



LOUIS BLERIOT

Aviator (1872 - 1936)

Bleriot was a French aviator and inventor. He designed the first working headlamp for trucks, and used the profits from his invention to pay to build aircraft. He was the first to make a successful piloted monoplane. On July 25, 1909 he also became the first pilot to cross the English Channel in a heavier-than-air aircraft. He had to navigate during the 36 minute flight using only lines of sight, because he did not have a compass.