BLAIR CHOOSES LEAR FOR RECORD FLIGHT OVER NORTH POLE

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THANKS TO THE WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE OF YOUR L-2 AUTOPILOT, YOUR ADF-12 AUTOMATIC DIRECTION FINDER, AND YOUR VHF COMMUNICATIONS RADIO, MY FLIGHT OVER THE NORTH POLE WAS ESSENTIALLY NO DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER ROUTINE FLIGHT I HAVE MADE EXCEPT THAT IT TOOK A LITTLE LONGER. THE L-2 TOOK CARE OF ALL THE CRUISING FLIGHTS AND THE ADF-12 WAS EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN THE NAVIGATION BY OBTAINING LONG DISTANCE RADIO BEARINGS FROM ALASKA. I HAVE OPERATED YOUR EQUIPMENT ON MY MUSTANG UP TO 37,000 FEET AND AT TEMPERATURES OF 70 DEGREES BELOW ZERO WITH UNIFORMLY EXCELLENT RESULTS. BEST REGARDS.

CHARLIE BLAIR

From Norway to New York via the North Pole with only one stop for gas at Fairbanks, Alaska — 6,750 miles in a Mustang F-51 at an average speed of 320 miles per hour — that is the historic and daring achievement of Captain Charles F. Blair, the only man ever to make such a flight solo over the top of the world. In the Arctic regions your magnetic compass is useless, so your radio direction finding aids and automatic pilot become all-important — particularly when you have to go it alone. Captain Blair, Stratocruiser pilot for Pan American World Airways and veteran of 420 Atlantic crossings, knew exactly what the job called for. Naturally he chose Lear equipment throughout — and he was never more than one minute off his ETA's on the entire flight.

Here is the Lear equipment installed by Captain Blair for his remarkable flight — all this in one already overcrowded F-51! It had to be compact to fit the space — it had to be good to do the job.

2 Lear ADF-12 Automatic Direction Finders
1 Lear L-2 Automatic Pilot
1 Lear Master Direction Indicator
2 Lear VHF Receivers
1 Lear Medium Frequency Receiver
2 Lear 12-channel VHF Transmitters
1 Lear Low Frequency Transmitter
1 Lear Hand-Reel and Trailing Antenna Assembly

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