

Medium identifies scar on face of 'dead' boy

IN his soon-to-be published book "The Little Dutch Boy," medium Ronald Hearn tells of astonishing survival evidence relayed in 15 hour-long tapes to the parents of a nine-year-old boy who passed with leukaemia.

"Each time you get a tape," Ronald told Susan and Jack Terpstra in their Vinkeveen home, near Amsterdam, "you have a little more of the jigsaw puzzle.

"It is quite incredible that a young man can communicate to this degree and is so close, and proves to know so many things that relate to the future."

Nine-year old Patrick had lived with his family in a water bungalow — a flat bottomed bungalow which can be towed from place to place — in the pretty Dutch village.

Contact

After years of anxiety about his health, doctors eventually diagnosed leukaemia.

In spite of hospital treatment and blood transfusions, Patrick passed over in April 1974.

Seeking a reason to explain why her son should die so young, Susan contacted medium Ronald Hearn — he gives taped proxy sittings — asking him to try to "get into contact with our dearly beloved son."

The only information she gave the medium was the boy "passed over nearly seven months ago at the age of almost 10."

"It struck me that I now faced a tremendous challenge,"



ABOVE: Patrick Terpstra.

Ronald commented. But the medium's doubts were soon dispelled.

"It felt as though Patrick had been waiting for the kick-off," he said. "He was soon at home and making himself very evident."

The result was a series of 15 remarkable hour-long tapes, giving detailed and accurate information of what had and was happening to members of the family.

These tapes proved to the grieving parents their "dead" son was still aware of events taking place in the family.

"The story of Patrick Terpstra has done more to make me appreciate and realise what life after death really means," Ronald explained.

"Perhaps it is the fact that this is a mere child making contact with his family, and yet displaying more awareness and understanding than many adults."

Ronald told the parents, "I keep getting the name of Pom." Pom had been a nickname of Patrick's.

"He must have been suffering from something for quite a long time, it is like something slowly getting at him," the medium continued. "I feel terribly weak and empty.

"Would he have a scar a little above the right eyebrow and was there also something unusual about his feet?" asked Ronald.

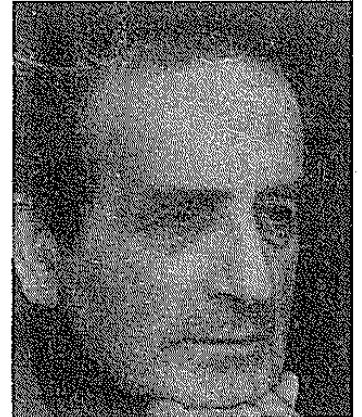
Patrick had a habit of turning his feet inwards and also a scar in the area mentioned.

"Licking his lips should be important to you," the medium continued. "He was not your only child. An aeroplane would be very significant to you."

Pat had constantly licked his lips when he had a very high fever, he has a sister called Jacqueline and special drugs were sent by air to help him.

Message after message poured through during each of the sittings giving spot-on information about events taking place, from his father's new pyjamas to the fact that Jacqueline had a new dress with flowers "the same colour as the pale yellow plant in my room."

Many of the messages referred to relatively trivial happenings in the household, but



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their accuracy was evidential that Patrick was aware of what was still going on in his home.

After the eighth tape was transmitted, Ronald was invited to visit the Terpstas in Holland.

"I felt that Pat was often with us as we travelled around," he said.

Their new-found knowledge that their son was not dead but very much alive in the spirit world meant that gradually the Terpstra family were able to overcome their grief and begin building for the future again.

"If we find the evidence of survival that we need," the medium pointed out, "then we also find the consolation that we have not lost, but have met with a temporary separation, and that one day there will be a happy reunion."

■ "The Little Dutch Boy" by Ronald Hearn is published by the Book Guild later this month.