

Chateauguay, Quebec
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Dear Mrs. Anderson,

I hasten to respond to your pleasant letter, which we received with news of our dear Paul. We had not received any news of him yet. Therefore, your letter had reassured us.

We have written him several times and sent a parcel, but we have been without news.

Would it be the case that it's impossible to write, or that his letters have been lost or that the censorship might have cut them out?

If that is the case, dear Mrs. Anderson, I would ask you to write your son, asking him to write and tell us if Paul had been in an accident in his descent, we would like to know everything. We would like to know because we do not understand why he has not written to us.

We had become accustomed to receiving three letters per week before his disappearance. We are very happy to know that Paul is with such a friend as Bob and that while in Providence they are to be together.

We do not have any other sons in the army. Louis, who is 20 years old, had received an exemption of a year. Romir, the oldest, married son, has his exemption as well. There are also six boys of very young ages; the baby is 3 years old, and three girls. The oldest girl has been a nun for the past 5 years, Rita works for Bell Telephone and Claire is 10 years old. Paul loved his family very much and never failed to mention in his letters to give his brothers and sisters a hug.

My husband is a baker. Paul wrote that he had not eaten any good white bread since he left in June 1943.

We have been advised that he has been an officer-pilot since his internment one month ago.

Dear Madam, we thank you from our hearts for your interest for Paul and ourselves.

We have received a letter from Mrs. May Cough of South Wales, her son was a sergeant and of the same crew. She has learnt that our sons were prisoners but she was without other news of Travis, her boy. We have learnt that the 5 other members are dead. She was assured to have some good news. It is saddening to endure the horrors of this war. These dear boys are so admirable for doing their duty to the end.

Let us hope in the meantime that we will have the pleasure of seeing them again soon.

It would make us very happy for you to share any news that you receive.

Sending this to you, dear madam, in the most sincere friendship.

Madame Alexandre Bourcier
Chateauguay, Québec

Enclosed is a picture of Paul