LETTER TO THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

**THE LETTER:**

Dear Friend

They told you ‘this is the war to end all wars’.

They lied

They are still lying.

The problem is some people like dominating, controlling, ruling, subjugating.

They think their ways are stronger, more correct, more righteous.

They believe they know best.

And they are willing to kill for it.

My uncle died in the war after yours – I never met him.

One hundred years from now, they will still be killing – because they like it.

I wish it wasn’t so.

**Richard Tunstall**

**ANALYSIS:**

The writer of this letter is Richard Tunstall, I don’t have any information about him. The letter doesn’t have a title and is so simple both the lexical aspect and composition, perhaps the writer doesn’t have much time in his daily routine, but he wants to devote a little space of his time to remember the moments that happened a hundred years ago. So he writes for remember his uncle and to underline that today there are several conflicts born from the idea of supremacy. He never specify who refers in his reflection.

This is a simple letter, but encloses important ideals. The writer writes to the unknown soldier as if he were a friend , he writes “Dear Friend” in the first line, so the intelligent reader can understand that the author of the letter keeps alive the memory of what happened in the first World War and for this reason he writes the letter for the project. In the following lines the writer wants to highlight the futility of any conflict, there isn’t an end war, who says this lie! There are always people who have lied , in the first and in the second world war and even today there is someone who lies about this "final war".

The author underlines the problem that there are some people that like dominating, controlling, ruling and subjugating . Each of them thinks that he is the strongest and best but it isn’t true, so for their supremacy beliefs they kill. The intelligent reader understands that the writer is disappointed and saddened by what happened a century ago , and he thinks that evil generates other evils. The author of this letter lost his uncle in the first World War, he never met him , but the memory brought forth from loved ones helps him to write. In the last lines the writer wants to emphasize that in humanity there is always someone ready to kill for various reasons, perhaps because they like kill. The author hopes that our future isn’t so tragic but to do this we must change our mentality!

The massage that the writer wants to communicate is a peace ones, wars have never led to peace, and for me the author really believes in this his ideal.