

When most women were not even driving cars, Amelia Earhart was flying airplanes. In fact, she made a daring attempt to become the first woman to fly around the world. Toward the end of this dangerous journey, she mysteriously vanished.

The attempt to fly around the globe began when she flew east from Oakland, California. Earhart piloted her plane over twenty thousand miles. She nearly completed the flight. She was only a hundred miles from a tiny Pacific Island when the U.S. Coast Guard lost track of her. Her final message was at 8:30 PM on June 29, 1937. Since then, no trace of her has ever been found. What happened to her? There are many theories. Some suggested she was on a spy mission for the President. They think he asked her to fly over the Pacific Ocean to observe Japanese activities. Others say she was shot down and captured. Some insist she crashed in the ocean. No one may ever know what really happened to this famous pilot.

Earhart is best known for her fateful mission. Yet, she had many other flying achievements. She was the first to fly solo from Hawaii to California. She was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. She soon followed Charles Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic. This made her the second person to solo across the Atlantic.