

Darien Centre N. Y.
Genesee Co.

Dear Sir.

I mother of Sergt. Edward A. Coyle , Co. H, 16th Infantry was killed in action on July 18th near Soisson. That is how my telegram read. I have never heard just where my dear and only boys body was buried. I have waited now on six months and no news. On Sept. 7th I received two letters which my only boy had written on July 13th. He was killed July 18th but never mailed until Aug. 13th. On the end of his own letter was written this-

Your son was killed in action during the big battle near Soisson July 18th. This letter was written some time before but never mailed. He was a grand soldier and one to be proud of and he died a soldiers death, fighting to the last. He was too brave and all its more honor to him as having died for his home country and loved ones.

Lt. C. H. Niese
Lt. 16th Inf.
16th Inf.

Now dearsir I have written to the offices of the 16th Infantry and never answered, surely all havent fallen. I cant understand it. I waited and waited for a letter , but I dont receive any, so I am writing to your dear self the failure of your boys over there. My only son was going on five years in service and in that time he was in Alaska, Calif., on the Mexican Border , he was then with the 30th Inf. He was at Plattsburg N.Y. and at Syracuse the summer of 1917, left that city for oversea. He was training officer for a Battalion for the 16th Infantry, then in France. Now dear sir my boy having died as he died and I dont hear of any more brave soldier than my boy, and to think not a word of any from France. I saw in the New York Times a Corporal of Co.H, 16th Inf. was rewarded a cross and I cant help but say my only boy who fought to the last ought to be remember as medal of some sort. There wouldnt be a more prouder Mother in all the world to get a medal or cross to remember my only boy forever. As that is all I would have to keep as a keepsake. He was one grand boy for writing ,in all I have over 600 letters since he joined. You can imagine how I miss his letters now and to think I havent a thing to remember him. Hoping I may hear and also receive a medal or cross as I do think my only boy is just due to one of some kind. If you wish you can write to Robert Barr of the 38 Infantry, he was with my boy in the 30th and 38th, and he will tell what a grand noble boy he was. Hoping I will hear an early reply and also telling me where my only boys body is buried. I thought there wasnt another boy in the world as I loved him more than words can tell. Again thanking you all and may God bless you all, from a Soldiers Mother,

Mrs. C.H. Sanderson
Darien Centre N.Y.

P.S.

Now on Sept. 6 I sent a letter which was the last to my son and in it I put a indentification wrist band as he wrote for one. I had my sons name engraved on it. I have never heard any thing from that, and as I say , I would like to have what things belong to my son, returned for surely I his mother would be more than proud to receive them.

Thanking you.