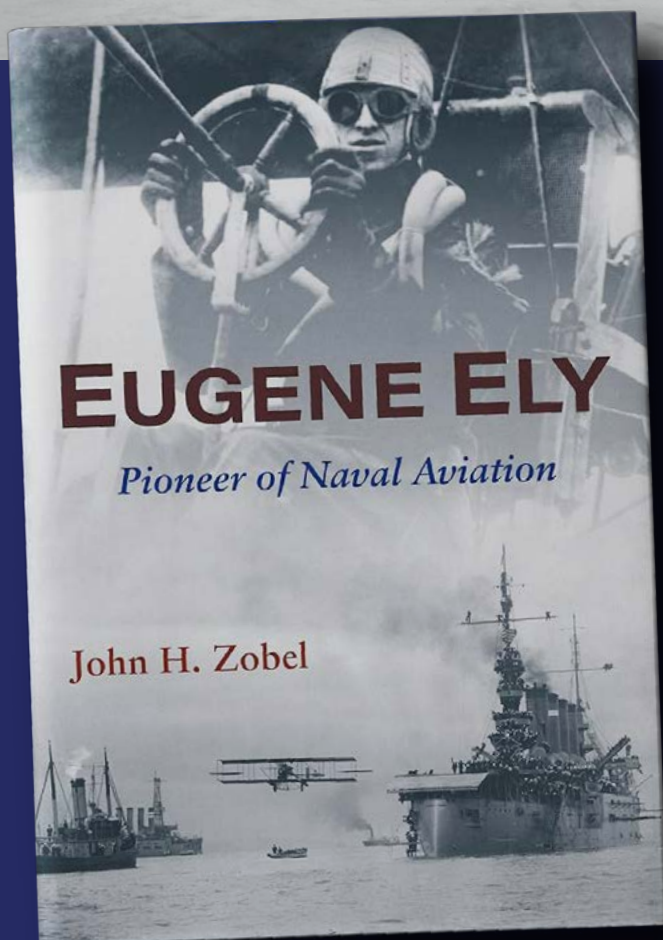


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# EUGENE ELY: PIONEER OF NAVAL AVIATION

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Within a year, he was dead.

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