

COMETS GROUNDED.

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Following the tragic loss of the ~~Comet~~ airliner on the flight from Rome to London, all Comets were withdrawn from service by British Overseas Airways, in order that a thorough investigation might be made into the possible causes of the disaster. So --- with only crews and officials on board, these famous airliners were brought home to London Airport from places as far afield as ~~Johannesburg~~ Johannesburg, Tokyo and Singapore..... to undergo a systematic and exhaustive check down to the last detail.

Whatever the outcome of the inspection may be, the voluntary decision to undertake it, can only increase world confidence in the safety of air travel under the Union K Jack. Speed and comfort are ^{consideration} ~~conditions~~ that must always come second to safety. In the construction of British airliners, in their maintenance, and in the skill ~~with which~~ and reliability of their crews, nothing is left to chance. These are the factors that give to Britain's ~~airlines~~ airlines, the good name that they hold to-day.