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Route 2, Box 69  
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April 20, 1946

Dearest Mrs Lavery,

I certainly appreciate your kindness and trouble in writing to me in regard of my son, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Vincent A. Ford. Please accept my gratefulness.

I have a picture of the Army, Navy, Marine Cemetery #2 which I received from Brigadier General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr. U.S. Marine Corps. Commanding General of the First Provisional Marine Brigade. I obtained another picture through the girl my son was engaged to. The picture from General Shepherd was taken during the Memorial Services. The names on the crosses are not plain enough to read. If you would like to obtain these pictures I will gladly get a reprint made and send them to you. Even though I have these two photographs I would like very much to get those from you that you mentioned in your letter. I thank you very much.

Through different sources I have found out a good bit about my son's passing. From a comrade, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Thomas Preston, he said he had seen and talked to Vincent about a week before he was killed. A cousin of my boy, Sgt. Robert King, was near my boy when he was killed. Sgt. King said he saw Vincent fall after he was shot; though he was a few yards



from him. Vincent's <sup>II</sup> first cousin, Benette Ford, has visited his grave. He was to take some pictures of the graves, after he got the films he was restricted to the post to leave Guam. He was unable to take the pictures before he left.

I certainly ~~that~~ thank you for telling me about that article in the "Atlantic Monthly" I will certainly try to get a copy.

You have certainly made me much happier for offering me the chance of these pictures. If you will make a charge of your expense and trouble I will be very glad glad to pay you.

I hope you may get a lot of information about your brother. You have my most respectable sympathy.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs Boyd Ford