



Photographed just as her nose touched the ground at Mineola last Sunday. The world's largest dirigible (672 ft. long), the British R-34, completes the longest air flight in history, covering 3,200 miles from Scotland to New York against severe weather conditions in exactly 4 1/2 days. On the right, in marked contrast, curious crowds gather to inspect Roy Knabenshue's tiny one-man blimp, after its "marvellous" two-mile flight over New York fourteen years ago next month. America's first dirigible had a lifting capacity of but 455 lbs., while the R-34 lifts over 112,000 lbs., including a crew of thirty.

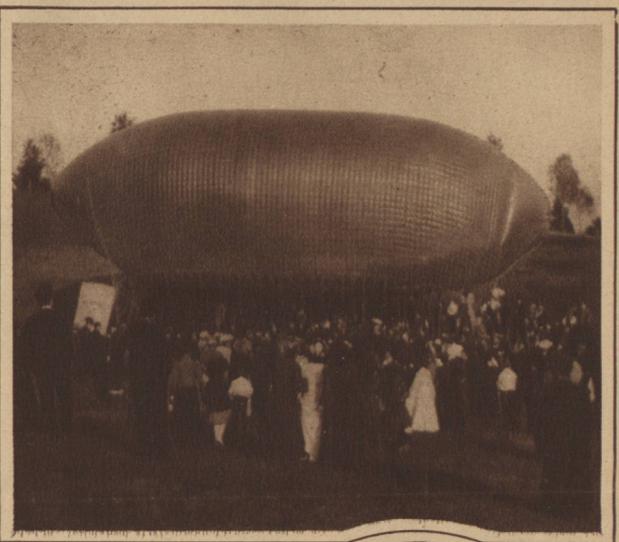
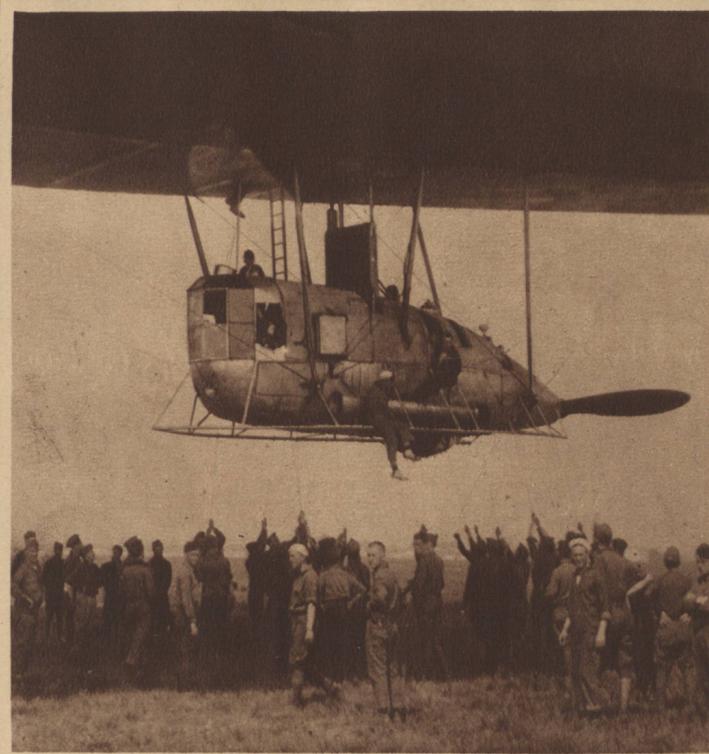
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Maj. G. H. Scott, R. A. F., in command of the R-34, photographed in his flying costume just after landing. According to Lt. Com. Lansdowne, U. S. N., Maj. Scott is "the best air pilot in the world." Bain News.



Lt. Com. Zachary Lansdowne, of Grand Rapids, Wis., who, through the courtesy of the British Air Ministry, was American naval observer aboard the R-34 on the first east to west transatlantic flight. Bain News.



Left—The rear aluminum gondola car of the R-34, which houses two of the five 250 h. p. motors. The rear propeller is a 19-foot pusher. Access to the other three cars is by means of a passageway along the keel within the envelope. Bain News.



Right—Major John E. Pritchard, R. A. F., who, while the R-34 hovered over Mineola field, safely made a 2,000-foot parachute jump to superintend landing arrangements from the ground.



An exclusive photo of the distinguished group of the R-34 luncheon at the Garden City Hotel, where Vice-Adm. Gleaves welcomed the officers of the British transoceanic dirigible pioneer, the R-34. First row, 5th from left, Maj. G. H. Scott, captain of the R-34; 6th, Adm. Gleaves; 7th, Gen. Chas. T. Menoher, director of army aviation; 8th, Brig. Gen. E. M. Maitland, head of British Air Ministry; 9th, Adm. Glennon, chief of U. S. naval aviation; 11th, Maj. J. E. Pritchard, R. A. F.; 2d row, left to right, 4th, Brig. Gen. L. E. Charlton, British Air Service Attache; 5th, Col. Archie Miller, commanding aerial activities on Long Island; 9th, Lieut. Com. Richardson of the NC-3; 3d row, behind Col Miller, Maj. Hugh Fuller, British Air Ministry; 4th row, above Adm. Gleaves, L. L. Driggs, pres. American Flying Club; 4th row, extreme right, Maj. Norman Thwaites, British Secret Service.

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