## WAR DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A\_0.

(Votrie, Charles)

February 25, 1926

Mr. Charles R. Ward,

Huntington, West Virginia

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that this office is conducting an investigation with a view to locating the graves of the late Pvt.lcl Charles Votrie, Co. B, 59th Inf., Cpl. Frank Kowalkowski, Co. B, 59th Infantry and Pvt. Dominico Caterina, Co. B, 59th Infantry, who are reported to have been killed August 11, 1918.

Former Sgt. Murphy states that Pvt. Votrie was killed with a corporal and private while standing in line for rations, but he cannot remember anything about it now. It is requested that you please advise this office if you recall whether Pvt. Caterina was killed while drawing rations at the same time as Pvt. Votrie and Corporal Kowalkowski, also the nature of the wounds causing the death of each and if they were all buried together. It is also requested that, if possible, you furnish the names of nearest towns and the names of any other men killed with any one of the above mentioned soldiers.

The bodies of Pvt. Hubert C. Leslie, Co. B, 59th Inf., who is reported to have been killed August 7, 1918, and Pvt. Robert A. Campbell, Co. B, 59th Inf., reported to have been killed on August 9, 1918, have mever been located.

It is requested that you forward to this office, any information which you recall concerning the death and burial of these men, the nature of the wounds which caused their deaths, with whom and where buried, and any other data which would be of assistance in locating their graves.

Your cooperation in this important matter will be appreciated. Kindly reply as soon as possible, using the enclosed official envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

Major, Q.M.Corps,

Assistant

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