

Letter found near the body of Georges Le Balle, sub-lieutenant, 151st infantry regiment, fallen on the field of honor, 22 August 1914, at Barlieux, battle of Pierrepont (Meurthe-et-Moselle)

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

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My dearest parents and my beloved little sisters,
When you receive this card, your little boy will be no longer. Doing a patrol with six men, someone fired a bullet from a few meters away and ruptured an artery in my thigh. Then, abandoned, I have waited for twenty-four hours and I went into the hand of God, where I will find you sooner or later. And so don't cry too much for me and pray for me.

Let's go! My last thoughts will be for you and for God.

I embrace you tenderly and lovingly for the last time.

Your little boy and brother who says goodbye for eternity.

Geo.