

HERE AND THERE

Test Pilot a Director

RECENTLY we announced that Mr. Lipscomb, chief designer, has joined the board of directors of Short Brothers. We are glad to be able to add to the list Mr. J. Lankester Parker, Short's chief test pilot, whose work for the firm since 1916 has played so important a part in the qualities of its products.

New Style Recognition Drawings

THE new series of aircraft drawings introduced by *Flight* have been widely appreciated. Every week in the section appertaining to aircraft matters, two types of aircraft are illustrated and their essential characteristics stressed in a manner extremely useful and novel to observers, the details being accompanied by a large illustration of each type. This week's subjects, the fifth of the series, are the U.S.A. Boston III and the Hudson V bombers—see pages *a* and *b* centre section.

Scale Model Instruction

IN one of the classrooms at the M.T. School for W.A.A.F. drivers there is a perfect model of a town, made to the scale of one inch to ten feet. Motor cars, buses, railway lines, roads, traffic robots, buildings and bridges are all represented. The trainees learn the highway code and accident procedure on this model, made entirely by an R.A.F.



OLD LADIES NEVER DIE : Heracles, the former Imperial Airways liner known as the "Grand Old Lady of the Air," flew 1,318,990 miles in ten years and carried more than 100,000 passengers. Now she is being dismantled and her metal will be used again, no doubt in the production of warplanes.

corporal instructor for the modest cost of 1s. 6d.

The corporal is now busy making a relief map of the routes and surrounding countryside where the trainees go out to learn convoy driving.

R.A.F. Golf "Stars" Help R.A.F. Fund

A GOLF match organised by the Leeds and District Union of Golf Clubs, played by Flt. Lt. Henry Cotton and Cpl. Adams, R.A.F., against R. E. Ballantine and Alex Kyle, British Amateur Champion, was the star event of a series of golf matches in and around Leeds which brought in £3,150 for the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

Another "sporting" gift is £161 from the Scottish Ice Hockey Association, being a half-share from the Association's recent charity ice hockey tour.

Quick Thinking

AMONG the stories of the adventures of British Airways flying boat crews in the Antipodes after Japan entered the war, is one which demonstrates what great responsibility fell to their captains.

The captain and crew manning one of the boats on the Singapore-Karachi section of the Empire route were Qantas personnel and, on approaching one port of call, the broadcasting station there suddenly went off the air for no apparent reason.

In the circumstances, the captain immediately decided not to go any nearer but to return to his starting place, and on bringing his aircraft safely down there, learnt that his "hunch" had been a very sound one.

His scheduled destination was being bombed by the Japs at the time.

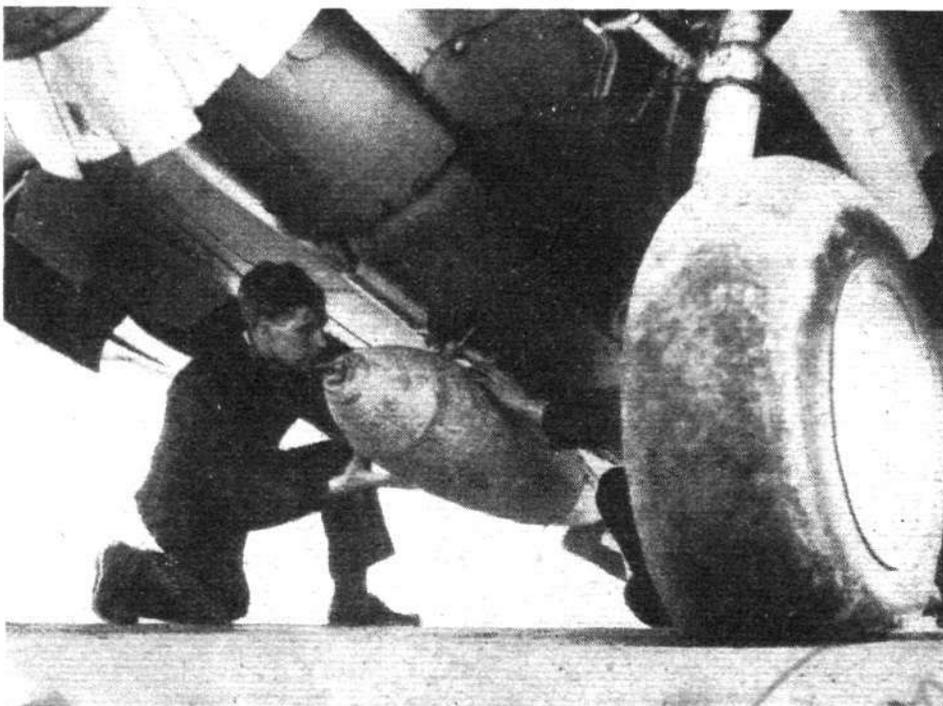
A.T.C. Nation-wide Parade

IT is estimated that more than 250,000 A.T.C. cadets paraded in Great Britain on Sunday last on the occasion of the Corps' Thanksgiving Day celebrations. Wings and squadrons in almost every city, town and village took part.

In London, some 10,000 cadets, under the command of Air Cmdr. J. A. Chamier, attended a great parade in Hyde Park, where they were addressed by the Bishop of London, Dr. G. F. Fisher.

The Secretary for Air, Sir Archibald Sinclair, accompanied by Capt. H. H. Balfour and Lord Sherwood (his two Under-Secretaries) were there, and Viscount Trenchard, Marshal of the R.A.F., reviewed part of the parade of twenty wings before the service, and the march past. Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, Chief of the Air Staff, headed seven Air Marshals, including heads of the Dominion Air Forces. Two senior Russian officers also watched the proceedings from the side of the saluting base, past which the 10,000 cadets marched to the strains of the R.A.F. Central Band.

After passing the saluting base they marched down the Serpentine Drive behind their own bands, their route being lined with some 40,000 parents, relatives and friends from the 73 London districts they represented.



KITTY'S CLAWS : Bombing-up a Curtiss Kittyhawk fighter-bomber, an American type which has earned a fine reputation with the R.A.F. in the Western Desert, where it is giving admirable service.