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MARSHALL E. REID
Early Wright Sportsman Pilot

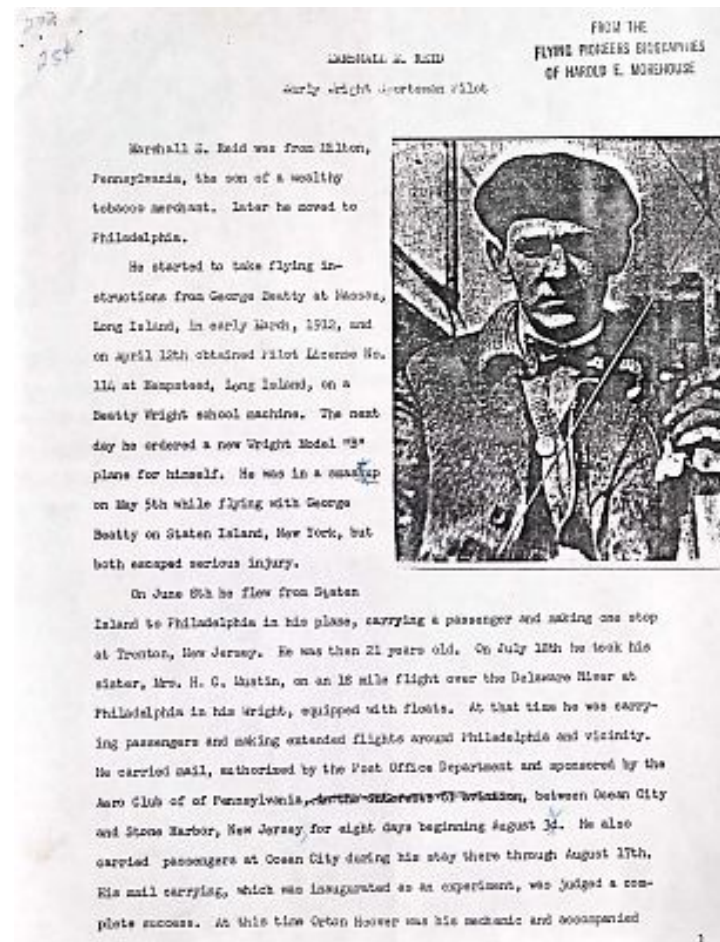
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Marshall E. Reid was from Milton, Pennsylvania, the son of a wealthy tobacco merchant. Later he moved to Philadelphia.

He started to take flying instructions from George Beatty at Nassau, Long Island, in early March, 1912, and on April 12th obtained Pilot License No. 114 at Hempstead, Long Island, on a Beatty Wright school machine. The next day he ordered a new Wright Model "B" plane for himself. He was in a smashup on May 5th while flying with George Beatty on Staten Island, New York, but both escaped serious injury.

On June 8th he flew from Staten Island to Philadelphia in his plane, carrying a passenger and making one stop at Trenton, New Jersey. He was then 21 years old. On July 18th he took his sister, Mrs. H.C. Mustin, on an 18 mile flight over the Delaware River at Philadelphia in his Wright, equipped with floats. At that time he was carrying passengers and making extended flights around Philadelphia and vicinity. He carried mail, authorized by the Post Office Department and sponsored by the Aero Club of Pennsylvania, ~~between Ocean City and Stone Harbor, New Jersey~~ in the interests of aviation, for eight days beginning August 3rd. He also carried passengers at Ocean City during his stay there through August 17th. His mail carrying, which was inaugurated as an experiment, was judged a complete success. At this time Orton Hoover was his mechanic and accompanied

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