



Nonagenarian
"G for George"
at Canberra in
1954. (See Mr.
Walker's letter
below.)

Australia's Historic Lancaster

I AM sorry that my reference to "G for George" (in *Flight* for February 3) underestimated the number of missions flown by the old veteran. However, having been corrected twice by correspondents who themselves appear to be in some doubt as to the number of missions the aircraft actually did fly, I have stirred myself sufficiently to delve into my colour slides and produce one taken on Air Force Day 1954 at Fairburn Aerodrome (R.A.A.F. Station, Canberra) which shows George's nose and chest; said chest proudly wearing 90 bombs, the 1939/45, Germany and, I think, Air Crew Star Ribbons. The 90 bombs are the obvious indication of 90 missions.

You will also note that George appears to be in excellent "nick"—so good, in fact, that the old ship was taxied into position in the display hangar on its own engines, disdaining the

assistance of a tractor, and the pilot who took him (despite the normal feminine gender for all ships, "George" must surely be masculine) told me that if he could have wheedled 50 gallons of juice out of the "old man" he would have done a couple of circuits "just for the hell of it!"

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