

JOHN HOLME LAMBERT

CAPTAIN, A.S., U.S.A.; FLIGHT COMMANDER, NINETY-FIRST
AERO SQUADRON, PILOT, OBSERVATION GROUP

SON of Harry Lambert. (deceased) and Marion Booth (Lambert) Kelley, of New York; was born March 19, 1897, at Salem, N.J. He was educated at Germantown Academy, Philadelphia; Phillips Exeter Academy, class of 1915; and Harvard College, class of 1920, leaving in the middle of his freshman year to drive an ambulance in France. He served with the American Ambulance Field Service from Feb. 19 to Aug. 21, 1917, at Verdun and in the Champagne.

In Sept., 1917, he enlisted in the Aviation Section of the U.S. Army, at Paris, and trained at Tours, Issoudun, and Gondrecourt, France. He was commissioned 1st Lieut. on Dec. 1, 1917, and was attached to the 91st Aero Squadron, as a pilot in the Observation Group. Lieut. Lambert was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (Dec., 1918) for "extraordinary heroism" in action near Stenay, France, Oct. 30, 1918.

He was commissioned Captain, March 19, 1919, and appointed Flight Commander. He was sent with the Army of Occupation to Coblenz, Germany. On March 18, 1919, he was awarded the Croix de Guerre, with Palm, for ambulance service; also a medal and citation from the French Government. An additional citation from Gen. Pershing entitled him to an Oak Leaf with the D.S.C.

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While on a photographic mission in the vicinity of Stenay, his work being seriously interfered with by the fire of a formation of enemy airplanes, Lieutenant Lambert temporarily discontinued his mission, attacked the formation and dispersed it, destroying one airplane and seriously damaging another. He then returned to his objective, completed his mission, and returned with information of great value.

Additional Citation

First Lieutenant JOHN H. LAMBERT, Pilot, 91st Aero Squadron, for distinguished and exceptional gallantry over Metz, Alsace, on 15 August, 1918, in the operations of the American Expeditionary Forces. In testimony thereof, and as an expression of appreciation of his valor, I award him this citation. Awarded on 27 March, 1919.

JOHN J. PERSHING

Commander-in-Chief

