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to us.

Oct 28, 1917 (Sunday) 1917 Drove to Aviation Camp where commanding officer Col. Bomford had invited Hewitt and myself. A hurried auto drive over muddy roads, took Dr. Dean of Bureau of Mines along. Everywhere challenged by sentries. then drove to headquarters with sentry aboard after had shown my identification card of Naval Consulting Board. Camp seems better kept than at Mineola. Less crowded and looks more cheerful. Same kind of build wooden white buildings and ditto barracks Went to see hangars and repair shops. on Same trouble here as everywhere only a few airplanes for teaching flying altogether too few so that insufficient opportunity for

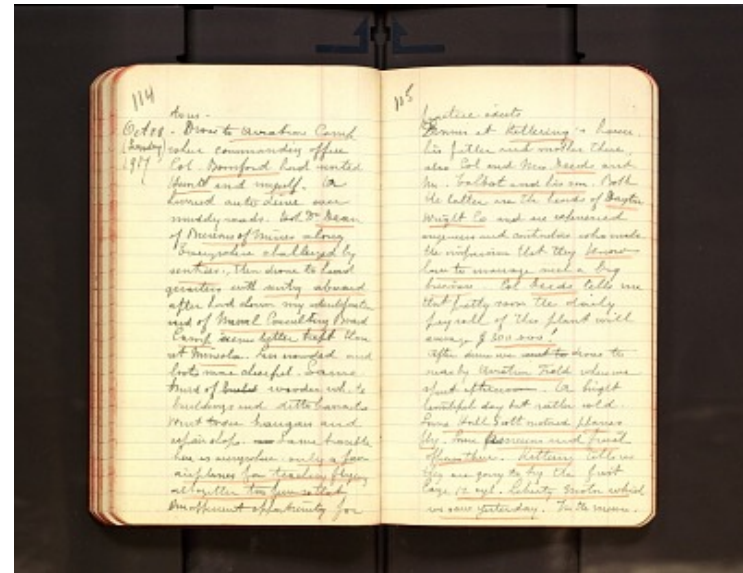
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practice exists.

Dinner at Kettering's house, his father and mother there, also Col and Mrs. Deeds and Mr. Talbot and his son. Both the latter are the heads of Dayton Wright Co and are experienced engineers and contractors who make the impression that they know how to manage such a big business. Col. Deeds tells me that pretty soon the daily payroll of this plant will average \$300.000!

After dinner we went to drove to nearby Aviation Field where we spent afternoon. A bright beautiful day but rather cold. Some Hall Scott motored planes fly. Some and french officers there. Kettering tells us they are going to try the first large 12 cyl. Liberty Motor which we saw yesterday. In the mean-



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