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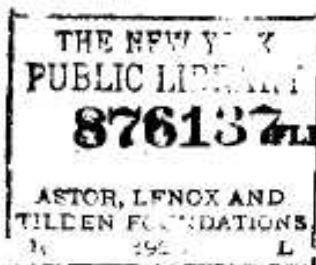
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*the bright memory
of my nephew*
ERIC R. COATS
Lieut. Scots Guards
killed in action near Arras, May 1918
and
of other happy warriors

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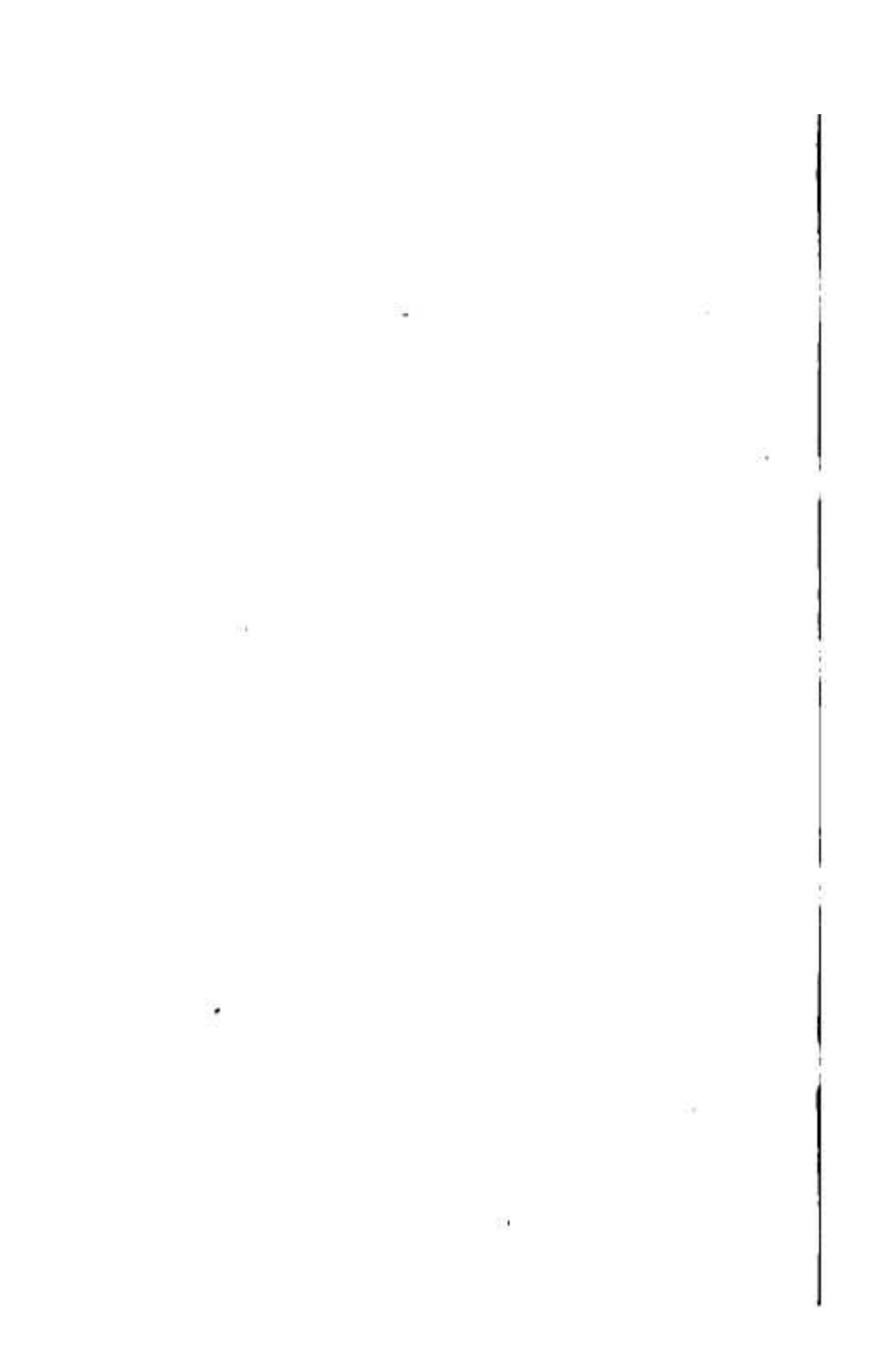
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I

LEST WE FORGET



WE have been living through one of the greatest upheavals of the world. Yet it is a common experience to meet men who say frankly that they do not want to speak about the war, that they only want to forget it. Sometimes this attitude is taken by men who have come through the hell of conflict with shattered nerves, and to many the whole subject is coloured by memory of pain and loss. It is natural that they should avoid all distressful recollection. There is a forgetting which is proper and necessary. But sometimes it is only a form of selfishness assumed by men who think merely of their personal comfort. It may even disguise itself as a very refined form of religion. Some forms of Church and some types of theology satisfy the mind by preventing it from