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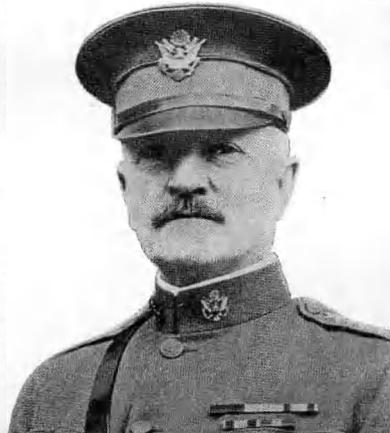
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The Adjutant General, State of Georgia



HUGH M. DORSEY  
Governor of Georgia

Entering service as a private on August 3, 1886 J. Van Holt Nash rose from the ranks and at the time that the United States entered the World War, he was Adjutant General of the State of Georgia, with the rank of Brigadier General. Entering the Second Officers' Training Camp, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., as a student officer he was commissioned Major and assigned to the 157 Depot Brigade, Camp Gordon, Ga. He was transferred to Camp McClellan, Ala., then to the War Plans Division, General Staff in Washington, D. C., and later was sent to Camp Lee, Va. On March 1st, 1919 he was again appointed Adjutant General of the State of Georgia.

Hugh M. Dorsey was born in Fayetteville, Ga., in 18 and at the age of eight years he accompanied his family their new home in Atlanta. Graduating from the University Georgia in 1893 with an A.B. degree, he attended for 4 years the University of Virginia, and was admitted to 1 bar in 1895. Appointed by Governor Joseph M. Brown as soli tor General of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, in 1910, Hugh Dorsey served until 1916 when he was elected Governor Georgia, serving the State in this position for two terms office.

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TO THE

HEROES AND HEROINES

OF GEORGIA

OUR BUDDIES

WHO FELL ASLEEP IN FLANDERS FIELDS

OR

REST BENEATH THE SURGING WAVES OF

THE MIGHTY ATLANTIC,

AND TO

OUR MOTHERS, OUR SISTERS, OUR WIVES, OUR DAUGHTERS,

WHO SUFFERED MENTALLY AS WE SUFFERED PHYSICALLY

DURING THE LONG DAYS AND LONG NIGHTS OF THE

WORLD WAR

THE DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA, THE AMERICAN LEGION,

1936

# PREFACE

This history of the participation of Georgia in the World War, and of the Department of Georgia, The American Legion, is written as concisely and as accurately as possible. Though brief it covers the most important events. Clearness and brevity have been striven for in preference to redundancy—a compendium preferred to a profound treatise. Statistics have been employed only in cases which would make conditions more enlightening to future generations, since appreciation is to be expected from the future rather than the present age.

The compilation of these records was as interesting as it was arduous. All government records pertaining to the World War period have been forwarded from the Regular Army posts in Georgia to the historical section of the War Department, and from this source, without personal investigation, information cannot be obtained. In seeking information, locally, those approached, with few exceptions, graciously extended help, and deep appreciation is accordingly expressed to them. The early records of the Legion in the Department, moved from one part of the state to another upon the change of each administration, suffered severely. Lost, destroyed or mutilated, many of the records are no longer useful for historical purposes. The non-existence of these files imposed a great hardship. In many cases data obtained from this source was fully substantiated and supplemented by information supplied by Legionnaires taking part in the early proceedings of the Department of Georgia.

No money was appropriated for the compilation of this work, except for stenographic help, which in comparison with the time expended in obtaining the information contained therein, is negligible. It has truly been a work of love. The "end justifies the means" if this modest work should increase the respect, at home and abroad, of Georgia as a State, and heighten the realization of the glorious accomplishments of earlier Georgians, and the intrinsic greatness of the "Empire State of the South".

DR. J. M. TOOMEY, HISTORIAN,  
DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA,  
THE AMERICAN LEGION.

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## Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion

*For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes; to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great War; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.*

