

QM 293 A-C
Votrie, Charles

February 15, 1929.

Mrs. Margaret Votrie,
28 Canson Street,
Batavia, New York.

Dear Madam:

In connection with the report furnished you under date of December 12th, 1919, to the effect that your son, the late Private Charles Edward Votrie, Company B, 59th Infantry was buried in Grave 53, Section A, American Cemetery, Fismes, Marne, it is regretted to advise that upon the removal of bodies from this cemetery to the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, one of the permanent military cemeteries, his body could not be located.

It appears that the grave in question was marked to indicate the burials of your son and Private Robert Campbell, both members of Company B, 59th Infantry, but upon disinterment the body could not be identified as either of these soldiers. In view thereof, a thorough investigation has been made and it has not been possible to identify this body or to locate the graves of either your son, Private Campbell or other members of Company B, who were killed at the same time. This body has been permanently interred in Grave 16, Row 22, Block C, Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, and the grave is being marked to show it as the grave of an Unidentified American Soldier.

There is a possibility that your son's body may have been recovered without sufficient means of identification and is now interred in the above named cemetery as an Unknown Soldier. However, as the records in these cases afford but little information that could be used as a basis for identification, it is doubtful that their identity will ever be known.

While it is distressing to have to bring this matter to your attention at this time, it is believed to be in your interest to know the correct status of the case.

For The Quartermaster General;

Very truly yours,

J. McCLINTOCK,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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