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Shame on you Margaret !!!!!!!!!!!!!

I never thought Bob Cant's daughter would think that his crew would pose for a photograph on 'OIL DRUMS' !

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It is nothing less than a 4,000 lbs.High Capacity Bomb and the chalked word between Bill Milburn's legs is FUSED !

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The Lancaster crashed just inside a wooded area belonging to Ferm le Jard near the village of Koeur la Petite, just a few miles from St. Mihiel. The farmer's name is Mr.Henri-Louis HOUZELOT, about fifteen years ago he showed me an aerial photo of his farm and pointed out a small circle of a different shade of woodland where young trees had sprung up from the scorched patch from 1943. I crossed a couple of fields to see it but the vegetation on the ground was very dense.

More recently he wrote to tell me that a machine-gun had been unearthed while ploughing close to the edge of the area, on my next visit over there I brought it home.

A few months ago I received a letter from a fellow in the south of France, he wrote a graphic account of looking through the bedroom window with his mother when he was a teenager living near St.Mihiel and seeing the crash. He went along on his bicycle the following morning and watched the Germans sorting through the debris.

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I got back from France just a few days ago after having an absolutely fantastic time with very dear friends. I posted a press cutting to the Nusing Home, I think it will be quite a surprise to Bob, the presentations certainly surprised me.

Bye for now,

