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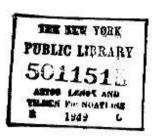
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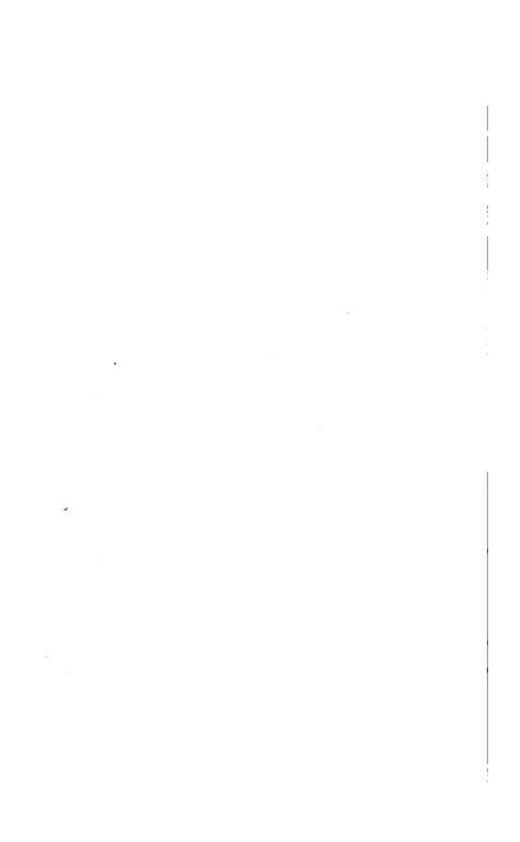


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### DEDICATION.

That she may know that she has not lived and suffered in vain for me; that she may know that I have profited by the lessons she taught, and that I have fully appreciated the life she has given me, I dedicate this evidence of these to her,

MY MOTHER.



#### PREFACE

I hope that this little volume of stories will help the great American people who so little understand "The man behind the gun," the blue-jacket, to more fully appreciate and honor him who lives in such different environs from their own.

The scenes of these seven stories are laid in different parts of the world, and you will find adventure and romance woven into the blue-jacket's life as natur-

ally as my ability would permit.

Thanks are extended to the editor of "Our Navy" for kindly granting me permission to republish two of these stories in this volume. Thanks are also extended to Carl G. Bailey for aiding me in the publication.

THE AUTHOR.

