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NOW THAT WE ARE definitely in the war, the FIELD ARTILLERY JOURNAL feels that it is desirable to consider its position and determine future publication policies. It would be very tempting to try to compete with the press and publish the so-called "timely" material—the news from the war as it affects artillerymen. But a moment's reflection will convince any reasonable person that this is not our proper role. The JOURNAL goes to press nearly a month before its date of issue. By the time it reaches all readers, any so-called news would be quite cold. Furthermore it is obviously impossible (if it were desirable) to compete with the other legitimate news agencies in this field. Anything which they do not print, positively should not be printed.

WE WILL CONTINUE to furnish matter of professional interest and importance. All individuals and all units, until called to action, should endeavor to perfect themselves in the fundamentals of their trade, to polish their technique. Nothing will do more to augment morale and general usefulness. In this the JOURNAL will make every effort to be of maximum service.

WHEN THE TIME arrives that articles based on combat experiences are available, and can be published, the JOURNAL will print them. And we can promise that the JOURNAL will make available, as ever, exclusive information written from an artillery slant. We will continue to print personal combat experiences (from all war zones) which, for various reasons are not likely to appear elsewhere. Files of this magazine will, in the future, constitute a rich store a source data on this war.

WE HAD HOPED to publish as our lead article in this issue a recently-prepared study on Oahu, written for us on assignment by Major Ellsworth. For reasons which it would be superfluous to recount, we are killing this fine article, but not without deep regret.

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