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FROM THE FLYING PIONEERS BIOGRAPHIES OF HAROLD E. MOREHOUSE

FARNUM T. FISH
Early Wright Exhibition Pilot and Instructor

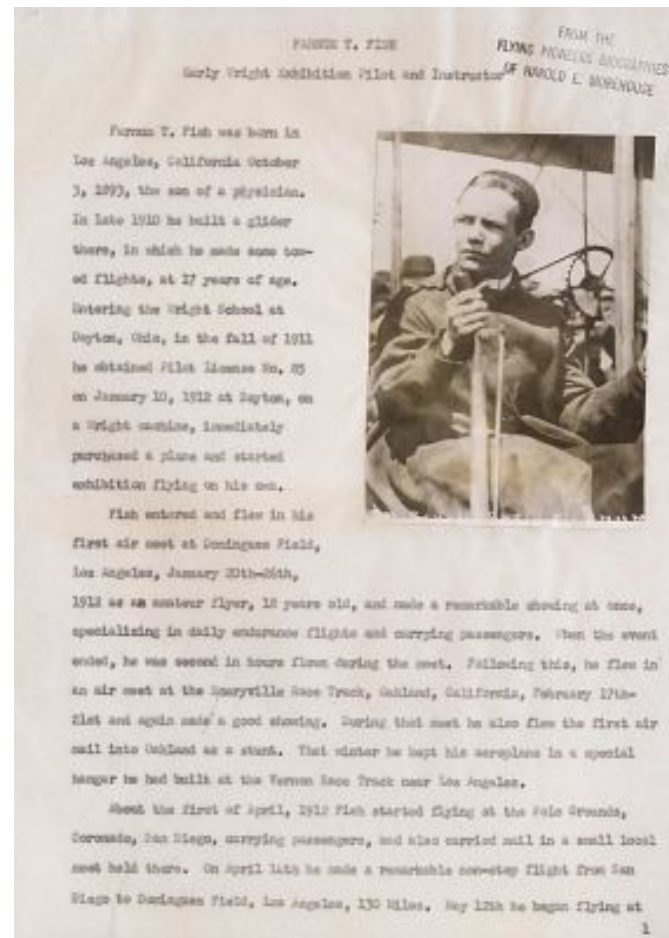
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Farnum T. Fish was born in Los Angeles, California October 3, 1893, the son of a physician. In late 1910 he built a glider there, in which he made some tow-ed flights, at 17 years of age. Entering the Wright School at Dayton, Ohio, in the fall of 1911 he obtained Pilot License No. 85 on January 10, 1912 at Dayton, on a Wright machine, immediately purchased a plane and started exhibition flying on his own.

Fish entered and flew in his first air meet at Domingues Field, Los Angeles, January 20th-26th, 1912 as an amateur flyer, 18 years old, and made a remarkable showing at once, specializing in daily endurance flights and carrying passengers. When the event ended, he was second in hours flown during the meet. Following this, he flew in an air meet at the Emeryville Race Track, Oakland, California, February 17th-21st and again made a good showing. During that meet he also flew the first air mail into Oakland as a stunt. That winter he kept his aeroplane in a special hangar he had built at the Vernon Race Track near Los Angeles.

About the first of April, 1912 Fish started flying the Polo Grounds, Coronado, San Diego, carrying passengers, and also carried mail in a small local meet held there. On April 14th he made a remarkable non-stop flight from San Diego to Dominguez Field, Los Angeles, 130 miles. May 12th he began flying at

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