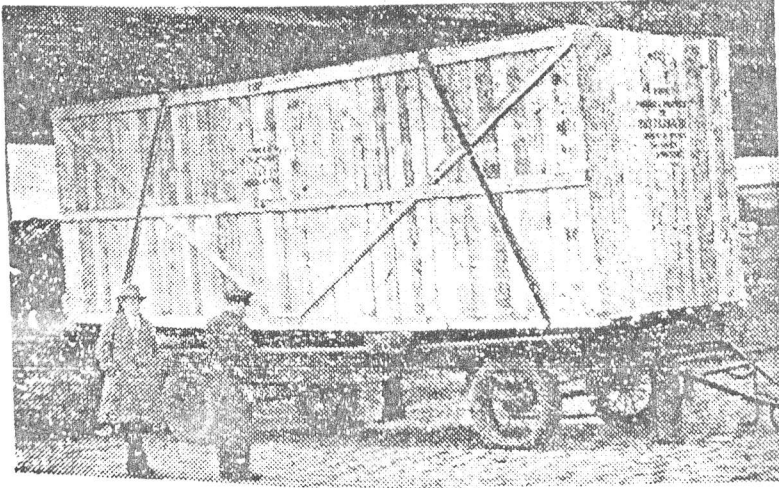


A patrol of Hawker Demon fighting planes taking off from Laverton R.A.F. station Victoria, to take part in the combined Navy and Air Force manoeuvres which emphasised the importance of aircraft in time of war. 22-4-39

NEW PLANES FOR R.A.A.F.



The first of the new Hawker Demon planes for the Royal Australian Air Force is in this case, about to be hauled from Victoria Docks today. Two of the machines

