Myth:

Being a pilot in WW1 was exiting and glamorous. They were perceived to live a life of adventure in the skies, free from the harsh reality of war. They were seen as heroes who engaged in thrilling dogfights, and showed off their incredible skills. They soared through the air with ease, preforming incredible maneuvers. Pilots were portrayed this way, leading people to believe this was the reality, when it was far from it.

Reality:

The reality of being a WW1 pilot was far from glamorous. They faced many challenges every day. They flew unreliable aircrafts against unpredictable weathers. They were constantly exposed to enemy fire. They watched their friends and comrades die every day. The life expectancy for a new pilot was just eleven days. Life of a pilot during the war far from the glorious adventure it was said to be.