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TITLE.:- SCHNEIDER TROPHY

Picture.:- The safest bet of the year ! Britain for the Schneider Trophy ! XXXX It was just too bad that there were no challengers - for it meant that it wasn't really a race at all, except --

--against TIME ! XXXX The first day was a "wash-out" ! XXXX Only umbrellas went up ! XXXX

Fortunately the weather relented on the second day, and now everything is ready for the biggest aerial event in--

--history. XXXX The machine to make the Schneider Trophy ours for all time --

--is a Vickers-Supermarine Rolls-Royce SGB --

--and here she is setting forth from Calshot on her great adventure. XXXX

Flight Lieutenant Boothman has the honour of "doing the job" - it doesn't seem to be worrying him much ! XXXX

Out he goes to his machine, ready and waiting !

The judges are "all set" at Ryde Pier, --

--when, like a streak of lightning the wonder-plane goes over the starting-line - and the flight is on ! XXXX

Round the West Wittering Pylon he goes at a terrific--

--pace, taking the fourteen-mile straight run from East to West in magnificent--

--style. XXXX He's just passing Southsea, where tens of thousands get a crick in the neck trying to follow his progress. XXXX

Here's how he looked from the liner Homeric !

End of first lap ! Average speed three-hundred --

--and forty-two-miles an hour ! XXXX Round again,--

--giving the spectators another thrill almost before they have recovered from the previous one. XXXX

He's well out over the water as he streaks past Southsea this time ! XXXX

Seven times he does the 31-mile circuit. XXXX He's approaching Ryde now, for the last lap, --

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--and there he goes !

See his average speed ? Three-forty-miles an hour ! XXXX

It almost makes one shudder to think of it ! XXXX Well, it's nearly over ! XXXX The Schneider Trophy is as good as on the national--

--sideboard now ! Only another six - er, five, - er- four, or three miles to go !

Watch the "middle left" of the picture ! XXXX It's the finish ! XXXX A real --

--race against time, with everybody as pleased as Punch about it ! XXXX

I'm sure you'd like another look at the magnificent machine that did the trick, and I've sadly misjudged you if you're not anxious --

--to again see the hero of the day - Flight Lieutenant J. Boothman, R.A.F. XXXX And --

--now, the Schneider Trophy - the cause of it all !