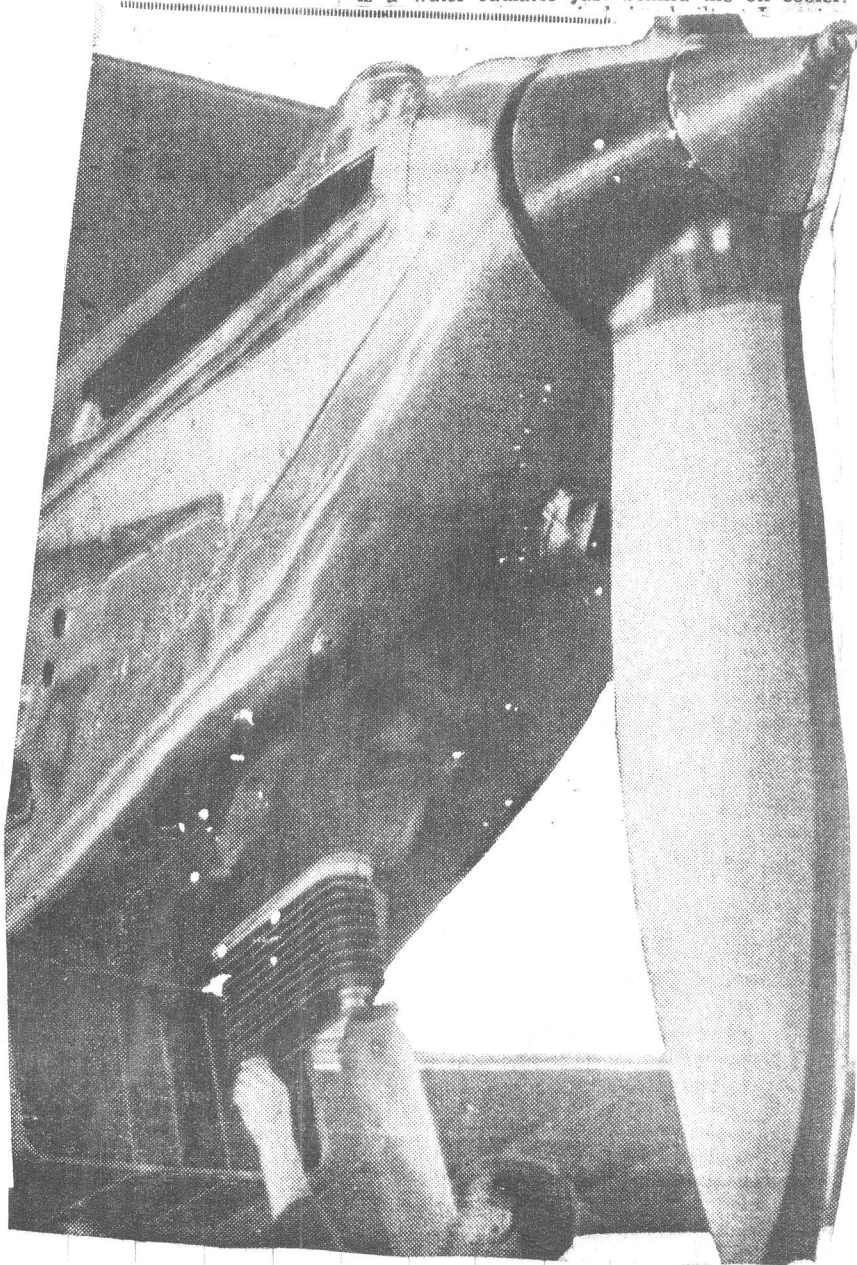
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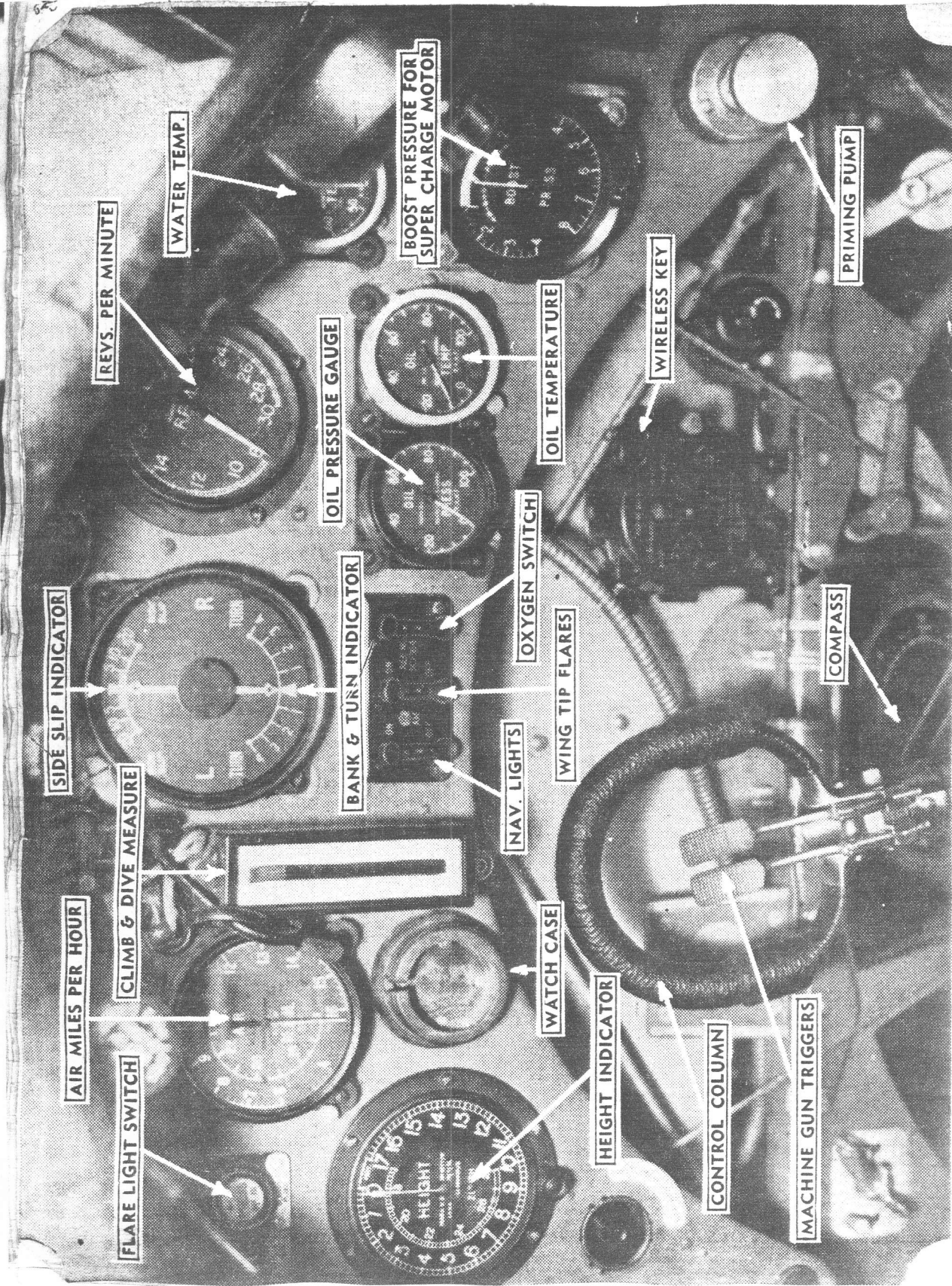
THE three Hawker Demon fighting planes for the Royal Australian Air Force, which arrived on Saturday from England by the Coptic, will be assembled at Laverton immediately.

