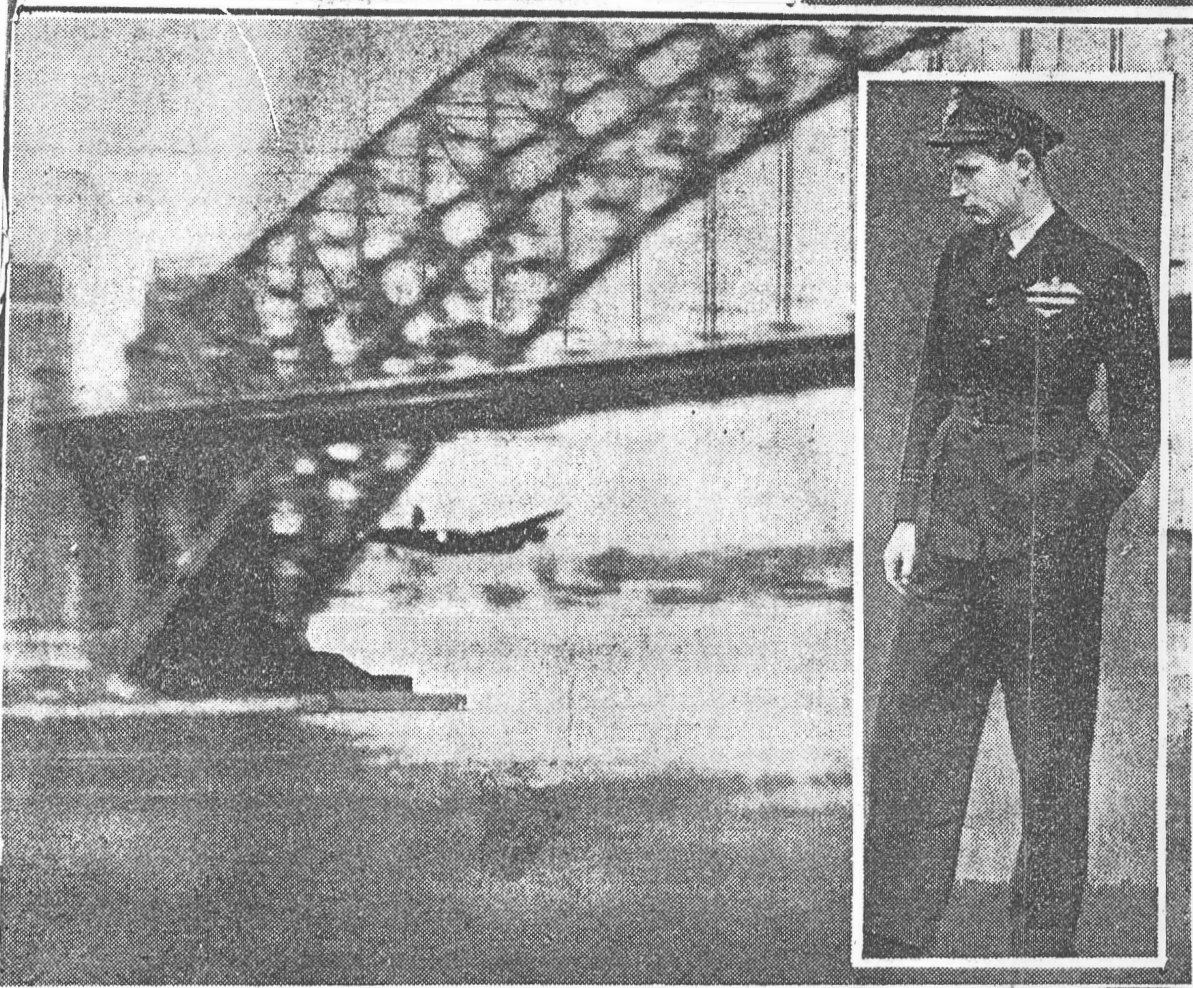


BOMBER PILOT GRIEVED

Australia and the War

LIBERTY LOAN



LANCASTER bomber diving under Sydney Harbor Bridge during its flight on Friday to assist the War Loan. At right, Flight-Lieutenant Peter Isaacson, pilot of the Lancaster.

