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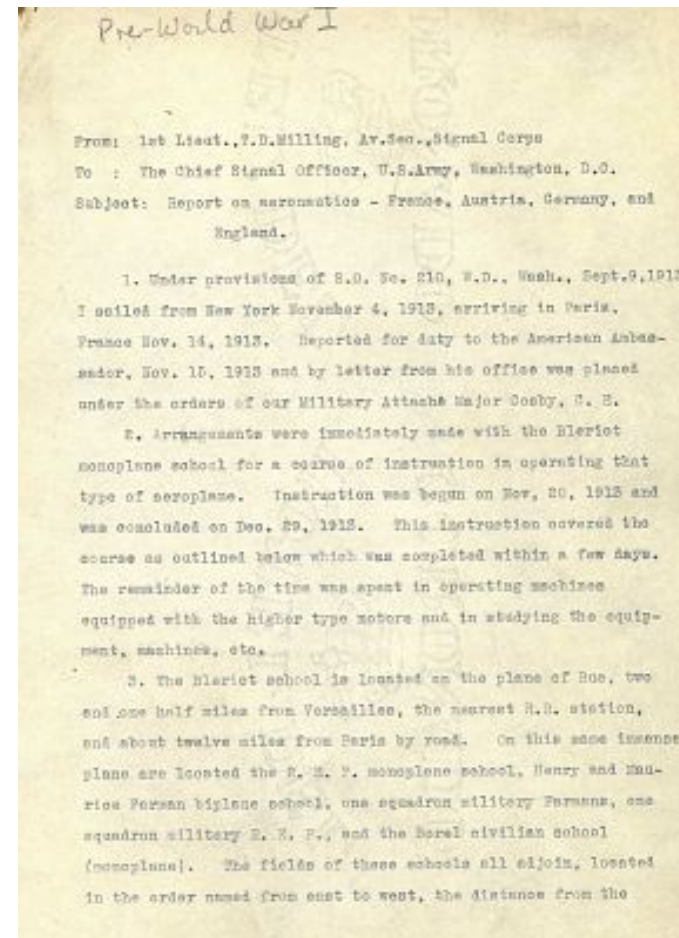
Pre-World War I

From: 1st Lieut., T.D. Milling, Av. Sec., Signal Corps
To: The Chief Signal Officer, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.
Subject: Report on aeronautics - France, Austria, Germany, and England.

1. Under provisions of S.O. No. 210, W.D., Wash., Sept. 9, 1913, I sailed from New York November 4, 1913, arriving in Paris, France Nov. 14, 1913. Reported for duty to the American Ambassador, Nov. 15, 1913 and by letter from his office was placed under the orders of our Military Attaché Major Cosby, C. E.

2. Arrangements were immediately made with the Bleriot monoplane school for a course of instruction in operating that type of aeroplane. Instruction was begun on Nov. 20, 1913 and was concluded on Dec. 29, 1913. This instruction covered the course as outlined below which was completed within a few days. The remainder of the time was spent in operating machines equipped with the higher type motors and in studying the equipment, machines, etc.

3. The Bleriot school is located on the plane of Buc, two and one half miles from Versailles, the nearest R.R. station, and about twelve miles from Paris by road. On this same immense plane are located the R. E. P. monoplane school, Henry and Maurice Farman biplane school, one squadron military Farmans, one squadron military R. E. P., and the Borel civilian school (monoplane). The fields of these schools all adjoin, located in the order named from east to west, the distance from the



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