

# JUST BEFORE HE WENT "OVER THE TOP"

As an illustration of the lofty sentiment possessed by men who die on the European battlefield in the war for democracy and a reminder for Americans who may be backward in contributing to the Third Liberty Loan for the same great cause, the Liberty Loan Committee has made public the last letter written by Captain V. G. Tupper, of the Canadian Scottish Sixteenth Battalion, to his father, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, before his death at the battle of Vimy Ridge last April. The soldier wrote:

My Dear Father—I am writing one of these "in case" letters for the first time, and, of course, I hope you will never have to read it. If you are reading it now, you will know that your youngest son "went under" as proud as Punch in the most glorious day of his life. I am taking my company "over the top" for a mile in the biggest push that has ever been launched in the world, and I trust that it is going to be the greatest factor toward peace.

Dad, you can't imagine the wonderful feeling; a man thinks something like this: "Well, if I am going to die, this is worth it a thousand times."

I don't want any of you dear people to be sorry for me, although, of course, you will, in a way. Mind you, I know what I am up against, and that the odds are against me.

Goodby, dear father and mother, and all of you. Again I say that I am proud to be where I am now.  
GORDIE.

He went "over the top" and didn't come back. He gave his life on that April day, without a murmur, for the sake of peace and freedom. And he was proud to do it.

What a contrast between a hero like that and the man or woman with warped and shrunken soul who *doesn't even buy a Liberty Bond* to help the same great cause!

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