

COMPOSITE PLANE.

The following pictures were taken exclusively by Gaumont British News on the day of the first separation of the Mayo Composite 'plane in mid-air. But in order to explain it more clearly, here is the pilots' own description of what actually happened.

Now the two planes locked together --- Maia the flying-boat carrying the seaplane Mercury pick-a-back --- are taking off from the water at Rochester for the flight which ^{made} ~~would make~~ air history; the first flight in which a seaplane took off from the back of a flying boat seven hundred feet in the air.

Now watch closely!

And now for a final word from the two pilots --- Captain Lankester Parker and Flight-Lieutenant Piper ^{Lewis} ~~These are the words they spoke before their gamble with death.~~