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July 15, 2022

The American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) FOIA office received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated 6/22/2022, on 6/22/2022 and assigned it control number 2022-26. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request. This constitutes ABMC's response to your request. You requested:

"All records concerning Oise Aisne American Cemetery, Plot E, including procedures, directives, lists of buried, etc."

Response:

Enclosed please find 151 records currently held by the American Battle Monuments Commission related to Oise Aisne American Cemetery, Plot E.

We are withholding approximately 15 emails in full under Exemption 5 because they qualify to be withheld under the following privilege: Exemption 5—43 C.F.R. §§ 2.23, .24


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If you have any questions regarding this response, you may contact me by telephone at (703) 584-1562, or you may write to me at: FOIA@ABMC.gov, or by mail via: FOIA Requestor Service Center, American Battle Monuments Commission, Suite 500, 2300 Clarendon Blvd, Arlington, Virginia, 22201. If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) of the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire into the FOIA mediation services they provide. OGIS can be contacted at the following:

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Respectfully,
Lisa Crunk
ABMC FOIA Representative

	American Battle Monuments Commission Policy Cemetery Operations Manual	
	Plot E Visitation	
	Effective Date: 03-07-2019	Sunset Date: 03-07-2022

1. Purpose

This document sets forth American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) policy concerning visitation to “Plot E”, a burial ground for executed World War II servicemen, located on the grounds of Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, France.

2. Background

Visitation requests for Plot E have increased over the years, especially since the publication of books such as *The Fifth Field* and *The Interpreter*. There is also a diverse assortment of less factual online publications that feed a false narrative of a clandestine burial area that is not “officially” recognized by the U.S. government. Some of these publications are critical of the U.S. Military, specifically regarding the treatment of African-American soldiers during the Second World War. As a result of this increased awareness, Plot E has the potential to become a sensitive topic for the American Battle Monuments Commission. Nonetheless, the origin and existence of Plot E is part of American military history, so its existence should not be denied or hid.

3. Policy

Visitation requests, primarily via walk-ins, have not been managed consistently by assigned superintendents. In order to have a more consistent approach, the following policy and administrative guidance is provided to facilitate the processing of visitation requests.

- A. The U.S. government recognizes Plot E as an official American military burial ground. However, because the mission of the American Battle Monuments Commission is to commemorate those who served and sacrificed honorably in the U.S. armed forces, the existence of Plot E will not be advertised or promoted on the ABMC website, in social media, or in our pamphlets. However, Superintendents may at their discretion incorporate the story of Plot E into their interpretation program.

Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Fere-En-Tardenois, France
Plot E Fact Sheet

Executive Summary:

Oise-Aisne American Cemetery (OAAC), Fere-En-Tardenois, France, Plot E, holds the remains of the World War II “dishonored dead” from the European and Mediterranean and North African theaters. The plot consists of 96 small square markers, along with a single uninscribed Latin Cross. Burials here took place in 1949. For the most part, Plot E holds the remains of American soldiers who were convicted in a military court of murder or rape (or both), sentenced to death and executed. There have been two exhumations: Edward Slovik in 1987, and Alex Miranda in 1990, after requests by their families. Both were repatriated to the United States. Currently, there are 94 burials. Approximately 75-80% of these burials are African-American, although African-Americans only made up approximately 10% of the U.S. Armed Forces in World War II.

Plot E Details:

There are two undated lists of burials in Plot E at ABMC Headquarters. Attached is the list we believe is the most recent, of 94 burials, not including Edward Slovik and Alex Miranda.

- There are extensive records at ABMC Headquarters relating to Slovik’s exhumation in 1987.
- Public interest in Plot E appears to have increased after the 1974 release of the film *The Execution of Private Slovik*.
- There are no records of Miranda’s exhumation, although another source indicates that it took place in 1990.

According to ABMC meeting minutes from 1949, OAAC was selected for the following reasons:

- Secretary Thomas North took the view that these remains should not receive the same burial as the honored dead.
- At OAAC the burials could be screened by hedges from the main part of the cemetery.

There is evidence to suggest that 2 of the burials were not executed, but were soldiers who died in prison.

Not all soldiers executed in Europe, the Mediterranean, and North Africa were buried in Plot E. At least three, and likely more, were sent back to the United States.

For decades, ABMC restricted public access to Plot E, officially citing “agency policy” and respect for family members; since 2002, ABMC has allowed visits.

World War II servicemen executed in the Pacific were buried in cemeteries in that theater, including Clark Veterans Cemetery.

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION



July 9, 1990

The Honorable Bill Bradley
United States Senator
Post Office Box 1720
Union, New Jersey 07083
ATTN: Jayne Sears

Dear Senator Bradley:

Reference is made to your letter of July 2, 1990 concerning an inquiry by Mr. Laurence D. Paul, who wishes to gain access to Plot E of the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Fere-en-Tardenois, France.

The Oise-Aisne American Cemetery and Memorial was established after World War I as one of eight permanent burial sites for U. S. War Dead on foreign soil. The next of kin of those buried there elected traditional interment for them on the battlefield with their comrades in arms in a cemetery memorial designed especially to honor them. It contains 6,012 of our World War I military Dead who lost their lives while fighting in the vicinity during 1918.

Following World War II, the Quartermaster General of the War Department requested that burial space be made available at one of our cemeteries overseas for World War II servicemen who had been executed for heinous crimes, mostly rape and murder. One of them, who is no longer interred with the group, was executed for desertion in the face of the enemy. A survey of our cemetery memorials uncovered an isolated plot of land at the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery away from the other grave sites. Its use was offered to the Quartermaster General for this purpose and was accepted. Each grave in the plot is identified by a small numbered rectangular marble marker. The plot is covered with a fine lawn; a white carrara marble cross overlooks it. Plot E receives the same high standard of maintenance as our other grave plots.

Over the years, this Commission has done what it could to discourage publicity about the plot in order to protect the relatives and friends of the heroic War Dead interred nearby from any stigma, actual, imagined or inferred, which could possibly be attached to the burial in the same general area of War Dead and those executed for heinous crimes and to protect the privacy of the family members of those interred in Plot E. The decision to discourage publicity was made after very careful consideration in the hope that it would minimize the possibility of attracting morbid curiosity seekers, persons who may wish to embarrass or harass the families concerned, and those who would wish to profit in some way or fashion.

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

29 June 1976

Miss Suzanne St. Pierre
60 Minutes, CBS
51 West 52nd Street
New York, New York 10019

Dear Miss St. Pierre:

This is in furtherance to our recent telephone conversation.

First, I would like to reaffirm what I said during our discussion. Private Slovik is buried in an isolated plot adjacent to one of our World War I permanent military cemeteries, with a number of others who were executed for serious crimes committed during World War II. Each grave in the plot is identified by a small numbered rectangular marble marker imbedded in the ground. Private Slovik's marker is number 65. The plot is covered with a fine lawn; a white carrara marble cross overlooks it. The grounds receive the same high standard of maintenance as any other of our grave plots.

The cemetery is one of eight cemetery memorials designed and constructed specifically as shrines to the American Dead of World War I whose next-of-kin requested traditional interment on battlefield. Over the years, this Commission has done what it could to discourage publicity on the plot in order to protect the relatives and friends of the heroic War Dead interred nearby from any stigma, actual, imagined or inferred, which could possibly be attached to burial in the same general area of War Dead and those executed for heinous and serious crimes. The decision to discourage publicity was made after very careful consideration in the hope that it would forestall unwarranted publicity which could attract morbid curiosity seekers, persons who might wish to embarrass or harass the families, or those who would wish to profit in some way from access to the plot.

Frankly, we cannot conceive of any circumstance which would justify access to the plot for publicity purposes. If I understood you correctly during our discussion, the reason behind the CBS request is a desire somehow to bring about an interest in Mrs. Slovik's financial situation which would result in her receiving a government pension. I do not think this is possible. Military personnel executed for serious crimes usually forfeit all monetary allowances due or to become due. Also, I believe Mrs. Slovik has remarried which would make her ineligible for a widow's pension, had she been otherwise eligible.

In view of the foregoing, I again ask you to reconsider your request. Should you persist in the request and cannot be persuaded to reconsider on ethical or moral grounds, then permission is reluctantly granted for CBS to photograph Pvt. Slovik's grave marker, and the cross in the plot should it so wish. We respectfully request, however, that neither the remainder of the cemetery be photographed nor its name be divulged in connection with the program. Should you wish to photograph one or two of our other cemeteries for use on the program this can be arranged.

I hope you understand that our only desire in this matter is to protect innocent people. Under any other circumstances, we would be grateful to you for publicizing these incomparable shrines to the memory of our War Dead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. J. Adams".

A. J. ADAMS
Major General, USA
Secretary

25 June 1976

Brigadier General John W. Donaldson
Officer-in-Charge, European Office
American Battle Monuments Commission
c/o American Embassy
APO New York 09777

Dear John:

I have your letter on your recent telephone conversation with Miss St. Pierre of CBS and believe you handled it very well.

As I mentioned in our telephone conversation, I think we should explore the possibility of the Gendamarie assisting us in this matter. We should however, approach them quite discreetly, for it is a matter in which they may not wish to get involved. Please let me know their reaction.

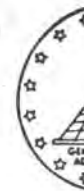
Sincerely,

A. J. ADAMS
Major General, USA
Secretary

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Personnel Records Center
(Military Personnel Records)
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63132



DATE: June 17 1976
REPLY TO
ATTN OF: NPMH - B

SUBJECT: 1000 F&B D.
36 896 415

Miss Patricia G. Whitney
10 South Ynez Avenue
Monterey Park CA 91754

The reply to your inquiry will be found in the item(s) checked below.

☐ We suggest you contact the nearest Veterans Administration Office. That agency is responsible for adjudicating claims of this type. If necessary, the Veterans Administration will request data from the military personnel and medical records on file here.

☒ Your inquiry has been forwarded to the office shown below for consideration. Any further correspondence pertaining to this matter should be sent to that office.

☐ Matters of this kind are under the jurisdiction of the office shown below. We suggest you contact that office.

☐ For information concerning enlistment or reenlistment, contact the nearest recruiting station of the Branch of Service in which you are interested.

☐

(1) Decline

cc: American Battle Monument Commission
Room 4C014
Fortified Building
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APO New York, 09777

18 June 1976

FILE

Major General A.J. Adams
Secretary, ABMC
Washington, D.C. 20314

Dear General Adams:

With reference to your recent telephone conversation with Miss St. Pierre of CBS concerning access to Oise-Aisne Cemetery for filming in connection with the program "Sixty Minutes", the attached letter reports my telephone conversation of 11 June with Miss Judy Stevenson, CBS London, on the same subject.

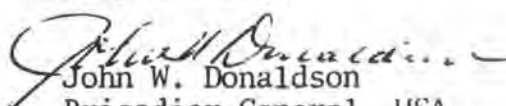
In replying to Miss Stevenson, I drew on the language of previous replies to persons desiring access to Plot E, such as Major Edward P. Woods (your letters of 1 and 14 October 1975) and Mr. James W. Percey (Colonel Ryan's letter of 29 December 1972), as well as your policy letter on "Plot E" dated 18 July 1972. Miss Stevenson was most courteous during our short conversation and did not attempt to force the issue.

After receiving your call, I drove out to Oise-Aisne to discuss the matter with Mr. Brewer and look over the plot. I am confident that he will handle any situation that might arise with the proper tact and good judgment. I told him to remain firm in denying access, but to avoid any physical confrontation and refrain from bringing the French Gendarmes into the act. As in the past, he will report to this office immediately any arrival of persons showing an interest in Plot E.

I shall keep you informed of any further developments in this matter.

With warm personal regards,

Respectfully,


John W. Donaldson
Brigadier General, USA
Officer-in-Charge

encl.

1. Ltr to Sec - 11 Jun 76
2. Ltrs to Mr. E.P. Woods - dtd 1 & 14 Oct 75
3. Ltr to Mr. Percey - dtd 29 Dec 72
4. Ltr - Policy on Plot E - 18 Jul 72

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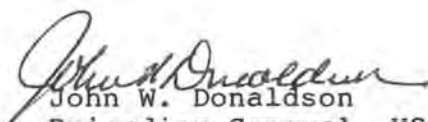
13 May 1987

SUBJECT: Transfer of Remains -
Pvt Slovik

TO: The Secretary
American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D.C. 20314-0300

1. Forwarded for your information is the attached Disposition Form authored by Mr. Brewer, Superintendent, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, detailing the latest status of the project to return the remains of Private Slovik to CONUS.

2. I shall keep you informed of future developments as they occur.



John W. Donaldson
Brigadier General, USA, Ret.,
Officer-in-Charge

Encl: a/s

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DISPOSITION FORM

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SUBJECT

Project - Removal & Shipment of Pvt. Slovik Remains to USA

TO	FROM	DATE	COMMENT NO. 1
LTC Merlyn L. PUGH Director of Administration AHMC-European Office	The Superintendent Oise-Aisne Cemetery Pere-en-Tardenois	5 May 1987	

1. Reference your FONCOM of 30 April 1987 subject matter.

2. On Friday, 1 May 1987, Mr. DEMESTER, Department of Army Supervisor, European Mortuary Office/ID, Frankfurt, Germany, telephoned me to inform that he was to arrive at Gare de l'Est RR Station, Paris, on Monday morning to commence preliminary arrangements with two pre-selected Funeral Parlors in Paris - in connection with subject project. Mr. DEMESTER asked if I could meet him in Paris and accompany him to these agencies, and would pay my round trip train fare to Paris and back. Your secretary was informed of above request early Monday morning prior to my departure from this cemetery.

3. Upon arrival at the Gare de l'Est, I met Mr. DEMESTER, and then telephoned your office to appraise you of the project, at 10:50 hours.


4. The two Funeral Establishments were visited and each, unaware of the others involvement, were presented the details by Mr. DEMESTER which included: exhumation from Plot "E", Site 65 of the remains of Pvt. Slovik; necessary preparation of the casket as necessary for air shipment to the USA; documentation; transport from this cemetery to Paris airport; work of exhumation at site to include restoration of the site to surrounding lawn decor; necessary certificate of death etc. The undersigned furnished photocopies of the Plot "E" area to enable each agency to determine more accurately the scope of work involved at this site.

5. Thereafter, each will submit a detailed DEVIS (Estimate) direct to Mr. DEMESTER who in-turn will forward them to the applicable association in the USA who will finance the project. Once the agency is selected to do the work and Mr. DEMESTER is given the "green light", we will be contacted to be on the alert for the arrival of the workman.

6. Mr. DEMESTER has already advised you of the necessity of obtaining some kind of death certificate and it is expected that this will be resolved without difficulty. Mr. DEMESTER will send a copy of his trip report to your office and a copy to this cemetery.

7. It is not expected that any actual on-site work will commence before Memorial Day 1987, but rather, that it may be sometime in June or July 1987.

8. Our mission in Paris at this stage was completed approximately at 16:00 and the undersigned returned to duty station several hours later, via Chateau-Thierry.


M. Vincent Brewer
Superintendent

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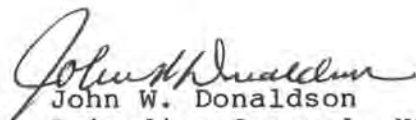
SUBJECT: Exhumation and Disposition
of Pvt Slovik's Remains

TO: The Secretary
American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D.C. 20314-0300

1. On Wednesday, 8 July 1987, the remains of Pvt Slovik were exhumed from Plot E, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, and transferred to the United States via commercial air. The attached report by the Supervisor, U.S. Memorial Affairs Activity Europe, Mr. Ernest J. Demester details the exhumation and transfer to the United States.

2. Although the commercial air carrier, TWA, apparently misrouted Pvt Slovik's remains to San Francisco rather than Detroit, the problem was resolved without major media attention.

3. Request that appropriate rosters and documents be amended accordingly.



John W. Donaldson
Brigadier General, USA, Ret.,
Officer-in-Charge

Encl: a/s

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WASHINGTON



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY MEMORIAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY, EUROPE
APO NEW YORK 09757

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

AERAF-MORT

SUBJECT: Report of Exhumation and Disposition of the Remains of Eddie Slovik

Commander
21st Support Command
AERLO
APO New York 09325
ATTN: Col Shellabarger

07 July 1987, The undersigned arrived at Chateau Thierry, France at 1500 and contacted Mr. Vicent Brewer, Superintendant at the Aisne Oise American Cemetery. Mr. Brewer explained that the Roblot Funeral Firm of Paris was responsible for the repatriation of the remains of Eddie Slovik to CONUS, and had subcontracted the actual exhumation to the LeGroux Funeral Home located in Reims, France. This firm was on site and would prepare for the exhumation on 08 July by excavating the grave to a point just above the casket. This was done to save time on the 8th. I also called Ms. Mary McAteer, Overseas American Services Section at the American Embassy, Paris, to ascertain the status of the French documentation needed to complete the repatriation of the remains. Ms. McAteer assured me that all would be in order by 0830, 08 July.

08 July 1987, at 0830, I met with Mr. Brewer, Mr. Jacques Damery, Mayor of Seringes-et-Nesles, where the cemetery is located, and the LeGroux work crew. Mr. Roblot arrived at the cemetery at 0930 with the exhumation permit, signed by the chief Prefect at Chateau Thierry, and the exhumation was begun. The casket, containing the remains, proved to be a full casket, (bronze tone metal) that had been placed in a zinc lined plywood outer box at the time of burial. The casket was not removed from the grave since the space between caskets is about six (6) inches. Removal would have not only disrupted the graves on either side, but would have created a need to dispose of the casket. The lid of the casket, which appeared to be constructed of 20 gauge metal, had been badly distorted by the weight of the wet clay above it. This in conjunction with the rusted hinges and catch, precluded opening the lid in a normal manner. An electric motor driven carbide disc was used to cut thru the top and gain access to the interior. The remains were found neatly wrapped in a khaki colored Army blanket, pinned approximately every six (6) inches, a 4X2 inch aluminum plaque inscribed "Eddie Slovik" was fastened to the chest region of the blanket. After removal from the casket, the pins were removed and the blanket opened out. Two metal identification tags were found at the head end, inscribed "Eddie Slovik SN36896415 GRS". The entire skeleton was present; Practically all the hair, (light brown in color) was still attached to the skull.

AERAF-MORT

SUBJECT: Report of Exhumation and Disposition of the Remains of Eddie Slovik

A metal lined wooden box measuring 37 inches in length and 11 inches wide and deep was furnished by the Roblot Firm, to transport the remains to CONUS. The skeletal structures were arraigned within this container in as near a correct anatomical position as possible, one of the recovered ID tags was placed within the shipping container. The lid was then fastened with wood screws, two of which were sealed with a hot wax imprint by the Major. Mr. Roblot then placed the container in his vehicle for transport to paris at 1230 and departed the cemetery grounds. This completely ended all Army responsibility for the remains.


All costs for the supplies and services required for the exhumation, transportation, and reinterment in Michigan will be borne by the family of Eddie Slovik, and other private sources.

A copy of the State Department message (DTG 062212ZJUL87) containing authorization by the next of kin, Ms. Anna Kadlubowski (sister) for the exhumation, is at Incl 1.

A copy of a letter to the French Authorities in the French language, with an English translation (originated by Ms. Mary M. McAteer, Office of American Services, United States Embassy, Paris) is at Incl 2.

This is a final report.

Sincerely,


Ernest J. Demester
SUPV MORT/OFF/ID GS-12
USA Memorial Affairs
Activity-Europe
APO NY 09757-3867

- 2 Incl
1. State Dept Message
2. Ltr to French Authorities

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REF: PARIS 30983 AND PREVIOUS

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A NOTARIZED STATEMENT RECEIVED 7/3/87 IN THE DEPARTMENT FROM ANNA KADLUBOWSKI, SISTER OF EDDIE SLOVIA, REGARDING HER REQUEST TO HAVE HER BROTHER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE U.S. AND HER AUTHORIZATION FOR BERNARD B. CALKA TO ACT AS HER OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN THIS ACTION. BEGIN TEXT QUOTE: PER THE ADVICE OF MR. JOHN F. MANNING, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, AND THROUGH MY OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE, MR. BERNARD B. CALKA OF STERLING HEIGHTS, MI, I AM REITERATING MY REQUEST THAT THE REMAINS OF MY BROTHER, EDDIE SLOVIA, BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR BURIAL IN DETROIT'S WOODMERE CEMETARY. (PARA) TO FACILITATE MATTERS, I AM ATTACHING DATA THAT I HAD ORIGINALLY SENT TO TONY DEBARARDINO, COLONEL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. THIS MATERIAL HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO ATTAIN VERIFICATION OF MY RELATIONSHIP TO EDDIE SLOVIA, NOW BURIED IN A GRAVE AT THE AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETARY IN OISE-AISNE.

