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Duke pilots freighter plane

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Yorkshire: A factory welcome for the Duke of Edinburgh, when he toured the home of the famous Blackburn aircraft.

~~the production lines~~ are chiefly centred on the Blackburn "Beverley" - the world's largest freight-carrying aircraft.

While of historical interest ^{WAS, ATTENDED} ~~to the airman's visit~~ ~~was~~ a Blackburn B.2 - an R.A.F. trainer ^{of} the thirties, ~~AND~~ ^{A 1912 MONOPLANE} "Beverley" (which is on order for the R.A.F. and has also great commercial prospects) ^{TAKES} off - on a demonstration flight.

The Duke was on board - and ~~was~~ piloted the thirty-six ton giant for over twenty minutes.

After the plane had returned to base - the Company's Chief Test Pilot, Mr Tim Wood, was full of praise for the way in which the Royal Pilot had handled the monster aircraft.

~~At the Yorkshire location for the Duke's visit to Hull Trinity House - where he inspected Cadets before re-opening their 160-year-old Navigation School - which had been closed for renovation.~~ ^{SOUND TO} ~~END~~

~~After a brief pause to commemorate the occasion, the Duke (who was also enrolled into the Honorary Brotherhood of Trinity House)~~

At Hull Trinity House, (where he had been enrolled into the Honorary Brotherhood), the Duke re-opened their 160 year old Navigation School, which had been closed for renovation.

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