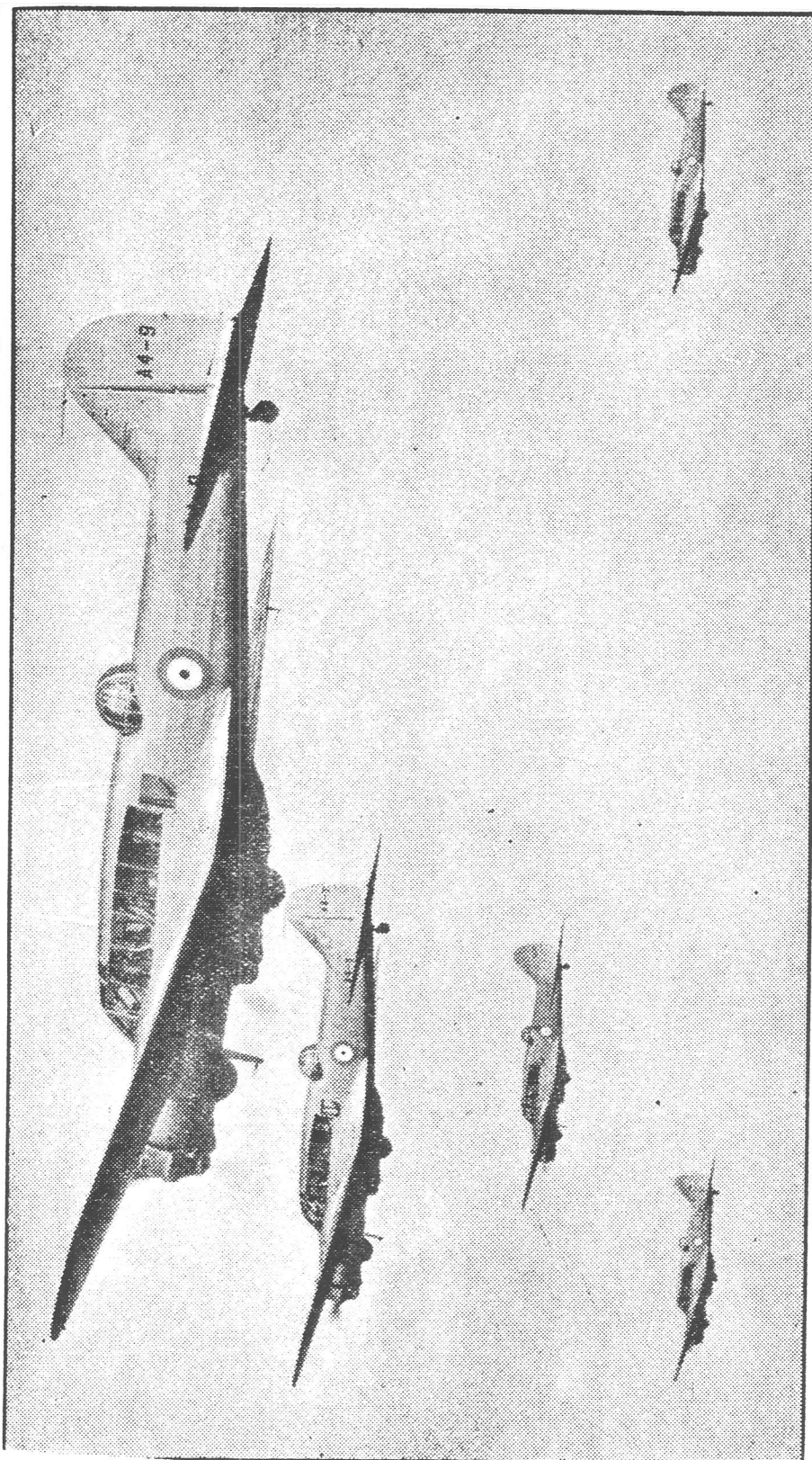