(PARA) THIS LETTER ALSO REAFFIRMS THAT MR. CALKA, THE DISTINGUISHED COMMISSIONER OF THE MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AND A RETIRED ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF, CONTINUES TO SERVE AS MY REPRESENTATIVE IN THIS MATTER. MR. CALKA IS COORDINATING THE RETURN, BURIAL OF MY BROTHER. MR. CALKA WILL HANDLE THE COSTS INCURRED. (PARA) SINCE FEB 26, 1986, WHEN LT. COL. WALTER PASQUALINI, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, ADVISED MICHIGAN SENATOR CARL LEVIN, IN LETTER, THAT (QUOTE) OFFICIALS OF THE ARMY'S CASUALTY AND MEMORIAL AFFAIRS OPERATION CENTER HAVE APPROVED THE REQUEST TO HAVE THE REMAINS OF PRIVATE SLOVIA REINTERRED (END QUOTE), I HAVE BEEN PATIENTLY AWAITING THE DAY. (PARA) I TRUST THIS MATTER WILL BE GIVEN YOUR PROPER ATTENTION, AND EDDIE SLOVIA WILL BE RETURNED HOME FOR PROPER BURIAL. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, MR. CALKA (OFFICE 313-469-5121) (HOME 313-286-1527) SHOULD BE THE CONTACT PERSON. (PARA) IN CLOSING, MY PRAYERS FOR A POSITIVE ENDING TO THIS MATTER -- AND AS SOON AS HUMANLY POSSIBLE. SIGNED SINCERELY, ANNA KADLUBOWSKI. LETTER NOTARIZED 6/16/87 BY JOAN M. SCHUTT, NOTARY PUBLIC, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MI. AND COURTESY COPIES OF LETTER SENT TO BERNARD B. CALKA AND JOHN F. MANNING. END TEXT/QUOTE.

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Monsieur le Sous-Préfet,

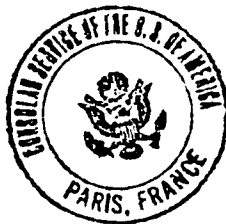
J'ai l'honneur de vous faire savoir que l'Ambassade des Etats-Unis à Paris a reçu des instructions du Département d'Etat à Washington, afin de faire procéder à l'exhumation du corps d'un soldat Américain, Monsieur Eddie D. SLOVIK, décédé le 31 janvier 1945 et enterré au cimetière Américain de l'Aisne-Marne.

L'exhumation et le renterrement du corps de Monsieur Slovik ont été demandés et autorisés par sa soeur, Madame Anna Kadlubowski. Monsieur Bernard Calka, Commissaire de Macomb County, Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043, représentera les intérêts de la famille dans ces démarches.

Les originaux des documents concernant la demande d'exhumation et l'autorisation de Madame Kadlubowski ont été déposés au Département d'Etat et des copies certifiées de ces documents pourraient être obtenues à la demande des autorités françaises.

Les Pompes Funébres Roblot, sis au 148 rue Lecourbe, 75015 Paris, ont été chargées de l'exhumation et de l'envoi du corps de Monsieur Slovik aux Etats-Unis.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Sous-Préfet, l'expression de ma considération distingués.



Mary M. McAteer
Mary M. McAteer
Consul des Etats-Unis d'Amérique



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY MEMORIAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY, EUROPE
APO NEW YORK 09757

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

LITERAL TRANSLATION OF A LETTER SENT BY MS MCATEER, UNITED STATES EMBASSY, PARIS, TO THE CHIEF PREFECT AT CHATEAU THIERRY, FRANCE, DATED 7 JULY 1987.

Mr. Chief Prefect:

I am honored to inform you that the United States Embassy at Paris has received instructions from the State Department, Washington (DC) to proceed with the exhumation of the remains of an American soldier, Mr Eddie Slovik who died on 31 January 1945 and was interred at the Aisne-Marns American cemetery.

The exhumation and reinterment of Mr. Slovik's remains was requested by a sister, Mrs. Anna Kadlubowski. Mr. Bernard Calka, Commissioner of Macomb County, Mount Clemons, Michigan, 48043 represents the family in this matter.

The originals of the documents requesting the exhumation and Mrs. Kadlubowski's authorization are on file at the State Department and certified copies can be obtained by request of French authorities.

The Roblot Funeral Firm, 148 rue Lecourbe, 75015, Paris has been designated to conduct the exhumation and shipment of Mr. Slovik's remains to the United States.

Sincerely

(U N C L A S S I F I E D)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

13 July 1987

(U) DISINTERMENT OF REMAINS. (MILPERCEN) Reference EXSUM, 29 Apr 87, subject as above. On 8 July, the remains of Private Eddie D. Slovik were disinterred under Army supervision from a grave in an American military cemetery in France. The remains were released to the custody of a French civilian funeral director under prior arrangements made by the Army in coordination with the U.S. State Department. The remains were flown to Detroit, Michigan and buried on 11 July in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit, next to his wife. These actions were completed at no cost to the government.

PREPARE MEMO _____.

Mr. John F. Manning/DAPC-PDC-MM/5-0944

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BERNARD M. PEEBLES
1040 NEWTON STREET, N. E.
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May 26, 1972

The Commissioner
The American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D.C. 20315

Dear Sir:

On July 22 last I asked the custodian of the Oise-Aisne
Cemetery to be directed to the grave of

Pvt. Eddie D. Slovik
36896415
Executed Jan. 31, '45

only to be told (very courteously, to be sure) that I might not
visit that grave since (as I admitted) I had no authorization
from the Commission to do so.

Was the custodian actually applying a regulation?
If so--may I ask?-- where is the regulation set out, in what
terms, and on what rationale is it based?

Yours truly,

Bernard M. Peebles

Bernard M. Peebles
U.S.A. Citizen

Edward G. Coleman

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Gentlemen:

On Tuesday, March 16th, 1971 I visited the Oise-Aisne American Military Cemetery at Fere-En-Tardenois, Aisne, France, for the purpose of filming the place of burial of Private Eddie Slovik. From a historical point of view I have been interested in Slovik's Court Martial and execution, and several days prior to the above date had visited and filmed the place of Private Slovik's execution at Ste. Marie aux Mines, France.

Upon arriving at the Oisne-Aisne's Cemetery I was advised by Mr. Iorrio, the Superintendent of the cemetery, that without a letter from the American Battle Monuments Commission he had no authority to permit me to view and film the site of Slovik's burial. Although I strongly advised Mr. Iorrio that my purpose in viewing and filming the site of Slovik's burial was completely non-commercial, he remained firm in his position, and after traveling many thousands of miles, I was unable to fulfill the mission that I had set out to accomplish. I have no interest in Slovik personally or professionally, and I have no interest in turning the matter into a cause celebre'.

During World War II I served as a Sergeant with the 35th Infantry Division in the European Theater of operations from the beaches at Normandy to Stendal, Germany, about 40 kilometres from Berlin. I earned several decorations, including five (5) battle stars, and was Honorably discharged from the United States Army in November of 1945. I thereafter attended and obtained my Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of Notre Dame and a Masters Degree in law from Columbia University in New York. I am a former Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for the last 20 years have been engaged in the private practice of law in Springfield, Illinois.

My wife and I intend to visit Belgium this fall for the purpose of completing our filming of the area where the Battle of the Bulge took place. In conjunction therewith we intend to visit and film the City where Slovik's Court Martial took place and also the two areas where his acts of desertion took place.

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Letter
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We also intend to re-visit the Oise-Aisne Cemetery and ^{the} purpose of this letter is to ask your written permission to permit us to view and film the site of Slovik's burial. We are not engaged in any way in commercial photography or commercial type movie production, and the films that we make are purely for, and are confined to a home movie operation. We enjoy this as a hobby, and that's all that it is.

The purpose of this letter is to ask your written authority granting us permission to visit and film (Super-8 only) the site of burial behind the Superintendant's house at the Oise-Aisne American Military Cemetery at Fere-En-Tardenois. I have no quarrel with Slovik's Court Martial or execution and our activities in this regard are solely for our own historical education and enlightenment. I have no interest whatsoever in the 95 men who are buried with Slovik in Plot E of the above cemetery.

William Bradford Huie was permitted to visit the site for commercial purposes. I know of no valid reason why, as an ex G.I., I should not be permitted to view and film this site for non-commercial purposes. In the event you see fit to grant this request, I am willing to provide you with whatever written assurance is necessary to insure to you the completely non-commercial nature of my visit and films. I do not know, I am not related to, and I do not in any manner represent the Slovik family or any of his relatives.

Oise-Aisne Cemetery is both dignified and impressive. Mr. Iorrio, your Superintendent of the cemetery, is doing a good job and I commend him for it. We have in the past visited and filmed the Normandy Cemetery, and this year intend to visit and film the Henri-Chapelle, Ardennes and Luxembourg cemeteries, as well as re-visiting the Oise-Aisne Cemetery.

I will greatly appreciate your granting the foregoing request and I shall appreciate hearing from you in this regard in the very near future in order that we may plan our trip accordingly.

Yours very truly,


Edward G. Coleman

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20 May 1987

SUBJECT: Return of Remains of PVT Eddie Slovik
to the United States

TO: The Secretary
American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D.C. 20314-0300

1. Reference is made to my letter of 13 May 1987, subject as above.
2. Attached hereto for your information is a letter from Mr. Ernest J. Demester, U.S. Memorial Affairs Activity, Europe, reporting details of arrangements to return the remains of PVT Eddie Slovik from Plot E, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, to Detroit, Michigan.
3. I shall keep you informed of developments in this case.


John W. Donaldson
Brigadier General, USA, Ret.
Officer-in-Charge

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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SUBJECT: Report of Travel (SLOVIK, EDDIE SN 36896415)

COMMANDER
21ST SUPPORT COMMAND
ATTN: ACSLOG
APO NY 09757

1. In response to a request from MILPERCEN for assistance in securing cost estimates for the exhumation of Eddie Slovik, SN 36896415 from grave #65 in block "E" of the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, (photo, encl 1), AT Fere en Tardenois, France to Detroit, Michigan. The undersigned traveled to Paris, France on 4-5 May 1987. As suggested, the following two french funeral firms in Paris were visited with the results indicated.

A. Roblot SA 36 Rue Ampere: This proved to be a staff office and a Madame Megard referred me to Roblot SA 148 Rue Lecourbe; Attn; Madame Gabory. Madame Gabory will send an estimate to USAMAA-E in Frankfurt on or about 9 May 1987.

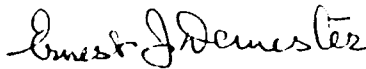
B. Pompes Funebres, 66 Boulevard Richard Lenoir: I met with a Mr. Patrick and he relayed my requirements to a branch office at Chateau Thiery since it is nearer to the cemetery referred to. This firm will submit an estimate by 19 May 1987.

2. MILPERCEN specified that cost of the following services be requested:

- A. Cost of Exhumation and restoration of the grave site.
- B. Furnish an appropriate casket and outer shipping container. In the event that the casket containing the remains is in acceptable condition, it will be utilized with a shipping container furnished by the funeral firm selected.
- C. Fees for obtaining all required french documentation necessary for transfer of the remains to the United States.
- D. Cost of local transportation.
- E. Cost of transporting the remains from Paris, France to Detroit, Michigan.
- F. Charges for professional services.

3. On 1 May 1987, I contact LTC Merlin Pugh, Director of Administration, American Battle Monuments Commission (AMBC) and requested that the superintendent of the Oise Aisne Cemetery accompany

me to the meetings in Paris. Mr. Vincent Brewer met me at the "Gare de Est", on 4 May 1987 at 1040 hours and we proceeded to the first of the two recommended firms. Since he will deal directly with whichever firm accomplishes the exhumation and transfer of the remains, his direct involvement with preliminary arrangements appeared indicated. The only information given to both the Roblot and the Pompes Funerale firms regarding the deceased, Eddie Slovik was that he was an American service man and deceased on 31 January 1945. His (Eddie Slovik) family desired the remains repatriated to the United States at private expense. Neither firm is aware that the other was approached. Both firms indicated that some form of death certificate or other official notice of death will be required in order to secure the necessary french documents. Mr. Manning at MILPERCEN should be advised of this requirement. The mission was concluded at 1700 hours 4 May 1987 and the undersigned arranged for rail transportation to Frankfurt at 0900 hours 5 May 1987.



ERNEST J. DEMESTER
DAC, GS-12
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16 June 1986

SUBJECT: Repatriation of
Pvt Eddie Slovik

TO: The Secretary
American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D.C. 20314-0300

Enclosed herewith for your information, are copies of correspondence with Commission Calka of the Macomb County Board Commissioners, and Mr. Demester, of the Mortuary Office in Frankfurt, relative to the repatriation of Pvt Eddie Slovik.


John W. Donaldson
Brigadier General, USA, Ret.,
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16 June 1986

Mr. Bernard B. Calka
Commissioner
Macomb County Board Commissioners
42501 Hayes
Sterling Heights, MI 48078

Dear Mr. Calka:

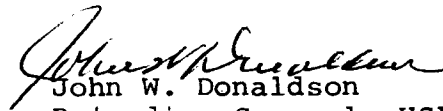
Pursuant to our telephone conversation, I would like to confirm that the Army's Casualty and Memorial Affairs representative in Europe, Mr. Ernest J. Demester, was provided all of the correspondence relative to repatriating the remains of Private Eddie Slovik, by letter on 2 May 1986, as his office has responsibility for this matter.

His address and telephone number are:

Mr. Ernest J. Demester
Supervisor, Mortuary Office/ID
Department of the Army
USA Memorial Affairs Activity/Europe
APO 09757-3867 (Frankfurt, Germany)
Tel: (49)-69-59-43-90

If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



John W. Donaldson
Brigadier General, USA, Ret.,
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68, RUE DU 19 JANVIER
92380 GARCHES, FRANCE

DEAR SIR,

MAY 26, 1986

THE ENCLOSED INFORMATION WAS SENT TO OISE-AISNE
AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL ON APRIL 18, 1986.

ON APRIL 26, 1986, I RECEIVED A REPLY FROM SUPERTENDENT
M. VINCENT BREWER, ADVISING ME THAT MY LETTER WAS
FORWARDED TO YOUR OFFICE FOR PROCESSING.

SINCE SPECIAL AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN
MADE TO RECEIVE PVT EDDIE SLOVIK REMAINS (JUNE)
WE WOULD KINDLY APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN EXPIDITING
HIS REMAINS, TO COINSIDE WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS THAT ARE
AWAITING HIS RETURN.

IN MY CORRESPONDENCE OF APRIL 18, 1986, I MADE REFERENCE
TO THE DETROIT METROPOLITAN AIRPORT AS A POINT OF RETURN.
IT MIGHT BE MORE CONVENIENT TO CONSIDER SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE
BASE IN MT. CLEMENS AS A PREFERENCE.

AWAITING YOUR ASSISTANCE, I REMAIN,

CC: SENATOR CARL LEVIN

ENCLOSURERS

SINCERELY,

Bernard B. Calka

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April 18, 1986

Superintendent
Oise-Aisne American Cemetery
Pere-En Tardenois, France

Dear Sir:

The enclosed information indicates authorization as to having Pvt. Eddie Slovik's remains returned to the U.S.A.

If possible, we would appreciate the remains of Pvt. Slovik to be shipped to Detroit Metropolitan Airport in the month of June 1986.

To help expedite matters, I would kindly appreciate receiving any additional information, time, date of arrival and cost.

Also, I would appreciate continued confidentiality that we have been receiving.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this matter, I remain,

Bernard Calka

Bernard B. Calka

Please note: Send all correspondence to:

Bernard B. Calka
Macomb County Board of Commissioners
42501 Hayes
Sterling Heights, Michigan 48078
U.S.A.

CC Senator Levin

Harry Palmer April 18, 1986

Michel Kehatian



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20315

February 26, 1986

OFFICE CHIEF OF
LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Honorable Carl Levin
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Levin:

This replies further to your inquiry concerning the possibility of repatriating the remains of Private Eddie Slovik to the United States.

Officials of the Army's Casualty and Memorial Affairs Operations Center have approved the request to have the remains of Private Slovik reinterred. The private group must contact the Superintendent of the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery regarding repatriating the remains. In addition to assuming all financial costs involved, the consent of the next of kin should be provided to the Superintendent of the Cemetery.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Walter L. Pasqualini
Lieutenant Colonel, GS
Congressional Coordinator

19180 Grandview, Apt. 2
Detroit, MI 48219
July 1, 1985

Bernard Calka
42501 Hayes
Sterling Heights, MI 48078

Dear Mr. Calka:

I just wanted to convey my continuing thanks and appreciation for your work to remove the tarnish against Eddie Slovik, and fulfill the dying wish of my dear sister, Toni.

As you know, Toni, my sister, and Eddie's widow, was buried in a single plot site at the Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit. And poor Eddie remains in an unmarked grave.

As Toni's sister I reiterate the authority I have given you to see that Eddie's remains are returned to America, and buried at Toni's side. Further, I authorize you to have Toni's remains removed from its single plot at Woodmere and then re-interred with Eddie in a double plot, again, at Woodmere.

Naturally, this all pertains at having Eddie's remains removed from Europe and brought back to his home, and to be next to his dear wife, my sister, Toni.

Also, please extend my best wishes to Mitch Kehetian, the managing editor of the Macomb Daily, for his continued support on what you are striving to achieve, to provide ever-lasting peace to the souls of my sister and Pvt. Eddie Slovik.

Sincerely yours,

Heddy Palmer
Heddy Palmer

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12 June 1986

Mr. Ernest J. Demester
Supervisor, Mortuary Office/ID
Department of the Army
USA Memorial Affairs
Activity/Europe
APO (Local) 09757-3867

Dear Mr. Demester:

Pursuant to our FONCON of yesterday, please find enclosed a copy of the 26 May 1986 letter from Mr. Bernard B. Calka, Commissioner, Macomb County Board of Commissioners, regarding Pvt Eddie Slovik.

The Officer-in-Charge, Brigadier General John W. Donaldson discussed this matter with Mr. Calka and informed him that repatriation of the remains of Pvt Slovik was the responsibility of the Army's Casualty and Memorial Affairs operation center. General Donaldson provided Mr. Calka with your name and telephone number as a point of contact.

FOR THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE:

Merlyn L. Pugh
LTC, US Army
Deputy Officer-in-Charge
& Director of Administration

Encl: a/s

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SUBJECT: Request to Visit Plot "E"
Oise-Aisne Cemetery

TO: The Secretary
American Battle Monuments Commission
ATTN: Colonel Ryan
Washington, D.C. 20315

1. Enclosed is a letter received from the Superintendent of the Oise-Aisne Cemetery dated 17 March 1971, with respect to the request made by Mr. Edward G. Coleman, Attorney at Law from Springfield, Illinois, to visit grave plot "E".

2. In accordance with Commission policy, Mr. Coleman was refused entrance to plot "E" by the Cemetery Superintendent.

Henry C. Rowland Jr
HENRY C. ROWLAND, Jr.,
Colonel, Corps of Engineers, US Army
Officer-in-Charge

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Ltr from Supt, dtd 17 March 71.

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OISE-AISNE AMERICAN CEMETERY

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17 Mar 1971

SUBJECT: Visitor to Plot "E" - E.G. Coleman

TO: Officer in Charge
ABMC, European Office
92 Garches, France

1. This cemetery was visited on the 16 Mar 1971 by Mr. Edward G. Coleman of Springfield Illinois. He was met upon arrival by the Supt. and was asked if he wished information on a particular grave site replied that he wanted to visit a grave in Plot E. He was told that this was possible with the express permission of A.B.M.C. and that the Supt.'s authority did not exceed that permission.

2. Mr. Coleman was invited to enter the reception where the conversation continued. Mr. Coleman identified himself as an Attorney in Springfield a war time member of the 35th Inf. Div. and a member of an association of former F.B.I. employees. In addition to plot "E", he was interested in the cemetery and visited the Joyce Kilmer grave as well as the memorial area before leaving. The conversation was general and included the visitors opinions (favorable) on the maintenance of cemeteries other than this one, which he had visited. He appeared to be well informed on what had happened in the FTO and related some interesting anecdotes of the period. He was pleased with our maintenance as well, and said so.

3. The visitor stated that his interest in Plot "E" concerned the book # 65, he had with him a book, on loan from the Springfield library, "Execution of Pvt. Slovik" and this had provided him with the particular details of the location of the grave site. He mentioned several times that his interest in the grave site was a personal one and that no information intended photos were for publication. He did mention that an acquaintance connected with the film industry had told him that a possibility existed that a film might be made with the book as basic material -- possibly Sinatra might have a role. He mentioned that none of this was definite and was only part of cinema speculation, which he had received in a general conversation.

4. Mr. Coleman had a tape recorder; he asked general questions concerning this and other cemeteries, work and procedure, closed cemeteries as points of interest. He specifically asked if he could enter plot "E" the Supt. repeated his earlier reply. Mr. Coleman said that he appreciated the position of the Supt., and apart from his disappointment in the instance, seemed otherwise pleased with his trip. He arrived at 0900 and left at about 1130 hours.

Summary - 11 Mar 71
Norman Iorio

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12 March 1973

Colonel William E. Ryan, Jr.
Director of Operations and Finance,
ABMC, Washington, D.C. 20315

Dear Bill,

I thought your letter of 29 December to Mr. Percey to be as straight forward, open and courteous as any letter could be. On the other hand I considered Mr. Percey's response as quoted in WO 1164 to be so completely out of line as to cast doubts about his mentality.

I have taken all the actions you prescribed in WO1164 (with copies of written communications to your office on 6 March 1973).

Iorio did confer with the local gendarmerie who, as in any small community, already probably knows as much about plot E as anyone. I have instructed him today to call on them only as a last resort, i.e. if he tries taking pictures or getting abusive.

Here is an action for your consideration:

Since the man, in spite of apparently being an associate professor at a recognized institution, appears to be determined to cause embarrassment to the Federal Government for his own satisfaction, why not communicate the entire matter to the chancellor of the College. It is possible that they have no knowledge of his activities which appear to me to go beyond the limits of academic instruction.

