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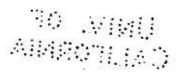
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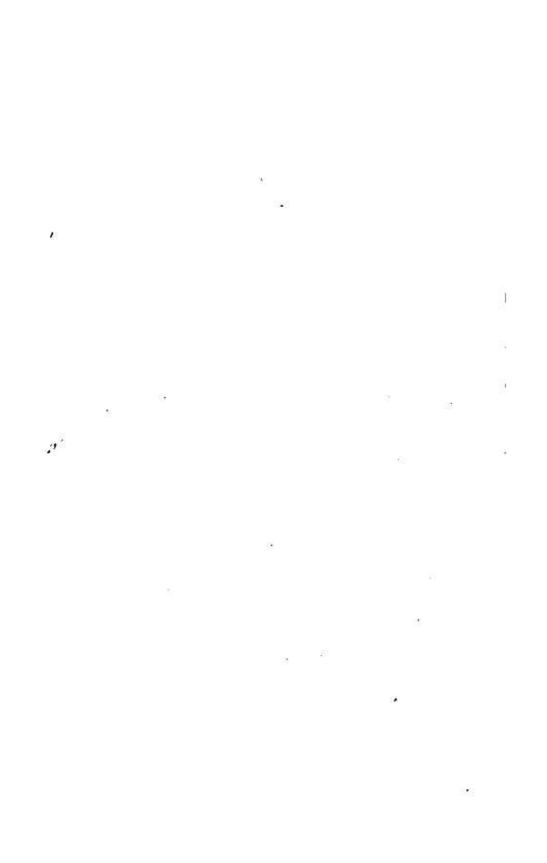
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TO THE GIRL WHO WAITED MY MOTHER

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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.