

Research Notes on the
Lockheed Vega Ventura
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LOCKHEED-VEGA AIRCRAFT

| | | | |
|------|-------|------|-----------|
| 5267 | 33258 | 2185 | now N544B |
| 5331 | 33322 | 2203 | now N507H |
| 5494 | 34604 | 2231 | now N711R |
| 5702 | 34812 | 2254 | now N539N |
| 5890 | 48654 | 2262 | now N165H |
| 5894 | 48658 | 2264 | now N236R |

There are apparently some discrepancies in this area; RCAF 2218 probably should be c/n 5374; RCAF 2202 probably should be c/n 5328; RCAF 2203 probably should be c/n 5331; RCAF 2204 probably should be c/n 5338; RCAF 2194 probably should be c/n 5089; and RCAF 2201 probably should be c/n 5326; this assumes that the BuNo's are correct and that they run consecutively with the c/n's. All the other numbers seem to check out properly with the above assumption.

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|-----------------|-------|---------|--------|------------|--------|
| Lockheed - Vega | V-146 | Ventura | MK I | 20 | } PV-1 |
| | | | MK II | 109 | |
| | | | GRMK V | 157 | |
| | | | | <u>286</u> | |

Hudson based on Model 14

Ventura " " Model 18 (larger) (B-34) & PV-1

B-34A, PVI I: 2000 hp P4W R-2800-31

PVI II 2000 hp. P4W GR-2800-S1A4-G

First Ventura flew 31 July 41 (AE658)
start

Deliveries to the RAF commenced 1942 total 3942/c

| | | | | |
|-----|--------|------|-----|---|
| PVI | 113 | GR V | 8 | white 10 Aug 43 |
| | 145 | | 113 | 26 May 43 - Aug 43 21 May 45 WAC |
| | 34 OTU | | 115 | 4 Apr 43 - 23 Aug 44 WAC |
| | | | 122 | 16 Aug 43 - 19 Aug 45 WAC |
| | | | | Communications, Mar 44 - June 45 |
| | | EAC | 145 | ✓ May 43 - June 45 |
| | | WAC | 149 | ✓ July 43 - Mar 44 |

June 42 34 OTU Penfield Ridge Coded FY
Aug 42 - Dec 42 Midgley

Lockheed Vega Ventura MKI AE658 RCAF Photo



Lockheed Vega Ventura MKII

AJA07

RE19874-4



Ventura #224? VGR

PL 24335

Master Photo Book
VGR

PL 24334

Ventura MR II?

