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69 Church Hill Rd
Bream
Surrey. England

Dear Sir

I thank you for ~~the~~ ^{the} story of the last flight made by my son & his consequent death.

I do not know how to thank you for the trouble you ~~to~~ have taken to compose the story, the expense and the kindness behind it all.

I am afraid we in England have got used to seeing the mutilated bodies of civilians & airmen.

It was a ~~relief~~ relief to learn that they all died instantaneously and they were buried decently. We feel very grateful for the expressions of sympathy by your local people and would like to convey our thanks to the vicar and officials of the church for the Christian spirit they displayed to the mortal remains of my son & his friends.

I have written to the people mentioned by you & they will be writing to you themselves. I suggest you delete that portion dealing with the pitiful sight of their bodies but state their deaths were instantaneous & the subsequent burial portion, which is really beautiful. We hope to visit your country as soon as possible & hope ~~for~~ to thank you in person for your kindness.

Yours sincerely
A. Betts