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THREE YEARS OF WAR

On Saturday, August 4th, the war will enter the fourth year of its existence and, as was prophesied by Johannes, the Monk, in 1620, the whole of the civil world has met in the struggle of arms. "From the four winds shall come armed hosts and the East and the West and the North and the South shall sound with the crash of battle. The land and the sea, and even the air, shall be filled with blood and men shall cross over streams on the bodies of slain comrades." How true the prophesy is being borne out, the whole world knows today.

Before the passing of another week the magazines and the papers of all nation will be full of the events of the three long years and the historians will have turned another page in the already large but still growing volume, while the artist and the painter will continue to work under the direction of the gods of war. The record sheets of nations will become one shelf higher and again annual tribute will be paid the heroes of the battle field—but the words of praise and the stories of valor will not bring to us who are yet to cross the Channel a full and just realisation of the hardships so cheerfully endured by our comrades in the firing line. The most powerful writer, the most gifted artist and the most eloquent orators are at a loss to find the means of expressing just praise and, though volumes should be written, still one half the deeds of sacrifice, or acts of bravery and courage would not be told. We hope, and we believe it is the hope of every man in uniform, that another year will see us back in civies, but not unless the ends for which our comrades have given so many lives shall have been gained.

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