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NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Presbyterian Church of N.Z.
Chaplains' Department.

France

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Dear Mrs Louie

Official word will already have reached you before this of the death in action of your son. Our Battalion had almost reached the final objective on Oct 10th, having advanced as far as a small village called Viesly, some 10 miles or more S.E. of Cambrai. Shell landed near Pt Louie's section while they were sheltering in a ditch & he was killed instantly. He was buried there on the outskirts of the village. In a short time now, when official photographers are able to come up & work, the Graves Registration Branch of Base Records will supply you with a photo. of his grave, if you write to them about it.

These are anxious days for parents
 many mothers are mourning the
 loss of their brave boys. Your son was
 admired & respected, & we all deeply
 sympathize with you in your loss.
 I trust that by now the bitterness
 of sorrow will have passed & some-
 thing of the holy joy of sacrifice
 will be yours. May Christ our Saviour
 who gave himself for us all, help
 you with his loving sympathies in
 your great loss.

Yours very truly

R. J. Tipler, Ch.

Chaplain 1st D. I. R.

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