

for back-seat driving at 600 m.p.h.

The age of jet flying arrived abruptly. Pilots accustomed to 400 m.p.h. conventional fighters were suddenly presented with 600 m.p.h. machines. And these new aircraft were single seaters. Learning to fly them was a solo journey into a strange new realm nudging the barrier of sound. The machines won the confidence of pilots but the only guidance up there in the lonely emptiness was the memory of an instructor's briefing on the ground.

Now comes the Gloster Meteor 7 dual-control jetpowered trainer, a standard jet fighter with an instructor's seat in the rear. It is the obvious link between the primary trainer and the modern warplane. It is another of the many firsts developed by the Gloster Aircraft Company who also built the first gas turbine jet aircraft in the world and which flew successfully on May 15th, 1941.

The achievements of the Gloster Aircraft Company contribute to and are a part of the consistent progress of the Hawker-Siddeley Group. In the Meteor 7, Gloster Aircraft provides military aviation with an aircraft that is well fitted to meet the accelerating demands of flying training in the Jet Age.

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