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*"The Only Girl
in
the
World"*

*Or so they say -
with a few notes
of the breeze!*

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TO
THE ONLY
"PHYLLIS"

FOREWORD

SOME talk of Alexander, and some of Hercules. And some don't. This is no thrilling tale of derring do, but a collection of letters written from all kinds of places, mostly unpleasant, in all weathers, chiefly rain, and at all sorts of odd times. They are the impressions of the moment, and are subject to the fits of depression and optimism which attack everybody in the trenches. Thus if in one letter serious doubts are entertained of our power to win it must be put down to the non-arrival of the rum issue, and if in another the war is said to be almost over that is a sign of the reopening of leave rather than any tangible evidence to that effect. The real actors have in every case given way to fictitious characters, but with this exception the letters are practically untouched. It may seem to some that the not infrequent references to the Staff do not show sufficient respect for that much maligned body, but it is necessary to remember that without something to grouse about life in the infantry would be unbearable, and the Staff forms a convenient target for the envenomed darts of the man whose billet leaks or who finds that his account is overdrawn. The writer would be the last to desire, as some people seem to do, an exchange of Staffs with the German Army.

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