

X Banking into a ~~banking~~ turn with the grace and ease of a tiny flivver plane, the ninety-two ton Lockheed Constitution, world's biggest air transport, comes in for a landing at the Naval Air Station at Alameda, California, where she officially joins the navy. Nicknamed Old Ironsides the Second, she can carry a hundred and eighty passengers or four hundred troops. Now, with ninety aboard, the Constitution, aided by six Jato rocket units, takes off from Moffat Field, California, on a record-breaking non-stop flight to Washington.

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X Here's the last word in passenger comfort. Twin staircases link the air giant's two decks. The upper one alone seats ninety-two. ~~It's taken~~
▲ crew of eighteen keeps her flying. A new page ~~ix~~ opens in aviation history as Old Ironsides the Second completes her maiden voyage.