

Sydney Pine, N. Car.
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Dear Mrs. Mansen:

Thank you very much for your nice letter and the pictures. I know you are grand of your son. It hurts when I think of mothers all over the world who have lost their fine sons in this war, and that I come so near doing so.

Shande is still in a hospital. His ankle was operated on about one month ago. I hope he'll soon be discharged and return to Medical School.

The picture of the young man I am sending you is my brother. A Navy flier and a very fine boy. He and Shande saw each other this summer for the first time in five years.

Soon I am sending you and Nicolas a gift I hope it arrives safely and that you will accept it as a very part of me.

If you can give me the names and addresses of any sisters who were with Shande I will be very happy to write them.

All of the other members of Shande's crew are out of the Army now. Shande didn't get along so well.

Please write to me soon and if your son can come to USA remember I will be a mother to him - He can stay in our home.

With best regards
Mrs. MacChure.