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My dearest little Nancy

Nell is copying out what we put down last night - which is simply a few extracts from letters. It seems to me that it is the simplest & truest way to make public the way our Darling Passed On, to just give the news as we heard it, & without any personal comment or remark. It makes it less our opinion, & shows just what other military men thought of him, & of his dear beautiful victory. I hesitated over putting in perhaps what Barnes said of his being "the finest man he had ever met - & combining the best of ^{attributes} of Australian & English manhood". Nell thought this was too much the words of a personal enemy. I am uncertain. But you think it over & decide. Perhaps that sentence might be added to what you decide to let the Torch Bearer publish, as that paper is read more by friends than the general public. Anyway I think we owe it to his precious memory to let others know - in a simple way - just how very high his standard of conduct was, & just how a man a gentleman & a soldier died!

It would be necessary to ask permission to give
2. of the extracts - The one from Jack Massie
was to his father, but I am certain if you wrote
him a little note saying you are giving me papers
an account & was he any objection to your putting
in a part of Massie's letter, he will of course
agree. Only don't mention my name. The extract
from Geo. T. Hutchings' letter to Wm. Manning came
through him too. Of course it would be necessary
to write a note to Wm. Manning & ask if he had
any objection to your bringing ⁱⁿ those few lines.
Grandfather could tell you which Manning
it is. I have known the M. family all my life
& if I knew which one it is could perhaps ask
for you. But you - his own wife - are really
the proper one to act, & I feel sure everyone
would gladly do anything you ask, & such a
request from you is most natural & proper.
An account of it will I am sure be a bright
example & form a high ideal of manhood
for many a boy or man who never knew
him in life, & in that way he will go on living
& personally helping - in the days to come.

So many have told me what Brian did was
an inspiration to them - all sorts of people!
One day, in a shop, when I gave my name, the
young man who was serving me asked if I bore
any relation to Capt B. Pochley, & when I said No
he said "His death ^{the manner of it -} has been a great example
& help to thousands of us men. John will be too
and later on - his little son will grow to know &
understand the sort of great, fine soldier & man
his Daddie was!

I am so sorry - well found Mr Hamlin's letter
last night, & I have had coincidentally forgotten to
put it in her bag. I am posting it on with this.
You should get all early on Monday. If she
puts it in her papers, it will be another evidence
for our John, especially if own paragraph goes
in first, it being from Officers at 1st hand. The
letter is self absorbed & selfish, but even so, it
shows how brave our dear one was, & of course
~~the~~ The writer was wounded & at times unconscious
& the bearers did not tell him how badly hit
John was. No doubt there is much good in this
man, or he would not be fighting, but he is
self absorbed. John was absolutely selfless, &

in his big hearted brave way would never
have told any of us all that about his own
feeling. He rose high above that, & even in
his last moments was just, generous, &
without thought of personal advantage.
I am feeling so sorry for you darling little
in all the worry & unrest of your present, in
trying to find some one to help you with little
Bryan. Also in hearing your poor face & figure
so, even tho' you may not feel ill. It is not
easy to get just what you want, but take
courage darling, the right one is coming along
in time. It is hard to understand why - with the
best of intentions - our efforts are often frustrated.
But always - "God is in Heaven all right
with the world" - It is just right darling, or
He would not allow it. Be your brave patient
little self, & ask Him to send the right one, &
she will surely come. I am, as usual, always
wishing I could be nearer & help. Kiss him for
his granmie, & tell him to kiss you for her too.
Lots & lots of love Granmie