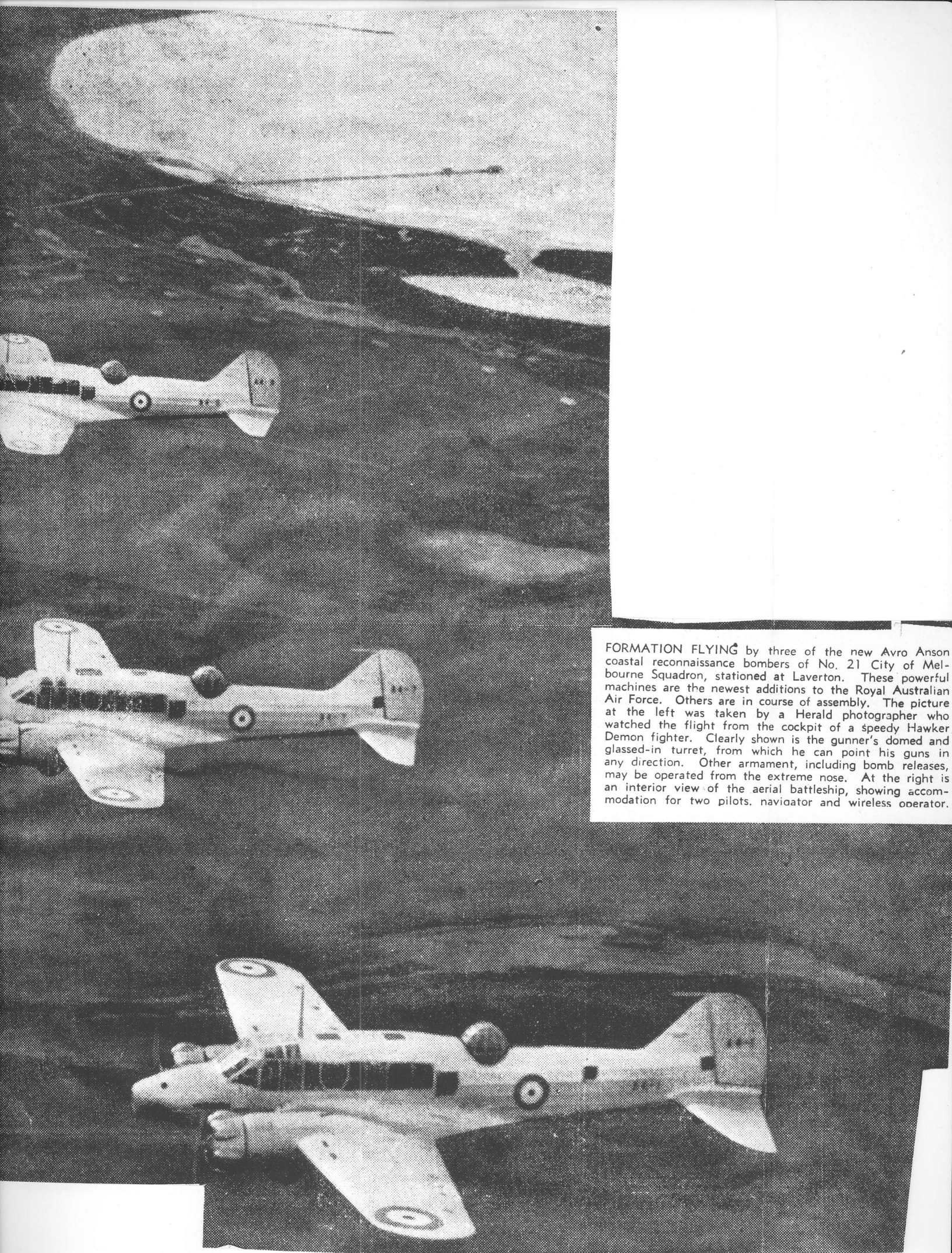


