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Brinton-The Writer Has Since Been Killed

France, Aug. 24, 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Brinton:

Dear Friends: It is not often that I claim friendship to people whom I have never seen before, but when you fort fails. learn the reason why I am writing I remain, very sincerely and symthat such a claim is not unjustifiable.

I have been a friend of your late son Chester, and having been in the same "funk hole" with him when the sad catastrophe, which caused his death, occurred, I thought you might like to know the full particulars from

had dug ourselves and was simply a hole about seven feet long, 3 or 4 feet wide and about three feet deep, cut with corrugated iron and earth. When inside, we felt comparatively safe, your loss. taking into consideration the fact that the enemy's shells never landed very

On the morning of the 23rd, however before breakfast, we noticed that the "scream" of the shells seemed nearer. Chester, or "Pete," as we generally called him, got up and took a look around and then lay down again. A few minutes later, Pugh, another fellow out of our section, come over to our funk hole and began to tell Chester how near the shells were coming to his funk hole. Chester got up again, adjusted his kilt and evidently intended to get his break-

lying down again. He did not go away from the funk hole, though, but stood at its entrance talking to Pugh. The "scream" of another shell indicated its near arrival and Chester made haste to get into the funk hole again. Sad to relate, however, he was a second too late. The shell burst against the back of the trench and almost opposite the entrance of the funk hole. The flying shrapnel struck Chester on the legs, cutting them up pretty badly, just as he was in the act of laying down. At the same time the roof and corners of the funk hole were blown in and Pugh, who sought cover F. E. BATH, Local Agent in the trench and close to the mouth of the funk hole, was struck and killed almost instantly. That I too, was not killed, is miraculous as the full burst of the shell drove almost directly into the funk hole. As it was I only received a slight wound in the skin. Undoubtedly, I was shielded by Chester and Pugh, who were between me and the spot where the shell burst. We got stretchers and had both boys carried to the regimental aid post immediately. Neither ever regained consciousness and it is doubtful whether they ever knew what hap-

one of us as a great shock, for Cheser was certainly one of the favorites of the platoon, to say nothing of the PRINTED BUTTER PARCHMENT section, over which he was second in command, loved by all, and the "THE"

of farm, etc., specially printed to suit Battalion very long and so have not known Chester very long. But when he was informally introduced to me, it was as "that there dark boy, 'Pete' Brinton." And then the fun began, and with a lovely good nature, which to see you no one could help but admire, Chester what our country is fighting and the third party had one of those This war will make the world fun-loving tongue and chase, rough and tumble combats that so character-"Betchure life it will, boss! De ized "Pete" and made him such a fav-Winning are beginning to do oll the orite with everybody-Sgt. Major, Platoon Sgt., fellow corporals and priv-

it was not until the day be ore that died together. his, but is rather attributable to my Arras battle. quite a nice long talk, we lay quietly you. for a time. What his thoughts were, I know not, but before long he began quietly to sing over the words of that hymn, "Ho, my comrades, see the sig- GIRLS! LEMON JUICE nal waving in the sky, Reinforcements now appearing, Victory is nigh, Hold the fort for I am coming, Jesus How to Make a Creamy Beauty Lotion signals still, Wave the answer back to heaven, By thy grace we will." He sung these lines over and over again always remember "Pete." I was on a whole quarter pint of the most reto converse with him after that.

Describes the Death of Pte. Chester and I can assure you that my sym-I express personally is also the feel- and beautifier. ing of the whole platoon, who sympathise with you sincerely.

No. 902091

PTE. N. W. MacKENZIE, No. 3 Platoon, "A" Coy Mrs. Brinton, Port Lorne, N. S.

MY DEAR MRS. BRINTON: You have already been notified from Ottawa that your son, Lance Corporal this particular funk hole for two or C. P. Brinton, was killed in action

I know also that one of the boys, who was with him at the time, has written you, telling exactly what hap- dress in the morning?" I only wish to express the very deep

sympathy of the platoon to you in

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ates. "Pete" was the same with them was not only a very good soldier, but one of the most popular boys in the As I watched him then, as I have platoon. The gun, which he was in often done since, I thought, "what a charge of was called "Pete" too. He lovely nature he has and what a fun- took charge of it after Passchendaele loving, kind hearted expression he and when he was killed, the gun was ers" and those thoughts have never all smashed by shrapnel also. Both "Petes" had done excellent work and

fateful morning that I really got into | I am very sorry to tell you that real close personal conversation with MacKenzie, who wrote you about Pete him. (This was through no fault of was killed about a week ago in the

own reticient nature). On that af- When I was censoring his letter to ternoon, however, I was showing him you I felt he had said all I could have some snapshots, some taken at my and as I was pretty busy I waited for home in Pictou, N. S. and some in a better opportunity to write you. England. This started us talking We mourn the loss of a very popular about our homes and as he told me friend and good comrade as you do of his home I felt that I had discov- the loss of your son. I know it must ered another beautiful trait of char- be a great blow to you and I assure acter in him-love of home. After you that we all feel very deeply for

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