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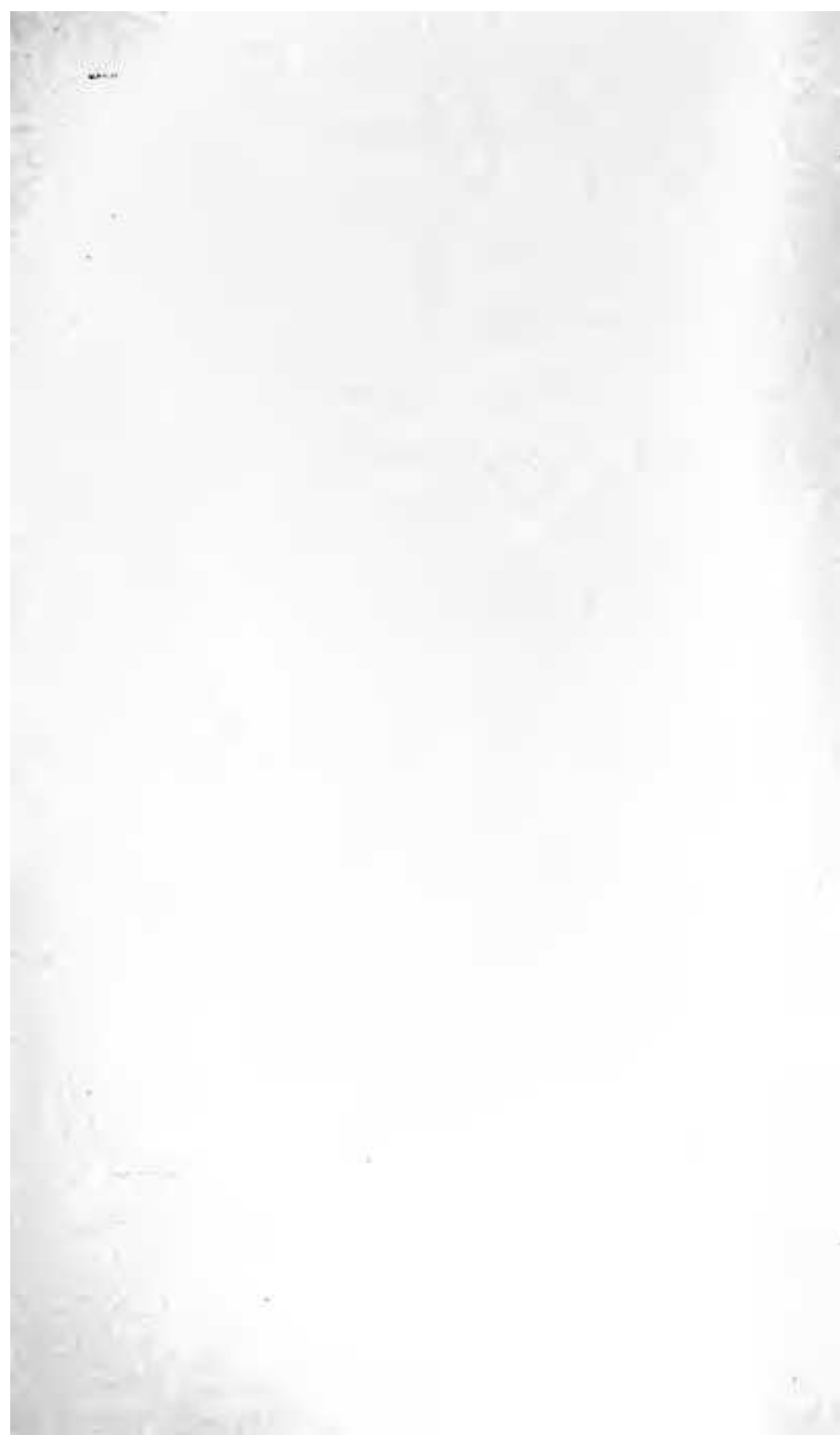
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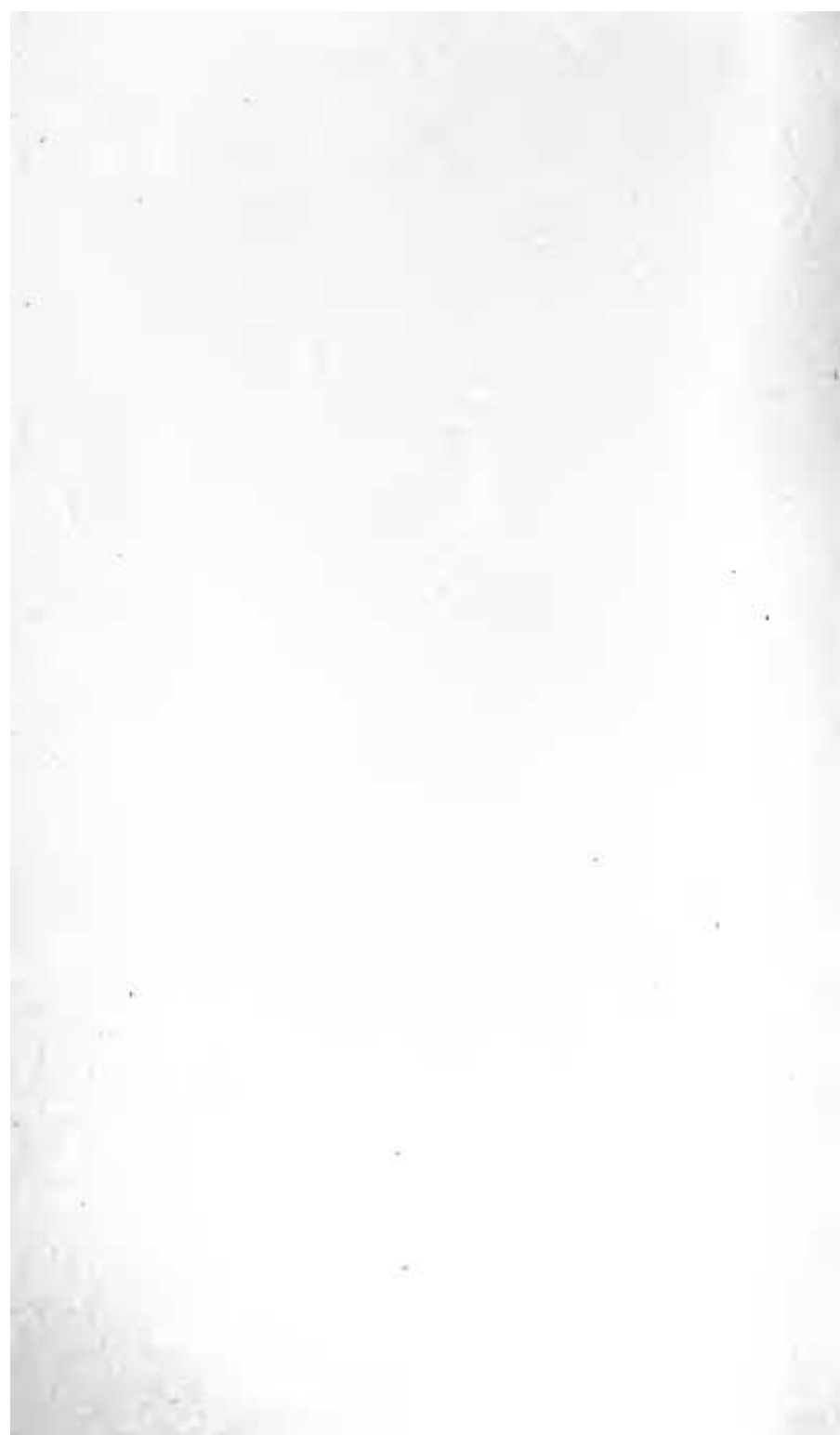
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FOREWORD

EMBOLDENED by the reception accorded to *With the Guns*, I have ventured to produce the present volume. My endeavour has been to supplement the former book in some respects, and, in addition, to give a short account of the making of a gunner, and of the uses to which he is put when made. The work of the Artillery has lately attained a special prominence in the public mind, owing to the part that it took in the events that led to the great offensive on the Ancre during the last week in June 1916, but the details of this work are too often shrouded in mystery. I dare hope that the following chapters may serve to make this mystery less opaque, and to throw perhaps a feeble ray of illumination upon the inner life of a body of men who live and labour and die behind the limelight of the trenches.

F. O. O.

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