## Citizen Pilots Fly Bombers

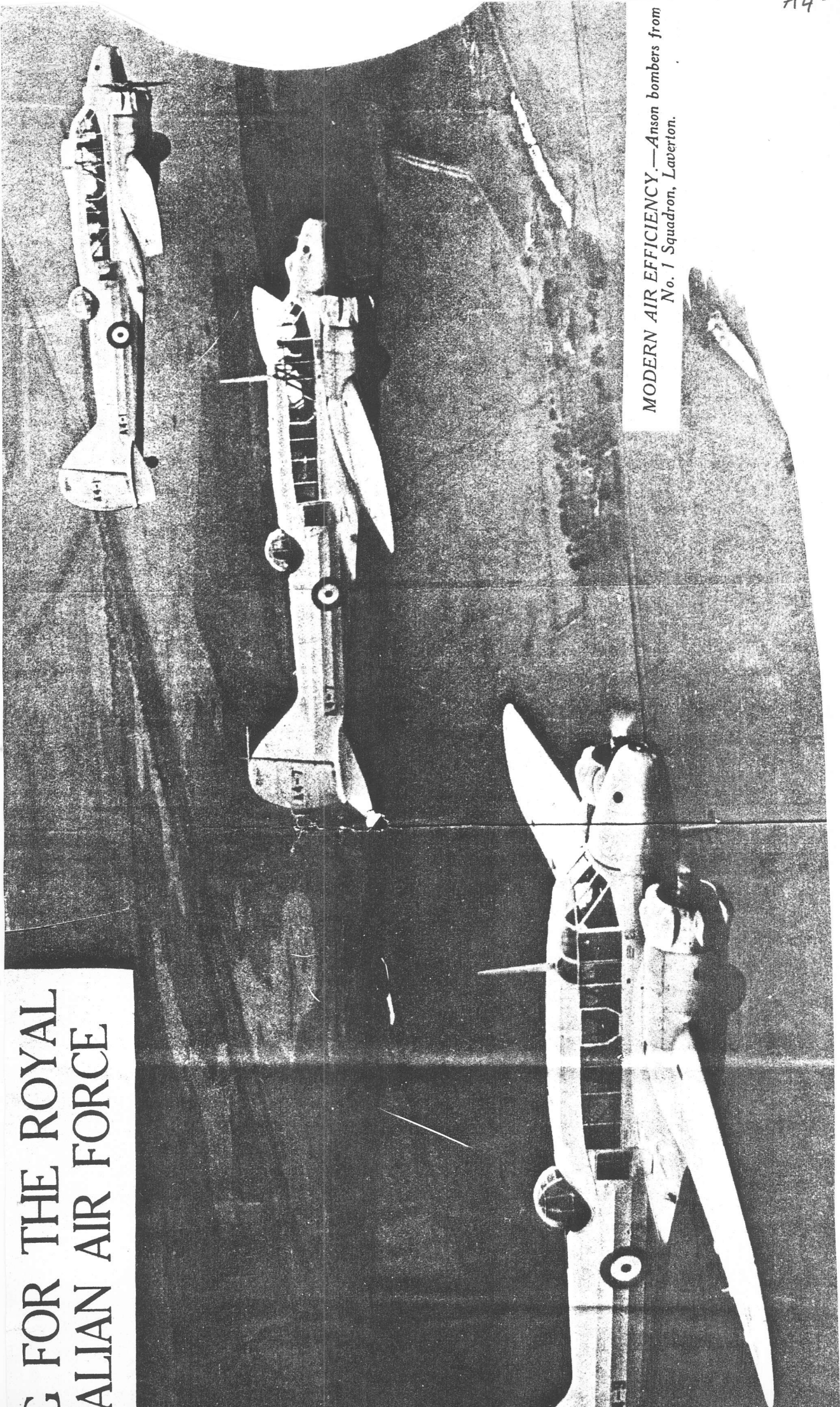


CITIZEN AIR FORCE pilots, now in training at the Laverton Christmas camp, flying Avro Anson bombers high above the drome in the presence of the Governor (Lord Huntingfield) — an exclusive Herald picture. The citizen pilots, members of the City of Melbourne Squadron, are receiving ground and flying training in the camp.



