

A BOOK PRESENTATION BY **ADRIENNE G. ALEXANIAN**, EDITOR

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017 — 7:30PM

Forced into Genocide

Memoirs of an Armenian Soldier in the Ottoman Turkish Army

INTRODUCTION BY **Sergio La Porta** | FOREWORD BY **Israel W. Charny** | TRANSACTION BOOKS 2017



"Yervant's story is an inescapable part of understanding another kind of suffering: the suffering of survivors."

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"Moving, uplifting, and richly detailed ... a gift to the Armenian community and, indeed, humanity."

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"Yervant Alexanian ... tells us the forgotten story of Armenians who served in the World War I Ottoman Army."

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"Unforgettable.... His story is long overdue."

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FORCED INTO GENOCIDE is the riveting memoir of Yervant Edward Alexanian: an eye-witness to the massacre and dislocation of his family and countrymen in Ottoman Turkey during World War I. Incredibly, Alexanian experienced the Armenian Genocide *as a conscript in the Turkish army*. His memoir is a one-of-a-kind "insider's account," documenting the Genocide's astonishing cruelty—but also its rare, unexpected acts of humanity.

No comparable account exists in the literature of the Armenian Genocide. This edition, translated from Alexanian's hand-written chronicle, includes rare documents and photos that the author preserved, a scholarly introduction, translator's note, and other supportive matter.

About the author and editor of *Forced into Genocide*:

Born in Sivas, Turkey, **YERVANT ALEXANIAN** survived the Hamidian massacres as an infant to later fight for survival as a conscript in the Ottoman Turkish Army during the Armenian Genocide of 1915. He fled to America in 1920, where he spent his life advocating justice for his people.

ADRIENNE G. ALEXANIAN, Yervant's daughter, has spent years preparing her father's manuscript for publication. She is an educator and a 2010 recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

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Admission is free and a reception will follow