

## PREFACE

OF all the tales and sketches which go to make up the present work, some have been actual experiences of the writer, more of other members of the Royal Flying Corps, whilst one or two are purely imaginative, but none the less possible.

In cases where the writer may seem to be inaccurate or out of date, he begs to remind his readers that the sketches were written in the autumn of 1916 in most instances, and portray events as they happened to him and his contemporaries in the R.F.C., mostly in 1915 and the beginning of 1916. After that date the writer ceased to fly himself, owing to a period of eight months in hospital, and became a "Wing Adjutant." The details of the R.F.C. in the East were obtained whilst he was actually there during the greater part of 1917.

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