

LONDON AIRPORT

NEW YORK-LONDON AIR SPEED RECORD

Seven hours forty-eight minutes after leaving New York "Excalibur III" brings Captain Charles Blair safely to London for a day off - although the record's smashed to pieces. His Rolls-Royce Mustang clipped an hour off the fastest time for a flight between New York and London. For the trip extra petrol was stored in the wings as well as the body. At one time Captain Blair (an American air-line officer) had a round-the-world flight in mind, but events in Korea - where Mustangs are doing fine work - have ruled that out for the time being. Well, how did it go, Captain Blair? Did you do as well as you hoped?

"It took a little longer than we anticipated. The first part of the flight was a little slow and in the last part of the flight we picked up time and really made knots. I really haven't very much to say except that I'm very glad to be down and out of the airplane and the people here in London were very co-operative and I appreciate that very much."