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FOREWORD

I realize the utter futility of writing a preface, for no one ever reads one—unless by chance they be in a hospital or waiting in a dentist's office. It is for these unfortunate few, then, that I indict the following.

After you have been through the mill and mire of battle, your life is changed. It can never be the same again. It seems that you must still continue to fight, even though you be physically incapacitated.

Therefore it is partially for my own amusement, and partially to continue my fight for ultimate victory that I write this book.

In it I have endeavored, in a meager way, to tell America what she wants to know. You are asking about the same questions as did England in 1914 and 1915. You are in approximately the same position as was England in those early days. You are beginning to discover that business cannot be as usual, and that war is not all flag waving and hurrahing. You are learning, as did we; and may a just God grant that your lesson be shorter by far than was ours.

FOREWORD

My efforts will be devoted to a truthful presentation of what I saw and what I know. There is little humor in warfare. That little I will try to preserve. My endeavor will be to loan you my eyes for a space that you may see what I saw, and thus know your war—for it is yours—just a wee bit better.

I hope, as you turn the last page, that you will realize the true meaning of this struggle, that you will realize why I take pride in having been a member of the London Scottish, and that, above all else, you will realize the true duty of your America today.

In closing let me express my appreciation to C. H. Handerson for his assistance in arranging the multitudinous incidents of my fighting days in some sort of sequence, and in helping me to weave them into a connected story of my little excursion with "The Ladies from Hell."

(Signed) B. D. PINKERTON.

**Copy of Telegram to Colonel Malcolm from
Field Marshal Sir John French, Commander-in-Chief
of British Forces.**

I wish you and your splendid Regiment to accept my warmest congratulations and thanks for the fine work you did yesterday at Messines. You have given a glorious lead and example to all Territorial Troops who are going to fight in France.

**Copy of Letter to Colonel Malcolm from
Major-General E. H. Allenby, G. O. C. Cavalry Corps.**

Dear Colonel,

I congratulate you on the accompanying message from the Commander-in-Chief, which you and your grand Regiment have so richly deserved. I wish to add my sincere thanks, and those of the Cavalry Corps, for the self-sacrificing support you gave in a great emergency. The behaviour of officers and men of the London Scottish was worthy of the best traditions of British Regular Troops. Only their steadiness and courage saved a situation that was as difficult and critical to deal with as will ever occur.

Yours sincerely and gratefully,

(Signed) E. H. ALLENBY,
Major-General.

**Copy of Letter to Colonel Malcolm from
Brigadier-General C. E. Bingham, Commanding 4th
Cavalry Brigade.**

My dear Colonel,

I venture to ask you to convey to your Regiment my deepest gratitude and admiration for the work they performed on October 31st, and through the following night. No troops in the world could have carried out their orders better, and while deploring the losses you have incurred, I unhesitatingly affirm that the Allied Armies in France owe to the London Scottish a place of high honour amongst their heroes.

(Signed) C. E. BINGHAM,
Br.-Gen., 4 Cav. Bde.

Nov. 1, 1914.

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