

SILAS AMOS MOREHOUSE

Technical Instructor, Advance Flying School, Kelly Field, Texas, during 1922, 1923, and 1924.

Appointed 2nd Lieutenant, QM-ORC, October 1923, while serving as member of U.S. Air Service.

Enrolled as flight student, Primary Flying School, at Brooks Field, Texas, 15 September 1924; graduated as pilot 15 March 1925.

Enrolled as flight student, Advance Flying School, at Kelly Field, Texas; graduated as Pilot 15 September 1925. (Bombardment)

Assigned Flying Instructor, Advance Flying School, Kelly Field, Texas, October 1925 through January 1927.

Transferred to the U.S. Air Service Reserve, 4 October 1925.

Granted airplane pilot license # 399, CAA, June 1927.

Appointed 2nd Lieutenant, California National Guard (Federated), 5 June 1927.

Pilot, Multi-engine aircraft, early transcontinental flights, New York-Los Angeles, April 1928.

Surveyed and inaugurated first scheduled passenger service sponsored by the Guggenheim Fund for Aeronautics (Harry Guggenheim), 1928.

Assisted in the development of weather service for the West Coast under the direction of Dr. Rossby (also sponsored by the Guggenheim Fund), 1928.

Appointed Chief Pilot for Western Air Express, November 1928.

Surveyed and inaugurated transcontinental scheduled flights between Los Angeles and Kansas City (first leg), 1929.

Prepared first pilot handbook for standardization of operation and procedures for flight crews, 1929.

Co-holder, with Captain E. V. Rickenbacker, of air transport flight record between Los Angeles and New York, 8 November 1934.

Instructor and test pilot for Eastern Air Lines 1934-35. (Transport)

Test pilot for North American Aviation, Los Angeles, California, 1935 and 1936. (Bomber)

Captain, four-engine passenger service West Coast, Boeing Stratoliner, 1940.

Appointed Captain U.S. Air Corps, and assigned to Troop Carrier Command HQ, Washington, D.C., May 1942.

Assumed Command, Romulus Air Depot, Detroit, Michigan, August 1942.

Appointed Major USAC-AUS, December 1942.

Assumed Command Godman Field Air Depot, Fort Knox, Kentucky, May 1943.

Transferred to Air Transport Command Headquarters, China-Burma-India, September 1943.

Assumed command Station 13, China Provisional Group, Kuming, China, October 1943.

Flight Commander (Hump operation); flew 128 combat missions during 1943, 1944, and 1945.

Front-line cargo flight with P-38 spares for first major strike of P-38's on Formosa via Kewlien, China, November 1943.

Member of crew making initial survey flight for sites B-29 bases, Northern China, December 1943.

Assumed command Station #7, Sookerating, India[?], (Doom Dooma, India), January 1944.

Awarded Air Medal, GO, IBS #59, 30 April 1944.

Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, USAC-AUS, May 1944.

Under enemy fire, Northern Burma, May 1944. (

Awarded Bronze Star GO, IBS 925, 18 November 1944.

Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, GO, IBS 215, 22 November 1944.

Awarded Distinguished Unit Citation, November 1944.

Assumed command of 1347 ABU, Teazgoan, Dacca, India, December 1944.

Assumed Command 1345 ABU, Teazgoan, Dacca, India, May 1945.

Assigned 1375 ABU North Atlantic Division HQs, Air Transport Command, June 1945.

Flight to European Theatre, C-54 Aircraft, July 1945.

Assigned to 1380 ABU, Presque Isle, Maine, Flight Operation Officer, July 1945.

Flight to Sweden, via Iceland, C-54 aircraft, August 1945.

Flight over Arctic Circle, via Greenland, August 1945.

End of active flying career (voluntary); military hours 2,039; civilian hours 12,816.

Assigned District Manager, TWA, Tripoli, Libya, April 1946.

Assigned District Manager, TWA, Rome, Italy, December 1946.

Re-appointed USAF Reserve, Lieutenant Colonel, June 1948.

Civilian member, American Mission for Aid to Turkey, February 1949.

Assigned to Air Materiel Command, HQs, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio; Administrative Officer, Office of Assistant for Materiel Coordination, Plans Division, Special Plans Branch. May 1952.

