

The Teams

The order of starting was announced late this evening :—

1. Flying Officer Waghorn, Supermarine Rolls Royce S 6.
2. Maresciallo T. Dal Molin, Macchi 52, Fiat.
3. Flight-Lieut. D'Arcy Greig, Supermarine-Napier S 5.
4. Tenente R. Cadringer, Macchi 67, Isotta Fraschini.
5. Flying Officer Atcherley, Supermarine Rolls Royce S 6.
6. Tenente Monti, Macchi 67, Isotta Fraschini.

British reserve : Flight-Lieut. Stainforth, Gloster Napier 6.

Italian reserve : Sergente Maggiore F. Agello, Macchi 52, Fiat.

THE NAVIGABILITY AND WATER-TIGHTNESS TRIALS

AFTER Thursday's insufferable heat, the cool mist of early morning on Friday, September 6, was most gratifying. This was the day of the navigability and water-tightness tests, and competitors were to be in readiness to go out by 7 a.m. The six machines nominated for the trials and actual contest were : Two Supermarine-Rolls-Royce S.6's and one Supermarine-Napier S.5, two Macchi M.67's and one Macchi M.52. Of the two S.6's, one, N.247, carried the number 2, and was to be piloted by Waghorn, while the other, N.248, was No. 8 in the contest and was to be flown by Atcherley. The S.5 (N.219) very appropriately carried the number 5, and was to be piloted by D'Arcy Greig. The two Gloster-Napier VI's had not got over their petrol system troubles, and were thus debarred from the contest. After the work—heroic work would not be too strong an expression to use—put in by the Napier and Gloster riggers and engineers, it must have been absolutely heartbreaking to see all their efforts of no avail. The fates were against them, and the golden Gloster would have to stand down. These men deserve all the sympathy one can possibly extend to them. For weeks they had worked, night and day, with but the briefest snatches of sleep and rest.



Royal Appreciation : H.R.H. the Prince of Wales chatting with Flying Officer Atcherley and Squadron-Leader Orlebar. On the right may be seen "British Aviator's Certificate No. 1," Lieut.-Col. Moore Brabazon.



LAND, SEA AND AIR : The crowds on the beach at Southsea watch Waghorn flash past.