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COMET'S HALF-DAY RETURN TO LIBYA

The world's first all-jet airliner - the De Havilland Comet - shatters all existing aviation records. It was six in the morning at London Airport, when this silvery plane taxied out for a flight that was destined to make experts and laymen alike voice their admiration.

By breakfast time, the Comet had reached Castel Benito in Libya - nearly fifteen hundred miles away. And while the men who put her in the air kept their fingers crossed, the Comet's crew, after a two-hour rest, brought the giant back to London in time for tea - taking six and a half hours for a 3,000 mile trip.

Since the Comet first proved its airworthiness, it has achieved a consistency in amazing performances. Test pilot John Cunningham has learned much valuable data from his latest trip that will ensure that the Comet - and Britain - hold on to their lead in air travel.