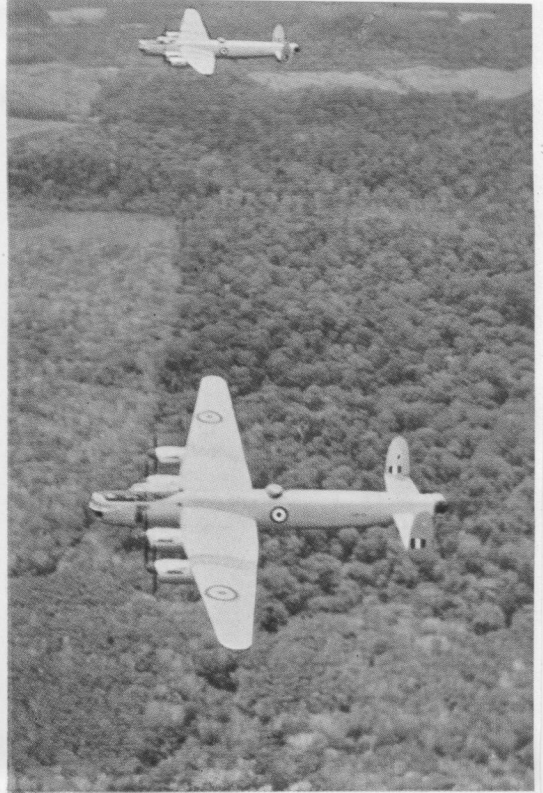
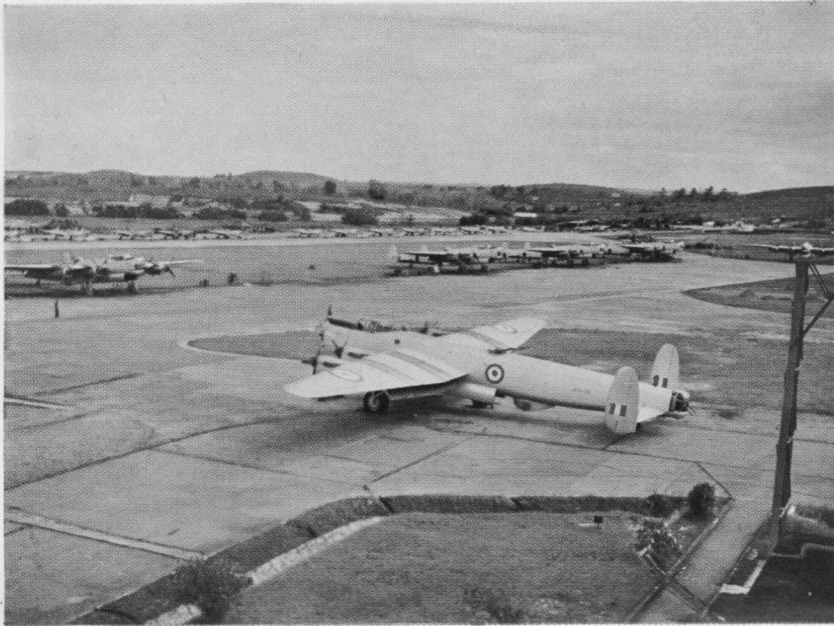


