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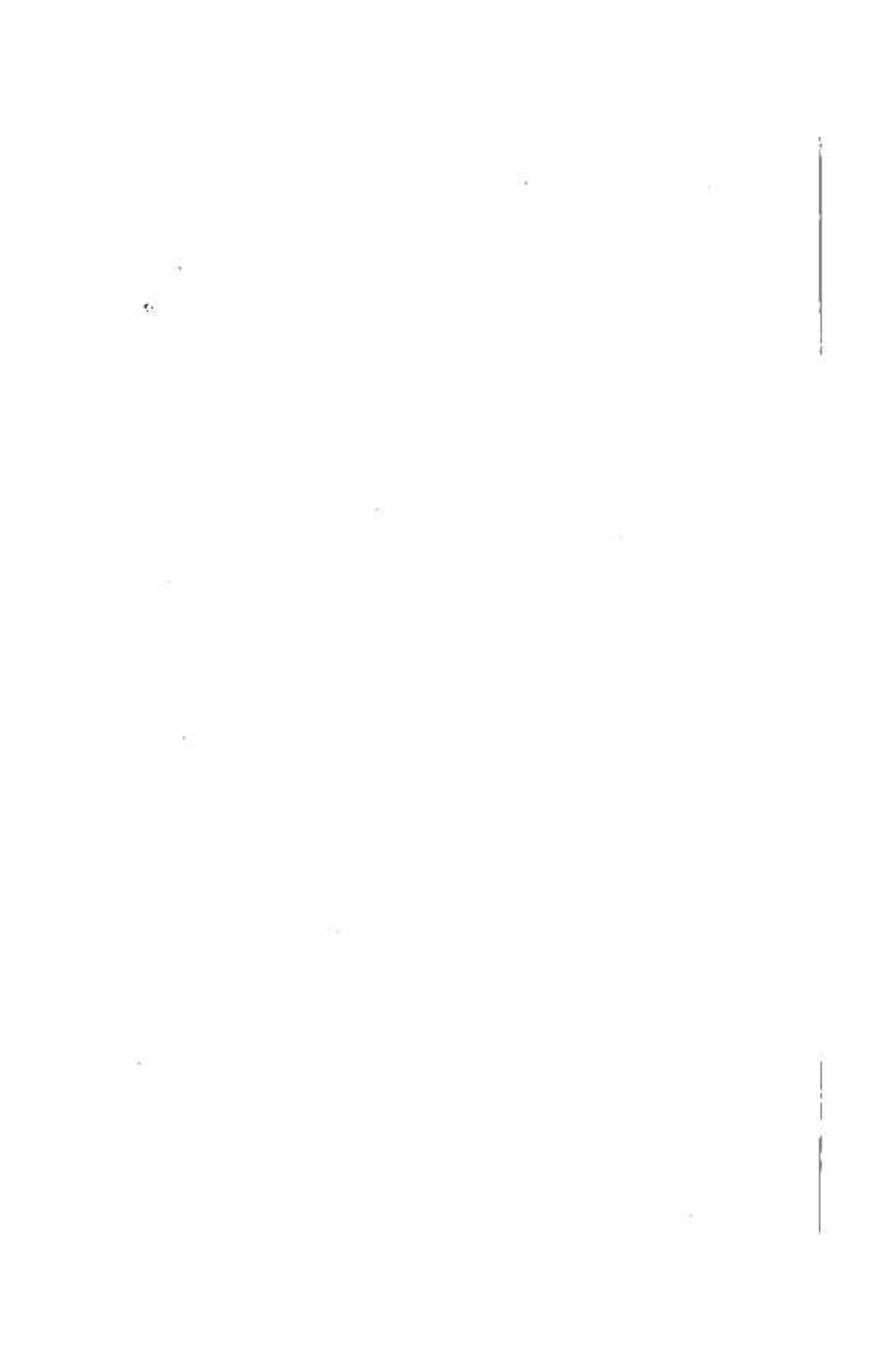
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PREFATORY NOTE

These letters tell their own story.

Wainwright Merrill was one of those young enthusiasts for the cause of the Allies who felt, long before the United States took her place in the War, that he at least must do his full share. In the spring of 1916 as a freshman at Dartmouth, his father's college, he was an active member of the volunteer training battalion; in the summer of 1916 he was at Plattsburg for two camps; in the autumn, having transferred to Harvard to enter the sophomore class, he was a member of the H.O.T.C. Then in November, when only eighteen, he left his home in Cambridge to volunteer, under the name of Arthur A. Stanley, as a gunner in the Canadian Field Artillery. He took this step because he was a minor, and knew he could not well get his father's consent. These letters give an account of his experiences while he was in training in England, and while he was actually at the front in Flanders.

His letters to me from May, 1917, until his death at Ypres form a series complete in themselves. I have added others to his father, his brother, and his friends, that show still further his engaging personality, his loyalty to