

QM 293 A-C  
Votrie, Charles

April 11, 1930.

Mr. Earl P. Hoffman,  
44 Springfield Ave.,  
Pittsfield, Mass.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a communication from the Liaison Officer of the Genesee County Headquarters, American Legion, Batavia, New York, concerning the grave location of the late Private, first class Charles Votrie, Company B, 59th Infantry, in which he furnishes a copy of a letter you wrote Mrs. Votrie on August 14, 1919, concerning her son's death.

It will be appreciated if you can furnish any information concerning Private Votrie's burial, as it is particularly desired to ascertain the names of the soldiers killed by the same shell and their place of burial. A copy of the report of burial rendered by the Chaplain and a copy of a letter from him relative thereto is enclosed for your information.

During the course of investigation which was made in an effort to locate the grave of Private Votrie, it was discovered that an Unknown American Soldier, reported as either Private Votrie or Private Robert Campbell was buried in Grave 53, Sec. A, Plot 2, American Cemetery 617, Fismes (Marne). However, this body could not be identified as being that of either soldier named. The body exhumed from this grave is described as follows:

"Machine Gun Bullet holes over both right and left eyes. Lower jaw missing. Collar ornament with crossed rifles, Co. B, 59th Inf., also "U.S." A medal ribbon was found with three stripes; center stripe red; two outer stripes yellow. Two ribs were found left side grown together."

A sketch showing the medal ribbon is enclosed and information is desired as to whether you recall that Private Votrie or any other soldier of your organization wore a ribbon of this design.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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