PREFACE

In early April 1992, the Senate Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs, at the request of Canadian veterans across the country, decided to examine and report on the controversial CBC/NFB war series *The Valour and the Horror*. The ensuing hearings caused a great deal of public interest and comment. More than one thousand veterans and other members of the public took the time to write to the Sub-Committee or to the Chairman. All of these letters and briefs, regardless of their viewpoint, were studied by Sub-Committee members. They have been indispensable to our deliberations and we are grateful for them. To those veterans and other concerned citizens who participated in the hearings, we offer our sincere thanks. We would also like to express our appreciation to those individuals, a great number of them veterans, who worked closely with the Sub-Committee and actively supported and encouraged its activities over the past year. They have displayed tremendous courage under fire.

In the course of its study, the Sub-Committee sought the assistance of professional historians who specialize in Canada's participation in the Second World War. We thank them for taking the time to consult with our staff about various aspects of *The Valour and the Horror* and in particular we want to thank those who gave testimony before the Sub-Committee.

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