

Marion Ala
Nov 25th 1921

My dear Mrs Owen

I am sending
you - about all I am capable
of - getting up about my son

I dont feel that his Government
appreciated his efforts or they
would have raised his rank
after he was dead - They intended
making him a Lieutenant for his
bravery at Chalons on the 15th of
July 1918 - But they were
rushed to Chateau Thierry
and didnt get to decorate any
of the boys at that time

and he was killed July 26th at
Croix Rouge Farm He was wounded
as a Corp but buried as a private
under serial number 66686

Now if they could change his serial
number to 98993 it does seem
that they could have changed Post to

Corp I applied for his service
medal and they didnt even
send one that

You see they hadnt changed
his tag since he left the states
and was buried as a private

I have the Croix De Guerre
with Palm also the French citations
combined in one with the picture of an
angel carrying the Palm leaf to be
added to the Croix De Guerre which was
won on the 15th of July 1918 The Palm
leaf was added for July 26th 1918

I hope that there will never
be another war, Every nation should
stop filling the world with so many
people and there would be no need
then to thin the world with wars

Please pick out what is
suitable and leave the other
out

I am awfully nervous
and will never be the same
any more

Sincerely

Mrs Lena J. Ford