

**SS8H7d** Explain reasons for World War I and describe Georgia's contributions

**REASON FOR WWI**

Densely populated European countries were economic and political rivals with one another. Ethnic conflicts, militarism, and the assassination of Austrian-Hungary Archduke Franz Ferdinand were causes of World War I. The US became involved after German U-boats sank the Lusitania ship carrying 128 Americans. US also feared Germany was trying to help Mexico invade the southern part of the United States known as the Zimmerman telegram.



Georgia's Military Training Facilities, 1918



**GEORGIA WWI CONTRIBUTIONS**

Georgia helped win WWI by providing over 100,000 soldiers and many women volunteers. Military camps around the state trained soldiers, pilots, and doctors and later became Forts that are still used today for training. There was also a prison camp that housed captured German soldiers. Cotton grown in Georgia made uniforms and food was sent overseas to the troops. Citizens bought Liberty Bonds and grew Victory Gardens to help.