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Dear Sir,

You will probably be surprised to hear from me, but I've often thought how I would like to write and just tell you now things have settled down a little what a fine Officer your son Mr A E Boucher was when out with the 11 Warwicks but I could not write until I sent for his address to my Colonel. I remember him going with us to France in July 1915. He was in my company but not platoon then, and I always heard then what a fine man he was from his men. I know what good work he used to do on patrol and know that his Military Cross was a well earned one. After he was wounded and came back to us he took great interest in a Sniper Section which he organised, and with another man from A company I was picked for his section which was very nice and he taught me a lot and I'm certain he was the best Officer who ever went with us, any man who I know was never afraid to go out with him and when Mr Boucher had just gone with us on the Ancre I was his orderly and we were going to another regiment with a message for the Colonel and two artillery officers came up and asked Mr Boucher just to let them have a look at his map for a minute and as soon as we stopped a shell came and killed Mr Boucher wounded the two Officers a Sergeant and myself in the foot which has caused me to be in hospital until now and I cannot walk yet. I'm very sorry that Mr Boucher didn't get wounded only for he was one of the best men who ever put feet on French soil.

Yours Truly
L/C F H Cope