

# Roelof Jan Domenie

*Dutch banker and adventurer*



When Roelof Domenie stepped on board the KLM *Uiver* at Mildenhall near London on 20 October 1934 and took off for Melbourne at 6:35 am, he completed a rare quadruple—he had flown on all four major forms of air transport, zeppelins, flying boats, wood and fabric planes and all-metal planes.

On 28 June 1932, Roelof and his wife Jakomina took a flight over the Swiss Alps in the *Graf Zeppelin*, the 250<sup>th</sup> flight of the *Graf Zeppelin*, departing Friedrichshafen at 8:27 am and arriving back at Friedrichshafen at 4:16 pm. Departing 29 June 1934, Roelof flew in the same machine on the inaugural zeppelin flight from Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires. This was a demonstration flight, so Roelof was probably an invited guest on a return flight.

On interview in Holland early in October 1934, Roelof Domenie said that he frequently flew from Rio de Janeiro with Condor and Pan Air, and commented that they flew flying boats. One of Roelof's sons recalls his father getting down on to a flying boat prior to his father going to Holland on this occasion.

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