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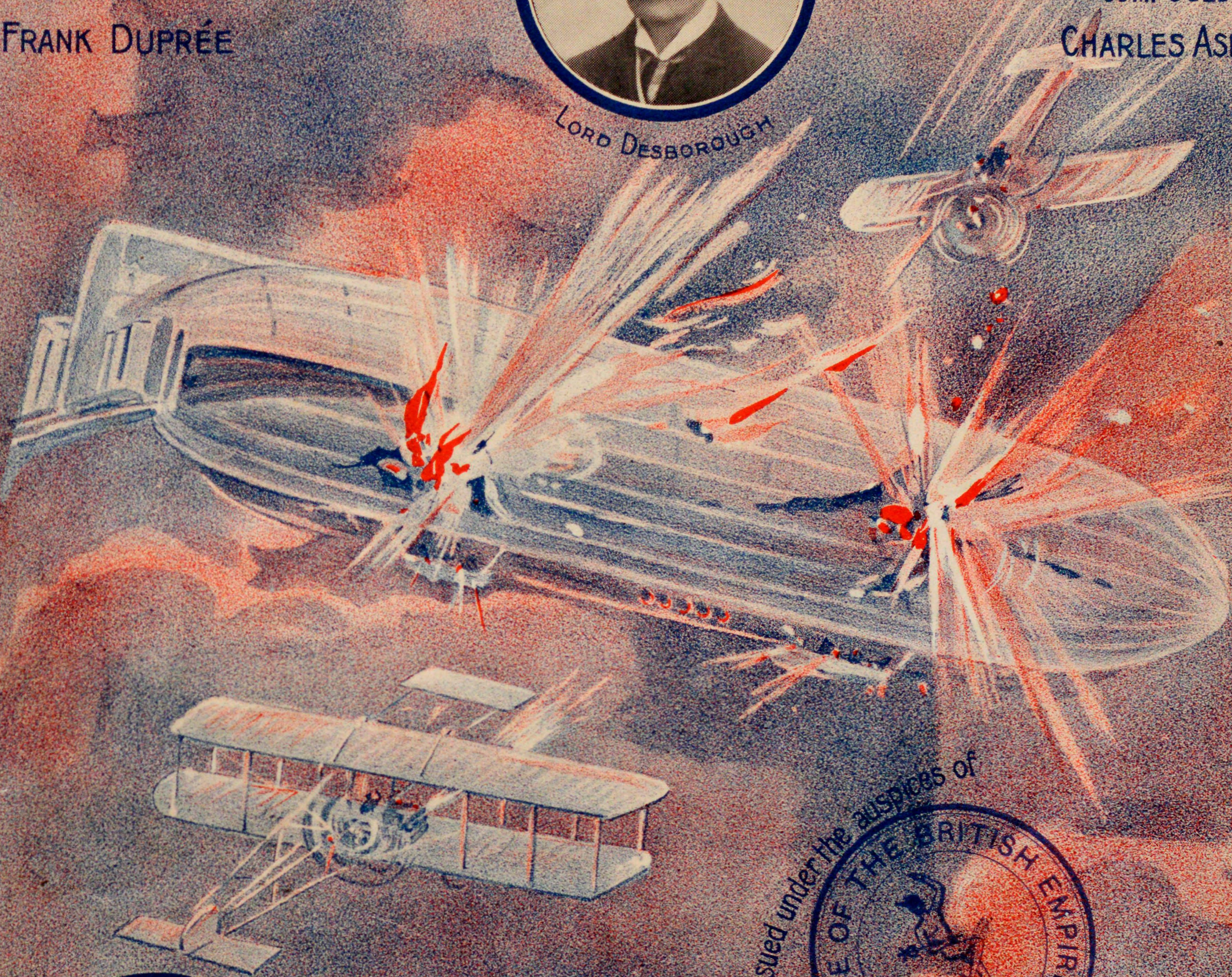
BRITANNIA MUST RULE THE AIR

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Tempo di Marcia.

f *ff*

Till ready.

pp

KEY B \flat .

When wood - en walls and strain - ing sails bore Bri - tain's flag a -
 And when the i - ron - clad re - placed the ships that caught the
 And now that ev - 'ry cloud con - ceals a lurk - ing bird of

p

|| 1, : - | - : .l, | t, : - .t, | d : r | l, : - .l, | s, : la, |

- far, The Na - tion pros - pered well in peace and
 breeze Bri - tan - nia still re - tained her throne up -
 prey, Which threa - tens our su - pre - ma - cy in

|| t, : r | t, : l, | s, : - | - : s, | r : - .de | m : t, |

feared no foe in war, For Bri - tain's might was
 - on the chart - ed seas, For frown - ing fleets and
 peace and war to day, Bri - tan - nia must be

|| r : - .d | s, : se, | l : f | m : de | r : - | - : m |

ev - 'ry - where and ruled the end - less waves, Pro -
 gi - ant guns out - numbered two to one The
 e - qual to the per - il and pre - pare To

|| r : re | fe : - .m | t, : m | r : de | de : m | l, : - .t, | s, : - | - : s, ||

- claim - ing to the world at large "we nev - er shall be slaves"
 na - vies of all oth - er lands be - neath the sov'reign sun. Bri -
 hold our Em - pire sa - cred from these dreadnaughts of the air.

"Britannia must rule the air."

L.W.C.

CHORUS.

|| m : r ., d | s, : l, | t, : - | : .t, | f : de | m : r | s, : - | - : s |

-tan-nia must rule the air, As still she rules the sea, To

p *f* *pp*

|| se, : - .l, | t, : m | m : - .ra | d : de | m : r | se, : l, | r : - | - : s, |

guard this realm be-yond compare And keep her peo-ple free. Bri-

f

|| m : - | f : de | m : - | r : - .l, | t, : - .t, | d : r | m : - | : m |

-tan-nia, Bri-tan-nia must like the ea-gle be; Bri-

1st & 2nd Verses.

|| f | m : - .l | m | r : - .r | m : d .r, | r : - .d | d : - | - : s |

-tan-nia, Bri-tan-nia must rule both air and sea! Bri-

rall *f*

en-tan-do.

D.C. S

After 3rd Verse. (Optional.)

|| l | s : - .m | s | f : - .r | f : se | l : - .s | d : - | - : |

-tan-nia, Bri-tan-nia must rule both air and sea.

rall *fz*

en-tan-do.

Fine.