

Mrs. J. Anderson

Warrior Centre

#12622 N.Y.

Aug 22/19

Secretary of War.

FILE

Mr. Baker Dear Sir.

I am coming to you for information or rather writing you. Mon Aug 22

I read in the Buffalo paper that the 1st Division have left Breard for New York. Now Mr Baker my dear and only son. 1st Sgt Edward A. Boyle

Co H. 16 Infantry was killed in Soisson July 18-22. That is the way my letter read. Now there was a young soldier who was cook for that Company and he bid my son good-by: as my son left for that attack he has written me and told me a great deal and have promise to tell me of my son when he reaches U.S.A.

Copy to Mrs. Anderson

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as Colonel Harrell of the
16 Infantry said when all my
son Buttum was killed & wounded
my son made up another Battalion
and held the line until he too
was killed wasn't that true blue
just to think a boy only 23 to
have such grand courage and
then to think the toll is not
taken read. Why not bury the
dead where they fall. Mr. Butler
in my boy's first and last letter was
10.00 a. for him as he had seen all
he wanted and as I have filed out
Foy's some time ago I want my
boy's body sent home to his home
town where I can visit that grave
the one I pride and love so much
as Colonel Harrell said he never
saw a soldier with such courage
and was glad to be with my boy.
Now what I would like to know if
I could get in touch with.

Leo. H. 16 Infantry Min it reaches
 N.Y. as I want to send a telegram
 to this young man. who has been
 so kind to write me about my
 boy. and I want him to come to
 my home as he has written me
 he would like to if possible. I
 myself would love to go to New York
 and see that grand famous
 division which the 16th Infantry is
 in. But I am afraid I would be able
 to even see a gun. as it tell it will
 be the only division all in uniform
 you can imagine how I feel and how
 a mother of a soldier in that
 Infantry can't be there. If they were
 some way to reserve seat for mothers
 of sons that are not coming but lying
 on Paris soil it is pretty hard but it
 ought to be that they would be look
 in too. To have Mothers come first and
 let them see that the Government didn't
 forget them in their trouble.

Thunting. 2/10. ✓

Solidis - Mother

Mr C. N. Sanderson

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