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"To have been asked by the compilers of this Volume to write a few words by way of introduction to its pages is esteemed by me as a great privilege. In the stressful years through which the world has passed, and under the burdens which the leaders and the men of our Armies have had to bear, it needed strong impulses and great appeals to sustain the fortitude and endurance of us all. To me, when during the course of the War my responsibilities increased, one particular impetus became ever more paramount and dominating, and that was the recognition of the fact that a growing duty devolved upon me of helping my co-religionists to create and maintain the prestige, as worthy citizens, and as devoted soldiers, of the Jews of the Empire. The fortune of war, in my case a happy one, placed me in command of that splendid fighting instrument—the Australian Army Corps—and to the men of that Corps I owe all that has come to me. But not to them alone, for I owe much, also, to the many thousands of Jewish Soldiers, scattered throughout all His Majesty's Armies, who by their valour, their fortitude, and their devoted sacrifice have combined to achieve a story of Jewish service to our Country, which will still further enhance the prestige of every British Citizen of the Jewish faith, as second to no other in patriotism or in readiness and ability to bear his full share of all the burdens of the State. In gratitude for the services which have been rendered by them all, individually and collectively, by those who have succumbed, and by those who have survived—I commend to the public this Book of Honour, in the pages of which is enshrined the proud record of their performance."

(Signed) JOHN MONASH,  
Lieut.-General.

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