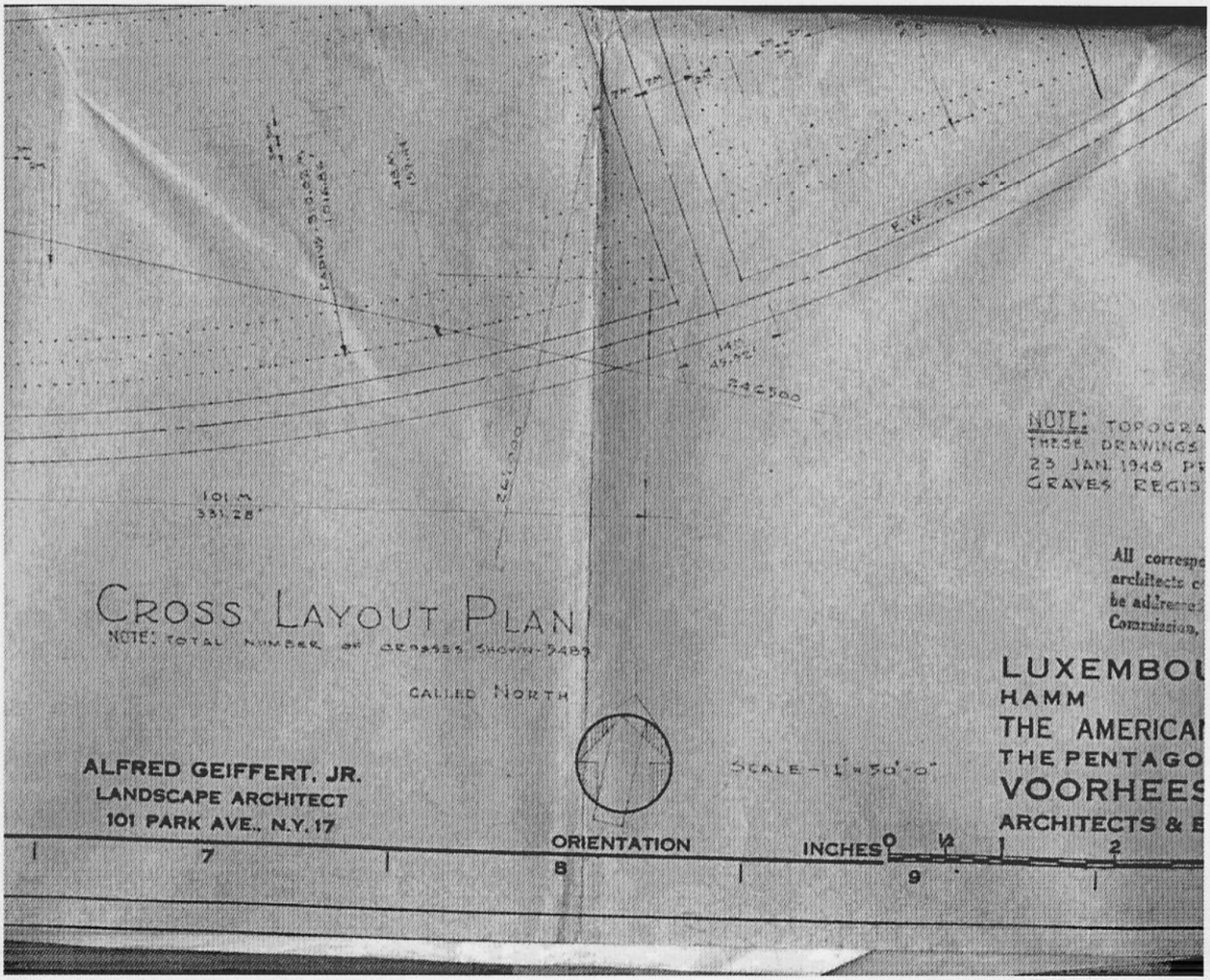
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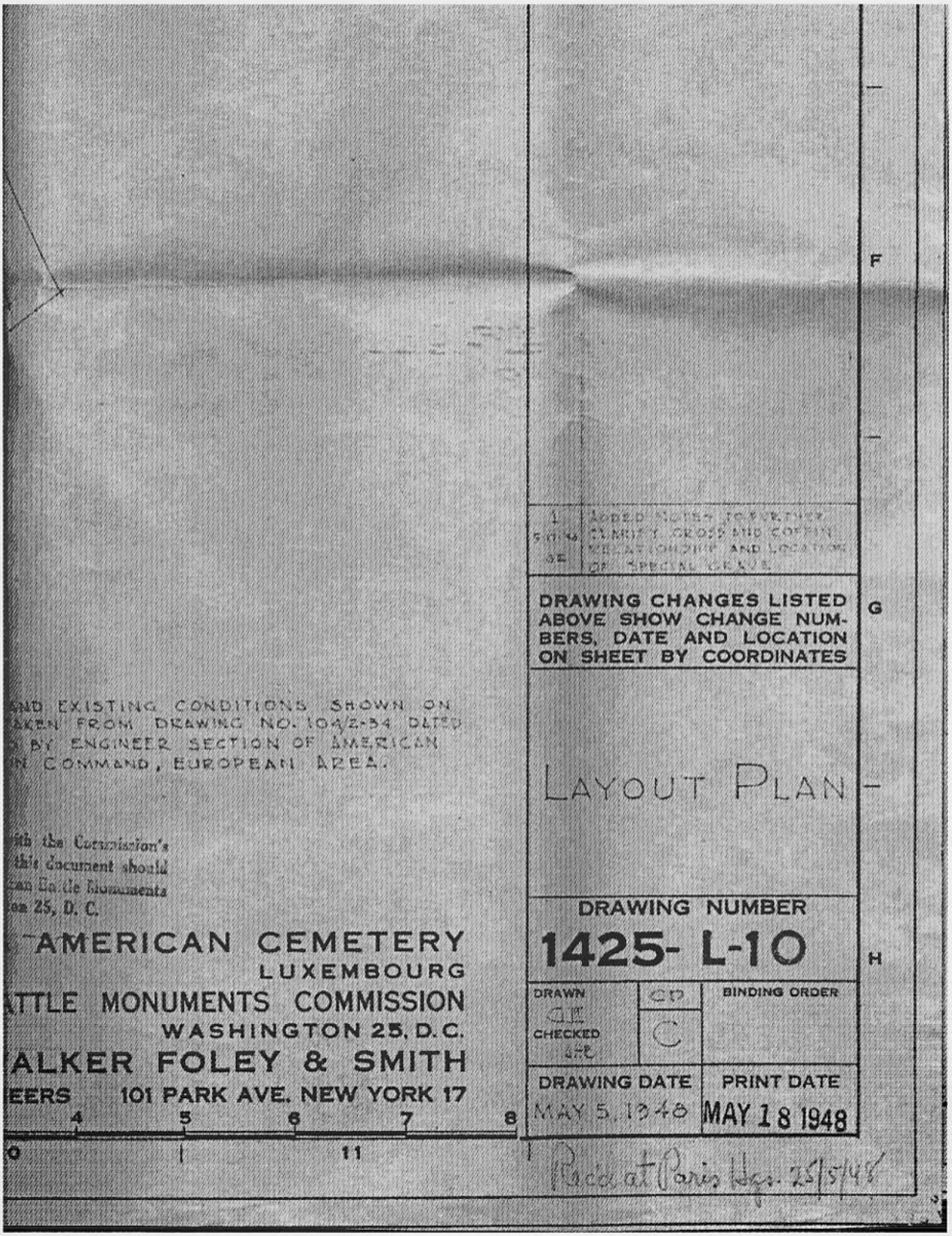

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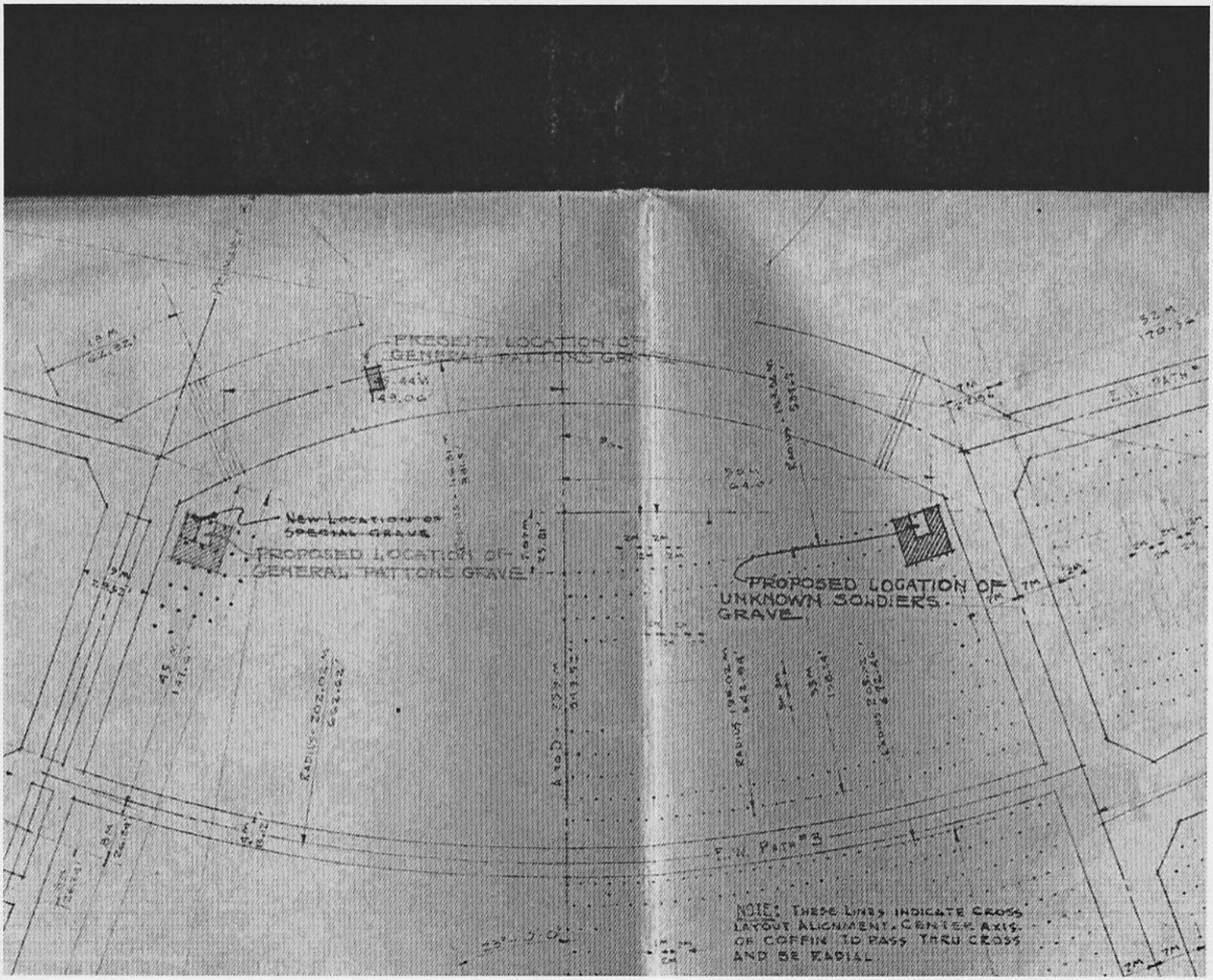
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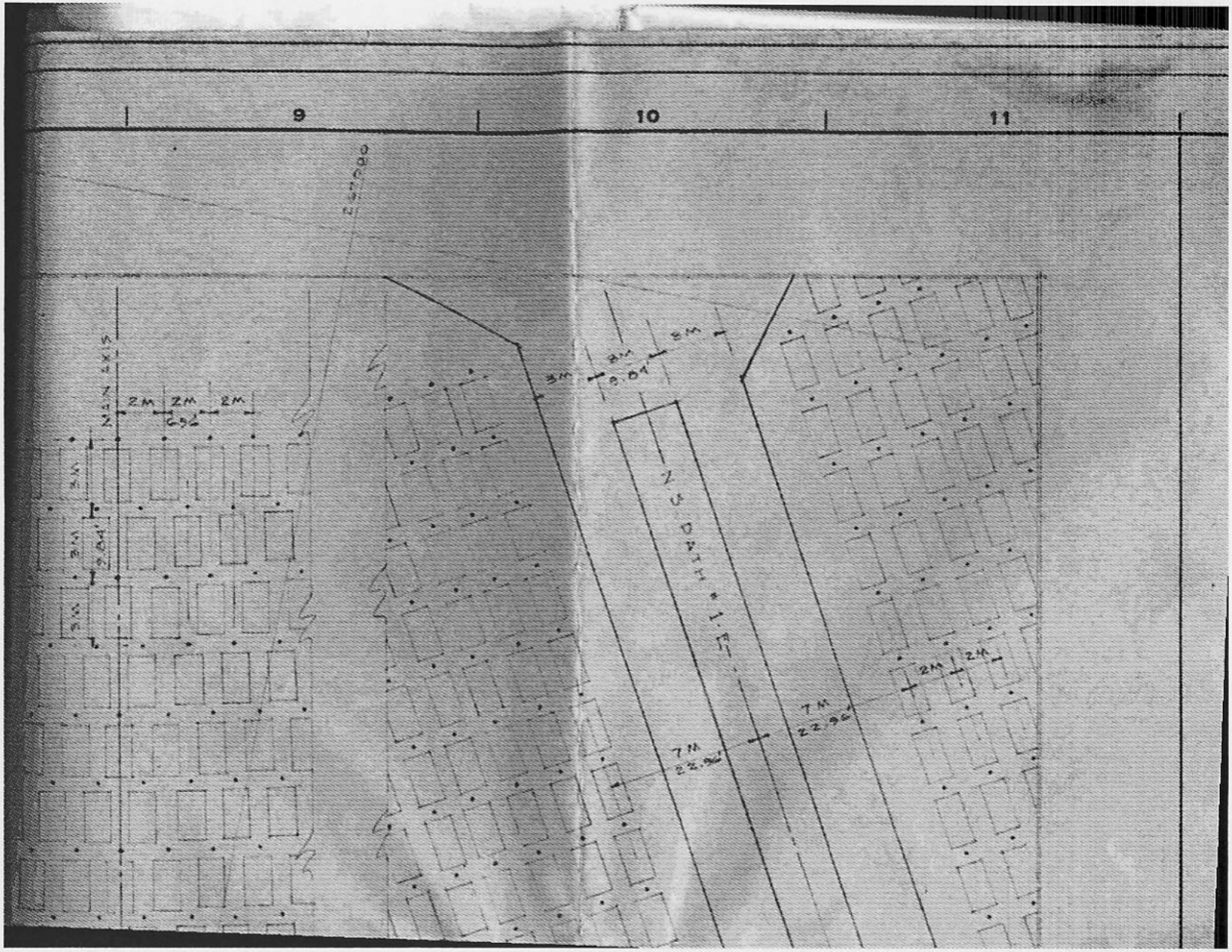
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TRIBUTE TO GEN. GEORGE S. PATTON

THERE IS a breed of men who by their manner and conduct are marked heroic. In fable and history, in poetry and drama, in the hearts of men, these heroic personalities evoke in every wholesome, normal person respect and even reverence for fearless and good living. As Carlyle so truly said:

".... VENERATION of great men is perennial in the nature of man; this, in all times, especially in these, is one of the blessedest facts predictable of him. In all times, even in these seemingly so disobedient times, it remains a blessed fact, so cunningly has nature ordered it, that whatsoever man ought to obey, he cannot but obey. Show the sullest clodpole, show the haughtiest featherhead, that a soul higher than himself is actually here; were his knees stiffened into brass, he must down and worship. So it has been written...."

