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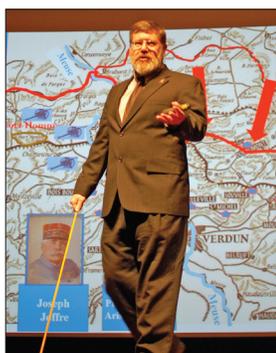
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When the U.S. entered World War I in April 1917 the U.S. Army was a small constabulary force whose outlooks, doctrine and organization was much more suited to the realities of nineteenth century warfare than to the crucible of the Great War. In a mere 19 months, this army of 280,000 expanded to over four million soldiers and embarked upon a crash course in waging mass industrial war. Although this expansion was a major feat of national mobilization, the systemic problems associated with growing the army and the challenges that it faced in learning to fight modern war against a well-trained and experienced enemy meant that the process was far from smooth. In this tenth lecture in the series, Dr. Faulkner examines how well the U.S. Army met the myriad of difficulties presented in fighting the Great War and its effectiveness as a fighting force.



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