

Morning ROUTINE

GET YOUR DAY OFF TO A GRAND START!

Mental Stretch



This Day In History
Riddle of the Day



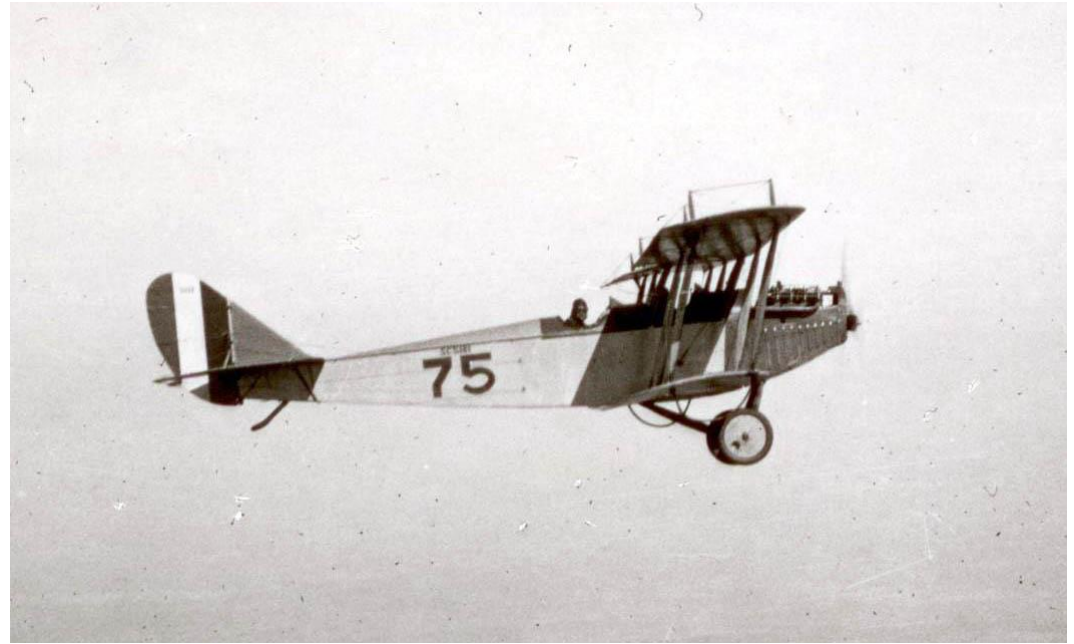
First U.S. Air Combat Mission

Eight Curtiss “Jenny” planes of the First Aero Squadron take off from Columbus, [New Mexico](#), in the first combat air mission in U.S. history. The First Aero Squadron, organized in 1914 after the outbreak of [World War I](#), was on a support mission for the 7,000 U.S. troops who invaded Mexico to capture Mexican revolutionary [Pancho Villa](#).

On March 9, 1916, Villa, who opposed American support for Mexican President Venustiano Carranza, led a band of several hundred guerrillas across the border on a raid of the town of Columbus, New Mexico, killing 17 Americans. On March 15, under orders from President [Woodrow Wilson](#), U.S. Brigadier General [John J. Pershing](#) launched a punitive expedition into Mexico to capture Villa. Four days later, the First Aero Squadron was sent into Mexico to scout and relay messages for General Pershing.

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While the U.S. fighters and fliers got some excellent experience that would be very helpful later in WWI and WWII, they did NOT capture Pancho Villa. They also made the Mexican community very angry. After 11 months, they were eventually ordered home by President Wilson.



Yesterday's Riddle of the Day:

I make two people out of one. What am I?

Answer to Yesterday's Riddle: A Mirror!

Winners: Nathan, Aldrich Family, Mrs. Francis

Clever Answers:

Diego O. – God

Eugene F. – twin

Wesley F. – mother

Today's Riddle of the Day:

*They have not flesh, nor feathers,
nor scales, nor bone.*

Yet they have fingers and thumbs of their own.

What are they?

Email your answer to Mrs. Stern at
estern@holychildnm.com. Good luck!