

The Airspeed Record.

Ready for their attack on the World's airspeed record are the R A F's first jet fighter aircraft. Their pilots .. Mr Eric Greenwood and Group Captain Wilson.

Greenwood's thin plane, with it's high tail rising clear of jet blast, is fuelled ... with paraffin.

The pilot makes the flight without encumbrance of heavy clothing. The closed cockpit needs no heat. Air friction on the fuselage exterior will provide that.

Radar cue.

~~Timing~~ Radar and camera timing equipment are set as ~~and~~ the Gloster Meteor gives into its first run over the marking buoys.

With a visibility of only seven miles ~~and~~ at a speed of a mile in six seconds the attempt calls for high courage and ~~skill~~ hair spring reflexes.

From North Foreland to the Isle of Sheppey the coast the ~~new~~ resounds to ~~speed~~ new song of SPEED.

Radar crew cheer.

Record broken..More then that.. Cracked wide open. Gloster's Chief test pilot has averaged six hundred and three miles an hour over his four runs. His gesture to the plane pays tribute to a company which turned its endeavours to the Squirt aircraft shortly after Dunkirk.

Britannia

Britannia is made ready. The 37 year old ~~pilot~~ Commandant of the Empire's Test Pilots School climbs in.

Hops off, ~~starting~~ the ~~his~~ first spurt ~~power~~ ~~run~~ over the course makes a run at ~~six~~ hundred and four.

and still with ten per cent Six hundred and four.. ~~with~~ the Rolls Royce engines ~~at~~ of his Rolls Royce power held in reserve.

Last run

With a last burst at six hundred and eleven ~~with~~ ~~run~~, Wilson averages six hundred and six miles an hour, topping the previous world record by one hundred and thirty seven.

~~And so say all of us.~~

~~And the country's thanks to both of you~~

~~And to both of you and the men and industry behind~~
~~you.. the Country's thanks~~

And to you both, and the men and industry behind
you, the thanks of the whole country.

LINES ROGERSON
VOICE..... GIBSON PARKER
MUSIC BACKGROUND... SEE CUE SHEET.

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* Radar and camera-timing-equipment are set as the Gloster Meteor dives into its first run over the marking buoys.

* With a visibility of ~~only~~ ^{seven} miles at a speed of a mile in six seconds the attempt calls for high courage and hair spring reflexes.

* From North Foreland to the Isle of Sheppey the coast resounds to the new song of SPEED.

* Record broken... More than that. ^{It} Cracked wide open. Gloster's Chief test pilot has averaged six hundred and three miles an hour over his four runs.

* His gesture to the plane pays tribute to a company which turned its endeavours to the ~~jet~~ ^{jet} aircraft shortly after Dunkirk.

* Britannia is made ready. The 37 year old Commandant of the Empire's Test Pilots' School climbs in. He's off, and now, shooting into the first spurt over the course/makes a run at six hundred and four.

~~... hundred and four... still with ten per cent...
... still with ten per cent...
... still with ten per cent...~~

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** And our congratulations to you
And to you both and the men both.
And to the men*

and industry behind you, the thank...
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