



**ALBERT HEGENBERGER (1895 - 1983) AND  
LESTER MAITLAND**  
*Aviators (1895 - 1983 & 1895 - 1990)*

On June 15, 1927, pilots Hegenberger and Maitland completed the first trans-Pacific flight, from California to Hawaii. During the flight the radio and one of their compasses failed, so Hegenberger had to navigate their way through cloudy weather by dead reckoning, using only a magnetic compass and a driftmeter. After crossing 2,407 miles in 25 hours and 50 minutes, Hegenberger and Maitland landed safely at Wheeler Air Base on O'ahu.