

Lucky Lindy

Charles Lindbergh was born on a farm in 1902. When he was young, he was interested in machines. At 18, he went to college and studied engineering,* but he wanted to fly airplanes instead of studying. So, he left college after two years, learned to fly, and then joined the army* to fly planes. After that, he started working for a company that sent mail by plane between St. Louis* and Chicago.

In 1926, Lindbergh became excited when he heard some good news. A rich man said he would give a prize of \$25,000 to the first man to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean.* Lindbergh needed a plane. Some business people from St. Louis gave him the money to make the plane. He called this plane *Spirit of St. Louis*.

Lindbergh left New York City in his airplane on the morning of May 20, 1927. He arrived in Paris at night the next day. He flew more than 5,800 km in about 34 hours. People around the world read about his exciting flight in the newspapers. He was called "Lucky Lindy" and he became a hero.

Lindbergh wrote a book about his flight across the Atlantic. He named his book *We* because he talked about himself and his airplane. Soon, Lindbergh flew to many cities around America to teach people about airplanes and flying. Later, he flew to and stayed in many countries all over the world, so he became interested in the people and cultures there. Now, many people around the world know about him and his famous flight.

*engineering : 工学

*army : 軍隊

*St. Louis : (ミズリー州) セントルイス

*Atlantic Ocean : 大西洋



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