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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
FRANCE

27 OCT 1918

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO: Mr. John Stowell., Freeport, Me.
SUBJECT: Place of Burial;
Musician 3/c. John A. Stowell., Hdqrs. Co. 103rd. Inf.
Died June 16, 1918.
Cemetery No. 108.

I am sure that you will pardon the use of a form letter such as we are sending to-day, when you try to realize under what great stress this office is working in order to give as prompt advice as possible concerning facts which are of such very vital importance to our sorrowing friends, whose brave men have suffered martyrdom on battle-fields within our sphere of European operations.

It is with great sorrow that I am writing you, and only the urgency of your desire to know, prompts me to push forward this notification when my note is required to be so formal because of the great number to which my name has to be signed.

You have probably already received official advice concerning the death of the one whom you gave to your country and the world for the saving of civilization.

You will be comforted to know that his body has been recovered, and that it lies buried in a place, which, for military reasons cannot, at this moment, be disclosed.

You need have no fear, however, that there will be any danger to the loss of this location, or the record of interment.

We are sending you, herewith, a note which gives general answers to a number of questions which our bereaved friends are often asking, and it will probably give information concerning some of the things you are anxious to understand.

Please be sure of our earnest desire to guard your interests in every possible way, and our satisfaction in being able to care for the resting places of our dead.

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CHARLES C. PIERCE
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

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Date: Oct. 27, 1918
Description: Letter to John Stowell of Freeport about the grave of his son, John Arthur Stowell, killed while serving in France during World War I.

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