

Almost 30 years ago six small bi-planes, the first army aircraft to land in Fort Worth, completed a hop from Fort Sill and settled down on what was known as "Ryan's Pasture," then at the south edge of the city limits.

In charge of that flight of single-engine, 90-horsepower planes on Nov. 20, 1915, was Capt. Benjamin D. Foulois, and he brought with him a good percentage of the Army Air Corps strength of about 75 men at that time.

Capt. Foulois is now Maj. Gen. Foulois, (Retired).

The trip from Fort Sill to San Antonio was completed in five days. One day was taken to fly from Fort Sill to Wichita Falls, and the airline trip of 113 miles from Wichita Falls to Fort Worth was completed in two hours, a distance covered by commercial lines today in about 45 minutes.