

DUARTE LEITE

Navigator, military career, cosmographer
and politician
(Portugal, 1864-1950)



GALLERY
of HISTORIANS
and GEOGRAPHERS of
AMERICA

He made the Portuguese expansion the main object of historical study. He graduated from the faculty of mathematics of the University of Coimbra and had responsibility, for 25 years, for the academic disciplines of descriptive geometry, astronomy, and geodesy at the Polytechnic Academy of Porto. From 1906 onwards, he became active in politics, was outstanding as the consul of Portugal in Rio de Janeiro, and as a historian he researched and wrote about the history of Portuguese discoveries.

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