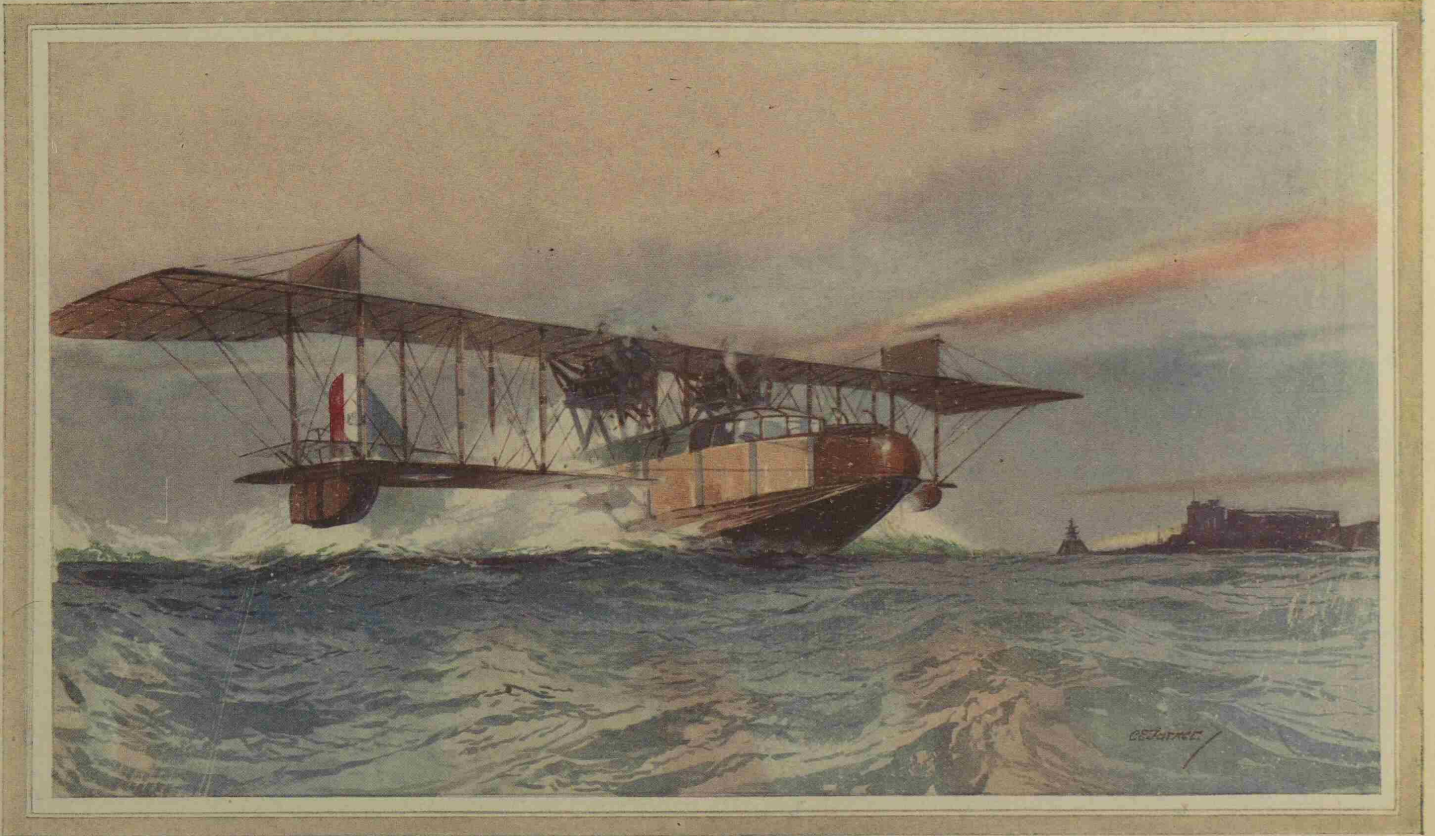


THE EARLY MORNING PATROL: A SEAPLANE ON THE WATER.



"TAXI-ING": A FLYING BOAT ON PATROL DUTY.

Is Great Britain to lose the supremacy of the air, which she won in the war at the cost of such efforts and such heroism? This is a question which is agitating the minds of all who are interested in the future of aviation. It is generally admitted that, as regards military and naval aviation, the mastery of the air is vital to the safety of the Empire.

As regards trade, it is obvious that the nation which has the best air services will have an immense advantage over its competitors in the new conditions opened up by aerial transport. The above illustrations may serve as a reminder of these questions, as well as examples of the picturesque side of flying, which is ever attractive.

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