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July 4th. 1940.

Honorable C.G. Power, K.C. M.P.
Minister of Air ,
House of Commons ,
OTTAWA, ONT.,

My Dear Mr. Power:-

I am writing you on behalf of
a son of a great personal friend of mine, the late
Albert Barton, of the Town of Lindsay .

Albert Barton was the President
and Managing Director of Knitters Ltd. in this Town.
He had two sons, his only children, namely Russell
Barton and Wallace Barton, both young men, and who
were both actively engaged in the welfare and were
Officers of the Victoria and Haliburton Regiment
before it was disbanded some years ago.

Russell Barton went to England
in August 1937 and qualified as a Pilot Officer ,
with the 148th. Squadron . Unfortunately he was killed
on the 22nd. of July 1939 in England when his plane
was struck by lightning on a reconnaissance tour
along with some other officers of his squadron. The
father, Albert Barton, was at this particular time
on his way to England to visit his wife, who was
already there, and the two boys , when news of the
death of this boy was delivered to him on board ship.
The result of this shock caused the collapse of the
father, and he passed away in the Town of Lindsay
on the 3rd. of June 1940 , a war casualty. He never
recovered from the shock which he received in the
passing of his oldest son. Wallace Barton went to
England in October, 1936 , as a Pilot Officer, and
he was promoted to Flight-Lieutenant in March 1940
in No. 4 squadron . Since that time he has seen
continuous active service in France and Belgium since
October 2nd. 1939 , and has over 800 flying hours
to his credit.

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