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MY MOTHER  
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## FOREWORD

**T**HIS little book in no wise pretends to be a chronological record of what we call objective facts. Much that is told in it was not written down at once, but afterwards from retrospect and impression. A mere chronological record of facts means nothing; you will find that of my old Division, for example, in the War Diary, compiled by Knox Gore and Pery, and by their predecessors and successors. The real happenings are recorded in the Book of Doomsday; they are seared on the memories of those who have passed through the Valley, and whose names stand written now in the Book of Life for ever. The true facts of life are the facts of experience—love and hate, joy and sorrow, laughter and tears, sinning and forgiving, friendships made and lost—without remembered date, yet fitting in ordered sequence into the little bundle of experiences



which we are wont to call life. Figures, too, may mean anything or nothing, and are never accepted implicitly by the exact student. It is, therefore, a subjective record that I shall try to set down in these pages—without elaboration or completeness. Sometimes, I think I have dreamed many of these happenings, as I seem to have dreamed so many things since 1914 and so many forgotten dreams before then.

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