

VISIT OF
LANCASTER BOMBER
"G" FOR GEORGE
TO-MORROW (TUESDAY)

IN SUPPORT OF THIRD VICTORY LOAN

Landing at Aerodrome at 11.20 a.m.

Passenger Flights from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Public entrance through main R.A.A.F. Station gates.

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G FOR GEORGE
BOOSTS
VICTORY LOAN

BARELY 100 civilians were present at the aerodrome yesterday when "G for George," veteran Lancaster with 90 operational flights to its credit, arrived with its distinguished crew, to assist the Third Victory Loan campaign.

The four-engined bomber was accompanied by an Australian built Beaufort, manned by an Australian crew, which has flown 133 operational sorties against the Japanese.

Extending a welcome to them, Lieut. E. A. Hudson, D.F.C. and bar, and his crew, the Mayor (Ald. R. D. McDowell) recalled that it was the exploits of men of their calibre that had brought the Allies within sight of victory on the European front. The fruits of that victory were exemplified in the good news recently received of the release of two Maryborough boys, Majors C. Barton and R. C. Rosier, from German P.O.W. camps.

He pointed out that "G for George" was not here on a bombing raid, but what he described as a "good will mission," to assist the Government in raising the £100,000,000 in the Third Victory Loan.

REMARKABLE RECORD

Responding, F. L. Hudson said "G for George" came out in Australia in October of last year with a remarkable record. It had been flown by Australians in 90 operations, and was attached to an entirely Australian squadron. He mentioned that F. S. Tickle, the engineer, has served on "G for George" ever since she was built. The plane, he said, was a notable example of what British aircraft manufacturers could produce.

Referring to the Beaufort bomber he said it was Australian built, Australian manned and paid for by Australians. It had, with many others like it, done a lot of work in driving the Japs away from the shores of this country.

First Officer M. Gethings, the only Australian woman in Britain's Air Transport Command, said that the collection of medals won by the crew of "G for George" indicated that they had done a good job over there. "Don't you think you can do a good job here and break all records in the Third Victory Loan?" she asked.

The crew of "G for George," who were the guests of the management of the Embassy Theatre last night, comprised F. L. Hudson D.F.C. and Bar, F. O. F. P. Smith, D.F.C. (second pilot), F. O. W. S. Gordon D.F.C. (navigator), F. O. McCarthy D.F.C. and Bar (bomb aimer), F. S. Tickle and Sergt. Owen (fitters), F. O. M. Gethings and Captain T. Steele, M.C.

The crew of the Beaufort were P. O. Max Brown (pilot), P. O. John Hamilton (navigator), P. O. Norman Mann, mentioned in despatches, (wireless operator), Sergt. W. Jones (engineer).

When it arrived in Maryborough yesterday, 1071 people who have purchased bonds to the value of £100 or more in the loan had been given free rides.

In addition 533 persons who invested in £10 bonds had inspected the machine. The total amount of money invested by these people was £136,260.

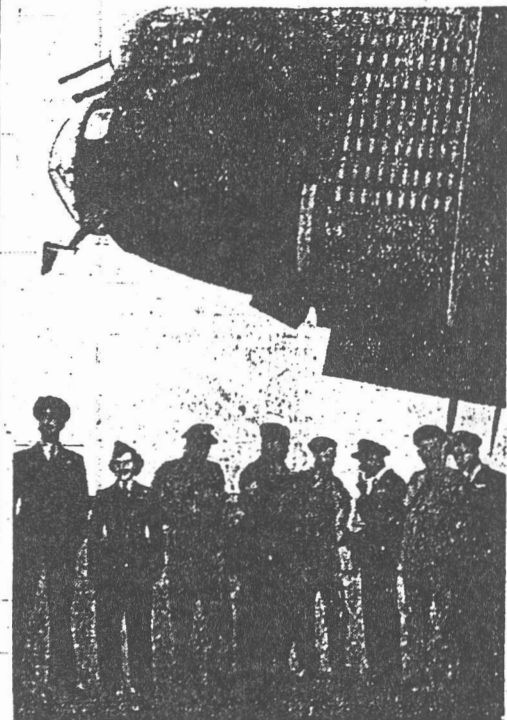
Captain Steele told the crowd that when they reached the figure of £150,000—which they hoped to do on the ground—he would give a free ride to one young child on the ground.

Coral Edith Barrett, of Pallastreet, standing nearby piped up "Me, Mister." The captain patted the little girl on the head and said "All right. At 4 Coral get the free ride."

BOMBERS HERE TO-MORROW
TO AID LOAN CAMPAIGN

THE Lancaster bomber, "G" for George, accompanied by an Australian built Beaufort bomber, is scheduled to land on the Maryborough aerodrome at 11.20 a.m. to-morrow.

Subscribers of £100 or over are entitled to a flight ticket. Tickets and indemnity forms will still be available from Mr. Thorpe at the Commonwealth Bank to-day. As some tickets must be reserved for the day of the flights for country people, Maryborough residents are advised to make early application. In the event of the allotted number making application a draw will be made to-night, and the successful ticket numbers published in to-morrow's paper. However, it is hoped that all applicants will be accommodated. If possible arrangements may be made for Third Victory Loan subscribers to accompany them to inspect the machine and these applicants are requested to present their tickets at the aerodrome. A civic reception by the Mayor and Councillors will be tendered the evening of the last nightingale on arrival at the aerodrome.



G FOR GEORGE — The crew of the Lancaster bomber, "G for George," which will be in Maryborough to-morrow. There are seats for 125 people on this famous veteran of 90 flights over Germany—that is, for those persons who invest £100 or more in the Third Victory Loan.