

NEWS AND FATHER RAMSAY'S LETTER

Dear Father Ramsay,

You will have grieved to hear of the death in action in France of my youngest son, Captain Richard Agius.

I now ask you kindly to convey the sad news to the Abbot, Community and my grandchildren, asking for their prayers.

I am now anxious about my other sons ...

Yours sincerely

E.T.Agius

Dear Mr.Agius

There is no need for me to say how grieved I was to get your letter of the second, containing the sad news.

After our long association I know something of what your boys are to you, and what your sorrow must be in the face of this terrible blow, which has fallen upon you.

It was my privilege to have Richard under my care since he was a small boy, I have shared your pride in him, and your other splendid boys. From my intimate knowledge of him, I can understand a little of the loss you have to bear.

The war is consuming steadily the young life on which the hope of the future rested. We know that they have fallen in the performance of their duty to the utmost, and we must believe that the Sacrifice which they have made will be fruitful in ways we cannot understand.

The very fact that Richard was all that you and I know him to have been, makes it all the harder for those that are left to bear the loss. Fortunately our Faith throws a light on the darkness, and gives us the assurance that those we have lost are in the fullest sense in the hands of God.

You may be sure that many masses and prayers will be offered for your boy, and for you. A Requiem will be said on Thursday for him, and the school will attend.

In the face of such a sorrow as yours, the fewest words are best, but I send these few lines to assure you of my sincere sympathy, and earnest prayers.

Yours very sincerely

Father Ramsay