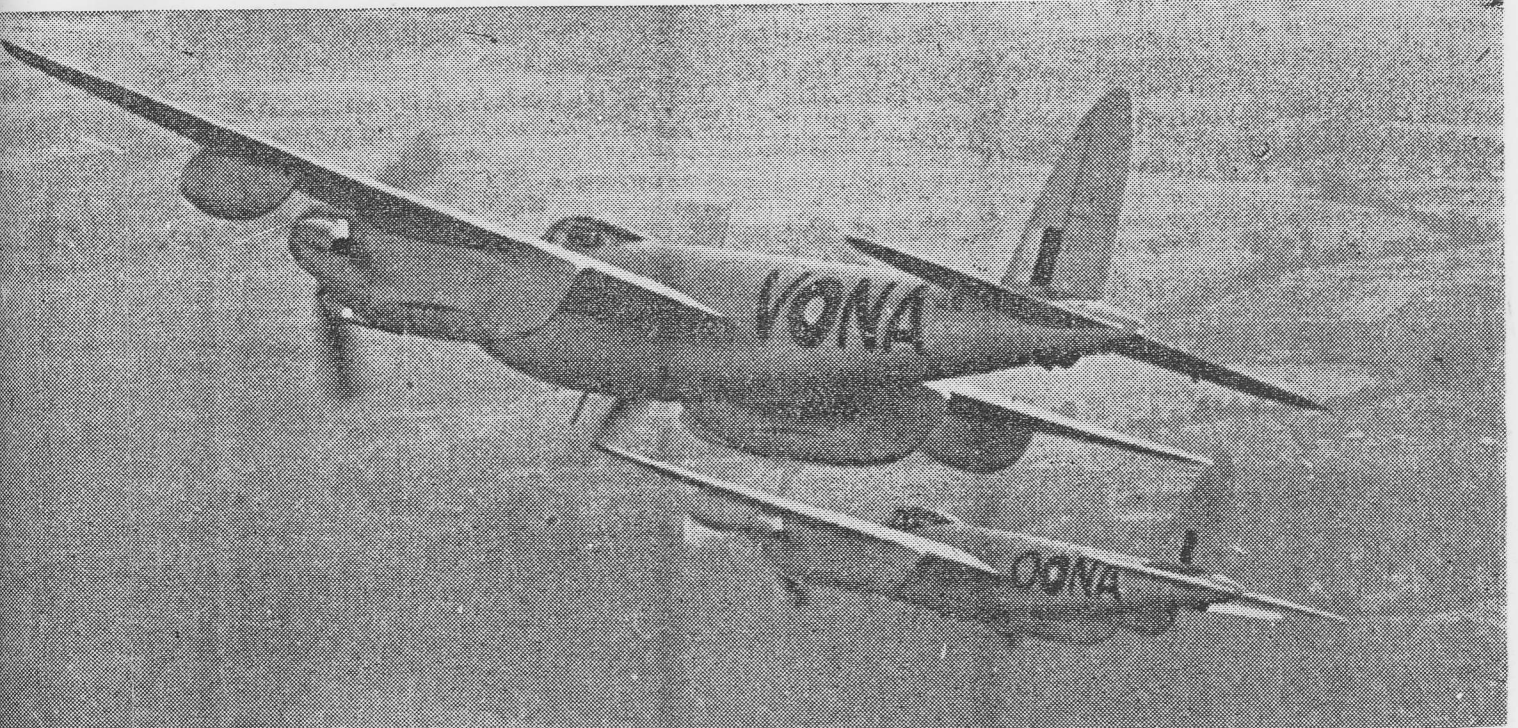


Planes Seek Jap Blood



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AIRBORNE: Graceful lines of the Mosquito are revealed in this flight photograph, taken by The Courier-Mail photographer during operational training. The Mosquito is probably one of the most versatile and speedy aircraft in use; is now being built in Australia.



Air crews, with full kit, move out to their training flight. Each of two. Entrance to the tail hatch which can be seen. (Picture above.)

MASCOT: Squadron mascot is a dachshund, Herr Schmidt, which has more flying hours to its credit than some of the pilots of the squadron. It flies with Flt./Lt. R. A. Swift, D.F.C. (centre), who has as his observer Flt./Sgt. J. H. McInnes. (Right.)

