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PREFACE

My thanks are due to Captain Frank Hurley for his generous and energetic help in the writing of this book. Had it not been for his persuasion and hard work, I doubt if it even would have been accomplished. When it was first suggested to me that I should write an account of the *Vimy's* flight from England to Australia, I thought it a splendid idea and at once said that I would. That was 15 months ago and I have only just completed it! I have tried to tell the story just as I remember it and without too much technical detail and in doing this my brother's diary has been of the greatest assistance.

A slightly shorter account of this flight first appeared in the *Washington National Geographic Magazine* and in *Australian Life* and I am indebted

to these publications for their courtesy in allowing me to reproduce it.

ROSS SMITH.

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