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From a drawing by Bert Thomas.

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PREFACE

THERE is no attempt made in the little sketches which this book contains to deal historically with events of the war. It is but a small *Souvenir de la guerre*—a series of vignettes of things as they struck me at the time, and later. I have written of types, not of individuals, and less of action than of rest. The horror of war at its worst is fit subject for a master hand alone.

I have to thank the proprietors of *The Globe* for their courtesy in allowing the reproduction of "Canvas and Mud" and "Tent Music," and of the *Canadian Magazine* for the reproduction of "Martha of Dranvoorde."

Finally, I feel that I can have no greater honour than humbly to dedicate this book

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to the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the First Canadian Infantry Battalion, Ontario Regiment, with whom I have spent some of the happiest, as well as some of the hardest, days of my life.

RALPH W. BELL.

December 11th, 1916.

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