PL 24711



Ventura

PL 21877

Lensed by A. Sands

Master Photo
Book

MRI

AE 658



Photo Ray Faux

D. Kennedy Photo

Master Photo
Book

Ventura # HE.860 on skis

Ventura II
Master photo Book

RE 19874-2



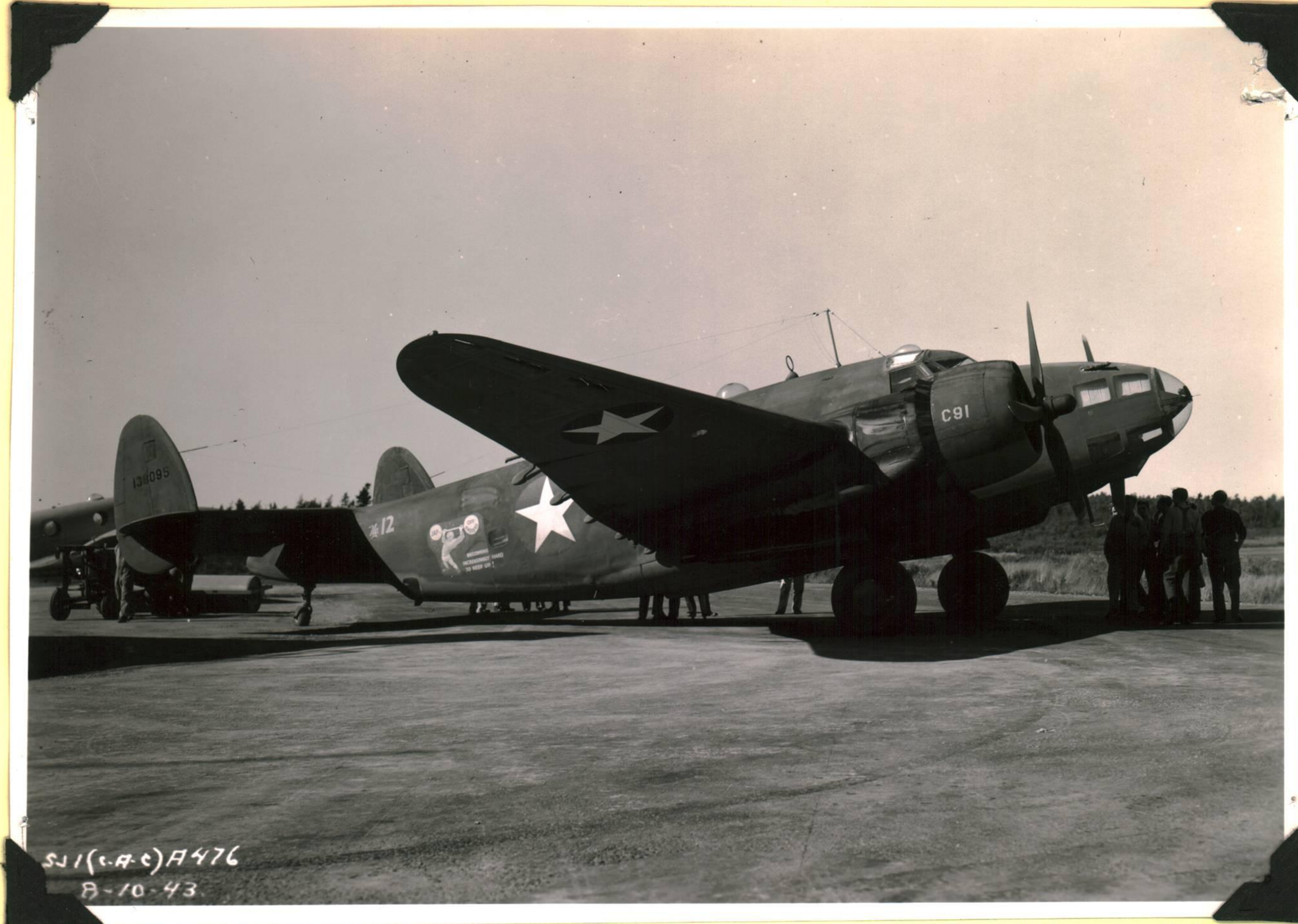
VENTURA II
DOUBLE WASP
JAN. 1943

RE 19874-4



VENTURA O.R. MEY
