

BRITANNIA SALVAGED

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The salvage crews won the battle to get Britannia far enough out of the water to be dismantled. Only by sheer hard work against the mud, not to mention the cold, was it possible. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Balloons were inflated inside ^{7 alt} the fuselage to make it buoyant, so that when the next tide rose the big hull could be hauled nearer the high water line. Air was pumped in, all ready for the tide, ~~to come again.~~

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It was essential to recover the starboard wing, whose inner engine took fire. The salvage men succeeded in doing so. Various parts cut away or broken off were dragged up the beach. Until the engine has been examined by experts of the Bristol Aeroplane ~~xxxxxxx~~ Company's engine Division no useful opinion can be formed as to what caused the fire.

so At night the fuselage floated sufficiently to be pulled fifty yards further up. It will ^{still} be surrounded by water for some time at each flood tide but will be high and dry long enough to give the dismantling crew a chance. That work, expected to last five or six days, was farmed out to a private contracting firm.

Next day the wings and engines were ready to be taken to *t works* ~~the company's works at Boston~~, eight miles away. The setback is severe ~~and very costly~~ but not more ⁵⁶ say ~~the~~ experts, than is always likely ⁸ ~~for~~ a new aircraft at Britannia's stage.

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