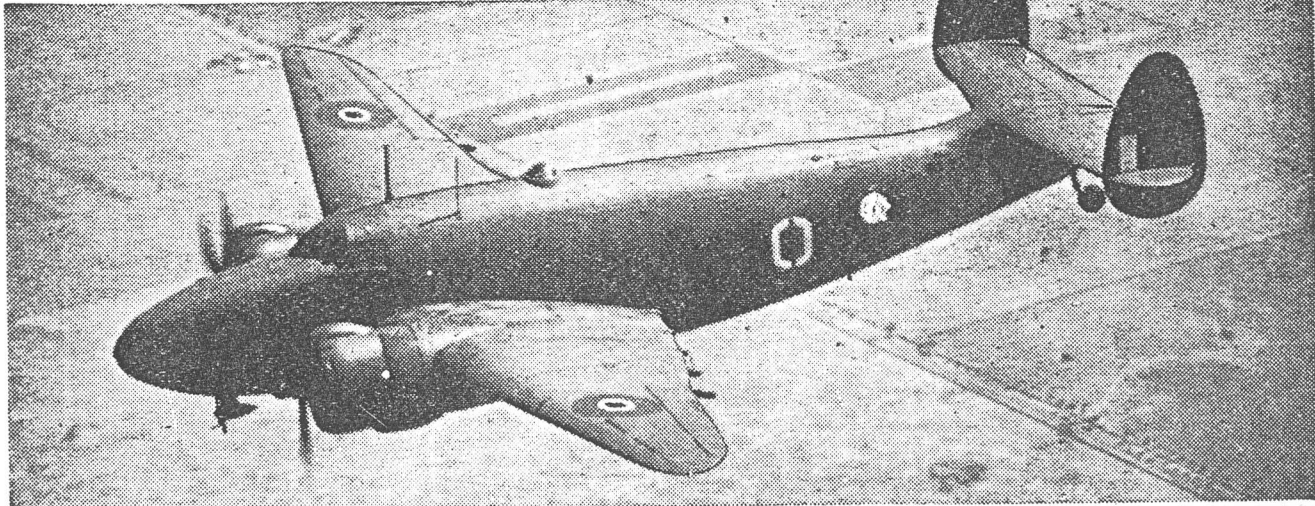


★ **ESSENDON-MOROTAI IN 2½ DAYS** ★



ONE OF THE TWIN-ENGINE LODESTARS leaving Essendon on its way to Morotai, in the Halmaheras, to deliver letters and parcels to members of the R.A.A.F. Transports leave Essendon three times a week carrying, as well as mail, fresh food and eggs to hospitals, and spare parts for operational aircraft. Lode-stars which have to cross high New Guinea mountains carry 3400lb. of freight. Dakotas carry up to 6400 lb.



Left: MAILS AND FREIGHT from northern battle stations being unloaded at Essendon. **Right: An Army stretcher case** flown from Bougainville to Melbourne being taken off a transport yesterday. Patient is Pte. J. J. Horton, who was slashed by a Jap. officer with a sword. Although severely wounded, Horton emptied his Bren gun into the officer.