1909, Germany (Tempelhof Field, Berlin, and Bornstedt Field, Potsdam)

Tempelhof Field, Berlin, where Orville conducted exhibition flights, August 3-September 18, 1909, to fulfill a contract made with the German newspaper Lokal-Anzeiger.

Die Woche, v. 11, Aug. 28, 1909: 479; Ill Aero Mitteil, v.13, Sept. 8, 1909: 814

Right front view of Wright airplane after assembly in quarters of German Wright Company, Flugmaschine Wright. Die Woche, v.11, Aug. 28, 1909: 1478

Wright airplane on ground in front of hangar. SMIN 42,805-F

Close-up center section view of Wright airplane, showing two seats, controls, and transmission.

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Orville seated at controls of Wright airplane before takeoff at Tempelhof Field.

Die Woche, v.11, Sept. 11, 1909: 1566

Control system of the Wright airplane as used in Berlin. L'Aérophile, v.17, Oct. 1, 1909: 439

Wheeling out Wright airplane in preparation for flight at Tempelhof Field.

> LC-BAIN; Ill Aero Mitteil, v. 13, Sept. 8, 1909: 815; GSWB 25; SBNA 121; SMIN 42,805-F; SMIN 43,008-B; SMIN 43,000-W; Sport im Bild, Sept.10, 1909; Die Woche, v. 11, Sept. 11, 1909: 1566

Right front view of Wright airplane on launching track at Tempelhof Field, Orville making adjustments to machine before take off.

LC-HILDEBRANDT; SMIN 42,783-J; Sport im Bild, Sept. 10, 1909: 1001

Right front view of Orville in flight at Tempelhof Field, airplane at end of launching track during takeoff.

SMIN 612,783-F. Similar, when airplane is at slightly higher altitude: HAWBHP 86; SMIN 42,572-A

Left front view of Orville in flight at Tempelhof Field, mounted horseman in distance below.

SMIN 42,783-G

Right side view of Orville in Wright airplane in level flight across Tempelhof Field.

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Right front view of Wright airplane flying at a considerable altitude over Tempelhof Field, large crowd witnessing flight in foreground below.

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Rear view of Wright airplane in flight over Tempelhof Field, four spectators below at extreme left viewing flight. Die Woche, v. 11, Sept. 11, 1909: 1565

Gen. Helmuth J. L. von Moltke, chief of the German general staff, Mrs. von Moltke, and Gen. von Kessel conversing with Orville on Tempelhof Field, September 4.

Die Woche, v. 11, Sept. 11, 1909: 1566

Group photo with Gen. von Moltke congratulating Orville following his first public flight in Germany, September 4. Katharine in center faces the two men.

MILWA v.2: 200

Mrs. Alfred Hildebrandt seated in Wright airplane, preparing for flight, Orville standing between skids facing her, Capt. Alfred Hildebrandt at right looking on.

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Mrs. Hildebrandt, the first woman to fly as a passenger in an airplane in Germany, seated in Wright airplane with Orville before a flight with him of 8 minutes, 38 seconds, on September 9.

BRABSL 89. Similar, Mrs. Hildehrandt alone: Die Woche, v. 11,Sept. 18, 1909: 1610

View of large crowd assembled to witness flights by Orville at Tempelhof Field.

Die Woche, v. 11, Sept. 18, 1909: 1610

German Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm in conversation with Orville at Tempelhof Field, September 9.

Die Woche, v. 11, Sept. 18, 1909: 1609

Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm, Hart O. Berg, and Orville conversing near Wright airplane on Orville's return from a flight, Tempelhof Field, September 9.

LC-BECK (three slightly differing views); COCKDH following 168; Flugsport, v.1, Sept. 17, 1909:555; FWGWA 10; SUBDF v. 2:139

Prof. Hugo Hergesell, University of Strassburg, seated in Wright airplane, for a flight with Orville who is standing in front between skids, September 13.

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Left front view of Orville in flight over Tempelhof Field, watched by group below including German empress and other high-ranking officials.

HÄWBHP 86; SMIN 42,783 -K

German empress and princess Viktoria Luise observing Orville's flight from their automobile, Tempelhof Field, September 17. Berliner Lokal-Anzeiger, Sept. 20, 1909

Prince August Wilhelm and Prince Adalbert conversing with Orville close by the Wright airplane, Tempelhof Field, September 17.

Berliner Lokal-Anzeiger, Sept. 20, 1909.

Orville flying over a captive balloon at Tempelhof Field as he breaks existing altitude record, rising to a height of 172 meters 565 feet), September 17.

LC-HILDEBRANDT; Berliner Lokal-Anzeiger, Sept. 20, 1909; Motor, v.16, Sept. 28, 1909:278; Die Woche, v.11, Sept. 25, 1909:1649

Mounted helmeted German military officer, wearing cape, obsering flight by Orville.

LC-BECK Air-Scout, v. 1, Jan. 1911: 17; SMIN 32,031-B

Large crowd, some waving hats to Orville as he passes overhead in one of his flights at Tempelhof Field.

L'Aérophile, v. 17, Sept. 15, 1909:420; MCMWB 242; Die Woche, Sept. 11, 1909:1566

Close-up photo of Orville in flight at Tempelhof Field, mounted horseman in distance below.

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Orville standing next to Hart O. Berg at Wright airplane, a guard stationed at the right.

L'Aérophile, v. 17, Sept. 15, 1909:420

German royal family present at Tempelhof Field to witness flights by Orville, September 17.

Berliner Lokal-Anzeiger, Sept. 20, 1909

Group photo at Tempelhof Field with Orville, Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm, and Katharine Wright posing in front of an early model German automobile.

LC-BECK; LOCA 275; YPHA 36

Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm, the first member of a royal family to ride in an airplane, photographed as a passenger with Orville on a flight of about 15 minutes, mounted helmeted German military personnel controlling large crowd below, Bornstedt Field, Potsdam, October 2. Having completed his exhibition flights at Tempelhof Field, Berlin, Orville moved to Bornstedt Field, a drilling ground for the Potsdam garrison, to give flying lessons to Capt. Paul Engelhard, retired German naval officer.

Vie grand air, v. 15, Oct. 9, 1909: cover

Orville riding with Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm in small four-passenger automobile. Crown Prince on left front seat is conversing with Orville who is seated next to German officer on rear left seat.

Vie grand air, v. 15, Oct. 9, 1909: cover

Orville is congratulated by the royal family, including Emperor Wilhelm II, the empress, and Princess Viktoria Luise, following a spectacular flight lasting 25 to 30 minutes, his last appearance in Germany, Bornstedt Field, Potsdam, October 15.

LC-BECK; FWGWA 11; MCMWB 242