Flashback

Canine Copilot



The dog's name was "Monoplane," and he belonged to Shakir S. Jerwan, chief pilot instructor for the Moisant Flying School at Garden City, Long Island, N. Y. Willing to follow his master just about anywhere, Monoplane made more than forty flights with Jerwan, beginning in 1912. At the flying school, the canine aviator

was known to run out to the field at the sound of engines starting up. Monoplane, claimed a contemporary newspaper account, was "as competent to judge where the machine will land as any human—more so than those not accustomed to flying." It was also said that the dog enjoyed a pipe as well as his cigars.