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JAVELINS IN R.A.F.

The Gloster Javelin Mark I all-weather jet fighter goes into service with the R.A.F. First unit to be equipped with the new fighter is No. 46 Squadron, at Odiham, Hampshire. Visitors are struck with the aircraft's unusual sound.

The Javelin, first delta-wing aircraft to enter service with any air force, will replace the night-fighter Meteor. It has a much better rate of climb, higher speed, and a higher operational ceiling. No. 46 Squadron has the task of finding out in practice if any improvements can be made to the Gloster Javelin, the largest fighter ever used by the R.A.F.