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Years ago, when Mary and Fred H. Shipp, Jr., were neighbors of ours on Johnson street, her brother-in-law, William Carpenter Lambert, visited them. We remember him as a friendly individual who talked very little about himself.

That's why we can understand how he hasn't been acclaimed until very recently as the "Forgotten Ace of World War I." This is the title of an article about him, written for The Airman (the official magazine of the U. S. Air Force) by Royal D. Frey of the U. S. Air Force Museum.

Born on August 18, 1894 in Ironton, Ohio, he became interested in aviation as a youth and was building glider models when the Wright brothers made their first powered flight at Kitty Hawk.

In 1910, the article points out, a Wright Flyer flew into Ironton for a Fourth of July celebration, but when its pilot was ready to leave the frail engine refused to operate.

During the two days it took to repair it, Lambert ran errands for the pilot and brought him his meals. The youngster was rewarded with a five-minute flight before the plane left.

In his late teens he moved to Buffalo, N. Y., to work as a chemist in the laboratory of the Lackawanna Steel Company. Glenn Curtiss opened a flying school in the area and Lambert started hanging around the airfield. Curtiss pilots finally got used to his visits and, because of his intense interest in planes he was finally given a free ride.

As early as 1915, Lambert decided to get into World War I, and went to Canada to enlist in the artillery. Because of his background he was offered instead a job as a chemist in a high - explosive ammunition plant. He accepted.

When the British Royal Flying Corps established a training program in Canada he entered. He got his overseas orders in December 1917. As a member of No. 24 Squadron he flew his first combat mission on April 1, 1918. He scored his first victory six days later, downing a Fokker D. VII, one of several that attacked him when he became separated from his squadron.

Lambert was credited with 19-1/2 enemy airplanes and two enemy balloons for a total of 21-1/2 victories. He forced another plane to land damaged, and shared in the destruction of three balloons on May 30, 1918.

Eddie Rickenbacker topped Lambert with 26 victories, but he is listed above "greats" of World War I like Luke, who scored 18 victories, and Lufbery, who is credited with 17. He was presented the British Distinguished Flying Cross. King George V planned to pin it on at Buckingham Palace, but the publicity shy ace failed to show up. Later the Prince of Wales did it.

During World War II he was called to active duty as a captain with the Army Air Forces. Not able to qualify for flying he was assigned as engineering officer at Rome Air Base in New York State. He concluded his service as a major and was released from active duty in Au-

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JUST LIKE HER—Some families hand down a physical resemblance for generations. To illustrate, we offer this Mirror portrait of Hillary Hamilton. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hamilton, III, of Highland Park, she reminds us tremendously of her Great Grandmother Hamilton. Those who know Mrs. Guy Hamilton will share that opinion. More than anything else, it must be those dark and expressive eyes. At any

rate, one doesn't have to be a very good detective to track down her family tree. Of course, there are always exceptions to the rule. Hillary has a sister, just as pretty, who is a blonde. But for the moment, Hillary is the young lady who fascinates us, and the more we study this photo, the more we see Mrs. Hamilton. —Photo by Eunice Wray.