

Amelia Earhart

HER FLYING FEATS rocked America and propelled her to stardom in a fiercely chauvinistic era.

She became a feminist icon for women in her generation and a household name after making the first solo flight by a woman across the Atlantic Ocean in her single-engine **Lockheed Vega**.

After blowing away the "powder puff" image of female aviators she went on to conquer the Pacific Ocean, becoming the first pilot to fly solo from Honolulu to Oakland, California.

A relentless campaigner for women's equality, she once said: **"Women must pay for everything... they do get more glory than men for comparable feats. But also, women get more notoriety when they crash."**

Her fierce ambition and pioneering spirit were thwarted during a round-the-world attempt which ended in double tragedy. She disappeared over the Pacific with her navigator, Fred Noonan, on the final leg of their 29,000 mile journey, near Howland Island.

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