



*A revealing account of New Mexicans' experiences
during and after the Great War*

Lest We Forget *World War I and New Mexico*

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More than 14,000 New Mexicans served in uniform during World War I, and thousands more contributed to the American home front. Yet today in New Mexico, the Great War and the lives it affected are scarcely remembered. *Lest We Forget* is the first detailed study of New Mexico's wartime mobilization, its soldiers' combat experiences, and its veterans' postwar lives, offering a poignant account of the profound changes these Americans underwent during and after the war.

In more than 1,500 eyewitness statements collected not long after the war ended, New Mexicans described the murderous effects of shrapnel and gas warfare, the impact of the Spanish influenza, and the other challenges they faced on the front. *Lest We Forget* also tells the often-overlooked story of what happened to New Mexico's veterans after the war.

A timely reminder of the courage and tragedy that accompany full-scale modern warfare, *Lest We Forget* reminds us of the enduring legacy of a vast international conflict that had long-lasting repercussions back home.

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