

NEVILLE DUKE'S RECORD

In the cockpit of the Hawker Hunter at Tangmere, Neville Duke prepared to take off to put the ~~fastest~~ world's speed record beyond doubt. Officials at the electric timing controls were warned he was on the way.

Hurry up, chaps, this is the jet age. Required now were four runs, two each way, over the 3 kilometre course near Littlehampton. Duke touched 716 on the first run. On the return 738.

So far so good. Now ~~run~~ run at 716.

On the last run Duke touched 738.

Back over Tangmere the world's fastest flier made a victory roll, showing he had no doubt about it.

The average speed was announced later as 727<sup>1</sup>/<sub>6</sub> m.p.h., 29 faster than the confirmed record set last November.

His most ardent admirer gave him extra special congratulations, then said, let's do something slower, come to a cocktail party.

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