COUNT FERDINAND ADOLF AUGUST VON ZEPPELIN
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Zeppelin built his first airship at Lake Constance, Germany. He made the first successful free flight of a rigid airship (LZ1) on July 2, 1900. The craft flew to Immerstadt and returned. He designed and built some 88 rigid airships at his Zeppelin Airship Works (Luftschiffbau Zeppelin) in Friedrichshafen, Germany. His airships were used for regional commercial flights as well as long-distance trips. Among those airships was the Graf Zeppelin which made the first commercial passenger flight around the world.