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FOREWORD

IN the early days of my service, while on duty with the General Staff of the A. E. F., I expected to publish my observations upon the development and conduct of that army; but when the war came to a sudden and unexpected end, after a campaign in which I had no part, I abandoned the idea.

Now, however, more than a year has passed since the armistice. The great army has gone back into civil life. The Regular Army is rapidly returning to its bureaucracy. Congress appears farther from adopting a military policy than at any period in the last decade. The National Guard Association wants to smash the Regular Army; and the pacifists, as though encouraged by the forest of white crosses they have caused to be planted in Europe, work for that day when they may see even more American dead than there now are in France, even as the harvest exceeds the sowing.

I have, therefore, again changed my mind, and have recorded here my observations and conclusions as a modest contribution to popular comprehension of our effort, its difficulties, its limitations and its achievements, so that another generation as untrained, unorganized and unarmed as we were may not have to face an enemy under the fearful handicaps we suffered.

ROBERT R. McCORMICK.

November 1919.

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