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WORLD LIGHTEST JET FIGHTER.

She's the Folland Midge, the world's first light jet fighter. Developed as a private venture by the Folland Aircraft Company, she has a span of twenty feet eight inches, length twenty eight feet nine and a height of eight foot three.

Squadron Leader Dornant is about to take off and powered by her Armstrong Siddeley Viper Turbo jet engine, she's away.

Although capable of speeds exceeding 600 m.p.h. the Midge is only the shape of things to come. Purely a development aircraft (destined to be rechristened the Gnat as soon as her Bristol Orpheus engine has reached full development) It will then have three times the power.

Only half the size and one third the weight of the standard fighter she'd be fast, hard hitting, and highly manoeuvrable.