DOUBLE WASP
MAY 1945

RE-19874-5



SJ I(CAC) A476
8-10-43

SJ I(CAC) A476 American Ventura St. John NB 8-10-43 A476



SJ I(CAC) A480
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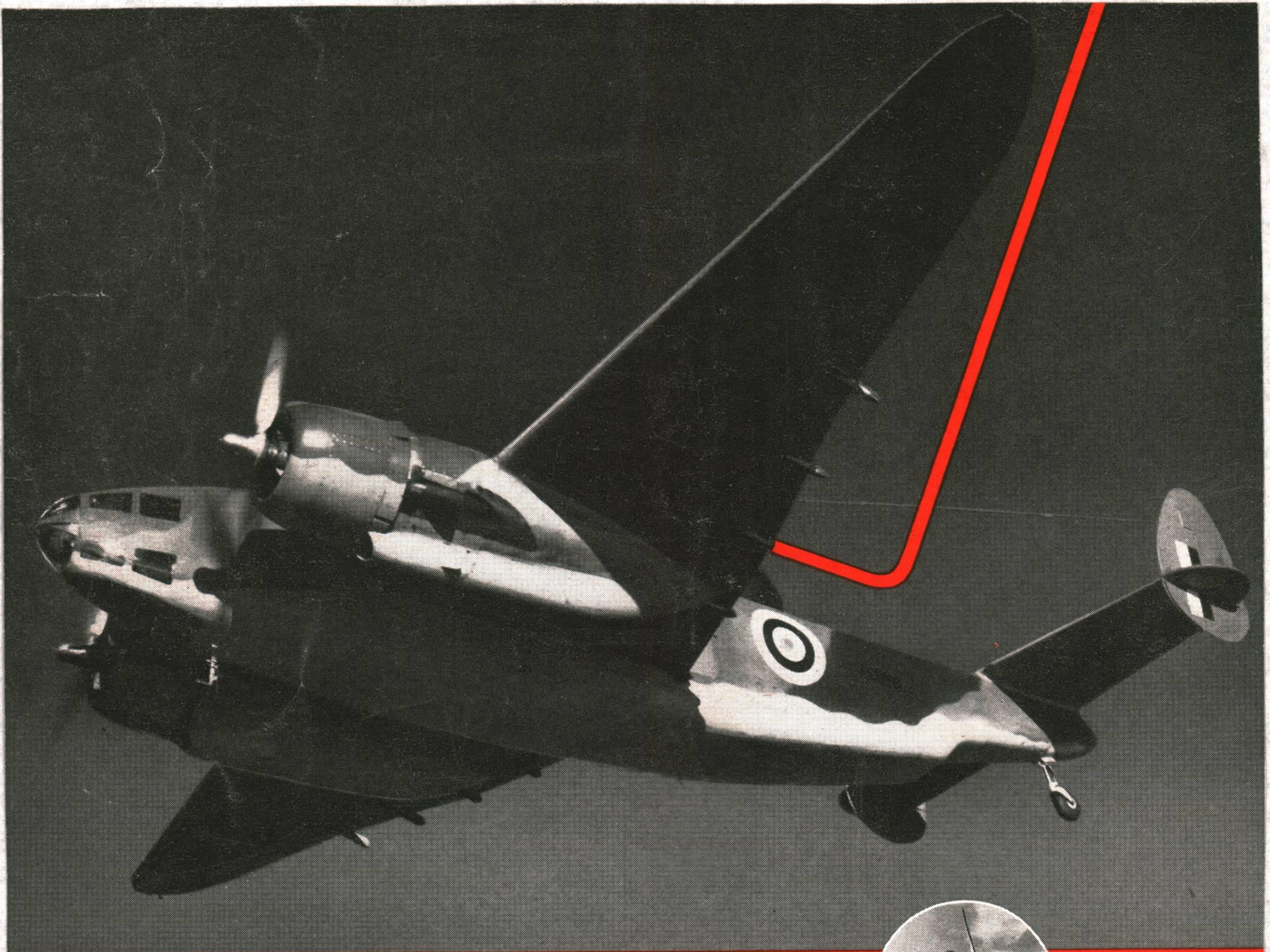
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Photo:-
P. Gardiner



