

MISSION:

DECODE

Objective: ESCAPE

ADVANCED



□ Stop 1

High above the crowd below,
A 2-winged bird turns quiet, slow.
To train the Navy's first pilot, its destiny.
And those brave men conquered air, land, and sea.

Name it:

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□ Stop 2

Wow, what a giant sight to see.
Its wingspan alone is 126 feet.
Across the Atlantic it was the first.
But as the journey started, it was the worst.
Plagued by problems, many nicknamed it Lame Duck.
But pilot and crew just wouldn't give up.
After fixing things a time or two,
From Long Island to Portugal, this airplane flew.

Name it:

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□ Stop 3

From below, it may not look frightening,
But in 1918, this plane was mighty.
An engineering marvel designed with steel.
In August alone, it scored 565 kills.
With this fighter, Germans controlled WWI skies.
But they were forced to hand them over in the
Treaty of Versailles.

Name it:

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□ Stop 4

Listen for the chickens calling bock, bock.
One wing is covered, the other is not.
Through farms and fields this gal barnstormed,
Flying circuses emerged from the stunts it performed.
Used as a trainer and for air mail, too.
And all held together with wood, fabric, and glue.

Name it:

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□ Stop 5

Look out above, she's silver and blue.
You'll have to climb stairs to read the to-do.
Coast Guard and Navy flew these monoplanes
And a famous flight lady did the same!
She flew this machine in a trophy race
Then disappeared in it without a trace.
She made it to an island, some say,
But to ESCAPE the museum, she'll lead the WAY!

Name it:

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□ Stop 6

Is that a barn I see with my eye?
Big and metal, hard to think it could fly.
Lumpy aluminum, made by Ford,
And at one point someone milked a cow onboard.
Not actually for animals, just people and cargo
But it flew a Byrd the first time over the South Pole.

How many motors does this airplane have?

□ Step 7

Do you smell that? It's fresh baked bread
With this flying machine hanging overhead.
There's a famous wasp onboard this plane,
Not from bug but from engine fame.
Its radial engine was cooled by air,
And its stitched side panels were for easy repair.
This plane was lighter with no water onboard,
But over the SEA it often soared.

Name it:

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□ Step 8

The body of this gal shows a boar's head.
The first plane with a canopy that closed overhead.
And the first Navy plane with retractable wheels.
This lady's pilots were pioneers.
Hand-cranking the gear after take-off
And reducing its drag, really paid off.

Name it:

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□ Step 9

Three biplanes sit ready for flight
One Boeing, one Grumman, one Curtiss-Wright.
One was underwater for 50 years,
While another's demise was its landing gear.
The third trained pilots right on this base.
And together they represent a design race.
Finding these three can be hard to do.
Let the lion, the cat, and the top hat help you!

List the airplane variants here:

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Add the three numbers together:

○ + ○ + ○ = □

□ Stop 10

Look for the barbed wire, mud, and grass.
The sound of pigeons nearby as you pass.
If this plane could talk, it would say, Bonjour!
For in France this bird started its tour.
When in a dive to sharpen its aim,
The fabric on the wings would detach from the frame.
But still with the allies it saw great success.
In early platform trials, it was the best
At showing airplanes could fly from ships at sea.
That's how it became a part of Naval Aviation History.

Name it:

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□ Stop 11

Is it made for the water, for air or for land?
It's hard to tell sitting in the sand.
This bird was launched from a ship at sea.
But that's not the end of its great story.
Taking fire while flying around to scope,
Its pilot fought back with a bar of soap.
And that was the first time a Navy plane
Had ever entered the combat game.

Write the Bureau Number from the tail of this aircraft here:

A - ○ ○
○ + ○ = □

Have you discovered the keys to history?

Unscramble your RECTANGLED blanks.



The first five stops give you this key.
Amelia Earhart's nickname was LADY

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A month and a day open the second lock.
Get the numbers from 11th and 10th stops.

Put a zero between the two.
How they go is up to you!

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The leftover stops give us a year
When our LADY pilot disappeared.

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