Lindbergh’s Record-setting Flight

Lindbergh plotted a “great circle” route across the North Atlantic via Nova Scotia and New Foundland and Ireland, the shortest route to Paris. It was some 473 miles shorter than a straight shot across the ocean imagined on flat projection maps.

Builder: Ryan Aircraft Company
Type: Modified Ryan M-2
Registration: N-X-211
Engine: 223 HP Wright J-5C
Takeoff Weight: 5,135 pounds
Length: 27 feet, 8 inches
Height: 9 feet, 8 inches
Wingspan: 46 feet

Record Flight: May 20-21, 1927
New York to Paris 3,610 miles in 33 hours, 30 minutes

May 20, 1927, Lindbergh takes off from Roosevelt Field, N.Y.
May 21, 1927, Lindbergh lands at Le Bourget Aerodrome, Paris

Halifax, Mass.
Last time seen over North American mainland

Nova Scotia
Turns toward Nova Scotia

New Foundland
Lindbergh begins flight over the Atlantic

Ireland
Lindbergh makes landfall

Sources: National Air and Space Museum; National Archives; New York Times; California Evening Tribune