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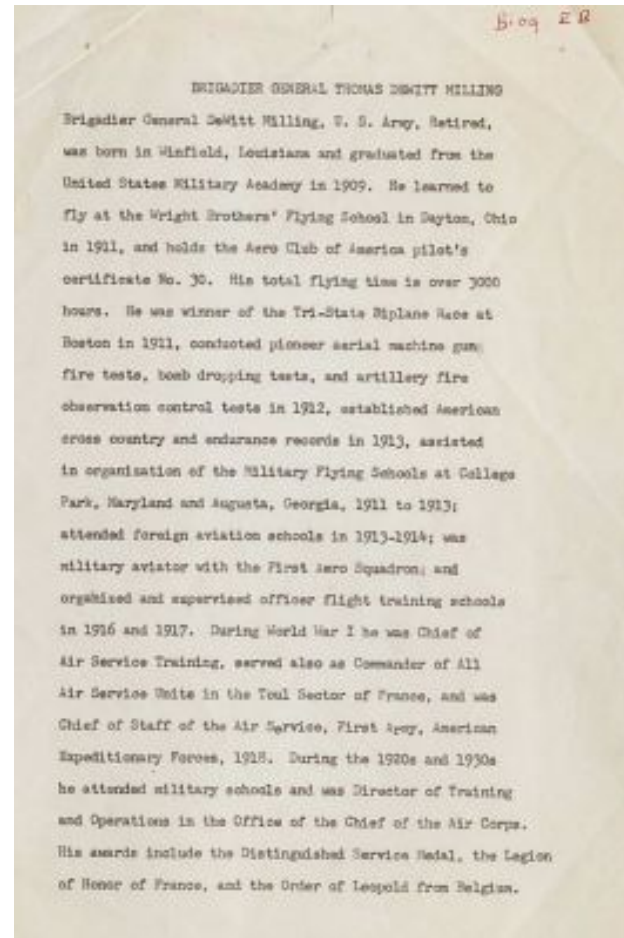
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BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMAS DEWITT MILLING Brigadier General DeWitt Milling, U.S. Army, Retired, was born in Winfield, Louisiana and graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1909. He learned to fly at the Wright Brothers' Flying School in Dayton, Ohio in 1911, and holds the Aero Club of America pilot's certificate No. 30. His total flying time is over 3000 hours. He was winner of the Tri-State Biplane Race at Boston in 1911, conducted pioneer aerial machine gun fire tests, bomb dropping tests, and artillery fire observation control tests in 1912, established American cross country and endurance records in 1913, assisted in organization of the Military Flying Schools at College Park, Maryland and Augusta, Georgia, 1911 to 1913; attended foreign aviation schools in 1913-1914; was military aviator with the First Aero Squadron; and organized and supervised officer flight training schools in 1916 and 1917. During World War I he was Chief of Air Service Training, served also as Commander of All Air Service Units in the Toul Sector of France, and was Chief of Staff of the Air Service, First Army, American Expeditionary Forces, 1918. During the 1920s and 1930s he attended military schools and was Director of Training and Operations in the Office of the Chief of the Air Corps. His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Honor of France, and the Order of Leopold from Belgium.



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