

The history of the twentieth century runs hand in hand with the story of the development of flying; from the first aeroplane flight by the Wright Brothers in the earliest nineteenth-hundreds, which was the first time a heavier-than-air machine ever left the earth under its own power; through the first aeroplane flight across the English Channel by Louis Bleriot in 1909; to the days when aeroplanes grew bigger and faster, ~~with~~ <sup>and</sup> the longer runways required became more and more of a problem. So

--- the earliest helicopters made a surprising bow with vertical take-off; <sup>^</sup> and developed into a variety of shapes and sizes.

The latest type --- is the most amazing of all. Its nickname is the Flying Bedstead; and [here] at Hucknall, in Nottinghamshire, is what may well be a forecast of the plane of the future. As you see --- it is flight without a propeller and without wings. It leaves the ground --- and stays airborne --- entirely by jet-power. This is the impressive result, of research by the Rolls-Royce Company [under contract to the Ministry of Supply.] And this is how --- by a triumph of technical skill over the forces of gravity --- three and a half tons of deadweight metal is literally floating on air.

In the days ahead, many difficulties have yet to ~~be~~ be overcome..... but this demonstration marks another tremendous step forward in man's conquest of the air, [ And --- once again --- with this prototype --- Britain has led the way for all the world to follow. ] The pilot for this remarkable flight was Captain Ronald Shepherd.

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