

NEW BOMBER GOES TO SEA.

Out of Portsmouth, full ahead in the Channel, Victorious prepared for deck-landing trials. Commanding the Carrier, Captain Janvrin was with Vice Admiral Evans, Flag Officer, aircraft carriers; on the programme, the first ever deck-landing trials of the N.A. 39 Blackburn Bomber. For the Designer, Barry Leight, and Blackburn's Chief Test Pilot, Derek Whitehead, this was a day they'd eagerly waited for. The N.A. 39 is a low level, strike aircraft, Britain's latest atom bomber. To get off the deck the Blackburn made use of the steam catapult, a device which makes it much easier to launch aircraft, even in bad weather. The first bomber away was in the hands of the Test Pilot.

Victorious has deck-mirror-landing gear. Derek Whitehead came in without difficulty.

The Blackburn's performance figures are secret, but with the landing trials the experts were well satisfied. One important factor - the folding air brakes...