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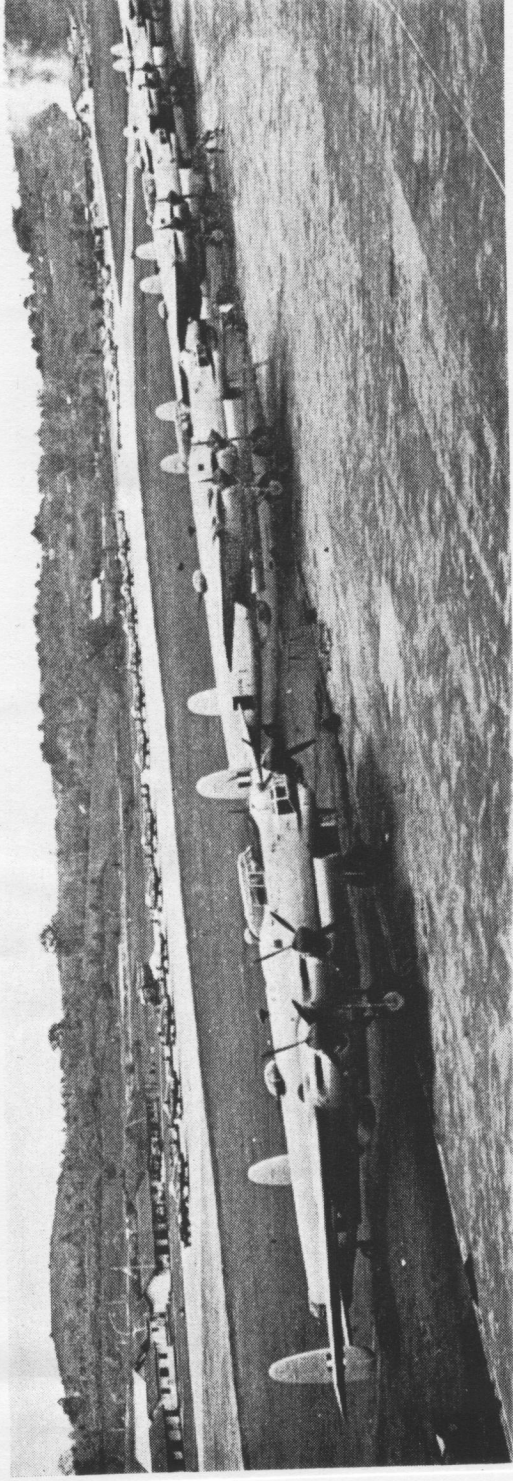
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*Lincolns of the Royal Australian Air Force and (distantly ranged) Hornets of the R.A.F. stand ready at Tengah for a strike against the Malayan bandits. (Right) A pair of Lincolns pick up formation after dropping their 500 lb and 1,000 lb bombs and strafing with their guns.*

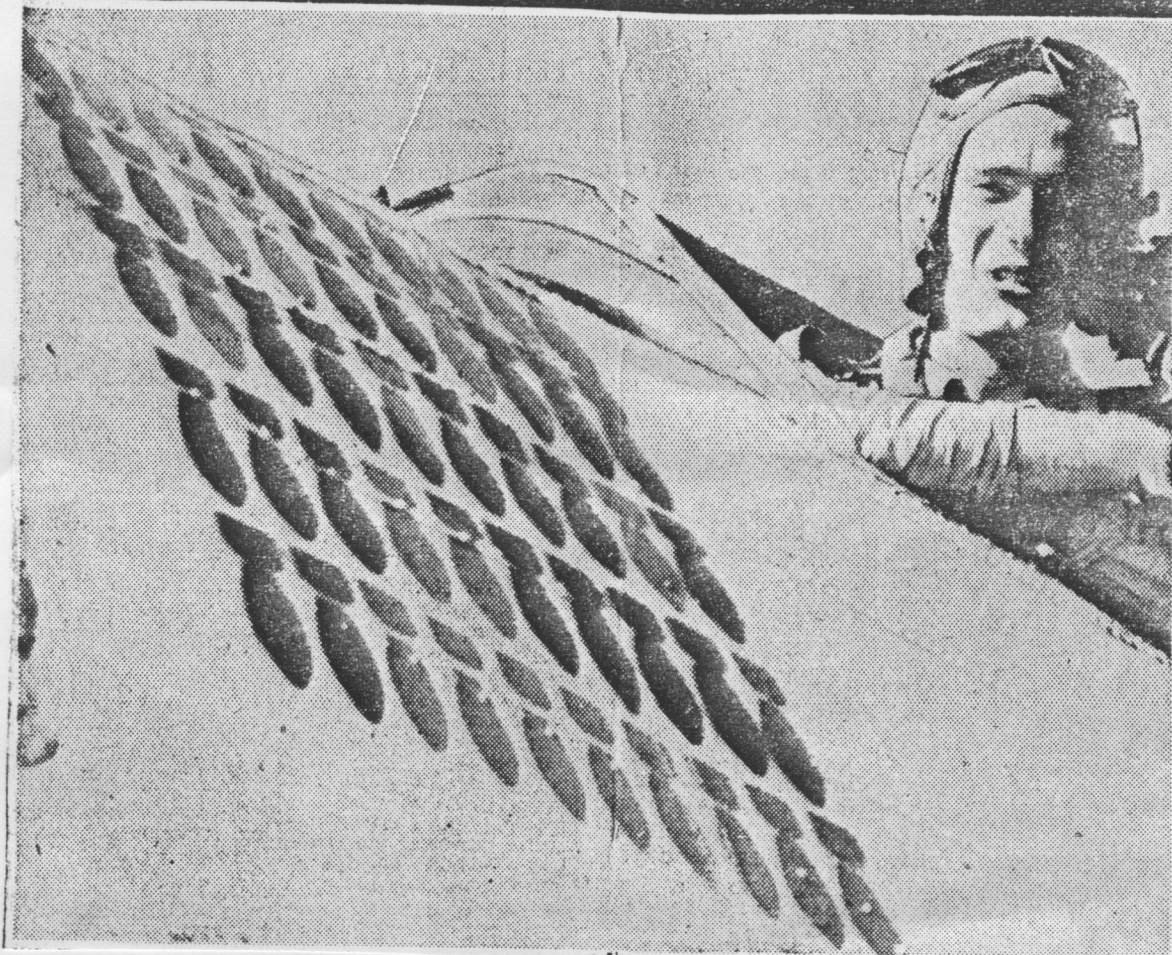
MALAYAN CHANGES.—The Lincoln B.30s of No. 1 Squadron, R.A.F., (below) are returning to Australia in July from Singapore, after seven years of operations against the Malayan bandits. They will be replaced by No. 2 Squadron, R.A.F., with Canberras, which are also to re-equip No. 14 Squadron, R.N.Z.A.F., whose present Venom F.B.1s are seen in the background at Tengah (below) and in the air (above).

