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American astronaut who flew in the original space shuttle missions and served as pilot of the *Skylab* space station project. He received his M.S. degree in aeronautical engineering in 1964 and was chosen by NASA in 1966 to be an astronaut. He served as pilot aboard the *Skylab 2*, the first piloted mission of the space station project. The crew returned to Earth after 28 days in space, setting what was then a record for a single space mission.