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## **Official U.S. Air Force TV Newsfilm "Man Who Broke Sound Barrier"**

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# OFFICIAL U.S. AIR FORCE TV NEWSFILM

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"MAN WHO BROKE SOUND BARRIER"  
FC-1303

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

16mm Color. Optical Sound on Film of Gen Yeager

61 sec 38 ft

(NEWS DIRECTORS, NOTE: Film was shot at the Smithsonian Institute in September 1974 and includes historical flight footage, December 1953. General Yeager's hometown is Hamlin, WV. He has flown over 10,000 hours in more than 150 military aircraft. CONTACT: Capt John Kuminecz, 202-0X5-9664.)

## LOCAL NEWSCASTER

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THE MAN WHO BROKE THE SOUND BARRIER IS  
HANGING UP HIS FLIGHT SUIT.

AFTER 33 YEARS SERVICE, AIR FORCE BRIGADIER  
GENERAL CHUCK YEAGER RETIRES THIS MONTH.  
HE IS BEST KNOWN AS THE FIRST MAN TO  
FLY NOT ONLY FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF  
SOUND--BUT ALSO TWICE AS FAST.

ROLL FILM:

### (YEAGER DIALOGUE - SYNCED UNDER)

CU YEAGER TALKING

(6 sec) YEAGER BROKE THE SOUND BARRIER IN 1947,  
SIX YEARS LATER HE FLEW FASTER THAN 1600  
MILES PER HOUR.

### (YEAGER DIALOGUE UP - V.O.)

CU X-1A (Historical  
Footage)  
MS YEAGER SUITING UP

(3 sec)  
(4 sec)

THIS WAS REALLY A BEAUTIFUL LITTLE  
AIRPLANE. IT CAME ALONG AT THE RIGHT  
TIME, AND I THINK WE GOT SO TIED UP WITH  
THE AIRPLANE AND GOT SO HAPPY THAT WE  
GOT THE THING SUPERSONIC.

LS BAG/X-1A UNDER

(5 sec)

M O R E

MS BAG/X-1A TAKEOFF (3 sec) UP UNTIL THAT TIME EVERYTHING STOPPED AT  
 MS BAG/X-1A IN FLIGHT (3 sec) .8 MACH NUMBER AND EVERYBODY PREDICTED  
 MS BAG DROPPING X-1A (12 sec) THE SONIC BARRIER WAS THE END AND THAT  
 NOTHING WOULD EVER GO FASTER.

LS X-1A FLYING (3 sec) AS WE WENT FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF  
 SOUND -- YOU KNOW IT JUST SORT OF OPENED  
 UP A WHOLE NEW WORLD AS FAR AS AIRPLANES  
 ARE CONCERNED.

X-1A Landing (3 sec) YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY SO-CALLED  
 FEELING WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT,  
 OTHER THAN THE FEELING OF ACCOMPLISHMENT.  
 MS YEAGER WALK (5 sec) BECAUSE THAT'S REALLY WHAT YOU'RE  
 AROUND DISPLAY TRAINED TO DO. THAT'S PART OF YOUR JOB.

CU YEAGER (3 sec) I CAME INTO THE AIR FORCE AS AN 18-YEAR  
 OLD KID FRESH OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL. THE  
 MS YEAGER FINISH (11 sec) AIR FORCE SORT OF TAUGHT ME EVERYTHING  
 WALK AROUND I NEEDED TO KNOW.

IT MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD TO LOOK BACK ON  
 SOMETHING LIKE THE X-1 AND THE  
 ACHIEVEMENTS THAT THING ACCOMPLISHED.

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Now, LIKE HIS AIRCRAFT BEFORE HIM,  
 CHUCK YEAGER RETIRES INTO HISTORY.