

NEWS OF THE DAY

LABORATORY ORDER NO.

CAMERA MAN'S DOPE SHEET

CAMERA MAN _____	SOUND MAN _____	CREW No. _____
DATE & LOCATION <u>Frank Vail</u>	FOOTAGE	
<u>Sept. 15th 1950 Wendover, Utah.</u>	LIGHT CONDITIONS	<u>500' EK 5250 color neg.</u>
<u>"BLUEBIRD SPEED TRIAL ENDS IN WRECK"</u>	QUALITY OF SOUND	<u>flat - silent</u>

An accurate description of each individual scene including names of persons figuring therein is necessary.
 In group shots always give names from left to right, making certain they are spelled correctly.
 Give phonetic pronunciation of all doubtful proper names.
 Send all newspaper clippings or other information.

In an attempt to set a new land speed record, Donald Campbell brings his 4 1/2 million dollar bluebird racer to the salt flats of Utah. Utmost care of the car is taken, and a very careful preliminary preparation is under way. Housed in an unused hangar at the Wendover Bombing Range, the Bluebird is given every attention. Finally, it is moved out onto a lorry, and taken to the course on the salt flats. Several trial runs are made at low speeds 100 to 200 m.p.h., and then some adjustments were made. At 9 am on Sept. 16th, the car is made ready for a dawn run, just at sunrise, Donald Campbell speeds thru the measured mile at his highest speed to date, 250 mile p.h. then, on the return trip, at about 4 miles from his southbound start, the car goes out of control, and in seconds it is skidded to its end, smashed, wheels gone. Campbell suffered only a few cuts and bruises, and was rushed to a hospital immediately. Press cars were frozen to their positions by the police and race officials, and no fetes of Campbell or his release from the car were allowed. A few shots of the car at rest were all we could grab, before they closed off the area. The actual spin-out was out of sight of any of our camera positions. It had been planned that closeup shots of the car, cockpit, Campbell entering, etc., was to have been permitted at the end of this fatal south run, having been prohibited prior to this for reasons best known to the race officials, but at a meeting had agreed the night before to grant us 15 minutes at the south end - but the car, or Campbell never made it.

WHEN AND HOW SHIPPED:-

REMARKS:

Rolls 1 to 5 EK Color Neg. 5250. Bluebird is taken out of hangar and the crew poses with it, along with all the vehicles of the project. High shots, low shots etc. Bluebird is taken on a huge trail or truck. Taken off and placed under a protective canopy. First trials on the course, with a run in each direction. (late afternoon Sept. 15) Dawn run Sept. 17th south to north at 250 m.p.h. Observer on course charts car as it roars by, talks on phone. At scene of wreck. Various shots of the wrecked Bluebird from different angles, showing damage, skid marks, safety belt that probably saved Campbell's life. Long shots as mechanics look it over, etc., Police car barring way to where other debris thrown from car is along the skid mark, tires, parts, etc., We were told that we could not make pictures of this area, and under the circumstances (our actually working for the Project) did not force the matter.

ALSO COVERED BY:-

this color material made for DuPont, I believe British Pathe - Norm Al has this information. READ CAREFULLY clips enclosed....

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Film Title: Uran

Story: \$4,500,000. BLUEBIRD NEARLY TOTAL LOSS AFTER
300 MPH CRACKUP

Footage: 20
Time: 33sec.

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1.	6	9	6	BLUEBIRD IN ON TRUCK	The sleek four and a half million dollar Bluebird the second arrives at the
2.	8	13	4	CU SAME	Bonneville Salt Flats in Western Utah for
3.	10	17	4	SHADOW S.	trial runs before ace speedster Donald
4.	12	20	3	CU TRAVEL SIDE OF ROAD	Campbell tries to establish a new land
5.	14	22	2	LS WRECKD CAR	record. In its second test, the three
6.	15	25	3	MS SAME	thousand horsepower gas-turbined machine
7.	17	28	3	CU COCKPIT	hits three hundred miles an hour, plus,
8.	18	30	2	CU WHEELS	but, the Bluebird goes into a spin for a
9.	20	33	3	LS GROUP	half mile and winds up as almost a total loss. Campbell, fortunately, makes out a bit better than his car--with cuts, bruises and a hairline fracture to show for the accident. Anybody interested in a good used car?