Sincerely,

Henry
H.C. ROWLAND, Jr.
Colonel, U.S. Army
Officer in Charge

*Do not waste time on all of
this. The threat*

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61 March 1973

Dear Mr. Betts:

In Plot E of our Oise-Aisne Cemetery, located near Fere-en-Tarder are buried the remains of several American servicemen who were tried in General Courts-Martial during WW II, convicted and given the death penalty which was upheld on appeal. Among these is the grave of Private Slovick whose execution has been the subject of a book and several magazine articles.

Plot E is not within the limits of the cemetery proper and access to this plot is severely restricted by policy established by the appointees of this Commission.

Attached is a copy of a cable received yesterday from our Washington Office concerning a projected visit to Pvt. Slovick's grave by a Mr. Percey in spite of disapproval of this visit by the Commission.

Also attached are copies of correspondence between Mr. Percey, Congressman Flood and our Washington Office.

This is forwarded for your information as requested by General Adair and we would appreciate your comments on this subject as well as your views concerning the handling of Mr. Percey, or others, who may attempt to enter this area without authorization.

Sincerely,

Incls:

Copy message ABMC
Copy letter ABMC-Percey
Copy letter Percey-Flood

HENRY C. ROWLAND, Jr.,
Colonel, United States Army
Officer in Charge

Mr. David A. Betts
Consul General
U.S. Embassy
2, Avenue Gabriel
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American Embassy, Paris, France

UNCLAS WO 1164. Signed Adams. Pass to American Battle
Monuments Commission

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, 15 Feb 73, to Professor James W. Percy in response to his appeal that the Commission's denial of permission to visit Pvt. Slovik's gravesite be reconsidered, copy previously furnished your office.

2. Quoted herewith is Professor Percy's reply of February 23, 1973 to referenced letter:

"Dear Colonel Ryan:

Your letter in relation to Private Slovik is largely rhetorical, contains little of substance, and abounds with subterfuge and innuendo.

There is no point in my answering it item by item.

Since Mr. Hule did not have the Commission's permission

Msg file, Reading file, ABMC file, Conf file Col. Ryan

Wm E. Ryan, Jr. Dir O&F ABMC 36089

Wm. E. Ryan, Jr. Dir O&F ABMC 36089

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to visit the plot, I shall avail myself of a similar opportunity -
I have many weeks and all hours of the day to do so.

Very truly yours,

s/ James W. Percy

3. Superintendent will be informed of his reply and advised to take all reasonable actions to bar Professor Percy from Plot E, should he attempt to enter. Percy has Hule's description of the area, its location in the cemetery and Pvt. Slovik's old grave and row numbers (row 3, grave 65. Should he somehow gain entry by subterfuge, he will not know for certain which grave is the correct one, although he may be able to deduce it.

4. As the Embassy is the responsible agency with respect to an American's actions overseas, you may wish to bring the correspondence with Professor Percy to its attention.

Wm.E. Ryan, Jr. Dir O&F ABMC 36089

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If you are interested in the overall general appearance of the plot, it is one of fine grass in which numbered markers are imbedded at regular intervals. The plot is maintained at the same high standard as the graves areas elsewhere in the cemetery.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR.
LTC, ADA
Director of Operations and
Finance

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OIC, Paris
Col. Ryan

WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR.,
LT. COLONEL, ADA,
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS & FINANCE,
AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION,
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

FEB. 10, 1973

DEAR COLONEL RYAN:

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER DATED DEC. 29, 1972
DENYING ME PERMISSION TO VISIT THE GRAVESITE OF
EDWARD SLOVIC (36896415) AT FERE-EN-TARDENOIS.

I HAVE CONSULTED THE MILITARY ATTACHE IN THE DUBLIN EMBASSY WHO ADVISED ME TO WRITE YOU AGAIN BEFORE PROCEEDING THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS.

LET ME POINT OUT TWO ITEMS. FIRST, THE THRUST OF THIS REQUEST IS FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (AS OUTLINED IN MY LETTER FORWARDED TO YOU BY DANIEL FLOOD, M.C.). SECOND, PERMISSION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THIS PURPOSE IN THE PAST, SPECIFICALLY, TO MR. WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE.

IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE I SEE NO LEGITIMATE REASON WHY I SHOULD BE DENIED ACCESS TO THE PLOT (UNLESS, OF COURSE, MRS. SLOVAK IS IN OPPOSITION TO SUCH REQUESTS).

AS YOU ARE NO DOUBT AWARE THERE ARE OTHER
LEGAL AND PUBLIC OPTIONS WHICH I COULD PURSUE IN
RELATION HERETO. I HOPE YOU WILL SERIOUSLY RE-
CONSIDER THIS DECISION SO THAT POTENTIAL DIFFI-
CULTIES CAN BE AVOIDED.

(IF MRS. SLOVAK HAS ASKED THAT NO ONE VISIT THE SITE PLEASE SEND ME A COPY OF HER REQUEST.)

VERY TRULY YOURS,

JAMES W. PERCEY
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
POLITICAL SCIENCE

WRITE C/O:
AMERICAN EXPRESS,
116 GRAFTON ST.,
DUBLIN 2, IRELAND.

FEB. 23, 1973

WILLIAM F. RYAN,
LTC, ADA,

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS & FINANCE,
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DEAR COLONEL RYAN:

YOUR LETTER IN RELATION TO PRIVATE SLOVICK
IS LARGELY RHETORICAL, CONTAINS LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE,
AND ABOUNDS WITH SUBTERFUGE AND INNUENDO.

THERE IS NO POINT IN MY ANSWERING IT
ITEM BY ITEM.

SINCE MR. HUIE DID NOT HAVE THE COMMISSION'S
PERMISSION TO VISIT THE PLOT, I SHALL AVAIL MY-
SELF OF A SIMILAR OPPORTUNITY. I HAVE MANY WEEKS
AND ALL HOURS OF THE DAY TO DO SO.

VERY TRULY YOURS

James W. Roney
ASSOC. PROF.

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Tell Brundage to keep the SOB out
Prevent his looking to Cemetery
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15 February 1973

Professor James W. Percy
c/o American Express
116 Grafton Street
Dublin 2, Ireland

Dear Professor Percy:

Reference is made to your letter of February 10, 1973.

We have reexamined carefully the Commission's decision to bar access to Plot E at the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery and have not found any compelling reason for altering it. The policy was established not just to protect Pvt Slovik's widow but the relatives of all of those interred in Plot E and the relatives of the heroic Dead interred elsewhere in the cemetery from unwanted publicity, morbid curiosity seekers, those who might wish to embarrass or harass them, and those who would attempt to profit in some manner from access to the plot.

Regarding your specific request, we cannot conceive of any academic requirement which would necessitate access to the plot. Insofar as Mr. Hule is concerned, he did not have the Commission's permission to enter that area.

The decision to bar visitors was made by the appointed members of this Commission. These are men of substance from the Country at large who are appointed by the President to supervise the Commission's operations, and their services are donated. Periodically, they meet together on Commission business. Their next scheduled meeting will probably be some time in May. If you wish me to present your request to the appointed members we will do so at that time.

12 January 1973

Honorable Daniel J. Flood
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Flood:

Reference is made to your letter of January 9, 1973 concerning a request by Mr. James W. Percy for permission to visit the gravesite of Private Eddie D. Slovik at our Oise-Aisne American Cemetery.

The Department of State, on December 29, 1972, referred to this office your letter of November 21, 1972 on the same subject, as this Commission administers permanent military cemeteries on foreign soil. We wrote to Mr. Percy that same day. A copy of our letter to him is enclosed.

We regret that our reply to him could not be more favorable.

Sincerely,

A. J. ADAMS
Major General, USA
Secretary

Enclosure

DANIEL J. FLOOD
11th DIST., PENNSYLVANIA

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January 9, 1973

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Colonel Fred D. Clarke, Jr.
Director, Personnel and Administration
American Battle Monuments Commission
Room 2067, Temporary Building A
Washington, D. C. 20315

Dear Colonel Clarke:

You will find enclosed a copy of a letter sent to me by Mr. James W. Percey, Associate Professor of Political Science at Bloomsburg State College, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, who left for Europe on January 2, 1973, to attend school and visit various universities and places of historical interest, one of which is the grave of Private Eddie D. Slovik buried in Fere-en-Tardenois, France.

Mr. Percey will need a letter of permission to visit this grave, and I would appreciate your assistance to obtain the required document.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL J. FLOOD, M.C.

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Enclosure

December 29, 1972

Mr. James W. Percey
Associate Professor
Political Science
Bloomsburg State College
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania 17815

Dear Mr. Percey:

Your letter of November 21, 1972 to the Honorable Mr. Flood was referred to this Commission from the Department of State for reply on December 29, 1972. We regret that we did not receive it sooner.

Private Slovik and several others were executed overseas for serious crimes committed during World War II. All were tried by General Courts-Martial, convicted and received the death penalty which was upheld on appeal.

Because of the circumstances surrounding their deaths, the remains of these men were interred in an isolated area which happened to be available at the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Fere-en-Tardenois, Aisne, France. In an effort to ensure anonymity, the graves of these men are identified simply by small individually numbered markers.

Shortly after the initial burials were made, the appointive members of this Commission established the policy that publicity concerning the interments as well as visits to the plot be restricted severely. Its purpose is to protect the privacy of the relatives and friends of those buried in the plot and those of the heroic Dead interred elsewhere in the cemetery. Periodically the policy is reviewed; to date it has not been changed.

Under the circumstances, we believe that it would be in the best interest of all concerned to adhere to our policy.

I am sorry that our reply could not be more favorable. Enclosed is a copy of our general pamphlet which lists and describes

all of our cemeteries and memorials in Europe. I hope you will take the opportunity to visit some of them as each one is located at or near the site of a major military action.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR.
Lt. Colonel, ADA
Director of Operations and
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BLOOMSBURG STATE COLLEGE
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania 17815

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL
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November 21, 1972

The Honorable Daniel J. Flood
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Flood:

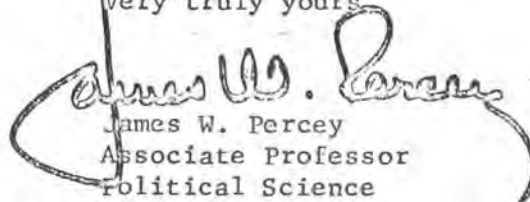
On January 2, 1973 I will leave the United States on my sabbatical leave from the college. My intention is to attend school in Europe and visit various universities and places of historical interest to prepare for the offering of new courses and the improvement of established ones here at the college.

I am developing a course on "Political Violence" and in connection therewith I will visit many of the major battlefields in Europe. I am also interested in the problem raised by William Bradford Huie in "The Execution of Private Slovik" and therefore wish to see his grave. Because he was shot for cowardice in the face of the enemy, I understand access to the spot is restricted.

I wonder if you could get me a letter from the appropriate authorities to permit me to go there for purposes of academic research? Eddie D. Slovik, #36896415 is buried in the American Cemetery in Row 3, Grave #65 at Fere-en-Tardenois, France.

Your help will be appreciated.

Very truly yours


James W. Percey
Associate Professor
Political Science

P.S. I forgot to thank you for speaking at The Simulated Convention I ran here last April. Please accept my belated thanks.

DANIEL J. FLOOD
11TH DIST., PENNSYLVANIA

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Honorable David M. Abshire
Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

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Daniel J. Flood
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Honorable Carl Levin
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Levin:

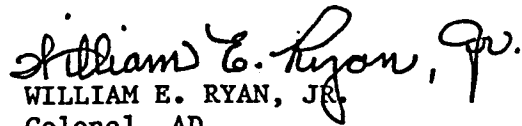
Reference is made to your letter of November 16, 1985 to Colonel Ryan inquiring about the possibility of repatriating the remains of Private Eddie Slovik to the United States.

Ninety-six World War II soldiers were executed for heinous crimes, one of whom was Private Slovik. The War Department elected to inter the remains of these individuals permanently overseas, rather than return them to the United States for burial. It asked this Commission if it had any space under its control which could be used for that purpose. In 1949, General of the Army George C. Marshall, the Commission's Chairman, together with the other appointive members of the Commission, selected a plot of land adjacent to but outside the regular burial area at the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery and Memorial and made it available to the Department of the Army. The Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army interred them in the plot and this Commission assumed responsibility for its care.

The responsibility for interment or disinterment of all Dead buried in the permanent American military cemeteries on foreign soil still remains with the Department of the Army. Section 122b of Title 36 of the U.S. Code authorizes the Armed Forces to re-enter any of the cemeteries that they have transferred to the Commission for the purpose of making exhumations or reinterments, if they deem such action to be necessary. The American Battle

Monuments Commission would interpose no objection, should the Department of the Army decide to repatriate the remains of Private Slovik.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of William E. Ryan, Jr. in cursive script.

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

c.c. Secretary of the Army
BG John W. Donaldson, USA (Ret)
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American Battle Monuments Commission
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20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20314

Dear Col. Ryan:

I would like to make an inquiry about returning the remains of Pvt. Eddie Slovik. It is my understanding he is buried in Oise-Aisne Cemetery, Pere-en-Tardenois, France.

My question is what would be required to allow his remains to be removed and returned to the United States. A private group is willing to assume all financial costs, and has the written permission of the closest remaining family member (the sister of his widow). It is their hope to return his remains to be buried next to his wife.

Please let me know what would be required to allow this transfer. Please direct any inquiries and responses to John Sheridan of my Washington staff.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carl Levin
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Constituent: Eddie Slovik

Member of Congress: Donald W. Riegle *Carl Levin*

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*Talked to Teresa Ray - 2 Dec 85
Told her lot of things, arranged. Well*

CARL LEVIN
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

November 16, 1985

Maj. Gen. Richard D. Kenyon
Chief of Legislative Liaison
Department of the Army
Room 2C631, The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20310

Dear General Kenyon:

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12 June 1972

Mr. Bernard M. Peebles
1040 Newton Street, N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20017

Dear Mr. Peebles:

Thank you for your letter of May 20, 1972.

Because of the circumstances and notoriety surrounding Private Slovik's death, his remains together with those of several others executed overseas for serious crimes during World War II were interred in an isolated area that was available in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery Memorial. Except for the grass, the only adornments to the plot are small individually numbered grave markers. In refusing you entry to the plot, the Superintendent was complying with the instructions he has received from this office.

The decision to bar the general public from the plot was made by the appointive members of this Commission. They are men of substance from the country at large appointed by the President to oversee Commission operations. The sole purpose of the policy is to protect the privacy of the relatives and friends of those buried in the plot and the relatives and friends of the heroic War Dead interred elsewhere in the cemetery. Periodically, this policy is reviewed; to date, no change has been made in it.

The enclosed copy of our general pamphlet lists, describes and provides directions for travel and other information on the cemeteries and memorials administered by this Commission. We hope you will have the opportunity to visit some of them.

Sincerely,

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WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR
LTC, Air Defense Artillery
Director of Operations and
Finance

19 March 1973

Colonel Henry C. Rowland
American Battle Monuments Commission
c/o American Embassy
Paris, France
APO New York 09777

Dear Henry:

Thank you for your letter of 12 March re Mr. Percy.

I have discussed it with General Adams and he agrees that the gendarmerie should be called only as a last resort, i.e. if Percy threatens bodily harm or destruction of property.

We had previously discussed placing the matter before the College's Board of Trustees. As Percy is on a years sabbatical, I recommended that we wait to see what develops and not do anything which might set off his apparently unstable personality.

If he does take some precipitous action, you can be assured that we will take the matter to his College's Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR.
LTC, ADA
Director of Operations and
Finance

*Thank you
(Percy)*

May 13, 1974

Honorable Martha Griffiths
1536 Longworth H.O.B.
Washington, D. . 20515

Attn: Tom

Dear Mrs. Griffiths:

Reference is made to a telephone call from a member of your staff on May 10, 1974.

Private Eddie D. Slovik is interred in a small separate plot at the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery with others who were executed for serious crimes committed overseas during World War II. The individual gravesites in the plot are marked with small numbered concrete markers. The plot itself is marked with a white Carrara marble cross and receives regular care from the cemetery staff.

Final disposition of World War II remains was carried out under Public Law 368, 80th Congress which has expired. A provision of the law specifically ended all authority to make further disposition of remains on or after December 31, 1951.

Please let us know if there is any way in which we may be of further service.

Sincerely,

A. J. ADAMS
Major General, USA
Secretary

SLOVICK, EDDIE

June 17, 1974

Honorable Charles H. Percy
United States Senate
Room 117, 800 E. Monroe
Springfield, IL 62701

Dear Senator Percy:

The Veterans Administration has forwarded your inquiry on behalf of Miss Gloria Romano, Mrs. Mary Allorio and Ms. Cara Lina Romano to this Commission as we administer the permanent American Military cemeteries on foreign soil.

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Sincerely,

A. J. ADAMS
Major General, USA
Secretary

YATRON, GUS

June 11, 1974

Honorable Gus Yatron
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Yatron:

Thank you for your letter of June 7, 1974 on behalf of Mrs. Dennis J. Wildman.

Private Eddie D. Slovik is interred in a small separate plot at the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery with others who were executed for serious crimes committed overseas during World War II. The individual gravesites in the plot are marked with small numbered concrete markers. The plot itself is marked with a white Carrara marble cross and receives regular care from the cemetery staff.

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General Mark W. Clark, USA (Ret.)
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Washington, D. C. 20315

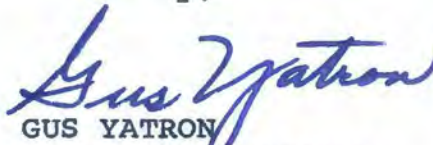
Dear General Clark:

Mrs. Dennis J. Wildman, 216 Bard Avenue,
Cornwall Terrace, Reading, Pennsylvania 19608,
contacted me concerning the late Pvt. Slovak,
World War II serviceman.

I would be most grateful if you would look
into the situation described in the enclosed
correspondence and furnish me information which
will be helpful in replying to my constituent.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,


GUS YATRON
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

May 23, 1974

The Hon. Gus Yatron
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Congressman,

Through the media
I became familiar with
the plight of Mrs. Slovak.

As I am sure you are
well aware of the
facts concerning Pvt.
Slovak, during World
War II, I won't go
into detail.

I do feel, however,
that our government

2.

owes this woman something in view of all the inequities shown her for so many years.

Mrs. Slovak would like to have her husband's body returned, to his homeland, for a proper burial. She of course cannot afford such an expense as she is living on \$160 a month allotted her through social security.

Our government should be responsible for bringing out.

3. Slova's body - home &
assuming all funeral
& burial expenses.

What-ever you &
your peers, in Congress,
can do for this
woman I would
appreciate greatly.

Sincerely,
Sharon A. Tilden
(Mrs. Dennis J. Tilden)

216 Bard Ave.
Cornwall Terrace
Reading, Penna
19608

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION



April 18, 1995

Dr. J. Robert Lilly
The College of Law
Northern Kentucky University
Highland Heights, KY 41099-6103

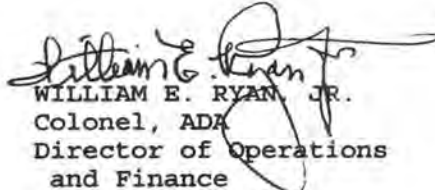
Dear Dr. Lilly:

The roster of those interred in Plot E of the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery is enclosed. All were executed for such heinous crimes as rape and murder.

They have all paid for their crimes and should be allowed to rest in peace. Although publicity cannot hurt them, it may well hurt surviving members of their families. I do not know the dates of their executions.

Sincerely,

Enclosure


WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR.
Colonel, ADA
Director of Operations
and Finance

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SUBJECT: Visitor Request to View Plot "E"

TO: The Secretary
 American Battle Monuments Commission
 Washington, D.C. 20314

1. Attached herewith is a letter from the Superintendent, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, reporting a request from Mr. Lee Barnes to visit Plot E during Mr. Barnes' recent visit to the Cemetery.

2. Mr. Barnes was received by Mr. Brian Smith during Mr. Brewer's absence, and Mr. Smith politely but firmly denied Mr. Barnes' request, in keeping with the Commission's policy regarding publicity on Plot E.

3. On his departure from the Cemetery, Mr. Barnes left the attached note and told Mr. Smith that he planned to contact his Congressman, Mr. Leo Ryan (D-California).

John W. Donaldson
 John W. Donaldson
 Brigadier General, USA
 Officer-in-Charge

Incl.

