

Jet sets record

SYDNEY, Sunday. — A Boeing 707 jet took only 38 minutes 45 seconds to fly from Melbourne to Sydney yesterday — breaking the previous record for a commercial aircraft by three minutes 15 seconds.

The jet's pilot, Captain R. Probert, set the old record of 42 minutes in a Boeing five years ago.

Yesterday the Boeing reached speeds of more than 800 miles an hour and averaged 710 miles an hour.

The jet was taking part in the commemoration of the first airmail flight in Australia 50 years ago.

The Frenchman, Maurice Guillaux, flew his tiny Bleriot monoplane from Melbourne to Sydney in 1914 and the flight took two and a half days.

More than 2,000 people were at Mascot Airport yesterday to see the colourful commemoration ceremony.