

## **MAX, I Didn't Get to Know Him Very Well**

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“Max” is the story of Max Miller, one of the foremost of the U. S. Air Mail Service aviators. Max joined the Air Mail Service shortly after the initial May 15, 1918 flights. His story, from then until his untimely death on September 1, 1920, is the story of the early development of the transcontinental airmail route.

The author has been interested in aircraft and aviation since a pre-teen and corresponded regularly with virtually every United States aircraft manufacturer until the time he entered college. He began serious research work over 30 years ago when questions arose about the first Government air mail flight between New York and Chicago September 5-10, 1918. “Max,” though about one air mail pilot, is an expanded extract of ongoing research and a work in progress of the 1918-1924 period and covers several phases of the United States Government Air Mail Service.

Though there are documents yet to be discovered, “Max” is presented in a manner which allows the existing documents to form the groundwork for the story and have logic and aviation knowledge supply the bridge between them.