FORMATION FLYING by three of the new Avro Anson coastal reconnaissance bombers of No. 21 City of Melbourne Squadron, stationed at Laverton. These powerful machines are the newest additions to the Royal Australian Air Force. Others are in course of assembly. The picture at the left was taken by a Herald photographer who watched the flight from the cockpit of a speedy Hawker Demon fighter. Clearly shown is the gunner's domed and glassed-in turret, from which he can point his guns in any direction. Other armament, including bomb releases, may be operated from the extreme nose. At the right is an interior view of the aerial battleship, showing accommodation for two pilots, navigator and wireless operator.

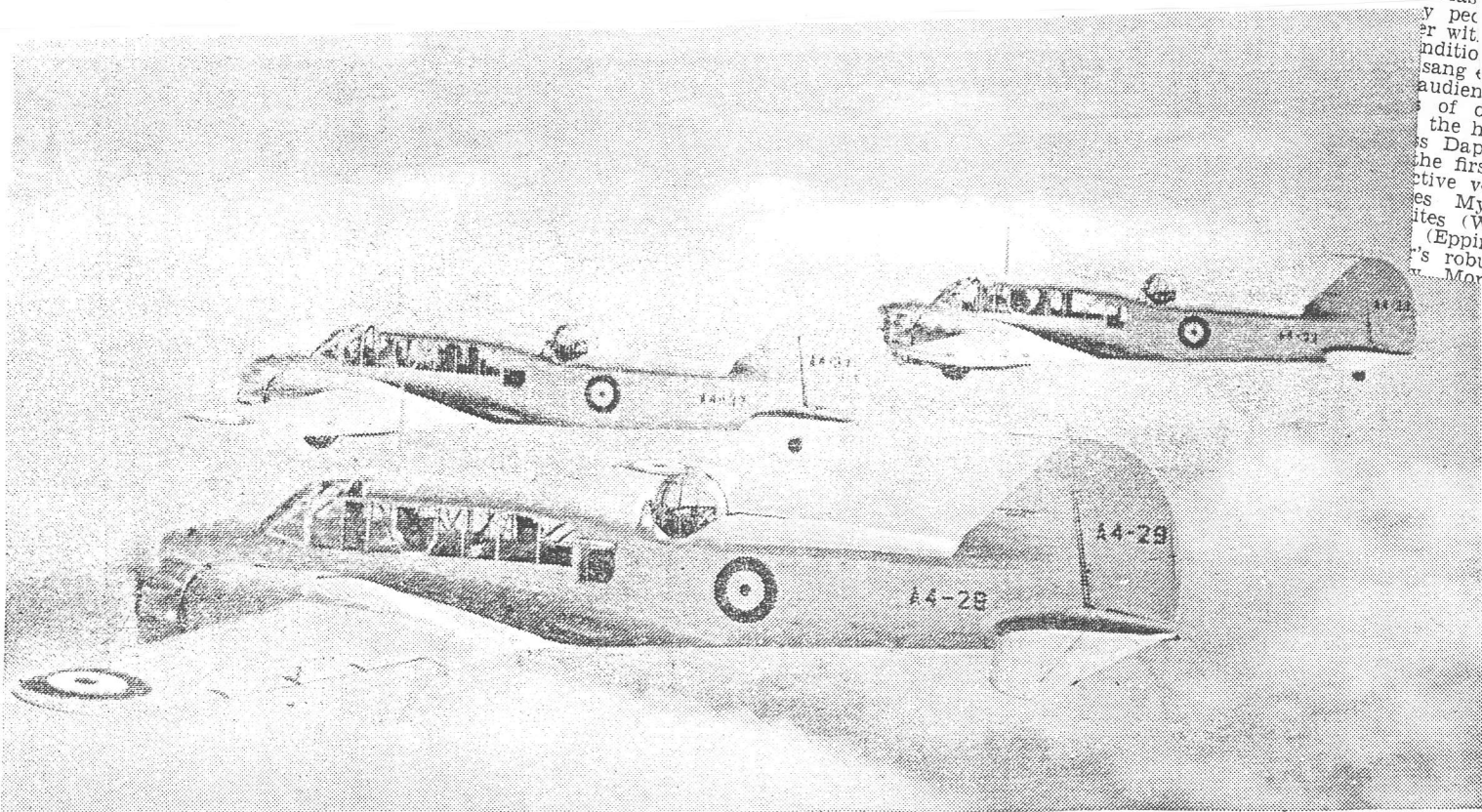
