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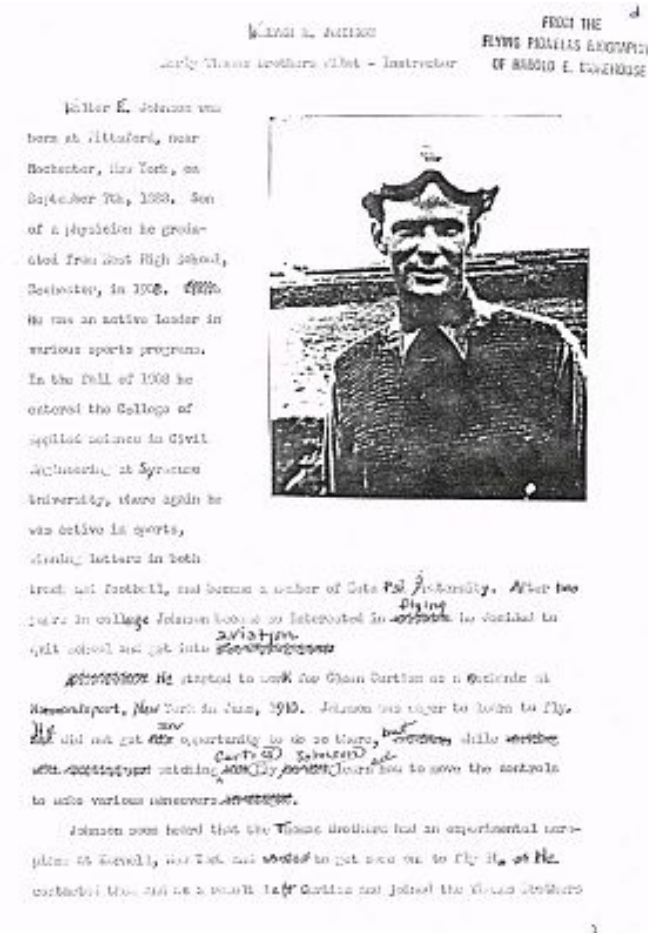
WALTER E. JOHNSON
Early Thomas Brothers Pilot - Instructor
[[Image]]

Walter E. Johnson was born at Pittsford, near Rochester, New York, on September 7th, 1883. Son of a physician he graduated from East High School, Rochester, in 1908. ~~There~~ He was an active leader in various sports programs. In the fall of 1908 he entered the College of Applied Science in Civil Engineering at Syracuse University, where again he was active in sports, winning letters in both track and football, and became a member of Zeta Psi Fraternity. After two years in college Johnson became so interested in ~~aviation~~ flying he decided to quit school and get into ~~the flying game~~ aviation.

~~As a result~~ He started to work for Glenn Curtiss as a mechanic at Hammondsport, New York in June, 1910. Johnson was eager to learn to fly. ~~but~~ He did not get ~~his~~ an opportunity to do so there, ~~However,~~ but while ~~workig with Curtiss and~~ watching ~~him~~ Curtiss fly, ~~he did~~ Johnson learned how to move the controls to make various maneuvers ~~in flight~~.

Johnson soon heard that the Thomas Brothers had an experimental aeroplane at Hornell, New York and wanted to get some one to fly it. ~~so~~ He contacted them and as a result left Curtiss and joined the Thomas Brothers

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