

CANADIANS SET ALTITUDE AND DEPTH RECORDS



NORAD photo

Soaring to 30,800 feet, Canadian Lieutenant-Colonel Roy Windover took this 1941 Interstate Cadet to a record alti-

tude. With Pikes Peak in the background, the NORAD officer has a good view of Colorado Springs area.

A new world light-aircraft altitude record and a depth record for non-professional diving in cold northern waters were set recently by Canadians, the first in a 31-year-old plane over Pikes Peak near Colorado Springs, the other from a research submarine off the coast of Maine.

ALTITUDE RECORD

Lieutenant-Colonel Roy W. Windover, a Canadian officer serving with the joint Canadian-U.S. North American Air Defence Command headquarters, set the altitude record of 30,800 feet on April 10 but the feat was confirmed only recently by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale in Paris, the official air-flight record agency. Taking off from the Meadow Lake Airport, near the Rocky Mountain east slope, Colonel Windover flew a 75-hp 1941 Interstate Cadet S1-A aircraft just 880 feet short of six miles high. Towards the end of the climb he had only a 37-mph air speed. "It was a fantastic view," he said, "with a visibility of about 125 miles."

This was the second altitude record established by Colonel Windover. He set a Canadian national record on February 29 this year in his own 1946 Cessna 140, by reaching a height of 27,050 feet. This light aircraft is powered by an 85-ph engine.



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Aquanauts Roger Clifford, (left) and David Scarratt, examine specimens taken on practice dive in the Gulf of Maine. CBC newsmen look on.