

## ***1909, Fort Myer, Virginia***

View of U.S. Army parade ground, Fort Myer, Va., Wright airplane visible in distance on ground, launching derrick to the left, large crowd gathered to witness flights. The flights conducted there in June and July were a continuation of the Wright brothers' government trials, interrupted by the September 17, 1908 accident that happened to Orville.

**Fly, v. 1, Aug. 1909: 18. Similar: USAF 198232; World Today, v. 17, Sept. 1909: 932**

Series of Air Force photos of Wright brothers' flights, Fort Myer, Va., June-July.

**USAF 198214-198253**

Series of twelve photographs, taken by James H. Hare, Fort Myer, of Wright brothers' activities, July.

**Collier's, v. 43, July 17, 1909: 21**

Wilbur conferring with Charles Taylor.

**MILWA v. 2: 188**

Orville, side view, conversing with sister Katharine and friend.

**MILWA v. 2: 188**

Lt. Benjamin D. Foulois and Orville, full length, standing on parade ground.

**LC-BAIN; YPHA 37**

Two groups of five people, senators and their wives, watching the Wright flights from flying field.

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German Ambassador Johann H. A. von Bernstorff and Maj. George O. Squier conversing beside Wright airplane rudders.

**SMIN 42,667-D; USAF 48598**

Orville standing in doorway of hangar with soldier, Charles P. Taft (son of President Taft), and an unidentified man.

**YPHA 37**

Left side view of Wright airplane being removed from hangar, Orville at left wing tip supervising removal.

**SMIN 42,927-F**

Front view of Wright airplane being pulled away from hangar by military personnel.

**SMIN 43,008-V**

Right side view of Wright airplane being pulled across parade ground by military personnel.

**SMIN 43,008-G**

Right front view of Wright airplane being placed on starting rail by military personnel.

**TILLMU 59; USAF 16773**

Left front view of Wright airplane on flying field, spectators gathered around at left.

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Close-up view of crowd of spectators gathered around Wright airplane on starting track ready for takeoff.

**USAF 48611; World Today, v. 17, Sept. 1909: 934**

Right front view of Wright airplane on launching track, Orville seated at controls.

**SMIN 43,008-L**

Right rear view of Wright airplane taking off from starting rail, Charles Taylor at right looking on.

**MILWA v. 2: 159; YPHA 37. Similar, without Taylor: SMIN 42,927-D; World Today, v. 17, Sept. 1909: 934**

Right front view of Wright airplane in flight, Fort Myer buildings visible in background below.

**Am Aeronaut, v. 1, Sept. 1909: 85; Ill Aero Mitteil, v. 13, Sept. 22, 1909: 842**

Wright airplane flying at a considerable height, launching tower visible in background below.

**Am Aeronaut, v. 1, Sept. 1909: 85; Ill Aero Mitteil, v. 13, Sept. 22, 1909: 842**

Front view of Wright airplane in flight over hangar and tents to the right.

**SMIN 42,284-J**

Side view of Wright airplane in level flight, trees in background below.

**SMIN 42,286-C**

Front view of Wright airplane in flight over Fort Myer parade ground, large crowd, many automobiles visible below in foreground.

**LC-BAIN; Saturday Evening Mail, Aug. 7, 1909: 3; SMIN 43,008-5; SMIN 43,062-C; SMIN 43,062-D**

Left front view of Wright airplane in flight at sunset.

**Nat Geog Mag, v. 104, Dec. 1953: 743; World Today, v. 17, Sept. 1909: 931**

Wilbur and Charles Taylor watching Orville in flight past launching tower.

**Automobile, v. 2: July 8, 1909: 51; Nat Geog Mag, v. 104, Dec. 1953: 742; Nat Geog Mag, v. 112, Aug. 1957: 273. Similar: SMIN 42,055**

Left front view of Wright airplane, in front of hangar, being prepared for a flight not made because of high wind, Orville and military personnel at front of machine, June 28.

**LC-JONES; SMIN 44,833-F; USAF 9608 A.S.**

Views of crowd of spectators on flying field, gathered around Wright airplane to witness a flight by Orville.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9607 A.S.; USAF 9612 A.S.; USAF 9613 A.S.**

Right front view of Wright airplane, Orville between skids making preparations for flight, June 28.

**LC-JONES; SMIN 42,737-F; USAF 9606 A.S.; USAF 9609 A.S.; USAF 9618 A.S.; USAF 198220**

Rear view of Wright airplane on flying field, the launching derrick used for starting flights at left, June 28.

