Letter written by sub-lieutenant, Louis Robin, 76th infantry regiment, mortally wounded, 25 September 1915

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Dear little sister

I am writing you because I know that you are courageous enough to prepare mama and papa in case I remain here in the furnace. If, in a dozen days, you have not received anything from me, you can say goodbye to your older brother. As you may have realized, it's a great blow against the Boche and this will probably be the largest battle in modern times across a front of 800 kilometers.

What is my fate? It's a mystery. The 76th is called on to be one of the first to penetrate the countries invaded by the Germans. Everyone here is full of hope, even me of course, and I commend to you my old parents, my dear wife and especially your little nephew.

I finish and embrace you.

Your brother, Louis