

## NICOLAE IORGA AND THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE 9<sup>TH</sup> HUNTERS REGIMENT DURING THE WAR FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF THE ROMANIAN NATION

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**Abstract.** The special relationship between the great historian and patriot Nicolae Iorga and the 9<sup>th</sup> Hunters Regiment was founded on two elements, both of a subjective nature; 1. the high regard in which the historian duly held officer Gheorghe Rasoviceanu, battalion commander and subsequently commander of the 9<sup>th</sup> Hunters Regiment for five years, from October, 7<sup>th</sup> 1916 to October 7<sup>th</sup> 1921; 2. the presence of his son, Petre Iorga, and his son-in-law, officer Dimitrie Chirescu, future general (married to Florica Iorga) in the 9<sup>th</sup> Hunters Regiment. We find Second Lieutenant Petre N. Iorga in the Regiment, as Head of the Intelligence Office from June 16<sup>th</sup> 1917, taking part in the great battle of Mărășești, Muncelu and Poenile Popii (July-August 1917) and captain Dimitrie Chirescu from August 15<sup>th</sup> 1916 and the autumn of 1919. It was only natural then for the great historian to take such an interest in the Regiment and to nervously and eagerly follow its development throughout this period.

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The unparalleled extent of Nicolae Iorga's involvement in the realization of the national ideal since **the Cultural Establishments** were founded at Vălenii din Munte in 1908 and throughout the War of the Unification of Romania was the

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