

France
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Dear Mrs. Harris

I am in receipt of a letter from your son today asking for particulars of your sons death and burial place.

On August the 8th "Guerin" as he was called by his comrades, was assisting in laying a telephone line when a shell burst near him which wounded him and at the same time rendered him unconscious. Sketcher bearers were quickly on the spot and his mate who was working with him at the time as quickly as possible he was attended to by the M.D. and evacuated to hospital, but he died at the Casualty Clearing Station.

He is buried at Tignacourt in a military cemetery there and a cross has been erected to his memory.

At the first opportunity the B.M. intends erecting one of its own crosses on his grave and when this is done his mates are going to buy & have a photograph taken of the grave so that they can send a copy to you.

Up to the present moment circumstances have not permitted this being done.

Your son was one of my most trusted men and he has always shown very great

keenness over his work and do nothing was too big nor too trifling for him to do.

Such men as he was are invaluable in the army and his loss is felt very deeply not only by me but by his comrades and every man who knew him.

With reference to his personal effects these were all sent through the usual channels to the Base and from there they will be sent to you in the near future. We are not able to send personal effects direct to relatives from the Base.

Please accept the deepest and sincerest sympathies of myself and the boys of the section on your recent sad bereavement, but we hope that the fact that your son died in so noble a cause may greatly soften the shock that his death must have caused you and your family.

We further hope that his brother's wounds may be slight and that he will soon be well again.

Believe me to be
yours very sincerely
F. L. Challen
(Lieut)