Note From Mr. V. Brewer
 together w/ a note frm Mr. Barnes

OISE - AISNE

AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL

SERINGES - ET - NESLES
02130 - FERE - EN - TARDENOIS
FRANCE

TELEPHONE:
16 23.82 21 81

29 November 1976

SUBJECT: Visitor Request to View Plot "E"

TO : Officer-in-Charge
American Battle Monuments Commission
European Office
92380 - GARCHES

1. This report is submitted per your instructions dated 16 December 1976, subject letter: "Plot E".

2. On 28 November 1976 an American visitor, Mr/ Lee BARNES, San Mateo, California, accompanied by his wife visited this cemetery and requested to view the gravesite of Private SLOVIK, Plot "E". Having been politely denied permission to Plot "E", Mr. BARNES then became very indignant and threatened to report the refusal to his Congressman upon returning to the United States. Mr. Brian SMITH, who was on weekend duty at the time reported the incident to the Superintendent the following morning. Here is the account of the visit:

a. Mr. Lee BARNES and his wife entered the Visitor's Room on Sunday afternoon, 28 November 1976, and were greeted by Mr. SMITH who, explained the importance of this World WAR I Cemetery and escorted them around the burial area explaining the beautiful features. Returning to the Visitor's Room, Mr. BARNES signed the Visitor's Register, then very vehemently asked to see the gravesite of Private SLOVIK, Plot "E".

b. Mr. BARNES indicated that he was very aware of the location of Plot "E" having stated that he had a personal copy of the book, "The Execution of Private SLOVIK". Mr. SMITH very politely denied permission to see the Plot and was met by a loud, "Why not?". Mr. SMITH explained the ABMC Policy of denying visits to Plot "E" unless written authorization signed by the ABMC Secretary was presented, and further explained the position of the Superintendent, the Officer-in-Charge, and other ABMC Officials. It was even suggested that Mr. BARNES talk to either the Officer-in-Charge or other ABMC Paris Official via telephone. To this suggestion Mr. BARNES replied: "To Hell with that".

c. This visitor very reluctantly accepted the refusal and stated that it was "not understandable" and therefore "unacceptable". Mr. BARNES talked about amnesty for Vietnam War deserters etc., then asked for a sheet of paper. The original copy of his note is attached.

d. Mr. BARNES stated that he had driven a long way to visit the cemetery and Plot "E", only to be thwarted of his goal. He added that he was a former World War II Veteran of the 1st US Division during the Italo and Normandy Campaigns. He asked for and was given the shortest routes to the nearby 1st Division Battle Monuments. Upon leaving the cemetery, Mr. BARNES expressed appreciation for the high standards of maintenance of the Cemetery and his satisfaction for having visited this WW I site.

3. In general conversation, Mr. BARNES proved to be a very interesting talker, and it was unfortunate that his visit was tainted by his harsh reaction to the refusal to visit Plot "E", and his remarks that he would report the incident to his Congressman, Mr. Leo RYAN.

4. Mr. Brian SMITH, stated that Mr. BARNES' visit lasted over two hours. From all information related to me, it appears as though Mr. Brian SMITH handled this very delicate matter very professionally and diplomatically.


M. Vincent Brewer
Superintendent

Atch: Hand written note
by Mr. BARNES

I, Lee Barnes have come to Fere-en
Tardenois with my wife today November
28, 1976 and requested permission to
visit the grave of Eddie Slonik as
was refused permission by the man
in charge ^{Mr} Brian Smith. I personally
resent this refusal ~~as~~ an American
Citizen and intend to bring this
the attention of my Congressman, Lee
upon my return to the U.S..

Lee Barnes

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9 June 1978

SUBJECT: Request to Photograph "Plot E" - Oise-Aisne American Cemetery

TO: The Secretary
American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D.C. 20314

Forwarded for your information is a detailed report by Mr. Brewer, Superintendent, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, concerning a request by a German journalist to photograph in "Plot E". This incident occurred on 5 June 1978.


John W. Donaldson
Brigadier General, USA
Officer-in-Charge

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AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL

SERINGES-ET-NESLES
02130 - FERE-EN-TARDENOIS
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TELEPHONE.
16.23.82.21.81

5 June 1978

SUBJECT: Visit of German Journalist to Plot "E"

TO : Brigadier General John W. DONALDSON, USA, OIC
American Battle Monuments Commission
European Office
92380 - GARCHES

1. The following incident occurred this morning while the Superintendent was away from the cemetery on other business. Mr. Brian SMITH, Gardner-Foreman was busy spraying the front Forecourt lawns with weedkiller when a red Opel car drove up with two people inside - a man and a woman. Here is Mr. SMITH's account of events as they occurred, in his words:

"At 10:30 hours on above date a red car with German license p stopped in the parking lot, and a middle aged man and a young girl got and photographed the front, Reception building and cemetery, and visited whole cemetery for about 3/4 of an hour. Upon descending the center mall the cemetery and leaving the gates they both turned left and walked toward the Service Entrance gate."

"I stopped them at the gate, and they simply that they wanted photograph Plot "E". When this was refused, they were obviously disappointed and couldn't understand why. They were very polite and accepted the reason given with a shrug. The man was a German journalist and the girl his interpreter."

"They had come a long way especially to photograph SLOVIC's grave were quite familiar with all the details. The man added that there was something personal also, as he fought against and was severely wounded (a badly scarred face and withered right arm and shoulder) by SLOVIC's command during the Allies WWII drive across France."

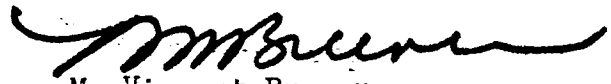
"When he was told that special written permission had to be obtained from our ABMC Washington Office to visit the site, he said he would do anything he could to obtain that permission. Both visitors were then guided from the gate, informed of Cemetery & local history, invited to sign the Visitors Register which they did."

"The man knew all about the CBS Television film that was shown to American audiences in the USA, plus two other films on SLOVICK. He asked if I could give him information on how to obtain a copy of the film. He then asked if the site (Plot "E") could be seen from the road & I told him,

"They drove towards Nesles and then drove past the cemetery 5 minutes later towards Fere-en-Tardenois." END OF NARRATIVE.

2. From the details of this visit, we can assume that this German journalist is on a special assignment for his newspaper, or magazine in Germany, to obtain material for publication. From the Visitors Register the names of the two visitors are: (Barely legible)

Homer SEEMANS, Journalist, Ingelheim, Germany
Daniele BEDERMANN, 6092 Kelstrabach, Germany


M. Vincent Brewer
Superintendent

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SUBJECT: Request for Information Concerning Grave of
PVT Eddie Slovik

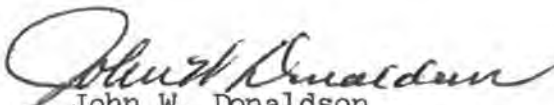
TO: The Secretary
The American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, DC 20314

Attached for your information is a copy of a letter received 12 September 1977 from Mr. J. Gardiner seeking information on the grave site of PVT Slovik, and a copy of the reply by this office.

2 Encls:

(1) cy of ltr from Mr.
Gardiner

(2) cy of ltr to Mr.
Gardiner


John W. Donaldson
Brigadier General, USA
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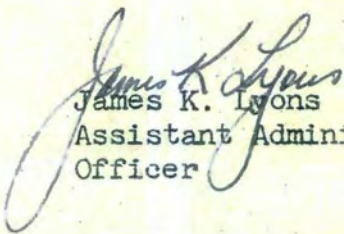
Mr. J. Gardiner
49 Emscote Avenue
Halifax, West Yorkshire
(England)

Dear Mr. Gardiner:

This is in response to your letter of September 5, 1977.

It is the policy of the American Battle Monuments Commission to restrict publicity and visits to certain burial plots under the supervision of the European Office, American Battle Monuments Commission. This policy was established by the Commissioners to protect the privacy of the families concerned.

I regret that your request could not receive a more favorable reply.


James K. Lyons
Assistant Administrative
Officer

4^c EMSCOTE AVENUE
HALIFAX
WEST YORKSHIRE
ENGLAND

5th SEPT. 1977

Dear Sir,

Earlier this year I saw on
T.V. a film of the story of
Eddie Slovik who was executed
for desertion in Eastern France
on 31st January 1945.

Could you please tell me
exactly where Slovik's grave is

Yours sincerely
J. Gardiner



VALLEY FORGE MINUTEMEN

NEWS

310 Greenwood Road
Lansdale, Pa. 19446.
7 October, 1975

Major General A. J. Adams, Secretary
The American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D. C. 20314.

Dear General Adams:

Thank you very much for your letter of 1 October 1975, in which you deny permission for me or my representative, Mr. Robert Definis, 525 Edgemont Avenue, Lansdale, Pa. 19446 to visit Private Slovik's Grave. While it was to me a piece of Beautiful Rhetoric, almost perfection, it is the latest in a long line of frustrating letters emanating from what is supposed to be the "Capitol of the Free World. This Coincides with a letter of the same date from the White House, which is enclosed for your edification.

General Adams, Sir, I hold you in respect but not in awe. Even as a Private Soldier at the age of eighteen, the only difference between a Private and a General was that I wrapped my ten cent puttees while the general was helped into his riding boots by a Dog Robber.

Now, that we are speaking person to person, Let's get a couple of points straight. First of all I am no agitator, Although at this very moment I am understadably agitated. The Cover Page of Huie's book, states in no uncertain terms that "THE EXECUTION OF PRIVATE SLOVIC was a Military Secret. I have privtely and publicly denied that there was any attempt to suppress the story. But your letter would indicate that perhaps Huie was right and I was wro ng.

On Page Six of the Book Huie carried a card directing him to Row 3 Grave 65: Why as his Denfense Counsel are you then denying me the same permission? You refer to many historians in your letter. I do not place myself in the catagory of Historian. I was his officially Duly Appointed General Courts Partial Defense Counsel, and next to his widow or kin, I have more right to visit his grave or deputize another American Soldier, Private Robert Definis to do so. What's huie's claim to fame, Initially a sordid story about a Pawian Whore, "the Revolt of Mamie Stover".

ROBERT "ROCKY" DEFINIS
Director Public Relations/Promotions

300 CENTURY PLAZA, LANSDALE, PA. 19446
(O) 215-855-5400
(R) 215-855-2690

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VALLEY FORGE MINUTEMEN

NEWS

General at this point you may be wondering about the stationery upon which this is written. Being a person of moderate means, my budget does not include a private or public stenographer, and I get my writing material where I can at a very modest cost--for nothing.

Let us return to the very serious business at hand. Please refer to the copy of Mr Philip W. Buchen, Counsel to the President. Although, not a student of the Holy Bible of Christendom, I distinctly recall that it would take a modern day "Lazarus" to return from the dead and hand carry Slovik's own request to the President as a prerequisite for Executive Clemency.

Your analogy is no less sublime than the rationale in the above mentioned Washington Merry Go Round. While my military overseas career thankfully was in Europe, my business experience does give me an insight into the oriental mind. The Japanese cannot tolerate being put into a box. Accordingly, there is a way out of this Pandora. This letter is being sent to you, or your office by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested. If we do not hear from you by the same method on or before October 14th, this will be considered tacit approval to not only visit but photograph the gravesite. If you in writing deny permission to photograph it, your wishes will be complied with, although a sketch will be made.

Even though, in reconsideration, you deny the visit to the grave site, your admonition will be ignored. This is American Property paid for by taxpayers like myself and Mr. Definis, and is "Eminent Domain". No General, I am not a Lawyer, and might be proud of the fact. Mr. Nixon and the great majority of his cronies were. You will have to agree that the Washington "legal Shingle" is more than a little tarnished.

The tone of this letter is on the tough side, and purposely so. I have tried very hard to be a nice guy, but as that arrogant person said in baseball parlance, "Nice Guys Don't Win Ball Games". General, perhaps someday if I come to Washington, I could have the pleasure of meeting you. I never walk away from a fight without offering my handshake in peace. Though you decline the "Olive Branch" I will still consider you friend, though we have never met.

Respectfully,

ENCLOSURE (2)

ROBERT "ROCKY" DEFINIS
Director Public Relations/Promotions

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P.S. Please FORWARD THE TYPING GRATER, ETC.

SEABOARD PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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18 July 1972

SUBJECT: Plot "E", Olse-Aisne American Cemetery

TO: Officer in Charge, Paris Office, ABMC

1. Private Slovic and several others were executed overseas for serious crimes committed during World War II. All were tried by General Courts-Martial, convicted and given the death penalty which was upheld on appeal.

2. Because of the circumstances surrounding the deaths of these men, their remains were interred in an isolated area which was available in the Olse-Aisne American Cemetery. To ensure anonymity, the graves are identified only by small individually numbered grave markers.

3. In an effort to protect the privacy of the relatives and friends of those buried in the plot and the relatives and friends of the heroic Dead interred elsewhere in the cemetery, the policy was established by the appointive members of this Commission to restrict severely any publicity or visits to the plot. Periodically, this policy is reviewed; to date no change has been made on it.

4. Should you receive future inquiries concerning this plot, do not deny its existence, but limit information furnished essentially to what is provided above. Entrance to the plot will be permitted only on written authority from this office.

A. J. ADAMS
Major General, USA
Secretary

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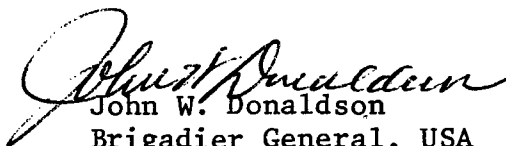
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3. At approximately 1800 hours Major Lane received a call from the caretaker of the Garches Office that visitors were present at the office asking to see General Donaldson. Major Lane spoke to the visitor, Mr. Robert Definis. Mr. Definis presented his case, which was, in summary, to gain permission to visit the grave site of Private Slovik. Mr. Definis was told by Major Lane of the Commission's policy denying public access to the site. He asked if the Officer-in-Charge would see him and was advised that General Donaldson would certainly receive Mr. Definis' visit.

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4. At noon on 29 October, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Definis visited the European Office requesting to see the Officer-in-Charge. Mr. and Mrs. Definis were invited into the office and given a detailed briefing by General Donaldson on the military operations in Europe, the establishment of the cemeteries, and of the American Battle Monuments Commission and its responsibilities. Mr. Definis requested permission to record the Officer-in-Charge's responses to his own questions but his request was politely denied. Mr. Definis then asked for permission to visit the grave site of Private Slovik at the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery. The Officer-in-Charge respectfully defined the policy of the Commission to deny access to the site and of his own responsibility to uphold that policy. The Officer-in-Charge read, but did not furnish a copy, the letter from General Adams to Major Woods, 14 October 1975. Mr. Definis indicated that he had left Pennsylvania before the reply had been received to the request to visit the Private Slovik grave site.

5. Mr. and Mrs. Definis left the European Office at 1320 hours.


John W. Donaldson
Brigadier General, USA
Officer-in-Charge

Incl.

Memo Superintendent
Oise-Aisne Cemetery, dtd 28 Oct. 75

OISE-AISNE

AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL

SERINGES-ET-NESLES
02130 - FERRE-EN-TARDENOIS
FRANCE

TELEPHONE:
16.23.82.21.81

28 October 1975

Subject: Visitor Interested in Plot "E" - Mr. Robert N. DEFINIS

To : Officer-in-Charge
American Battle Monuments Commission
European Office
68, Rue du 19 Janvier
92380 - GARCHES

1. At noontime this date a man and woman drove into the front parking lot, got out of their car and walked straight to the Visitors Reception entrance. The undersigned, who was having lunch at the time immediately went outside and greeted the two visitors in the Visitors building. The gentleman identified himself as Mr. Robert N. Definis and introduced his wife. He asked if I was the Superintendent, then asked if I had heard of the author Mr. Bradford Huie who wrote the book "The Execution of Private Slovik".

2. Mr. Definis proceeded to advise me that he knew of the existence of Plot "E" and that he knew that Private Slovik was buried there in Row 3, Grave 65. He seemed well informed, and asked if he could visit the gravesite.

3. The undersigned informed Mr. Definis that we do not deny the existence of Plot "E" which is located on private property, but that permission to visit the Plot must be obtained in writing from our ABMC Paris Office, or higher authority. I did not have the authority to grant such permission. Further, that visits to Plot "E" were restricted to the public in an effort to protect the privacy of the relatives and friends of those buried there and the relatives and friends of those heroic Dead buried elsewhere in the cemetery. Mr. Definis seemed very polite and assured me that he appreciated my position. Upon his request I gave him several cemetery brochures and pamphlets which contain the address and telephone number of the Paris Office. They both thanked me for these and then both signed the Visitors Register.

4. I invited them to visit our Cemetery and Memorial and pointed out the gravesite of Joyce Kilmer. Mr. Definis and his wife then walked around the grounds, he taking pictures of various features. I immediately called the Paris Office to report the visit to the Officer-in-Charge and talked to Major Lane, who counselled me further on the matter. Meanwhile, I kept an eye on the two visitors hoping they would not attempt to gain access to the restricted side of the grounds.

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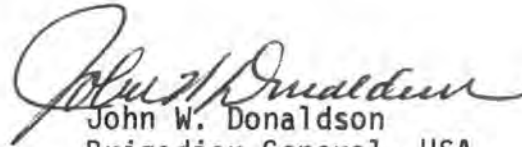
SUBJECT: Plot E, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery

TO: The Secretary
The American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D.C. 20314

1. Forwarded herewith for your information is a letter from Superintendent Brewer, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, reporting an attempted visit to Plot E by a journalist from "France-Soir" newspaper.

2. Mr. Brewer has been working with the local Gendarmerie and with his neighbor, Mr. Damery, to preserve the privacy of Plot E and the grave site of PVT Slovik.

3. This latest attempt to visit and film Plot E probably stems from the recent publicity on Private Slovik's widow in the American newspapers and on television programs. I shall keep you informed of any further developments.


John W. Donaldson
Brigadier General, USA
Officer-in-Charge

Incl.
Ltr from Supt Brewer,
dtd 15 Apr 77

OISE-AISNE

AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL

SERINGES-ET-NESLES
02130 - FERE-EN-TARDENOIS
FRANCE

TELEPHONE:
16.23.82.21.81

15 April 1977

SUBJECT: Journalist Request to Photograph Gravesite of Private Slovik

TO : Brig. General John W. DONALDSON
Officer-in-Charge
American Battle Monuments Commission
European Office
92380 - GARCHES

JEAN-

1. This noontime, a French journalist, Mr. Pierre MASSAT, entered the Reception room and presented me with a sheet of paper which had been written in pen and ink and described the location, number, plot, and total number interred in Plot "E".

2. I asked him who he represented and he replied: "FRANCE-SOIR". The local evening Parisien newspaper. When I informed him that I nor my immediate superior had the authority to authorize him access to Plot "E", he asked "Why"? I then explained to him the basic reasons concerning respect for the American heroes buried elsewhere in the cemetery, respect for the family members of the deceased, and so on, which he understood.

3. I then invited him into my office and called LtC. HARTMAN and informed him.

4. The man was given the address and telephone of the ABMC GARCHES Office and advised to state his intentions and those of his editors, directly to my superiors, in Paris.

5. Following this, the man thanked me and departed in his automobile, Black RENAULT 16, 4-door, License No. 77-08-YT-75, in the direction of Fere-ne-Tardenois.

6. About 1415 hours, one of my workers burst in the Reception room informing me that the man was walking around the northeast exterior boundary fence behind the Service area with a camera. It was our journey. I intercepted him on the road and asked him why he was peering around the back of the cemetery property with a camera hanging from his neck. He informed me that he was just curious, that he knew the Plot "E" was behind the Reception building. Further, that he had telephoned his boss at that time informing him that he could not obtain permission to complete his assignment. His boss (so the journalist said) then suggested that he take some photos of the main cemetery proper.


7. Again, I explained to the man in more detail, the reasons why we are not authorized to allow persons to visit Plot "E" and take photographs. And I asked this man to respect our position, and refrain from any publicity that might be harmful to members of families of the deceased.

8. One point of interest, I asked the man, from what source did his editor's interest in Private Slovik originate? And the man replied. from the international dispatches UPI, AP, etc, which are received all over the world.

9. Shortly, thereafter, the man departed in his automobile.

10. About 25 minutes later, Mr. Damery, the property owner of the Meurcy Farm came to my office and informed me that a journalist had been to his place asking about Plot "E". Mr. Damery informed me that he told the man: "We do not discuss politics here". Then the man left the Farm.

11. In an earlier advisory to your office dated 14 April 1977, I had advised that the TV film on Private Slovik had been shown to American audiences only last month. Perhaps, the visit of the French journalist today is the beginning of a new series of requests to visit Plot "E".


M. Vincent Brewer
Superintendent

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18 July 1972

SUBJECT: Plot "E", Oise-Aisne American Cemetery

TO: Officer in Charge, Paris Office, ABMC

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THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

Courthouse Plaza II, Suite 500
2300 Clarendon Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201

February 11, 2002

Memo for Col Corea

Subject: Request to Visit and Photograph Plot E, Oise-Aisne

Background:

- ABMC policy on visits to and photographing of Plot E have been documented as recently as 1990 (see below).
- The policy has been not to publicize its existence and to “bar” visitors other than family members and friends of those interred at Plot E.
- The purpose of this has been to protect the interests of the relatives of those interred and as well as those interred elsewhere in the cemetery.
- In today’s environment, can this continue to be the policy of ABMC?

Discussion:

- We cannot locate the documentation that asserts the Commission’s policy concerning Plot E.
- Currently, Mr. Joseph Maddox has requested permission to visit and photograph Plot E.

Recommendation:

- We respond to Mr. Maddox and obtain advice of Legal Counsel in the coordination process.

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1. Reference:

- a. Ltr, dtd Dec 29, 2001 from Joseph Maddox, (cy attached at Tab A) requesting permission to visit and photograph Plot E, Oise-Aisne AC.
- b. Ltr, dtd Nov 28, 2001, from ABMC in response to Mr. Maddox’s ltr of Nov 11, 2001 (cys attached at Tab A) in which Mr. Maddox requested information about Plot E and a roster of those interred there for the purposes of a paper to be presented at the University of Baltimore School of Law.

2. ABMC'S policy concerning Plot E is reiterated in the following attached ABMC documents:

- c. Ltr, July 20, 1992, from Col. William E. Ryan to Mr. Richard Levenberg.
- d. Ltr, May 24, 1990, from Col. William E. Ryan to Mr. Lawrence Paul.
- e. Ltr 21 April 1977, (and enclosure), subject: Plot E, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, from BG John W. Donaldson.
- f. Ltr, 11 June 1976, subject: CBS Request to Film Oise-Aisne American Cemetery signed by BG John W. Donaldson.
- g. Ltr, 1 Oct 1975, from General A.J. Adams to Major Edward P. Woods.
- h. Ltr, 30 October 1975 (and enclosure), subj: Visit by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Definis, from BG John W. Donaldson.
- i. Ltr, 18 July 1972, subject: Plot "E", Oise-Aisne American Cemetery
- j. Ltr, 12 June 1972, June 12, 1972, from LTC William E. Ryan to Mr. Bernard M. Peebles and ltr, August 5, 1971 from MG Adams to Mr. Edward G. Coleman.

