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to Mrs. Tigardine

It is with great Regret that I write these few lines to you in your sad bereavement, but I thought that it might bring you consolation to you to know that your Husband did not suffer any pain, neither was he mutilated, as he died instantaneous with shell concussion. He went over the top with us that morning and he got over alright. And it was while we was in the German Communication Trench, that the shell came. It nearly buried me & when I looked round I saw that it had killed your Husband and He looked quite natural

he didnt have a mark on
him. So I thought It was only
doing my duty to write to you
as he has been with me ever
since we left Northampton
together, he was in the same Coy
as me in the 10th Batta, also the
3rd, and the 1st, and we came
out there together last Dec.
and I must say that he
was very well liked, & that he
was a very willing & trying
soldier, he used to ask me
lots of things connected with
soldiering, as I have been in
the army. 14 yrs. now. I should
have wrote to you before, only
I had your address which he
gave me. it was in my Kaki's
Jacket. and I was in hospital
I only came out yesterday. I
was wounded in the Head

of course my Jacket was in
store, so I could not write
hoping this has brought some
consolation to you

I Remain

yours Truly
J. Wall