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The Under Secretary of State,
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26th November, 1947.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 14th August concerning your son, and to quote the following extract of a letter from the Graves Registration Service of the War Office:-

"As a result of investigations it has been ascertained that the site reported as St.Riquier es Plains Military Cemetery and St.Riquier es Plains Communal Cemetery was neither, but a temporary burial ground and consequently there was nothing to prevent cattle straying on to the graves. The Maire was approached in regard to this matter and did not offer any assistance or solution. Since such a situation could not continue it was decided to remove the graves from that site.

There existed another temporary burial ground at GRANDCOURT. This was examined and found to be an excellent site and well cared for by local civilians. The Maire of GRANDCOURT had requested that the graves in that temporary burial ground should not be moved.

It was therefore decided that the temporary burial ground at GRANDCOURT should be converted into a small permanent cemetery and known as GRANDCOURT British Cemetery. The graves from St.Riquier es Plains temporary burial ground have now been moved to GRANDCOURT British Cemetery, and the grave of Sgt. Edwards is now in Row K. Grave No.6. in this cemetery."

It is hoped that this arrangement will be satisfactory to you.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(signed) M. Crabbe.