

1909, Centocelle Field, Rome, Italy

Wright airplane being assembled in building in Rome, three workmen standing nearby. The Wrights had come to Italy to undertake the training of two Italian lieutenants, one from the Italian navy, the other from the army. Flights were made by Wilbur at Centocelle Field, April 15-27.

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Wright airplane being assembled in Rome, Lt. Umberto Savoia watching Wilbur who is standing on box assisting several workmen.

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Team of horses hauling the Wright airplane through streets of Rome to flying field at Centocelle, located 12 to 15 miles south-east of Rome. A group of civilians and two soldiers bearing rifles accompany the airplane.

MCFWP 176; SMIN 43,147-C. Similar: SMIN 42,962-E

Wright airplane on wagon en route to Centocelle Field, Lt. Umberto Savoia in foreground.

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Wright airplane on wagon arriving at Centocelle Field.

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Right front view of Wright airplane in hangar at Centocelle Field.

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Front view of Wright hangar at Centocelle Field, with truck nearby, crowd assembled.

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Front view of Wright airplane being taken out of hangar in preparation for flight.

Allg Auto Zeit, v. 10, May 2, 1909: 35; SMIN 37,774-D

Three-quarter rear view of Wright airplane in front of hangar at Centocelle Field, fence visible on left, a number of workers active in front of airplane.

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Three-quarter front view of Wright airplane being made ready for flight, Wilbur and Orville standing near airplane overseeing preparation with several Italian soldiers assisting.

L'Aéronaute, v. 42, May 15, 1909: 15; Allg Auto Zeit, v. 10, May 2, 1909: 35; SMIN 37,774-D

Three-quarter rear view of Wright airplane on field, workers active on side and in front of airplane.

ADAMSF 1909: 104

Three-quarter front view of airplane, Italian officers inspecting and discussing airplane.

SMIN 38,494-E. Similar: SMIN 38,494-F

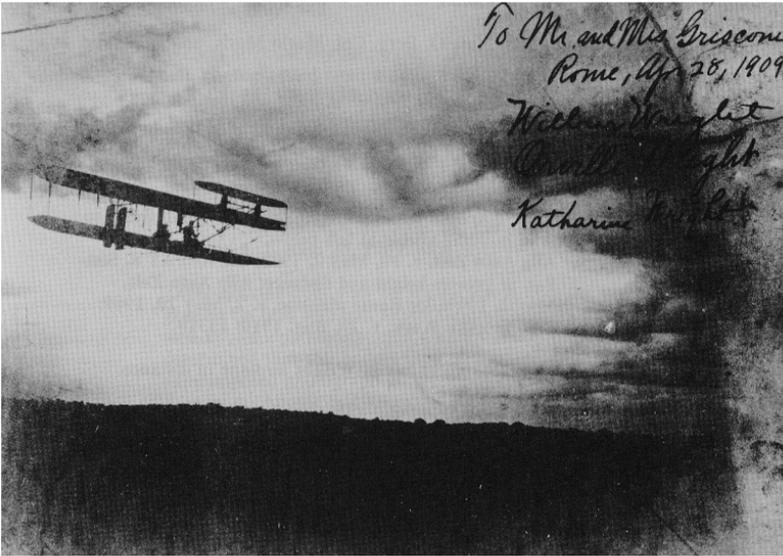
Three-quarter front view of Wright airplane resting on starting rail.

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Wright airplane on launching track in front of hangar at Centocelle Field, weight being hoisted to top of derrick, crowd assembled at right.

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Wilbur ending a flight at dusk, Centocelle Field, April 1909.
National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution, photo
no. A38494B.



Wilbur working on Wright airplane at Centocelle Field.
L'illustrazione Italiana, v. 36, Apr. 25, 1909:433

Lts. Mario Calderara and Umberto Savoia at Centocelle Field,
where they received flying lessons from Wilbur, April 16-26.
L'illustrazione Italiana, v. 36, Apr. 25, 1909:433

Wilbur seated in Wright airplane with one of his Italian students, Lt. Mario Calderara.
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Three-quarter front view of Wright airplane with Lt. Mario Calderara, first Italian pilot, at the controls.
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Lt. Mario Calderara and Col. Mario Moris, head of the Italian military service, standing in front of Wright airplane at Centocelle Field; Wilbur at extreme right in front of engine.
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Left front view of Wright airplane at Centocelle Field, Capt. Alfred Hildebrandt of Berlin in dark suit in front of airplane facing camera.
SMIN 43,188-B; SUBDF v. 1: 201

Close-up view of wing section of Wright airplane at Centocelle Field, Col. Mario Moris, and unidentified military man inspecting airplane.

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Katharine, Mrs. Hart O. Berg, Col. Mario Moris, and Lt. Mario Calderara at Centocelle field.