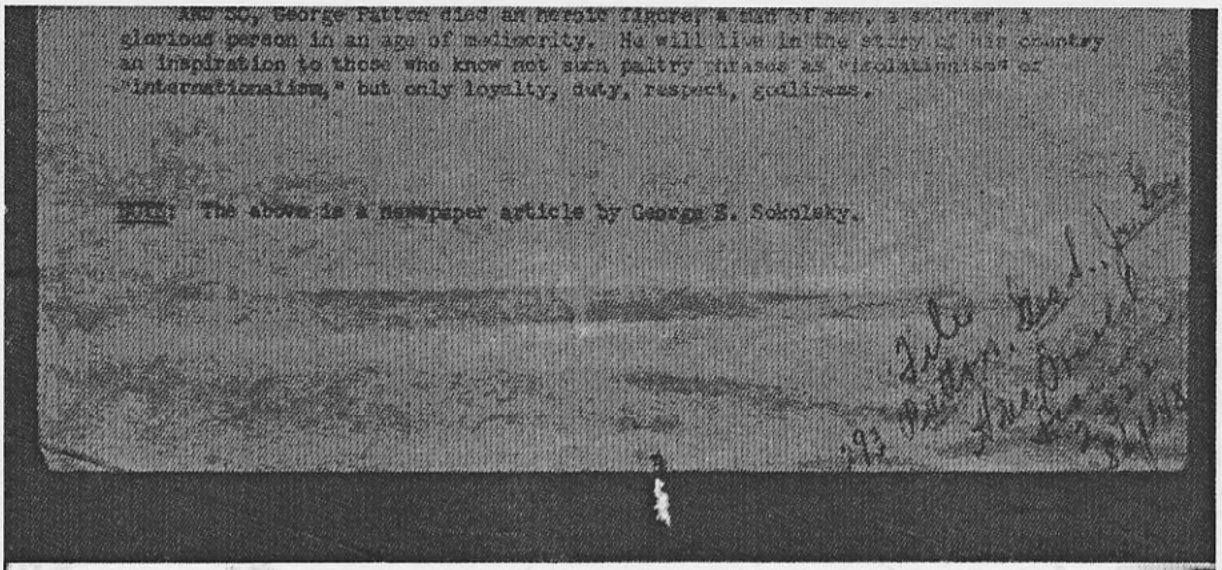
GEORGE S. PATTON Jr., commander of men, general of the army, was such a man. He and MacArthur have come through this war, of heroic cast, as Grant and Lee gave to the Civil war its untarnished figures. Nor is it disrespect for Eisenhower that one thinks of his subordinate, George Patton, as a hero, for no one ever can explain why such figures as the Cid or Richard Coeur de Lion stand before all men, eternally, as the perfection of the race.

IT IS more than ability. More than competence. It is essentially perfection of manner in the doing of good deeds. Patton dressed his personality; he lived true to his being. The hero is not always the wisest nor the most effective man. He is more than wisdom, more than achievement. He is nobility.

IN THE mail I receive from soldiers I read of Patton. They tell me that in the army it was generally known when a general would come for inspection, and arrangements were made accordingly to hide defects, to save the faces of officers. Not so with Patton. He arrived suddenly, unexpectedly. He loved his men and hated war. He hated no man, not even the enemy he fought, and in that he was more the Christian than they who, prating their religion, fill their souls with the bile of hatred for their kind.

GEORGE PATTON'S last months were spent in disappointment. Vulgar politics tore him from his Third Army which was his very being. He was set a mental task, unfitted for his talents, to please the clamor of dried-up creatures who live only to tear down what better men had built. They fell upon him like a plague because his greatness was their envy. They twisted his words and confused his meaning. They sent to their newspapers foul reports on his conduct. And the politicians threw him to this pack of scorpions.

YET, SO sure is the public sense of heroism that George Patton loomed ever larger, a beloved figure. He could cry, as only strong men do, not out of pain but because they are beloved. That photograph of George Patton overcome by the love of the citizens of Boston upon his return to his country, will remain everlastingly in the memory of those who respect the good in man. And it will be remembered that he flew to the church that meant most to him to thank his God for his many mercies.



And so, George Patton died an heroic figure, a man of men, a soldier, a glorious person in an age of mediocrity. He will live in the story of his country an inspiration to those who know not such paltry phrases as "isolationism" or "internationalism," but only loyalty, duty, respect, gallantry.

NOTE: The above is a newspaper article by George E. Sokolsky.

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1 Incl. 293 file—Patton, Geo. S. Jr.				

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293 Patton, George S., Jr. 0-2605

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Mrs. McDonald

Patton, George S., Jr. 0-2605 Burial Location of the late General Patton 7 September 1948

SUMMARY

1. Letter dated 30 August 1948 from Mr. Smith Merrill, Avalon, Pride's Crossing, Massachusetts, states that the Patton family desires that the grave of General Patton not be moved in the permanent Home Cemetery because it has already been moved once to prevent desecration of adjoining graves and because it can be left undisturbed without spoiling the symmetry.

2. General Patton's grave now lies alone near the flagpole in the temporary cemetery. In the present plans for the permanent cemetery, prepared by architects of the AEGC, the flagpole will be relocated some feet from its present position. The plot layout has been designed so that the Patton grave will fall with a minimum move at the end of a front row near an approach road. Some slight rearrangement cannot be avoided since the cemetery axis has been shifted and the direction of the graves has been altered.

3. A memorandum for the record, signed Jackallen and dated 6 June 1948, copy attached as Incl 5, summarizes the plan arrived at by AEGC on 24 May 1948 and records your verbal concurrence. In view of the summary letter written by the Secretary, AEGC, it would appear that the memo should have used the word unknown soldier rather than private soldier in describing the complementary grave.

4. Letter dated 8 July 1948 to the CC, AEGC, European Area, from this office forwarded and directed compliance with a photostatic copy of a letter dated 11 June 1948 to General Larkin from the Secretary, AEGC, which summarizes the Commission's plans. (Copy inclosed with proposed reply to Mr. Merrill.)

5. General Larkin and General Worth have both been in Europe since this exchange of correspondence. General Larkin is expected back on or about 7 September 1948; if any further discussion on the subject arose, he will be able to report verbally.

7 SEP 1948

2 Incls
1. Draft for sig Cofd, w/1 incl
2. R/S dtd 1 Sep 48, w/incls
3. Photo by memo 4 June 48

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The execution of the plan lies, of course, some months in the future, but the Army must under the law eventually carry out the expressed wish of the Commission.

Sincerely,

Mr. Keith Merrill
Avalon
Pride's Crossing, Massachusetts

1 Incl
Photo ltr 11 June 48

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Patton, George S., Jr.
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(Prepared reply - 7 September 1948)

Dear Mr. Merrill:

Your letter of 30 August 1948 discusses a subject which has long been a matter of paramount interest to the Army as a whole and to me particularly — the final burial of General Patton. I need not tell you that our Graves Registration Service has derived the greatest inspiration from caring for this shrine, which has continued to evoke increasing interest in freedom-loving people.

The American Battle Monuments Commission, which is responsible under the law for the design and construction of the permanent overseas military cemeteries, is likewise fully aware that this most significant grave will always be a mecca for visitors, and has given serious attention to every consideration incident to its final location.

The Commission, after prolonged deliberation, arrived at a decision at its fifty-fifth meeting, held on 24 May 1948. The burial plan, in which I concurred when it was presented to me, has been set forth in a letter dated 11 June 1948 to Major General F. B. Larkin, Chief of the American Graves Registration Service. A copy of this letter is attached for your information.

RMC (McDonald 2322)

293 file, Patton, Geo. S., Jr. Gen.) contains

a. Memo dated 4 June 48 signed Jucksliun and initialed by C/S.
b. Ltr dated 11 June 43 from Sec., AEMC to TQMG.
c. Ltr to CG, ASFD, & A dated 5 July 1945
d. Copy of unsigned undated memo taken to Europe by Gen. Larkin.

Plans for permanent cemetery on file in Oper. Br., Mem. Div. Description of grave and flagpole location furnished by Col. Talbott.

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By Direction of the Deputy Chief of Staff:

/s/ James E. Bowen, Jr.
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30 August 1948

General Omar N. Bradley
Office of the Chief of Staff
Department of the Army
Pentagon Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Bradley:

During a trip to Luxembourg last June I visited the grave of the late General Patton at Hamm Cemetery where I was most courteously received by Lieutenants Lloyd Meyer and Raymond Johnson of the Graves Registration Service. I explained that the Patton family, to whom I am related by marriage with Mrs. Patton's sister, were concerned lest the rearrangement of graves necessitated by the removal of other remains for re-interment in the United States might raise the question of a third burial for General Patton in another place.

Lieutenant Meyer stated that the orders were specific, not to move General Patton's grave, and I so reported to Prince Felix of Luxembourg with whom I had an audience the same afternoon, and to General Patton's family, including Miss Patton of California. Everyone was relieved and reassured by the Army's decision. Since then, I have heard others compliment the Army's design and care of the cemetery at Hamm, after seeing the article and photographs in the National Geographic Magazine. No criticisms of the Army have come to me.

Since returning from Europe, I have made further inquiries regarding General Patton's grave and have ascertained that it is now planned to move the remains again--this time, to a corner grave in one or the regular plots of the Cemetery.

The members of the Patton family are acquainted and concur with the reasons underlying the general rule that burials shall be made without regard to rank, race, creed or color; however, in the case of General Patton, his grave was changed from a position in one of the regular plots to its present location not because of his high rank, but to get it completely away from the proximity of the other graves in order to avoid their desecration by the crowds of visitors. The Patton family understood that this was a permanent move and that the remains would not be moved another time (to a third grave).

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In view of the fact that the grave was changed to its present location near the flagpole for very practical reasons - - reasons which will continue to exist - - it is suggested that the proposed change which would again locate the grave in the vicinity of other graves is illogical because it will expose those graves to repeated desecration.

The fact is that in Luxembourg, General Patton's grave is, and will continue to be, a national shrine. To the people of Luxembourg, he is the Liberator of Luxembourg; he lived among them for months and many have known him personally; thousands saw him and will never forget him. These people and their descendents constitute the crowds which come periodically to offer prayers of Thanksgiving.

From the United States the Third Army personnel and their families have not yet begun to visit this shrine. It is therefore sensible to expect that the crowds will increase, and that these crowds will continue to set General Patton's grave apart, as they have in the past, by crowing aroung it. It is the crowds that set General Patton's grave apart from those of the other soldiers, not the Army. If there are graves where the crowds gather, they will be defaced, as they were in the past. It is a practical question of the reverent and respectful management of crowds which can be solved only by the provision of ample space around General Patton's grave, in which they may stand without trampling over and around the graves of other soldiers. Such space is now provided.

Summarized, the reasons that the family desire that the grave remain undisturbed are:

a. The grave was moved once, not because of rank, but to prevent desecration of adjoining graves by those who come to pay homage to General Patton.

b. It is my understanding that it is not necessary to move the grave from its present site in order to preserve the symmetry of the plan for the cemetery as now proposed.

c. It is too distressing to be faced with a third burial of General Patton's remains in Hamm Cemetery within less than three years.

I regret that in these troubled times I have been obliged to trespass on your time with such a lengthy communication; but in view of your closeness to General Patton, and in view of your deep sympathy for others, which all the Nation appreciates, I feel confident that my submission of this appeal will not be misunderstood.

I expect to return to Washington before September 8 to call to pay my respects, and discuss this matter further, if you desire.

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I am Sir, with great respect

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Very sincerely yours,

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/s/ Keith Merrill
KEITH MERRILL

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Quartermaster General preparation of reply

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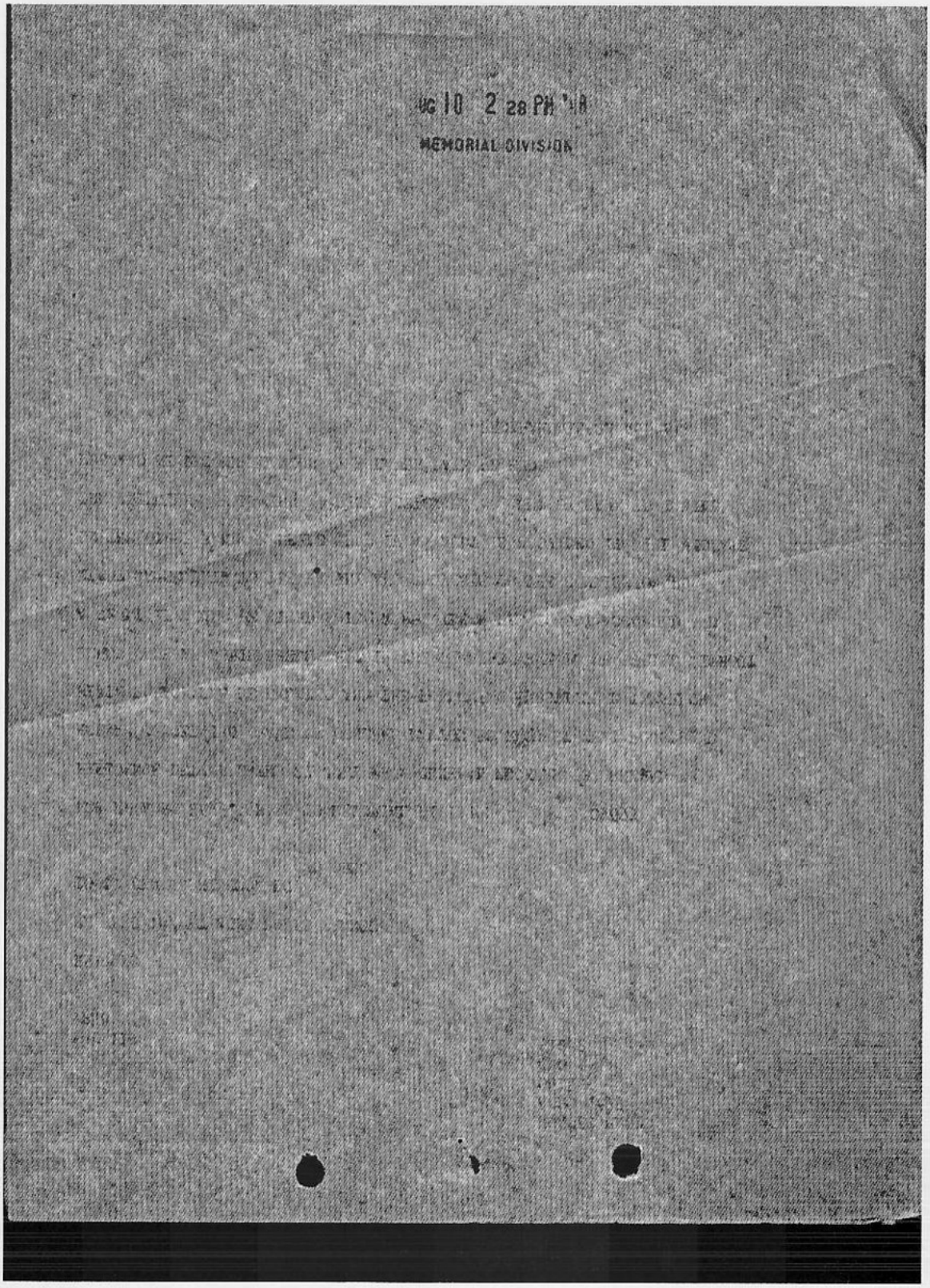
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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
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27 July 1948

Major General Geo. A. Korkan
Chief, Memorial Division
Office of the Quartermaster General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear General Korkan:

I have received the instructions for the reinterment of the remains of General George S. Patton, Jr., in a designated grave in the permanent cemetery at Hamm, Luxembourg. After studying the instructions and discussing the matter with General North, I have two questions upon which I would like answers before I proceed to carry out the plan.

I note that although General North suggested in his letter to General Larkin of 11 June 1948, that an unknown might appropriately be interred in the easterly single grave corresponding to the westerly single grave in which the remains of General Patton are to be placed, the Memorandum For The Record prepared by "Jacklian" and initialed by General Bradley says "that one of these two plots be used for General Patton's grave and the other to used for some private soldier." It appears to me that this difference was probably unintentional and that all would agree that it would be more appropriate to place the remains of an unknown in the easterly grave rather than the remains of a known private soldier. Verification is requested.

The grave in which the remains of General Patton presently lie is a specially constructed subterranean concrete vault, the top of which is a heavy concrete slab. I believe that this type of grave was used on instructions from Headquarters, European Command. As you know, the present practice with reference to all permanent reinterments is to place the coffin in a shipping case in the ground at a depth of five feet with the earth back-filled around and over the shipping case. The question arises, should the remains of General Patton be reinterred in this orthodox manner or should another vault like the one now occupied be constructed in the new grave location?

(B/L, fm Hq, AGRD, WA, dtd 27 July 48, to Maj Gen Norkan, C/Memorial Division, QMG)

General North, in discussing this matter, stated that while he was in principle opposed to any preferential treatment of remains, he felt that to alter the style of interment which had been applied previously in the case of General Patton with the full knowledge of Mrs. Patton, would take away from her and the rest of the Patton family something which has been given to them. Since this might unnecessarily cause anguish if they learned about the change, General North did not wish to object to the construction of a vault similar to the one now in use. The cost would not be great. I would appreciate an expression of your views on this matter.

In this connection, it is perhaps pertinent to remind you that the remains of General McNair and of General Roosevelt are to be interred overseas and that so far no preferential treatment in their cases appears to be contemplated.

Sincerely yours,

H. L. PECKHAM
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

4 August 1948

Dear General Peckham:

In General Norkan's absence I should like to invite your attention to our official letter, dated 30 July 1948, reference permanent grave of General Patton. I believe the official letter covers all the points you have raised in your letter to General Norkan. I trust that your interview with General Larkin on this subject will settle all the points at issue.

