

Letter written by sub-lieutenant Claude Langle, fallen on the field of honor, 26 September 1915

Source: **La dernière lettre écrite par des soldats français tombés au champ d'honneur 1914-1918**

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My dear papa,

If this letter ever arrives, it will be because I have fallen gloriously in the great battle that is going to achieve the triumph of France. It is with a full heart that I give my life for the greatest of all causes. I have only the regret of causing pain for you and mama. I beg you, do not cry; it is so good to die for a cause. We are the attack regiment; the young men of the class of 15¹ are going to show the path of victory to the veterans.

If you have the occasion to write Mr. Caniving, tell him to tell my comrades of Carnot to do the same thing as us, to dedicate their life to our beautiful country of liberty, to repeat the rallying cry of 1915, "forward for France."

I embrace you with all of my heart.
Claude Langle

¹Signifies those men who reached draft age in 1915; they were the class of 15.