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Blackburn NA.39 deck trials

Film sequences

Camera man:- David Samuelson of British Movietone News Limited;

Footage:- 3,100 35 m.m.

H.M.S. "Victorious" leaves Portsmouth Harbour.

First landing of an NA.39 (aircraft No. 523) after first doing four 'rollers'. The pilot is Blackburn Aircraft Company's Chief Test Pilot, Derek Whitehead with Flight Observer Mike Bailey. The aircraft flew direct from Yorkshire to the carrier in the English Channel. Goes down a lift.

Derek Whitehead (in survival suit) watches first landing of aircraft No. 489, which arrives from Boscombe Down.

489 lands piloted by Boscombe Down Test Pilot Cdr. Price with Blackburn Flight Observer Ernie Lack.

Note for recognition: 489 has nose probe, 523 has not.

Forty year old Mr. B. (Barry) P. Laight, Chief Designer of the NA.39 watches the landings.

Mr. B.P. Laight with Derek Whitehead.

Derek Whitehead gets into cockpit.

Various launchings and landings. Men standing by mirror sight.

Scenes in Flying Control during a landing. With telephone is the ship's Commander Air, Cdr. J.D. Treacher, D.S.C.

Scenes on the Compass Platform during a launching. In the 'arm chair' is the Captain of the "Victorious", Cpt. H.R.B. Janvrin.

Scenes from helicopter during launchings and landings. Launching strop splashes into sea after take-off.

Aircraft struck down into the hangar.

Preparations for take-off. Aircraft brought onto deck, starting up,

Lt.Cdr. Evans climbs into 489, Whitehead into 523.

Launchings and landings, 489 first.

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Scenes in the Crew Room. Whitehead marks-up the total number of landings to date. Conference among the pilots, standing left to right: Cdr. Price, Lt.Cdr. Evans and Derek Whitehead. Boffins compare notes, Observers check strain gauge readings.

Scenes in the Ward Room, including Lt.Cdr. Anson missing from Crew Room pilots' picture.

Servicing in the Hangar.

The Captain of the "Victorious", Cpt. H.R.B. Janvrin and the Flag Officer Aircraft Carriers (FOAC) V. Adml. C.L.G. Evans, D.S.O., D.S.C., C.B., talk to Whitehead.

The high-light of the trials, the launch of two NA.39.

F.O.A.C., V.Adml. Evans watches launchings from the Admirals Bridge.

Final take-offs and departures of both aircraft, including fly-past and roll by Derek Whitehead.

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BLACKBURN NA. 39. DECK TRIALS

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- 1. 60' H.M.S. VICTORIOUS LEAVES HARBOUR
- 2. 90' FIRST NA. 39. LANDS
- 3. 97' FIRST PILOT (CHIEF TEST PILOT DEREK WHITEHEAD)
- 4. 112' SECOND NA. 39. LANDS
- 5. 121' COMMANDER PRICE PILOT OF ABOVE
- 6. 130' WHITEHEAD AND CHIEF DESIGNER OF NA.39. MR. B.P. LAIGHT TALKING ON DECK
- 7. 181' FLY OFF ONE AIRCRAFT
- 8. 194' MR. B.P. LAIGHT LOOKING
- 9. 356' SEQUENCE OF TAKES - OFF - LANDINGS, STOWING OF AIRCRAFT
- 10. 390' BOFFINS AND OBSERVERS CHECK DATA
- 11. 425' PILOTS IN THE CREW ROOM
- 12. 454' MAN EXAMINES FILM DATE
- 13. 478' SCENE IN THE WARDROOM
- 14. 548' AERIAL VIEWER VICTORIOUS AND PREPARATIONS FOR FLYING
- 15. 564' CAPTAIN JANVRIN AND FLAG OFFICER AIRCRAFT CARRIER V. ADML. C.L.G. EVENS DSO., DSC., CB.  
FURTHER FLYING SEQUENCES - WITH HIGHLIGHT OF PERFORMANCE AT END - TWO AIRCRAFT
- 16. 702' FLOWING OFF ONE AFTER THE OTHER

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