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American aviator who, with Oakley Kelly, made the first nonstop flight across the United States. Macready and Kelly flew a single-engine Fokker T-2 monoplane from New York to San Diego on May 2-3, 1923, taking just under 27 hours for the 2,500-mile (4,022 km) flight. Macready is also credited with being the first pilot to fly above 35,000 feet (10,668 m), the first to make a night parachute jump, and the first to dust crops, among other achievements.