

## FOREWORD

American freedom, born in the hardships of a revolution, nurtured and defended through the years by the sustained efforts and sacrifices of the people, is threatened once more. Like those before us, we are called upon to defend that freedom for ourselves and for our posterity. And more, we are called upon by our sense of human justice to extend freedom to all peoples. This again requires great efforts and sacrifices for those at home and for those in the armed forces. But, we at home fully realize that the efforts and sacrifices of those doing the fighting and dying far outweigh the small inconveniences and great sorrows that we must bear. So it is with a deep sense of gratitude to those in the armed forces that this volume has been assembled by the folks at home under the sponsorship of Mr. A. J. Hebert, editor of the Jeanerette Enterprise.

It is the hope of Mr. Hebert that a copy of this volume will reach every one of our community now in the service and that it will serve as a convenient place to make additional notations of events in the lives of the boys and girls listed herein. It is also the hope that this volume will be guarded so that years hence "when like our sires our sons are gone" those for whom this war is fought can turn over the leaves, then yellow with age, and point with pride to that forebearer of theirs and read the notations under his or her photograph. You, our soldiers of today, will then be more than a name on a family tree; your life, your work, your sacrifices will live again for a moment or two in the memories of your grateful descendants.

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