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Dear Mrs Fabien,

I would like to offer you my deepest sympathy at the loss of your son. I was in the back cockpit at the time of the unhappy incident, and I'm very proud to be able to say that my air gunner put up a most gallant show against overwhelming odds.

At the time we were making a torpedo attack on German ships in harbour. We came up against a very large number of German fighters which attack us time and time again, and right up until

your son's death he returned shot
for shot and almost certainly
shot down one fighter.

Both the pilot and myself are
quite confident that if Percy hadn't
put up such a magnificent show
we would never have survived
the attack, and we have only got
him to thank that we are still
alive.

I can assure you that Percy never
knew anything about his end. He was
buried the same night (July 30th) at sea.

All the Officers and men of the
squadron share your sorrow at the
loss of your son.

Yours very sincerely
O. G. W. Hutchinson (S/Lt. R.N.V.R.)