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BOMBER CREW TO AID CHILDREN'S CELEBRATIONS

Crew of the Lancaster bomber will help the children of Wollombi school to celebrate the buying of their 100th War Savings Certificate.

Wollombi (18 miles from Cessnock; population, 250) is approximately on the route the bomber will take on its flight from Sydney to Tamworth, on Monday.

After members of the Lancaster crew were shown a letter written to the Daily Telegraph on behalf of the Wollombi children yesterday, they studied a map and said they would arrange to fly over the town.

The letter, written by Mr. G. M. Andrews, of the Wollombi Parents and

Citizens' Association, said: "It would be very appropriate if the children could see the plane, because, on Monday, they will be celebrating the buying of their 100th War Savings Certificate—a fine effort for a small school."

"Local residents, who have responded magnificently to the war effort, would be thrilled to see the wonderful aircraft."

A member of the crew said he would send a telegram to Wollombi advising when the plane would fly over the township.

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Flight-Lieutenant Peter Isaacson, captain of the visiting Lancaster bomber, is keenly disappointed at the poor week-end response of the public to the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Addressing the small number of people who viewed the Lancaster at Mascot aerodrome yesterday, Flight-Lieutenant Isaacson quoted the £1,400 which was subscribed at Mascot on Saturday, and said Australians apparently were unaware that a war was on. He compared this disinterest with the attendance at the races and the record totalisator investments.

A loan campaign spokesman said last night that there had been a definite lag in subscriptions in the past few days, and the number of daily subscriptions will have to be doubled for the goal of 750,000 subscribers to be reached by the closing date, November 9.

He said that only a few thousand people went to see the bomber on Saturday and Sunday, and subscriptions totalled £6,600. Of this £5,200 was subscribed yesterday.

"CRITICISM JUSTIFIED"

"At Essendon, Melbourne, 60,000 people attended the public inspection of the bomber and contributed £30,000 to the loan," he said. "I feel that Flight-Lieutenant Isaacson is justified in his criticism."

Flight-Lieutenant Isaacson said: "It was only when I and the crew returned to our own country that we realised to the full the morale and the courage of the British people."

Relatives of Australian airmen who have lost their lives while flying in Lancasters, and subscribers to the loan, were allowed to inspect the interior of the machine yesterday. It will leave for a tour of the country to-day.

The Commonwealth loans director, Mr. Banfield, yesterday appealed to people with money in bank deposits to switch over to loan investments, and not to rely on wage deductions from salaries as their contribution.

The Minister for Commerce, Mr. Scully, speaking at a loan rally at Enfield yesterday, said it was for the people to decide whether the Fourth Liberty Loan would be a "glorious landmark" on which the country would look back with pride or a landmark of shame.

Major Lionel Sheppard, 54, who was attached to the 3rd Battalion in the First World War, died at the Prince of Wales Military Hospital last week a few minutes after he had invested £50 in the loan.

The Postmaster-General, Senator Ashley, said yesterday that a special instruction was being issued to post-offices to accept loan subscriptions at any time the offices were open for general postal business.

He said this when replying to a correspondent who complained that he had been told no subscriptions would be accepted after 3.30 p.m. when he applied to invest £50 at the Royal Exchange branch post-office, at 3.38 p.m.

At Belford Knitting Mills there was a 100 per cent. result at the week-end. The sum of £7,500 was subscribed by 502 employees of Davies Coop, N.S.W.

Glebe Municipality is not far off its quota of £125,000. It may be the first metropolitan place to reach its quota.

Fitzroy Ward of the City Council had passed £40,000 in its drive for £250,000. Preston, a Melbourne municipality, which has issued a loan-raising challenge to Ryde, had raised £50,000 from 327 subscribers by October 20. Ryde figures were £28,000 from 428 subscribers. Both quotas are £130,000.

At a rally at Junee, £167,000 was raised.

Lancaster Flies Under Bridge

The captain of the giant Lancaster bomber, Flight-Lieut. Peter Isaacson, flew it under the Harbor Bridge today.

The plane was being brought from Richmond to Mascot to continue its support of the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign.

A member of the RAAF, who was a passenger from Richmond, said:—

"It was the thrill of my life. We dived over the harbor from east to west and seemed to skim the water, and the Bridge came over the top of us."

