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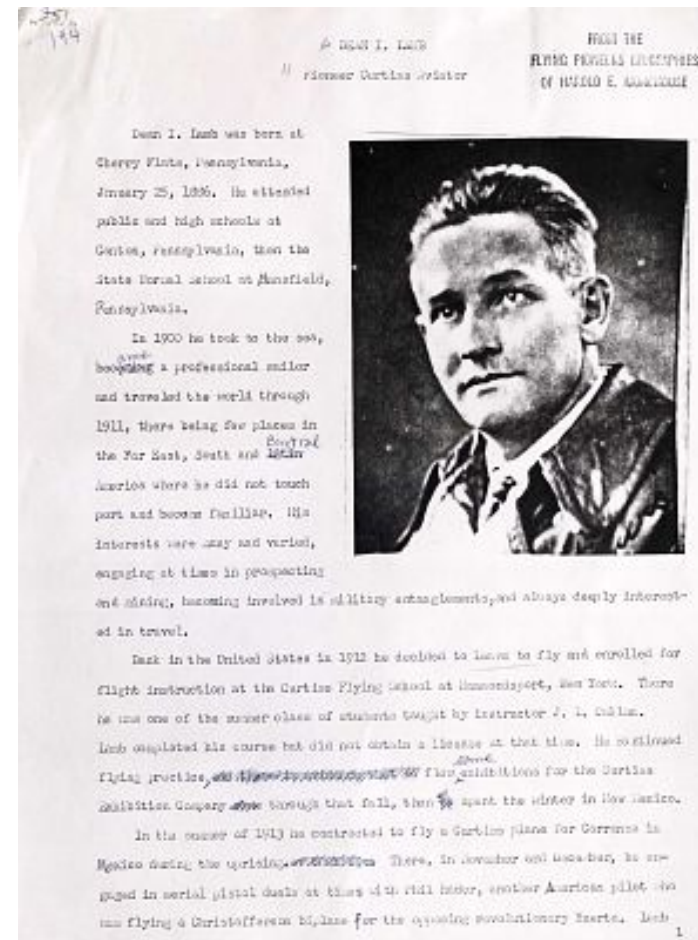
DEAN I. LAMB  
Pioneer Curtiss Aviator  
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Dean I. Lamb was born at Cherry Flats, Pennsylvania, January 25, 1886. He attended public and high schools at Canton, Pennsylvania, then the State Normal School at Mansfield, Pennsylvania.

In 1900 he took to the sea, ~~becoming~~ became a professional sailor and traveled the world through 1911, there being few places in the Far East, South and ~~Latin~~ Central America where he did not touch port and become familiar. His interests were many and varied, engaging at times in prospecting and mining, becoming involved in military entanglements, and always deeply interested in travel.

Back in the United States in 1912 he decided to learn to fly and enrolled for flight instruction at the Curtiss Flying School at Hammondsport, New York. There he was one of the summer class of students taught by instructor J. L. Callan. Lamb completed his course but did not obtain his license at that time. He continued flying practice, ~~and there~~ and there is evidence that he ~~flew~~ some exhibitions for the Curtiss Exhibition Company ~~some~~ through that fall, then ~~he~~ spent the winter in New Mexico.

In the summer of 1913 he contracted to fly a Curtiss plane for Carranza in Mexico during the uprising. ~~of that~~ There, in November and December, he engaged in aerial pistol duels at times with Phil Rader, another American Pilot who was flying a Christofferson biplane for the opposing revolutionary Huerta. Lamb



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