Of Interest to the â€œTailhookersâ€•

Description

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1922 â€“ Lt. Cmdr. Virgil C. Griffin, in a Vought VE-7SF makes first the takeoff from a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier, USS Langley (CV 1) anchored in York River, Va.

From the Richmond-Times Dispatch:

> On Oct. 17, 1922, as the Langley lay anchored in the York River, Lt. V.C. Griffinâ€™s Vought VE-7SF biplane took off from its deck, the first takeoff from a Navy aircraft carrier. Griffin is believed to have flown the plane back to Norfolk, where it had been loaded onto the Langley, Forrest said.

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Lt. Cmdr. Griffin was attached to the â€œBounty Huntersâ€• of â€œFighting Twoâ€• (VFA-2 is the present name for the squadron and it is still commissioned).

Interested in more aircraft carrier aviation history? Hereâ€™s your link.

Gee, I canâ€™t believe I scooped SteelJaw Scribe and Far East Cynic (both CV aviation guys, but since they are VAW and not VF/VFA types), and Instapinch! Iâ€™m letting Capt Lex have a pass, since heâ€™s doing the â€œIâ€™m here from da govâ€™ment, and Iâ€™m here to help!â€• thing with forward deployed forces right now.

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