

Texas and the Great War: "Over There" and Online

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Signal Corps Photo 157305. General Pershing decorating men of the 36th Division with D.S.C., Melisse Younne, France, Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Texas Digital Archive.

Boy Scouts of America. Scouting, Volume 6, Number 8, April 15, 1918, periodical; New York, New York, Boy Scouts of America National Scouting Museum, Portal to Texas History.

Henry Dugat, Henry Lloyd Dugat Sr. Archives, Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center, Texas Digital Archive.

Signal Corps Photo 30558. Miss Adele Birdsall and Miss Thomas, of the American Red Cross, dispensing chocolate to men just in from the line. American Red Cross, Senoncourt, Meuse, France, Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Texas Digital Archive.

In 1917, Texans joined their fellow Americans in answering President Woodrow Wilson's call to arms in defense of liberty. They boldly entered the fray of the Great War. Their experiences, service, courage and sacrifices – from the home front to the western trenches of France – were recorded in letters, diaries, photographs, newspapers and official records long after the armistice of November 11, 1918.

This year, Texas Archives Month commemorates the 100th anniversary of America's entry into the First World War and recognizes the efforts of archivists, archival institutions and volunteers who collect, preserve and provide access to this rich documentary history through a growing number of online, digital collections like the ones pictured here. For more information, visit www.thrab.org.

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