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## To the Relatives of Our American Dead:

The Red Cross desires to give you certain information concerning photographs of graves which are being given to relatives of our American dead.

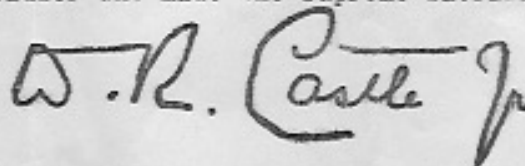
The Red Cross has carried on the work of photographing and distributing these pictures by authority and under the direction of the Graves Registration Service of the Army. It should be understood, however, that the Red Cross has nothing whatever to do with location of graves, the disposition of bodies, or the inscription on the crosses. All correspondence on these matters should be addressed to Colonel Charles C. Pierce, Chief, Graves Registration Service, Washington, D. C.

Three copies of each photograph of a soldier's grave are being sent to his next of kin or emergency addressee. According to the records of the Adjutant General's Office, the Graves Registration Service and the Red Cross, you are the person entitled to receive the enclosed pictures. Neither time nor pains have been spared in our cooperative effort to insure the utmost accuracy. It is possible, however, that among a large number of men with similar or identical names an occasional confusion in address will occur. If by any chance these photographs do not belong to you please return them at once in order that they may be sent if possible, to their correct destination.

Should the picture you are now receiving show the location of the grave to be different from the one stated in the official notice originally sent you, you are assured that this is due to the fact that a great many transfers have been made to selected cemeteries where bodies can be more satisfactorily cared for; and that an error in the inscription on the cross or a difference in location of the grave concerning which you have not as yet been officially notified in no way affects the identity of the dead. The number at the bottom of the photograph has no relation to the grave number at the top of the cross, but serves merely to identify the photograph.

More than three prints cannot be supplied by the Red Cross, but any reliable photographer can make copies from those which are enclosed. The blank spaces on the folder have been left for you to fill in as you may desire.

The Graves Registration Service and the American Red Cross will be amply repaid for long months of arduous labor if you accept these photographs as a reverent tribute to the American soldier who made the supreme sacrifice.



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