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I only wish I could take my place in the ranks at Harvard and help in the Victory Loan Campaign. I should so like to look into the faces of the Harvard boys and tell them how proud I am of their record in the war, and to express what I feel about those of them now peacefully sleeping in France, who gave up their lives to save the world from the brutal attack upon its civilization, now happily averted. But such cannot be. My lines are fallen in other places. For the greater part of the campaign I shall be far away and I must content myself with this message of cheer and hopefulness.

Let me say at the outset, however, that there is no necessity for an appeal to Harvard men for support in the Victory Loan campaign. That support will be given unasked. They know what a task was laid out for us; they know that task is not yet done. The bare suggestion of breaking training before the last line has been crossed would be resented by them.

We have done marvellous things. We have given our brave Allies food, clothing, munitions, and battleships; we have bridged the Atlantic Ocean and sent over the finest army, man for man, in the world. With that army, in conjunction with our Allies, we have smashed the Hindenburg Line, we have taken the St. Mihiel Salient and have done so many other things which were considered impossible of achievement that the world's record has been enthusiastically accorded us.

Our work is not done. To the billions of money already spent in the cause of human freedom billions more must be added and we shall see it through at whatever cost. Our national resources are so great, however, that the job can be finished with little difficulty. Our country is

easily the richest and most powerful in the world. Our banking system is easily the soundest and the strongest in the world. The Secretary of the Treasury now calls on us for a final spurt and the goal is in sight. Every Harvard man will respond cheerfully and with enthusiasm. Successful subscription to the Victory Loan will not only put our house in order and clear the way for a marvellous revival of industry, but will also enable our people to <sup>help</sup> ~~provide for the necessities~~ of our Allies in their work of reconstruction by giving them the credits they so sorely need with which to buy the essentials of life, ~~from us,~~ and it will at the same time lay a sure foundation for the future peace of the world, a peace based upon contentment and justice.

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