

# Birthplace of Military Aviation Given Marker

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SAN ANTONIO, March 3 (AP). A granite marker Thursday marked the spot where military aviation was born at Fort Sam Houston—when a young lieutenant took off in a Wright Brothers built airplane on March 2, 1910.

The marker was unveiled in

## Crusading Reporter Dies

CHICAGO, March 3 (AP). — James P. McGuire, 51, Chicago Sun-Times police reporter who played a leading part in the newspaper's investigation which led to a pardon of a man convicted of murder, died of a heart attack Wednesday night.

McGuire, a police reporter with the former Chicago Times and the Sun-Times for more than 10 years, worked in the paper's investigation in 1944 of the Joe Majczek case. Majczek was convicted of murder in 1933 and sentenced to 99 years in prison. The Times obtained evidence which proved Majczek's innocence and resulted in his pardon in 1945.

McGuire won several national newspaper awards in recognition of his work in the case and in 1948 a motion picture, "Call Northside 777," was based on the investigation. He took a year's leave of absence to serve as technical adviser to the movie.

He was born in New York and worked as a private investigator before he became a reporter. His widow, Betty, survives.

impressive ceremonies Wednesday on the vast parade ground of the old Army post. Bombers and jet fighters zoomed low as Maj. Gen. Benjamin D. Foulois (Ret.), the first military-trained pilot of the first military-owned plane, uncovered it.

Foulois, 75, who retired as chief of the Army Air Corps in 1935, stood at attention to receive the plaudits of an aerial salute and from 3,000 marching troops.

With him were two mechanics of that original nine-man aviation detachment, Col. Vernon Burge, 66 (Ret.) and Master Sgt. Herbert Marcus, 79 (Ret.) both of San Antonio.

"I had never taken off or landed an airplane before," Foulois told troops massed for the review. "Anything I did wrong after I started flying, I'd send Wilbur Wright a letter. He'd write me back and tell what I should have done. I guess you might say I learned to fly by correspondence."

That first flight by Foulois lasted 7½ minutes. He made two other brief flights that first day, then crash-landed on the fourth whirl around the parade ground.

"When we shipped old No. 1 back to the Wright Brothers to be rebuilt in 1911," Foulois recalled, "the only original part left was the upper wing. In two years, I never once landed it upside down."

## Air Marshal in Manila

MANILA, March 3 (AP).—Air Marshal F. J. Frassanges, commander of the British Far East Air Force, arrived at U. S. Clark Air Force Base from Singapore Thursday for an unofficial three-