



## Local Memorial to a Global Conflict

**T**his year on Veterans Day, we celebrate a special anniversary. One hundred years ago on November 11 in Compiègne, France, the armistice was signed that brought an end to World War I. The United States stayed out of this massive conflict for almost three years. Once America entered the war in April 1917, the State of Georgia became heavily involved. Many training camps were

scattered around the state, and over 100,000 men and women from Georgia participated in the war effort.

After the war, thousands of memorials were erected around the world, including a significant one in Brunswick: Memorial Hall at Glynn Academy. Dedicated on Armistice Day (the original name for Veterans Day) in 1923, the building honored local veterans of World

War I. It was designed by Savannah architect, Henrik Wallin, who was reportedly inspired by the Library of Louvain in Belgium, a university library burned by the German army in 1914.

This month's image shows an early postcard of Glynn Academy's Memorial Hall, now known as the Glynn Academy Building.

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