They are the first of delayed orders for 90 planes.

They are fitted with tail wheels and brakes instead of tail skids, which were standard Royal Air Force equipment when the Demons were ordered more than a year ago.

The front view below shows the oil-cooling radiator beneath the engine. There is a water radiator just behind the oil cooler.

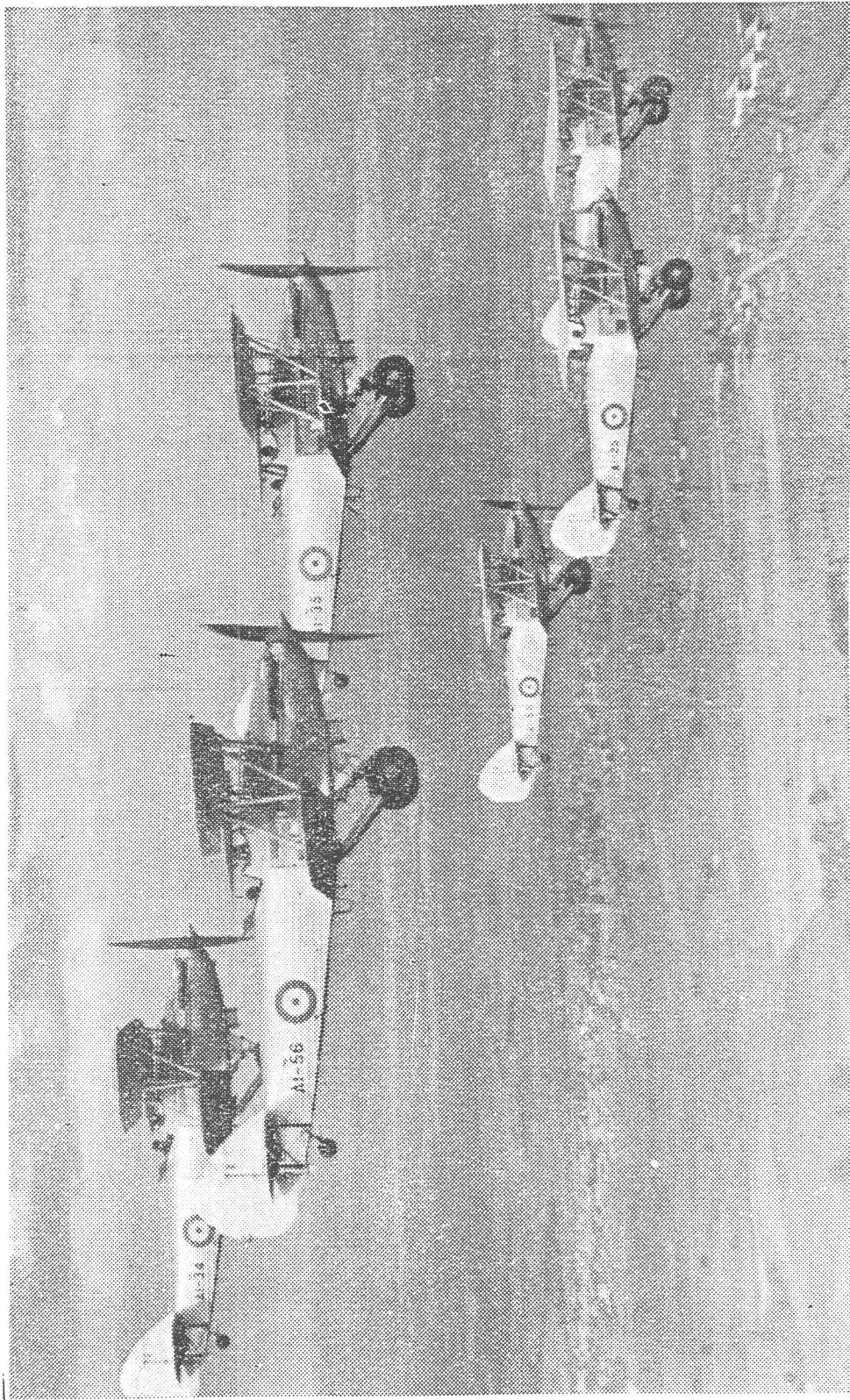




THE CONTROL BOARD of the Hawker Demon two-seater fighting plane shows a remarkable advance on the types of machines used in the Great War.

