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### A SOLDIER IN FRANCE

We thought we knew you in the days of old—
The days light-hearted when our hearts were free
And there was room for mirth and minstrelsy
And glory and the things men do for gold.
We knew you not! For we were unaware
Of a great tidal tumult in your soul
Until it rose and overleapt control,
And showed in splendid exaltation there
An all-consuming passion, pure as fire,
That could not let a monstrous evil go,
That could not live on earth with a great lie,
But, swept like harp-strings by the one desire,
Went out to face the intolerable foe,
And met him smiling, with no fear to die.

#### FOREWORD

THIS little book is an effort to describe the experience of hundreds of thousands of Americans whose first journey to Europe is made not for pleasure, as in peace-times, but to redress a world-wide wrong.

The writer in 1915 visited England, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Malta, the Balkans and Turkey; in 1917 he went to Scotland, England and the British Front in France; in 1918 he crossed France twice from the mountains to the sea, studying the adaptation of American soldiers to their strange environment. He has shared the life of troop-ships and trains, the dugouts and the trenches, and as opportunity offered he has investigated the work of the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A. and other ameliorative agencies with a growing admiration for their great achievement.

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