"Having flown fifteen thousand hours in all types of civilian and military aircraft" per SAs

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Brief Aviation History

1925	September	15	Graduated USAF Flying School Bomber-pilot
1927	January	10	Separated USAF
	April	1	Employed by Western Air Express, Pilot-machanic
	June	1	C.A.A. Pilot Licence No. 399
	June	5	Appointed 2nd Lieutenant California National Guard, Air Service
	July	4	First Flight Mail Pilot
1926	April	5	First flight transcontinental, New York to Los Angeles, tri-motor transport
	May	26	First schedul passenger U.S. Los Angeles-San Francisco, pilot of tri-motor air transport
	October	4	Appointed Chief-Pilot, Western Air Express
1929	June	1	First schedule passenger service, Los Angeles Kansas City, pilot of tri-motor air transport
1930	April	3	First flight transcontinantal New York to Los-Angeles, four-engine air transport
	October	10	Transferred to Transcontinental Western Air, position Chief-Pilot
1931	July	1	Assigned to mountain Division Region Manager Station Albuquerque, New Mexico
1932	July	4	Transferred to Los Angeles Pilot-Captain Douglas DC2 Aircraft testing
1934	November	8	Co-holder transcontinental transport aircraft record, Captain E.V. Rickenbacker 11hrs. 51 min;
1935	November	15	Test-pilot North American Aircraft
1940	April	10	Pilot-Captain Boeing Strato-Liner
1942	May	29	Appointed Captain USAF Troop-carrier Command
	August 18		Transferred to Air Service Command, Commanding Air Depot Detroit Michigan
	December	28	Appointed Major USAF
1943	January	12	Rated Senior-Pilot USAF
	August	4	Transferred to Air Transport Command
	August	13	Departed for India-Burma-China, Hump operations
	October	10	First Flight over Hump

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1944	January	20	Commanding ATC Air-Base India
	April	30	Awarded Air Medal
	May	10	Appointed Lieutenant Colonel USAF
	July	18	Awarded Bronze Star Medal
	November	22	Awarded Distinguish Flying Cross Medal
	December	2	Commanding ATC first C54 Air-Base India
	December	15	Awarded Distinguish Unit Citation Medal

1945	May	8	Departed for United States end of foreign tour of duty
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Automatic a synchronizer
Fishing reel seat
Razor-blade preserver
Aviator oxygen helmet and mask
Improved aviator oxygen helmet and mask
Aviator bail-out oxygen supply

Pending:

Turbo-jet engine
Houseplant waterer
Safety refrigerator door lock

EVENTS

SILAS AMOS MOREHOUSE

1897	November		Born LA Fayette, Indiana
1910	August		Left home for South Dakota
Military			<p>Active duty, 11 years } total 19 yrs. Reserve officer, 17 years } (concurrently) Air Force flying school, 12 months Command, 2 years, 9 months</p>
1916			Completes grade and High School
Inventions			<p>Aircraft windshield Automatic aircraft engine synchronizer Fishing reel seat Razor-blade preserver Aviator oxygen helmet and mask Improved aviator oxygen helmet and mask Aviator bail-out oxygen supply</p>
1921	January		Appointed Staff Sergeant
1923	June		Pending: Appointed 2nd Lieutenant QM ORC # o-183937
1924	October		Re-enlisted US Air Service
	January		Turbo-jet engine
	September		Houseplant waterer
1925	September		Safety refrigerator door lock
	March		Student Advance Flying School, Kelly Field, Texas
	March		Graduate
	September		Married Ethel Blanche O'Daniel, San Antonio, Texas
1927	October		Separated US Air Service
	January		Moved to Los Angeles, California
	Feb.		Employed by Western Air Express Los Angeles
	April		Pilot/mechanic
	June		Granted Airplane pilot license # 399 CAA
1925*			Transferred to US Air Service Reserve
1927	June		Appointed 2nd Lieutenant California National Guard
			Federated
J	July		First trip air mail pilot
1928	June	20	Resigned California National Guard
	April	1	Martha Jo. Born
	April		Pilot Transcontinental flight NY A/LA
	May	26	First schedule passenger flight Los Angeles-San Francisco
	November	4	Appointed Chief Pilot, Western Air Express
	June	1	First Scheduled passenger flight LA-KO
1929	October	30	Transfer from Western Air Express to Transcontinental and Western Air, Chief/p/30
1930	April		First Transcontinental four engine flight
	May		First four engine passenger service LA-SF
1931	July	2	Appointed Station Manager Albuquerque, New Mexico
1932	July	4	Appointed Pilot/Captain Los Angeles, California
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1911	August December	18 28	Lived on farm Frankfort, South Dakota
1912	January	12	Lived on farm Andover, South Dakota
1916	April May	20 14	Completes grade and High School
1918	May	31	Enlisted South Dakota Home Guard Co H. 2nd Bt. First Reg.
	October	9	Separated
	Oct.		Enlisted US Marine Corp. (never enrolled)
1921	January	8	Enlisted US Air Service # 6 485 455
1923	June	18	Appointed Staff Sergeant
	October	13	Appointed 2nd Lieutenant QM ORC # o-183937
1924	January	9	Re-enlisted US Air Service
	September		Appointed Technical Sergeant
	September	15	Student Primary Flying School, Brooks Field, Texas
1925	March	15	Graduated " " " " " " " "
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	August	18	Assumed Command Romulus Air Depot Detroit, Michigan
	December	28	Appointed Major USAC-AUS
1943	January	12	Rated Senior Pilot AAF PO 10
	April	20	Transferred to AAF Storage Depot, Des Moines, Iowa
	May	18	Assumed Command Godman Field Air Depot Fort Knox, Kentucky
	August	4	Transferred to Air Transport Command CBI
	August	11	Departed for over seas from Miami, Florida
	August	14	Crossed equator first time over Amazon River
	September	4	Arrived Chabua, India CBI
	September	14	Assumed command 26th AWS Detachment Laharnimihat, India
	October	18	Assumed command station 13, China provisional group, Kunning, China
	October	18	First Hump flight (C46 transport aircraft)
	November	13	Assigned group operation officer China air group
	November		First front line flight cargo for P38 for Formosa strike via kewlien, Heng Hany and Heny ang
	December		First inspection for site for B29 Northern China
1944	January	10	Entered Chauba Station Hospital (Dysentery)
	January	20	Assumed Command Station #7 Sookerating, India (Doom dooma, India)
	April	30	Awarded Air Medal GO IBS #59
	May	10	Promoted Lieutenant Colonel USAC-AUS
	June	18	Awarded Bronze Star GO IBS 92
	November	22	Awarded Distinguish Flying Cross GO IBS 215
	November		Awarded Distinguish Unit Citation
	December	2	Assumed Command 1347 ABU Teazgoan, Dacca, India
	May	1	Assumed Command 1345 ABU " " "
	May		Under Fire Northern Burma
1945	May	13	Returned US, Miami, Florida
	June		On leave (and to my knowledge the last time Si came to Selah to see Grandma/Grandpa, Patricia Byron/Gibbs
	June	21	Assigned 1375 ABU North Atlantic Division, Division Headquarters Manchester N.H.
	July		Flight to European Theatre C54 aircraft
	July	26	Assigned 1380 ABU Presque Isle Maine
	August		Special Passport #249
	August		Flight to Sweden via Iceland
	August	10	Flight over Arctic Circle
	October	10	Separated from extended military service
1946	January	4	End of military
1945	November	1	End TWA Military Leave Los Angeles, California
1946	February	2	Assigned International Division New York City
	January	10	End of active flying career Military 2,039.10 hrs. Civil 14,212.12 hrs.



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1946 February 22 Regular pass port # 40321
AFCAG-51 April 18 Enroute Tripole, Lebya District Manager TWA
December 10 Patient St Elizabeth Hosp. Cairo, Egypt
Dec. 25 Assigned Rome, Italy. District Manager, TWA
1947 August 28 Leave to States
Dec. 31 Terminated Employment TWA
Oct. Return to Italy
1948 April 13 Depart for States " MS " Vulcania
June 21 Appointed USAF Reserve Lieutenant Colonel
December 21 Visited Florida
1949 Feb. 25 Emplotted American Mission for aid to Turkey
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March 2 Diplomatic pass port 393
March 9 International Health Certificate
March 16 Depart for Turkey from Washington
via Westover, by air.
April 2 Second Paris, Frankfort, Rome, Athens, arrived at Ankara

2. He was appointed Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, 15 October 1925, accepted 15 October 1925, assigned service number 0 183 937; transferred to Air Service Reserve, 24 November 1925; federal recognition extended on 27 June 1927 as Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, California National Guard; appointed Second Lieutenant, Air Reserve, based on federal recognition, 4 August 1927; accepted 8 September 1927 thereby vacating his commission in the Air Reserve; status in California National Guard terminated by resignation 20 June 1928; status in Air Corps Reserve, terminated 20 June 1928; promoted Captain, Army of the United States 28 May 1942; accepted 28 May 1942; promoted Major (Temporary) Air Corps, 28 December 1942; promoted Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) Air Corps, 10 May 1944; promoted Major (Temporary) 1 June 1944; appointed Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force, Honorary Reserve 21 June 1948, accepted 28 June 1948 and is now Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force, Honorary Reserve.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF SERVICE
OF

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1. The records show that Silas Amos Morehouse, enlisted in the Army of the United States, Air Service, 10 January 1921, assigned service number R 6 485 455; entered on active duty 10 January 1921, honorably discharged 9 January 1927 by reason of Expiration of Term of Service.
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