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MODERN AIR EFFICIENCY.—Anson bombers from  
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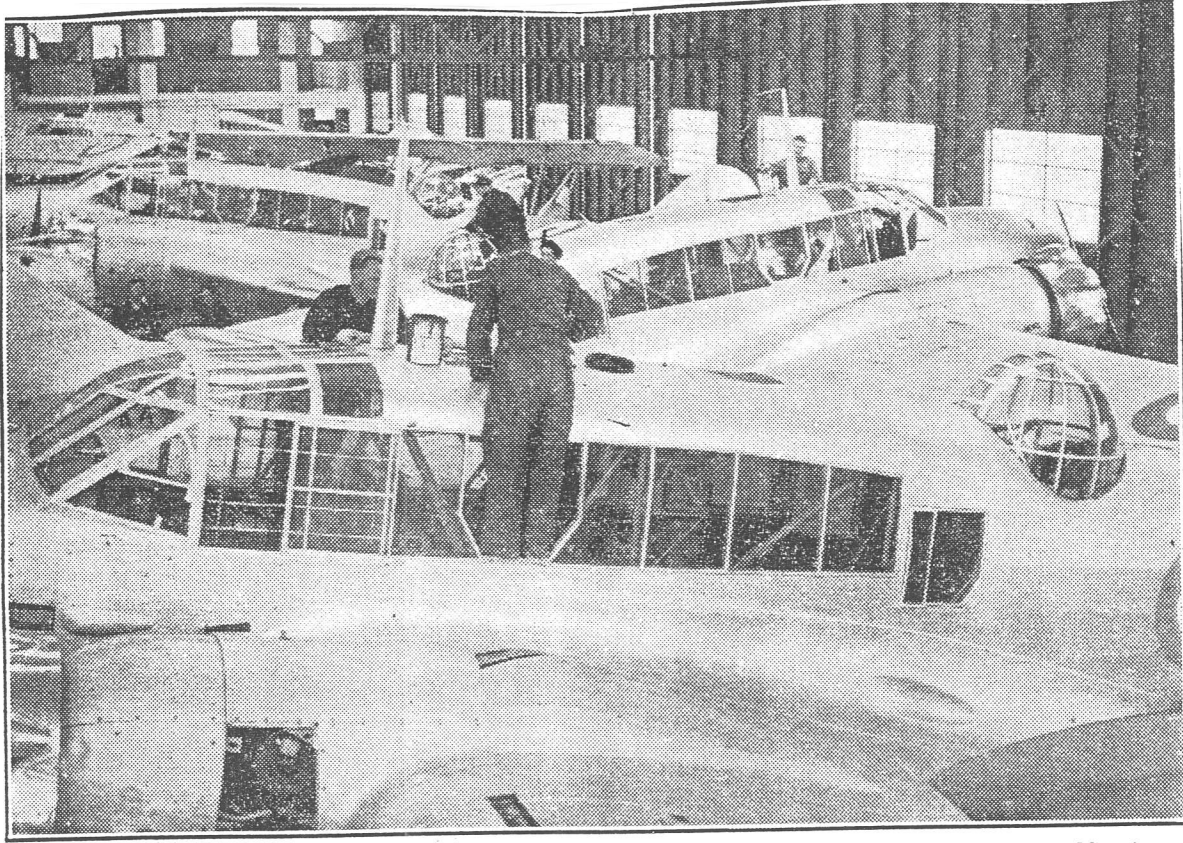
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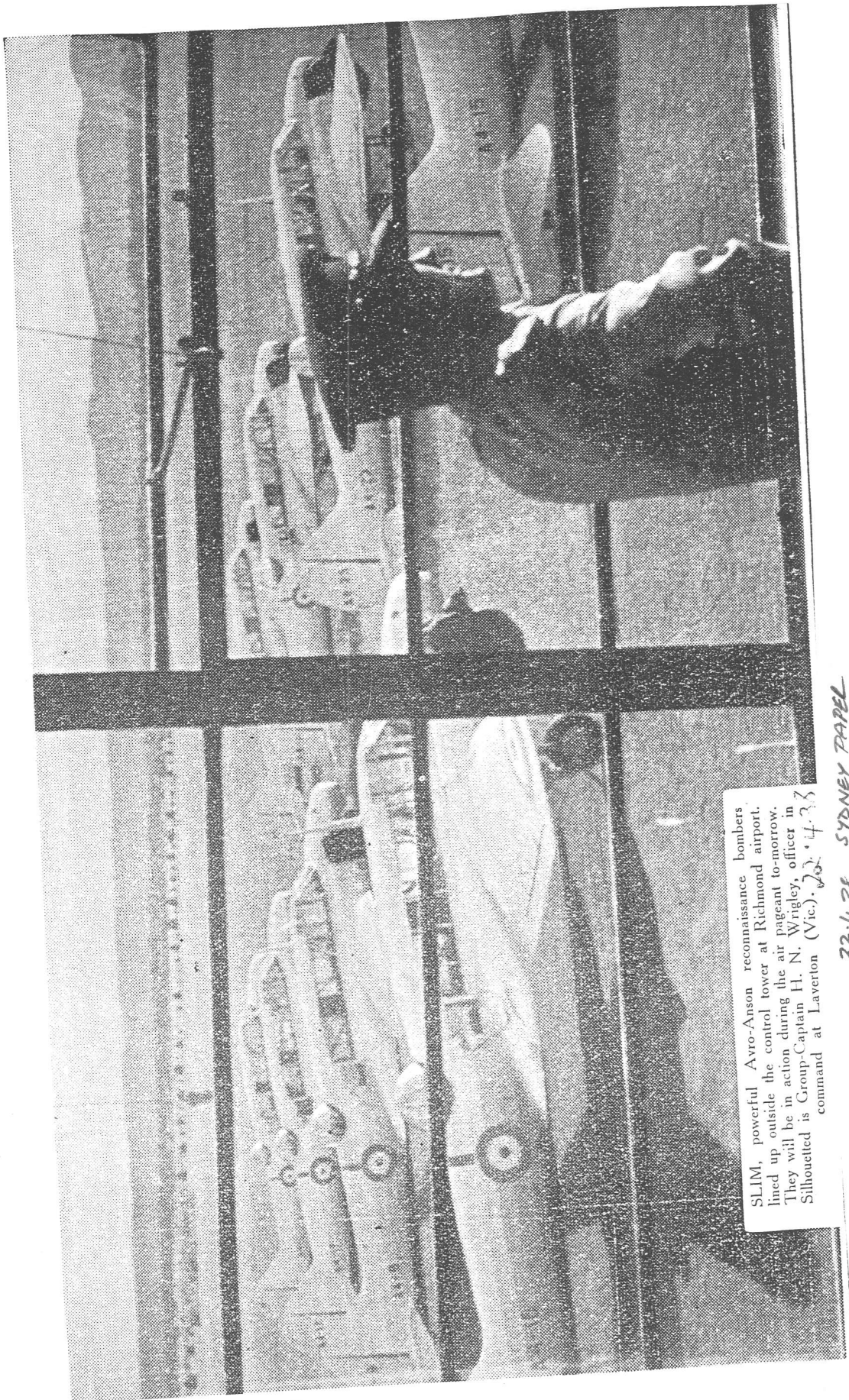
Avro Anson bombers in flight over a layer of cloud during the air pageant at Flemington, Victoria, on Saturday, in which 85 machines took part. 11.4.38

