

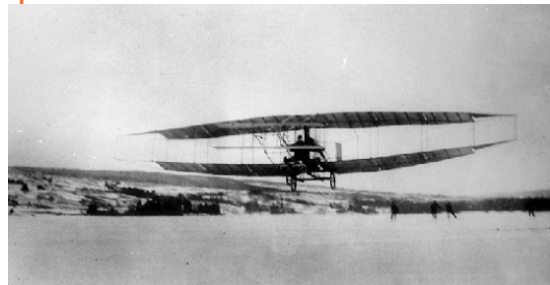
Famous Aviators

1) **John McCurdy** - flew the first heavier-than-air vehicle in CANADA

Back in 1909 the flight of this aircraft made Canadian history when John A. McCurdy flew it for over half a mile above the frozen surface of Bras d'Or Lake at Baddeck Bay, N.S.

-tested 200 short flights in experimental planes before being successful.

- Successful plane's name "Silver Dart"



J.A.D. [MCCURDY](#) was the principal designer and pilot; Glenn H. Curtiss developed the water-cooled engine, an advance on the association's earlier experiments. Pulled on to the ice of Baddeck Bay by horsedrawn sleigh on Feb 23, the silver-winged machine rose on its second attempt after travelling about 30 m, flying at an elevation from 3 to 9 m at roughly 65 km/hr for 0.8 km. Over 100 of Bell's neighbours witnessed the first flight of a British subject anywhere in the Empire. The Silver Dart flew more than 200 times before being damaged beyond repair upon landing in the soft sand of Petawawa, Ont, during military trials in early Aug 1909. The engine was later retrieved and restored and is now on display at the National Museum of Science and Technology in Ottawa. A full-scale model of the Silver Dart may be found in Ottawa's National Aviation Museum

2) Billy Bishop - Billy Bishop was Canada's top flying ace of the First World War, and was officially credited with 72 victories.



Bishop, Billy



<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=billy+bishop&&view=detail&mid=7BA04F196049FDB5091F7BA04F196049FDB5091F&&FORM=VRDGAR>

3) Rosella Bjornson - First Female airline pilot in April 1973



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v0wIB_RW2tw

4) Marion Orr - First women in Canada to open a flight school



Heritage Minutes: Marion Orr

more info




5) Jimmy Doolittle - American aviator and army general Jimmy Doolittle led an air raid on Tokyo and other Japanese cities four months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. April 18, 1942

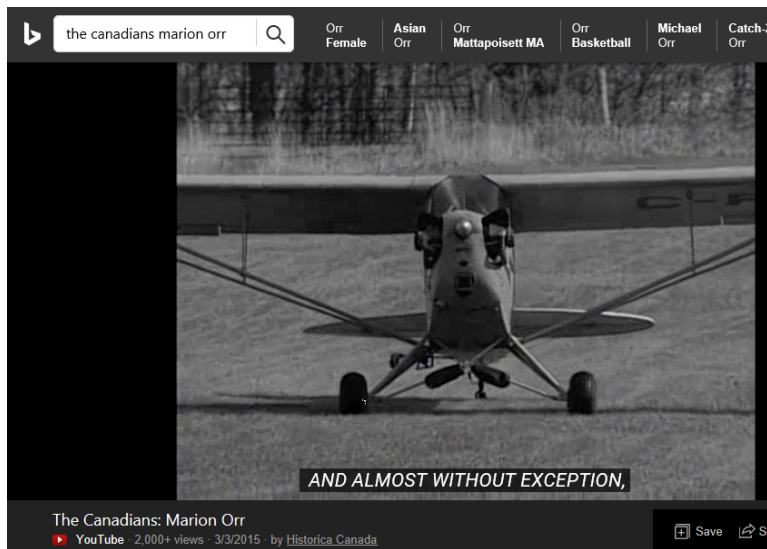


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 Jimmy Doolittle - video 46 min

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6) Amelia Earhart, the first female pilot to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, mysteriously disappeared while flying over the Pacific Ocean in 1937.



7) Neil Armstrong - first civilian pilot to fly in space.