

It seemed like a meeting of past and present when the East Kent  
<sup>- with hounds</sup> Foxhounds in traditional dress, met at the Royal Air Force  
 Aerodrome at Hawkinge. This is the only R.A.F. Station at which the  
 Commanding Officer is a woman. And, of course, the inevitable  
<sup>- cups</sup> stirrup to start the day was handed round by the ~~XXXXXX~~ girls of  
 the W.R.A.F. They say it's the perfect news story, when dog bites  
 man; so it <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ disappointing to us newsheunds when the ladies  
 refused to give the ~~fox~~hounds a ~~nip~~ nip.

And now --- to the sound of the horn and the musical drumming  
 of hoofbeats --- the hunt moves off; ~~so~~ so if you see this happening  
 on your aerodrome, <sup>^</sup> don't think it's got anything to do with the  
 shortage of ~~fixxxx~~ aeroplanes.

Another sporting event of the the day --- also in Kent ---  
 was the R.A.C. Trials Championship at Pilgrim's Way.

One of the stewards with a name famous in the world of  
 motor racing, was Earl Howe; but this is a more specialised kind  
 of motoring even then racing; the chief qualification, ~~for it is,~~

~~as in hunting~~  
 as in hunting <sup>^</sup> is a good seat.