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November he returned to Boston and became a full time instructor for the Burgess Company of Marblehead, Massachusetts on Burgess-Wright planes. Among his students during December was Greely S. Curtis, an executive of the company. The latter part of December he took a number of motion pictures of Boston Harbor and vicinity from the air, flying a Burgess Hydro. A camera was mounted beside him pointing downward at an angle, driven from the engine and arranged so he could turn it on and off as desired. These were the FIRST motion pictures of the Boston area from the air. At this time he was flying both land and water planes.

Page was sent south in January, 1912 as Chief Instructor for the winter school at Daytona, Florida on land planes. His first flight there was made January 28th, with six pupils enrolled. He remained at Daytona until April 1st where, in addition to instructing, he carried 41 passengers. Returning to Marblehead April 13th he piloted a Burgess Hydro, with Kirkham engine, for Rodman Law, who made the FIRST parachute drop in Boston and vicinity when he landed in the harbor. In April Page was made Chief Instructor for the Burgess Company for the 1912 season. On May 11th he carried Rear Admiral B. A. Fisk on a ride around Boston Harbor and vicinity in a Hydro, circling the battleships Georgia and Rhode Island at anchor, then landed alongside the Georgia where Admiral Fisk went aboard.

During the mid-Summer months Page was instructing on a school Hydro, with 4-cyl. Sturtevant engine, and in addition flew some exhibition engagements for the company. He was a contestant in the Boston Meet of June 29th to July 7th, flying a Burgess-Wright land plane, where he made a good showing in all the major events. On July 26th he flew an exhibition at Harwich, Massachusetts and August 1st he made the first test flights of a new military tractor on floats, using the imported 8-cyl. Vee Renault engine. Lt. Roy C. Kirtland of the Army was a passenger on these test flights. August 14th he

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