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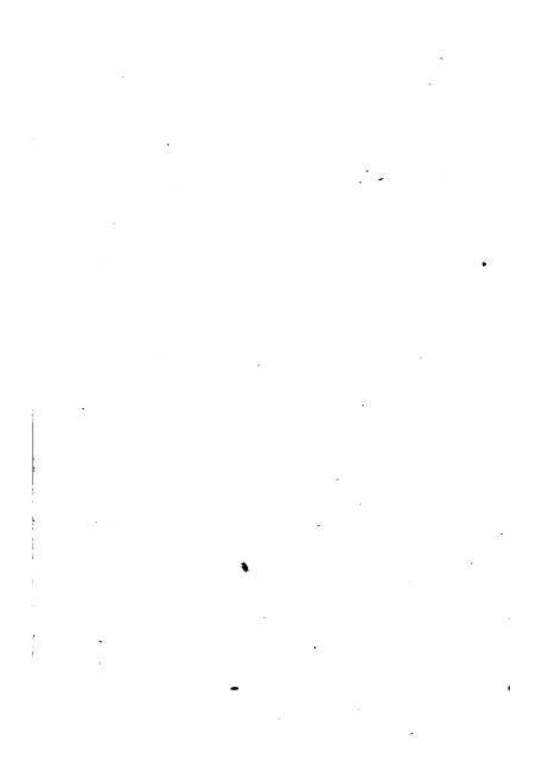
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TO

The Soldiers and Sailors of the American Expeditionary Forces

Section 17.2.



FOREWORD

To the Soldiers and Sailors of the American Expeditionary Forces:

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You are going home, after participating in some form in the most terrible war the earth has ever seen. What has it meant? What is it to mean? To you? To your country? To humanity?

The American Young Men's Christian Association, through its representatives in France, and as a serving medium of the homeland, puts this parting word in your hand, with the hope and prayer that it may help you a little in weighing up the stupendous issues of these fateful days; in girding yourselves anew to the determination that the unspeakable sacrifices of this war shall ensure commensurate gains for the race; and in carrying back into America, and into the peaceful years, that same splendid self-devotion which you showed in the war. You put no limit on your services. You did not need men's commands. You gave unstintedly—

Not ours to urge you, or to know the voice;
No stern decree you followed or obeyed;
Nothing compelled your swift, unerring choice,
Except the stuff of which your dreams were made;
To that great instinct passionately true,
Your way you knew.*

* Punch, May 10, 1916.

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And you have left behind you the bodies of "those who gave the last full measure of their devotion." How inevitably we come back to Lincoln's words in days like these! "It is for us, the living, to be dedicated to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced."

Yours for a New America in a New World, HENRY CHURCHILL KING. (With the A.E.F., Y.M.C.A.)

PARIS, March, 1919.

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