Godfathership of the Graves of Dead Amer. Soldiers 1945-47
Dear Madam,

We think that it should be pleasant to you to know that the Committee of which you are the chairman, of the American Soldiers of the Dead, have decided to honor the memory of the American soldiers who died in the war of the American soldier in accordance with the understanding that the American soldiers who died in the war of the American soldier shall be set aside, and to continue the work of the committee in the interest of the American soldiers who died in the war of the American soldier.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

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attended the Ceremony in an impressive manner. The Rev.
Chaplain Rusher spoke first in an excellent French, the
two clergymen spoke afterwards. The Ceremony although
very simple was grand according to our wishes and fully
answered our expectations. It ended by a speech in French
delivered by our lady President. That speech was repeated
in English by M. Joseph Cajot, a member of our Committee.

But we were surprised at the end of the Ceremony.

On that moment, an American lady accompanied by peers
at whose house she had her quarters, made her appearance.
She was the mother of a soldier interred at Henin Chapel.
Our President readily took a decision. He requested the
Rev. Chaplain Rusher to be so kind as to organize an
intimate fresh Ceremony on the grave of that lady too,
which took place. Everybody came to the grave referred
to, i.e. that of the soldier Babcock. That was handsomely
adorned with many flowers which caused the grave to
disappear almost totally. Before parting, after the flags
had been laid to the grave, the crowd marched first in front
of the mother, Surrounded by the Rev. Chaplain Rusher
and the President, and expressed her joyous past having
been taken in her favour.

On Sunday September 15th 1916 it was the turn
of our second Ceremony. We had that day a grand
Cathedral Ceremony. At the preceding one it took place
at 2 p.m. That time we had a much larger attendance
which was estimated at more than 5,500 persons. Many
authorities had answered our invitation too, and
we had the great honour to meet Captain Miller,
Military Attaché of the Embassy and representing His Excellency,
the Honorable Ambassador of the United States. We were
also very pleased to see the presence of Colonel Salton
and Major Riche representing the American Army; Mr. Mayor
Civilian Manager of the Cemetery; Mr. Baud, Deputy American
Superintendent of the Cemetery; Mr. Representative of the
Governor of the Siege district; Major the Military Auditors
of Siege and Vicinity; the Representatives of the former of
Old Contingents Associations; Members of Patriotic societies
and Belgian Red Cross.
A train preceded by a Cross Bearer led the
Authorities and the participants from the Meeting Place
to the entrance of the Cemetery to the Chapel where
a solemn High Mass had to take place. Father Malony,
a Chaplain of the American Army, surrounded by the
Chaplains of the Vogelsang Convent, and another Priest
in the neighborhood, was officiating. The Chapel was
much too small to contain the crowd who had
accepted our invitation. The Choir of the Chapel
was surrounded by the many flags of the present
associations and the High Mass began and was
celebrated in an impressive silence. At the end of the
Mass, the train was reformed and went to the foot
of the Central Mast where the Vicar of Hambourg
surrounded by many Clergyman in black dresses
drove the General Absolution. It ended by the
playing of the "American and Belgian anthems
which were executed by the "Societe d'Harmonie
de Hambourg." During the silence minute, trumpet
rang the "Last Post." The lady president of our Society
delivered a short speech in French, repeated in
English by our English Secretary Miss Ada Jansen.
Captain Miller also delivered a warm speech in an excellent French language. Thereupon a
Marching part of the Societies animated by the
Harmony of Hambourg. During the Marching Mast,
we saw the flags flapping to the Mast and
throwing up of flowers. So our Second Ceremony
ended.

Afterwards the Third Ceremony began, on
Sunday, September 29th, 1915. Over 1,000 persons were
there. It was quite a solemn Ceremony. The great Past
of Brussels, David Berman, surrounded by two officiating
Ministers, the Rev. Ralph of Lege and another Past
of Brussels, were officiating at the foot of the Mast.
During the Ceremony, a Symbolic Procession wound
round a tabor composed of 100 graves. Back to
The foot of the cross, the ceremony ended by a speech delivered in French by the last President and repeated in English by our English Secretary Mr. Edward Rort. The ceremony ended by a salute to the mast symbolizing all the dead soldiers of the Cemetery.

In short, our description of the Miss Ceremony which were organized at the American Cemetery. We contemplate renewing them next year at the same period and hope they will be better organized. Our intention is to repeat them every year at least, as long as American soldiers are buried in Belgium.

On the 2nd November last, the Rev. Father Raftery, a Chaplain of the U.S. Army organized a Mass for the souls of the American Soldiers of Henri Chappelle and he requested us kindly to summon all our Members with a view to attending that ceremony which took place at 1 p.m. Unfortunately, the Rev. Father had to leave unexpectedly for the United States by military order. His departure is only temporary. He had to be replaced at the last minute. He is Father to the Red Cross Abbey and came and sang the Mass, which was attended by over 100 persons. Having come to the ceremony despite the bad weather and the lengthy walk which most of them had to do.

We have thought that you would be very glad to receive the series of photos enclosed with our report and which better than our description will give you an exact idea of the importance of our organization. Also enclosed the English texts of the speeches which were delivered on the occasion of each ceremony. These texts will give you the feelings and the essential purpose we are aiming at.

While we exonerate us for having to much postponed on your time, we beg to assure you, dear Madam, our profound gratitude for your having accepted theFORMANCE OF HONOR OF THE "Godfathership of the Graves of the Dead American Soldiers"
as well as our best wishes.

Yours very respectfully,

Lady President,

Lady Vice-President,

Lady Secretary,

Attendant. Secretary.

English Secretary,

Attendant. Treasurer.

Treasurer,

Attendant. Treasurer.

Members

Meeting: M. A. Gallet (member)