

She's all yours!



'This is it! Solo for the first time. Start with cockpit checks — instruments, oil pressure, take-off trim. Good. Brakes off... a quick look round... full throttle.'



'Keep her straight. Ah — not so bumpy, nose wheel is off the ground. Faster... faster... gently back with the stick... up and away in a steady climb.'



Today's pilot starts on jets!

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Could you make the grade as an R.A.F. aircrew officer? For details of how to apply, of pay*, conditions and allowances, write to the Air Ministry, M.9, Dept. AP28, Adastral House, London, W.C.1. (Applicants must be between 17½ and 26 and have gained a good G.C.E. or equivalent.)

* A Flight Lieutenant of 26 can earn, with full allowances, nearly £1,700 a year.

Three types of commission: (1) Permanent, leading to a pension. (2) 12 years, with the option to leave after 8 years, and the chance of gaining a permanent commission. (3) 5 years, also with the chance of gaining a permanent commission.



'Steady though; we've still got to land... down undercarriage... down flaps... this is living! This is why I wanted to join the R.A.F.'



'Not bad... not bad at all. A little wide on the approach, but a smooth enough touch-down. And my best take-off yet. Hope my instructor was watching.'