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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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Mr. A. E. Whiton,
Circulation Manager,
The American Legion Weekly,
627 W. 43rd St., New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 31st 1922, the Quartermaster General desires you to be advised as follows: The remains of the late Private Harold T. Lay, Company I, 106th Infantry, have been transferred to their final resting place, in Grave 20, Row 2, Block A, Somme American Cemetery at Bony, Department of Aisne, France.

The above action was taken, in view of the fact that the St. Sever Cemetery at Rouen, Seine-Inferieure, wherein the remains of Pvt. Lay were formerly buried, will not be permanently maintained by this Government. The bodies of our soldier dead, which were buried therein and whose relatives requested permanent interment abroad, were transferred to the Somme American Cemetery, where the graves will remain under the care of this Government.

The records show that the mother of the deceased was advised regarding the removal of the body, on September 30th 1922. Please assure her that the Government will not forget her priceless gift to the cause of freedom and in no way will it neglect to perpetually care for the grave in a manner befitting the supreme sacrifice made by this soldier.

Very truly yours,

E. E. DAVIS,
Executive Assistant, G.R.S.

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