Sincerely,

E. HUSCH
Colonel, QMC
Acting Chief, Memorial Division

4 June 1948

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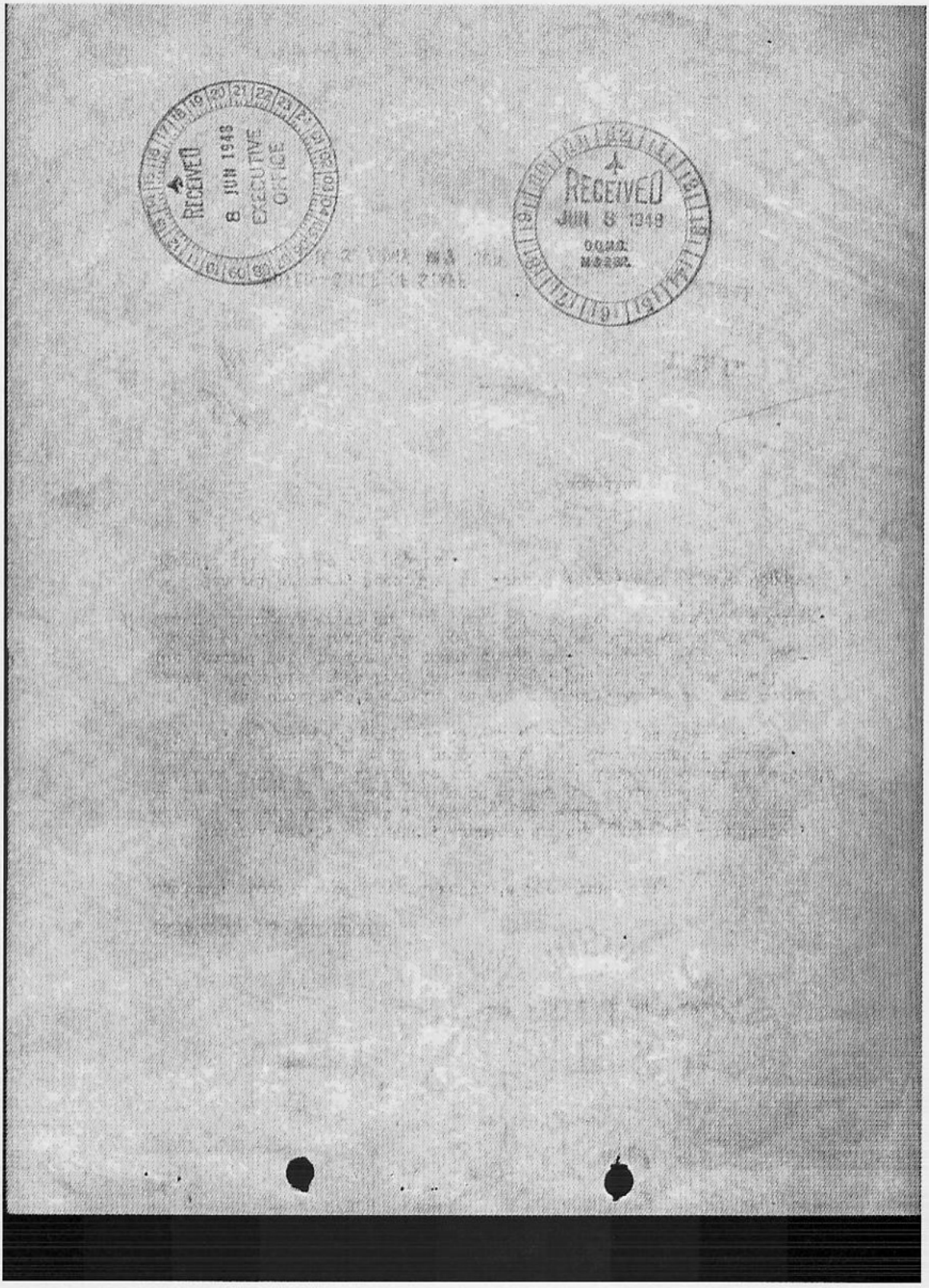
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WASHINGTON

4 June 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Location of General Patton's Grave

I do not believe there is any merit whatever in the contention that to distinguish General Patton's Grave from others is detrimental to national morale, to common decency, or to the best interests of this country or any of its people. It is true there are some demagogues and charlatans who have raised the cry that it is discrimination. It is true also that the communists of this country and the world push any such idea and would try to create as much demoralization as they could reap from it. If such a philosophy is correct, let's tear down Lincoln's tomb and eliminate Washington's monument as a traffic hazard to air travel. Actually these are the very things that give America character. We have discounted our contribution in the past in Europe by inadequate tribute to the heroes of World War I.

I think we should not be intimidated by this philosophy. It is rank error. General Patton was a symbol of American heroism. He exemplified the American spirit. He typified our ideals of American courage. The honor that is accorded to him is reflected on his troops, on the American character, and the courageous undertaking and great sacrifices they made to liberate and free European people. It was not General Patton that fought the great battles of the Third Army. It was the troops which he commanded and which he inspired. He was their symbol then; he stood at their head; he represented them; he had the position and authority which made them a potent force; and they, everyone of them, would have resented any implication that he was less than a total of all of them. They were proud to honor him. They would all resent any attempt to diminish that honor now that he is dead. We who served under him and are now alive cannot individually or collectively express our heroic effort for liberty. He is symbolic of it. He represents a means of impressing the value of it on our friends and allies in a way that no other American can. If a great monument was erected in his honor over his grave from private funds, it would accomplish much to promote free and democratic institutions in Europe. It would stimulate the courage of all who saw it. It would serve to save us billions of dollars by attracting and holding allies. It should be done; and the cheap demagoguery of those who demand equality with the lowest should be brushed aside. This philosophy emanated from those who would destroy us. There is no merit in it. We should not discount the effect of history in the future. Our Nation is growing weak for lack of stimulant to courage. We pursue "peace" more assiduously than the "values" we protect.

The things that stand today as milestones of progress of the human race in the past are the great monuments of heroic instances and the great heroes who symbolize the efforts and sacrifices of those who served under them. Our sincere people who bow to this philosophy do so

from sheer personal modesty. I appreciate their sincerety and their modesty, but it should be overruled.

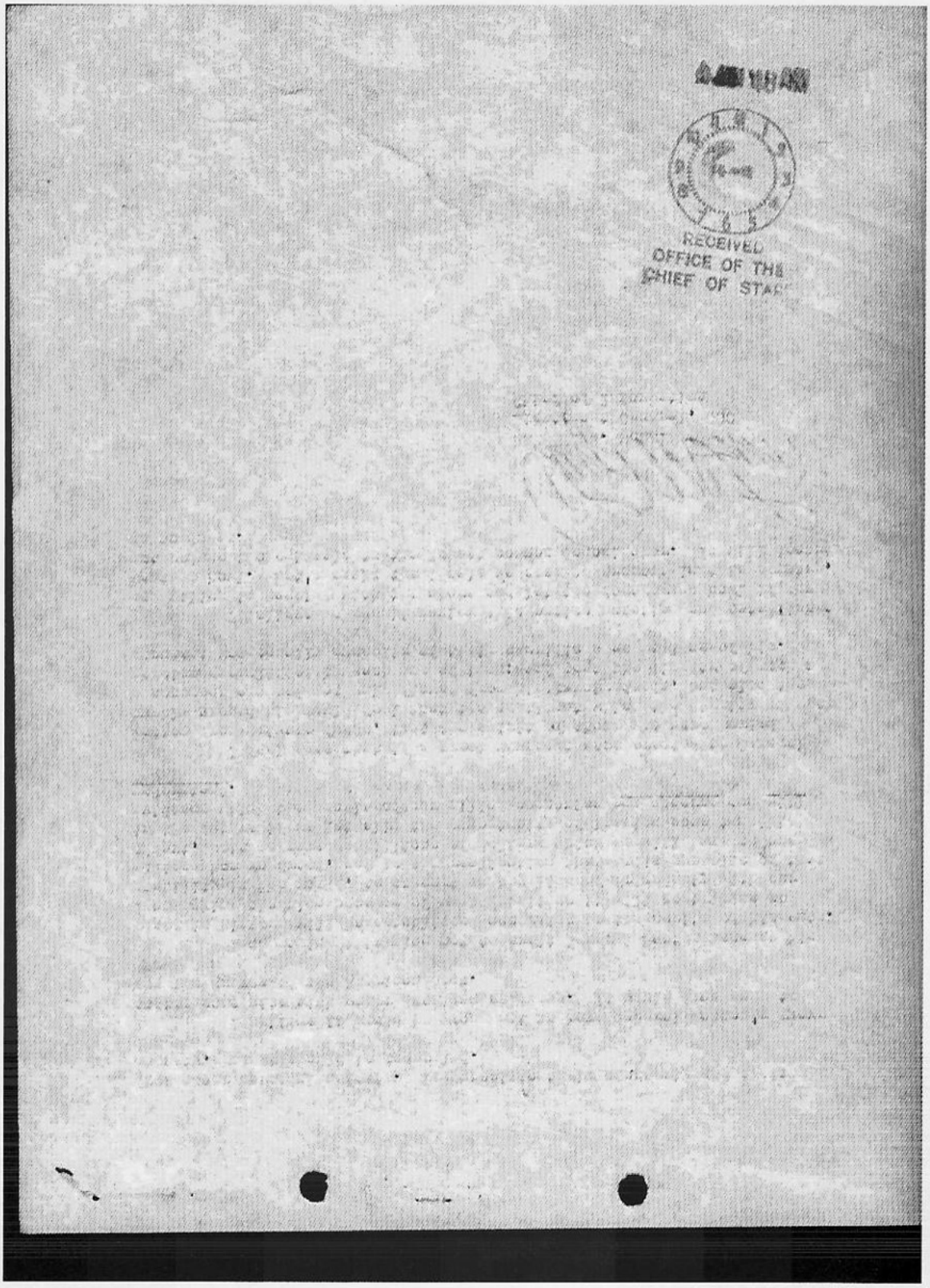
I believe it would be wrong not to have General Patton's grave at the same site with other American soldiers. It would draw many to see the graves of the American host.

I am making this plea not to exalt General Patton because his place in history will be established according to the merits of his acts. I am making the plea because of what I believe it will contribute to stability in the world, to strengthen the link of friendship with our allies whom we freed, and to the realization that he is symbolic of that effort, both to save us billions of dollars which we will have to spend in the future if we let slip the opportunity of leaving some tangible evidence which the people of our allied countries can observe and will understand.

I feel sure that if a great monument were erected to General Patton from private funds, that the spirit of those who were buried humbly around him would feel that the sentiment which the dignity of such a monument aroused not only flowed from his heroic deeds, but also the heroism exemplified by each one of them; and that the dignity of such a monument was equally symbolic of their sacrifices as well as of his.

I believe we should review this entire question and establish a new policy in keeping with the above and let the demagogues howl if they want to howl. Let's exalt the ideals we seek to promote in this country, not reduce those ideals to the lowest common denominator. It will destroy us to do so.

RAYMOND S. McLAIN
Lieutenant General, GSC
Chief of Information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QMGMD 687	Location of General Patton's Permanent Grave	19 May 1948

SUMMARY

1. Letter dated 14 May 1948 from Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission, discussed and requested my views regarding a proposal that the permanent grave of General Patton in the U. S. Military Cemetery, Hamm, Luxembourg, be placed a few yards ahead of the mass of graves in the regular plots. The letter indicated that the Chief of Staff had discussed the matter with the Secretary, ABMC.

2. My reply to General North stated that the Army had placed General Patton's temporary grave in a separate position in recognition of his outstanding leadership and in order to avoid trampling of neighboring graves by visitors, and suggested that ABMC might reasonably follow a similar course in locating the final burial place.

3. Copies of the exchange of letters are attached for your information.

T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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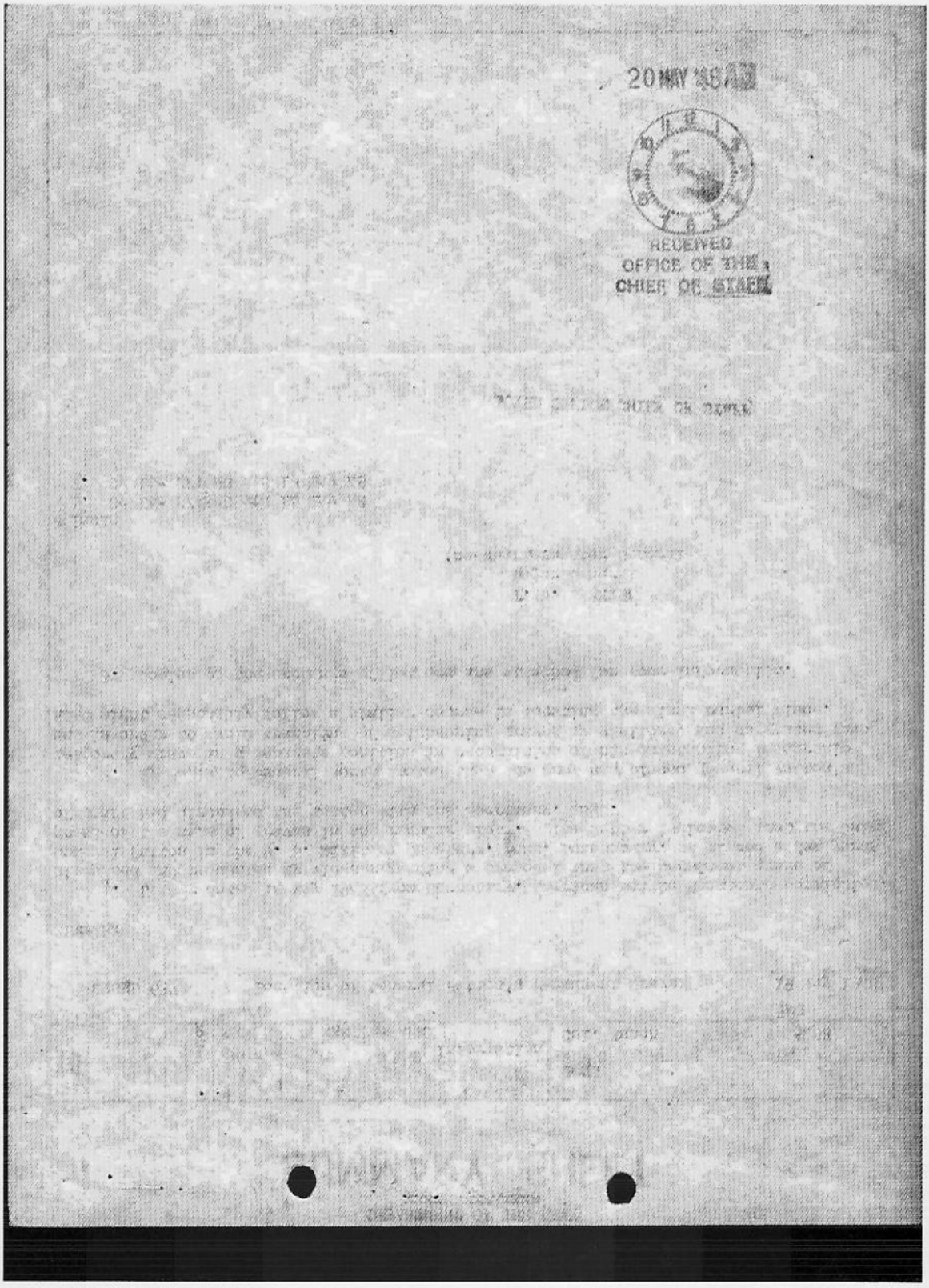
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Concur. No Congressional interest indicated

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T. A. Y.

Col. Notestein:

I believe we should segregate General Patton's grave from those of others—and his grave alone—for utilitarian reasons only. Having his grave aside from the rest will protect adjacent graves. On the other hand, burying him with other generals, or [redacted] generals and medal of honor winners will have one of two effects:

(1) that generals are something special.

(2) that generals are the equal in quality and valor to Medal of Honor winners.

Neither is substantially enough in line with the facts to justify the army in such segregation.

In connection with General North's comment (Par 3) about McNair and Teddy Roosevelt, I believe we should take the pragmatic view. These men have been buried for three years. In that time, have the graves of McNair and Roosevelt been visited by indigenes to the detriment of adjoining gravesites? I think not. Why assume, then, that in future they will be? In the case of Patton's grave, however, visitors have been many and the damage which would have been done to other graves would have been considerable had Patton's grave been buried with the rest. This fact is known and accepted by the press.

If Patton were buried with brass and heroes, those with whom he lay might attract considerable notice—but only as a sideline to the visits to the Patton "shrine."

