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A non-stop flight record of 11 hours and 37 minutes from Shannon, Ireland, to New York was reported today (May 22) by American Overseas Airlines. The new westbound record for the 3107 mile run was established by an AOA Stratocruiser commanded by Captain Edward A. Stewart, of 15 Crestwood Road, Port Washington, L. I., during a routine, regularly scheduled flight.

Captain Stewart attributed the fast westbound crossing to unusually favorable easterly winds ranging up to 35 miles per hour. The flight departed Shannon 10:34 PM Irish time (5:34 PM Eastern Standard Time), May 21, and arrived New York International Airport, Idlewild, 5:11 AM, Monday morning.

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