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PREFATORY NOTE

A principal difficulty in the writing of this little book has been the constant recurrence of long and cumbrous titles. In the first place the lawful name of a Canteen is a "Regimental Institute." The two are one and the same thing; but for brevity I have throughout used the old word Canteen. Next there is the Canteen and Mess Co-operative Society. I have as a rule forbore to designate it by initials, so far as possible, but have frequently called it the Canteen and Mess Society, omitting the word "Co-operative" for convenience. The Expeditionary Force Canteen is so well known by its initials that I have not hesitated to call it throughout the E.F.C. The Board of Control of Regimental Institutes was mercifully short-lived, as was also the Army Canteen Committee; and I have been able to elude much mention of the Navy and Army Canteen Board. The Navy, Army and Air Force Institute has long since been best known as the N.A.A.F.I. and I have not hesitated to speak of it by these initials.

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