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A 30,000-mile tour is the object of this Royal Air Force Flight under Squadron Leader V.P. Feather.

This is the longest and most important formation flight yet undertaken by Britain, and the five left Plymouth for the first 700-mile hop to Berre with the good wishes of the Empire. ~~The machines cruise at about 115 miles an hour, their longest hop being 1400 miles between Berre and Malta.~~ Three hundred and sixty years ago Drake left Plymouth for a voyage round the world. This modern fleet will cover practically the same distance, but in days instead of months. Now for another story of Lighter than air craft. In our last issue we showed pictures of the dirigible Los Angeles, which ~~does not fly~~ but is used for training purposes. Our American cameramen followed that up with these striking ~~pictures~~ pictures of Naval Blimps over New York, proving that for some authorities the airship is far from obsolete. Over the skyline of Manhattan --- ~~over New York Harbor~~ and over the liner Normandie sails the fleet of silver gray. An attractive picture --- time will show if it can ever be anything more.