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WOMAN AVIATOR

SEEKS MAIL JOB

Katherine Stinson Wants to Carry Letters Up to Third Army

If Miss Katherine Stinson, American woman aviator, has her way, mail destined for the members of the Army of Occupation, instead of heading up across the late battlefield and into the Rhine valley by train, will be carried overhead by airplane, and get there much quicker. She has volunteered to get the mail up herself.

Miss Stinson has made many notable flights in the States. Early in her career she flew from San Diego to San Francisco, Calif., without a stop, which is considerably further than from a convenient mail base in France to Coblenz. Last year she spent much time in the air demonstrating at the Army training camps and flying between Washington and New York in the government mail service.

Not being able to get a flying job in France, Miss Stinson did the next best thing. She became a Red Cross chauffeur. She has been driving a docile Ford which hasn't any elevating planes and can't do anything more exciting than skid. Hearing that the train service into Germany is neither punctual nor regular, she has asked the Red Cross to ask the Air Service to give her an airplane. She promises to do the rest.

Miss Stinson is in the early twenties. She comes of a flying family, having two brothers and a sister who also are aviators.