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Subtitle: First Solo

On September 21st, 1943, the Colonel took to the skies by himself. A critical step in the process of learning to fly anywhere, he did so with a total of 12 recorded dual control fight time. He would have been sitting in the aft seat of the N2S-3 BuNo 07759. As a point of reference by todayâ€™s training, a civilian private pilotâ€™s license first solo flight doesnâ€™t have a set number of hours to have, but it is at the discretion of the flight instructor to allow the first individual journey into the sky. I would assume (not being an aviator), similar in the military training realm.

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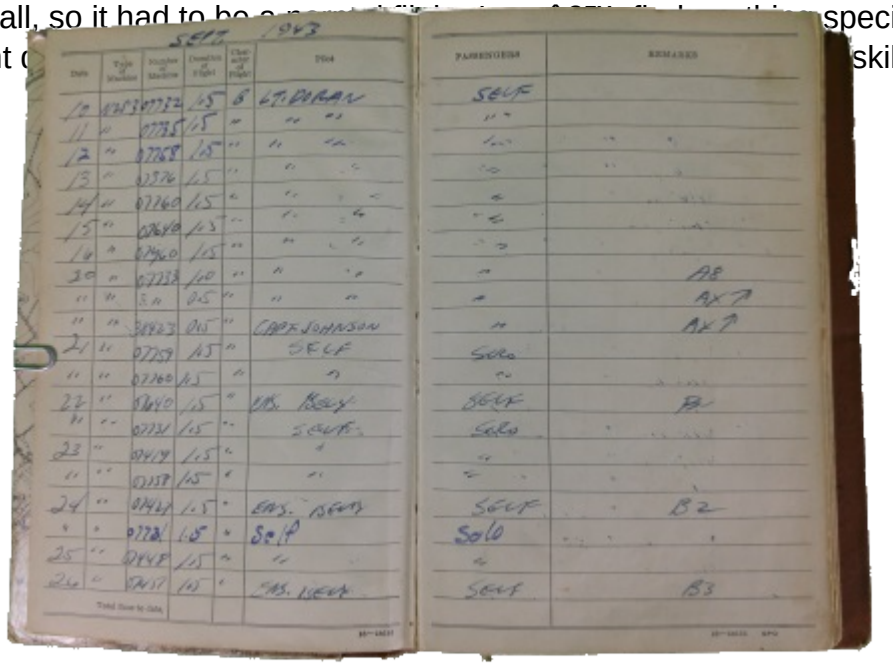
He was aloft for 1.5 hours over NAS Corpus Christi (again an assumption on the location). with no notes at all, so it had to be a [illegible] specific regarding the syllabus for a solo flight [illegible] skills to be practiced.



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Hereâ€™s some more historical video regarding Navy flight training, but not specific to the first solo flight.

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