

9.24 AM SWIFT READY TO GO.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER MIKE LITHGOW, SUPERMARINE S CHIEF TEST PILOT, AND HIS FELLOW TEST PILOT, MR LESLIE COLQUHOUN, WENT TO A FINAL WEATHER BRIEFING AT CHILBOLTON AIRFIELD, WILTSHIRE, THIS MORNING IN PREPARATION FOR THEIR FLIGHT TO CASTEL IDRIS.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER LITHGOW IS FLYING THE BLUE SWIFT FIGHTER IN WHICH HE IS TO ATTACK SQUADRON LEADER NEVILLE DUKE'S WORLD AIR SPEED RECORD AND MR COLQUHOUN IS ACCOMPANYING HIM IN FORMATION IN A SUPERMARINE ATTACKER IN WHICH HE WILL MAKE PREPARATORY RUNS OVER THE THREE KILOMETRES SPEED COURSE.

RAIN WAS FALLING AT CHILBOLTON BUT THE TWO PILOTS WERE HOPING TO TAKE OFF AT ABOUT 10 A.M.

REPORTS FROM CASTEL IDRIS ABOUT WEATHER CONDITIONS THERE PLEASED LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER LITHGOW. WHAT WE WANT FOR THE ATTEMPT IS A HOT TEMPERATURE WITH SMOOTH AIR, HE SAID.

FROM CHILBOLTON THE TWO PLANES WILL HEAD FOR NICE WHERE THE PILOTS ARE HAVING LUNCH. THE NEXT LEG OF THE TWIN FLIGHT WILL TAKE THEM TO TRIPOLI AND FROM THERE THEY WILL FLY TO CASTEL IDRIS.



# Cameraman's Dope Sheet

Print all names. Attach Press Clippings or other material.  
If the story looked good to you, say so, if it didn't, say so too.

SUBJECT "SWIFT" PILOTS FOR AIR SPEED RECORD.		
PLACE FARNBORO.	DATE 11. 9. 53	
Cameraman RUPKIN	Recordist —	Footage Shot 100
WHO ELSE COVERED Say if sound or silent EXCL		
LIST OF SHOTS DAVE MORGAN (LEFT) MIKE LITHGOW (RIGHT)		
POSE FOR PICTURES IN FRONT OF LITHGOWS 'SWIFT'		
C.U. LITHGOW & MORGAN.		
THE SWIFTS ON RUNWAY - LITHGOW		
C.U. LITHGOW IN COCK PIT.		
TAKE OFF. LITHGOW ON RIGHT.		

NEAR EST.

Was there anything unusual about the story?

If you were assessing it editorially, what would you say?