Whether Patton rests at the foot of the flagpole or in a corner of the cemetery would make little difference. His grave, I feel, should be easy of access, but aside from its isolated location should vary in no respect whatever from those of the others who lie at Hamm.

As to the possibility of Congressional objection, I rather doubt that this would come to pass. However, if you like I will discuss the matterm with General Reber and suggest to him that he might like to sound out Gurney and Andrews on their feelings after explaining to them our reasons for burying Patton by himself.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
MEMORANDUM 5 June

Mr. Royall.

SUBJECT: Detailed Location of General Patton's Grave

(1) For your info.

(2) Gen. McClain's personal comments at Tab A are classic & well worth reading.

JD Patterson

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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IN REPLY REFER TO QMGMR 293
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

9 March 1948

SUBJECT: Disinterment Directives

TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 58, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Forwarded herewith are copies 1-4 of Disinterment Directive #6020 05866 for General George S. Patton, Jr., O-2605, and Disinterment Directive #3574 06813 for Sgt. Claire H. Lane, 33570693.

2. Request acknowledgment of receipt by indorsement hereon.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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POOLE ROGERS
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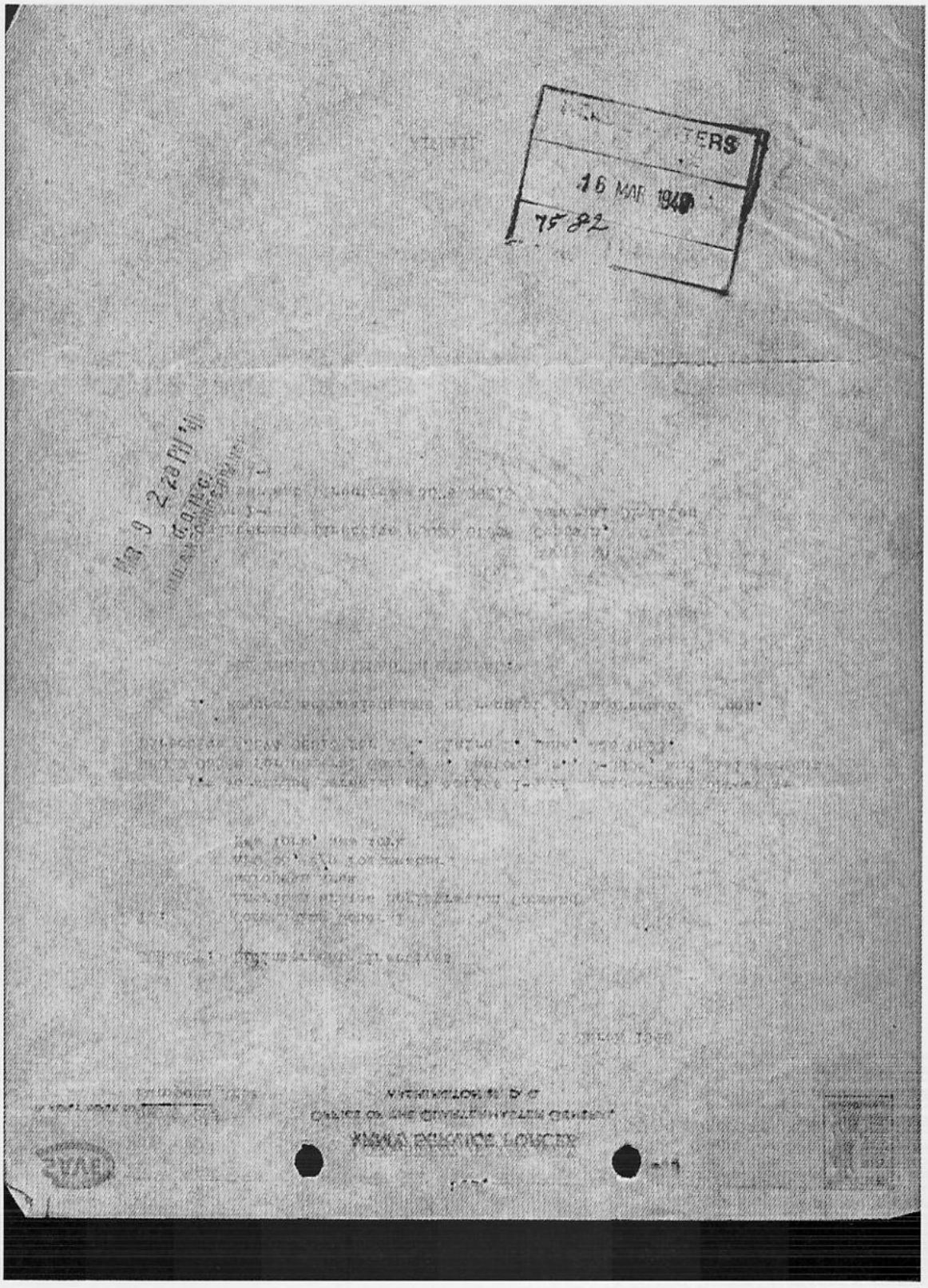
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5. TO: CG AGRC PARIS FRANCE

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ARCHITECTS OF THE AMER BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION ADVISE THAT THE PRESENT LOCATION OF GENERAL PATTONS GRAVE DOES NOT FIT THE NEW LAYOUT AND THEREFORE WILL HAVE TO BE MOVED. IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT LOCATION YOU MAY DESIRE TO LEAVE IT UNDISTURBED UNTIL THE NEW LAYOUT IS RECEIVED..... NEW SUBJ AMER BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION IS FORWARDING NEW PLAN FOR CAMBRIDGE WITH SOME MINOR CHANGES

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5. TO: Gen Horkan, Memorial Division

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RRE 314.6 1st Ind

Hq, American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 58, U S Army 17 Mar 48

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D C
Attn: Memorial Division

Receipt acknowledged.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

JOSEPH E. McCLOSKEY
1st Lt, Inf
Actg Asst Adj Gen

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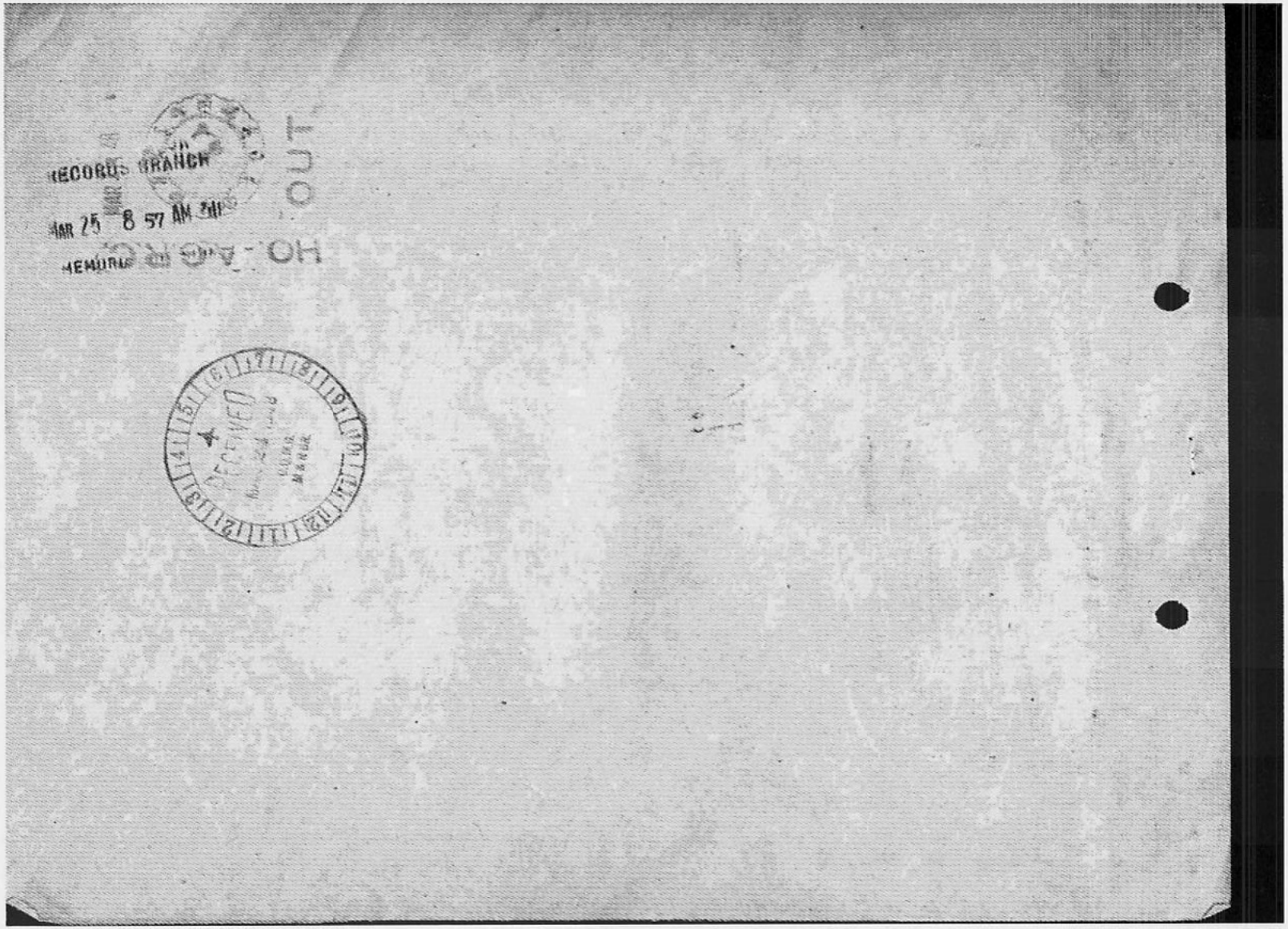
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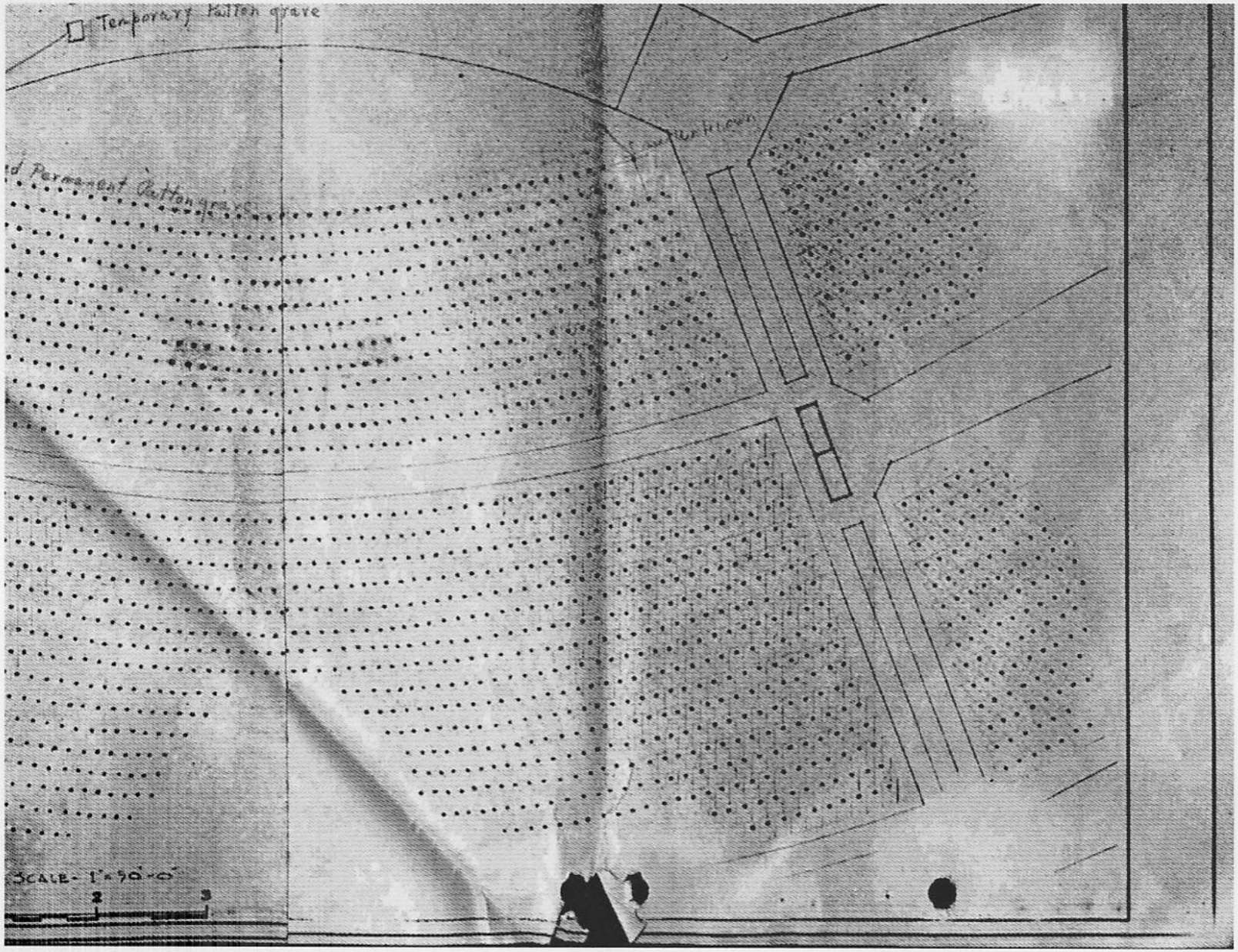
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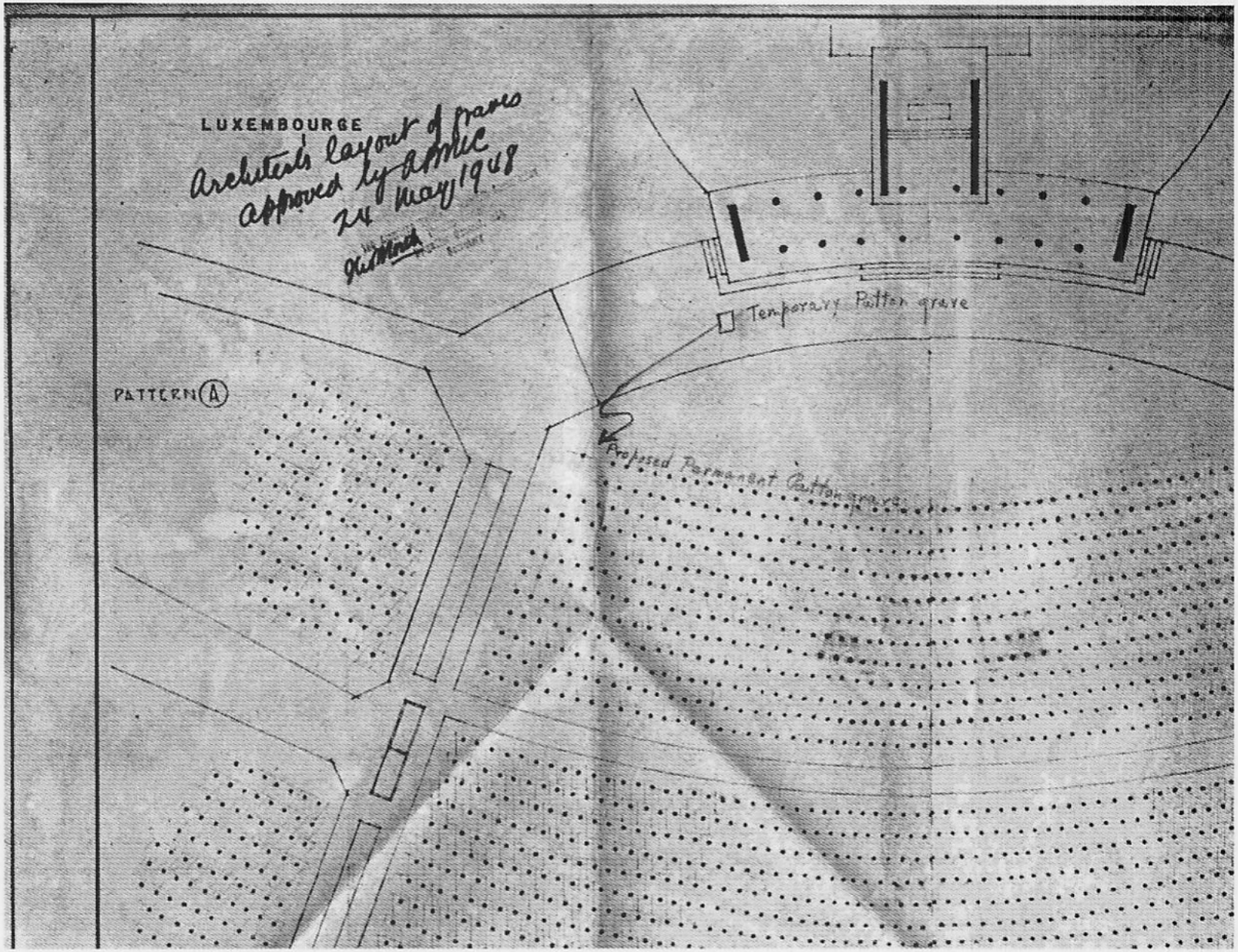
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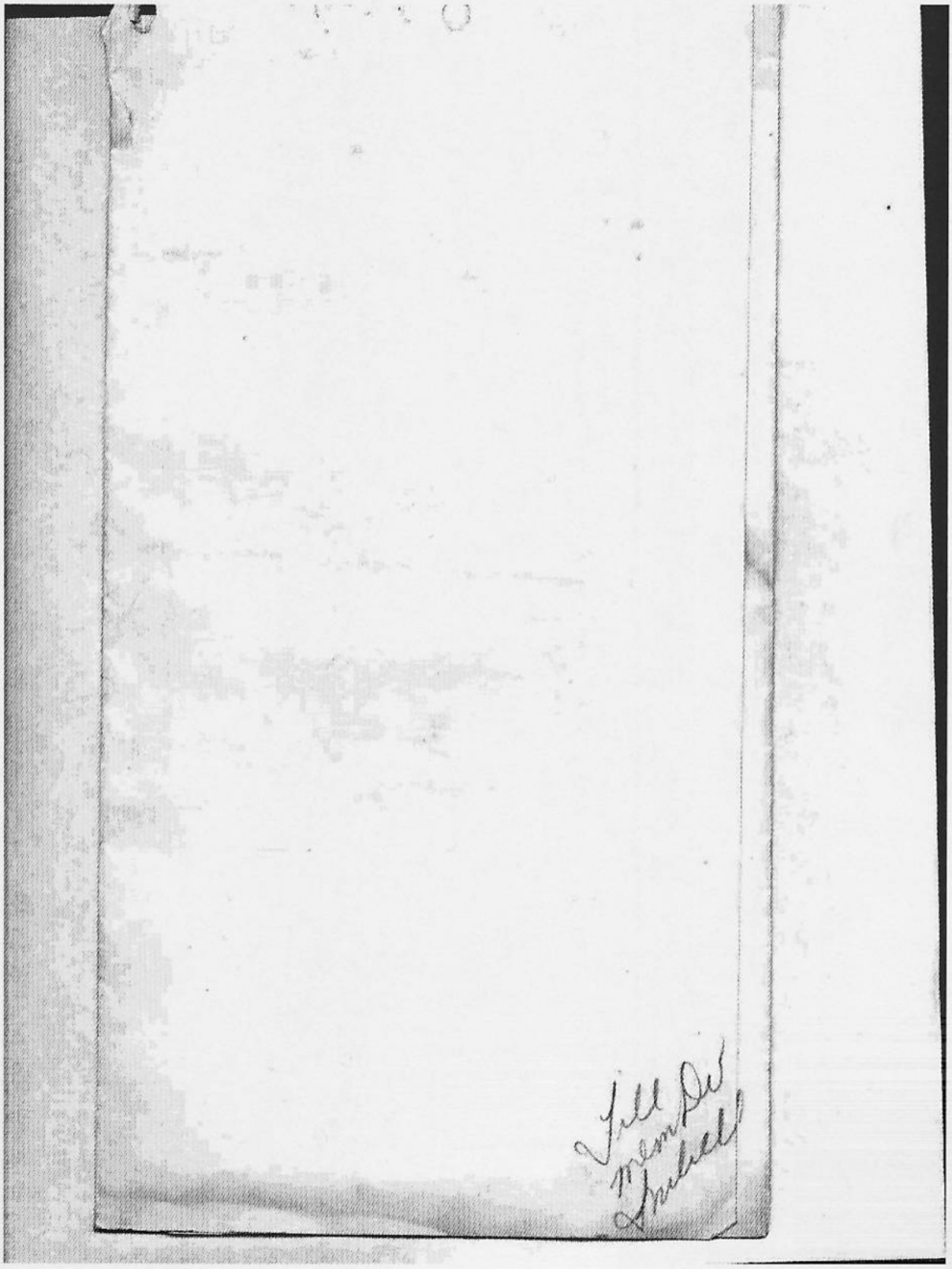

