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HOISTING THE STARS AND STRIPES AND UNION JACK FROM THE SAME  
FLAGSTAFF OVER THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT, LONDON, APRIL,  
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## FOREWORD

*Our country has sent millions of her sons to fight in the International Army of Civilisation.*

*Our object is to win a complete victory as soon as possible and return to our homes.*

*We therefore wish our help to be of the maximum efficiency.*

*The better we know the Allies, the more effective our co-operation will be.*

*All of us know in a general way the splendid fortitude and glorious deeds of the soldiers and sailors of Great Britain, France, and Italy. But how much do we know of their tremendous losses in lives or of the labours and suffering of their civil populations?*

*This book was written by an American who lived in England before and throughout the war. His purpose is to explain exactly what sort of a chap the Britisher is and what the Army, Navy, and people of Great Britain and her Colonies have done in Freedom's cause. Mr. Wile shows how the Britishers bore the brunt of the onslaught of an enemy which had been preparing for this war for nearly half a century.*

*Any American soldier, sailor, or civilian who takes the trouble to read these pages will find that*

*both the men and women of the British nation have to their credit a truly wonderful record of courage and accomplishment. Nearly a million of their fighting men have been killed in battle, and twice as many wounded, but there was never any sign of weakening.*

*I am sure that a clear understanding of the extent of the Britishers' sacrifices, both on the firing-line and at home, will inspire all Americans to put forth their best efforts to bring this distressing war to a satisfactory end.*



*Vice Admiral, H. Sherry.*

*Commanding U. S. Naval Forces  
Operating in European Waters.*



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