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TRIDENT TAKES OFF.

Trident was on the runway. Irritating weather-delays were at last over, and Britain's second-generation jet airliner was ready to take the air. Newsreels and Pressmen were there to record the event as she sped down the runway, and a second or so later Trident was airborne. What a moment for everybody at De Havillands.

Here at Hatfield, five more Tridents are being built. B.E.A. have ordered 24. These aircraft will seat 100 passengers and cruise at 585 miles an hour.

The Trident was back, low over the airfield for all to get a good view, 80 minutes after the take-off.

Cunningham had taken her up to 15,000 feet and found her perfect to handle.

They were all pleased as punch: designers, builders and Test Pilot Cunningham.