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A MEMORIAL RECORD COMPILED
BY HIS FATHER



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Great hearts are glad when it is time to give;
Life is no life to him that dares not die,
And death no death to him that dares to live.
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—*"Sacramentum Supremum"*
By SIR HENRY NEWBOLT.

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TO
ELEANOR AND MARION ESTE,
BORN ON 2D NOVEMBER, 1919,
THIS ACCOUNT OF THE BRIEF CAREER
OF THEIR UNCLE IS LOVINGLY
DEDICATED.

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NOTE.

Naturally we have been going over in our minds the many incidents endeared to us by association with our beloved boy, especially as memory has been refreshed by looking over numerous old letters—some written by him and others descriptive of him. Out of these fond recollections has come the thought of preparing a simple story of his short life, quoting extracts from some of the letters, and illustrating it by photographs of him, of which we fortunately have a large number, taken at various ages. This has now been done, partly to gratify a pride of which we are not ashamed, and partly for the purpose of handing down to his collateral descendants a record in durable form of one whose brief career, we feel, added distinction to the family name. We have been encouraged in this project by one of our friends, who wrote advocating, as a matter of historical interest, that sketches of the lives of American soldiers be prepared and preserved "for the purpose of showing to the children of the future the type of men America sent to the Great War," and particularly, he wrote, such an account "of your boy's life as will show the splendid man he was, long after you and I are forgotten." And, as Mr. John Jay Chapman has well said, "All the men fighting for the Allies, and especially all those young Americans who have been fighting for France and England and thereby doing more for their own country than for Europe, should be in our minds when we think of any one of them. They form a single soul and spirit."

While, of course, mere words can never reproduce a most lovable personality, with its charm of manner and endearing ways, the attempt has been made to give as true an im-

pression of our boy as possible. In order to accomplish this purpose, it has seemed necessary to enter into the sphere of the personal to an extent that, in other circumstances, we should shrink from; this must be the justification too for presenting some of the "trivial fond records" of his childhood, as well as for any violations of convention.

Our hope is that the book may gratify those of our friends who knew and loved him well, and serve either to make him better known to those who knew him only slightly or introduce him to others who knew him not at all. May its readers find some of the inspiration that we have derived from the privilege of knowing and loving him for twenty-five years.

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