

ATLANTIC FLIGHT ANNIVERSARY.

A mile and a half from the boggy ground on which Alcock and Brown landed in Ireland, after the first non-stop Atlantic flight, now stands a memorial to them and their achievement. Alcock's brothers and two nephews were in the company that saw the unveiling ceremony performed by Sean Lemass, Irish Minister for Industry and Commerce. It marked the 40th anniversary of a great day in aviation history. On June fifteen, 1919, Mr. P.H. Teague was the first to greet the airmen. From Newfoundland, their Vickers Vimy took off, nineteen-hundred miles of Atlantic between them and Ireland.

Nose in the boggy ground the airplane stood, sixteen hours, 27 minutes later. The old converted bomber averaged 111 miles an hour. Today, New York-London fifteen-hundred miles further, only takes about six hours. But the pioneers, in that old Vickers-Vimy the men of the first crossing were two airmen of World War One. Alcock and Brown. They helped to make possible the time-table flying we enjoy today. No wonder London went wild. They'd won fame and the Daily Mail £10,000 prize.

Delivering a bag of letters to the G.P.O. Alcock and Brown paved the way for Atlantic airmail. And at London Airport stands their English memorial. Remember these pioneers, all who now fly in jets. We owe much to these knights of the air.