



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

Tuesday, 28th August '79.

My dear Mr. Beard,

No words of mine can
match the tragic loss which you
and your family have suffered.
We were all shocked and saddened
by Monday's terrible news when we
lost our brave and most
comrades men. I wanted to let
you know how deeply we all feel
for you and how much we admire

Your husband's brave deeds.

Nothing can diminish your sorrow and you will need all your strength and courage to see you through the difficult days ahead. The thoughts and prayers of many people are with you and I hope will comfort and sustain you in the coming weeks and months.

Yours very sincerely

Margaret Thatcher



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My dear Mr. Fursman,

You and your family
have suffered a grievous and
tragic loss and I write to say
how very much we all feel for you.

A wave of shock and horror
went through the Nation as Monday's
events unfolded and we gradually
realised how many brave and
courageous men we had lost. Indeed

our very first. Those most-
ready to respond to duty, those
most willing to defend the things we
stand for, they, and their families
bore the brunt of the work of
war.

Nothing can fill the gap in
your lives but I hope that the countless
acts of kindness you will receive, and
the comfort of friends will help to
sustain you in the difficult times
ahead.

Yours very sincerely
Margaret Thatcher



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THE PRIME MINISTER

Tuesday, 28th August.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Vere.

It is difficult to find words to express the grief and horror we all felt at the terrible events of Monday. You have suffered the loss of a deeply-loved son who gave his own life that we may live ours and hope for better days to come.

Having a family of my own, I can appreciate the depth of your sorrow. I can only offer to you a



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relations and my own deepest
sympathies.

Monday's tragedies were the
work of evil men. We must
see that their way does not triumph.

Our thoughts and prayers are
with you during the difficult days
and weeks ahead.

Mr and Mrs Robert Vance
21 Malton Drive
Belfast
N. Ireland.

Yours very sincerely,

Raymond Indictor

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Tuesday, 28th August.

My dear Mrs. Rogers,

No words of mine can match the grief you and your children will feel at the loss you suffered yesterday. The whole nation was shocked and saddened by the events of that terrible day.

We share your sorrow and I personally wanted to write and send you my deepest sympathies.



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Without ever like Sgt. Rogers,
 the things Britain stands for
 would be lost for ever. We will
 never forget the sacrifice made,
 and which you and your children
 will have to bear for long days and
 years.

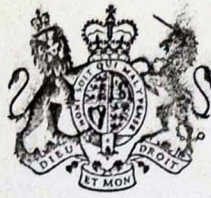
Our thoughts are with you.

Yours very sincerely

Margaret Holton

Mrs. I.A. Rogers
 c/o 2nd Bn Para
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My dear Mrs. Kingland,

I write to express my
deepest sympathies at the terrible loss
you suffered on Monday. Such a
young wife, such a fine future for
you and your family, all taken away
by the reckless and wicked acts of
evil men.

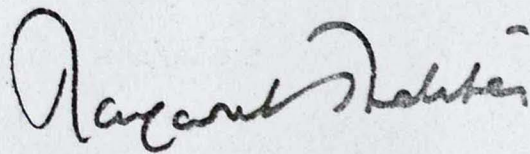
I realize that no words of-
mine can adequately tell you how


THE SECRETARY OF DEFENCE

much we feel for you at this
time, and how we value that
everything we value in Britain
depends on the willingness of men
like Private England to risk their
lives for our sake.

My thoughts and prayers will
be with you during the long and
difficult days ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs R.N. England
c/o 2nd Bn Para
BFPO 805

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THE PRIME MINISTER

My dear Mr. & Mrs. Jones,

I wanted to write and
tell you how much I feel for you
both at this time. You have
suffered the most grievous loss of all -
a fine young son, at the threshold
of life, who gave everything that others
might live to enjoy the things that he will
never know. Having a family myself,
I can appreciate the depth of your
sorrow. A nation grieves with you.
Monday's tragic events were



THE KING'S COLLEGE

the acts of evil men; we must see
that their way does not triumph.

My thoughts and prayers will be
with you during the difficult days
ahead. I hope you will be
sustained by the comfort of many
friends. Britain has cause to be
proud of the heroic acts of young men
like Piersis Gones.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Jones
24 Landover Road
Blaenavon
Gwent

Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Jones, _____



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THE PRIME MINISTER

Tuesday, 21st August '79.

My dear Mr. & Mrs. Vaughan-Jones,
I write to send to you
my deepest sympathies and to say
how much I feel for you at this
tragic time.

