
"THE MEASURE OF AMERICA'S WORLD WAR I AERONAUTICAL EFFORT"

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This was written by Col. Edgar S. Gorrell and given as a lecture at Norwich University on November 26, 1940. Col. Gorrell, whose first-hand knowledge of the subject is without parallel, was sent to Europe in 1917 as a member of the Boiling Commission, remained there to become, in succession, Chief Engineer, Asst. Chief of Staff, and Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Service. He was later appointed official historian of the A.E.F. Air Service and was responsible for compilation of the "Final Report of the Chief of the Air Service", a document of about 60 volumes, 5,000 photos, 5,000 charts and many tabulations, a complete story of what took place in the Air Service in Europe.

Col. Gorrell's lecture gave a brief outline of the "Final Report", (only one copy of which was ever filed and which is now in the War Records Section of the National Archives). But it contains many facts, for instance, numbers of planes and personnel at the Front each month, Squadron numbers and their equipment, dates assigned to the Front and later demobbed, the strength of American squadrons and of German aviation for the last Argonne attack, etc. I highly recommend it to the WWI historian.

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