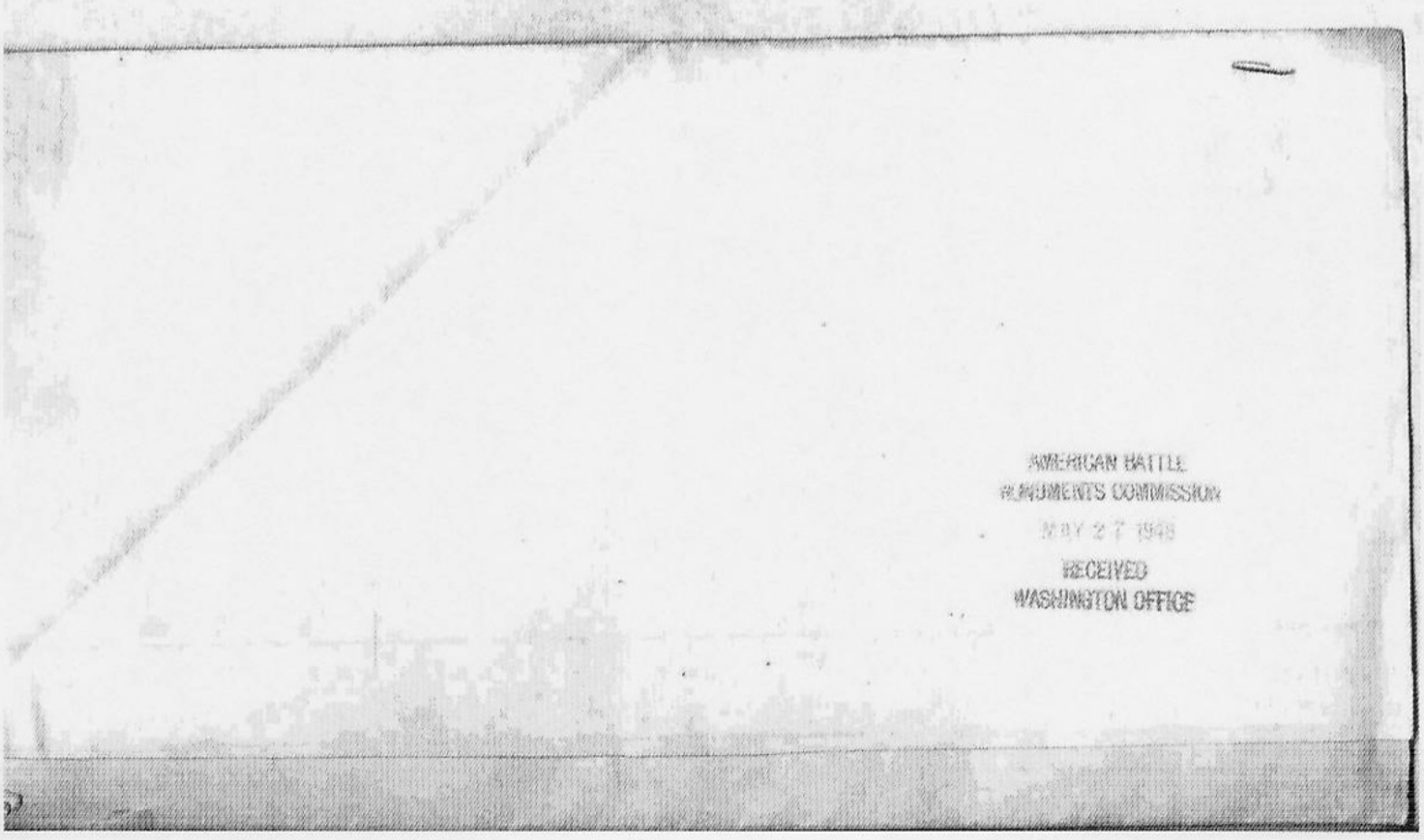
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QMGMD 293
Patton, George S. Jr.
General, O-2605
USMI, Hamm, Luxembourg

30 July 1948

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave of General George S. Patton, Jr.

TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 58, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Attention is invited to attached copy of letter from Brigadier General North, presently in Europe, to Lt. Colonel Charles B. Shaw, American Battle Monuments Commission, under date of 20 July 1948 regarding the permanent grave of General Patton. For your information, this office recommended to Colonel Shaw that he suggest to General North that the burial of General Patton in its permanent location be left to Lieutenant General Huebner and General Peckham. It is the view of the Memorial Division that the remains of General Patton should be left in the original casket and concrete vault. The vault, of which this office has only passing knowledge, was constructed under authority of the Theater Commander.

2. Attached is copy of a memorandum furnished General Larkin as the basis for discussion of this subject after his arrival in Europe.

3. General Larkin conferred in his office this morning with Major General Gay, formerly Chief of Staff for General Patton, and with the undersigned. The following subjects were discussed:

a. The desires of members of the Patton family.

b. The location now specified for the permanent grave.

c. The existing casket and the concrete vault.

As the result of this conference, it is requested that steps be taken to suspend any plans in connection with General Patton's grave pending the arrival of General Larkin. It is further requested that this subject be discussed with General Larkin upon his arrival.

VIA AIR MAIL

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QMCMD 293 Ltr dtd 30 Jul '48 Cont'd
Patton, George S., Jr.
General

VIA AIR MAIL

4. This letter does not cancel instructions furnished you under date of 8 July 1948 reference "Permanent Grave of General George S. Patton, Jr." (Ltr, Memorial Division, to CO, AGRS, ETX, QMCMD 293, Patton, Geo. S. Jr. O-2605).

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

2 Incls
Cy ltr dtd 20 Jul '48
Frm Gen North to Lt.
Col Shaw.
Memorandum

E. BUSCH
Colonel, QMC
Acting Chief, Memorial Division

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

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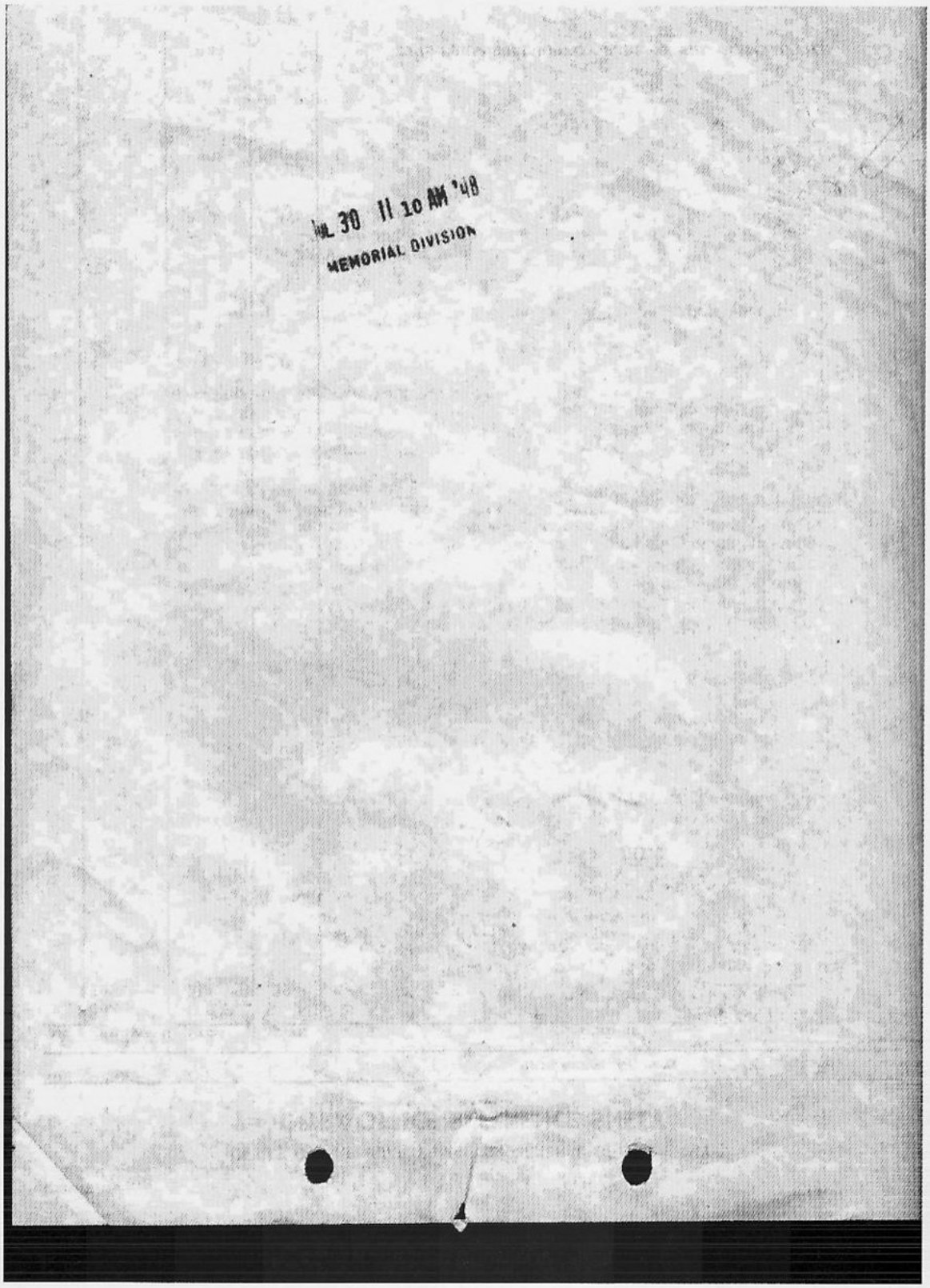
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S-A-732, THE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

June 11, 1948

Major General T. B. Larkin
The Quartermaster General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Larkin:

At its fifty-fifth Meeting the American Battle Monuments Commission considered the problems pertaining to the permanent interment of the remains of distinguished individuals. It unanimously reiterated its opinion that in the permanent cemeteries of World War II under the Commission's control, following the precedent of the World War I cemeteries, there should be no distinction among the graves or headstones with respect to rank or race.

The Commission recognized that the reputation of General Patton is such that for many years his grave will be a focal point for large numbers of visitors, and that the two by three meter spacing of the headstones would force visiting groups to stand upon the adjacent graves.

The Architect's plan for the grave blocks closest to the chapel, copy enclosed, shows at each extremity of the first row a single grave with five grave spaces omitted around it. It seemed to the Commission that the unintentional desecration of adjacent graves by visitors could be avoided if General Patton's remains were interred in the westerly single grave. An "Unknown" might appropriately be interred in the easterly single grave.

General Bradley, with whom the matter has been discussed, has verbally concurred in this suggestion.

It is, therefore, recommended that when permanent interments are made the Cemetery at Hamm the suggestions made herein be carried into effect.

Faithfully yours,

THOMAS NORTH
Brigadier General, USA
Secretary

Encl.

293, Patton, George S., Jr. General, USMC Hamm, Luxembourg.

PROBLEM: Permanent Grave of General Patton in USMC Hamm, Luxembourg.

DISCUSSION:

1. Instructions have been sent to General Peckham to bury General Patton in the corner plot of the front row of graves in accordance with General North's plan which apparently received the approval of General Bradley.

2. The Patton family are expected to object to moving the General's grave from its present location out in front near the flag pole. (The same objection may be anticipated from many members of Third Army.)

3. On 26 July 1948 General North wrote from Europe to Lt. Colonel Shaw, AGRC, and asked two questions, (See inclosure):

a. Should the grave at the opposite end of the first plot be a private or an unknown?

b. Since the casket is reported as having been placed inside a concrete vault, General North questions the advisability of burying this vault in the permanent grave because he thinks it will violate the principle of "no distinction of rank." General North asked Colonel Shaw "to get to the bottom of the circumstances under which Colonel Talbot built this vault, and the authority for the instructions given him." The Memorial Division has no knowledge of the Concrete Vault.

ACTION TAKEN: General Herkes advised Colonel Shaw to recommend to General North that the matter of General Patton's reburial (if the body must be moved), be left to this office and to General Huebner and General Peckham.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That this matter be discussed with Generals Huebner and Peckham.

2. That General Peckham be requested to leave the remains of General Patton encased in its present casket and farther that the concrete vault be allowed to remain as is.

1 Incl

Hand-carried by General Larkin on overseas trip.
cc: To AGRC, EIA

VIA AIR MAIL

QMGMD 293
Patton, George S. Jr.
General, O-2605
USMC, Hamm, Luxembourg

8 July 1948

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave of General George S. Patton, Jr.

TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 58, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to the attached documents, subject as above:

a. Photostat of letter from Brigadier General Thomas North, Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission to Major General T. B. Larkin, The Quartermaster General, dated 11 June 1948.

b. Photostat of "Memorandum for Record", signed by Lt. Colonel George Juskalian, OCS, dated 4 June 1948. (It will be noted that this memorandum bears the initials of the Chief of Staff).

2. The plan outlined in reference documents will be complied with.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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2 Incls
1. Ltr dtd 11 Jun '48 frm ABMC to TQMG w/Incl
2. Memo dtd 4 Jun '48 frm OCS

E. BUSCH
Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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S-A-732, THE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 14, 1948.

Major General Thomas B. Larkin,
Quartermaster General,
Department of the Army,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Larkin:

General Bradley recently discussed with me a proposal which he had received that in the permanent cemetery at Hamm the grave of General Patton be placed a few yards ahead of the mass of graves in the grave blocks, but that it be given no other distinction. From this discussion and discussions with other senior officers, the following ideas have been developed:

A. Favorable

1. General Patton's reputation as a leader has been established in history. His memory is revered by the people of Luxembourg.

2. He was our only four-star general to die overseas.

3. The proposed action would recognize General Patton's leadership and would challenge the popular tendency to decry individual success.

4. A majority of the senior officers I asked favor the idea. General Patton's family would probably favor it as would many Third Army veterans.

5. Foreigners who form the majority of the visitors to the cemetery will be little interested in other individual graves, but will be attracted to the cemetery largely by the fact that General Patton is buried there. Tramping around his grave will damage the grass over those of his neighbors if it is in a grave plot.

B. Unfavorable

1. The proposal violates the principle of "no distinction of rank, race or creed" which has been voiced in the Congress.

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2. Its adoption might result in a public protest, or objection in Congress; the latter might cause serious difficulty in obtaining funds both by the Department of the Army and by the Commission.

3. If this distinction is given to General Patton alone it will throw him into a relief that would call for an invulnerable defense. If given also to others the problem of where to draw the line would be difficult. The idea might be extended to Lieutenant General McNair (St. Laurent cemetery), but here we shall also have Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt, former Governor General of the Philippines. Another Brigadier General will also be buried there (Walker). At Hamm there is also Brigadier General Betts.

In all there will be one Army full general, one lieutenant general and nine brigadier generals interred in military cemeteries overseas; there will be no Navy flag officers nor Marine general officers.

It might be appropriate to give similar distinction to Medal of Honor men--the present number to be interred is unknown, but it would possibly be between 50 and 100. It is practicable to determine which deceased Medal of Honor men are to be interred, and where, in all cases where the next of kin have already replied, but in view of the desirability of the early interment of General Patton's body the decision of some of the next of kin of Medal of Honor men might be received too late for the graves to be included in such a grouping.

4. At Luxembourg the layout of grave plots would accommodate the proposed placing of the Patton grave. In most other cemeteries including St. Laurent it would not.

While less acceptable to the friends of General Patton, another idea would be to place his grave in the center of the first row flanked perhaps by the other general officer and by Medal of Honor men, and to place general officers and Medal of Honor men in similarly relatively conspicuous positions in other cemeteries. This solution will not avoid the damage to neighboring graves caused by trampling by visitors.

World War I overseas cemeteries contain the graves of only one general officer, a Brigadier General who lies within a grave plot at Suresnes.

At General Bradley's request this matter will be placed before the American Battle Monuments Commission at its next meeting. Inasmuch

as this problem is one which concerns the Department of the Army in the first instance as well as this Commission an expression of your views, together with those of the Secretary of the Army if you believe desirable, would appear to be necessary to enable a decision to be reached. The meeting of the Commission will be on 24 May.

Faithfully yours,

Thos North

THOMAS NORTH,
Brigadier General, USA,
Secretary.

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1 SEP 1946

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

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1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	QMG	GEN. HORKAN	17 May	[illegible]
2	Acting Chief, Mem Div	TQMG	19 May 1948	For signature and dispatch. Att: SS, w/incls Ltr to ABMC Busch BUSCH 5288
3				Gen Larkin: OK for sig. (2) Miss Duchey: Col Busch wishes to have hand carried — pls return to him. 19 May
4	MEM DIV. Adm Br	M&R Br Adm Div.	20 May 48	For file - originals were sent to Chief of Supt and ABMC by special messenger Womack 4713

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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1 Information

2 xxx THE ARMY Col. Busch 5288

OMGMD-687 Location of General Patton's Permanent Grave 19 May 1948

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T. B. LARKIN
Major General
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2. Cy ltr f/TQMG dtd 19 May 48

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CMNM 093
Hewett, D. F.

16 April 1948

Mr. D. F. Hewett
Calumet Hotel
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Hewett:

Your letter addressed to The Adjutant General's Office dated 30 March 1948, has been referred to this office for direct reply concerning the interment of the remains of the late General George S. Patton, Jr.

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Sincerely yours,

GEO. W. KIRMAN, JR.
Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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Enclosed envelope

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HOO FOR RECORD ONLY: Jackson - 74485

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SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
HAHN, LUXEMBOURG	BEATRICE A. PATTON (WIFE) [illegible] ABBOTT STREET SOUTH HAMILTON, MASSACHUSETTS

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	RANK	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISINTERRED

IDENTIFICATION TAG ON	ORGANIZATION	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY
☐ REMAINS ☐ MARKER	USAGE		NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS

OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

MINOR DISCREPANCIES 1

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE BY

CASKET SEALED BY	EMBALMER (Signature)

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED	SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY
DATE BY	

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

SIGNATURE OF G.S. INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

QMC FORM 1194
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QMC [illegible]
European Area

9 March 1948

SUBJECT: Disinterment Directives

TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 58, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Forwarded herewith are copies 1-4 of Disinterment Directive 6020 05866 for General George S. Patton, Jr., 0-2605, and Disinterment Directive #3574 06813 for Sgt. Claire E. Lane, 33570693.

2. Request acknowledgment of receipt by indorsement hereon.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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[illegible] Directive #3574 06813

FOOLE ROGERS
Captain, QMC
Memorial Division

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BUDGET BUREAU No. 49-R177.

REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL — DATE:

General George S. Patton, Jr., 0-2605
Plot EE, Row 9, Grave 222,
United States Military Cemetery
Hamm, Luxembourg

31 July 1947

A		C	
B		D	

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose.

If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

PART I

I, BERTRICE A PATTON WIDOW
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

(Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)

- [X] WIDOW
- [ ] WIDOWER
- [ ] SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- [ ] DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- [ ] FATHER
- [ ] MOTHER
- [ ] BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- [ ] SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- [ ] RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (*Specify*) _____

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: *(Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)*

- [X] 1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS. Hamm Luxembourg
- [ ] 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

HAMM
(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

- [ ] 3. BE RETURNED TO _____ (FOREIGN COUNTRY) THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____ (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)
- [ ] 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____ (LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)

(Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)

[ ] YES [ ] NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: *(If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)*

GEORGE S. PATTON JR, GENERAL
0-2605

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Ordered 1/30/48
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PART I (*Continued*)

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME		MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (*Nearest railroad passenger station*)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		TELEPHONE No.

OR

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
EXPRESS OFFICE (*Nearest railroad passenger station*)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS		TELEPHONE No.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (*For additional space use page 4.**)

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Beatrice A. Patton (SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) 650 ASBURY ST (STREET AND NUMBER)

BEATRICE A. PATTON (NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) SO. HAMILTON MASS (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 27th day of August 1947, at city (or town) of Salem, county of Essex, and State (~~or Territory or District~~) of Massachusetts

Harold G. Jameson (SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)

Notary Public (OFFICIAL TITLE)

*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation.

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PART II—RELINQUISHMENT OF DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

If you are the next of kin and you desire to relinquish your disposition authority, please fill in PART II of this form.

I, THE _____ AS THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED
(PLEASE INSERT RELATIONSHIP)

NAMED IN PART I OF THIS FORM, DO HEREBY RELINQUISH MY RIGHTS TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED. THE NEXT EXISTING PERSON IN THE ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY OF DECEDENT'S SURVIVORS IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

WHOM I UNDERSTAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED.

(DATE)

(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) (STREET AND NUMBER)

(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) (CITY AND STATE)

PART III

If you are NOT the next of kin authorized to direct the disposition of remains, please fill in PART III of this form.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT I AM NOT THE NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED NAMED ON PAGE 1 OF THIS FORM. THE FOLLOWING PERSON, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS THE NEXT OF KIN TO WHOM THIS FORM SHOULD BE DIRECTED.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED		
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	STATE OR COUNTRY

(DATE)

(SIGNATURE) (STREET AND NUMBER)

(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) (CITY AND STATE)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND INSTRUCTIONS

All remarks and information entered here will be considered as part of the Notarial Attestation.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN THEATER AREA
APO 58 U S ARMY

RKK 314.6 2 May 1947

SUBJECT: GR Form #1, Report of Burial
Transmittal Letter No. 2293

TO : The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D C
(Attn: Memorial Division)

1. Enclosed herewith for your records is one (1) Report of Burial.

2. It is requested that acknowledgment of receipt be made by indorsement hereon.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

JOSEPH E. McCLUSKEY
1st Lt, Inf
Actg Asst Adj Gen

1 Inclosure.

Patton, George S. Jr 0-2605

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Subj: GR Form [illegible], Report of Burial Transmittal Ltr [illegible])

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Patton, George S. Jr. 02605

WD, [illegible], Washington 25, D. C. 21 MAY 1947

TO: Commanding General, American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 58, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Receipt acknowledged.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl: w/d

MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, [illegible]
Memorial Division

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May 22 1 [illegible]
[illegible]
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Assistant Chief		
Executive Officer		
Ass't. Chief f/Oper		
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Cemeterial Br		
Liaison Br	✓	
Man. & Insp. Br		
Oporations Br		
Plans & Policy Br		
Repat. Records Br		
Copy to QMG	[redacted]	No

Special Notation:

South Hamilton,
Mass., March 20th
1946

Dear General Lasker —

Thank you for your good letter of March 16th.

My husband always said he would be "buried where he fell," and I know he would not want his body moved under any circumstances. Neither do I. I + is very hopeful

that the Hamm cemetery will not be closed, but if it is, I hope still that we can arrange with Luxembourg to have him there. Wherever he is buried will always be a shrine.

I agree with you about "distraught emotions." I have thought of several ways to comfort them. One is a soldier monument in various towns, with names inscribed, as after the Civil war; another is a series of pilgrimages for wives or mothers or both, similar to the Gold Star pilgrimages. If the government has to finance them it would be

for less costly than repatriation of bodies, and would mean more to the hearts of those directly concerned; ~~also~~ instead of profits to the National Society of Morticians, who reap from one's dearest emotions. If the D.M. Dept will put out letters

describing the cemeteries and emphasising immortality of the soul (which most people profess to believe) you would not have to repatriate. I had a letter the other day saying "my son is buried at Hamm but I have not been able

to find out one thing about it." I wrote her a long letter and she is now planning to have him there.

I am terribly busy with things you can imagine, but should you ever want me to sponsor the widows & mothers * for any such project, I feel I may have some influence.

To date, the government appears only to have suggested bringing them home -- no pleasant alternative proposals at all. I feel that they have

missed the point! If one believes in immortality, why ~~not glorify and~~ torment the poor body by pushing it around?

Forgive this diatribe —

Sincerely

Beatrice Patton

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283 Patton, George S. (Gen)
So. Hamilton, Mass
Apr. 3. 47

Dear Major Coombs -
Many thanks
for sending the letter &
picture of the cemetery
to Mrs. Candler. It is
too bad that the
war dept. would do
this for us, but not
for her in the first
instance. Sincerely -
Beatrice Patton

(Mrs G. S. Patton Jr.)

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From: HQ EUCOM Frankfurt, Germany sgd Huenber cite EGBPC

To: War Department for QM, WDSPR for Parks

Info: AGRC Paris, France

Nr: SC 23467 293 18 April 1947

Reference WCL 37761 concerning relocation remains of General George S Patton Jr., this Headquarters will make no press release on subject. If queried by the press will advise relocation effected in order prevent desecration graves adjacent Pattons caused by many visitors.

End

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ACTION: QMC Mem (Liaison) (2)

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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
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24 March 1947

293 Patton, George S. Jr. General

General George A. Horkan
Director, Memorial Division
Office of The Quartermaster General
War Department
Washington 25, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

/s/ J. C. Odell
J.C. ODELL,
Colonel, Q.M.C.
Commanding

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a/s

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HEADQUARTERS
US FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER
Office of the Chief of Staff

13 March 1947

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Sincerely,

/s/ C. R. HUEBNER
C. R. HUEBNER
Major General, GSC
Chief of Staff

Colonel J. C. Odell
American Graves Registration Command
APO 887, US Army

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CC AGRC PARIS FRANCE PRIORITY

HEIDCOM FRANKFURT GERMANY MULTIPLE ADDRESS

FROM CONSEL HCL 3.7761

REPORT OF TWO FOUR MARCH ONE NINE FOUR SEVEN CONCERNING RELOCATION REMAINS OF LATE GENERAL GEORGE SOUAR PATTON CMA JR CMA SUBJECT NPT SUBJECT TO THEATER REGULATIONS REQUEST YOU TAKE ACTION TO RELEASE INFORMATION TO PRESS AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

FOR RECORD ONLY (Cgle 71083)

1. Ltr fm Col J. C. Odell, AGRC, ETA, dtd 24 Mar 47, expressing concern of unfavorable publicity if newspaper correspondents learn Gen George S Patton, Jr's grave has been moved to prevent desecration of former adjoining graves.

2. Comment 3, IRS, dtd 10 Apr 47 fm OTI to Gen Horkan says "Information Div (WD) (Col Fielder) says we should cable Odell telling him to make the announcement and not wait for press to get the information sub-rosa."

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QUEEL 243 Patton, George S., Jr. 11 APR 47 O. J. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] 1 1

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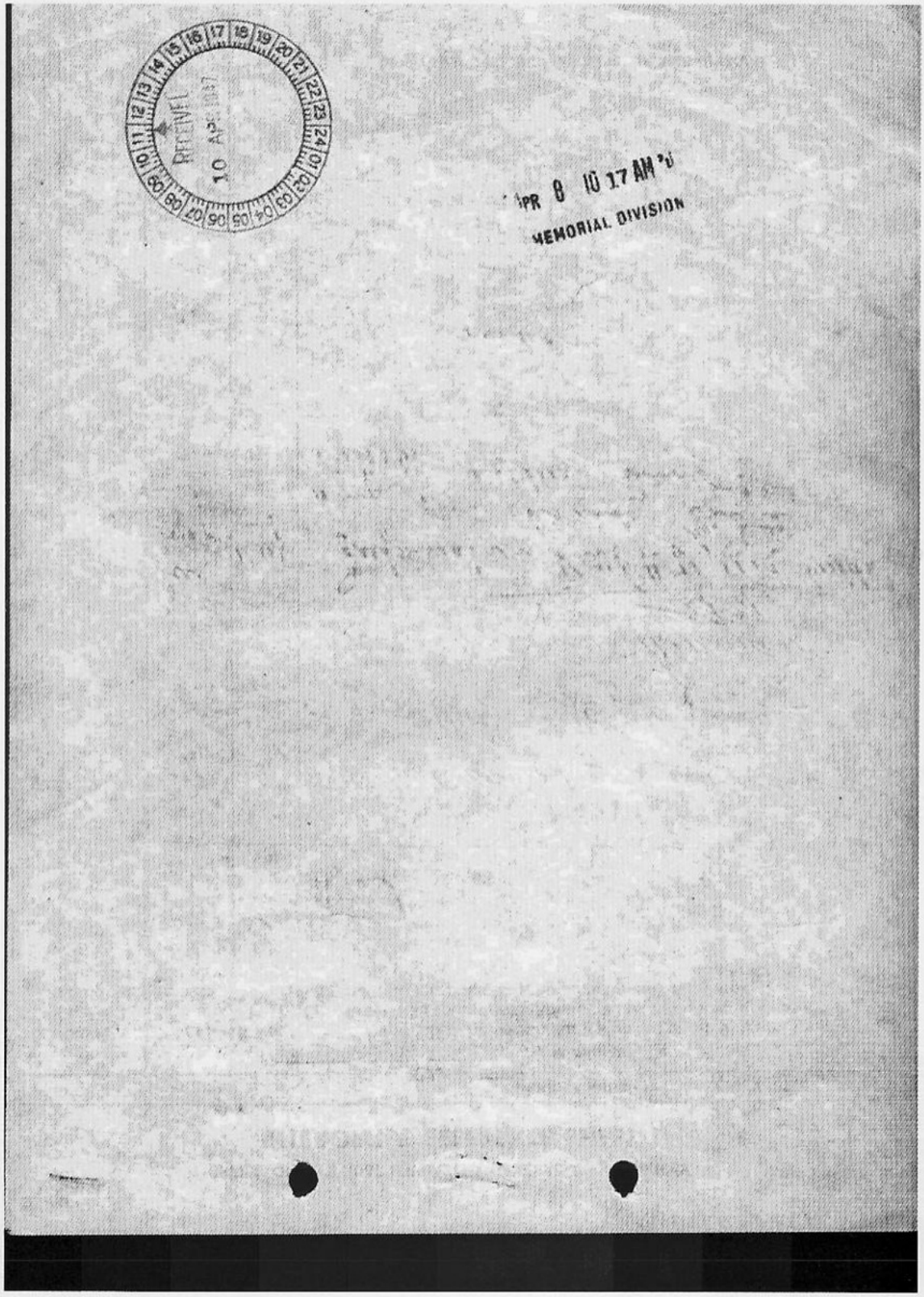
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293 Patton, George S Jr
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Office of the Military Attache
and Military Attache for Air
American Embassy
Belgrade, Jugoslavia
11 February 1947

A-32-47

SUBJECT: Pictures of General Patton's Grave

TO: Director of Intelligence, WDGS, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Inclosed please find two snapshots of General Patton's grave in Belguim, which were given to the British Military Attaché here by some unknown man and then transferred to me.