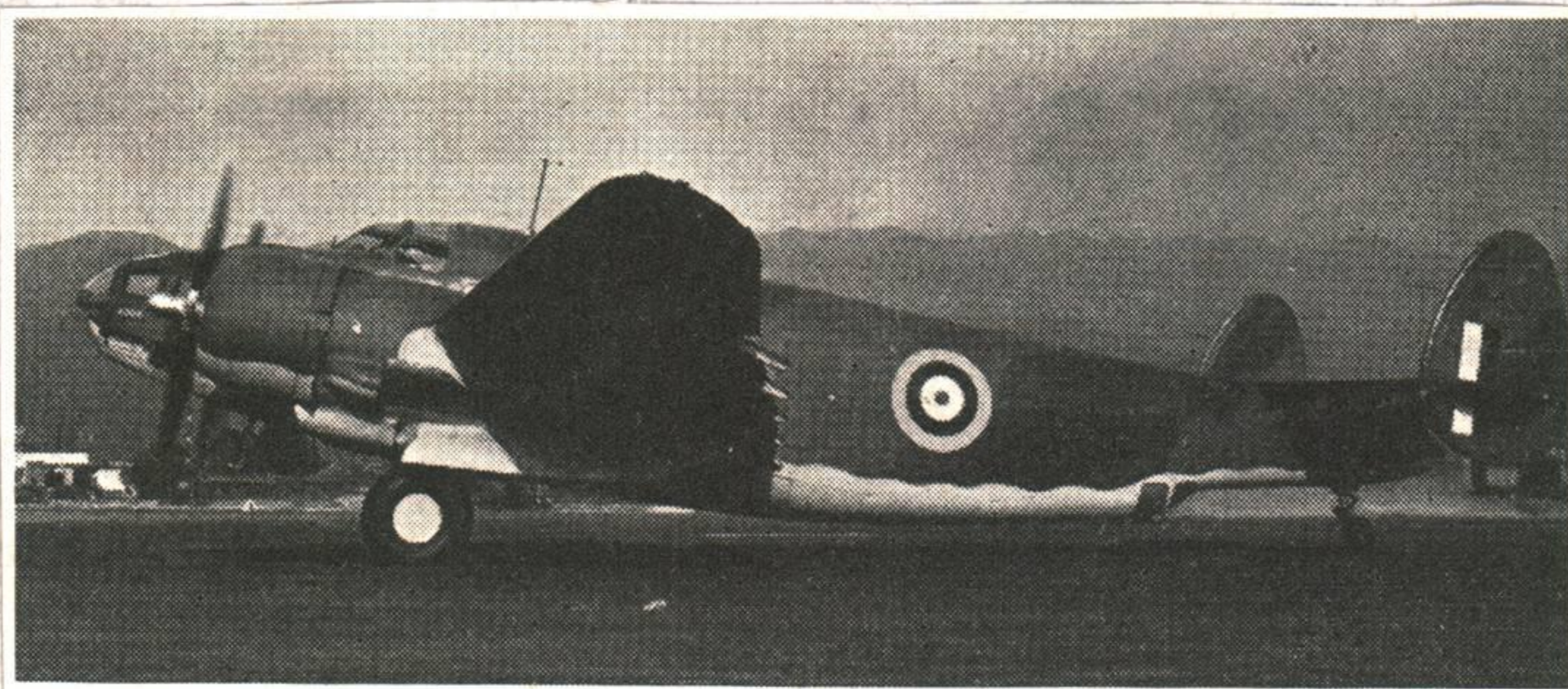
CF. HBW ex Z17A RCAF



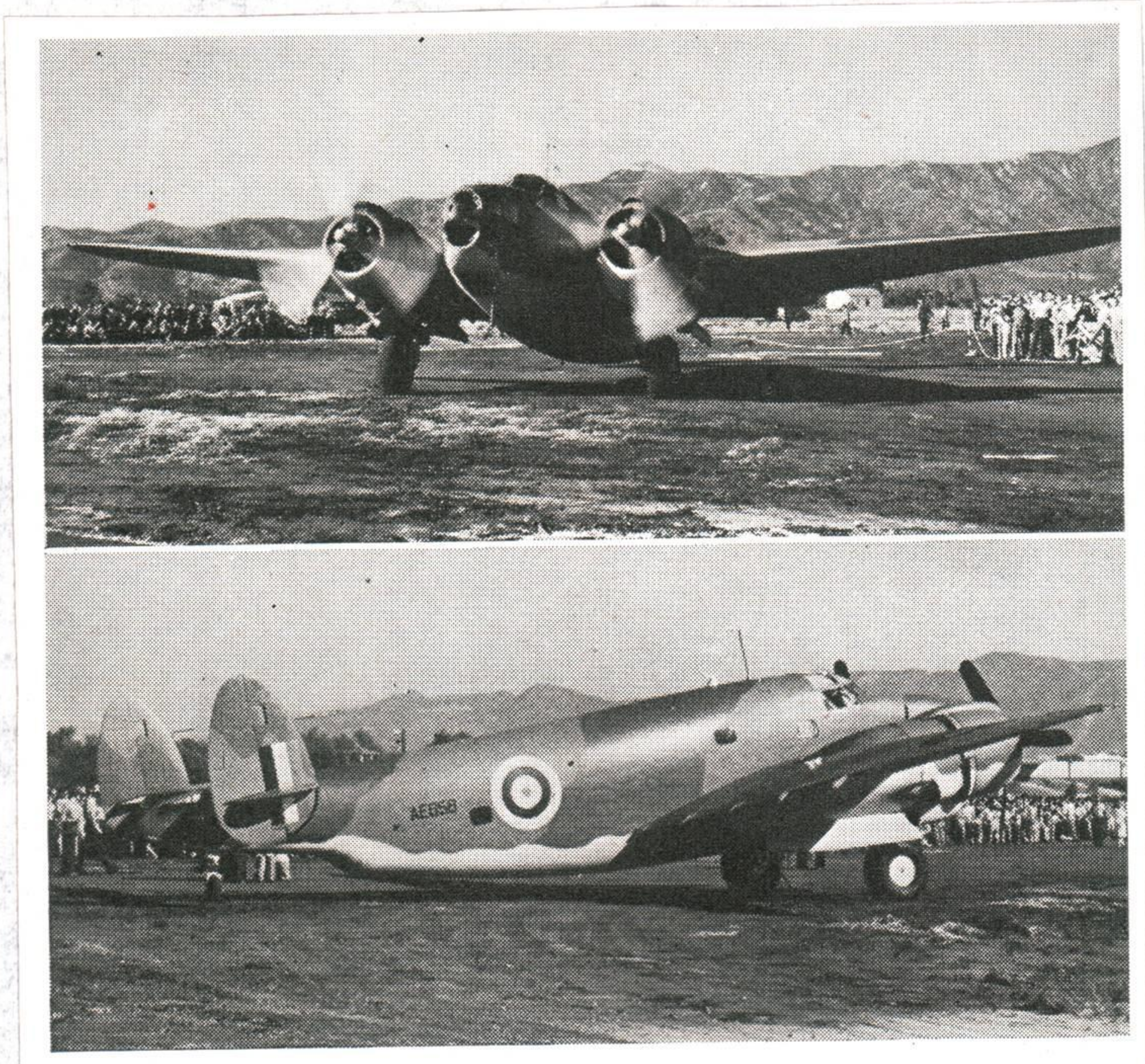


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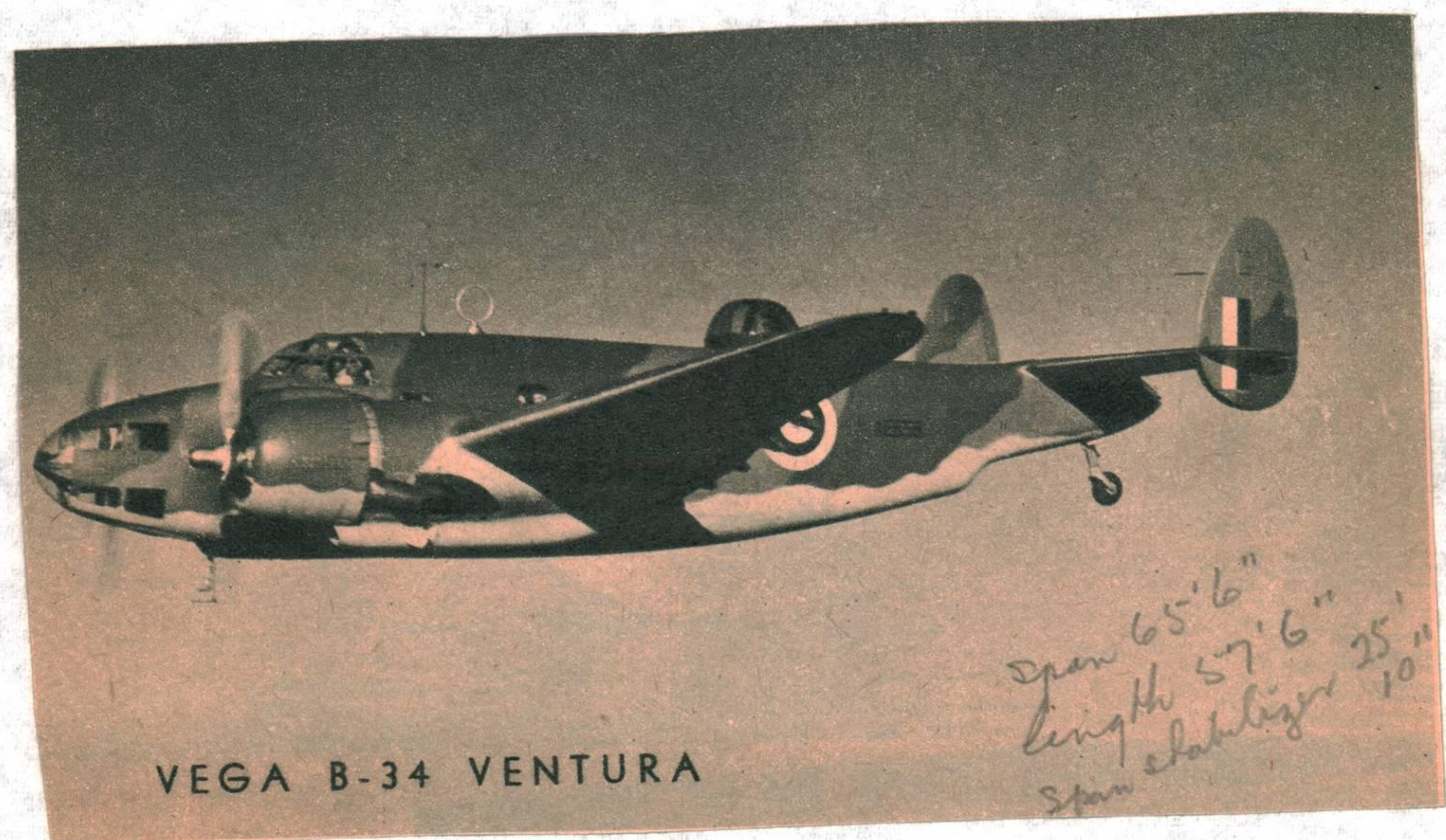
Latest picture of the Lockheed-Vega Ventura, big brother of the famous Hudson. With Pratt & Whitney Double Wasp engines, each developing 2,000 h.p., the Ventura carries a crew of four. Span is 65 feet 6 inches, and length 57 feet 6 inches. Performance and bomb load are both improved by the installation of more powerful engines, the under gun provides improved protection against an attack from the rear.



