

Pershing's Lieutenants: American Military Leadership in World War I

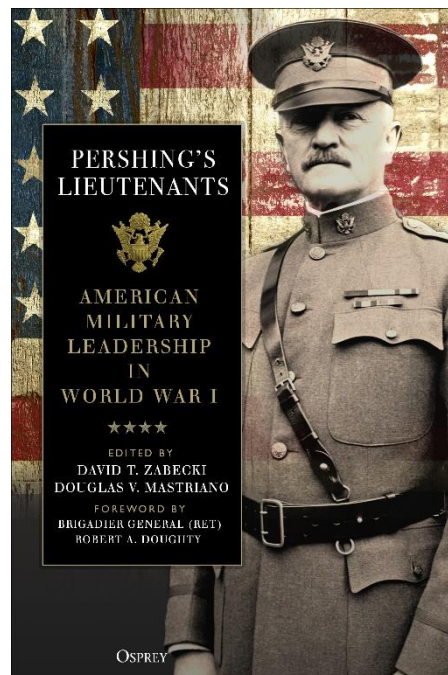
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Until the United States did so, no country in all history had tried to deploy a 2-million-man force 3,000 miles from its own borders, a force led by American Expeditionary Forces Commander-in-Chief General John J. Pershing. World War I was America's first truly modern war, and rising from its ranks was a new generation of leaders who would control the fate of the United States armed forces during the interwar period and into World War II. This book examines the history of the key leaders working for and with John J. Pershing during the tumultuous period of the final two years of the Great War.

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Pre-publication Acclaim for *Pershing's Lieutenants*.

"Behind every great captain of war stand typically overlooked but essential lieutenants... This new, expertly edited volume brings Pershing's illustrious and largely forgotten subordinates out of the shadows into the limelight they deserve."

Major General Mungo Melvin CB OBE, British Army (Ret)

"Even after more than a century of analysis, it is surprising how many gaps there are in our understanding of U.S. land forces on the Western Front, so this sparkling collection of essays is especially welcome. *Pershing's Lieutenants* goes straight onto any list of key books on American military history in the Great War."

Professor Gary Sheffield, Co-director of the First World War Research Group

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"April 1917 saw the U.S. military largely unprepared for participation in World War I. In this important study edited by Douglas V. Mastriano and David T. Zabecki, and bound to be required reading for military officers, 20 military historians trace the service of, and lessons learned, in that conflict by 22 key figures from future Army chiefs of staff and Marine Corps commandants, to specialists and regimental commanders."

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