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THE LAST POST. — The following letter, written home by an officer in France, just before going into action, was received by the parents, after the news that the writer was among the killed: My Darling Mater and Dad,—To-morrow at dawn there's a hell of a show coming off, and this will only reach you if I get knocked out. Mater, be brave—for God's sake be as brave as I know you can be—for it's hell to bear. Anyhow, you'll be proud too, won't you? 'Cos it's the best death a chap can have. Do *not* think with pain of the things I loved; the favourite songs; the friends; the tennis; the picnics on the Downs, but let their memory make you enjoy them the more! Nothing to say and this is a horrid letter to write. So good-bye, Mother and Dad, and—and—cheer up everyone!