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**1890-1928**

American pilot and explorer who, with Lieutenant Commander Richard E. Byrd, claimed to be the first persons to fly to the North Pole. In that historic journey, Bennett flew a three-engine Fokker monoplane, the *Josephine Ford*, to the North Pole on May 9, 1926. He and Byrd received the Medals of Honor for the feat. Bennett died three years later in the midst of planning a trip to the South Pole with Byrd.