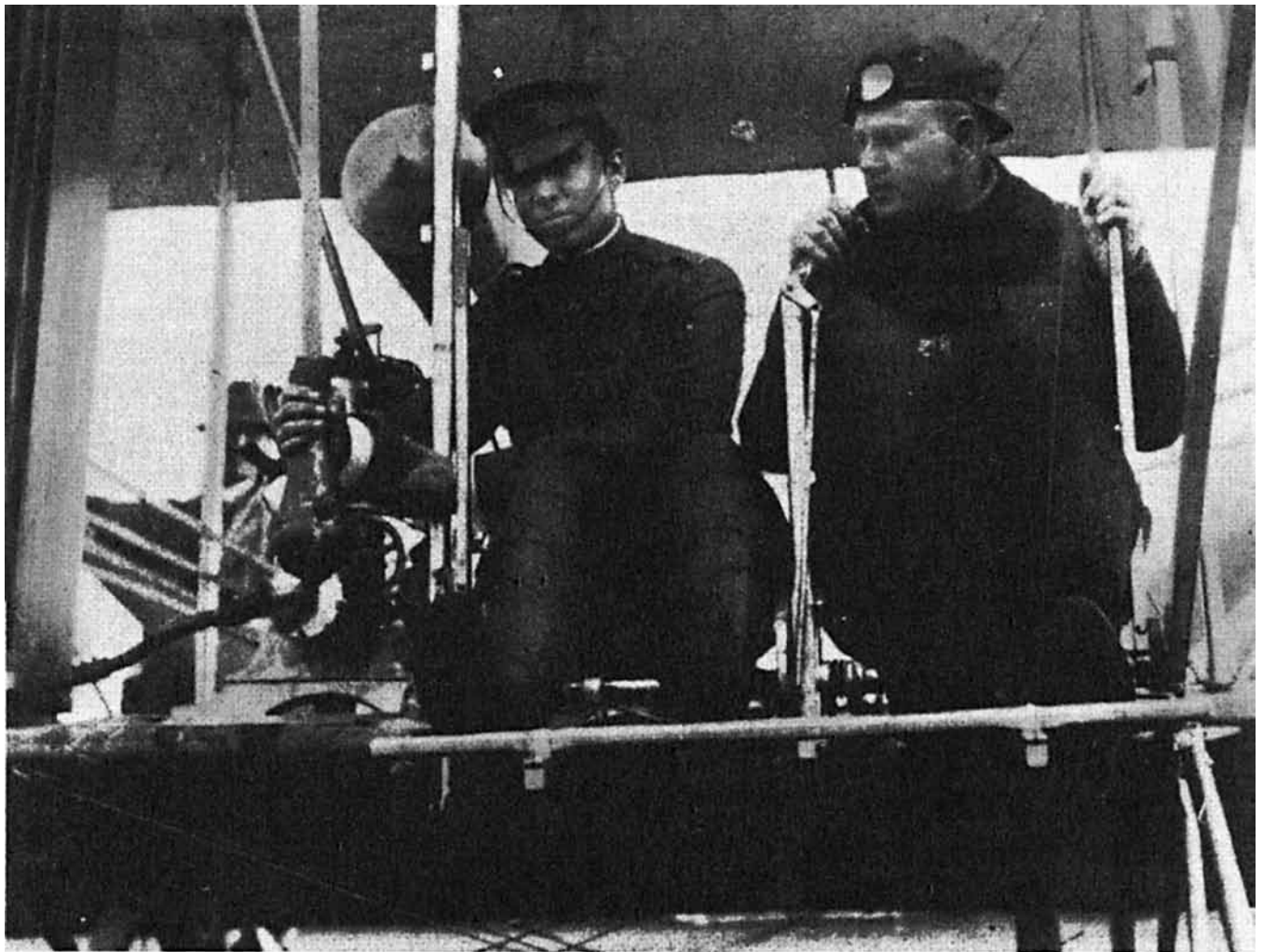


Flashback

Bomb Away



US Army airmen on Jan. 15, 1911, carried out a string of armament experiments at Tanforan race track, near San Francisco. In one of the event's most remarkable demonstrations, Lt. Myron S. Crissy dropped a live bomb from an airplane—the first time in history anyone had done this. Here, Crissy (l) and Phillip O. Parmalee, a civilian pilot, prepare to launch their Wright biplane on its epochal flight. The experiments proved that a 36-pound bomb could be dropped within a 20-foot area from 1,500 feet.