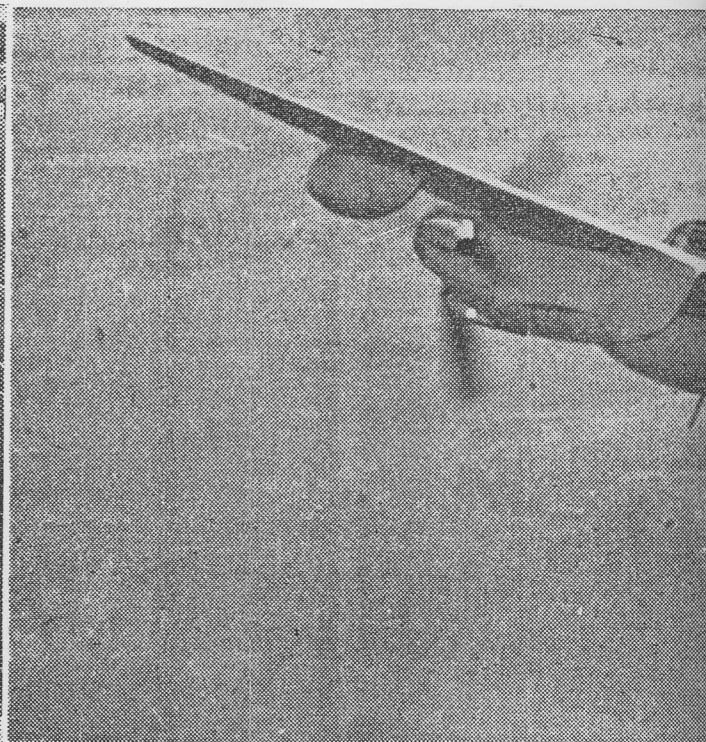


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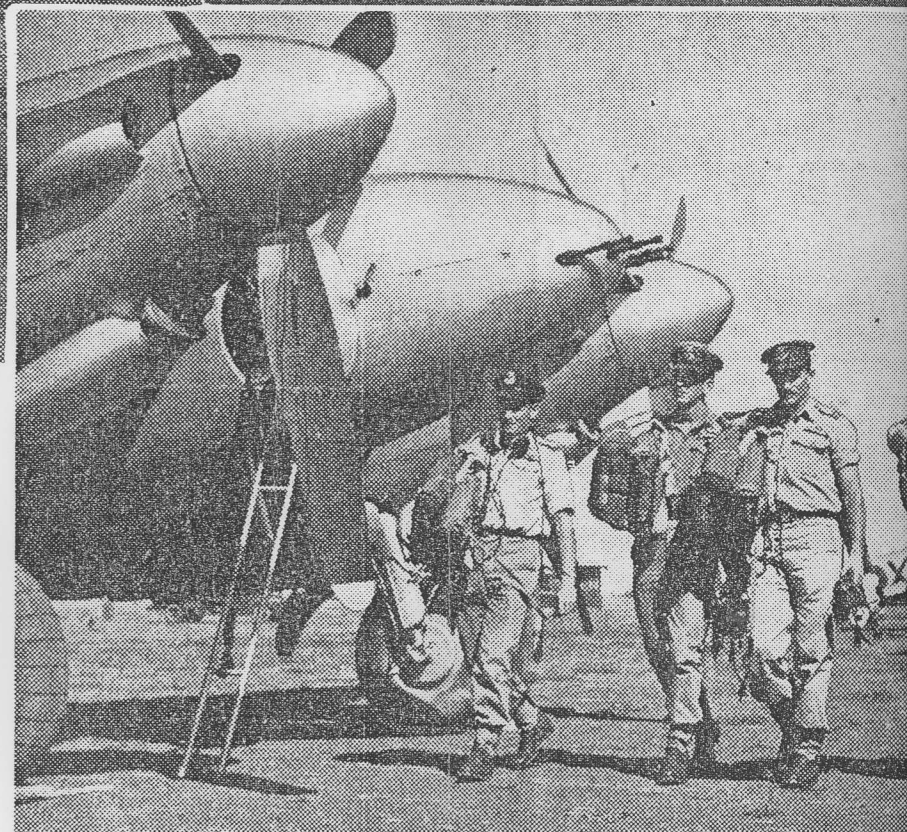
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STING: Putting the sting into a Mosquito are Sgt. Alf Manion (Lithgow, N.S.W.) and Sgt. L. O'Neill (Arncliffe, N.S.W.). The four cannon in the nose give the machine a devastating hitting power, either for ground targets or aerial combat.



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FLIGHT ORDER: Air crews, with full kit, move out to their machines for an operational training flight. Each Mosquito carries a crew of two. Entrance to the machines is through a small hatch which can be seen in side of the nose. (Picture above.)

MASCOT: Squadron mascot, Herr Schmidt, is giving hours to its credit than some other squadrons. It flies with Flt./Lt. ... (centre), who has as his observer ... McInnes. (Right)

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