

Of Interest to the “Tailhookers”

Description

Vought VE-7 type unknown

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1922 – 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. Griffin'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.

Lt. Cmdr. Griffin was attached to [the “Bounty Hunters” of “Fighting Two”](#) (VFA-2 is the present name for the squadron and it is still commissioned).

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Gee, I can'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!](#) I'm letting [Capt Lex](#) have a pass, since he's doing the “I'm here from da gov'ment, and I'm here to help!” thing with forward deployed forces right now.

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