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CANBERRA - THERE AND BACK

Tuesday, August the 27th, was another great day for British aircraft and the men who fly them. A Canberra jet-bomber made the two-way Atlantic crossing in one day with Wing-Commander Beament as pilot and Flight-Lieutenant Peter Hillwood as co-pilot. Their navigator was Squadron-Leader Watson for the four-thousand-one-hundred-and-forty-five mile trip.

At half past six in the morning they climbed aboard and, only a few minutes later, the Canberra took off. Next stop Gander, Newfoundland!

By 11.15 the Canberra was in Gander. A quick re-fuel, then back at six-hundred-miles-an-hour to Aldergrove, arriving at a quarter to five - only one minute under eight hours for the double flight! Wing-Commander Beament, the man who set up the new record, had this to say:

"Well, it was an interesting experience. We had breakfast at Aldergrove in Ireland, and lunch in Newfoundland and tea back in Ireland."