

Some of Britain's first-line aircraft were "on parade" when King Hussein of Jordan paid an official visit to the R.A.F. Station, Biggin Hill.

This air-minded Monarch (^{himself} ~~was~~ an experienced pilot) thoroughly enjoyed a close-up view of the Hunters, Meteors and Canberras, before watching a flying display - arranged in his honour.

During the show, Hunter fighters flew over in "H" formation, saluting the Royal onlooker.

After various squadron demonstrations, a ^{one} ~~low~~ Canberra jet bomber displayed its ^{amazing} ~~remarkable~~ speed and manoeuvrability.

But to King Hussein, the highlight of the visit was a flight in a Vampire jet trainer [;] ~~though~~ last November, ^{the King} ~~he~~ had flown in an R.A.F. Canberra, a six hundred miles per hour.

Flying in a dual-control machine, ^{His Majesty} ~~he~~ took over for most of the thirty minute flight - a thrilling experience for the only Reigning Monarch to have flown in a jet bomber.