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PREFACE

ENTHUSIASTS are apt to claim too much for aviation and, as a witty airman has remarked, to fly before they can walk and to talk before they can fly. No one appreciates such jests more than the pioneers of aviation, and the famous airmen who to-day are carrying on their work. Their achievements are facts which need no furbishing. The purpose of this book has been to put certain facts before the reader and to indicate the problems which arise from them. For the facts the writer has gone to the most authoritative sources of information; and much light has been shed on several of the problems by Mr. J. M. Spaight in his book *Air Power and War Rights*, to which reference is made in Chapter III.

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