R. C. PARTRIDGE
Colonel, GSC
Military Attaché

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Intelligence Division, WDGS, War Department, Washington 25, D. C.,
27 March 1947

TO: The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D. C.

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AGPO-CG 201 Patton, George S., Jr. 2nd Ind LT/1E515
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WD, AGO, Washington 25, D. C., 31 March 1947

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

2 Inclosures
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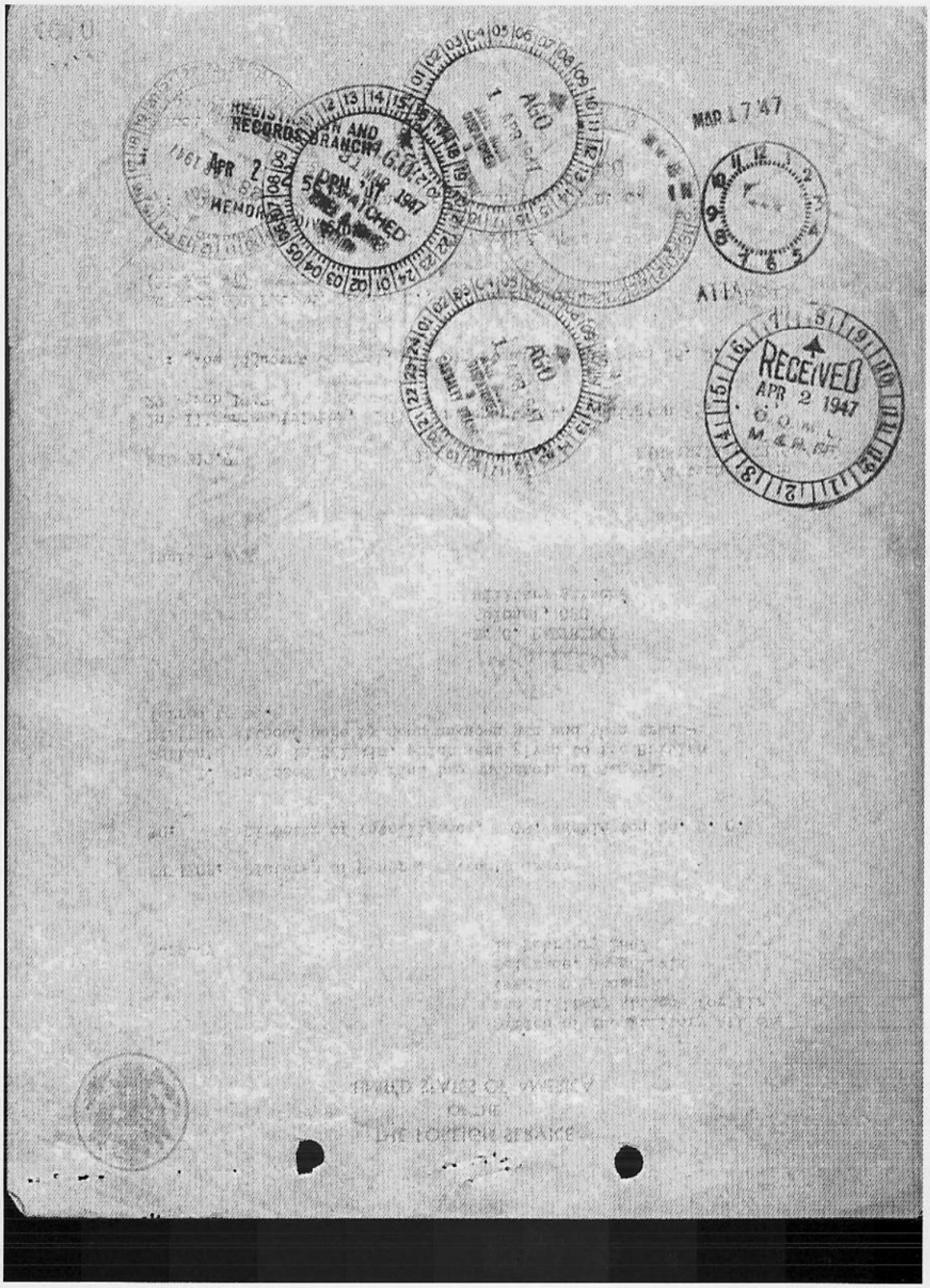

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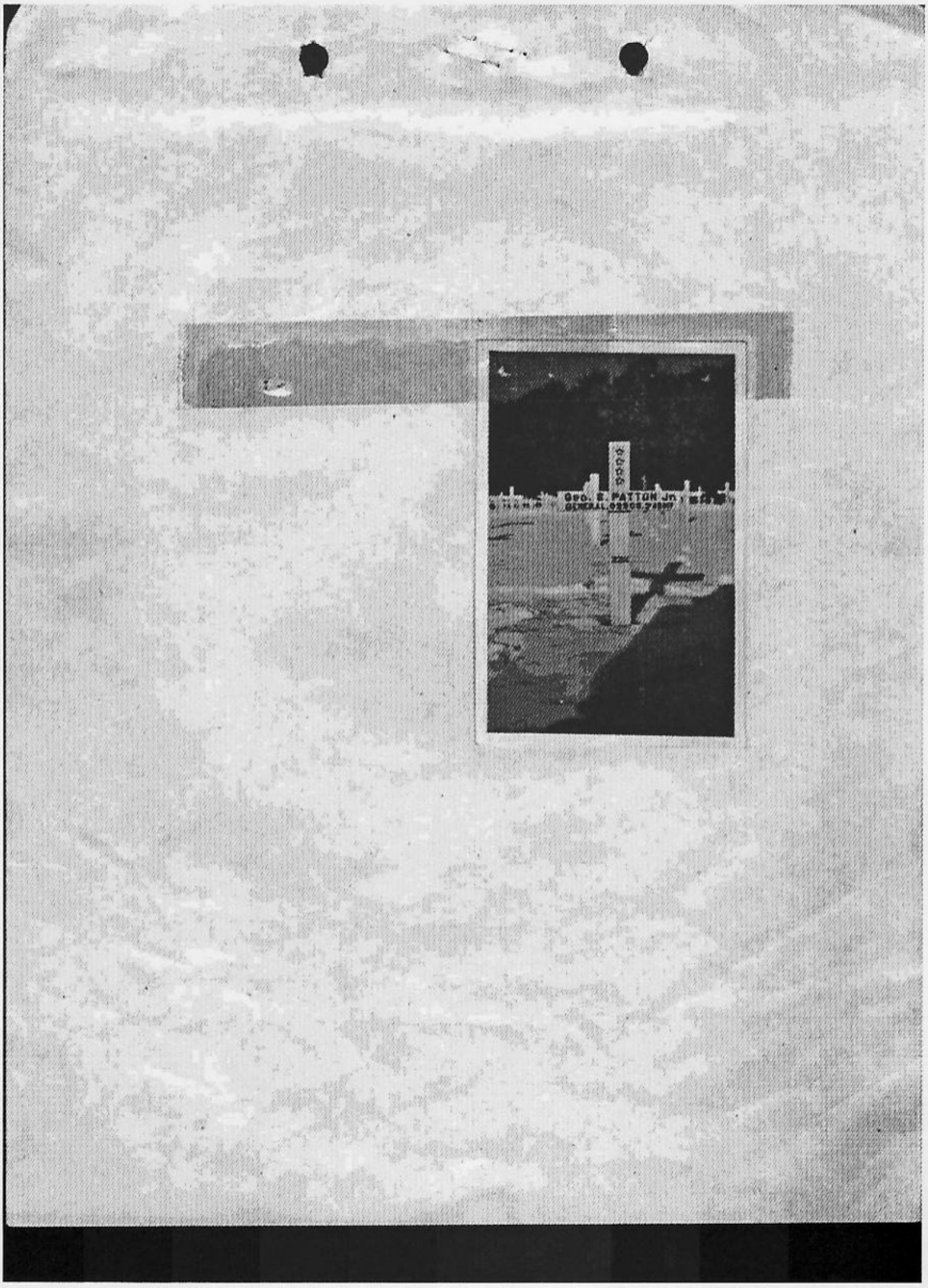
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SYNOPSIS 10/23/46

LETTER:

FROM: COMD.

TO: MR. JACK D. HIRAL, CHIEF, FOREIGN ACTIVITY CORRELATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, ROOM 104, ARCHITECTS BUILDING.

ATTN: MR. L.B. DERBY

Acknowledgment is made of Department of State's communication dated 11 Oct., 1946 with inclosed copy of letter dated 18 September 1946 from the American Legation, Luxembourg.....

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QMIYE 293
Patton, George S. Jr.
A.S.N. 0-2605

3 July 1946

Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr.
3900 Tunlow Road
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Patton:

The War Department is most desirous that you be furnished information regarding the burial location of your husband, the late General George S. Patton, Jr., A.S.N. 0-2605.

The records of this office disclose that his remains are interred in the U. S. Military Cemetery, Hamm, Luxembourg, plot [illegible], row 9, grave 222.

This cemetery is located approximately two miles east of the city of Luxembourg, and is under the constant care and supervision of United States military personnel.

The War Department has now been authorized to comply, at Government expense, with your feasible wishes regarding final interment, here or abroad, of the remains of your loved one. At a later date, this office will, without any action on your part, provide you with full information and solicit your detailed desires.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

293 Patton, George S. (Gen)

16 March 1946

My dear Mrs. Patton:

I have been informed of the splendid cooperation which you so whole-heartedly gave General Littlejohn in the matter of the funeral arrangements for General Patton. Your wise and helpful decision at that time did much to mould public opinion and to allay the distraught emotions of those widows and parents who, too, have lost a husband or son.

In the matter of your decision as to General Patton's final resting place, I quite agree with General Littlejohn, that General Patton would have wished to remain with his men who loved him, and of the soldiers of the Third Army, now resting in the Hamm Cemetery, indicates their desire is for their men to remain in Hamm with General Patton, perhaps then you will elect to leave him with his men.

You may be certain that should enabling legislation be passed authorizing repatriation, the Quartermaster General will comply with your desires.

Sincerely yours,

T. B. Larkin
Major General
The Quartermaster General

Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr.
South Hamilton, Massachusetts

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43 Patton, Geo S.

293 - Patton, George S. (Gen.)

27 February 1948

Major General Hobart R. Gay
Commanding General, 31st AAA Brigade
APO 154, U. S. Army

My dear Hap:

I wish to thank you for your nice letter which was a prompt reply to two previous letters to you.

It just so happens that there are several officers from the Office of the Quartermaster General here in the European Theater in connection with repatriation.

I had them read my letter to Mrs. Patton and your letter to me.

In the light of the above, I am furnishing you with a copy of the letter as it went to Mrs. Patton.

With best wishes,

Your friend

ROBERT M. LITTLEJOHN
Major General, U.S.A.
Commanding

COPY

27 February 1946

Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr.
South Hamilton
Mass.

My dear Beatrice:

I wish to thank you on behalf of my Command, for the very nice and appreciative letter dated 15 January which I received a few days ago. I accept, with thanks, in the names of the individuals who were really responsible for the handling of the funeral arrangements for General Patton. It is, indeed, a pleasure to have service appreciated.

I wish to refer to the conversation with you and I had on the train the night before George's interment at Hamm and to our brief conversation at the Cathedral in Washington.

As I stated to you, not long before George died, he and I discussed the question of repatriation. George definitely stated - "The American soldier in this war should lie where he fell."

We discussed this point quite at length. We agreed that the peace of World War I had been lost and that perhaps, something from this war in connection with repatriation might affect the peace of World War II and the future of national defense in the United States. I suggested in this conversation, that if the dead repatriated to the United States were concentrated in National Cemeteries by States, at readily accessible points in each State, we might create a living and permanent memorial which would cause the future generations to become cognizant of the cost of war; realize the necessity of national defense in

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its true sense and thereby help formulate national policies toward world cooperation and the maintenance of permanent peace.

George's remark, as well as I remember it, was- "Well, it is worth thinking about." I never had occasion to discuss this matter with him again. Knowing George so well, I can certainly say that he would always want to be with his soldiers and they with him.

In World War I there were, in round numbers, some 80,000 American dead in the European Theater. Approximately 60% of these dead were repatriated to the United States. However, in effecting repatriation, the bodies of the individual soldiers went largely to private cemeteries where any effect upon future generations would have little or no consequence.

During my recent trip to the United States, I obtained from the Office of The Quartermaster General, the available statistics on 102,848 voluntary letters received by the Memorial Division of that office, concerning the bodies of deceased American soldiers scattered throughout the world. Of these, only 111 have expressed a desire for the remains to be left in the United States Military Cemeteries overseas, and three have expressed a desire for the remains to be left in the United States Military cemeteries overseas, and three have expressed a desire to inter the remains in a private cemetery overseas. Taking all these letters as a whole, and breaking them down under pertinent categories, they may be summarized on a percentage basis as follows:

a.	Requesting burial information		31.52%
b.	Requesting return of remains		23.17%
	Do not disturb	.49%	
	Repatriate	22.68%	
c.	Balance of Queries		45.31%
	TOTAL		100.00%

Definitely, the 100,000 letters in the Office of The Quartermaster General cannot be accepted as the true feeling of the next of kin as the question of repatriation had not been put to them and they were, in a very large measure, merely seeking information.

As I stated to you a short time ago, and as indicated in your letter of 13 January, the permanent interment of General Patton in this Theater will have an important bearing upon the ultimate decision of many of the next of kin.

In the last and final analysis, there will, unquestionably, be a substantial number of bodies repatriated. If they could be concentrated in National Cemeteries, as I have indicated, perhaps the suggestion which I have offered may bear some fruit with future generations.

On the other hand, those that remain here will be concentrated in beautiful cemeteries. Definitely these will be points of interest to the American public that visit Europe. Unquestionably, the dead in these cemeteries will form a bond of friendship between the liberated countries and the American people - so, you see from the foregoing, that I argue on both sides of this question.

Wherever George Patton may be buried will be a shrine. If he be buried here, we must have a suitable monument erected to him at West Point or elsewhere in the United States.

Repatriation must, of necessity, extend over quite a period of time. It is contemplated that polls be made of definite groups of cemeteries. The tentative plan includes, as priority 1, the cemeteries in Holland, Belgium and Luxemburg. This includes Hamm. It is impossible to determine in advance, how many Third Army men are to be repatriated. However, I am sure that the Office of The Quartermaster General would be willing to

entertain from you, a vote for the repatriation of General Patton to be contingent upon whether or not the majority of the soldiers in Hamm are repatriated. In other words, in answering the questionnaire, if you do indicate that the repatriation of General Patton would be decided by the majority of votes for that specific cemetery, I see no reason why it cannot be done.

The original draft of my letter to you was sent down to General Gay, the former Chief of Staffof the Third Army. His comments are attached. In the light of General Gay's comments, I discussed the question of your being advised concerning the poll of the next of kin for the Hamm cemetery with some of the officers currently here from the Office of The Quartermaster General, hence the suggestion offered above.

In the event that you desire any future action on my part, please write me at 1851 Columbia Road, N.W., Washington, D. C., and I shall be most happy to comply.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT M. LITTLEJOHN
Major General, U.S.A.
Commanding.

