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[[negative image reproduction of a newspaper obituary of Thomas DeWitt Milling]]

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^[[Died Nov. 26, 1960
Washington, D.C.]]

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Thomas DeWitt Milling
MILLING, THOMAS De WITT, Major, Air Service; born, Winnfield, La.,
Julu 31, 1887; son of Robert E. Milling and Ida (Roberts) Milling,

Educated: Public schools of Franklin, La; U.S. Military Academy.

Professional: 1909, U.S. Military Academy; 2nd Lieut., 15th Cavalry,
Sept 1909 to April 1914; on duty with Aviation Section, Signal Corps, as
1st Lieut., Captain and Major, to Aug. 1917; Lt. Col. and Col., Air Service
to April 1920.

Aeronautical Activities: on continuous aeronautical duty since April
1911; received instruction and flying at Wright School, Dayton, Ohio,
1911; assisted in establishing First Army Aviation School College Park
Md., 1911; instructor in flying, 1911, 1912, and 1913; entered
International Meets, Boston and New York, Fall of 1911, broke world's
endurance record, carrying two passengers, also won 2d place, Tri-
State Race, for biplanes, one of the longest crosscountry event at that
time;

Successfully conducted tests in

The observation of artillery fire

From airplane, using both radio and dropped messages, at Fort Riley,
Kansas, 1912; served with the First Aviation Detachment, stationed at
Texas City, Tex., for expected service in Mexico, 1913; established a
new American Air Service distance and endurance record, with
passenger, by making a non-stop flight from Texas City Tex. to San
Antonio Tex. distance to 120 mi.; return flight made in same manner,
1913; officer in charge of flying training, army aviation school, San Diego
California, 1913; on duty in France, Germany, Austria, and England,
attending for an aviation schools and studying aeronautical conditions in
Europe, fall of 1913, spring of 1914; in France, Germany, Austria, and
England, attending for an aviation schools and studying aeronautical
conditions in Europe, fall of 1913, spring of 1914; served with First Aero
Squadron, Galveston Tex., 1914; commandant Aviation Detachment on
Mexican border Brownsville, Tex. 1915; Officer in charge of flying
training, Army Aviation School, San Diego Calif., 1914 and 1915; served
with First Aero Squadron, Fort Sill, Okla., and San Antonio Tex., 1915;
conducted tests on first automatic camera from airplane, 1915; Officer in
charge of officer in charge of flying training, War Department, 1916-
1917; organized first fire school for instruction of Reserve Military
Aviators, 1916; Chief of Air Service training, A. E. F., 1917; member of
Training Section, General Staff, A. E. F., 1918; Officer in charge, Air
Service Tactical School, Langley field, 1920 to 1925.

Flying Rating: Pilot's Certificate No. 30, July 6 1911; Expert Aviator's
Certificate No. 3, Sept. 1911; first Military Aviator, U. S. Army, July 5,



1912; Junior Military Aviator, July 22, 1914; Military Aviator, Aug. 8, 1917; Airplane Pilot, Oct. 5, 1920.
War Service: Chief of Air Service Training, A. E. F., Sept. 3, 1917 to Jan. 3, 1918; member of Training Section, General Staff, A. E. F., to June 4, 1918; Commanding Officer, American Air Service Units, Toul Sector, to Aug. 24, 1918; Chief of Staff, Air Service, First Army, to Oct. 18, 1918; Chief of Air Service, First Army, to Jan. 25, 1919; returned to U. S., Feb. 1919; Assistant to Chief of Training and Operations, Air Service, March 1919 to June 1920; Officer in Charge, Air Service Field Officer's School, 1921.
War Honors: Awarded Distinguished Service Medal, U. S.; Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, by France; Officer of the Order of Leopold, by Belgium.
Member: Chevy Chase Club; Racquet Club; Army and Navy Club (Wash.).
Present Occupation: Major, Air Service.
Address: McCook Field, Dayton, Ohio.

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