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FROM THE FLYING PIONEERS BIOGRAPHIES OF HAROLD E. MOREHOUSE
PHILLIPS WARD PAGE
Early Burgess-Wright-Pilot - Instructor
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