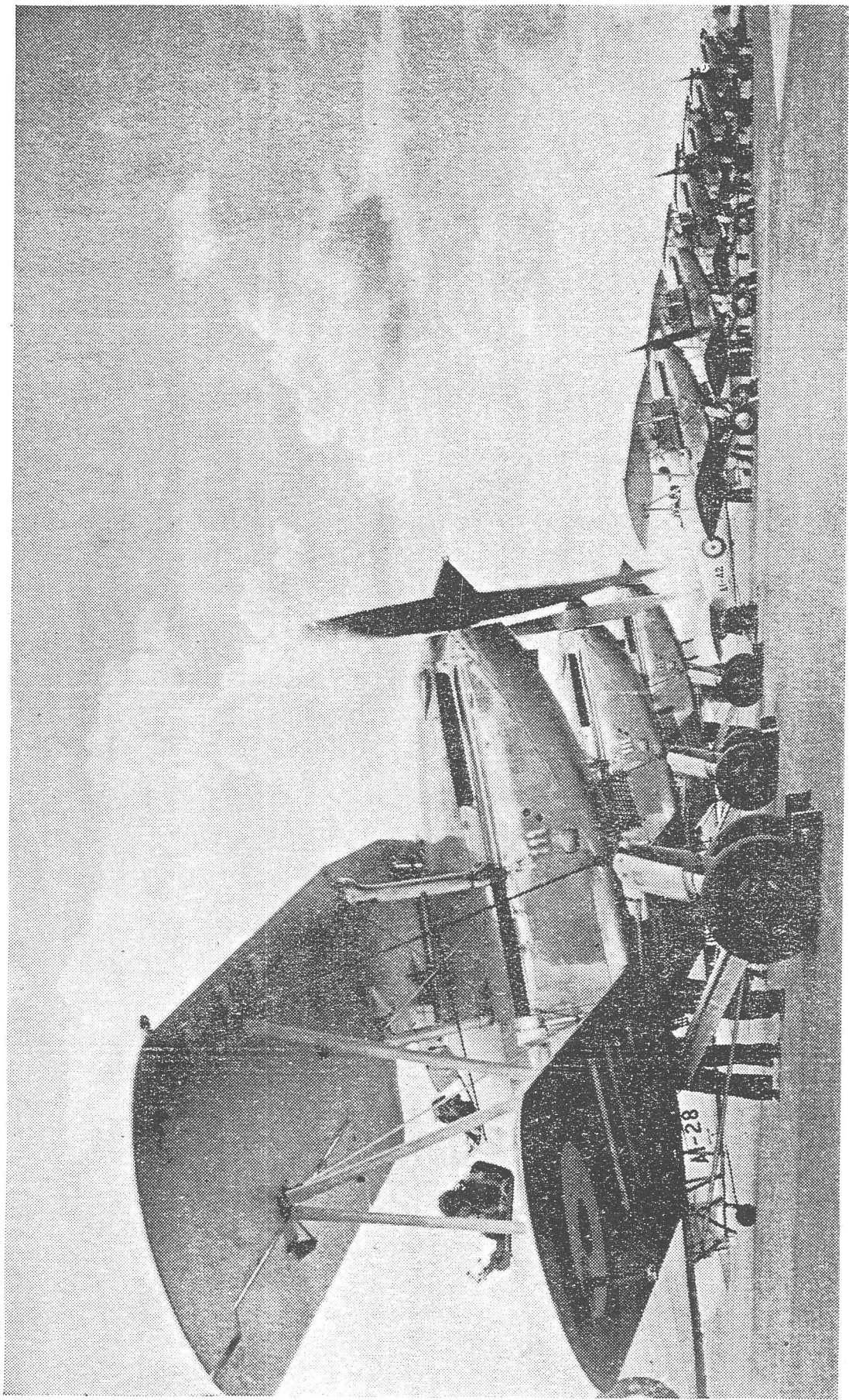
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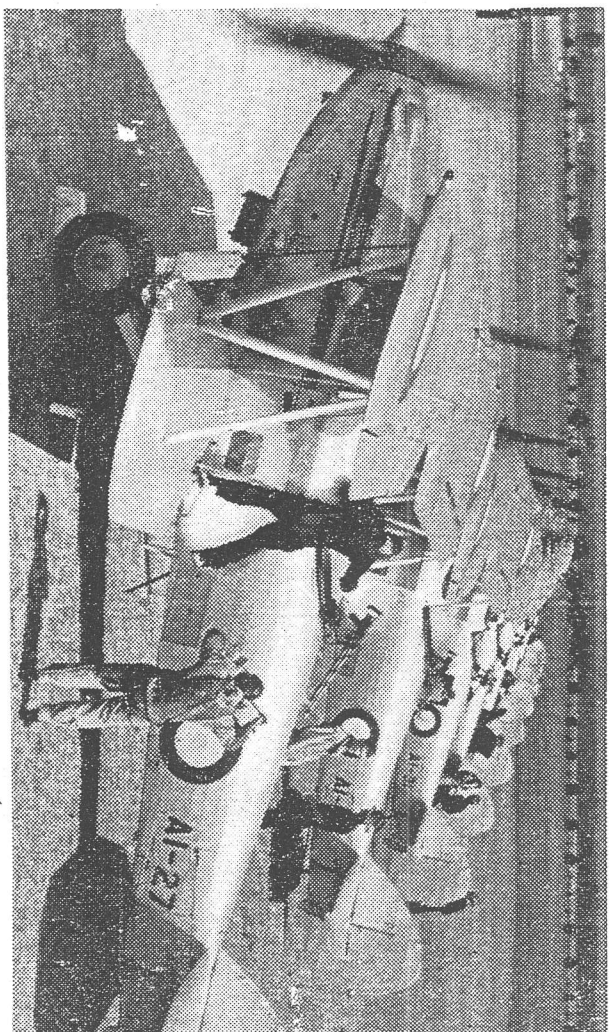
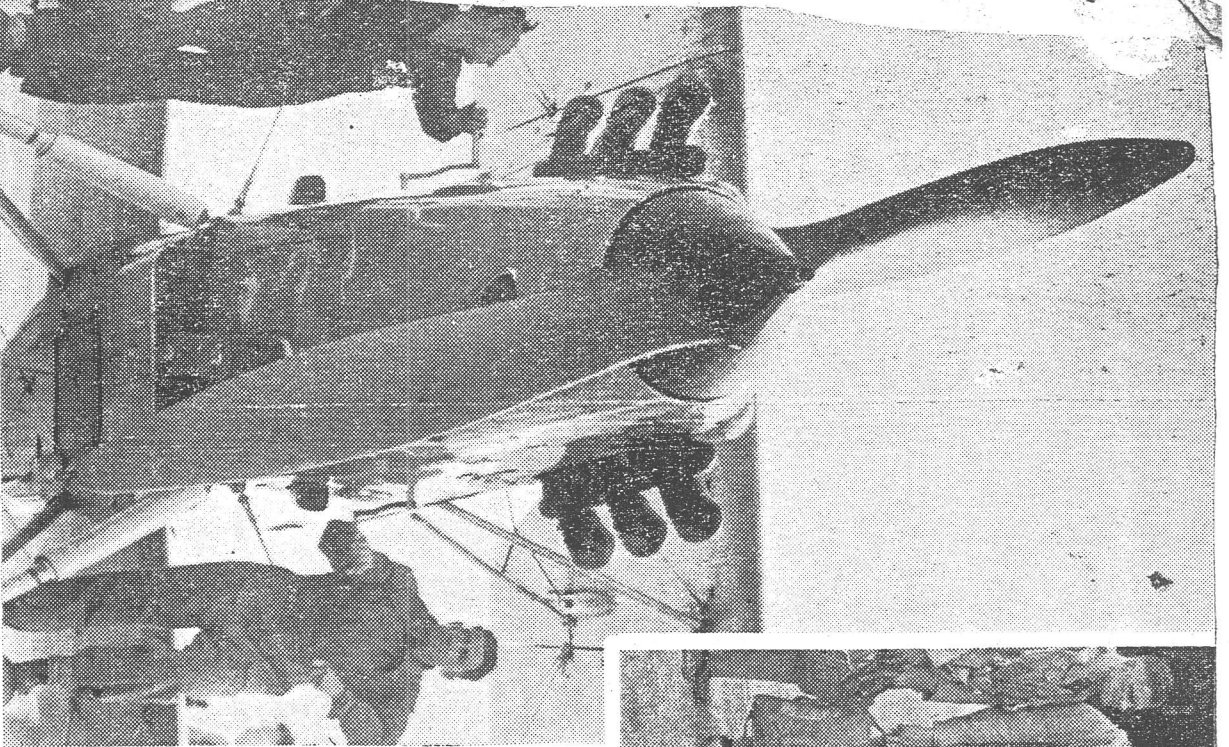
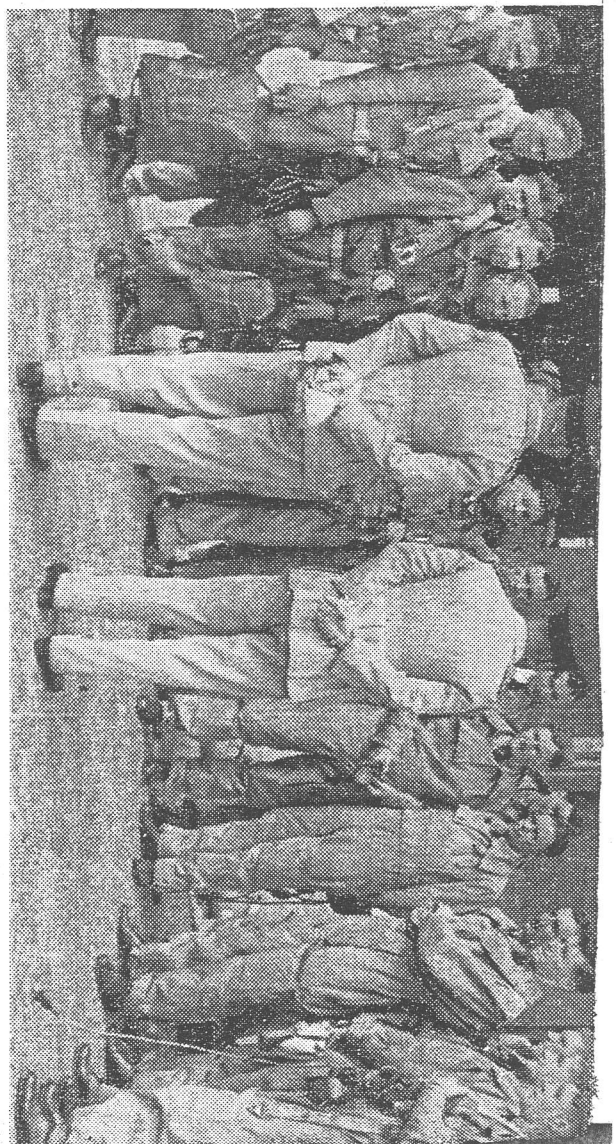


Flying in close formation, Hawker Demons of the Air Force roar through the air, high above the country near Richmond. For the first time, three squadrons took off at once, and conducted lengthy manoeuvres, in preparation for the air drill event, which will be a feature of Saturday's aerial display at Richmond.

HAWKER DEMONS AT RICHMOND AERIAL DISPLAY.



Hawker Demons lined up on the Tarmac at Richmond, with engines running in readiness for the take-off in one of the events which formed part of the impressive display at the Royal Australian Air Force Pageant on Saturday.



Ten Hawker Demons left the R.A.A.F. Station, Richmond, yesterday afternoon for Newcastle to co-operate with infantry and technical units in extensive manoeuvres to-day and to-morrow. The objective will be to repel an imaginary attack on beaches near Port Stephens. Left: The nose of one of the planes. Top right: Pilots receiving final instructions before taking-off. Lower right: The machines, with engines warming-up, drawn up in line while mechanics make final adjustments before the pilots take charge