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Dear Mr. Maddall,

My wife and I were very glad to get your letter, and will always treasure it amongst the dearest. Keep safe that we have to keep fresh the memory of our son Walter Edward, or Ted, as he was always called.

The news of his loss came to us as a very great shock. Ted was our youngest boy and we were very proud of him.

Ted enjoyed his stay in Liverpool very much and in his letters was always telling us about how kind the people were to him. But he never in any of his letters mentioned any names, so that we really did not know who they were, any more than they were very good to him and he greatly appreciated the kindness shown him.

The news we got from official quarters was very brief and formal. If you should be able to tell us any particulars we would appreciate it very much.

Again thanking you for your very kind letter
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Yours very truly,
Walter E Shields

Ans'd
Feb 15/42