



TO TAKE OFF FOR ENGLAND this morning from Laverton, this R.A.A.F. Lincoln (below) will be the first Australian-built bomber to make an Australia-England flight. It will take part in an R.A.F. display at Farnborough.

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## Australian Lincoln flying to England



**AUSTRALIAN** air history will be made when a R.A.A.F. Lincoln bomber takes off from Laverton for England at 6 a.m. today.

It will be the first all-Australian built R.A.A.F. aircraft to make the 12,000-mile journey.

At the invitation of the R.A.F. the four-engined aircraft is flying to take part in the famous Farnborough Air Exhibition at the end of June.

Air Commodore A. L. Walters, C.B.E., A.F.C., of Headquarters Southern Area, is making the flight with a crew of nine. It includes two Victorians—F./Lt. B. J. F. Hayes, D.F.M., air gunner, of Hawthorn, and Navigator III R. D. Barnes, second navigator, of Williamstown.

The captain of the Lincoln, F./Lt. W. N. Nicol, of Queensland, said yesterday that he expected the journey would take six days, or about 55 hrs. flying time. The longest hop would be the 2000 miles between Darwin and Singapore.

The Minister for Air (Mr.

White) said last night that the Lincoln would be a good overseas ambassador for Australia's young but virile aircraft industry.

● Picture shows Squadron Leader A. Cross A.F.C. briefing the crew at Victoria Barracks yesterday.

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