

FARNBOROUGHR.A.F. SHOW SKY'S THE LIMIT

The Royal Air Force proudly salutes the people of Britain in its first display since the pre-war Hendon days; and most of the 80,000 people of Britain there present seize the chance for a good look-see.

It's the first display the King has attended since his accession. With the Duchess of Kent is her son Prince Michael, watching as smoke-trailing Vampires flash past.

Now Meteors, followed by the Canberra jet-bomber.

How Amiens prison was precision bombed is re-enacted by Mosquitoes.

Now, first public demonstration of a rocket attack by Vampires.

Back to grandpa: the 1909 Bleriot types which showed England was no longer a safe island; and a 40-year-old Deperdussin. Weird and wonderful now: just wonderful then. And now the 'planes of tomorrow.

We've got the right men and the right tools - but have we enough of each? Friendly Superforts remind us that as a rule we starve our forces during peace and then ask for miracles in war. In the past our men have worked the miracles. But - in the past - we were given time.