Flight-Lieut. Isaacson kept his intention from the rest of the crew.

Welcoming the bomber's crew at Mascot Aerodrome, the Mayor of Mascot (Ald. A. B. Finney) recalled that the aerodrome was connected with the early aviation of Australia since 1922, when Sir Ross Smith arrived from England.

Ald. Finney added that he had received a letter from his son, who had served with the AIF in the Western Desert, asking him to put £200 of his savings in the loan.

Lessons Taught

Commonwealth Loans Director Mr. C. Banfield said the Lancaster bomber had stimulated the campaign.

Those who saw it must realise the deadly use to which it could be put. It stressed the necessity for ending the war as quickly as possible.

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BOMBER'S DAY OVER CITY

One Flight Under Bridge

By a Special Reporter.

Strap-hanging in a Lancaster bomber flying at 4,000ft (and less) at 300 m.p.h. or so—although not without its physical discomforts—has its recompenses.

This was discovered yesterday afternoon by a number of journalists and others invited by the R.A.A.F. and organisers of the Fourth Liberty Loan to make a flight over Sydney in the Lancaster bomber—which earlier in the day flew under the Harbour Bridge.

Some of the passengers on the afternoon flight hung on to pipes running inside the body of the plane and peered out through small slots, and from my slot I could see the deep black of the runway at Mascot slide beneath us like a mighty length of silk as the four-engined bomber took off.

The commander of the Lancaster, Flight-Lieutenant Isaacson, tossed the big bomber about the sky as though it were a Spitfire. Directly he had the wheels up yesterday he climbed steeply and made a sweep over Bronte and Bondi. We dived down towards the water and then shot up towards the clouds again. The strap-hangers felt the floor of the plane sinking beneath them, found that their knees had bent, and that they were suspended at arm's length from the pipes to which they were clinging (very tightly). Isaacson banked the plane and turned inland.

By the time we were over Rose Bay he had levelled out again. Up the harbour we went, over Point Piper, Rushcutter Bay, Garden Island, and in front of us loomed the bridge. It was then I remembered that before we took off we had heard the story of Isaacson flying under the bridge earlier in the day.

I was measuring the distance between the bridge and the water when we banked again, and when we returned to somewhere near normal we were flying up George Street, low over the city buildings—so low I could see the people below gaping up at us.

Isaacson then headed "Queenie VI" out for Mascot. He put the plane down smoothly and hurried from the cockpit to meet the Governor, Lord Wakehurst, and members of his party who were next on the list for a trip round the city.

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Ace's Mother Flies In Giant Bomber

Mrs. H. Martin, 60, mother of ace Lancaster bomber pilot Squadron-Leader Mick Martin, D.F.C., D.S.O., flew over Sydney yesterday in the Lancaster which is aiding the Fourth Liberty Loan appeal.

Mrs. Martin, wife of Dr. H. Martin, of College Street, City, was making her first plane flight.

Her son flew one of the Lancasters which smashed Germany's great Ruhr dams on May 17.

Mrs. Martin was flown over Sydney by Flight-Lieutenant Peter Isaacson, who has made attacks on Germany with the same bomber group as Squadron-Leader Martin.

"It was wonderful to fly in one of the great machines that my son pilots," Mrs. Martin said.

"Sitting in the Lancaster as we roared into the air, I felt I was very near to my son.

"I was so thrilled that I did not have time to think about being scared."

On one of the Lancaster's trips over Sydney yesterday it was flown under the Harbor Bridge. The big bomber is the first plane to have flown under the bridge since three U.S. Airacobra fighters flew in formation beneath it in March last year.

Flights under the bridge are prohibited by a Civil Aviation Department regulation.

The first plane flown under the bridge was piloted by Jimmy Broadbent, the England-Australia fier, now ferrying bombers from America to England. He flew under the bridge in 1933.

One of the Lancaster's crew, Pilot-Officer Joe Grose, of Tasmania, said: "We went under the bridge like a bird.

"We had tons of room. There was no risk.

"Anyway, it was part of our drive for war loan subscriptions."

The bomber will be on display to the public at Mascot aerodrome between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. today and tomorrow.



MRS. H. MARTIN talking with Flight-Lieutenant Peter Isaacson.

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