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## PREFACE

This volume covers Velleius' narrative of Caesar and Augustus down to the point at which my commentary on his Tiberian narrative, published in 1977, began. As before, my aims have been to try to establish what Velleius wrote and to explain the nature and meaning of his narrative. I very much regret that I have not been able to take anything more than a token account of the Budé edition of Velleius by Professor J. Hellegouarc'h, the very welcome appearance of which coincided with the virtual completion of my typescript.

During the preparation of this volume I have again benefited from John Prater's bibliographical notes on Velleius, kindly passed on to me by his father and mother. Mr R. W. Lamb has engaged me in a fascinating correspondence about the publication of the *editio princeps*, for which I am most grateful, and Mr J. J. Paterson has made me realise that 'at-a-distance' teaching is not necessarily a meaningless concept. My colleagues and friends in Leeds, especially Professor R. H. Martin, have allowed me to pester them with various questions; and I am also most grateful to Dr G. von der Gönna, Professor J. Hellegouarc'h, Professor P. Santini and Dr R. J. Starr for sending me copies of their various writings on Velleius.

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second term, the present volume would have been greatly impoverished.

Finally, it is a pleasure to express my gratitude to the Cambridge University Press for undertaking to publish, with their customary friendliness and efficiency, another volume of commentary on Velleius.

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References to Book 1 and to chapters 1–18 of Book 2 of Velleius are always given in full; other references to Book 2 omit the book number. In the commentary I often omit also the chapter number when reference is being made to a different section of the same chapter.

When referring to Cicero's letters and to Appian's *Bellum Civile*, I usually place in brackets the numeration used by their respective editors D. R. Shackleton Bailey and E. Gabba.

### A. ABBREVIATIONS

*Note.* This list includes neither current periodical abbreviations, for which I generally follow the system used in *L'Année philologique*, nor the familiar abbreviations of certain standard works.

<i>ALL</i>	<i>Archiv für lateinische Lexikographie und Grammatik</i>
<i>ANRW</i>	Temporini, H.–Haase, W. (1972–). <i>Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt</i> . Vols. 1–. Berlin–New York
<i>BMC Emp.</i>	Mattingly, H.–Carson, R. A. G. (1923–62). <i>Coins of the Roman Empire in the British Museum</i> . Vols. 1–6. London
<i>CAH</i>	Cook, S. A.–Adcock, F. E.–Charlesworth, M. P. (1923–39). <i>Cambridge Ancient History</i> . 1st edn. Cambridge
<i>CRR</i>	Sydenham, E. A. (1952). <i>The Coinage of the Roman Republic</i> . London
<i>EJ</i>	Ehrenberg, V.–Jones, A. H. M. (1955). <i>Documents Illustrating the Reigns of Augustus and Tiberius</i> . 2nd edn. Oxford [references are to entries unless otherwise stated]
<i>F.</i>	Fletcher, G. B. A. [notes privately communicated: see p. ix]
<i>H–W</i>	Hainsselin, P.–Watelet, H. (1932). <i>Velleius Paterculus et Florus. Texte revu et traduit</i> . Paris
<i>K–S</i>	Kühner, R.–Stegmann, C. (1971). <i>Ausführliche Grammatik der lateinischen Sprache</i> . Vol. 2 <i>Satzlehre</i> . Parts 1 and 2. 4th edn. Repr. Hanover
<i>L–H–S</i>	Leumann, M.–Hofmann, J. B.–Szantyr, A. (1972). <i>Lat-einische Grammatik</i> . Vol. 2 <i>Syntax und Stilistik</i> . Revised edn. Munich
<i>L&amp;S</i>	Lewis, C. T. & Short, C. (1879). <i>A Latin Dictionary</i> . Oxford



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- MRR* Broughton, T. R. S. (1951–60). *The Magistrates of the Roman Republic*. Vols. 1 and 2 (with Supplement). New York
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- PIR*<sup>2</sup> Groag, E.–Stein, A.–Petersen, L. (1933– ). *Prosopographia Imperii Romani*. Vols. 1–. 2nd edn. Berlin
- RG* *Res Gestae Divi Augusti*
- RIC* Mattingly, H.–Sydenham, E. A. *et al.* (1923–67). *Roman Imperial Coinage*. Vols. 1–9. London
- RRC* Crawford, M. (1974). *Roman Republican Coinage*. Vols. 1–2. Cambridge
- TLL* *Thesaurus Linguae Latinae*
- TN* Woodman, A. J. (1977). *Velleius Paterculus: The Tiberian Narrative (2.94–131)*. Cambridge Classical Texts and Commentaries 19. Cambridge

## B. CRITICAL EDITIONS AND COMMENTARIES

*Note.* I always refer to critical editions etc. of Velleius by the name of the editor or commentator. This list includes only those works to which I refer in this volume; more complete inventories will be found in Krause 61–104, Kritz cxxviii–cxxxvi, Stegmann viii–xii.

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