

**STRATOSPHERE FLIGHT**  
by United States Army and  
National Geographic Society.  
In World's Largest Balloon.  
3 million cubic feet, half  
the size of the U.S.S. Macon.

**U. S. ARMY - NAT'L GEOGRAPHIC**  
**1935 STRATOSPHERE FLIGHT**

From near Rapid City, So. Dak.

In world's largest balloon.

By Captains Stevens and Anderson.

Initial on date of takeoff.

1934 balloon crashed in Nebraska.

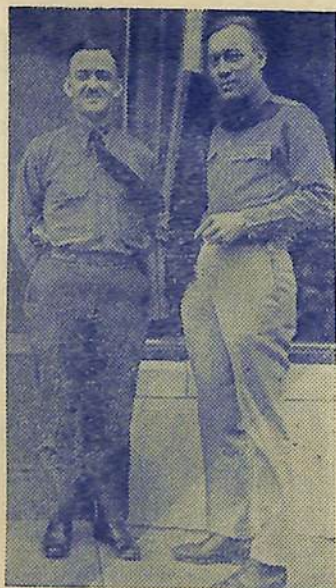
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Mailed at closest post office to  
the balloon's landing place.



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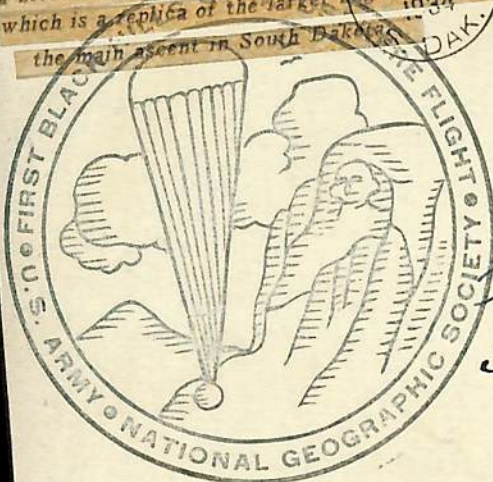


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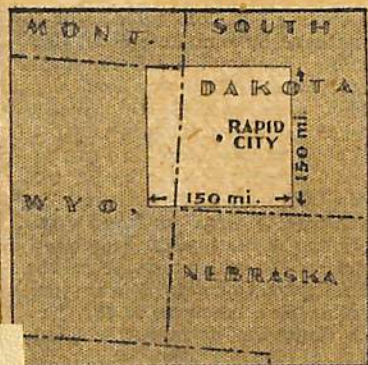


Ground crew inflating test balloon just before  
 Maj. William Kepner and Capt. Orin Anderson made  
 a brief test flight in a 35,000 cubic foot capacity balloon  
 which is a replica of the larger one to be used for  
 the main ascent in South Dakota.



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# Army to 'Snap' Mother Earth 15 Miles Up



Location of Rapid City, near  
 which ascent will be made. The  
 square, 150 miles on the side,  
 shows the area to be photo-  
 graphed when the balloon reaches  
 its altitude goal.



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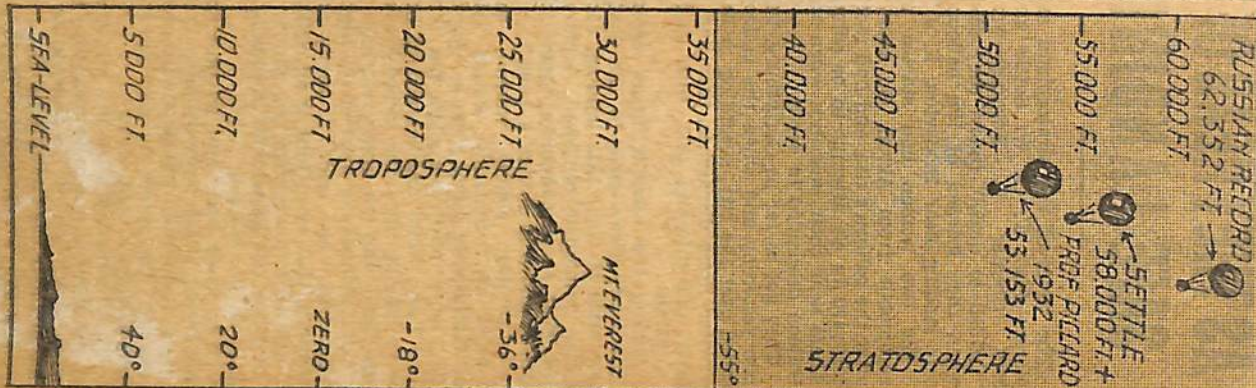


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## AS SETTLE SOARED INTO STRATOSPHERE

Chart showing the heights reached by previous balloonists and Commander Settle's farthest up on yesterday's voyage to the stratosphere.



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(Photo by Kaufmann-Fabry)

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