2nd Aus. F. A. Bgde, 6/10/1918.

Dear Mrs. Boulton:

It is with the very greatest regret that I write to inform you of the death of your son Lieut. S. P. Boulton of our 6th Bty. who was killed in action on the morning of the 3rd inst. during heavy enemy shelling of the Bty position.

We buried him, side by side with 3 other Officers of the Brigade who were killed the same morning, in the Military Section of the Civil Cemetery at Roisel (East of Peronne) and the Unit will erect substantial crosses over the graves.

I know how miserably inadequate all expressions of sympathy must seem to you at such a time, but I do want to assure you that we all feel very deeply for you in your sorrow.

Throughout the Brigade your son was highly respected and well liked and we who were privileged to be his comrades very deeply mourn his loss, and can imagine something of what his death must mean to his loved ones in far off Australia.

Please accept our deepest sympathy

with you all

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Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) T. Theodor Webb. Chaplain, 2nd. Aus. F.A. Bgde.

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## FRANCE,

14/10/18.

Dear Mrs. Boulton:

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my sincerest sympathies in the death of your son, killed action, near Namroy early on the morning of 3rd inst. It will be consoling for you to hear from me as his Commanding officer and to know that everything was done that could be done from a Medical point of view to save him.

attack on the Beaurevoir Line subsequent to our successful operation on the Hinderburg Line that the Germans subjected our Battery positions to a heavy shell fire, with both gas and H.R. Very little cover was available and the officers, three in number, your son included, had constructed a small place to sleep by digging into the side of a railway embankment. For the time being this dugout had passed comparatively safe, although the shelling had gone on for some time. Eventually a gas shell fell and exploded on the parapet, filling the dugout with a deadly cloud of gas.

At the time your son was standing up and three pieces from the bursting shell entered his back. He fell, seriously wounded. Lt. Watson, one of the other two officers who were lying down at the time, seeing his helplessness at once adjusted your sons gas respirator. It was apparent the wound was serious as he was almost unconscious. He received immediate attention and was then taken to a Field Ambulance Station close by, where he died some few hours afterwards when every effort made to save him had failed. He was buried the day following in a Military Cemetery at Roisel by Capt. Webb, Cop. E. Minister attached to this Brigade. The Division General, myself, several of your sons brother officers and men from his Battery were present at the burial.

I would ask you to kindly accept my sincerest sympathy in your sad loss. Your son was a sterling boy with many good qualities. He was loved by his brother officers and respected by his men, and his death has been a serious loss to the Brigade.

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Yours very sincerely, David H. Mesre.

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Dear Miss Charles:

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In reply to your letter asking for particulars of Liet. S.P. Boulton's death, I will give you all the particulars I can gather at present, and if I can find out anything further I'll only be too glad to let you know.

On the morning of Oct. 3rd. he had just got out of bed, and was preparing to go forward on Observation Duty. Just then a gas shell burst very close to him, and badly wounded him in the shoulder and back. He was carried to an advanced dressing station and received medical attention almost immediately. He was conscious for a very short time, but did not appear to be suffering any pain. He soon lapsed into unconsciousness, and died shortly afterwards. These are about all the facts I can give you.

The officer who was with him when he was hit is at present in hospital at Welwyn, and I am sure if you could spare the time, he would gladly give you any information he knew. His name is Lieut. W.T. Watson, M.C.D.C.M., also the then Bty. Commander, Major Alf Dodd is in Wandsworth Hospital. Either of these officers could give you more information than I can. At the time of the occurrence I was adjutant of the Bde. Mr. Boulton was buried with full military honours in Rosiet Cemetery by Chaplain T.T. Webb a large number of officers and men were also present, including our Division Commander.

est sympathy. I knew him very well, in fact he was a pal of mine, and I personally regret his loss very, very much. His quite unassuming manner made him generally liked, and his death was a deep blow to us all. You can rest assured that everything possible was done for him.

and if convenient for you, would like to tell you what I've tried to write.

Your s sincerely, (Major) A. M. Mullin.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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Captain Boulton

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C/o Sir W. Napier,
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SURREY. 20/11/1918.

Headquaters are naturally very strict on nobody touching any effects of deceased Officers.

Dear Mrs. Boulton; dagmye vm liestnov bas

In the first place I wish to apoligise for not having written you the news of your brother in laws sad death, but believe me when I say it was entirely due to my own indisposition that I have been unable to write.

As you no doubt know, poor Old Steve was in action with us near Joucourt and had just been detailed for the duty of F.O.O. For the attack which was taking place at 6 a.m. He was in the act of putting on his coat when a shell came into the dugout we three (Watson Steve and myself) were occupying and severely wounded Steve in four places burning and gassing Watson and I.

drag him into another shelter which was close by and found he was wounded in the left groin, back shoulder and right arm - all bad wounds. He put up a gallant fight and although suffering intense pain he was so bad he could not feel it.

We said good-bye to him just before he left for the C.C.S. and he then became unconscious and never regained consciousness passing away on his way to the C.C.S.(advanced). He was buried at Roisel cemetery along with Lieut. Fisher, Capt. Hollis and Capt. Kirkland who were also killed on the 3rd inst.

It was a terrible blow to me to know that poor old Steve had gone and I can assure you he was a real man in all the dealings I had with him during our years aquaintance. He was a fine officer, capable and lived the clean life of a brave gentleman.

Please accept on behalf of myself the Officers or C.O's and men of the 6th Battery their heartfelt sympathy on your sad loss. I feel that whenever I look at his photo that it will always remind me of one of the best pals I ever had.

His kit and all belongings must be forwarded to his next of kin and I am afraid I am unable to help you in any further way with regards to this as A.I.F.

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LONDON.

3/12/1918.

Mrs. O.M. Boulton, GLADESVILLE.

Dear Madam:

It has been my privilege recently to visit the little Cemetery at Roisel, where the mortal remains of your dear son have been laid at rest. I went to see the Grave of my own Boy, and he lies with over twenty other lads side by side, and one of them is your Boy. I thought you would like to have a line from somebody who had stood with bared head at the Grave, and had reverently read the loving inscription placed upon the central wooden Croos that has been erected at the head of each Grave.

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Please pardon these few lines, but I thought you would like to have them. I write as one who has been bereaved like yourself, and who, like you too, is sustained through God's grace, by the memory of a noble lad who has died for me.

Senior Chplain. Met.

With sincere and prayerful sympathy, sincerely yours,

(Sgd. A.T. HOLDEN.

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With sincere and prayerful sympathy, I remain, Sincerely yours,

a. T. Holden

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We got him on to a stretcher and got him away to the dressing station. Just before he left us he lost consciousness altho' for 20 minutes after he was hit he put up a wonderful fight. I don t think he suffered, and he never spoke again, he died without recovering consciousness.

Major Dodd speaks of him as "my dear friend" and fellow Officer, and says crosses are being erected and all necessary precautions taken to safe guard the grave, and to ensure it is looked after.

I wish you all to accept the heartfelt sympathy of the Officers of the Battery, also of the N.Cs and men on the loss of one of the bravest and best gentlemen it has ever been our chance to meet. He was so long with us I assure you he was sorely missed by us all. His kit will be forwarded to his Mother through the A.I.F. Kit Stores."

Major Lodd was wounded in his right arm, but he has now got better, and writes from Sir. W. Napier's at Farnham with whom he is staying. He hopes to be soon on his way to Australia. I sent him your address.

Again so much love

Yours lovingly

COUSIN BESS.