**LC-JONES; MCFWP 184; JOHHU 245; USAF 9611 A.S.; USAF 9614 A.S.; USAF 16771; USAF 16774**

Views showing corner of hangar, barns, tent with men resting on ground outside, several mounted cavalrymen, Fort Myer area, June 28.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9623 A.S.; USAF 9624 A.S.; USAF 9626 A.S.**

Right front view of Wright airplane on flying field, June 28.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9622 A.S.; USAF 9625 A.S.; USAF 9617 A.S. Similar: LC-BAIN**

Right rear side view of Wright airplane in front of hangar, crowd at extreme right looking on, June 29.

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Right front view of Wright airplane on starting rail, June 29.

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Full front view of Wright airplane on starting track, starting derrick directly behind, man perched on top, barracks in background to left, June 29.

**LC-JONES; Atmosphere, 1943; CXXI; COCKDH following 168; HEGOV facing 112; SMIN 42,670-A; USAF 9612 A.S.; USAF 16770. Similar, slight angle CLHAGW facing 141**

Right front view of Wright airplane on flying field, Orville between skids adjusting motor, June 29.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9618 A.S. Similar: SMIN 43,008-A**

Right front view of Wright airplane, Wilbur inspecting it, two military personnel at his left, two at his right, June 29.

**USAF 198223**

Right front view of Wright airplane, Orville seated at controls ready for takeoff, June 29. Four short flights were made on this date, highest altitude 25 feet.

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Right side view of Wright airplane in flight just above ground after leaving starting rail, June 29.

**LC-JONES; MCFWP 186; SMIN 43,523-A; USAF 9619 A.S.**

Right front view of Wright airplane immediately following takeoff, June 29.

**LC-BAIN; SMIN 43,055-H**

Right front view of Wright airplane on flying field, Wilbur wearing derby hat at near end, Orville standing between skids, June 29.

**LC-JONES; MCFWP 185; Aerosphere, 1943:CXXXV; DAFFA 19; GANAC 39; HAWBHP 83; LANFL 40; SMIN 30,959-E; USAF 9616 A.S.; USAF 198218**

Side view of Wright airplane just taking off from starting rail, June 29.

**LC-BAIN; LC-JONES; SMIN 43,523-A; USAF 9619 A.S.; USAF 9620 A.S.**

Front view of Wright airplane in flight above treetops to the left of the starting derrick, July 1.

**LC-BAIN. Similar, without starting derrick LC-BAIN**

Full right side view of Wright airplane on starting rail, July 2.

**LC-JONES; MCFWP 183; SMIN A42,670; USAF 9661 A.S.; USAF 16769**

Front right side view of Wright airplane on starting rail ready for takeoff, launching derrick and Fort Myer buildings at left, July 2.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9655 A.S.; USAF 8646**

Orville in flight making a short turn to left, launching derrick at extreme left, four military men at its base watching flight, July 2.

**Am Aeronaut, v. 1, Sept. 1909:80; Sci Am, v. 101, Aug. 14, 1909:112; SMIN 42,055; USAF 48596. Similar views at greater distance from launching derrick showing large groups watching flight: LC-BAIN; COCKDH following 168; HAWBHP 83; SMIN 42,699; USAF 9653 A.S.; USAF 9664 A.S.; USAF 48596**

Right front view from below of Orville in flight, barracks visible below in background, July 2.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9656 A.S. Similar: LC-JONES; USAF 9662 A.S.**

Left rear view of Wright airplane on ground following an accident which occurred when the ribs of the main plane were broken in passing over a dead tree and the machine fell, breaking the skids, July 2. Orville in dark suit stands near left wing tip. Lt. Frank P. Lahm, with raised riding crop, directs the removal of the machine.

**LC-JONES; MCFWP 187; USAF 9658 A.S.**

Wright airplane being returned to hangar following accident, July 2.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9654 A.S.; USAF 9659 A.S.; USAF 9660 A.S.**

Orville in flight over parade ground, military barracks in background, large tent at extreme right, a number of spectators sitting and standing observing flight, July 19.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9665 A.S.; USAF 9669 A.S.**

Side view of Orville in flight, hangar and tents in foreground below, several women standing observing flight, July 19.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9666 A.S.; USAF 9668 A.S.**

Wright airplane in flight as seen from below, July 19.

**LC-JONES; MCFWP 188; USAF 9670 A.S.**

Three distant views of Orville in flight, hangar and tents in foreground below, July 20.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9715 A.S.; USAF 9718 A.S.; USAF 9720 A.S.**

Five distant views of Orville in flight, July 20.

**LC-JONES; HAWBHP 84; USAF 9716 A.S.;  
USAF 9717 A.S.; USAF 9719 A.S.; USAF 9721 A.S.;  
USAF 9722 A.S.**

President William Howard Taft in the doorway of the Wright hangar on a visit, military personnel outside looking on, July 26.

**LC-JONES; MILWA v. 2: 188; USAF 9714 A.S.**

President Taft standing at front of tent observing Orville's flight, also witnessed by cabinet officers, high government officials, and nearby crowd, July 26.