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## HE SCORED A HALF-CENTURY



**PILOT-OFFICER D. J. Lancaster, of No. 1 Bomber Squadron, R.A.A.F., is back from Malaya with 50 missions against the terrorists neatly recorded in lines of bombs painted on his aircraft. Pilot-Officer Lancaster yesterday flew one of three No. 1 Squadron bombers to Amberley (Queensland) R.A.A.F. base. Other planes of the squadron are at Darwin. The squadron will make an Australia-wide homecoming tour.**

## The squadron that has roared through time

# Always first

THOSE big rugged Lincolns that roared over Melbourne yesterday meant terror to the terrorists in Malaya's hide-and-seek war of the past eight years.



FLYING OFFICER Peter Hernon, of Footscray, captain of one of the Lincolns.

To "Mr 10-Foot Long," a Communist leader, and more than a score of his followers, the Lincolns meant death.

Commanded by stocky, popular Wing Commander Ken Robertson, of North Balwyn, the Lincolns — successors to the famed Lancasters of World War II—have:

- Kept terrorists on the move — often from areas where they had set up camps and food supplies, and often into ambushes laid by security forces; AND
  - Bolstered the spirits of Malaya's civilian population.
- Because of the success of the anti-terrorist campaign, Malaya's Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, was able to forecast, at the week-end, that the war would probably be over by the end of the year.

In all, No. 1 Bomber Squadron dropped 33 million pounds of bombs in nearly 4000 sorties over



WING COMMANDER Ken Robertson, of North Balwyn, No. 1 Bomber Squadron's leader.

By MICHAEL ARMIT

Malayan jungles — nearly FIVE times more than all other squadrons in Malaya together.

It also dropped millions of leaflets. For service in Malaya, six members of the squadron won the DFC and two a bar to the DFC. One was awarded a second bar to the DFC.

Other decorations included an OBE, a Distinguished Flying Medal, four British Empire Medals, and 15 Mention-in-Dispatches.

But gallantry is nothing new to No. 1 Bomber Squadron, which has operated since the first World War

### Seven firsts

The squadron was the: FIRST Australian Squadron to be formed in the Australian Flying Corps in 1915;

FIRST Commonwealth flying unit to go into action in World War I at Suez — in June, 1916;

FIRST Squadron to gain a Victoria Cross — to Captain F. H. McNamara, of Waranga, Victoria, for having landed in the desert when wounded and under fire to pick up another pilot shot down by anti-aircraft fire;

FIRST Squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force to be formed at Point Cook Victoria, in July, 1925;

FIRST Australian Squadron in action against the Japanese in World War II;

