

THE WORLD'S MOST MODERN CARRIER:

H.M.S. Victorious, veteran of the wartime convoys to Russia and many other dramas of the sea, is now the most up-to-date aircraft carrier in the world - thanks to a seven-year rebuilding job just completed at Portsmouth. It's been the biggest of its kind ever undertaken by a Naval or Commercial shipyard. Victorious is now fitted with all the British-developed aids to Naval flying - including a fully-angled flight deck, two steam catapults, a wonderfully compact "control island", and the finest radar system ever fitted to a ship.

With a string of battle honours like that, she'd be a proud command for any skipper - and Captain C.P. Coke, D.S.O., R.N., is confident that her sea trials will prove her well capable of living up to her fine record. Another British invention - the deck landing mirror signals, fitted port and starboard.

Strange days, these - when the Air Force is becoming increasingly grounded, and the Navy increasingly airborne!