

Group D: Homefront Experience Materials

Directions: Using the primary sources below, learn about the experiences of families who received letters home from the military regarding their loved ones. After exploring these sources, you will write a letter from a soldier's family member to the U.S. government explaining how you want your loved one to be remembered.

Letter, Major General J.A. Ullo to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brown, August 28, 1944 Individual Deceased Personnel File, National Archives and Records Administration - St. Louis

AG 201 Brown, Donald E.
PC-N TT0166

28 August 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Brown
R. F. D. #1
Thompson, Iowa

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Brown:

It is with regret that I am writing to confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your son, Private Donald E. Brown, 37,190,660, Infantry, who was killed in action on 28 July 1944 in France.

I fully understand your desire to learn as much as possible regarding the circumstances leading to his death and I wish that there were more information available to give you. Unfortunately, reports of this nature contain only the briefest details as they are prepared under battle conditions and the means of transmission are limited.

I know the sorrow this message has brought you and it is my hope that in time the knowledge of his heroic service to his country, even unto death, may be of sustaining comfort to you.

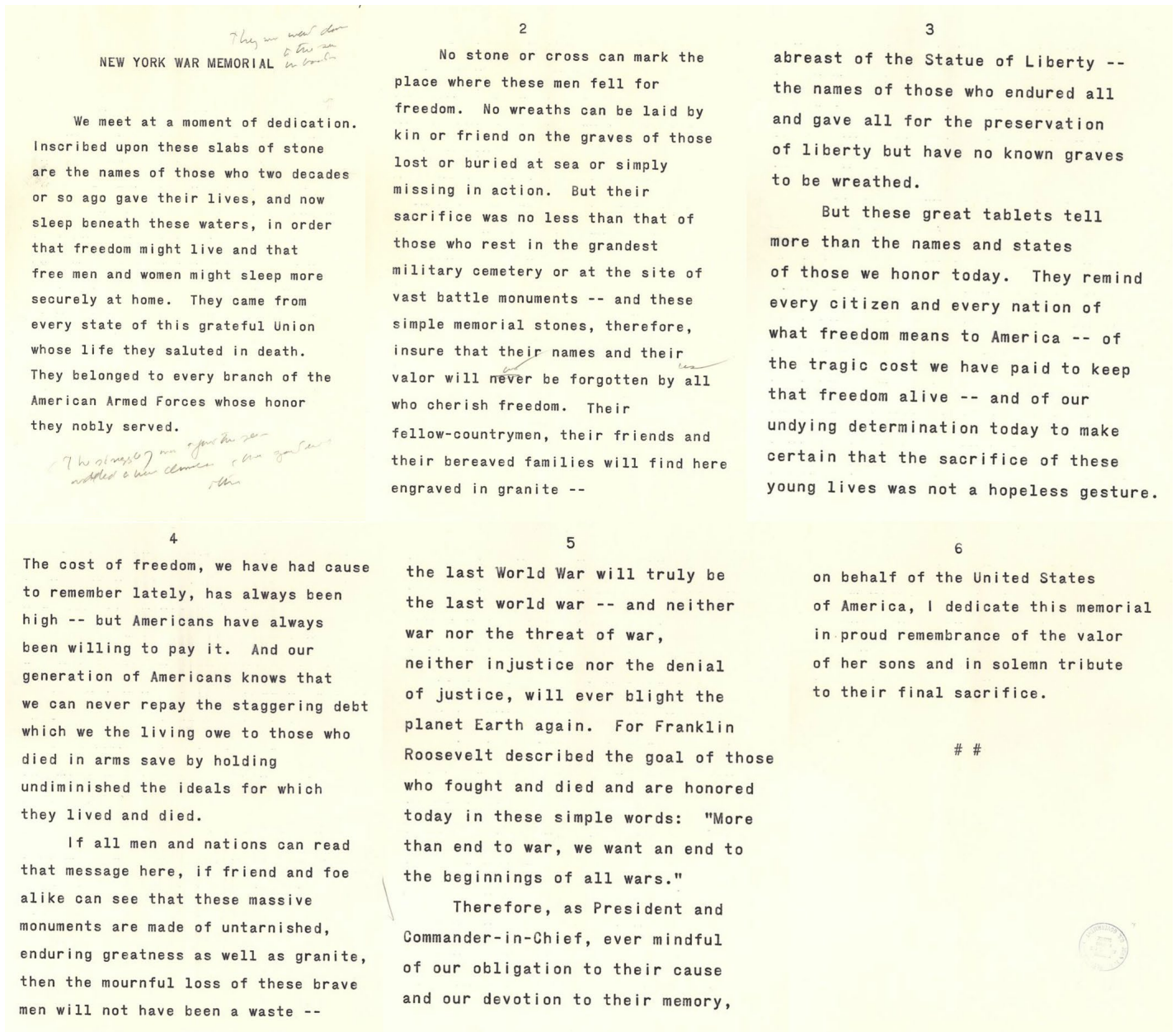
I extend to you my deepest sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. ULLO
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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John F. Kennedy, Remarks at East Coast Memorial to the Missing at Sea Dedication, New York, May 23, 1963
John F. Kennedy President Library and Museum (JFKPDF-044-026-p001)



Secondary Sources

Private Donald E. Brown Fallen Hero Profile and Eulogy
ABMC Education

<https://abmceducation.org/understandingsacrifice/soldier/donald-e-brown>