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Andre Houpert
Pioneer Bleriot Monoplane Pilot- Instruction

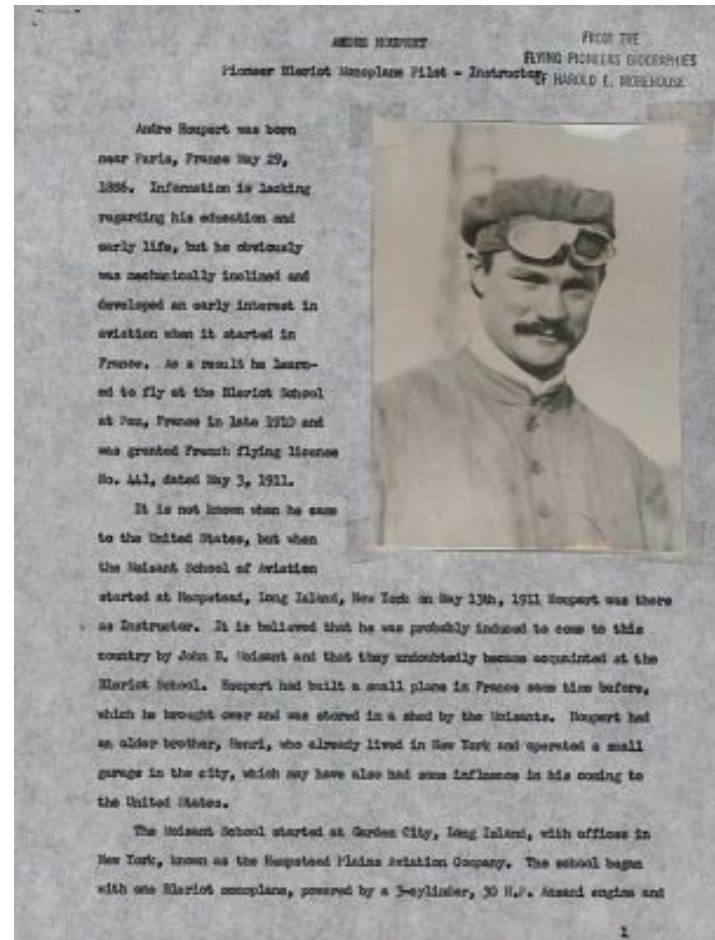
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Andre Houpert was born near Paris, France May 29, 1886. Information is lacking regarding his education early life, but he obviously was mechanically inclined and developed an early interest in aviation when it started in France. As a result he learned to fly at the Bleriot School at Pau, France in late 1910 and was granted French flying license no. 441, dated May 3, 1911.

It is not known when he came to the United States, but when the Moisant School of Aviation started at Hempstead, Long Island, New York on May 13, 1911 Houpert was there as instructor. It is believed that he was probably induced to come to this country by John B. Moisant and that they undoubtedly became acquainted at the Bleriot school. Houpert had built a small plane in France some time before, which he brought over and was stored in a shed by the Moisants. Houpert had an older brother, Henri, who already lived in New York and operated a small garage in the city, which may have also had some influence in his coming to the United States.

The Moisant School started at Garden City, Long Island, with offices in New York, known as the Hempstead Plains Aviation Company. The school began with one Bleriot monoplane, powered by a 3-cylinder, 30 H.P Ansani engine and

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