

4.7.94 Book ordered.

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Dear Margaret,

I was very pleased to read that Bob enjoyed reading my account of the time we spent together.

Evader was scheduled to be re-issued this year by Goodall Publications Ltd. but Bill Goodall died and his business was taken over by a Manchester firm who told me over the phone that they intended to produce it shortly but I've had no written confirmation and am not totally confident. Consequently no copies whatsoever are available.

However, several years ago <sup>a fellow</sup> named Oliver Clutton-Brock purchased a copy and decided to go over to France to retrace my footsteps and contact various characters.

His initial interest seems to have become an obsession, for he has carried out a very extensive research into the tragic happenings when Bomber Command attacked the railway installations at the small village of Revigny-sur-Ornain.

I was already hiding in the village when this took place. He gives prolific details, the stark reality of life and death of those Lancaster crews, supported by interviews, eye witnesses and an abundance of R.A.F Records.

In Evader I wrote of the survivors with whom I came in contact but last Monday I received through <sup>the</sup> post Oliver C-B's book, just published, in which I feature together <sup>with</sup> many of my characters.

I found it rather grim to go through the pages near the end, where he lists airmen who died, giving names, aircraft number, rank and Squadron..... 231 of them!

The book made even me realise more than ever how lucky Bob Cant's crew were, I'm sure your father would find it fascinating reading.

I've spoken many times on the phone with the author but never met him, knowing only that he is in his early fifties, married and is a civil servant. I certainly wish him success in his book.

MASSACRE over the MARNE, published by Patrick Stephens Ltd. (Haynes Publishing) ISBN 1 85260 452 2. Price £ 16.99

Bye for now,

