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TO MY MOTHER

Whose love, complete understanding, sympathetic and devoted interest, more than all other factors combined, sustained and encouraged me through the trying and unfamiliar demands of my War-time so-journ "Over There," I lovingly dedicate this little volume of experiences.

FERD.

New York, Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen. rama, in those days of frenzied endeavor and kaleidoscopic change, beginning shortly after America's entrance into the war and continuing until after the signing of the Armistice, and the return of the writer to America, early in 1919.

Nothing has been added to the original text, except names of places and certain military data which could not be included at the time, though much has been eliminated. It has been the purpose to preserve only so much detail as would be essential to a proper understanding of the situations described, and there is, of course, absolutely no attempt at literary style or impressive presentation.

F. F. J.

May, Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen.





Werdinand D. Jelke

MILITARY RECORD

FERDINAND F. JELKE

Enlisted, 5th Regiment (Base Battalion) U. S. Marine Corps, July 14, 1917, at Washington, D. C.

Sailed for France on U. S. S. Henderson, August 3, 1917, acting as interpreter.

Promoted August 17, 1917, to Corporal, U. S. Marine Corps.

Attached to War Risk Bureau (Paris), November 4, 1917.

Attached to Chief Liaison Officer (Paris), February 12, 1918.

Commissioned Second Lieutenant, U. S. Infantry, March 17, 1918.

Attached to staff of Commanding General, Fifth French Army Corps, as Liaison Officer, April 27, 1918, in which capacity I served until after the signing of the armistice, December 12, 1918.

Landed at New York, U. S. S. Sierra, March 6, 1919.

Discharged from service March 8, 1919, at Camp Dix, N. J.