You have suffered the most-
grievous loss of all; a dearly-loved
young son who was such a fine
person that he gave his life that others
might enjoy the freedoms he will never
again know. Ringed with your grief



TO DOWNING STREET

You will feel a sense of pride that
when duty called Robert was not
found wanting.

Words are not enough to
restate your sorrow nor to express my
anger and horror at these senseless
acts of evil men.

I hope that the prayers and
comfort of friends will help you
through the difficult times that lie ahead.

Yours very sincerely,

Raymond J. Shelton

Mr and Mrs William
Vaughan-Jones
Penbryn, Vehaf VWCA-Y
Corwen, Clwyd

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Tuesday, 28th August.

My dear Mrs. Jones,

I want to add my sympathies to those of the millions of people whose thoughts and prayers will be with you at this tragic time.

No words of mine are sufficient to match the grief you will feel. Lord Jones responded to the highest call of duty, and for us, the ordinary law-abiding people, he paid the final sacrifice. It is our collective



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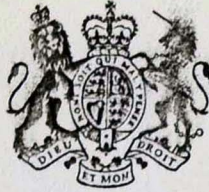
that... made Britain a great nation,
 You will have to endure many
 long and difficult days & years ahead.
 I hope that the comfort and
 kindness of friends will sustain
 you through them.

My deepest sympathies,
 Yours sincerely
 Margaret Holbein

Mrs. Leonard Jones
 c/o 2nd Bn Para
 BFPO 805

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Tuesday, 2nd August 1975

My dear Mrs. Ireland,

Words are pitifully inadequate to say how deeply we all feel for you in your tragic loss. A wave of anger and horror swept the nation as the events of last Monday unfolded and we realised just how many brave souls we had lost.

The paratroopers were a particularly fine body of men prepared to take

great risks in the service of their
country. Your husband was never
found wanting when the call of
duty came. Britain owes so much
to men like him.

For you, the days ahead will
be long and difficult. The sympathies
and thoughts of millions of people will
be with you. I hope the kindness and
comfort of friends will help you
through the coming weeks and months.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mrs. C.G. Ireland
c/o 2nd Bn Para
BFPO 805

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Tuesday, 28th August 1977

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Blair,

I write to express my profound sense of shock and horror at the terrible events of Monday which deprived you of a deeply-loved young son. My deepest sympathies to you both - although words seem pitifully inadequate at a time like this.

Having a family myself, I know exactly how you will feel. There will be a gap in your lives that nothing can ever fill. May I say that without-



THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD

never like Donald. Britain could not
have been the great country she is.
When the call of duty came, he responded
with bravery and courage. We must
try to live in such a way that his
sacrifice is worth while.

Nothing can diminish your
sorrow but I hope the thoughts & prayers
of a grateful nation, and of friends will
help you through the difficult days
and months ahead.

Yours very sincerely

Margaret Thelma

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Blair
7 Crimond Place
Kilsyth
Strathclyde



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THE PRIME MINISTER

Tuesday, 28th August '79.

My dear Mrs. Andrews,

I write to send you my deepest sympathies at the grievous loss you have suffered. Words are pitifully inadequate at a time like this but the thoughts of millions of people are with you.

As the events of last Monday unfolded a wave of shock and horror went through our people as we gradually realised just how many of our fine young men were lost. The deaths

were those of - evil and cowardly
men and we must do everything we
can to see that they are brought to
justice.

Your sorrow will indeed be
great and I want you to know how
much we feel for you. I trust that
the comfort and kindness of friends
will help you through the difficult days
and months ahead.

Yours very sincerely
A. J. Andrews

Mrs. N. J. Andrews
c/o 2nd Bn Para
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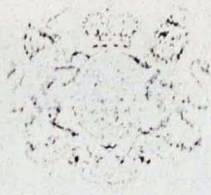
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THE PRIME MINISTER

Tuesday, 28th August 1979

My dear Mr. & Mrs. Baines.

I write to send you my deepest sympathies and to tell you how much I feel for you in your tragic loss. Gary must have been a particularly fine young man. He did more than his duty and he lost his life in the service of his fellow men. Our pride in his bravery and courage merges with a sense of outrage that the acts of evil men should have deprived him of his whole future.



TO THE DIRECTOR

GENERAL INVESTIGATION

Your grief will indeed be great and no words of mine can diminish it. I hope that in the difficult days and months ahead, the comfort and kindness of friends, and the thanks of a nation for our late son, will sustain you.

Yours very sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Mr and Mrs Stanley Barnes
65 Waterford Road
Ipswich
Suffolk

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Tuesday, 28th August 1978.