**HAWBHP 85; USAF 48604**

Lt. Frank P. Lahm and Wilbur, full length, on flying field, July 27.

**SMIN 43,055; YPHA 37**

Right front view of Wright airplane being placed on starting rail, July 27.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9678 A.S.; USAF 16773**

Right front view of Wright airplane, Orville standing between skids talking with workman, July 27.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9676 A.S.**

Right side front view of Wright airplane on starting rail, Lt. Lahm and Orville conversing in front, Wilbur and Lt. Benjamin D. Foulois conversing in rear, July 27.

**LC-JONES; KELWB b. 180-181; SMINA41,140-A; USAF 9671 A.S.; U.S. Air Services, v. 24, Aug. 1939: 11; YPHA 37**

Right side front view of Wright airplane on starting rail, Orville standing by skid waiting for a lull in the wind, military personnel also around airplane, July 27.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9679 A.S.; USAF 8649**

Left front view of Wright airplane, Lt. Lahm seated in it, Orville crouched between skids connecting the rope and weight to machine before takeoff, July 27.

**World Today, v. 17, Sept. 1909:933**

Right side front view of Wright airplane, Lt. Lahm and Orville, who is at controls, awaiting takeoff, July 27.

**LC-JONES; MCFWP 180; COCKDH following 168; HAWBHP 84; SMIN 41,589; USAF 9672 A.S.**

Wilbur at base of starting derrick timing Orville's flight, military personnel also present, July 27.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9673 A.S.**

Group photograph of the military Aeronautic Board which passed upon the flight of July 27.

**LC-JONES; CLHAGW facing 169; GHUSAF 5; USAF 9675 A.S.**

Wright airplane on starting rail ready for takeoff, Orville at front making final adjustments, July 27.

**LC-JONES; SMINA42,668-B; USAF 9680 AS.**

Left rear view of Wright airplane in flight of 1 hour, 12 minutes, 37 <sup>4</sup>/<sub>5</sub> seconds, July 27. Flight made by Orville and passenger Lt. Frank P. Lahm established new record for two-man flight and also fulfilled an army contract requirement for airplane by its remaining in the air for an hour carrying two persons.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9679 A.S.; USAF 9681 A.S.; USAF 9682 A.S.**

Military personnel sliding dolly beneath skids of Wright airplane in front of hangar before pulling airplane to starting rail, Katharine at extreme right looking on, July 30.

**Nat Geog Mag, v. 112, Aug. 1957: 268**

Left front view of Wright airplane in front of hangar, being prepared for flight, July 30.

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Wright airplane in front of hangar, being made ready for transport to flying field, July 30.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9685 A.S.; USAF 9691 A.S.**

Wilbur (left), Lt. Benjamin Foulois (center), and Orville (right) discussing the successful speed test flight of July 30, 1909, that covered a distance of about ten miles at Alexandria, Virginia.



Orville, Lt. Benjamin D. Foulois, and Wilbur walking along starting track, July 30.

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Wilbur and Orville discussing the Alexandria flight with Lt. Foulois, a flag used to mark the course of test flights between Fort Myer and Alexandria, Va., raised over Wilbur's shoulder, July 30.

**LC-JONES; MCFWP 189; TILLMU 66; USAF 9690 A.S.; U.S. Air Services, v. 29, Aug. 1944: 14**

View of photographers and spectators gathered to witness Orville's flight, Orville seen striding to right, Wright airplane and launching derrick at extreme right, July 30.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9686 A.S.**

Right front side view of Wright airplane on starting track, being prepared for takeoff, July 30.

**LC-JONES; GHUSAF 5; TILLMU 62; USAF 9687 A.S.; USAF 9689 A.S.; USAF 9695 A.S.**

Katharine Wright and her party watching Wright airplane in flight, a crowd of witnesses at far rear, July 30.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9697 A.S.**

Wilbur, wearing straw hat, high collar, tie, and vest, timing flight to Alexandria, July 30.

**LC-JONES; USAF 9696 A.S.**

Right front view of Orville in flight, with Lt. Benjamin D. Foulois as passenger-observer, rounding captive balloon on Shooter's Hill, Alexandria, turning point of the army speed test, July 30. An average speed of 42.583 miles per hour was achieved.

**MCFWP 191; American Aeronaut, v.1, Sept. 1909: 83; Collier's, v. 43, Aug. 14, 1909: 22; EWBNM 58; Fly, v. 1, Sept. 1909: 8; Saturday Evening Mail, Aug. 7, 1909; SMIN 21,337**

Rear view of Wright airplane in flight, passing over four tents and shed in foreground, family of three walking away to left, mounted cavalryman at right, July 30.

**LC-JONES. In reverse: SMIN A48,065-Q**