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Dear John:

In the course of the research work that I have started doing for Sholto Douglas's book one point has come up which I should be glad if you would try and settle for me. He has sent me a note about the first aircraft he flew in, as an observer, in 1915, in which he states:

The flight was equipped with BE 2As and BE2Bs, warp-winged biplanes, sturdy in construction, designed originally I believe by Geoffrey de Havilland.

I wonder if you would be so good as to verify for me the fact that these aircraft were indeed designed by Sir Geoffrey de Havilland? It has always been my understanding that the BE stood for Bleriot Experimental, but perhaps Sir Geoffrey did have something to do with them.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

Robert Wright

