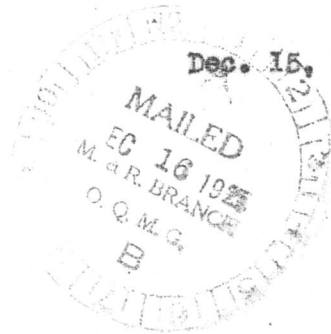


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Charles, Warren D. Pvt.  
Co. G, 7th Inf.

Mr. Buchanan J. Charles,  
Lock Box 626,  
Arcade, N. Y.

Dec. 15, 1925.



My dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General is pleased to inform you that the investigation instituted in the case of your son, the late Private Warren D. Charles, Co. G, 7th Infantry, to locate his remains, has finally been successfully concluded. The body has been recovered from an isolated grave in the Commue of Gierges, Department of Meuse.

There is on file a request from you that the body be returned to this country for private interment. As some time has elapsed since you made the request, this letter is to inquire whether it is still your desire that this action be taken.

Please understand, it is not the policy of the Department to attempt to influence relatives as to the disposition of their dead, but to endeavor to carry out their wishes so far as is humanly possible. On the other hand the Department is honored when relatives entrust the remains to its care and intends to administer that trust in a manner befitting the service the soldier rendered his country and humanity. If agreeable to you, this office will be glad to receive your permission for burial of the remains of your son among his comrades in the beautiful Meuse Argonne American Cemetery, where the grave will be tenderly cared for by a grateful nation.

As action is suspended pending your decision, it is requested that a reply be submitted as soon as possible. For your reply please use the attached envelope which requires no postage.

You are advised that a tag was found on the remains of your son which read "WARREN D. CHARLES-Co. G, 7th Inf." On the reverse side of the tag was the serial number "542000". This tag was placed with the body. There was also found on the remains a wrist watch which is being forwarded to the Claims Division, General Accounting Office, with the request that it be forwarded to you. This watch was found broken.

Very truly yours,

L. W. REDINGTON,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

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