Martha Sell

99 Park Heights Boulevard
Hanover, Pennsylvania 17331

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December 29, 2001

Colonel Anthony N. Corea, US Air Force(Ret)

Director of Operations and Finance

The American Battle Monuments Commission

Courthouse Plaza II, Suite 500

2300 Clarendon Boulevard

Arlington, Virginia 22201



Dear Colonel Corea;

Thank you for your letter and enclosures of December 13, 2001.

I intend to visit the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in the late Spring or Summer of 2002. Please consider this letter as my formal request to the American Battle Monuments Commission for permission to visit that area of the Cemetery known as Plot E. I am requesting a pass, letter of authority or such other documentation as may be needed for entry to Plot E. Please advise if a separate letter, or other authorization is required for the taking of photographs in Plot E. It is my intent to take photographs of Plot E, the markers contained within Plot E, the road or entrance to Plot E and any other structure, building or signs related to Plot E.

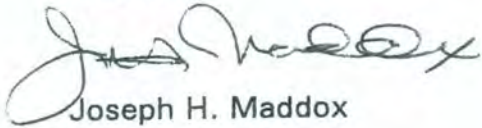
The list that you provided of military personnel interred at Plot E is greatly appreciated. I understand that each grave in Plot E is only marked with a small stone bearing a number. I am requesting that you provide a list that sets down both the name of the deceased and that number assigned to the executed member.

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My search of the list that you provided fails to reflect the name of Private Edward Donald Slovik, serial number 36896415, executed 31 January, 1945. Would you please advise the circumstances related to the removal of Private Slovik's remains from Plot E and their disposition. ✓

Thank You for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Joseph H. Maddox

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

July 20, 1992

Mr. Richard A. Levenberg
2012 North Monroe Street
Arlington, VA 22207

Dear Mr. Levenberg:

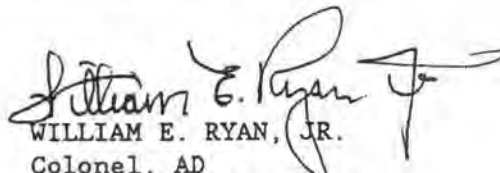
Reference is made to your letter of July 12, 1992.

The servicemen interred in Plot E were executed for heinous crimes such as rape and murder. Each grave is identified only by a small numbered rectangular marble marker. The plot receives the same high standard of maintenance as our other grave plots. A white carrara marble Latin cross is located at the head of the plot.

In order to protect the privacy of the families of the men interred in Plot E, access is and always has been limited to members of the immediate family. I hope you can understand this policy. Hopefully, no publicity will result from your book concerning those interred there, which might cause their families grief.

Should you and your wife wish to visit any other part of the cemetery, you will be most welcome. Directions to the cemetery may be found in the enclosed pamphlet.

Sincerely,


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

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THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION



May 24, 1990

Mr. Lawrence D. Paul
277 Al School House Rd.
Jamesburg, New Jersey 08831

Dear Mr. Paul:

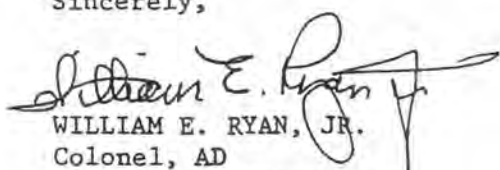
Reference is made to your letter of May 13, 1990.

On July 8, 1989, the remains of PVT Eddie Slovik were exhumed from Plot E, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery and transported via commercial air to the United States for interment. A newspaper article detailing the return and subsequent misrouting of PVT Slovik's remains is enclosed for your information.

Denial of permission to visit Plot E is hereby reaffirmed. Plot E was set aside for the interment of soldiers executed during World War II for heinous crimes at the request of the Quartermaster General of the War Department. The Presidentially appointed members of this Commission restricted access to the plot to the family members of the executed soldiers. This restriction was made to protect their right to privacy and to limit any possibility of the plot's proximity causing discomfort to the families of the thousands of heroic War Dead interred nearby. The Freedom of Information Act does not affect access to real property of the federal government in any way.

If we may be of other service to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,


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

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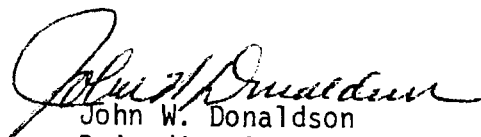
SUBJECT: Plot E, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery

TO: The Secretary
The American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D.C. 20314

1. Forwarded herewith for your information is a letter from Superintendent Brewer, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, reporting an attempted visit to Plot E by a journalist from "France-Soir" newspaper.

2. Mr. Brewer has been working with the local Gendarmerie and with his neighbor, Mr. Damery, to preserve the privacy of Plot E and the grave site of PVT Slovik.

3. This latest attempt to visit and film Plot E probably stems from the recent publicity on Private Slovik's widow in the American newspapers and on television programs. I shall keep you informed of any further developments.


John W. Donaldson
Brigadier General, USA
Officer-in-Charge

Incl.
Ltr from Supt Brewer,
dtd 15 Apr 77

OISE-AISNE AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL

SERINGES-ET-NESLES
02130 - FERRE-EN-TARDENOIS
FRANCE

TELEPHONE
16 23.82.21.81

15 April 1977

SUBJECT: Journalist Request to Photograph Gravesite of Private Slovik

TO : Brig. General John W. DONALDSON
Officer-in-Charge
American Battle Monuments Commission
European Office
92380 - GARCHES

1. This noontime, a French journalist, Mr. ^{JEAN-}Pierre MASSAT, entered the Reception room and presented me with a sheet of paper which had been written in pen and ink and described the location, number, plot, and the total number interred in Plot "E".

2. I asked him who he represented and he replied: "FRANCE-SOIR". The local evening Parisien newspaper. When I informed him that I nor my immediate superior had the authority to authorize him access to Plot "E", he asked "Why"? I then explained to him the basic reasons concerning respect for the American heroes buried elsewhere in the cemetery, respect for the family members of the deceased, and so on, which he understood.

3. I then invited him into my office and called LtC. HARTMAN and informed him.

4. The man was given the address and telephone of the AEMC GARCHES Office and advised to state his intentions and those of his editors, directly to my superiors, in Paris.

5. Following this, the man thanked me and departed in his automobile, Black RENAULT 16, 4-door, License No. 77-08-YT-75, in the direction of Fere-ne-Tardenois.

6. About 1415 hours, one of my workers burst in the Reception room informing me that the man was walking around the northeast exterior boundary fence behind the Service area with a camera. It was our journalist. I intercepted him on the road and asked him why he was peering around the back of the cemetery property with a camera hanging from his neck. He informed me that he was just curious, that he knew the Plot "E" was behind the Reception building. Further, that he had telephoned his boss at noon time informing him that he could not obtain permission to complete his assignment. His boss (so the journalist said) then suggested that he take some photos of the main cemetery proper.


7. Again, I explained to the man in more detail, the reasons why we are not authorized to allow persons to visit Plot "E" and take photos. And I asked this man to respect our position, and refrain from any bad publicity that might be harmful to members of families of the deceased.

8. One point of interest, I asked the man, from what source did his editor's interest in Private Slovik originate? And the man replied, from the international dispatches UPI, AP, etc, which are received all over the world.

9. Shortly, thereafter, the man departed in his automobile.

10. About 25 minutes later, Mr. Damery, the property owner of the Meurcy Farm came to my office and informed me that a journalist had been to his place asking about Plot "E". Mr. Damery informed me that he told the man: "We do not discuss politics here". Then the man left the Farm.

11. In an earlier advisory to your office dated 14 April 1977, I had advised that the TV film on Private Slovik had been shown to American audiences only last month. Perhaps, the visit of the French journalist today is the beginning of a new series of requests to visit Plot "E".


M. Vincent Brewer
Superintendent

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Tel : 970-01-73 and 970-20-70
Telegrams : Monuments Garches.

MILITARY ADDRESS

American Embassy (A.B.M.C.)
APO New York, 09777

11 June 1976

SUBJECT: CBS Request to Film Oise-Aisne American Cemetery

TO: The Secretary
American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D.C. 20314


1. Miss Judy Stevenson from CBS London, called the undersigned at 1430 hours today to request permission to do some filming at Plot E, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, in connection with the CBS program "60 minutes" which would cover the case of Private Eddie Slovik.

2. I explained to Miss Stevenson the long-standing policy established by the Commissioners to restrict severely entry to and publicity on Plot E, where Private Slovik is buried. I emphasized that the basis for this decision by the Commissioners was their desire to protect the privacy of the families of the men in that isolated plot, as well as the families of the heroic War Dead buried in the cemetery proper.

3. Miss Stevenson then asked if it would be possible to film the cemetery proper and use this film to identify the cemetery where Private Slovik is buried. I replied that I could not give approval to such a filming, because the film would be used in the context of the story of Private Slovik, and thus would be contrary to the Commission's policy of protecting the families and friends of our honored War Dead buried in that cemetery from unwanted publicity and any imagined or inferred stigma. I explained that the Commissioners, who originally established the policy, are men of substance from the country at large, who were appointed by the President to supervise the Commission's operations. Their decision to restrict severely any visits to and publicity on this isolated plot has been reviewed periodically, and has not been changed. I further explained that the European Office did not have authority to permit entry into or filming of the plot, that entry was permitted only by written authority from the Washington Office of ABMC.

4. Miss Stevenson then stated that the family of Private Slovik was being contacted in connection with this program, and she asked whether the consent of his family to this project would have any effect on our decision. I explained that it would not, because there are a number of others buried in the same plot with Private Slovik, all of whom were executed for serious crimes, and it is the Commission's desire to protect the privacy of the families of all those men, as well as those of the heroic Dead in the cemetery proper. I also explained that it is the Commission policy to reserve the right to review any film and script intended for public consumption.

5. Miss Stevenson expressed her appreciation for the information received, apologized for any inconvenience she may have caused us, and said that she would discuss our conversation with her New York Office.


John W. Donaldson
Brigadier General, USA
Officer-in-Charge

1 October 1975

Major Edward P. Woods
310 Greenwood Road
Lansdale, PA 19446

Dear Major Woods:

General Clark, who is presently away from Washington, has asked me to thank you for your mailgram of 18 September 1975.

Private Slovik is buried in an isolated plot of the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery and Memorial, Fere-en-Tardenois (Aisne), France, with others who were executed for serious crimes committed during World War II. Each grave is identified by a small numbered rectangular concrete marker imbedded in the ground. The plot is covered by a fine lawn; a white carrara marble cross is at its entrance. It receives the same high standard of maintenance as the other grave plots.

The Oise-Aisne Cemetery was one of eight cemetery memorials specifically designed and constructed as shrines to the American Dead of World War I whose next-of-kin requested final interment of the remains be made in a battlefield of that war. Over the years, the Commission has done whatever it could to limit publicity on the existence of the isolated plot in order to protect the relatives and friends of the heroic War Dead interred in the cemetery from any imagined or inferred stigma which could be attached to housing both War Dead and those executed for crimes in the same cemetery. In consonance with this, the isolated plot has never been open to the public nor have any photographs of it been released. Other serious historians such as yourself have requested entrance but their petitions have been denied on the basis that it would not be in the best interest of the family and friends of the heroic Dead buried elsewhere in the cemetery. I hope you can appreciate our position.

On the other hand, there is no prohibition on visiting or photographing the grave of Sergeant Joyce Kilmer who is interred in Plot B, Row 9, Grave 15 of the cemetery. Information concerning the cemetery and directions to it may be found on the tabbed pages of the enclosed pamphlet. Sergeant Kilmer's grave may be photographed by anyone, however if you wish, I will be happy to arrange for the superintendent to photograph Sergeant Kilmer's grave and forward the prints to you.

Brigadier General James E. Wharton is interred in Section 34, Grave 1198 at Arlington National Cemetery, which is administered by the Department of the Army. It is open to the public daily and photographing of gravesites there is permitted.

I regret that we found it necessary to disapprove your request to visit Private Slovik's grave, and hope that we can be of service to you in some other way.

Sincerely,

A. J. ADAMS
Major General, USA
Secretary

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30 October 1975

SUBJECT: Visit by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Definis

TO: The Secretary
The American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D.C. 20314

1. Reference is made to information copies sent to this office of correspondence between the Secretary and Major Edward P. Woods concerning the grave site of Private Eddie D. Slovik.

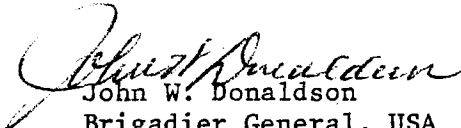
2. On the morning of 28 October 1975, the Superintendent at Oise-Aisne American Cemetery was advised by telephone of a possible visit by persons interested in this grave site and was reminded of the decision of the Commission to deny public entrance to that area of the cemetery in which Private Slovik is buried. At noon, Major Lane received a call from Mr. Brewer that a Mr. Robert Definis and wife of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, had arrived at his installation and this couple were touring the cemetery. Mr. Brewer reported later that he and Mr. Brian Smith had personally escorted the couple, prepared the headstone of Sgt Joyce Kilmer for photography, and had given them a briefing of cemetery operations. Mr. Definis asked to see the grave site of Private Slovik but he was politely denied access. Mr. Brewer reported that Mr. and Mrs. Definis were polite and pleasant and did not further pressure the Superintendent to see the site. He asked instructions on how to get to the European Office and left the cemetery at 1400 hours.

3. At approximately 1800 hours Major Lane received a call from the caretaker of the Garches Office that visitors were present at the office asking to see General Donaldson. Major Lane spoke to the visitor, Mr. Robert Definis. Mr. Definis presented his case, which was, in summary, to gain permission to visit the grave site of Private Slovik. Mr. Definis was told by Major Lane of the Commission's policy denying public access to the site. He asked if the Officer-in-Charge would see him and was advised that General Donaldson would certainly receive Mr. Definis' visit.

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4. At noon on 29 October, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Definis visited the European Office requesting to see the Officer-in-Charge. Mr. and Mrs. Definis were invited into the office and given a detailed briefing by General Donaldson on the military operations in Europe, the establishment of the cemeteries, and of the American Battle Monuments Commission and its responsibilities. Mr. Definis requested permission to record the Officer-in-Charge's responses to his own questions but his request was politely denied. Mr. Definis then asked for permission to visit the grave site of Private Slovik at the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery. The Officer-in-Charge respectfully defined the policy of the Commission to deny access to the site and of his own responsibility to uphold that policy. The Officer-in-Charge read, but did not furnish a copy, the letter from General Adams to Major Woods, 14 October 1975. Mr. Definis indicated that he had left Pennsylvania before the reply had been received to the request to visit the Private Slovik grave site.

5. Mr. and Mrs. Definis left the European Office at 1320 hours.


John W. Donaldson
Brigadier General, USA
Officer-in-Charge

Incl.

Memo Superintendent
Oise-Aisne Cemetery, dtd 28 Oct. 75

OISE-AISNE AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL

SERINGES-ET-NESLES
02130 - PERE-EN-TARDENOIS
FRANCE

TELEPHONE:
16. 23. 82, 21. 81

28 October 1975

Subject: Visitor Interested in Plot "E" - Mr. Robert N. DEFINIS

To : Officer-in-Charge
American Battle Monuments Commission
European Office
68, Rue du 19 Janvier
92380 - GARCHES

1. At noontime this date a man and woman drove into the front parking lot, got out of their car and walked straight to the Visitors Reception entrance. The undersigned, who was having lunch at the time immediately went outside and greeted the two visitors in the Visitors building. The gentleman identified himself as Mr. Robert N. Definis and introduced his wife. He asked if I was the Superintendent, then asked if I had heard of the author Mr. Bradford Huie who wrote the book "The Execution of Private Slovik".

2. Mr. Definis proceeded to advise me that he knew of the existence of Plot "E" and that he knew that Private Slovik was buried there in Row 3, Grave 65. He seemed well informed, and asked if he could visit the gravesite.

3. The undersigned informed Mr. Definis that we do not deny the existence of Plot "E" which is located on private property, but that permission to visit the Plot must be obtained in writing from our ABMC Paris Office, or higher authority. I did not have the authority to grant such permission. Further, that visits to Plot "E" were restricted to the public in an effort to protect the privacy of the relatives and friends of those buried there and the relatives and friends of those heroic Dead buried elsewhere in the cemetery. Mr. Definis seemed very polite and assured me that he appreciated my position. Upon his request I gave him several cemetery brochures and pamphlets which contain the address and telephone number of the Paris Office. They both thanked me for these and then both signed the Visitors Register.

4. I invited them to visit our Cemetery and Memorial and pointed out the gravesite of Joyce Kilmer. Mr. Definis and his wife then walked around the grounds, he taking pictures of various features. I immediately called the Paris Office to report the visit to the Officer-in-Charge and talked to Major Lane, who counselled me further on the matter. Meanwhile, I kept an eye on the two visitors hoping they would not attempt to gain access to the restricted side of the grounds.

5. After the telephone call I joined Mr. and Mrs. Definis in front of the parking lot. The Foreman Guide who was in the Office with me during the phone conversation accompanied me and together we explained all the cemetery features and related wartime events that occurred in the area.

6. The gravesite of Joyce Kilmer was darkened so that Mr. Definis could take some interesting gravesite photos and we continued our tour. Throughout the guided tour of the grounds, Mr. Definis repeatedly brought out more and more details of the Private Slovik case. He further identified himself as a Public Relations and Promotional Agent and a business associate of Mr. Edward T. Wood. He informed me that Mr. Wood was the Defense Counsellor at the Private Slovik trial, and that Mr. Wood was writing his memoirs of the Slovik trials.

7. Mr. Definis also informed me that a movie had been ^{made} using the book as a basis and shown to the public in 1974 in the United States. Arriving back at the parking lot, Mr. Definis offered to show me more details concerning his interests in the case in the form of documents and newspaper clippings, but I declined to look at them. He apologized for this gesture.

8. Mr. & Mrs. Definis thanked us for the courtesies shown them, and commented very favorably on the condition and appearance of the cemetery. In his parting remark Mr. Definis said: "I am a Journalist and wherever there is a story of interest such as Private Slovik, I will go after the details." Unquote. He then informed me that he will visit the ABMC Paris Office to seek permission to visit the gravesite.

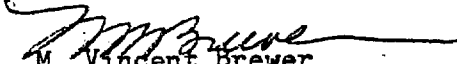
9. The visitors departed at 1400 hours.

10. Details concerning Mr. Definis identity:

Mr. Robert N. Definis
Public Relations & Promotional Agency
523 Edgemont Ave.
Lansdale, Pa. 19446 Tel: 215-855-2690
215-855-4966

Auto: OPEL KADETT, 2-Door, Canary Yellow
Luxembourg License plates No. J 1139

11. In conclusion, I might add that Mr. Definis was very polite and appreciative of our position, and I suspect that there will be other visitors to this cemetery seeking the same information and permission.


M. Vincent Brewer
Superintendent

18 July 1972

SUBJECT: Plot "E", Oise-Aisne American Cemetery

TO: Officer in Charge, Paris Office, ABMC

1. Private Slovic and several others were executed overseas for serious crimes committed during World War II. All were tried by General Courts-Martial, convicted and given the death penalty which was upheld on appeal.

2. Because of the circumstances surrounding the deaths of these men, their remains were interred in an isolated area which was available in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery. To ensure anonymity, the graves are identified only by small individually numbered grave markers.

3. In an effort to protect the privacy of the relatives and friends of those buried in the plot and the relatives and friends of the heroic Dead interred elsewhere in the cemetery, the policy was established by the appointive members of this Commission to restrict severely any publicity or visits to the plot. Periodically, this policy is reviewed; to date no change has been made in it.

4. Should you receive future inquiries concerning this plot, do not deny its existence, but limit information furnished essentially to what is provided above. Entrance to the plot will be permitted only on written authority from this office.

A. J. ADAMS
Major General, USA
Secretary

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*re: Slovik, Eddie
Exhumed Jan 31, 48*

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC. 20315

12 June 1972

Mr. Bernard M. Peebles
1040 Newton Street, N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20017

Dear Mr. Peebles:

Thank you for your letter of May 20, 1972.

Because of the circumstances and notoriety surrounding Private Slovik's death, his remains together with those of several others executed overseas for serious crimes during World War II were interred in an isolated area that was available in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery Memorial. Except for the grass, the only adornments to the plot are small individually numbered grave markers. In refusing you entry to the plot, the Superintendent was complying with the instructions he has received from this office.

The decision to bar the general public from the plot was made by the appointive members of this Commission. They are men of substance from the country at large appointed by the President to oversee Commission operations. The sole purpose of the policy is to protect the privacy of the relatives and friends of those buried in the plot and the relatives and friends of the heroic War Dead interred elsewhere in the cemetery. Periodically, this policy is reviewed; to date, no change has been made in it.

The enclosed copy of our general pamphlet lists, describes and provides directions for travel and other information on the cemeteries and memorials administered by this Commission. We hope you will have the opportunity to visit some of them.