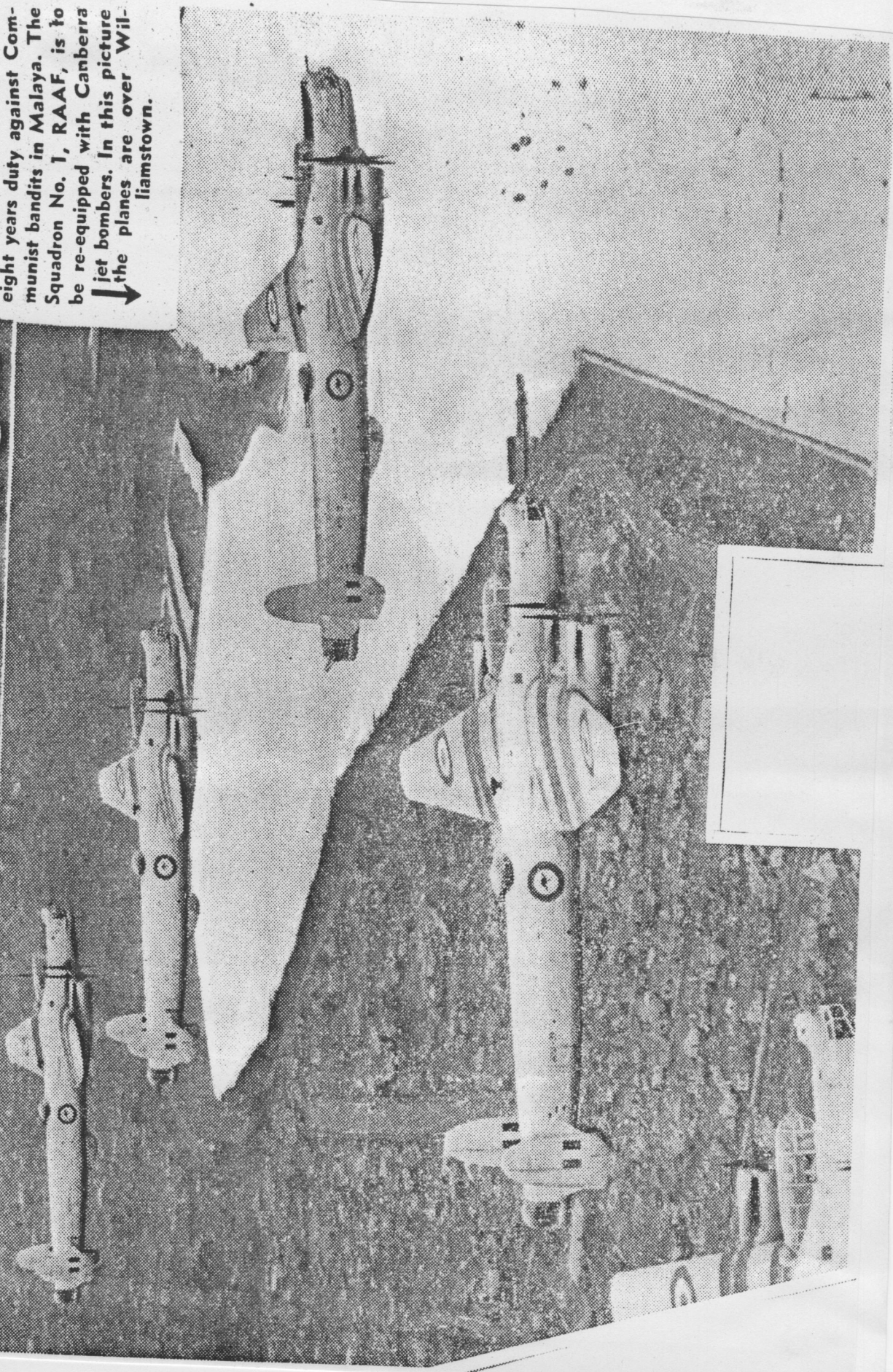
FIRST Squadron to destroy a Japanese transport in World War II — off Kota Bharu, Malaya, on December 8, 1941, (the first Japanese merchantman sunk in the Pacific war); AND

FIRST Australian bombing squadron to join the war against the terrorists in Malaya — in July, 1950.

The badge of the squadron, incidentally, shows part of the ancient arms of Jerusalem and a diving

# THEY'RE HOME from the jungles

THESE FIVE Lincoln bombers which roared over Melbourne between 1.30 and 2 p.m. yesterday were returning from eight years duty against Communist bandits in Malaya. The Squadron No. 1, RAAF, is to be re-equipped with Canberra jet bombers. In this picture the planes are over Williamstown.



# Bombers say goodbye



ROARING OVER FLINDERS-ST. RAILWAY STATION'S dome, the Lincoln bombers of No. 1 Squadron RAAF leave Melbourne today for Launceston as they continue their round-Australia trip. Last week they flew back from Malaya after eight years' fighting.

**THE R.A.A.F.'s No. 1 SQUADRON** landed at Laverton yesterday after eight years' fighting Communist terrorists in Malaya. On hand to greet them was Air Marshal Sir Richard Williams — first commander of the squadron in 1916. In the picture Sir Richard Williams (left) shows six-year-old Kenneth Robertson the Malayan kris presented to the squadron and brought to Australia by Kenneth's father, Wing Commander Ken Robertson (right), the squadron's commanding officer. (Story Page 5.)

