

Amelia Earhart Aviation Pioneer o

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AMELIA EARHART TRIBUTE

From her childhood, Amelia Earhart was pushing the boundaries and expectations of being a girl in the early 20th century. Climbing trees, hunting rats and keeping a scrap book of her female role models, succeeding in fields like film direction, law, advertising, management and mechanical engineering – at that time all considered male oriented fields – were all things characterising Amelia. But Amelia followed her heart, and knew she was cut out to do differently.

On 28 December 1920, pilot Frank Hawks gave her a ride that would forever change her life. "By the time I had got two

or three hundred feet off the ground, I knew I had to fly."

Together with her husband (Amelia Earhart referred to her marriage as a partnership with dual control), Amelia Earhart was secretly planning for the 1932 solo flight cross the Atlantic – an achievement accomplished by no woman before. She took off from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland with the destination of Paris in mind. Strong north winds, icy conditions and mechanical problems plagued the flight and forced her to land in a pasture near Londonderry, Ireland.

Recognised as an amazing achievement at the time, Amelia

Earhart was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross – the first ever given to a woman. At the ceremony, US Vice President Charles Curtis praised her bravery, saying she displayed "heroic courage and skill as a navigator at the risk of her life." Earhart felt the flight proved that men and women were equal in "jobs requiring intelligence, coordination, speed, coolness, and willpower."
































































































































































































































































































































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