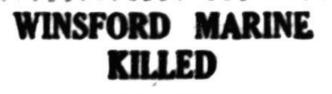


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OFFICER'S TRIBUTE

Marine Arthur Fleet (24), youngest son of Mr and Mrs Jas Fleet, 7, Massey Avenue, Wharton, Winsford, who was awarded the certificate of the Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society for gallantry in life-saving when he was 15 has been reported killed in action.

The Commanding Officer of the Royal Marine: Depot has conveyed

the sympathy of the officers and men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines to the parents in their loss. Marine Arthur Fleet has been buried in France. He was serving with the Marine Commandos.

Lieutenant G C Wilson with the Marine Comman-



dos, has written to the father and mother as follows: —"Firstly, I must apologise for not having written before, but a you probably know we have been in action ever since we landed, and consequently quite busy. I cannot teil you how sorry I was about your son's death. I was one of his troop officers for some months before the operation, and he was always a cheery. willing lad. It was a great loss to us all.



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SHELL FROM FLAK SHIP

He landed all right on D-Day, and came with us to our present post. It was our troop's task to attack enemy strongpoint just west of the We got through the wire port. getting ready just fla German some when opened up on us from point-blank It was a shell from one range. these ships that killed your son died instantly. have since 1 found e nd grave. his little garden French corner of effort The people. in gratitude. keep their DUTIED He with flowers. covered chums. including his commander, Capt uow he would that 18 was proud and honour ked It. have fought side by side brave soldier. He was your son. and a grand lad, a credit not only to Commandos, but, above all, to his know how it must parents L you to read this, so I will finish saying that if ever you would to see me and talk about things will be only too glad to come



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CHAPLAIN'S SYMPATHY

The Rev. Reginald Hall, Chaplain, R.N.V.R., writes from Normandy: body from the "I recovered his battlefield at about 4 o'clock the next day, and buried him with his friends in a little garden behind here. the Civil Cemetery permanent inscripwith cross tion marks resting place, h.s and ever since, the French people. whom he so bravely he ped to liberate, have not ceased to cover his grave with flowers. I sinthe first cerely hope that after cruel shock of your sad bereavement has been overcome, you will find comfort in the proud memory that your son a brave man, was one of the first to pay the supreme this great offensive sacrifice in against the enemy. If there is anything further you wish me to tell you, or any way in which I can be of assistance, I hope you will let me know"

Marine Fleet an old Wharton schoolboy, was a Rover with the 1st Winsford Scouts when he won his certificate for helping to rescue two men at Winsford, and he a so received a Scouts' certificate for his gallant act. He was employed by I.C.I. Salt Division, and letters expressing sympathy from the I.C.I directorate have been received from Lord McGowan and Mr. Deuchar. Mr. and Mrs. Fleet desire through "The Chronicle" to express their thanks for the many messages of kindness received sympathy and during their bereavement