

"CANBERRA" CLIPS RECORD

At Aldergrove R.A.F. Station, Northern Ireland, a Canberra on delivery to an American factory, lands for filling and checking before having a crack at the record. The aircraft is piloted by Wing Commander Beaumont.

She'll need her full load of paraffin, not petrol. Built by English Electric and powered by two Rolls-Royce Avon jets she'll make the 2,073 miles crossing in one hop. Royal Aero Society officials seal the engines and will time the flight from the take-off. A certificate of sealing, with a copy of the seal must be presented at Gander, Newfoundland. The record attempt is Wing Commander Beaumont's first crossing as pilot. Mr. Rylands will radio progress reports and it's up to Mr. Watson to keep her on course. Now Beaumont is ready ... the batman gives the last signal and the Canberra's off - to report four hours and nineteen minutes later a new record for Britain.