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Charles A. Lindbergh's most famous exploit was his solo flight from Long Island to Paris 50 years ago, but the "Lone Eagle" did not always fly alone.

Anne Morrow married the dashing young pilot at the height of his fame, and he taught her how to fly and how to operate the radio. She went along on many of his later flights (cover), such as the one during which he established that a Great Circle route from New York to Tokyo would be practical for airliners. Being a gifted writer, Anne Morrow Lindbergh's books made the story of these flights familiar to millions, and, more recently, the volumes of her published diaries have served to tell a whole new generation of readers about Charles Lindbergh—although they have little to say about the great aviator's pioneer work in biomedicine (see story on page 2270).

The Lindberghs' flights may not have been dramatic by the standards of moviemakers. Spending 33½ hours in the cockpit of a small plane while crossing the Atlantic was drudgery and grueling hard work as much as adventure—and the same was true of the flight that Mrs Lindbergh describes in *North to the Orient*. There, one of the dangers was a crash landing hundreds of miles from the nearest settlement; another hazard was missing the scheduled stopping point because of fog or trouble with the simple navigation instruments carried by a small airplane. (Photograph courtesy of The Charles A. Lindbergh Memorial Fund Committee.)—JAAN KANGILASKI

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