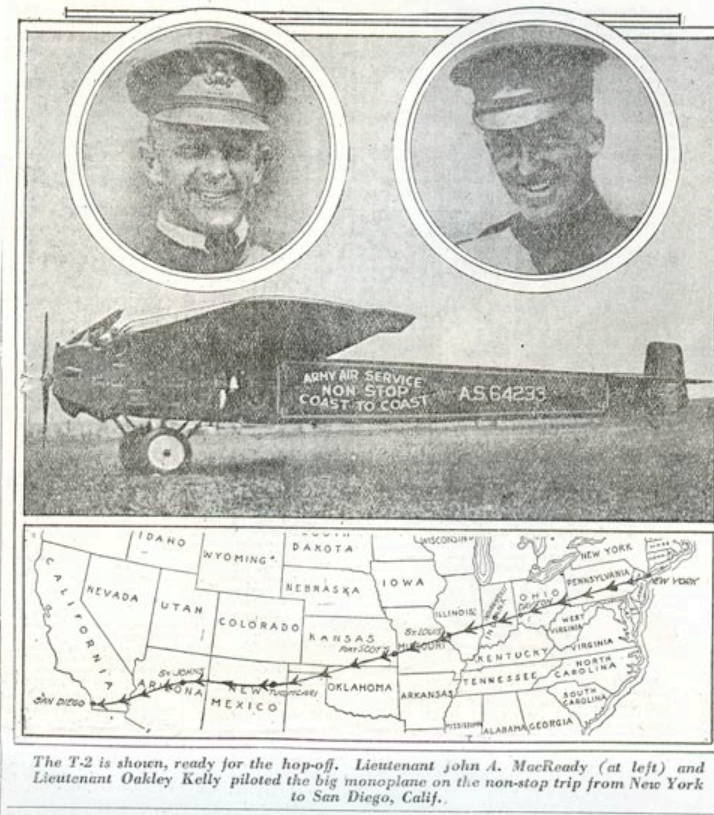


# OAKLEY G. KELLY

*Two Record Breakers, Their Plane and Route*



*The T-2 is shown, ready for the hop-off. Lieutenant John A. MacReady (at left) and Lieutenant Oakley Kelly piloted the big monoplane on the non-stop trip from New York to San Diego, Calif.*

- ◆ **BORN IN 1891**
- ◆ **HE WAS RANKED LIEUTENANT IN THE U.S. MILITARY**
- ◆ **HE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO EXPAND AND PROMOTE THE MILITARY AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES AT PEARSON FIELD**
- ◆ **MOST KNOWN FOR BEING THE FIRST TO FLY A NON-STOP CROSS COUNTRY FLIGHT THAT OCCURRED WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1923 IN A FOKKER T-2 FROM MITCHELL FIELD, NY TO SAN DIEGO, CA IN 26 HOURS, 50 MINUTES AND 48 SECONDS.**
- ◆ **“YOU HAVE WRITTEN A NEW CHAPTER IN THE TRIUMPHS OF AMERICAN AVIATION.” - PRESIDENT HARDING COMMANDED 321<sup>ST</sup> OBSERVATION SQUADRON FROM 1924-1928**
- ◆ **DIED AT AGE 74 IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**