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167 Inf. Rainbow Div.

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Corporal Canoles had an excellent record with his company, where he was respected and loved by his officers as well as by his companions, who considered him an exceptionally good soldier and a leader of men.

Corporal Canoles met his death in one of the bloodiest battles of the war, amid the cracking of machine guns and rifles by the thousand and the crash of the artillery, and with his face toward the enemy. If he had to die, I am satisfied that your son would have preferred this death--charging the enemy--than which there is no greater honor.

Corporal Canoles was buried near the spot where he was struck down (200 yards west of the farmhouse of Croix Rouge Farm, near BREUVANNES and about twelve miles north of Chateau-Thierry. ~~There~~ Ten other soldiers were buried near him, some of them being from his own company. There is no grave number, but his grave is plainly marked, and his identification tag plainly visible.

With assurances of my sympathy in your sad bereavement, I remain

Very sincerely,

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(formerly Fourth Alabama)

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