11.4.38 SYDNEY PAPER



AVRO-ANSON reconnaissance bombers, crack machines of the R.A.A.F., crowded into Laverton workshops, Victoria, where they are being painted and furnished for the coming big air pageant. 4.4.1938

4.4.38 SYDNEY PAPER



SLIM, powerful Avro-Anson reconnaissance bombers lined up outside the control tower at Richmond airport. They will be in action during the air pageant to-morrow. Silhouetted is Group-Captain H. N. Wrigley, officer in command at Laverton (Vic). 22.4.38

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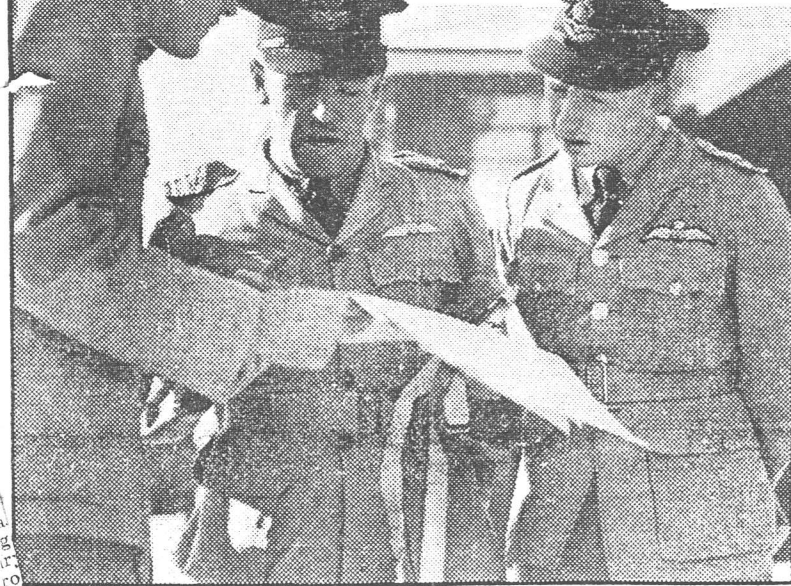
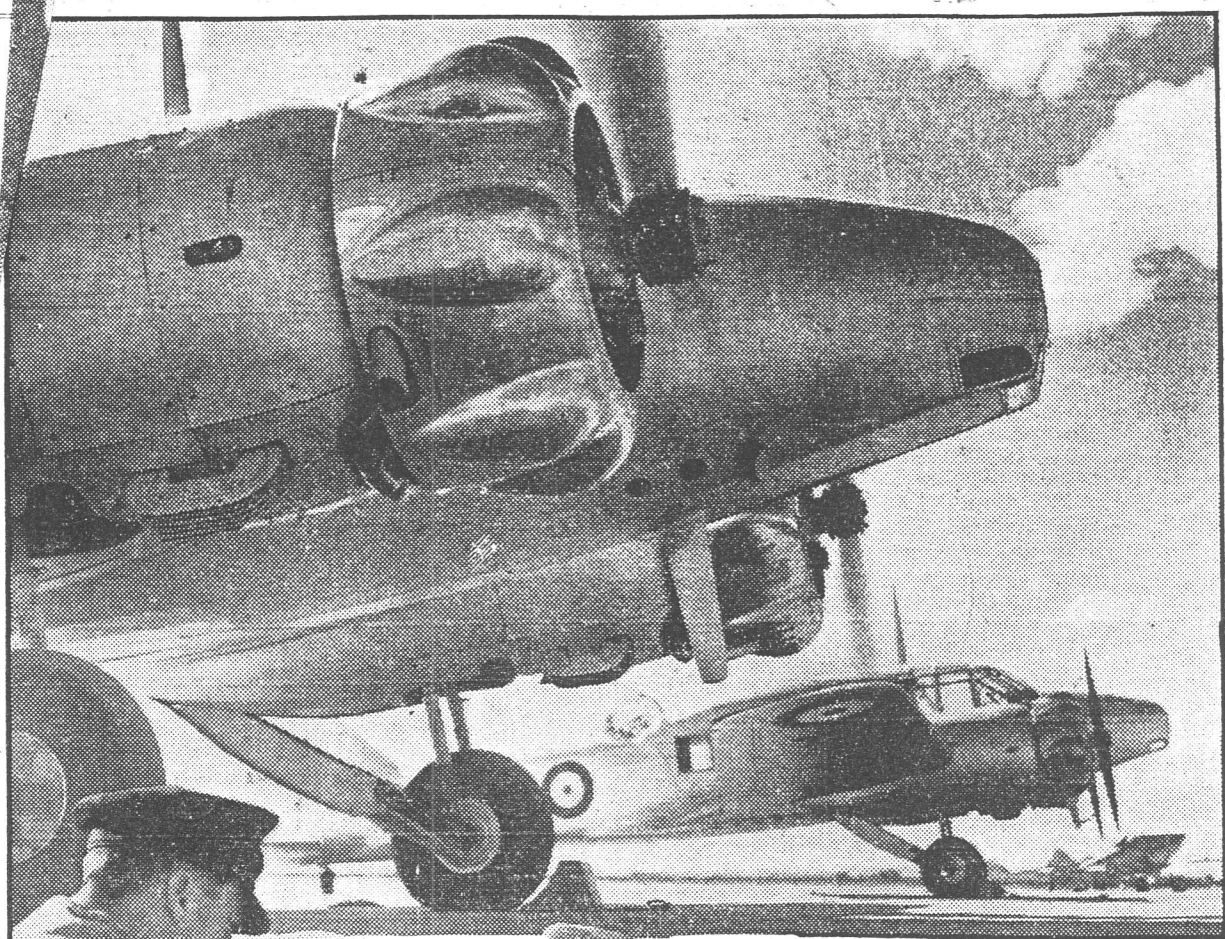
# Learning Air Duty