Sincerely,

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WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR
LTC, Air Defense Artillery
Director of Operations and
Finance

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no entry to Plot - OISE-AISNE AMERICAN CEMETERY*

BURIALS AT PLOT "E"
OISE-AISNE AMERICAN CEMETERY – FERE-EN-TARDENOIS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>ROW</u>	<u>GRAVE NO</u>
AGEE, Amos	34163762	1	14
ANDERSON, Roy W.	35407199	2	29
BAILEY, Milbert	34151488	4	90
BALDWIN, Walter J.	34020111	2	43
BENNERMAN, Sidney, Jr	34174757	3	57
BRINSON, Eliga	34052175	4	93
BURNS, Lee A.	38520648	4	74
CLARK, Ernest L.	33212946	3	68
CLAY, Matthew Jr.	38490561	1	3
COOPER, John D.	34562464	4	81
CREWS, Otis B.	14057830	2	30
DAVIS, Arthur E.	36788637	4	82
DAVIS, Lee A.	18023362	3	61
DAVIS, William E.	33541888	1	19
DAVISON, Tommie	34485174	3	60
DONNELLY, Robert L.	13131982	4	95
DOWNES, William C.	33519814	1	16
ERVIN, Charlie Jr.	34042926	3	54
FARRELL, Arthur J.	32559163	1	21
GORDON, Tom	34091950	1	10
GRANT, General L.	34557976	3	59
GREEN, George Jr.	38476751	2	36
GUERRA, Augustine M.	38458023	2	44
HALL, Willie	33268841	4	83
HARRIS, Wiley, Jr.	6924547	4	92
HARRISON, William Jr.	15089828	3	62
HEARD, Haze	34562354	2	38
HENDRICKS, James E.	33453189	1	13
HOLDEN, Mervin	38226564	1	8
HOPPER, Benjamin F.	32720571	1	7

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>ROW</u>	<u>GRAVE NO</u>
JEFFERIES, Charles H.	33181343	4	78
JOHNSON, Willie	38270465	2	28
JONES, Cubia	34563790	1	15
JONES, James L.	34221343	4	84
JONES, John T.	38315973	2	48
JONES, Kinney	34120505	2	42
JORDAN, Charlie H.	14066430	2	40
KENDRICK, James E.	14026995	1	5
KLUXDAL, Paul M.	36395076	2	35
LEATHERBERRY, J. C.	34472451	4	86
LUCAS, William N.	36639075	4	96
MACK, John M.	34042053	1	4
MACK, William	32620461	3	63
MAHONEY, Joseph J.	12008332	1	11
MARIANO, Blake W.	38011593	1	12
MARTINEZ, Aniceto	38168482	2	39
MAXEY, Curtis L.	34554198	3	71
MC CARTER, William J.	34675988	4	91
MC GHEE, Shelton Sr.	34529025	1	6
MC MURRAY, Fred A.	38184335	1	27
NELSON, Henry W.	35726029	1	1
NEWMAN, Oscar N.	35226382	1	80
NORRIS, Clete O.	37082314	4	79
ORTIZ, Victor	30405077	4	87
PARKER, Woodrow	34561139	3	56
PEARSON, Robert L.	38326741	1	22
PENNYFEATHER, William D.	32801627	3	66
PHILPOT, Henry C.	39080069	4	89
PITTMAN, Willie A.	34400976	3	50
PYGATE, Benjamin	33741021	4	85
ROBINSON, Charles M.	38164425	3	70
ROLLINS, Alvin R.	34716953	3	51

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SANDERS, James B.	34124233	3	58
SCHMIEDEL, Werner E.	7041115	3	53
SCOTT, Richard B.	38040012	2	45
SKINNER, Robert L.	35802328	3	64
SMALLS, Abraham	34512812	1	23
SMITH, Charles H.	36337437	4	77
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SMITH, John C.	33214953	3	67
SMITH, Willie	34565556	3	69
SPEARS, Charles E.	32337619	1	18
SPENCER, Elwood J.	33739343	2	33
SPINKS, Mansfield	36793241	3	49
STROUD, Harvey	33215131	2	26
TAYLOR, John W.	37485128	1	24
THOMAS, Madison	38265363	4	76
TILL, Louis	36392273	4	73
TWIGGS, James W.	38265086	4	88
VALENTINE, Leo	32954278	2	41
WATERS, John H.	32337934	2	46
WATSON, Frank Jr.	34793522	3	55
WATSON, Ray	33139251	2	25
WATSON, Joseph	39610125	1	17
WHITE, Armstead	34401104	2	47
WHITE, David	34400884	3	72
WHITFIELD, Clarence	34672443	2	37
WILLIAMS, Ellsworth	34200976	2	32
WILLIAMS, John	32794118	4	94
WILLIAMS, Olin W.	34649494	1	20
WILSON, J. P.	32484756	1	9
WIMBERLY, Willie J.	36392154	2	34
WRAY, Robert	34461589	4	75
YANCY, Waiters	37499079	2	31



THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

Courthouse Plaza II, Suite 500
2300 Clarendon Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201

From: Sell Martha

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2006 10:33 AM
Established by Congress 1923

To: 'Michael Perez'

Subject: RE:

Reference is made to our telephone conversation of today in which you requested of those interred at Plot E at Oise-Aisne American Cemetery with "Hispanic sounding names."

Using that criteria, following are: Augustine M. Guerra, 38458023; Aniceto Martinez, 38168482; Alcx F. Miranda, 39297382; Victor Ortiz, 30405077.

Martha Sell 703 696 6897

From: Michael Perez [mailto:mike4p@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2006 9:45 AM

To: Sell Martha

Subject:

Dear Mrs. Sell:

Thank you in advance for your assistance. As per our coversation, I'm looking for information on two Mexican soldires that are buried in Plot E of the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery and Memorial.

Michael
President
League of United Latin American Citizens
Stockton, Ca. Council #2060

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

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EUROPEAN OFFICE

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68, Rue du 19 Janvier, 92380 Garches, France

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American Embassy (A.B.M.C.)			
APO New York, 09777			
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24 August 1987

SUBJECT: Exhumation and Disposition
of Pvt Slovik's Remains

TO: The Secretary
American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D.C. 20314-0300

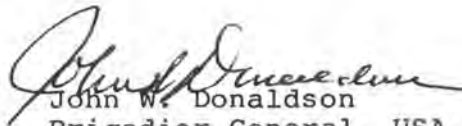
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ABMC
WASHINGTON

1. On 20 July 1987, I transmitted the report of Mr. Ernest J. Demester, Supervisor Mort/OFF/ID, USA Memorial Affairs, Europe, regarding the exhumation and disposition of Pvt Slovik's remains.

2. To complete the record, I am forwarding Mr. Brewer's very detailed report on the subject to include photos.


John W. Donaldson
Brigadier General, USA, Ret.,
Officer-in-Charge

Encl: a/s

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

FILE NO.

SUBJECT

Project - Removal & Shipment Pvt. Slovik Remains to USA

TO

Officer-in-Charge
ABMC-European Office
92380 GARCHES

FROM

The Superintendent
OISE AISNE CEMETERY
02130 Fere-en-Tardenois

DATE

24 June 1987

COMMENT NO. 1

1. This is additional information since my 5 May 87 submission, same subject, brief details which were furnished your secretary on 23 June 1987.

2. On 23 June 1987, I received a FONCOM from Mrs. Mary McATEER, American Embassy, Consular Section, informing me that the Embassy had received the funds from the sponsoring association in the United States which will cover the costs of the exhumation, preparation for shipment, air shipment to the USA, and the restoration of existing burial site of Pvt. Eddie Slovik.

3. During the course of our conversation, I kept the details and history of the Slovik Affair low-key as instructed by your office and by the US Army Mortuary Service Director, Frankfurt, Germany. Likewise, I sensed that the Embassy intended to keep the affair low-key, since the Project itself, if word leaked out to the wrong persons or agencies, could establish a precedence for others with similar circumstances to follow.

4. Mrs. McATEER advised that she would telephone the Funeral Bureau, Paris, which has been selected as the commercial enterprise to accomplish the above namely, ROBLLOT, S.A., 148 Rue Lecourse, 75015 PARIS, Telephone: 4533.6721, that I have been informed of the above receipt of funds. That the ROBLLOT agency will co-ordinate with this cemetery a mutually agreed upon period to perform the necessary travel and work at this installation. The Embassy therefore is handling the payment of funds for services to be rendered through the US Army Mortuary Service Director, Frankfurt.

5. This morning I received a FONCOM from Mr. DEMPSTER, Frankfurt, who advised that he will be "on-site" here on the day the project takes place. Mr. DEMPSTER has his own agency methods of handling such affairs, and we at this installation will provide him with the necessary support to complete the project as rapidly as possible. It should be noted that according to Mr. DEMPSTER the State Department also wishes to keep this project low-key, for the same reasons outlined above. Therefore, Mr. DEMPSTER says, "The arrival of the remains will be co-ordinated so that the commercial air-carrier will arrive at destination in the very early hours of the day."

6. Mr. DEMPSTER suggested that I recommend a specific starting date to conform with above request. My suggestion was "any Monday will be a good starting date." And all necessary arrangements completed and shipment to the USA completed before the weekend.

7. The undersigned will attempt to take sufficient photos of the operation, before, during and after - for the ABMC archives.

END OF COMMENTARY.

M. Vincent Brewer
Superintendent

25 June 87

01SE-AISNE
AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL

SERINGES - ET - NESLES
02130 - PERE - EN - TARDENOIS
FRANCE

TELEPHONE
23.82 21 81

10 August 1987

460.OA.87

SUBJECT: Photos of SLOVIK Exhumation - for European Office

TO : Officer-in-Charge
American Battle Monuments Commission
European Office
92380 GARCHES

1. Per your request of 2 August 1987 for a set of photos concerning subject matter, please find a set of 38 photos.

2. Copies of documents related to this matter have been forwarded to the European Office on 30 July 1987.

M. Vincent Brewer
M. Vincent Brewer
Superintendent

Incl: a/s

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 5 Mar 1945 1st/3829

FULL NAME SLOVICK, EDDIE D.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 36 896 415	GRADE PVT
HOME ADDRESS Dearborn, Michigan		ARM OR SERVICE Infantry	DATE OF BIRTH 18 Feb 1922
PLACE OF DEATH European Area	CAUSE OF DEATH Execution pursuant to approved sentence of a general court*		DATE OF DEATH 31 Jan 1945
STATION OF DECEASED European Area	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 3 Jan 1944	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Mrs. Antoinette Slovik, wife, 6320 Ternes St., Dearborn, Michigan			
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) Antoinette Slovik, wife, 6320 Ternes St., Dearborn, Michigan Ann Slovik, mother, 10224 Russell, Detroit, Michigan Pauline Slovik, sister 256 Center, Pichman, New York			
INVESTIGATION ADET	IN LINE OF DUTY	OWN MISCONDUCT	WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS
YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
X	X	X	X
AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS	OTHER PAY STATUS (SPECIFY BELOW)
YES NO	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
		X	

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

☐ BATTLE ☒ NON-BATTLE

*Martial. (GCMO #27 dated 23 Jan 1945)

EVIDENCE OF DEATH REC'D IN WD 24 Feb 1945.

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		A. G. 201 FILE

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

ADJUTANT GENERAL

ARCH. A.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY MEMORIAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY, EUROPE
APO NEW YORK 09757

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

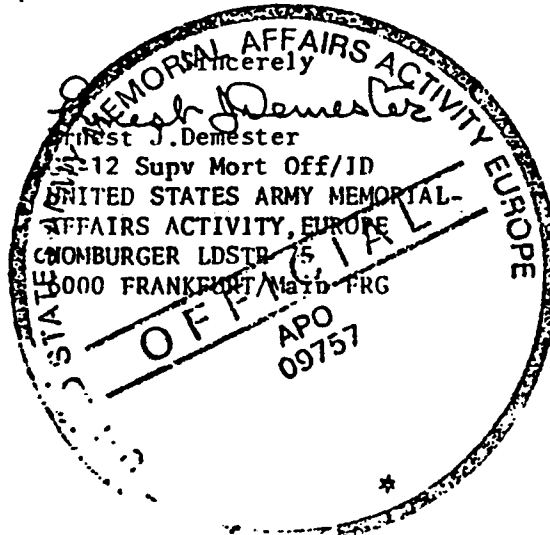
AERAF-OPNS

25 JUNE 1987

ROBLOT S.A.
POMPES FUNEBRE
148 rue LECOURBE
75015, PARIS, FRANCE

DEAR Mme Gaboury:

This constitutes a formal request for the exhumation and shipment to Detroit, Michigan, USA, of the human remains of Eddie Slovik, SN 36896415 as discussed in the course of our meeting on 5 MAY 1987. The remains are presently interred in Plot E at the Oise-Aisne American cemetery, Seringes-et Nesles, 02130 Fere-en-Tardenois, France. A report of death accompanies this letter. Please notify Ms Mary McAteer, Office of American Services at the American Embassy, Paris of the date you can accomplish the exhumation.



ATCH. B

ROBLU S.A.
Pompes Funèbres
148, rue Lecourbe
75015 PARIS
Tél 4 533.67.21

Le 3 juillet 1987.

Monsieur le **PREFET** de Police

Je soussigné(e) **ROBLU S.A.**

(nom en lettres capitales et prénom) 116 - 117 - 118

né(e) **Mandate** par le **Gouvernement Américain**

(nom de jeune fille en lettres capitales)

demeurant à **Paris 15 148 rue LECOURBE**

déclarant avoir qualité pour pourvoir aux funérailles de

M. SLOVAK, Eddie

(nom en lettres capitales et prénom)

né(e) _____

(nom de jeune fille en lettres capitales)

mon - ma _____

(degré de parenté)

décédé(e) le **31 janvier 1987** en **EUROPE**.

sollicite l'autorisation de faire procéder au :

☒ transport du corps après mise en bière

{ Articles R 363-22,
R 363-23, R 363-25
du Code des Communes

☐ transport des cendres à l'étranger.

à destination de (1) **STERLING - HEIGHTS. (**

MICHIGAN. U.S.A.

par (2) **AIR**

via (3) **ROISSY**

Les contrôles réglementaires, au départ, seront effectués par M. le Commissaire

de Police du quartier de _____

(Article R 364-3 du Code des Communes).

- Mise en bière **le 8 juillet** au cimetière américain de **Serge**
à l'adresse suivante : **Quartier Américain**

de FERE au TARDENOIS

- Départ du corps ou des cendres le **MERCREDI 8** à **8** h. **30**.
JULIET

Veuillez agréer, M. le **PREFET**
de ma considération distinguée.

. l'assurance

Signature :

Pau ROBLU S.A.

[Signature]

Nombre de vacations :

(1) Commune, département ou pays.

(2) Route, air, fer, mer.

(3) Indiquer le poste frontière

TRANSPORT HORS COMMUNE DU DÉCÈS OU A L'ÉTRANGER

ATCH. C

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SUBJECT: DEATH/FIMED: CASE OF EDDIE SLOVIA

REF: PARIS 30983 AND PREVIOUS

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A NOTARIZED STATEMENT RECEIVED 7/3/87 IN THE DEPARTMENT FROM ANNA KADLUBOWSKI, SISTER OF EDDIE SLOVIA, REGARDING HER REQUEST TO HAVE HER BROTHER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE U.S. AND HER AUTHORIZATION FOR BERNARD B. CALKA TO ACT AS HER OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN THIS ACTION. BEGIN TEXT QUOTE: PER THE ADVICE OF MR. JOHN F. MANNING, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, AND THROUGH MY OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE, MR. BERNARD B. CALKA OF STERLING HEIGHTS, MI, I AM REITERATING MY REQUEST THAT THE REMAINS OF MY BROTHER, EDDIE SLOVIA, BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR BURIAL IN DETROIT'S WOODMERE CEMETARY. (PARA) TO FACILITATE MATTERS, I AM ATTACHING DATA THAT I HAD ORIGINALLY SENT TO TONY DEBARARDINO, COLONEL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. THIS MATERIAL HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO ATTAIN VERIFICATION OF MY RELATIONSHIP TO EDDIE SLOVIA, NOW BURIED IN A GRAVE AT THE AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETARY IN OISE-AISNE.

(PARA) THIS LETTER ALSO REAFFIRMS THAT MR. CALKA, THE DISTINGUISHED COMMISSIONER OF THE MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AND A RETIRED ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF, CONTINUES TO SERVE AS MY REPRESENTATIVE IN THIS MATTER. MR. CALKA IS COORDINATING THE RETURN, BURIAL OF MY BROTHER. MR. CALKA WILL HANDLE THE COSTS INCURRED. (PARA) SINCE FEB 26, 1986, WHEN LT. COL. WALTER PASQUALINI, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, ADVISED MICHIGAN SENATOR CARL LEVIN, IN LETTER, THAT (QUOTE) OFFICIALS OF THE ARMY'S CASUALTY AND MEMORIAL AFFAIRS OPERATION CENTER HAVE APPROVED THE REQUEST TO HAVE THE REMAINS OF PRIVATE SLOVIA REINTERRED (END QUOTE), I HAVE BEEN PATIENTLY AWAITING THE DAY. (PARA) I TRUST THIS MATTER WILL BE GIVEN YOUR PROPER ATTENTION, AND EDDIE SLOVIA WILL BE RETURNED HOME FOR PROPER BURIAL. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, MR. CALKA (OFFICE 313-469-5121) (HOME 313-286-1527) SHOULD BE THE CONTACT PERSON. (PARA) IN CLOSING, MY PRAYERS FOR A POSITIVE ENDING TO THIS MATTER -- AND AS SOON AS HUMANLY POSSIBLE. SIGNED SINCERELY, ANNA KADLUBOWSKI. LETTER NOTARIZED 6/16/87 BY JOAN M. SCHUTT, NOTARY PUBLIC, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MI. AND COURTESY COPIES OF LETTER SENT TO BERNARD B. CALKA AND JOHN F. MANNING. END TEXT/QUOTE.

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ATTN. D

PLEASE ADVISE IF POST NEEDS COPY OF LETTER AND
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS SHOWING KADLUBOWSKI/SLOVIAK
RELATIONSHIP FOR YOUR RECORDS. SHULTZ

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Office of American Services
2, rue Saint-Florentin
75042 Paris Cedex 01

7 juillet 1987

Monsieur le Sous-Préfet
28, rue de St.-Crépin
02400 Château-Thierry

Monsieur le Sous-Préfet,

J'ai l'honneur de vous faire savoir que l'Ambassade des Etats-Unis à Paris a reçu des instructions du Département d'Etat à Washington, afin de faire procéder à l'exhumation du corps d'un soldat Américain, Monsieur Eddie D. SLOVIK, décédé le 31 janvier 1945 et enterré au cimetière Américain de l'Aisne-Marne.

L'exhumation et le renterrement du corps de Monsieur Slovik ont été demandés et autorisés par sa soeur, Madame Anna Kadlubowski. Monsieur Bernard Calka, Commissaire de Macomb County, Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043, représentera les intérêts de la famille dans ces démarches.

Les originaux des documents concernant la demande d'exhumation et l'autorisation de Madame Kadlubowski ont été déposés au Département d'Etat et des copies certifiées de ces documents pourraient être obtenues à la demande des autorités françaises.

Les Pompes Funébres Roblot, sis au 148 rue Lecourbe, 75015 Paris, ont été chargées de l'exhumation et de l'envoi du corps de Monsieur Slovik aux Etats-Unis.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Sous-Préfet, l'expression de ma considération distingués.



Mary M. McAteer
Mary M. McAteer
Consul des Etats-Unis d'Amérique

ATCH. E.

DEMANDE D'EXHUMATION DE CORPS

Je soussigné (1) DEMESTER ERNEST
demeurant à HOMBURG LSTR 35 600 FRANKFURT/MAIN FRG
agissant en qualité de (2) _____ et comme le plus proche
parent du défunt ci-après désigné.

Demande l'autorisation de faire procéder à l'exhumation du corps de (1)
SLOVAK EDDIE décédé
à EUROPEAN AREA, le 31 01 1945
en vue de (3) _____

Je m'engage à me soumettre aux prescriptions des règlements de police et d'hygiène concer-
nant les exhumations et notamment aux articles R 361-16 et suivants du Code des Communes.

- (1) Nom, prénoms.
(2) Père, mère, enfant, veuf ou
veuve.
(3) Indiquer les motifs de l'exhu-
mation, par exemple : faire
procéder à la réinhumation
a) dans le même cimetière.
b) dans un caveau de famille.

Dans le cas où je serais empêché d'assister aux opérations de l'exhumation, je désigne
dès maintenant pour me remplacer M _____
demeurant à _____

le 8 juillet 1987
Signature

Vu pour légalisation de la signature

de M. DAMERY Jacques

En Mairie, le 8 juillet 1987

Le Maire :

Ernest Demester
ERNEST J. DEMESTER
US ARMY MEM. AFF. ACTY
APO NY 09757

AUTORISATION

Nous, Maire de la Commune désignée ci-contre

Vu la demande formée par M (4) DEMESTER ERNEST
le 25.05 1987
à l'effet de faire exhumer le corps de (4) SLOVAK EDDIE
décédé à _____

département d _____, le 31.01 1945
et inhumé dans le cimetière de cette commune pour (5) le faire transporter
et réinhumer à STERLING HEIGHTS (Michigan) USA

Vus les articles R 361-15 à R 361-17 et R 364-6 du Code des Communes.