VEGA VENTURA FOR VICTORY

The first of a large order of Ventura medium attack bombers for the Royal Air Force was christened with a "V" for victory and took off on its first test flight at the Vega plant recently. The type is slightly larger than the Lockheed Hudson and is comparable with the commercial Lodestar.

AE 658



VEGA B-34 VENTURA

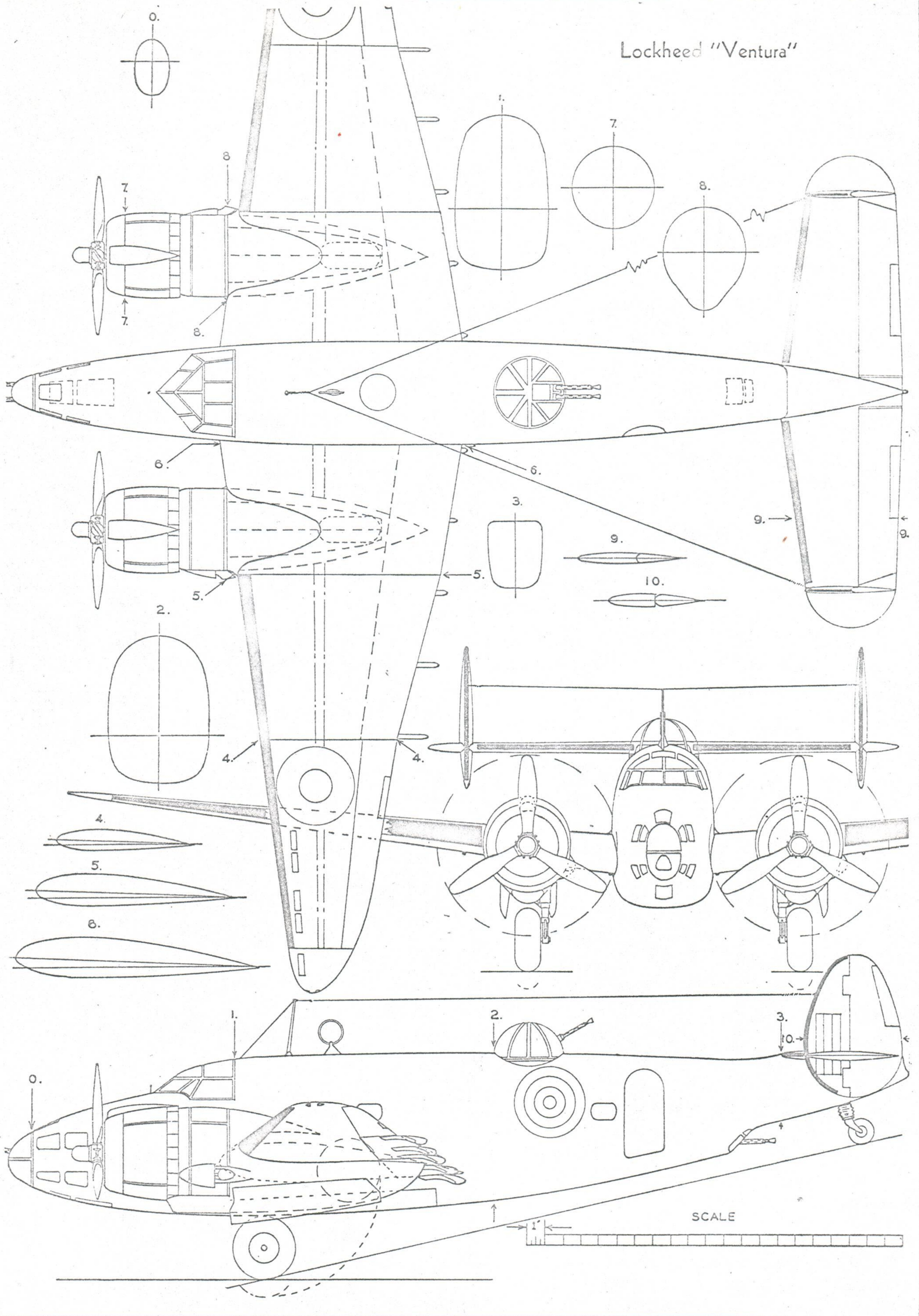
Span 65'6"
 Length 57'6"
 Span stabilizer 25'
 10"



Land-based *Ventura* gave way to converted *Lancaster* heavy bomber on post-war maritime duties.



Lockheed "Ventura"



Name:

Squadron or Unit:

Location:

Sea Island, B.C.

Niel Mac Dougal
Observations.

Date Span Covered:

Late 1943 + 1944

Squadron Duty:

G.R.

| Aircraft Type | Date Used | Airframe Number | Aircraft Letter | Comments |
|----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Ventura (PV1s) | | 2176 | A | All white |
| | | 2218 | B | Blue top, light blue belly (like U.S.W) |
| | | | C | White with grey top. |
| | | | D | |
| | | | E | |
| | | | F | white with grey top. |
| | | | G | white with grey top. |
| | | 2177 | H | All white |
| | | | I | |
| | | | J | |
| | | | K | All white |
| | | | L | White with grey top. |
| | | | M | All white. |
| | 2186 | N | All white | |
| | 2178 | O | All white | |
| | | P | | |
| | 2189 | Q | All white | |
| | | R | white with grey top. | |
| | | S | Blue top, light blue belly. | |
| | | T | white with grey top. | |
| | | U | | |
| | | V | | |
| | | W | | |
| | | X | | |
| | | Y | | |
| | | Z | | |

APC letters do: apply

✓
Checked on
Sorsdalen Postcard

GRV 2226

grey top
white belly
8 BR/45

VENTURAS (GRV) (PV)

2100's
2173
A 2176 g w
H 2177 g w
O O 2178 g w ~~g w~~ tpb

2200's
2218 ltb b
B 2218 ltb b

2253
2255

2180
2185
N 2186 g w pb
T 2187 g w
2188
Q 2189 g w pb
C 2190 g w pb

2220
C O 2222 dp VR
2224
2226
2227
2228

2261 w w pb
2262
2263 w w
S 2265 bl ltb

A 2192 w w pb
B 2194 g w VR

2230
2232
K 2233 bl ltb
2235 w w VR
2236

US Navy
blue + life blue

2269
2270
D 2271 g g
2272 sil

2

2277 sil

C 2206 g g

D 2244 bl ltb

2247

5
2251 bl ltb
J 2252

DOMINION