

has ever known; our shoulders are supporting a responsibility greater than men have ever had to bear in history. We must seek to keep this duty of war ever before our eyes, and to communicate it to all with whom we come in contact, for only thus can we acquire the needed strength.

There must be nothing so big that we must be afraid to attempt it, nothing so small that we may dare to neglect it. What we do and what we do not do; what we accomplish and what we save; where we encourage and where we comfort; in our giving and our paying and our renunciations; the one slice of rye bread in place of the two of wheat bread as well as the sending of the only son to the trenches—all of these things count for our great objective and affect the time and the manner of our accomplishment.

Be exact in the strictness of the regard you pay to each order and every request of those in authority. You are the great army which is to win the war, and, even though you have no officers of staff and line to formulate your military code, obedience is as needful for you as for the army in khaki. Remember that those in authority have open to them sources of information which you cannot have, and that their knowledge of what is requisite is more