

Ottawa, Canada, October 17th, 1947..

Mr. L.L. Matthews,  
Box 15,  
Hedley, B.C.

Dear Mr. Matthews:

The following information which was forwarded by Mme. Fortier to the Paris office of the BBC has been received at these Headquarters from our Overseas Headquarters.

Mme. Fortier stated that she has long intended to inform the BBC that a four-engined Halifax, serial numbers of which proved to be the aircraft your son flew in, crashed near Monce En Belin, 13 kilometres from Le Mans. She enclosed an identity photograph found on the body of Sergeant Boutilier.

She put a small wooden cross with a marble plaque inscribed with the word "Souvenir" at the place where the aircraft crashed, and she often visits the spot and puts flowers there. Mme. Fortier thought it would be of some consolation to the next-of-kin to know that a French mother cared about them and remembers them, and she has asked the BBC to pass the above information on to you. Should you care to correspond with Mme. Fortier, hereaddress is as follows:

Mme. Fortier,  
Nouveautés-Chapellerie,  
Monce-au, Belin (Sarthe),  
France.

May I take this opportunity of offering my sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

*J.D.*  
R.C.A.F. Casualty Officer,  
for Chief of the Air Staff.

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