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Dear Professor Carter:

We live and learn!

On September 17, 1978 I advised you that the first airplane flight ever to be made in the Antarctic took place at Little America I on January 15, 1929 with Captain Alton Parker (Marine Corps) taking up the Fairchild aerial mapping plane on the first of seven flights that day at the Bay of Whales. Aviation mechanic Benny Roth accompanied. Dean Smith, Harold June and Bernt Balchen also piloted flights that day.

My diary specifically stated that this "was the first flight ever to be made on the Antarctic Continent."

Now, on receiving my first issue of the Antarctic Society newsletter today, I ran across an answer to a "Trivia Quiz" question, "Who was the first Polar explorer to fly in the Antarctic?" The answer read, "The late Sir Hubert Wilkins in 1929."

Backing up the Antarctic Society statement is the item on page 433 of the "World Almanac" for 1978 which reads,

"1928. First man to use an airplane over Antarctica was Hubert Wilkins (Britain)."

So it looks as though I am outnumbered by two solidly authentic sources.

Sorry.

Kindest regards,

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Note to Paul Dalrymple:

Congratulations on an informative and highly readable newsletter!

Also, I appreciate very much your special invitation to attend Larry Gould's Memorial. I can't think of a person I would rather hear than Larry but I am afraid that my traveling days are going to be limited to short distances.

The plans for celebrating 50th Polar Flight anniversary sound great.

Carter is writing a book on BAE I to come out later this year for 50th.

*My very best to Ruth & family when
you see them*

HTH