1944



Student airmen at a Queensland R.A.A.F. training centre being tested out on a cross-country flight. Top picture shows the navigator (at left) keeping a close check on the course, while the student pilot (centre) listens carefully to the instructor. Right: L.A.C. M. Suley, of Bell (Queensland) sets the course for the machine.

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AVRO ANSON BOMBERS (above) which took part in today's search from Laverton for the missing launch which is three days overdue at Flinders Island. Below: Flight-Lieut. Heffernan, who is conducting the search, conferring with other officers before taking off.

**Santa Claus,  
1936, Arrives  
In Avro!**

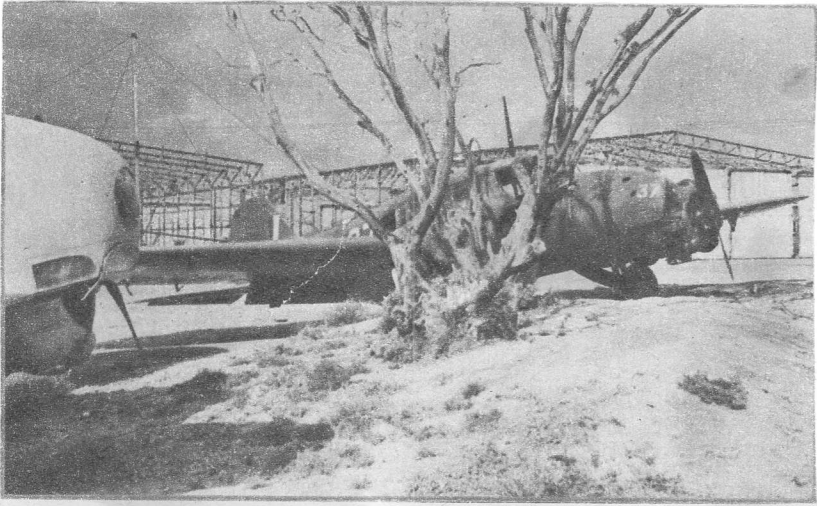
*12-12-1936*

*Even Santa Claus must keep  
pace with the march of time!*

*On Tuesday, he will swoop  
from the skies in the latest model  
Avro Anson plane to bring gifts  
to 200 children of members of the  
Air Force personnel at Leverton.*

*Children and adult visitors who  
have been invited to a Christmas  
treat at the depot will travel to  
Leverton in a special train, leav-  
ing Spencer Street at 12.50 p.m.*

*12.12.36*



LAST signs of RAAF occupation are disappearing from new University branch. Avro-Ansons are awaiting disposal, hangars in background are being dismantled for re-erection at Essendon, Melbourne's busy airport.