

Once again London Airport is the setting for a new chapter in aircraft history --- this time, the return of the Comet III, after its magnificent proving flight round the world --- some thirty thousand miles.

The Comet's captain --- Group-Captain John Cunningham, the Chief Test Pilot of the De Havilland Company --- was greeted on landing by Sir Miles Thomas, the Chief of B.O.A.C. and as the graceful plane stood at rest before the statue of Alcock and Brown, the first men to fly the Atlantic, John Cunningham spoke of the Comet's performance during the world flight which began on December 2nd.

On the day following the Comet's return to Britain, she took off again with a load of passengers --- consisting of our newsreel cameraman, and a group of journalists, who had been invited to sample the kind of flight that future travellers would enjoy, on the Comet's return to regular passenger service. As on the proving flight, the jet airliner was in the hands of Group Captain Cunningham assisted by his co-pilot. ~~was made~~ --- and in a matter of a few minutes the passengers were looking down on the South Coast. The flight, as you can judge, was smooth and uneventful; and the experts were all agreed that here was a great aircraft --- worthy to carry forward the tradition of the airlines of Britain.