

Reynolds Bombshell.

Sc 1.

It's takeoff time for the globe circling Bombshell..
and flying a converted bomber in which he recently
broke records Bill Odom is off again.

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He's ^away, solo, on a world circling trip..

Sc 6 From Chicago to Newfoundland..Paris..Cairo..Karachi
..Calcutta..Tokyo; to Alaska and then on the last leg ^{back} to
Chicago, fighting sleep for twenty thousand miles.

Sc 16

Ten thousand people watch the sky at Chicago Airport
and wife and family are first to spot the moving streak
come in.

Sc 20

Odom has made it again. Tired but happy, he gets a heroes
welcome from the crowd. Around the world in seventy three
hours.. ~~and~~ a lifetime to his wife!

1 after
land

map

QV control
tower

1 after plane
towards low.

Andrews
Joyce
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1. TITLE: AROUND THE WORLD IN 73 HOURS
2. Chicago. Take-off time for the globe-circling Bombshell! Flying the converted A-26 bomber, aided only by Willie, the automatic-pilot, is 27-year-old Bill Odum, who's already flown round the world. Now he plans to do it solo, and faster than anyone else!
7. From Chicago his course takes him 20,000 miles: to Newfoundland, Paris, Cairo, Karachi, Calcutta, Tokyo, to Alaska and finally back to Chicago. Now Paris, France, a mere 13 hours and 15 minutes from Illinois. Pausing only briefly, Bill gets a gold medal for endurance from a representative of the French Youth Ministry, with French treatment, *mais oui!* Then, what's better for a hungry young man than French cuisine? But time is precious. Minutes later it's *au revoir* to Paris. Three stops and 20 hours further on, the Bombshell touches down at Tokyo, Japan. No sightseeing here; only a hurried catnap on the wing as mechanics repair a landing light. With 3400 miles across the North Pacific ahead of him, Odum streaks out of Tokyo in the early dawn. With his automatic pilot out of order, it's long, weary going, hours of fighting sleep against the steady drone of the engines.
20. Finally Chicago - 10,000 people, including his wife and family, watch the sky. The Bombshell has made it again! And faster than ever! Tired and happy, Bill Odum is home from a record-smashing flight. 20,000 miles! Around the world in 73 hours!