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Biog. File

Katherine Stinson Otero

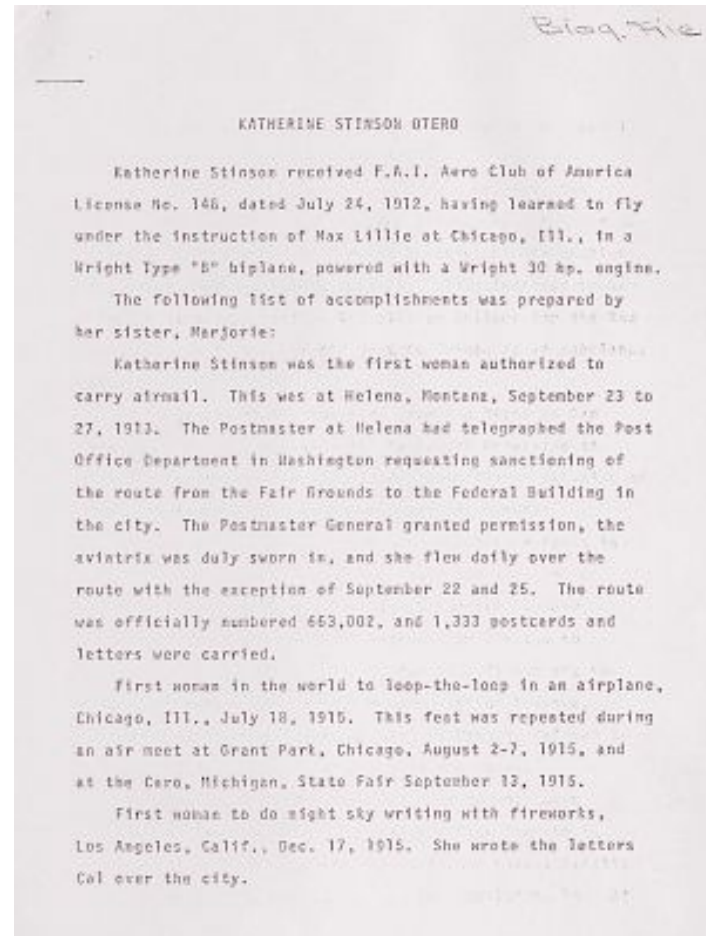
Katherine Stinson received F.A.I. Aero Club of America License No. 148, dated July 24, 1912, having learned to fly under the instruction of Max Lillie at Chicago, Ill., in a Wright Type "B" biplane, powered with a Wright 30 hp. engine.

The following list of accomplishments was prepared by her sister, Marjorie:

Katherine Stinson was the first woman authorized to carry airmail. This was at Helena, Montana, September 23 to 27, 1913. The Postmaster at Helena had telegraphed the Post Office Department in Washington requesting sanctioning of the route from the Fair Grounds to the Federal Building in the city. The Postmaster General granted permission, the aviatrix was duly sworn in, and she flew daily over the route with the exception of September 22 and 25. The route was officially numbered 663,002, and 1,333 postcards and letters were carried.

First woman in the world to loop-the-loop in an airplane, Chicago, Ill., July 18, 1915. This feat was repeated during an air meet at Grant Park, Chicago, August 2-7, 1915, and at the Caro, Michigan, State Fair September 13, 1915.

First woman to do night sky writing with fireworks, Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 17, 1915. She wrote the letters Cal over the city.



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