1 Incl.
Ltr fr Gen. Gay

QUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES

MEMO ROUTING SLIP

TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED:

	NAME OR TITLE	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	INITIALS / DATE
1	The Quartermaster General			
2				
3	293 Patton George S. (Gen)			

Forwarded for your files.

Memorial Div

I do not maintain such a file

T. B. L.

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See file [illegible] 3/16/46

FROM:	NAME	ORGANIZATION	BUILDING AND ROOM	DATE
	Memorial Division			18 March 46
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W. D., A. G. O. Form 0115
1 October 1944

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES

MEMO ROUTING SLIP

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1 October 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
31ST AAA BRIGADE
APO 154

17 February 1946

Dear General Littlejohn:

When I got home last night from an inspection trip I found your letters of the 13th and 15th of February, and also draft of a letter which you propose to write to Mrs. Patton. From your letters I infer that you are leaving the theater. I am very sorry to hear this but I know that you must be going to a location which you like better. In other words, our loss is someone else's gain. Thanks very much for your kind remarks reference your visits to Headquarters Third Army in the past. You were a ray of sunshine to General Patton and to myself.

So many of the old Third Army personnel have left that it is nearly impossible to contact them to find out their recommendations reference the repatriation of General Patton's remains to the United States, but I will take the matter up with the few of those who are left, in particular General Maddox and General Muller, and will write Mrs. Patton what they think on the subject. As to my own opinion, in substance, it is:

a. That if General Patton's remains are to be repatriated to the United States, they undoubtedly should be buried at West Point and members of the Third Army who served under him should see and furnish the funds for erecting a suitable monument at that place.

b. The question as to whether or not he should be repatriated should depend on the wishes of Mrs. Patton and upon whether or not the remains of the majority of the Third Army dead are to be repatriated to the United States. I am convinced in my own mind that he would like to have his final burial grounds in the country where the majority of the Third Army dead remain at rest.

Quite naturally, you have without question my permission to state to Mrs. Patton that I have read your letter to her, and also you are hereby granted permission to quote to her any pertinent statements in this letter which you see fit to include.

Presently you can get me at one of the following two addresses:
Headquarters 1st Armored Division, APO 261 (Gmund) or
Headquarters 31st AAA Brigade, APO 154 (Baelingen)

With kindest personal regards and wishing you a very successful trip home and a successful future, I am

Your friend,

/s/ "Hap"
HOBART R. GAY
Major General, USA,
Commanding

Major Gen. Robert M. Littlejohn,
Office of the Theater Quartermaster
APO 757, US Army

SPCYE 293
(Patton, George S. Jr.
Gen.)

O-2605

10 January 1946.

Mr. William D. Silverman
1408 Walton Avenue
Bronx 52, New York

My dear Mr. Silverman:

The President of the United States has forwarded to this office your communication relative to the return of the remains of the late General George S. Patton Jr., to the Arlington National Cemetery.

The final disposition of the remains of General Patton is a matter for his widow to decide. You may be assured that her wishes will be respected and if she desires the General's remains finally interred in the Arlington National Cemetery and will so advise this office when the poll of the next of kin of our known dead is made, this office will do everything within its power to carry out the widow's wishes.

This office appreciates the patriotic motive which prompted your letter and you may rest assured that Mrs. Patton's wishes will be carried out with reference to the last resting place of her husband.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Very truly yours,

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HOY M. [redacted]
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Assistant

CASE NO. 321

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES

MEMO ROUTING SLIP

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TO THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER INDICATED:

	NAME OR TITLE ORGANIZATION BUILDING AND ROOM	INITIALS / DATE
1	Director, Memorial Division, OQMG Room 1007, Temp C, Washington, D.C.	EMG 4 Jan 46
2		
3	Re: General George S. Patton, Jr.	

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office.

1 Incl.
Ltr 22 Dec 45



FROM: NAME ORGANIZATION BUILDING AND ROOM	DATE / TELEPHONE
Cas. Br., Inves & Corres Sec 4641, Mun. Bldg	79030

W. D., A. G. O. Form 0118
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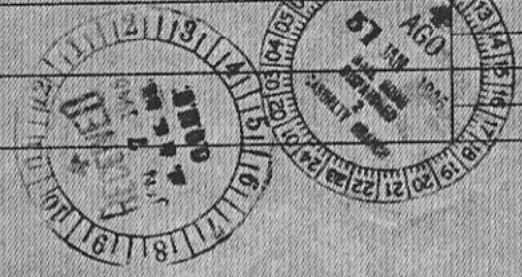

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December 22, 1945

To THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
Honorable Mr. Harry Truman
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President.

I herein join the rest of the world, in expressing my deepest sympathy in the loss of our great Gen. George S. Patton Jr.

The sudden death of Gen. Patton, and also the funeral plans, must be in every ones mind, and I also feel that maybe Mrs. Patton and the War Department, would reconsider the burial plans, and you Mr. President maybe, as Commander and Chief of the United States of America, will issue orders to have Gen. George S. Patton Jr. buried in Arlington Cemetary, with our other great presidents and military Heroes.

Mrs. George S. Patton Jr. and the generals family, I am sure deserve this consideration.

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We the people of the United States, take great pride in our Country, and its great citizens, who have made this world a safer place to live in, and in our every day life, honor all our great who have died, by visiting their final eternal resting place.

I for one, and I am sure millions of others have paid our respects, to our beloved heroes, in Arlington Cemetary, Washington's Lincoln's and Grant's Tombs, I will always look back to V J Day, because I spent that day in Vicksburg Mississippi, and when I walked across the bridge from Louisiana to go to Vicksburg, I noticed a Cemetary, on both sides of the highway, the hours I spent walking from Statue to Statue of the Great Officers and Men, who gave their lives, for the Southern Course, will remain, with me forever.

We, and the future citizens of the United States of America, will appreciate your efforts in having General George S. Patton Jr. buried in his proper resting place, the ARLINGTON CEMETARY.

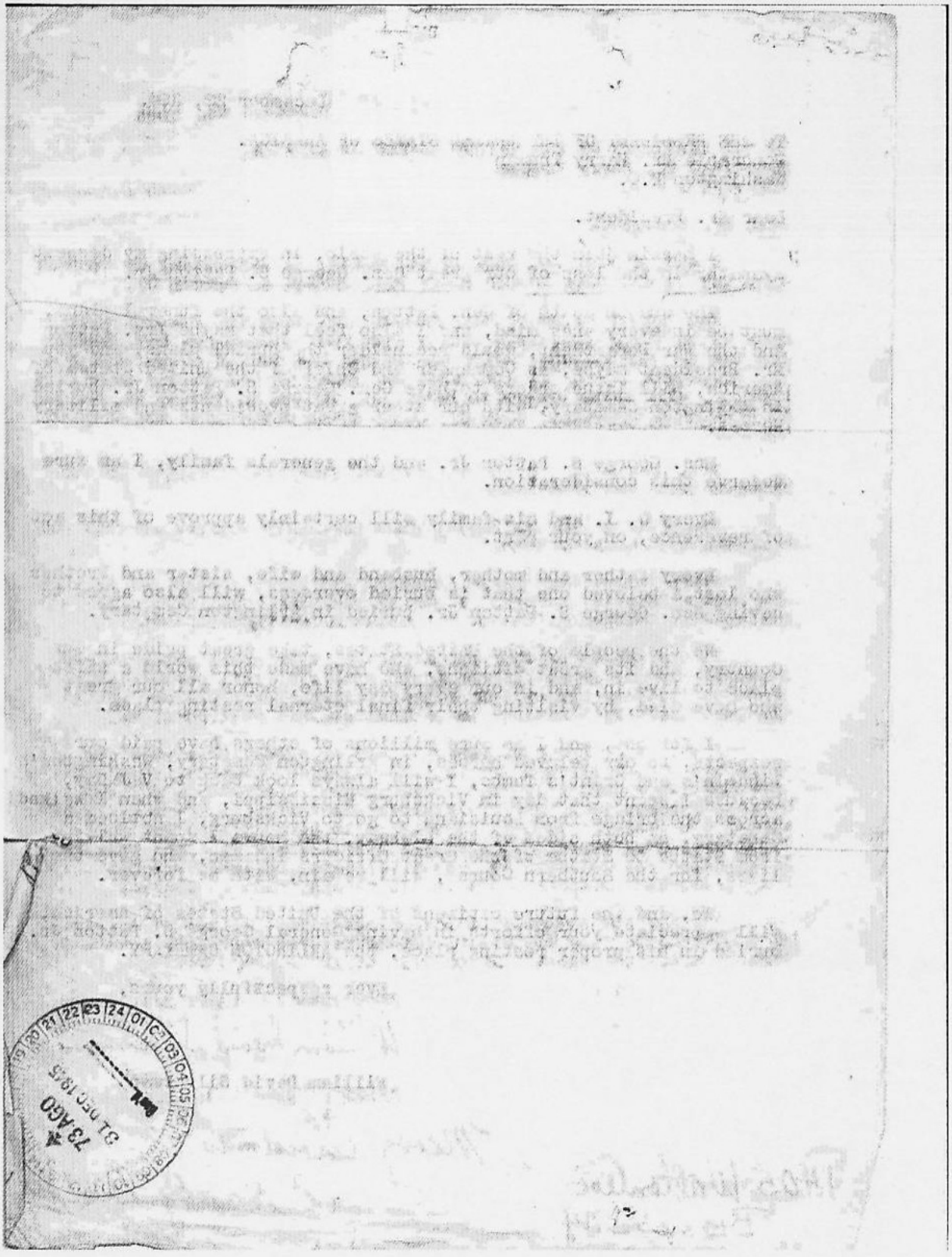
Ever respectfully yours,

William David Silverman

William David Silverman

1405 Walton Ave
Bronx 52 NY

Merry Christmas &
A Happy New Year



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William David Silverman

Merry Christmas
& A Happy New Yr

1405 Walton Ave
BRONX 52 NY

December 28, 1945

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Honorable Mr. Harry Truman
Washington D.C.

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[illegible] Silverman

Merry Christmas
+ A Happy New Year

Thos. Whitney Cue
Bronx 57 NY

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Graves Registration Form No. 1 (Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815

24 Dec. 1945
Date

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PATTON — GEORGE — S. JR. — GENERAL — O-2605
Last Name — First — Initial — Rank — Serial No.

15 th Army Headquarters.
Organization

130th Station Hospital, Heidelberg, Germany — 21 Dec. 1945 — Myelitis, Traumatic, Acute.
Place of Death — Date of Death — Cause of Death

1400 24 Dec 1945 — U.S. Military Cem. HAMM Lux. — V.P.-8713
Time and Date of Burial — Name of Cemetery — Name or Coordinates of Location

222 — 9 — EE — Cross.
Grave Number — Row Number — Plot Number — Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags : Buried with body Yes ☐ No ☑ Attached to Marker Yes ☐ No ☑

If No Identification Tags
How were remains identified ?

Certificate of Identification

What means of identification were buried with the body ?

GRS Form # 1

To determine Right or Left use **Deceased's** Right and Left.

Who is buried on :

	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
Deceased's Right :	Przywara	36146103	PFC	Unknown	221
Deceased's Left :	Unknown X-218				223

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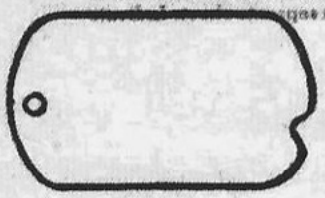

If point of identification tag is not affixed fill in bellow :

Emergency Addressee
Name
Address

Religion Protestant

List only Personal Effects **Found on Body** and disposition of same :

NONE

A TRUE COPY
Joseph E McCluskey
JOSEPH E. MC CLUSKEY
2nd Lt. Inf.

2 Mar. 1946

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
St: NELS W. HANSON
CWO USA
ADJUTANT

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial
St: WARREN J. FLOURNOY 1st Lt, QMC. G.R.O.
610th QM Graves Registration Co.

IF DECEASED (UNIDENTIFIED

Take Fingerprints of Both Hands. If unable to obtain a complete set of Fingerprints, Take Those You Can, and fill in the following:

Height :
Weight :
Color of Eyes :
Color of Hair :
Race :

Laundry Marks :
Number of Rifle :
Wear Glasses ?
Is Tooth Chart Attached ?

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below.) In space below, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.:

TOOTH CHART

Deceased's Left

Deceased's Right

Upper

Lower

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; crowns by O; fillings by □; Bridges by connecting anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth X

Characteristics :

Other Data :

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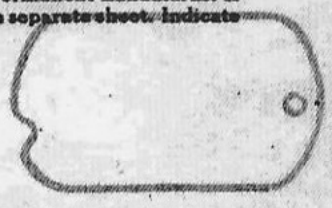

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JOSEPH E. MC CLUSKEY
2nd Lt., Inf.

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BY: NELS W. HANSON
CWO USA
ADJUTANT

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REBURIAL

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1815-211

19 March 1947
Date

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Rank	Serial No.
P A T T O N	GEORGE	S., Jr	General	O-2605

Unit: 15th Army Headquarters.

Place of Death	Date of Death	Cause of Death
130 Station Hosp, HEIDELBERG, Germ.	21 Dec. 1945	Myelitis, Traumatic, acute

Time and Date of Burial	Name of Cemetery	Name or Coordinates of Location
1800 hrs. 19 March 1947	USMC, HAMM, Luxembourg	VF-8713

Grave Number	Row Number	Plot Number	Type of Marker
See attached sketch			Cross

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes ☐ No ☑ Attached to Marker Yes ☐ No ☑ Embossed plate

If No Identification Tags
How were remains identified?

Certificate of Identification

What means of identification were buried with the body?

GRS #1

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:

	Name	Serial No.	Rank	Organization	Grave No.
Deceased's Right:	See attached sketch				
Deceased's Left:	See attached sketch				

Signature or Name, Rank and if possible Organization of person furnishing above Data, when other than officer reporting burial.



If permit of identification tag is not affixed fill in below:

Emergency Addressee _____
Name

_____
Address

Religion Protestant

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same: none.

PREVIOUSLY BURIED IN HAMM USMC, LUX.
Plot "EE", Row 9, grave 222

William L. Scott

WILLIAM L. SCOTT, 1st Lt., Inf., Asst Chief of
Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial Operations,
1st Zone HQ

Verified by G.R.S. Officer

IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

Take Fingerprints of Both Hands. If unable to obtain a complete set of Fingerprints, Take Those You Can, and fill in the following:

Height:	Laundry Marks:
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Color of Eyes:	Wear Glasses?
Color of Hair:	Is Tooth Chart Attached?
Race:	

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Left Hand

Right Hand

Thumb

Thumb

TOOTH CHART

Deceased's Left

Deceased's Right

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Lower

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Organization

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NELS W HANSON
CWO USA
ADJUTANT

Signature of Officer or other person reporting burial

WARREN J. FLOURNOY? 1st Lt., QMC S. R. C.
610th QM GRAVES REGISTRATION CO.
Verified by G.R.S. Officer

IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

Take Fingerprints of Both Hands. If unable to obtain a complete set of Fingerprints, Take Those You Can, and fill in the following:

Height:	Laundry Marks:
Weight:	Number of Rifle:
Color of Eyes:	Wear Glasses?
Color of Hair:	Is Tooth Chart Attached?
Race:	

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below.) In space below, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.:

Left Hand

Right Hand

Thumb

Thumb

TOOTH CHART

Deceased's Left

Deceased's Right

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Upper

Lower

Indicate: missing natural teeth by ×; crowns by ○; fillings by □; Bridges by ○; linking anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth ☒

Characteristics:

Other Data:

If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.

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SENSITIVE SURFACE - HANDLE [illegible]GES ONLY

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH BGD/ 3709 DATE 24 December 1945

FULL NAME	ARMY SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE
Patton, George S., Jr.	02605	General
HOME ADDRESS	**ARM OR SERVICE**	**DATE OF BIRTH**
South Hamilton, Mass.	R.A.	11 Nov 1885
PLACE OF DEATH	**CAUSE OF DEATH**	**DATE OF DEATH**
European Area	Pulmonary Edema & Congestive heart failure	21 Dec 1945
STATION OF DECEASED	**DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE**	**LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES** (YEARS / MONTHS / DAYS)
European Area	11 June 1909	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)
Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr., wife, 3900 Tunlaw Road, Washington, D. C.

BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address)
Mrs. Beatrice Ayer Patton, wife, same address.
George Patton IV, South Hamilton, Mass. *

INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)	
YES	NO X	YES X	NO	YES	NO X	YES X	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO X	YES	NO

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT [ ] BATTLE [X] NON-BATTLE

* Benef cont: Anne W. Patton, Sister, San Gabriel, California.
Frederick Ayer, Brother-in-law, South Hamilton, Mass.

Evidence of death rec'd 24 December 1945

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

[signature]

ADJUTANT GENERAL

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