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France

Dear Mrs Lane

It is with deep
regret that I write to inform you
of the death of your son, Signaller
Lane, 15 KOYL.I.

Your son was up
with a working party in the
line on January 28th, when a
shell burst close to him, killing
him instantly.

It may be some
little consolation to you in your
sorrow, to know that he received
a proper burial, and that a
cross has been erected at the
head of his grave.

Although a stranger
to you personally, may I assure
you of my deep & heartfelt
sympathy in your great loss.

As the Signal
Officer of this battalion, I know
the value of your son to my

Signal section, both as a Soldier
and a Signaller. He was far
+ away my best linesman + he
was the man to whom I entrusted
the most difficult line work
Further, his work never failed to
justify my faith in his abilities.

His death leaves an
open space in my signal section
which I shall find extremely
difficult to fill + a gap in his
circle of fellow signallers which
can never be filled.

The NCOs + men
of the signal wish me to assure
you also of their sympathy.
Signaller Lane has left behind
him a splendid memory of
a fearless young soldier, a
capable signaller, + an ideal
chum to his companions.

Again assuring you
of my sympathy

I am

Yours faithfully

Reg. T. E. Green Lt.

Signals Officer, 5th K.O.F.L.I.

ps. If there is any point you wish to put forward, please write it up in the margin of this letter.

1/2/18.