

**SOUTHAMPTON
HISTORY OF WORLD'S WAR WORK
NEW YORK STATE HISTORY**

Name in full and rank .. Major William Wickham Hoffman *Major* ..
 Organizations .. Air Service .. Ship ..
 Place and date of enlistment .. France, June, 1917.
 Place and date of discharge ... United States, November, 1919.
 Military camps with dates (St. John's Wood and Shoeburyness, England, April, 1917...
 (Tours School October, 1917)
 Date of trip overseas and return .. See Attached War Record

Describe below service as you saw it, battles and engagements, etc., also interesting items of historic value. Give accounts of all medals, citations and certificates of merit awarded you. Your photograph is especially requested. Are you a member of the Malcolm White Post, No. 433, American Legion? If so note it below.

Attended First Plattsburg Training Camp, Aug. 1915 and July, 1916.

Went to England as representative of the Rockefeller Foundation in January, 1917.

After we entered the War trained in England for Artillery at St. John's Wood and Shoeburyness.

Went to France in June, 1917. Was commissioned Captain in the Air Service and assigned to make a special study of liaison between the Artillery and Air Service.

Assigned to G.E.Q., Chaumont, France, September, 1917. *Chaumont* *Fulfilled*
 several missions to the front.

Assigned to Air Service, H.Q., Tours, France. Trained as Pilot and received Pilot's Certificate at Tours School.

Ordered to join as Observer Aviation Squadron with the Fourth French Army occupying the Chateau Sector. Spent three weeks with the Fourth French Army until receipt of orders to report to Washington and join the Training Section of the Air Service in Washington. Sailed from Brest in the latter part of May, 1918 on the U.S.S. "Lincoln" and was torpedoed at sea after four days out from Brest. Rescued by U. S. Destroyer and returned to Brest. Sailed again for Washington, arriving there in June, and was put in charge of Aerial Observation in the United States.

Promoted to Major and ordered to return to France in September on special mission. Was present and participated in part of the Argonne-Meuse offensive.

Again ordered back to Washington, returning in October, 1918 and remained until December, when ordered to Brussels, Belgium, as Military Attache.

Served as Military Attache in Brussels until October, 1919 and was then ordered to accompany King Albert of the Belgians as Special Aide during his visit to this country. Sailed with the Royal Party on the U.S.S. "George Washington" and accompanied King Albert during his whole visit through the United States.

Discharged November, 1919.

Decorations:

French Croix de Guerre
 Belgian Croix de Guerre
 Officer of the Crown, Belgium

W. W. Hoffman