

5th Middlesex Regiment  
Chatham  
21 12 1916

Dear Mr Boucher,

It is only the fact that I left the 11th Royal Warwickshire Regiment (which I commanded for one and a half years) and had some difficulty getting your address, that prevented me from writing to you before, to tell you how extremely I sympathise with you and your family in the death of your gallant son, who won his Military Cross when under my command last year.

Colonel Rooke who is now commanding that Battalion (11th Royal Warwickshire) has told me of your son's extraordinary gallantry in the recent heavy fighting in which the Battalion was engaged, and I was not at all surprised to hear of it, as I can say I have never met an officer of a more correct bearing, of a greater intelligence, of a more pronounced bravery in my over 20 years experience of the Army.

Up to the moment of his death which I rejoice to know was instantaneous he was engaged in most important work, which required not only great courage but also great intelligence and he carried out that work in a manner worthy of him.

Again with my most sincere sympathy

Your truly

C S Collison Lt. Col.