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GAS TURBINE TRIAL.

One of the Navy's most famous "little ships", H.M.S. Grey Goose, has a new role. She has become a floating test bed for the most advanced marine gas-turbines in the world today, the Rolls Royce R.M. 60.

When Grey Goose, skippered in those days by Lieutenant-Commander Peter Scott, battled with E-boats in World War Two, she was powered by the Navy's lightest and most modern steam-machinery. But fast and powerful as she was then, her new engines give her one-third more power for half the engine weight and three-quarters the engine space.

Planing along at nearly 50 knots - that's over 55 miles an hour to landlubbers - she's still not flat out. Only the Navy and the back-room boys know her full performance, and they aren't talking.

You need pads on your ears to look after these engines - they scream like a jet fighter.

Grey Goose handles beautifully with her new engines. The controls look like a B.B.C. Studio. In the never-ending drive for more power and less weight, the Navy are well ahead.