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War memorial fountain, Cleveland, 1955.

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For The Memorial Fountain In Honor Of The War Dead
On The Mall, Cleveland, Ohio

March 24, 1955

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