
Who was
Pearson?
Lieutenant Alexander Pearson Jr. was a renowned test pilot in the early US Army Air Service and a daring stunt flyer. Pearson was born and raised in Kansas, but his family moved to Portland, Oregon, after he joined the service, and he attended the University of Oregon in Eugene. In 1924, he tragically died in a plane crash at the age of 28 while test flying a US Navy airplane at a speed in excess of 200 mph.
The public admired and respected Pearson, and his premature death caused an outpouring of affection. On April 6, 1925, the Secretary of War ordered that the landing field at Vancouver Barracks be renamed Pearson Field in honor of this brave pilot.
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