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Two photographers, backs turned, taking photo of Wright airplane beginning ascent from field.

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Close-up view of Wilbur in flight over Centocelle Field, flying to left, trees and building visible at left below.

Allg Auto Zeit, v. 10, May 2, 1909: 35; REPAT 8. Similar, at greater height and distance: Allg Auto Zeit, May 2, 1909: 35; Revue aérienne, v. 2, May 20, 1909: 289; World's Work, v. 20, Aug. 1910: 13310

Italian officers looking to left at Wright airplane in distance.

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Italian soldiers viewing Wright flight in far distance.

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Wilbur descending at approaching darkness, flying to right.

SMIN 38,494-B

Wilbur's flight at sunset with lighted windows of barracks visible below.

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Three-quarter rear view of Wright airplane positioned on starting track with soldiers on either end in preparation for takeoff. A captive balloon nearby is visible rising slightly above the airplane.

Der Motorwagen, v. 10, July 10, 1909: 525

Wright airplane in flight over Centocelle Field, a captive balloon with gondola and supporting ropes visible above the airplane.

Der Motorwagen, v. 10, July 10, 1909: 525

Front view of Wright airplane at high altitude flying over captive balloon.

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Wright airplane on track at Centocelle Field, photograph taken by Hart O. Berg from a military captive balloon.

MCFWP 177; DOBOHA 197; HILBW 33; Motor, v. 16, Aug. 10, 1909: 48; Revue aérienne, v. 2, Aug. 25, 1909: 487

Wright airplane leaving the starting rail, photographed from captive balloon, whose shadow appears at right.

MCFWP 178; DOBOHA 197; HILBW 35; Motor, v. 16, Aug. 10, 1909: 48; Revue aérienne, v. 2, Aug. 25, 1909: 488

Wright airplane beginning climb, its shadow visible below to its left, photographed from a captive balloon.

MCFWP 180; Motor, v. 16, Aug. 10, 1909: 48

Wright airplane in full Right to left, its shadow visible to right of picture, highway seen at top, photographed from captive balloon.

MCFWP 179; DOBOHA 197; HAWBHP 81; HILBW 36; Motor, v. 16, Aug. 10, 1909: 48; Revue aérienne, v. 2, Aug. 25, 1909: 489; SMIN 42,962-J

Three-quarter front view of Wilbur flying over Rock of sheep grazing on field adjacent to the Centocelle Field grounds. The well-known aviation historian Charles H. Gibbs-Smith has determined that this widely used photograph is a fake, actually a superimposed photograph of Wilbur in flight at Le Mans, France, on August 8, 1908.

ASHWB front.; The Car, v. 28, Apr. 28, 1909: 407; PEOA 221; SMIN 3356; SMIN 32,425-A; SMIN 37,774-D; SMINAR 1910 facing 150



Orville and Wilbur walking with King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy between them at Centocelle Field, April 24, 1909.

Former Premier of Italy Sidney Sonnino seated in Wright airplane ready for his first flight, pilot Wilbur standing nearby in front of the airplane, April 16.

L'Illustrazione Italiana, v. 36, Apr. 25, 1909: 433

Italian Minister of Navy Admiral Giovanni Mirabello seated in Wright airplane at Centocelle Field, preparing to fly as a passenger with Wilbur, standing nearby, April 21.

L'Illustrazione Italiana, v. 36, May 2, 1909: 449

Wright airplane to the left of the starting rail just taking off with American ambassador to Italy, Lloyd C. Griscom, as passenger with Wilbur, April 24.

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Wilbur at a height of about 200 feet with Ambassador Griscom as passenger, buildings visible to left and trees in center below.

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Wilbur flying to left at a considerable height above Centocelle Field with Ambassador Griscom as passenger.

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Col. Mario Moris, head of the Italian military service, Ambassador Lloyd C. Griscom, and King Victor Emmanuel III off Italy, at Centocelle Field to see Wilbur fly, April 24.

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King Victor Emmanuel, Orville, and Wilbur standing in front of the Wright airplane, Centocelle Field.

SMIN 42,961-M

Orville, King Victor Emmanuel, Wilbur, and unidentified person at Centocelle Field.

SMIN 42,064-J

King Victor Emmanuel, camera in hand, walking and conversing with Orville and Wilbur on visit to Centocelle Field.

LC-BECK; Pop Sci, v. 114, May 1929: 48

Side view of King Victor Emmanuel conversing with Orville and Wilbur near starting derrick, Centocelle Field.

ADAMSF 106; SMIN 38,494-D

Front view of King Victor Emmanuel conversing with Wilbur and Orville, Centocelle Field.

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Wilbur about to climb into Wright airplane to join his passenger, Mrs. Frank Belleville, already seated in it, April 27.

London Daily Mirror, May 4, 1909: 8