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From: Rev. Henry A.D. Wacker
 To: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Div.)
 Subject: Case of Pvt. i/cl. Chas. E. Votrie, Co. B, 59th Inf.

Your communication of the 12th. inst. is at hand. I would be only too glad to furnish your office with all the information you want concerning the burial place of the above soldier, but all my burial records were lost when I was removed to the hospital from the Argonne. Pvt. Votrie was one of a great number of our men who failed to have any tags on their persons. This made the identification work very difficult. Looking over the blank which your office sent me and trying to remember back to those days I feel sure that he was identified by a letter he had on his person, which I put in a bottle and then left the bottle with his body.

Running from Fismes to Besooch there is a railroad, (double tracked). This railroad runs parallel to a road which passes by the Chateau Diabie. The railroad runs thru a small valley at the foot of the dirt road. On both sides of this railroad we buried a number of our dead and also German dead. This was in the vicinity of Chateau Diabie. This happened from the 10th of Sept. to about the 16th. of Sept. Running from the railroad to the dirt road there is an open field. where we also buried some of our men. This is the place where I think we buried the above soldier. The whole space does not cover more than a few acres of ground. I am also sure that his body was not mangled. Not being connected ~~for~~ with the same outfit I do not know how he met his death, but from the circumstances of other men I would say that he was cut down by enemy bullets when his regiment tried to cross the River Vesle which flows right near this place. I am sorry that I cannot remember any of the names of the men that I buried with him. Facing Paris this vicinity is to the right of Chateau Diabie. I hope that this ~~is~~ information will help you find out what became of the body of Pvt. Votrie.

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