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Dear Mr Manfroni

First on behalf of my wife & self I must deeply thank you for the kindness you have shown to us. Yours through Dennis was the first we actually knew what happened to our dear son and it ended the agony of nineteen months waiting and hoping. It has at least eased our minds that he never suffered and is at rest in a grave on top of the mountain. He loved hills & the open country and we think he will be content there. He also loved Italian music and has several records of their beautiful singers and bands. We have not yet had the story & poetry, as Dennis wrote that he would bring them when he came on leave. I wrote to the other parents giving your address & they said they would write to you personally and thank you. We are hoping some time next year when transport is a bit easier to visit the grave and hope then to meet you and thank you for the

interest & help you have given us. We do understand how unhappy your beloved country must feel and how your former leaders have let you down so badly but I am afraid nobody gains out of that and ^{free} peoples must be made to realize the futility of it.

Your action alone shows that peoples of different nations have the same feelings and could live in harmony with the best that each nation can provide.

Again thanking you for all you have done

Yours very sincerely
A Betts