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#### PROLOGUE.

TINKLE, tinkle, tinkle, ting, ting, went the telephone.

The acting adjutant picked up the receiver.

'Hullo!'

'Is that 5th Battalion, the Royal Scots?'

'Yes, sir.'

'Headquarters, Scottish Command, speaking.'

'Yes, sir.'

'You move in forty-eight hours to Leamington to link up with the 29th Division.'

'Yes, sir.'

At last it had come.

Forty-eight hours later a battalion of over a thousand men steamed out of Edinburgh en route for that which had already been called 'The Great Adventure.' Little did one reckon that it was destined to take part in one of the most glorious chapters in our military history. Little did those who entrained that day, or those dear ones left behind to bear the agonising suspense of waiting, think how few would meet again this side of the veil.