ARTICLE PREMIER. — M. (4) _____ est autorisé
à faire procéder à l'exhumation et à la réinhumation du corps de (4) SLOVAK EDDIE

ARTICLE 2. — Ces opérations auront lieu le mercredi 8 juillet 1987
à _____ heures 30, en présence du pétitionnaire ou de
M _____, son mandataire, et du (6) Maire
délégué à cet effet, qui veillera à l'exécution des mesures
prescrites par le Code des Communes et les autres règlements en vigueur et dressera de l'opéra-
tion procès-verbal qui nous sera remis.

Fait en Mairie, le 8 juillet 1987
LE MAIRE,



[Signature]
ATCH.F

83.06.37

02400 CHATEAU-THIERRY, le 07 Juillet 1987

AUTORISATION DE TRANSPORT DE CORPS

Le Sous-Préfet, Commissaire-adjoint de la
République de l'arrondissement de
Château-Thierry,

VU le décret du 31 décembre 1941 (notamment article 28),
VU le décret du 2 mars 1948,
VU le décret du 5 mars 1951 (modifiant article 8 du décret du 31/12/1941),
VU le décret N° 76-475 du 18 mai 1976 modifiant le décret du 31/12/1941
codifiant les textes relatifs aux opérations d'inhumation et de transport
de corps,
VU les articles R 263-23 et R 363-25 du Code des Communes,

A P P R E T E :

La S. A. ROBLOT, Pompes Funèbres 148 rue Lecourbe à PARIS 75015
est autorisée à effectuer le transport du cercueil contenant le corps de
Monsieur Eddie SLOVAK décédé le 31 janvier 1948, crémé le 08 Juillet 1986
du cimetière américain de SEPINGES-ET-NESLES, pour être inhumé à STELLING -
HEIGHTS MICHIGAN U. S. A. par voie de terre de SEPINGES-ET-NESLES à
PARIS - NOISSY et par air de PARIS - NOISSY à DETROIT MICHIGAN U. S. A. à
partir du mercredi 08 Juillet 1987.

Fait à CHATEAU-THIERRY, le 07 Juillet 1987
Le Sous-Préfet, Commissaire-adjoint de la
République de l'arrondissement de
Château-Thierry.

Pierre LEPINET.

VU AU DEPART DU CORPS

VU A L'ARRIVÉE DU CORPS

CERTIFICAT D'INHUMATION

A l'Agence des Pompes
Funèbres
le 5 juillet 87

A
Le

Le Maire de
certifie que le corps de

Le Commissaire de Police
ou le garde-champêtre,

Le Commissaire de Police
ou le garde-champêtre,

a été inhumé le
à heures
dans le cimetière communal

Signature,

ATCH. G

Précise de retourner la présente autorisation à M. le Sous-Préfet, Commissaire-Adjoint de la
République de l'arrondissement de CHATEAU-THIERRY après l'avoir complétée comme indiqué
ci-dessus.

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RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE
MINISTÈRE DE L'INTÉRIEUR ET DE LA DÉCENTRALISATION
DIRECTION GÉNÉRALE DE LA POLICE NATIONALE

PROCÈS-VERBAL DE MISE EN BIÈRE

- ◆ L'AN mil neuf cent *quatre-vingt-sept*
le *6 Juillet* à *10* heure du matin
- ◆ NOUS *Maire de* Commissaire de
Police *Seringes or d'Isles*
- ◆ VU la loi du 30 Mars 1902, vu le décret du
12 Avril 1905 modifié par ceux du 30 Août 1918,
du 15 Avril 1919 et du 15 Mars 1928.
- ◆ VU la demande de M^r DEMESTER

MISE EN BIÈRE
EN VUE D'UN
TRANSPORT

CORPS DE
M^r Eddie
SLOVICK

- ◆ NOUS SOMMES TRANSPORTÉ *civile*
militaire n° *65* à *Juigne* à l'effet
de nous assurer si les prescriptions ordonnées par
les lois et décrets ci-dessus étaient observés pour
la mise en bière du corps de

décédé à EUROPEAN ARENA le *31/01/45*
19*45*, et qui doit être inhumé à

STERLING HEIGHTS Michigan

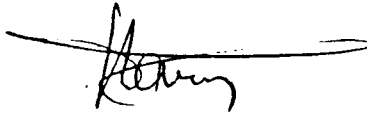
- ◆ EN NOTRE PRÉSENCE le corps sus désigné a
été placé dans un *Cercueil hermétique*

l'opération a été faite conformément aux instruc-
tions précitées et avec toute la décence et le respect
dûs à la mémoire des morts.

Nous avons ensuite scellé le cercueil de notre sceau.

- ◆ DE QUOI nous avons dressé le présent Procès-
verbal pour être transmis à Monsieur le Maire de

Le Maire
Le Commissaire de Police



T.S.V.P.

ATCH. H

PROCÈS-VERBAL DE TRANSPORT DE CORPS

◆ L'AN mil neuf cent

le

à

heure

du

◆ NOUS, Commissaire de Police soussigné,

◆ VU notre procès-verbal ci-contre

VU l'autorisation délivrée par Monsieur le

en date du

pour le transport du corps désigné ci-contre.

◆ NOUS SOMMES TRANSPORTÉ rue

n°

à

où nous a été

présenté le cercueil faisant l'objet de notre procès-verbal ci-contre.

◆ AYANT CONSTATÉ que les scellés étaient
intacts.

Nous avons accompagné le cercueil à

◆ DE QUOI nous avons dressé le présent procès-verbal pour être remis à Monsieur le Maire de

Le Commissaire de Police

(Inhumation depuis moins de 5 ans)

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ATTESTATIONS DE MISE EN BIÈRE - (1)

L'Entreprise de Pompes Funèbres suivante (Nom et adresse)

POMPES FUNÉBRES des RÉGIONS LIBÉRÉES
 3, Place Hôtel-de-Ville - REIMS
 BUREAU AUXILIAIRE
 39, Rue Cognacq-Joy - 51100 REIMS
 Tél. 06 76 34 - C.C.P. PARIS 538 84

Atteste avoir procédé à la mise en bière de
 M. A. EDOUARD I. EDDIE
 pour son transport par Avion de FERRE EN TARDENAIS S. A. DETROIT (USA)
 L.T.A. N°:

Pour le transport considéré, l'Entreprise soussignée déclare avoir connaissance et s'être conformée tant aux règlements officiels, en particulier :

- Décret Ministériel du 31 Décembre 1941, modifié par celui du 18 Mai 1976 (2)
- Arrêté Ministériel du 14 Janvier 1983 (2)

qu'aux règlements de la Compagnie Aérienne et certifie que toutes précautions ont été prises pour la soudure du cercueil métallique et garnissage de matière absorbant garanties.

(3) Soit, est muni d'un appareil épurateur et décompresseur, modèle FUNEPUR (4)

(3) Soit, contient un corps ayant reçu des soins de conservation tel que prévu au titre 1er du Décret du 31 Décembre 1941 modifié, ces soins ayant été exécutés par (4) conformément à la réglementation en vigueur.

(3) Soit, est contenu dans une caisse métallique parfaitement étanche pouvant résister à une pression de 10 Kg/cm² (5).

A. REIMS le 8 juillet 1987



de Mainé

Signature

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 BUREAU AUXILIAIRE
 39, Rue Cognacq-Joy - 51100 REIMS
 Tél. 06 76 34 - C.C.P. PARIS 538 84

- (1) A établir en 2 exemplaires : l'un doit être joint à la L.T.A. accompagnant l'expédition, l'autre étant conservé par la Compagnie Aérienne (Agence ou escale expéditrice).
- (2) Voir au verso.
- (3) Rayer les mentions inutiles.
- (4) A préciser impérativement si le cas est retenu.
- (5) Si le cercueil vient en FRANCE, il s'agit dans ce cas d'une tolérance en faveur des régions lointaines où l'approvisionnement d'appareil décompresseur-épurateur n'est pas réglé.

ATTEN . I .

ARTICLE 18 - Les cercueils hermétiques destinés au transport des corps dans les cas prévus à l'Article 17 et à l'Article 17-1 doivent être d'un modèle agréé par le Ministère chargé de la Santé, après avis du conseil d'Hygiène Publique de FRANCE.

Ils doivent :

Etre tels qu'ils ne puissent céder aucun liquide au milieu extérieur.

Contenir une matière absorbante :

Etre Munis d'un dispositif épurateur de gaz, d'un modèle agréé par le Ministre chargé de la Santé, pour une période de cinq ans renouvelable.

Pour les transports par voie aérienne, ce dispositif doit être agréé également par le Secrétaire Général à l'Aviation Civile.

N.B. - L'Article 18, du Décret du 31 Décembre 1941 modifié, reprend les dispositions prévues au Décret N° 55-1106 du 11 Août 1955.

ARRETE MINISTERIEL DU 14 JANVIER 1983
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ARTICLE 1 - Il doit être démontré que le dispositif épurateur de gaz exigé peut remplir ses fonctions.

- a) Dans les conditions habituelles de vol que rencontre un aéronef au cours d'un voyage, en particulier pendant les montées et les descentes ;
- b) Dans le cas d'incident de pressurisation survenant à bord de l'avion.

ARTICLE 2 - Le cercueil doit porter extérieurement une marque, plaquette ou autre signe apparent confirmant la présence d'un dispositif épurateur agréé.

ARTICLE 3 - Le cercueil doit être placé dans un compartiment isolé des occupants de l'aéronef en ce qui concerne le conditionnement d'air et ne peut-être placé à proximité que de matériaux inertes à l'exclusion toutefois d'objets destinés à se trouver en contact fréquent avec des personnes (trousses, sacs et bagages à main, etc....)

AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY AND MEMORIAL

SERINGES-ET-NESLES
02130 - FERRE-EN-TARDENOIS
FRANCE



TELEPHONE
23.82.21.81

23 July 1987

460.OA.87

SUBJECT: Report of Exhumation of Remains of Pvt. Eddie Slovik
from Isolated Plot "E"

TO : Officer-in-Charge
American Battle Monuments Commission
European Office
68, Rue du 19 Janvier
92380 Garches, France

THRU : Director of Administration
American Battle Monuments Commission
European Office

1. On 8 July 1987, the remains of Pvt. Eddie Slovik, interred in an isolated area outside the cemetery proper since 1949, were exhumed and transported from this area to Paris, France for subsequent air shipment and reinterment in the United States.

2. Exhumation and necessary preparations for air shipment in accordance with French law were carried out by contracted French mortician firms indicated below:

a) - Contractor

ROBLOT S.A.
Pompes Funèbres
148, rue Lecourbe
75015 Paris, France, Tel: 4533.6721

b) - Sub-contractor, local area

LEGROUX Funeral Home
Pompes Funèbres des Region Libérées
3, Place Hotel de Ville
51100 Reims, France, Tel: 2606.2634

3. The entire exhumation project was handled very discreetly by the cemetery staff and the officials directly involved. No advance publicity concerning this affair was revealed to anyone, no outsiders were in the area, and as far as we are concerned - no one knew about the project beforehand.

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4. Photos of the on-site activities were taken by the cemetery Superintendent for the express purpose that they be filed in the ABMC archives for pictorial reference, if such is appropriate in this affair.

5. The officials and persons directly involved who were on-site to witness the exhumation at Plot "E" on 8 July 1987 are listed below:

- Representing the U.S. Government/U.S. Army
Mr. Ernest J. Demester, US Civilian
Supervisor/Mortuary Office
U.S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity - Europe
APO New York 09757-3867 (Frankfurt, Germany)
- Representing A.B.M.C.
Mr. M. Vincent Brewer, U.S. Civilian
Superintendent, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery
Seringes-et-Nesles
02130 Fère-en-Tardenois, France
- Representing French Authorities/Sub-Prefect
Mr. Jacques Damery
Mayor, Seringes-et-Nesles
Meurcy Farm
02130 Fère-en-Tardenois
- French Mortician Contractor
Mr. Kauffman, Transporter for
ROBLOT S.A. Pompes Funèbres
Paris, France
Vehicle License No. 192 FIN 75
- French Mortician Sub-contractor
Mr. Legroux and crew, Exhumation & preparations.
Pompes Funèbres des Region Libérées
Reims, France
- ABMC Employee (1945 to 1986)
Mr. Kleber Nouy, Retired ABMC employee
02130 Fère-en-Tardenois, France
Witnessed the interment of Eddie Slovik in
Plot "E" in 1949.
- ABMC Employee
Mr. Rene Fernandez, Cemetery Mechanic w/support equip.
Seringes-et-Nesles
02130 Fère-en-Tardenois, France

6. Sub-contractor LEGROUX and crew arrived from Reims at 15:00 hours on 7 July 1987 to commence preliminary excavation of the Slovik gravesite. They returned the following morning 8 July 1987 at 07:00 hours and by 08:30 hours had uncovered the metal casket containing the remains of Eddie Slovik.

7. Mr. Demester, Memorial Affairs Officer arrived this cemetery at 08:00 hours and the Mayor of Seringes-et-Nesles arrived shortly thereafter. Together with the Superintendent, all went directly to Plot "E". Mr. Demester was advised by a former ABMC cemetery employee, Mr. Kleber Nouy, that the Slovik casket was positioned between two other buried caskets in close proximity either side. Mr. Demester decided to leave the Slovik casket in place and only open the top metal cover with special metal cutting tools. By 10:45 the metal cover was completely cut away and the remains of Slovik were removed and examined by Mr. Demester. It should be noted that the remains were wrapped in a perfectly preserved Army blanket with two military ID tags pinned to the blanket bearing the name and serial number of Pvt. Eddie Slovik. Mr. Demester then completed his examination of the bones and dental works for proper identification and future reference.

8. An oak-wood casket measuring 97cm X 30cm X 28 cm with an inner metal casing and a metal plaque on the wood cover stamped EDDIE SLOVIK was brought to the site and the remains were carefully placed inside the metal liner. One of the ID tags was placed inside along with the remains and the other was kept by Mr. Demester. The metal lid was securely soldered in place by the LEGROUX crew after which the oak-wood cover was screwed down tight at the four corners. LEGROUX then applied a hot wax over the screw heads and the Mayor of Seringes-et-Nesles then stamped his Seal of Office into the hot wax. This action, according to French law for air-shipment, then completed the initial preparations.

9. Meanwhile, the LEGROUX excavating crew completed the backfilling of the empty gravesite after placing the Army blanket back into the empty casket. Several wheelbarrows of sand were dumped into the empty casket to avoid sinkage. Superintendent then inspected the back-filled area to insure the restoration of the site was properly accomplished, released the sub-contractor, and the cemetery crew completed the re-turfing of the gravesite.

10. After signing all necessary documents attesting to the completed exhumation and preparation for transport each concerning his individual office of responsibility, the Mayor, Mr. Demester, ROBLOT S.A., LEGROUX, observed the casket containing the remains of Eddie Slovik placed aboard the ROBLOT S.A. vehicle which departed this area at 11:40 hours enroute to Paris, France. The others departed shortly thereafter. And all concerned in ABMC now could feel greatly relieved that a major problem has been removed.

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11. To complete this report, the following documents, photocopies of originals, prepared by officials directly involved concerning the disposition of remains of Eddie Slovik, are forwarded:

- a) - Report of Death, by Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington D.C., dated 3 Mar 1945.
- b) - Formal request for exhumation, by Mr. E.J. Demester, U.S. Army Memorial Affairs Officer, Frankfurt, Ger., addressed to ROBLOT S.A. Undertakers, Paris, France, authorizing them to proceed with the exhumation and preparation for shipment of the remains to U.S.A., dated 25 June 1987. Contracted.
- c) - Declaration and confirmation, by ROBLOT S.A. to transport the remains after exhumation, and air shipment to destination in the U.S.A. dtd 3 Jul 87, and confirmation by Mayor Damery dated 8 Jul 87 that the remains were exhumed and departed the American Cemetery grounds.
- d) - Message Text of Next-of-Kin authorization, from Dept. of State, Washington D.C. dated 6 Jul 87, addressed to American Embassy, Paris, France.
- e) - Letter of Advisory, from American Embassy, Paris, addressed to the Sub-Prefect, Chateau-Thierry (sub-division of Department of AISNE where remains were interred) advising him that authorization to exhume and return the remains to the U.S.A. has been received by the American Embassy, dated 7 July 1987.
- f) - Request for Exhumation and Official Authorization, from Mr. E.J. Demester, Memorial Affairs Officer, dated 8 Jul 87, signed and legalized by the Mayor of Seringes-et-Nesles, and the authorization to exhume the remains dated 8 Jul 87 signed by the Mayor of Seringes-et-Nesles.
- g) - Authorization to Transport the Remains, signed by Mr. Pierre Lespinnets, Sub-Prefect, Chateau-Thierry authorizing ROBLOT S.A. to transport the remains out of his sub-division area of responsibility, dated 7 July 1987.

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- h) - Witness to Exhumation, signed by the Mayor of Seringes-et-Nesles dated 8 July 1987 attesting that he witnessed the exhumation and the placement of the remains in a hermetically sealed casket.
- i) - Attestation to Proper Preparation of Casket, signed by sub-contractor LEGROUX, Reims, France, that he properly sealed the casket hermetically to conform to French law, and prepared it for pressurized air-shipment to the U.S.A., dated 8 July 1987.

12. One set of the photographs referred to in paragraph 4 above have been provided the Mayor of Seringes-et-Nesles, at his request, for the community archives, one set with negatives is retained in our cemetery files and one set is forwarded with this report. This completes this report.


M. Vincent Brewer
Superintendent

Incls; a/s

20 July 1987

SUBJECT: Exhumation and Disposition
of Pvt Slovik's Remains

TO: The Secretary
American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D.C. 20314-0300

1. On Wednesday, 8 July 1987, the remains of Pvt Slovik were exhumed from Plot E, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, and transferred to the United States via commercial air. The attached report by the Supervisor, U.S. Memorial Affairs Activity Europe, Mr. Ernest J. Demester details the exhumation and transfer to the United States.

2. Although the commercial air carrier, TWA, apparently misrouted Pvt Slovik's remains to San Francisco rather than Detroit, the problem was resolved without major media attention.

3. Request that appropriate rosters and documents be amended accordingly.

MLP/jmb

cc. Central File
Reading File
Admin.
Flower Fund

John W. Donaldson
Brigadier General, USA, Ret.,
Officer-in-Charge

Encl: a/s



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY MEMORIAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITY, EUROPE
APO NEW YORK 09767

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

AERAF-MORT

SUBJECT: Report of Exhumation and Disposition of the Remains of Eddie Slovik

Commander
21st Support Command
AERLO
APO New York 09325
ATTN: Col Shellabarger

07 July 1987, The undersigned arrived at Chateau Thierry, France at 1500 and contacted Mr. Vicent Brewer, Superintendant at the Aisne Oise American Cemetery. Mr. Brewer explained that the Roblot Funeral Firm of Paris was responsible for the repatriation of the remains of Eddie Slovik to CONUS, and had subcontracted the actual exhumation to the LeGroux Funeral Home located in Reims, France. This firm was on site and would prepare for the exhumation on 08 July by excavating the grave to a point just above the casket. This was done to save time on the 8th. I also called Ms. Mary McAteer, Overseas American Services Section at the American Embassy, Paris, to ascertain the status of the French documentation needed to complete the repatriation of the remains. Ms. McAteer assured me that all would be in order by 0830, 08 July.

08 July 1987, at 0830, I met with Mr. Brewer, Mr. Jacques Damery, Mayor of Seringes-et-Nesles, where the cemetery is located, and the LeGroux work crew. Mr. Roblot arrived at the cemetery at 0930 with the exhumation permit, signed by the chief Prefect at Chateau Thierry, and the exhumation was begun. The casket, containing the remains, proved to be a full couch, (bronze tone metal) that had been placed in a zinc lined plywood outer box at the time of burial. The casket was not removed from the grave since the space between caskets is about six (6) inches. Removal would have not only disrupted the graves on either side, but would have created a need to dispose of the casket. The lid of the casket, which appeared to be constructed of 20 gauge metal, had been badly distorted by the weight of the wet clay above it. This in conjunction with the rusted hinges and catch, precluded opening the lid in a normal manner. An electric motor driven carbide disc was used to cut thru the top and gain access to the interior. The remains were found neatly wrapped in a khaki colored Army blanket, pinned approximately every six (6) inches, a 4X2 inch aluminum plaque inscribed "Eddie Slovik" was fastened to the chest region of the blanket. After removal from the casket, the pins were removed and the blanket opened out. Two metal identification tags were found at the head end, inscribed "Eddie Slovik SN36896415 GRS". The entire skeleton was present; Practically all the hair, (light brown in color) was still attached to the skull.

AERAF-MORT

SUBJECT: Report of Exhumation and Disposition of the Remains of Eddie Slovik

A metal lined wooden box measuring 37 inches in length and 11 inches wide and deep was furnished by the Roblot Firm, to transport the remains to CONUS. The skeletal structures were arraigned within this container in as near a correct anatomical position as possible, one of the recovered ID tags was placed within the shipping container. The lid was then fastened with wood screws, two of which were sealed with a hot wax imprint by the Major. Mr. Roblot then placed the container in his vehicle for transport to paris at 1230 and departed the cemetery grounds. This completely ended all Army responsibility for the remains.

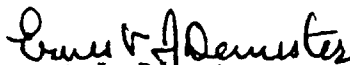
All costs for the supplies and services required for the exhumation, transportation, and reinterment in Michigan will be borne by the family of Eddie Slovik, and other private sources.

A copy of the State Department message (DTG 062212ZJUL87) containing authorization by the next of kin, Ms. Anna Kadlubowski (sister) for the exhumation, is at Incl 1.

