weary he may be from the war just concluded in defence of democracy, the simple words of an American veteran of World War I: (25)

"Liberty is not merely something the veterans inherited. Liberty is something they fought to keep ...

"People who ask us that question, 'what did it get you?' forget one thing. True, we fought the last war to make the world safe for democracy, and we did for a while.

"The thing they forget is that liberty and freedom and democracy are so very precious that you do not fight to win them once - and then stop. Liberty and freedom and democracy are prizes awarded only to those people who fight to win them and then keep fighting eternally to hold them."

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(25) Alvin C. York at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery on May 30, 1941.