My dear Mr. & Mrs. Dunn,

It is difficult to find words adequately to express the grief and horror we all felt at the loss of young life on Monday. Your sorrow will be great indeed, for you lost

Raymond at the tender age of 20 years.

There can be no greater sympathy and I want you to know just how much we feel for you.

Some of our bravest and finest souls were lost that day - and at the



Hands of evil men whose atrocities
are rampant to us all.

We cannot undo what happened.

But I hope that the sympathy and
kindness of friends will help to
sustain you through the difficult
times ahead.

With my deepest personal sympathy

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dunn
56 Cranmore Avenue
Park South
Swindon
Wiltshire



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THE PRIME MINISTER

Tuesday, 28th August 1979.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Wood,

It is difficult to find words to express the grief and horror we all felt at the loss of young life we suffered on Monday.

So many fine young men of whom your son was one were struck down by evil men that day.

Paratroopers were especially brave and courageous souls, always ready to respond to the call of duty and to risk their lives in the service of-



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Dear fellow men,

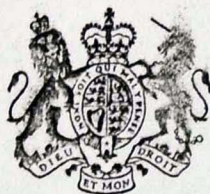
Nothing can diminish you
narrow or fill the gap that is left
in your lives. But I want you to know
how many millions of people feel for
you and are thinking of you. I hope
that the countless acts of kindness you
receive will be some comfort to you
and sustain you both in the difficult-
times ahead.

Yours very sincerely

Raymond Thatcher

Mr and Mrs Eric Wood
9 Broadmead
Auriol Road
London W.14.

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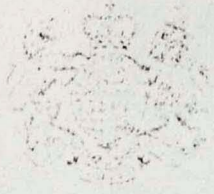
THE PRIME MINISTER

28th August 1979.

My dear Mrs. Woods,

This week has indeed brought tragedy to your life and left you with a very heavy burden of grief. I send you my deepest sympathies. You have suffered a terrible loss; a young son, only 18 years old, who responded to the call of duty, was struck down by the acts of evil men.

No words of mine can diminish



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The sorrow you bear. A whole nation
feels for you and grieves with you.
A wave of horror went through us all
as we gradually realized how many
brave and courageous young men we
had lost.

I hope that the kindness and
comfort of friends will sustain you
in the difficult days ahead.

Yours very sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mrs. Mary Woods
227 Rothesay Road
Blackburn
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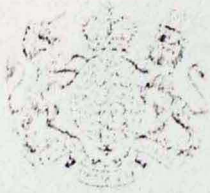
THE PRIME MINISTER

Tuesday, 28th August 1979

My dear Mrs. Gies,

No words of mine can match the grief you and your children will feel at the loss you suffered yesterday. The whole nation was shocked and saddened at the events of that terrible day.

We share your sorrow and I personally wanted to write to say how much I feel for you.
Condolences were a heavy



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and courageous men. We shall never forget the sacrifice he made and which you and your children will feel and bear in the months and years ahead.

When they are old enough perhaps you will tell them that their father was a hero, a man who responded to the call of duty and who lived up to all that is best in Britain.

My deepest personal sympathies.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Yours sincerely
D. J. [Signature]

Mrs. J. C. Giles
c/o 2nd Bn Para
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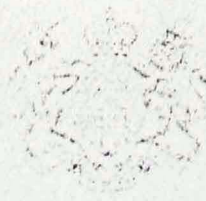
THE PRIME MINISTER

My dear Mrs. Blair,

My deepest sympathy to
you and your family in your grief.

On Monday, we lost our
bravest and most conspicuous men,
men who followed the superb
example set by Colonel Blair.

A nation's gratitude is due to him
and more he led. A nation's sympathy
and feeling comes to you in the



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difficult years that are ahead.

Yours very sincerely

Raymond DeLester

Mrs. D.N.A. Blair
Balaclava House
Colinton Road
Edinburgh
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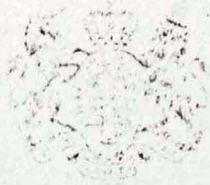
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Tuesday, 28th August 1979.

My dear Mr. Nield,

My deepest sympathy to you in the previous loss of your son.

On Monday, we lost our bravest and most-courageous young man and Corporal Nield was one of them. He was a soldier who answered the call of duty and went to help his fellows in their hour of need. He made the final sacrifice and



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We share your sorrow. His death was the work of evil men and we must ensure that their aims do not triumph.

No words of mine can fill the gap left in your life. But I hope that the comfort and kindness of friends will help you through the difficult days ahead.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thelma

D. Macleod Esq.
28 Forestry Houses
Inverness

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