Godfathership of the Graves of Dead Amer. Soldiers 1945-47
The Representatives of the American and Belgian Army, the Burgomasters and Representatives of the Parish Administrations, the Representatives of the Old Contemptibles of the two wars, the Invalids, the War and Political Prisoners as those of the Resistance, the Representatives of the Belgian Red Cross, (Brigade's Committee), the Representatives of Patriotic Societies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

If we have invited you to come with us at this ceremony, it is because we reckoned we had to remember the sacrifice accepted by those young boys of the Great American Nation. Indeed, what would we have become without them? We should like the Mothers, the Wives, the fiancées, the Fathers, the Children,
so as the Brothers and Sisters, to find some comfort in our attitude of this day.

Alas! the Death of all these young boys they so cherished, has broken their heart, but they must know that over here we are not ungrateful creatures and that we shall always remember those who died for our freedom.

In our organisation, we have engaged ourselves to bring flowers on their graves as often as we could, to bow on their shores, but how glorious wooden crosses, to give them our inmost thoughts and our most fervent prayer. We so wish that everyone understands our deed and understanding it, comes with us and increases the ranks of those who Remember.

Our deed, is of course, a very little thing, as it cannot give back the dear ones to their families. Alas! Death has moved down these splendid fellows and we, still living, can but mourn and remember those who have lost everything.

"Those who died Rously for their Country Have the right to have the crowd coming And praying near their Coffin." said Peter Hugo. Remember this, and let us never forget these Heroes who have offered their lives for us.
We now beg you, to kindly observe a minute of silence, during which we shall think with all our soul of those who have left us.

His Highness,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is from the depths of our heart that we thank you for having answered to our appeal and to have come so numerous with us to manifest to deeply our feelings of gratitude towards the Great Friendly Nation whose Spangled Banner is streaming in the air above this Cemetery.

Before ending, may we pray the Authorities to remain at the foot of the Mast to attend to the Defile of all those who remember. May we ask to the Societies and Private Persons to kindly gather at the foot of Abel-Henri Chapelle, to Defile afterwards before the Mast, symbol of the Dead of this Cemetery, to bow to it and put their flowers at its foot.

We once again thank all of you for having so well understood the sense of this manifestation.
The Catholic Ceremony
15th September 1946

The Representative of the Embassy of the United States,
The Representatives of the American and
Belgian Armies,

Mr. R. Burt, Director of this Cemetery
Mr. Meyers, Manager of this Cemetery
Mrs. Governor of the Province of Liege

The Representatives of the Old Contemptibles
of the two Wars, of the Invalides, of the
War and Political Prisoners and of
the Resistance,

The Representatives of the Patriotic Societies,
The Representatives of the Red Cross of Belgium,
(English's Committee)

Ladies and Gentlemen

"Those who died proudly for their Country
Have a right to the prayers of the crowd
At their Grave Side."

has written the poet.

What is the reason for which we
are here today.

We want to express our feeling of
gratitude with which our hearts are ever flowing
for all these young that are buried in this
Cemetery, this is why the Godfathership of the
Graves of the Dead American Soldiers has asked
you to be out here.
We are just wondering what would have become of us, if we had not had the big American Nation to come to our help? We certainly would still be under the grip of our invaders. It is mainly through the Sacrifice of their dear lives, that we are now a free people, it is our duty to remember those who gave their lives that we might be Liberated.

Alas! What we can do is simply nothing compared to what they did for us.

But we can do this little, by coming here and bowing with deep respect and prayer before their graves in behalf of their families.

We represent their Mothers, their Wives, their Sisters, their Fathers, their Brothers, their Sisters, their Children, and it is in their behalf that we are lying here at the foot of their Crosses, that we bow and pray before those Glorious Dead. We like to think that this offering will bring some comfort to the bereaved families.

We would much appreciate it if you all that are out here with us this afternoon, understood the deep significance of this manifestation, and would come and help fill up the ranks of those who remain.

We were most happy two years ago, when they arrived in Belgium, these Glorious Yanks, how we celebrated them and gave them the title of Liberators.
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it and put their flowers down at the foot
of the Pole.
Thank you for coming and for
having understood the real meaning of
this Ceremony.

Yewish Ceremony
37th September 1946

The Representative of the governor of the Province
of Liège,
The Representative of the American and Belgian
Armies,
The Director of this Cemetery
The Superintendent, Paul Dewez
The Bourgmasters and Representatives of
the Parishes' Administrations
The Representatives of the Old Contemporaries
of the Two Wars, the Survivors of the War
the War and Political Prisoners so as those of the Resistance.
The Representatives of the Belgian Red Cross
(Angleterre's Committee)
The Representatives of Patriotic Societies
Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is my duty once more with deep emotion to address you, facing these countless graves. What do they stand for to us? Do they not recall to our minds the heavy price paid by a great Nation for the defence of right and Liberty? When we assemble together to do respectful homage to the memory of those whose bodies rest in these humble, but glorious graves, we are doing no more than a plain duty.

We have in our minds the thought of the countless American families who are mourning the loss of bright and promising lives mown down in the flower of their youth.

We think of the young men, and even of some young women, who have given up their all to save us from the chaos and pandemonium which was our fate during four long and terrible years. We cannot help thinking at the same time of the American Women, Wives, Mothers,
We feel it is a duty incumbent on us to support the peace and the welfare of the people, and that the welfare of the people should be our chief concern. This is our principle. We believe in the power of education to bring all the good that life can bring. And so, to the people and to the leaders of the world, to the leaders of the world, we send our regards, to all who are in the service of the people, to all who are in the service of the people, to all who are in the service of the people. May all those who are in the service of the people be happy and be healthy.
for us. We trust however that this promise.
made on the name of the Godfathership of the
Graves of the Dead American Soldiers will be
duly appreciated by the Friends and Families of
the deceased in the States, and that it may
bring comfort and consolation to those who may
never be able personally to visit the last
resting place of their dear ones.

The great French Poet Victor Hugo has expressed this thought in the
above immortal lines:

"Lettres qui pleurent sont morts pour sa patrie.

Prière qui leur envoie la foule.

"Finnie et pleure."

meaning that those Heroes who have laid down their lives for their Country have
turned a sight to the prayers and the earnest remembrance of all who draw near to their
graves. It is in this spirit that our associa-
tion was formed.

A minute's silence will now be
observed.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We thank you for having
answered our request, for coming to this place
and showing your appreciation of what the Allied
Nation, the United States of America has done for us.
Before we close, may we suggest that the Authorities may at the foot of the Mast in order to see all those who remember pass by.

May we ask the different Societies and other people to be grouped at the end of the Charle Alley opposed to the Road Croil Henrie Chapelle, so as to enable them to pass in front of the Pole, Symbol of all the Dead of this Cemetery and bow in front of it and put their flowers down at the foot of the Pole.

Thank you for coming and for having understood the real Meaning of this Ceremony.