

# ANGLO-AMERICAN GOODWILL CORONATION FLIGHT

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**THREE CANCELS**

**NY GPO MAY 8<sup>th</sup> 1937**



**LONDON MAY 13<sup>th</sup> 1937**



**NY GPO - May 14<sup>th</sup> 1937**

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### **Who was Henry Tyndell “Dick” Merrill**

**Started career as a Barnstormer**

**Early Aviation Pioneer - Highest paid Airmail Pilot**

**1936 had done the first transatlantic flight to England  
Financed by Harry Richman (showman)  
Almost a disaster**

**Pilot for Eastern Airlines**

**Lincoln Ellsworth connection – Chile rescue flight**

**WWII : Flew the Himalaya Hump**

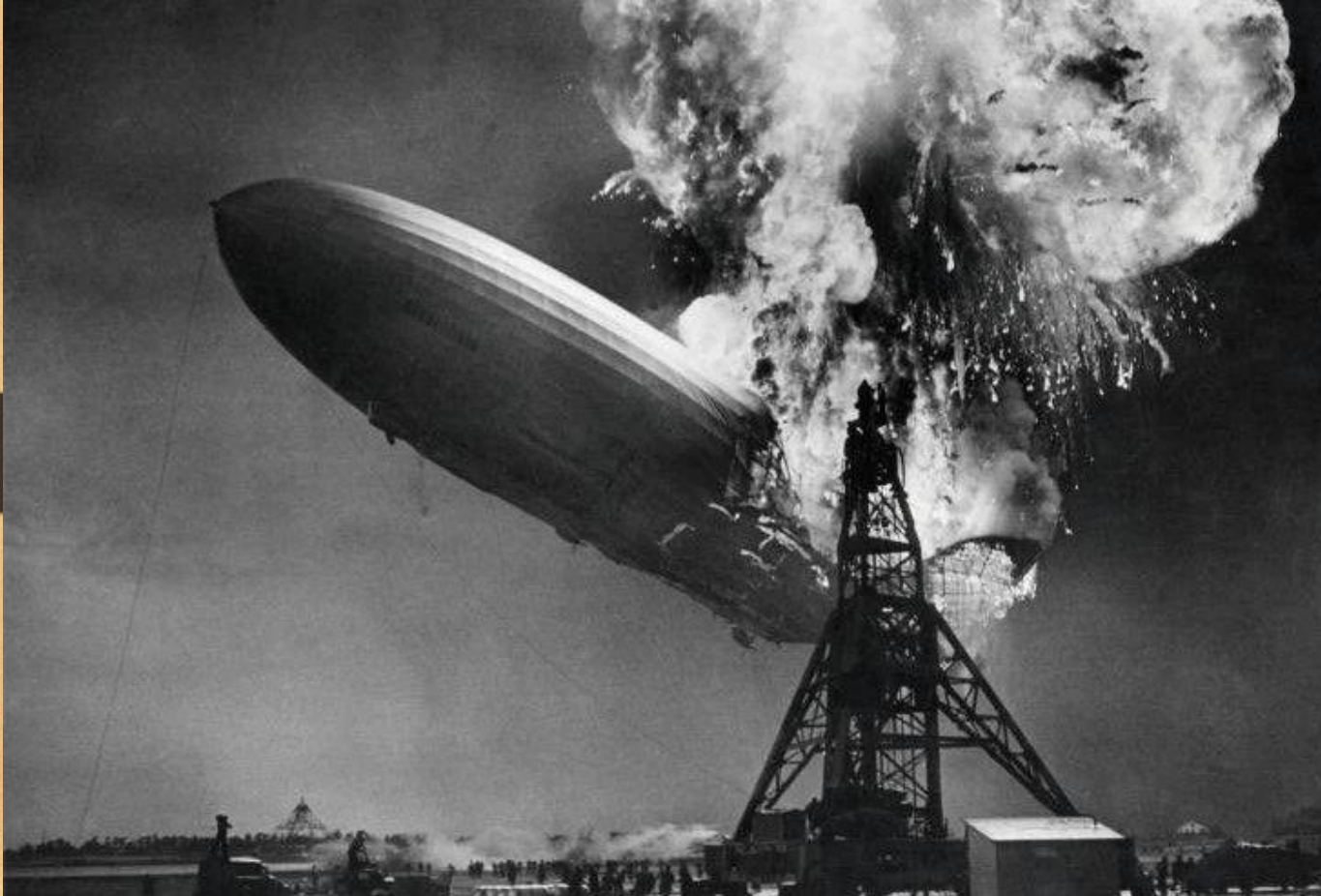
**1952: Pilot for Eisenhower Election Campaign**

**1961 retired from Eastern with 36,000**



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### **Flight Conceived by William Randolph Hearst**

**Merrill hired by Hearst Corporation**

**Wanted first pictures of George VI Coronation  
May 10<sup>th</sup> 1937**

**Due to leave on May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Flight delayed by Hindenberg Disaster  
May 6<sup>th</sup> 1937**

**Hearst had papers on both sides of the Atlantic**

**Wanted to be first paper have pictures of these  
events.**

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**Lockheed Electra 10-E**

**Two Transatlantic Flight Records:**

**Eastbound in 1936:**

**18 Hours 25 Minutes**

**Westbound in 1937:**

**25 Hours**

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This cover turns out to be part of Aero-Philatelic History as this “there and back again”  
feat was declared:

The first round-trip commercial crossing of the Atlantic by any aircraft.