A copy of a letter to the French Authorities in the French language, with an English translation (originated by Ms. Mary M. McAteer, Office of American Services, United States Embass, Paris) is at Incl 2.

This is a final report.

Sincerely,



Ernest J. Demester
SUPV MORT/OFF/ID GS-12
USA Memorial Affairs
Activity-Europe
APO NY 09757-3867

2 Incl

1. State Dept Message
2. Ltr to French Authorities

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- 1 ABMC Paris
- 4 OISE-AISNE ABMC Cemetery
- 2 OAS US Embassy Paris, France

file on Florida. Sadki

Conley Mike

From: Conley Mike
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 10:42 AM
To: 'florida.sadki@free.fr'
Subject: RE: demande de renseignement sur un cimetière de Picardie (France)

If I understand your question correctly, I believe you are referring to the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery. Information about that cemetery, including a booklet that can be downloaded, can be found at the following link:

<http://www.abmc.gov/cemeteries/cemeteries/oa.php>

There is a burial plot at Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, called Plot E, that contains the remains of executed American soldiers. This plot is separate from the burial plots of our Honored War Dead from World War I, which are on the opposite side of the main road running through the cemetery.

We do not have historical information or records of the individuals buried in Plot E. Such information might be available in the records of the American Graves Registration Service, Quartermaster General of the War Dept (Records Group 92) maintained by the National Archives, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

I hope this information is helpful.

Mike Conley
Director of Public Affairs
American Battle Monuments Commission

-----Original Message-----

From: FORMATION LINOIS 23 [mailto:FORMATION-LINOIS23@exchange.france3.fr]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2007 5:03 AM
To: ABMC Info
Subject: demande de renseignement sur un cimetière de Picardie (France)

service formation
0146587975

Journaliste, je prépare un documentaire sur le noir américain Jon Hendricks, ancien vétéran de la seconde guerre mondiale.
Les soldats noirs déserteurs et condamnés par une cour martiale ont été enterrés sans honneur en France dans un petit cimetière de Picardie.
Avez-vous le nom et le lieu de ce cimetière ? ou des pistes de recherche ?
Merci de me répondre, en urgence à l'adresse e-mail suivante :
florida.sadki@free.fr
Florida SADKI

MARTI
FYI.
MIKE

Pond Kenneth

From: Aileo Bill
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2002 11:21 AM
To: Pond Kenneth
Subject: Plot E

*Chairman
Briefed -
Policy - 1st Request - NO
2nd Request - NO
3rd Request - OK
4/11/02
Pond*

Ken,

As requested I informally discussed the Plot E situation with a DOJ attorney on an off the record basis.

The background I gave him was that:

In 1949 the Army requested ABMC permit the permanent burial at a plot in the WWI Oise-Aisne American Cemetery of approximately ninety-four individuals who had been executed for serious crimes during WWII. ABMC approved the request that these individuals be "...buried in a plot on the opposite side of the road from the military cemetery; here they will be screened from view to the ordinary visitor."

The site of these graves is known as Plot E. It is a simple grassed in area with the graves only marked by small numbered stones. Identification of those buried in particular graves is through a listing maintained by the Cemetery. That listing has for years been provided to anyone who requested it. Generally, ABMC has limited the visits to the site to family members of those interred. In prior correspondence regarding access to Plot E ABMC has cited concern about the privacy of the family members of those buried there as well as concern for the family members of the honored War Dead buried elsewhere in the cemetery as the predicate for the policy.

Recently an individual requested authorization to visit and photograph Plot E as an outgrowth from research he is doing on African-Americans serving in WWII. He has requested reconsideration of a denial of his request.

I presented my legal analysis as:

ABMC is under no express obligation to provide the requester access to the site. About the only potential basis for a legal challenge to a denial would be for the requester to bring an action pursuant to the waiver of sovereign immunity set forth in the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 USC § 701, et seq., alleging that the agency decision was "arbitrary and capricious." He would also have to cite a specific statute giving rise to court subject matter jurisdiction to hear the case. Federal-question jurisdiction established by 28 U.S.C. 1331 would be a likely choice, for example, if the requester could frame some sort of assertion that his constitutional rights were being violated. However, there are no apparent rights of the requester at issue. It would be quite difficult for the requester to present a serious judicial proceeding.

And my advice to the agency as:

Whether or not to grant this individual access is a policy decision. My recommendation has been that we grant him access for the following reasons:

- (1) Our archive searches have produced no clear statement by the Commissioners on access to Plot E. policy.
- (2) In my opinion, the requester's research is not likely to generate significant public interest unless he is able to acquire media attention. A final denial of access could serve as the kind of governmental action that just might get him that kind of attention.
- (3) We have nothing to hide in regard to Plot E.
- (4) Our concerns for the privacy interests of family members are attenuated by the fact that the identity of those buried in Plot E is public information.

4. The response I received was simply that this is an agency policy decision and that the route for a judicial challenge would most likely be as outlined above.

Corea Anthony

From: Corea Anthony
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2002 8:32 AM
To: Leszczynski William; Frankland Walter
Cc: Aileo Bill; Sell Martha
Subject: Plot E

Gen L & Wally

We have received an appeal on the decision to deny access to Plot E from Mr. Joseph Maddox. I'm forwarding it by fax.

As a first step in proceeding on with this, can I ask that you all review your files at Garches and Osie_Aisne to see if you can find the Commission determination on visits to Plot E or reference to where, when etc that the Commission made the policy statement. In the letters signed by Gen Donaldson, it seemed that you all may have had, at that time at least, a copy of it. We are still looking here and are 70% certain we do not have it. We may have to go to the Archives to find it, unless we get lucky here or you can locate it there.

Let us know if you have any success finding information/documents in your locations.

Bill Aileo is engaged on this too.

We'll be coordinating with you when we draft a next response on this.

Regards
TC

2/27/2002

99 Park Heights Boulevard
Hanover, Pennsylvania 17331

February 22, 2002

Colonel Anthony N. Corea, US Air Force(Ret)
Director of Operations and Finance
The American Battle Monuments Commission
Courthouse Plaza II, Suite 500
2300 Clarendon Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia 22201

Dear Colonel Corea:

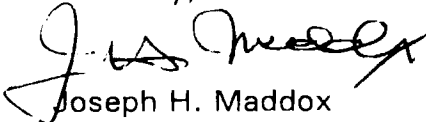
Thank you for your response of February 20, 2002.

Your letter of February 20, 2002 states that access to Plot E Oise-Aisne American Cemetery will not be provided. You cite "Commission policy" as the authority for rejection of my request to enter Plot E of the cemetery and to take photographs.

Please provide a copy of the "Commission policy" that you have cited as basis for authority to reject my request to enter Plot E and for the taking of photographs.

In order to take an appeal from your decision, I would appreciate a copy of the rules and regulations of the ABMC that regulate and guide such appeals.

Sincerely,


Joseph H. Maddox





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April 8, 2002

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Mr. Joseph H. Maddox
99 Park Heights Boulevard
Hanover, PA 17331

Dear Mr. Maddox:

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Your request for access to Plot E has been reconsidered. In light of your obvious academic interest in the history of Plot E, your request for access to and permission to photograph that area is approved.

Please notify us of your travel plans so we can make sure the cemetery staff is available when you visit. Upon arrival the cemetery, please go directly to the Visitors' Building where a staff member will assist you.

Sincerely,


Kenneth S. Pond
Executive Director

Cc: EO



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February 20, 2002

Mr. John H. Maddox
99 Park Heights Boulevard
Hanover, PA 17331

Dear Mr. Maddox:

Thank you for your letter of December 29, 2001.

While you are very welcome to visit the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery at your convenience, access to Plot E will not be provided. As you know, all the individuals interred at Plot E were executed for serious crimes. Plot E is not a part of a public memorial as is the case of the rest of the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery. Rather, it is a place of interment open only to the relatives of those buried in the plot. This helps to preserve the privacy of those relatives and the primary function of the cemetery as a memorial to our Nation's heroic War Dead. Indeed, as a matter of Commission policy, this plot has never been open to the public nor has it been open for photographs.

On the other hand, there is no prohibition on visiting or photographing other aspects of the cemetery other than Plot E. Information about the cemetery, directions for travel there and other information of interest, may be found on the tabbed pages of the enclosed pamphlet. It is suggested, upon arrival at the cemetery, you go directly to the Visitors' Center, where a staff member on duty, will be happy to assist you.

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Sincerely,

Anthony N. Corea
Colonel, US Air Force (Ret)
Director of Operations and Finance

Enclosure



THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

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November 28, 2001

Mr. Joseph H. Maddox
99 Park Heights Boulevard
Hanover, PA 17331

Dear Mr. Maddox:

Thank you for your letter of November 11, 2001.

This office has a roster of those members of the United States military personnel executed by order of competent authority and interred at Plot E at the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery. However, we have no information about those executed in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

The Commission has no knowledge of a master list or publication containing information about these executions. Such data may be available at the National Archives, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

If we may be of other service to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Anthony N. Corea
Colonel, US Air Force (Ret)
Director of Operations and Finance

Tony Patton
HSP 11.19.01

99 Park Heights Boulevard
Hanover, Pennsylvania 17331
Phone 717 632-7301

November 11, 2001

John P. Herrling, Major General, USA(Ret)
The American Battle Monuments Commission
Courthouse Plaza, Suite 500
2300 Clarendon Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia 22201

Dear Sir:

I am researching issues related to the executions of African American members of the United States Military. This information will be presented in a paper that I will submit at the University of Baltimore School of Law.

Please advise if your office can provide a complete list of executed personnel buried in section "E" at the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery at Fere-en-Tardenoise, France. I am also requesting a list of those members of the military executed in the Pacific Theater of Operation and their place of internment. If a master list or publication containing the requested information is available please advise how I may obtain a copy. If there is a cost for any of the information requested, please advise me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Joseph H. Maddox

Corea Anthony

From: Leszczynski William
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2002 5:56 AM
To: Aileo Bill; Corea Anthony
Cc: Frankland Walter; Sell Martha
Subject: RE: Plot E

Bill and Tony,
Concur. I think we should try this and see what happens next with Mr. Maddox. WJ
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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2002 11:08 PM
To: Corea, Anthony; Leszczynski, William, BG USA (Ret)
Cc: Frankland, Walter; Sell, Martha
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Regards
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February __, 2002

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Corea Anthony

From: Corea Anthony
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2002 7:01 AM
To: Sell Martha
Cc: Frankland Walter; Leszczynski William; Aileo Bill
Subject: RE: Plot E

Marti

Please check out once more.

-----Original Message-----

From: Frankland Walter
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2002 6:01 AM
To: Leszczynski William; Aileo Bill; Corea Anthony
Cc: Sell Martha
Subject: RE: Plot E

WWI keeps coming up in correspondence. The Superintendent thinks there are only WWII remains in plot E. ? wlf

-----Original Message-----

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Plot E

Corea Anthony

From: Corea Anthony
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2002 8:51 AM
To: Aileo Bill
Subject: FW: Plot E

Bill,

DER's comments.

I personally agree.

Would we be on sound grounds on this? We should at least understand that.

-----Original Message-----

From: Leszczynski William
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2002 10:41 AM
To: Corea Anthony
Cc: Frankland Walter; Sell Martha
Subject: RE: Plot E

Tony,

Bottom line on this one is that I would prefer to continue the present policy. As soon as we do this for Mr. Maddox, I think it will open up Pandora's Box and we will have visitors who want to see it. I think the point you made in the second para of your Feb 11 letter to Mr Maddox is applicable and should be stressed: i.e. "In an effort to protect the privacy of the relatives and friends of those buried in plot E restrict severely any publicity or visits to the plot."

Having said that, I think what Bill Aileo said in his e-mail warrants consideration. We need to consider the second and third order effects if we tell Mr. Maddox no. FYI, Plot E is maintained to a lesser degree than the other plots. We cut and edge periodically, but not like in the main plot area.

To me this is clearly a policy decision, not to be made here by the ER. However, I recommend you send the letter to Mr. Maddox which tells him no and see what happens. He may accept the answer or come back at ABMC. As far as the letter you faxed to us, delete para 5. No reason for us to have any contact with him. WJ Leszczynski Jr -----Original Message-----

From: Corea, Anthony
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2002 10:37 PM
To: Aileo Bill; Leszczynski, William, BG USA (Ret); Frankland, Walter; Sell, Martha
Subject: RE: Plot E

Marti,

Please fax Bill and ER the small file that we have on Plot

E.

Bill, Gen L & Wally,

Please consider this file information when you get it.

Do you all in ER have any other significant documentation that sheds light on this issue? If so, would you send us a copy? Also do you all have the well cited Commission's policy statement on matter? We apparently do not.

Best wishes...

TC

-----Original Message-----

From: Aileo Bill

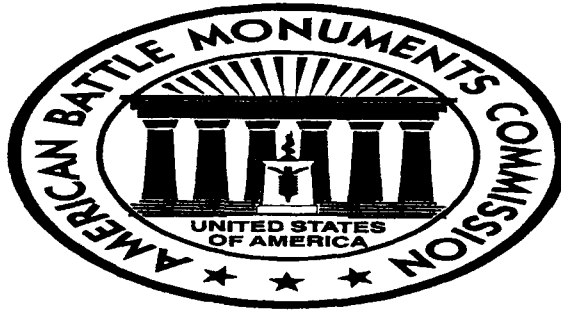
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2002 3:49 PM

To: Corea Anthony; Frankland Walter

Subject: Plot E

I had a brief conversation with Tony today regarding a request to visit & photograph Plot E. Tony informed me that ABMC has long denied non-family members access to the area, however, the actual minutes of whatever Commissioners meeting established that policy have not yet been identified. Tony thought perhaps the issue of the policy should be again presented to the Commissioners, I thought we could just adopt an agency policy letter continuing our present policy. Well, I've given the matter further thought and I'm inclined to think I was wrong. It is my understanding that Plot E is a well maintained area in which the remains of executed WWI & WWII personnel are maintained in graves marked only by small numbered stones. While in terms of raw governmental power we probably can exclude general visitors from the Plot I'm not sure why, at this point in time, we would want to. For example, the present requester is apparently writing something about Plot E. My guess is that he would thrive on the publicity he might get from an agency decision to deny him access to Plot E. Is there any reason not to suggest to the Commissioners that the policy be changed and that access not be denied to the Plot?

Bill



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FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: 12 Feb 2002

NAME: Gen L, Wally Frankland, Bill Aileo

FAX:

ORGANIZATION: ER & Legal Counsel

SENDER: ANTHONY N. COREA, DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS & FINANCE

SUBJECT: Visit Plot E, Oise-Aisne

This document contains _5_ page(s) including this cover sheet. Reception difficulties should be brought to the attention of the sender at the above listed number.

Mr. Joseph Maddox wants to visit and photograph Plot E. (ATCH 1) He is very precise in his request.

Draft response (ATCH 2) is along the lines of our policy and what we've stated on this subject for numerous years. Haven't seen a request as direct and specific as this one in the recent past.

Therefore, request your review.

Questions or want to talk about it, call me (or in my absence, Marti).

Regards,

TC

16/05 2002 10:14 FAX 0147013231

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April 28, 2002

99 Park Heights Boulevard
Hanover, Pennsylvania 17331

Mr. Kenneth S. Pond, Executive Director
The American Battle Monuments Commission
Courthouse Plaza II, Suite 500
2300 Clarendon Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia 22201

Dear Mr. Pond:


Thank you for your letter of April 8, 2002.

The decision by the American Battle Monuments Commission to permit my visit to Plot E is greatly appreciated. I accept your invitation. Expecting some delay in my visit to Oise-Aisne, I have committed to a heavy schedule during the Summer and Fall/Spring 2002-2003 terms. I hope to make my visit to the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery in August 2003. As that time draws near I will advise you of the precise date.

It is my understanding that each grave in Plot E is marked with a small stone that only displays a number. Would you please provide a roster that list the deceased and their assigned number.

Thank you for your assistance,

Sincerely,



Joseph H. Maddox

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May 14, 2002

DRAFT

Mr. Joseph H. Maddox
99 Park Heights Boulevard
Hanover, PA 17331

Dear Mr. Maddox:

Thank you for your letter of April 28, 2002 addressed to our Executive Director.

Enclosed, as requested, is a roster of the names of those interred at Plot E at the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery and Memorial with the corresponding grave marker number.

When you are prepared to advise us of your final travel plans for your 2003 visit, please address them to the undersigned.

If we may be of other assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Anthony N. Corea
Colonel, US Air Force (Ret)
Director of Operations and Finance

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BURIALS AT PLOT "E"
OISE-AISNE AMERICAN CEMETERY -- FERE-EN-TARDENOIS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>ROW</u>	<u>GRAVE NO</u>
AGEE, Amos	34163762	1	14
ANDERSON, Roy W.	35407199	2	29
BAILEY, Milbert	34151488	4	90
BALDWIN, Walter J.	34020111	2	43
BENNERMAN, Sidney, Jr	34174757	3	57
BRINSON, Eliga	34052175	4	93
BURNS, Lee A.	38520648	4	74
CLARK, Ernest L.	33212946	3	68
CLAY, Matthew Jr.	38490561	1	3
COOPER, John D.	34562464	4	81
CREWS, Otis B.	14057830	2	30
DAVIS, Arthur E.	36788637	4	82
DAVIS, Lee A.	18023362	3	61
DAVIS, William E.	33541888	1	19
DAVISON, Tommie	34485174	3	60
DONNELLY, Robert L.	13131982	4	95
DOWNES, William C.	33519814	1	16
ERVIN, Charlie Jr.	34042926	3	54
FARRELL, Arthur J.	32559163	1	21
GORDON, Tom	34091950	1	10
GRANT, General L.	34557976	3	59
GREEN, George Jr.	38476751	2	36
GUERRA, Augustine M.	38458023	2	44
HAIL, Willie	33268841	4	83
HARRIS, Wiley, Jr.	6924547	4	92
HARRISON, William Jr.	15089828	3	62
HEARD, Haze	34562354	2	38
HENDRICKS, James E.	33453189	1	13
HOLDEN, Mervin	38226564	1	8
HOPPER, Benjamin F.	32720571	1	7

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>ROW</u>	<u>GRAVE NO</u>
JEFFERIES, Charles H.	33181343	4	78
JOHNSON, Willie	38270465	2	28
JONES, Cubia	34563790	1	15
JONES, James L.	34221343	4	84
JONES, John T.	38315973	2	48
JONES, Kinney	34120505	2	42
JORDAN, Charlie H.	14066430	2	40
KENDRICK, James E.	14026995	1	5
KLUXDAL, Paul M.	36395076	2	35
LEATHERBERRY, J. C.	34472451	4	86
LUCAS, William N.	36639075	4	96
MACK, John M.	34042053	1	4
MACK, William	32620461	3	63
MAHONEY, Joseph J.	12008332	1	11
MARIANO, Blake W.	38011593	1	12
MARTINEZ, Aniceto	38168482	2	39
MAXEY, Curtis L.	34554198	3	71
MC CARTER, William J.	34675988	4	91
MC GHEE, Shelton Sr.	34529025	1	6
MC MURRAY, Fred A.	38184335	1	27
NELSON, Henry W.	35726029	1	1
NEWMAN, Oscar N.	35226382	1	80
NORRIS, Clete O.	37082314	4	79
ORTIZ, Victor	30405077	4	87
PARKER, Woodrow	34561139	3	56
PEARSON, Robert L.	38326741	1	22
PENNYFEATHER, William D.	32801627	3	66
PHILPOT, Henry C.	39080069	4	89
PITTMAN, Willie A.	34400976	3	50
PYGATE, Benjamin	33741021	4	85
ROBINSON, Charles M.	38164425	3	70
ROLLINS, Alvin R.	34716953	3	51

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SANDERS, James B.	34124233	3	58
SCHMIDDEL, Werner E.	7041115	3	53
SCOTT, Richard B.	38040012	2	45
SKINNER, Robert L.	35802328	3	64
SMALLS, Abraham	34512812	1	23
SMITH, Charles H.	36337437	4	77
SMITH, George E. Jr.	33288266	3	52
SMITH, John C.	33214953	3	67
SMITH, Willie	34565556	3	69
SPEARS, Charles E.	32337619	1	18
SPENCER, Elwood J.	33739343	2	33
SPINKS, Mansfield	36793241	3	49
STROUD, Harvey	33215131	2	26
TAYLOR, John W.	37485128	1	24
THOMAS, Madison	38265363	4	76
TILL, Louis	36392273	4	73
TWIGGS, James W.	38265086	4	88
VALENTINE, Leo	32954278	2	41
WATERS, John H.	32337934	2	46
WATSON, Frank Jr.	34793522	3	55
WATSON, Ray	33139251	2	25
WATSON, Joseph	39610125	1	17
WHITE, Armstead	34401104	2	47
WHITE, David	34400884	3	72
WHITFIELD, Clarence	34672443	2	37
WILLIAMS, Ellsworth	34200976	2	32
WILLIAMS, John	32794118	4	94
WILLIAMS, Olin W.	34649494	1	20
WILSON, J. P.	32484756	1	9
WIMBERLY, Willie J.	36392154	2	34
WRAY, Robert	34461589	4	75
YANCY, Waiters	37499079	2	31



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From: Aileo Bill
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2002 1:59 PM
To: Sell Martha
Subject: RE: Plot E

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Marti,

In my opinion we should also let me take pictures and just get this behind us.

Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Sell Martha [mailto:SellM@abmc.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2002 1:00 PM
To: Aileo Bill
Subject: RE: Plot E

Is permission also granted for him to photograph Plot E Marti

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