

Descending from his ~~own~~ Heron aircraft, the Duke of Edinburgh was greeted by the Chairman and Managing Director of Silver City Airways when he arrived for a look round the airport at Lydd, in Kent. He toured the hangars and watched a couple of sports cars, for export, being loaded into a ^{BRISTOL} ~~freighter~~ freighter. The Duke had made this visit because he said he wanted to see the working of an independent airline. [^] Having seen the groundwork, he ^{got into} ~~stayed in~~ the plane and made the cross-Channel flight to France. ~~^~~

Another air story in the week's news comes from Hawkinge --- where gliding forms an important part of the training of Air Cadets. This is the Home Command Gliding Centre of the Royal Air Force. ~~^~~

There are A.T.C. Gliding Schools in many parts of Britain and Northern Ireland, but normally their training schemes can only operate at week-ends. Here they are organised to take parties of cadets for a week at a time; and, during that week, boys can be trained sufficiently to enable them to fly solo. ~~^~~

Needless to say, it's one of the most popular schools in the country. And the fees --- including breakfast and lunch --- are only two and tenpence a-day. ~~^~~