

To Sir Edward Schäfer.

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From W.O.

Sep. 1, '17.

Dear Schäfer,

I was on the point of writing to you, as one of my oldest and dearest friends, when your kind message came. It is a hard blow, but we had been steeling our hearts. He has had a hard time since April - all through Arras, Messines, Bullecourt and this last Ypres. The Battery lost both Major and Captain, but Revere has written very cheerfully. By a most fortunate circumstance our great friend (and his) Harvey Cushing, of the Harvard Unit, was with him, which is a great comfort. We have no details - only a wire from Cushing that he was dangerously wounded, and then in the eve (Thursday) a telephone message from the W.O. that he had died at noon. He had developed wonderfully in the past few years and had become deeply interested in literature. We are facing the blow as bravely as we can but you know how we feel having had to part with dear old Tom. Love to you all.

Yours ever,
WM OSLER.