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COLONEL LUCIUS C. BENNETT
Commanding 364th Infantry

Captain, 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry, May 10, 1898. Honorably mustered out, February 10, 1899. Captain, 31st U. S. Volunteer Infantry, July 5, 1899. Honorably mustered out, June 18, 1901. Appointed 1st Lieutenant, U. S. Army, and assigned to 21st Infantry, October 9, 1901. Captain, Philippine Scouts, by detail, November 1, 1906, to September 3, 1908. Promoted to Captain and assigned to 6th U. S. Infantry, October 2, 1909. Transferred to 21st U. S. Infantry, October 19, 1909. Captain and Quartermaster, Quartermaster Corps, April 1, 1912, to December 3, 1912. Assigned to 21st U. S. Infantry, December 4, 1912. Promoted to Major, U. S. A., August 3, 1917. Appointed Lieutenant-Colonel, N. A., August 23, 1917. Assigned to 361st Infantry, September 5, 1917. Acting Division Quartermaster, July 17 to September 30, 1918. Assigned to 364th Infantry, September 30, 1918. Promoted to Colonel, 364th Infantry, October 17, 1918.

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TO THE MEMORY
OF
THOSE GALLANT OFFICERS AND MEN
OF THE 364TH INFANTRY

WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE ON THE IMMORTAL BATTLEFIELDS OF
FRANCE AND FLANDERS; WHO GAVE THEMSELVES UNSTINGINGLY
FOR THE CAUSE, WHOSE SACRED NATURE IS BEST MEASURED
BY THE PRICELESSNESS OF THE LIVES THEY
OFFERED UP IN ITS DEFENSE

THE AUTHORS, IN THE NAME OF THEIR COMRADES OF THE REGIMENT

RESPECTFULLY DEDICATE
THIS BOOK



PREFACE

THE scope of this book is threefold. First, it records historically the activities of a typical Infantry Regiment in the Great War, basing its account of military operations on official reports, as well as upon eyewitness recitals. Second, it depicts the average American soldier's life in barracks, billets, and on the field, as seen through the eyes of the soldiers themselves. Third, it preserves in print something of the inner feelings and spirit of the men who were privileged to play a part in the "Greatest Crusade in History."

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