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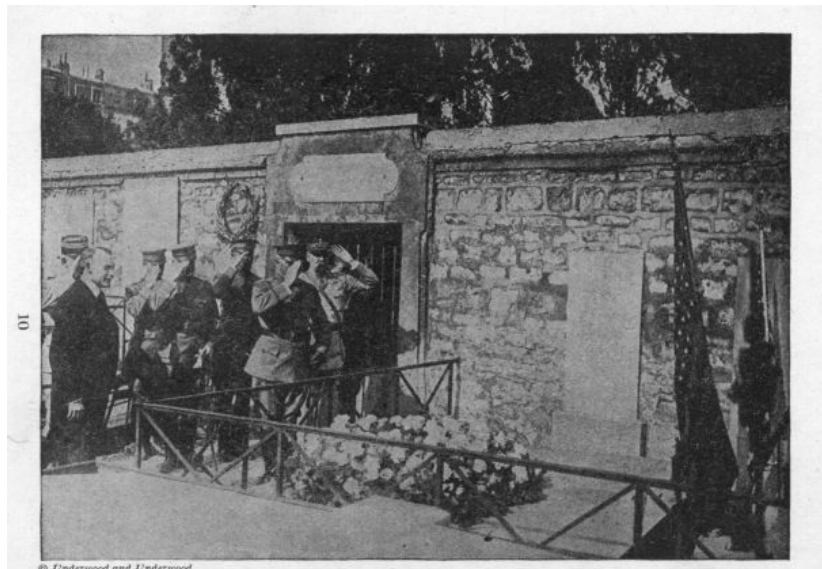
Key Understanding: *The French Connection*. The Lord ordained that the United States of America *inherit* the key historical role of France as the *western* part of the *Charlemagne Split*. This is evidenced through – and is the reason for – the *historical alliances* and *unique relationship* formed between the United States and France during the first 175 years of U.S. history. The famous words spoken by an American in World War I – “Lafayette, we are here!” – characterize the historical French Connection.

Marquis de Lafayette. Marquis de Lafayette was a French soldier and statesman who significantly helped the Americans defeat the British in the Revolutionary War. He became a major general in the American Army, persuaded France to send military aid to the colonists, helped Washington in forcing British General Cornwallis to surrender at Yorktown, and assisted in the negotiations that won American independence.



General Lafayette's departure from Mount Vernon 1784

“Lafayette, we are here!” The historical relationship between the U.S. and France is perhaps no better illustrated than through the famous words spoken on July 4, 1917, during World War I, at the tomb of the Marquis de Lafayette upon the arrival of the leading elements of the U.S. Army, led by General John J. Pershing. Many sources give Pershing the credit for the famous phrase, **“Lafayette, we are here!”** It was actually Pershing's aide, Colonel Charles E. Stanton, who made the brief remarks . . . “The fact cannot be forgotten that



Lafayette, we are here! The immortal tribute of General John J. Pershing at the grave of Lafayette.

your nation was our friend when America was struggling for existence, when a handful of brave and patriotic people were determined to uphold the rights their Creator gave them – that France in the person of Lafayette came to our aid in words and deed. It would be ingratitude not to remember this and America defaults no obligations . . . Therefore it is with loving pride we drape the colors in tribute of respect to this citizen of your great Republic, and here and now in the shadow of the illustrious dead we pledge our hearts and our honor in carrying this war to successful issue. Lafayette, we are here!”



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