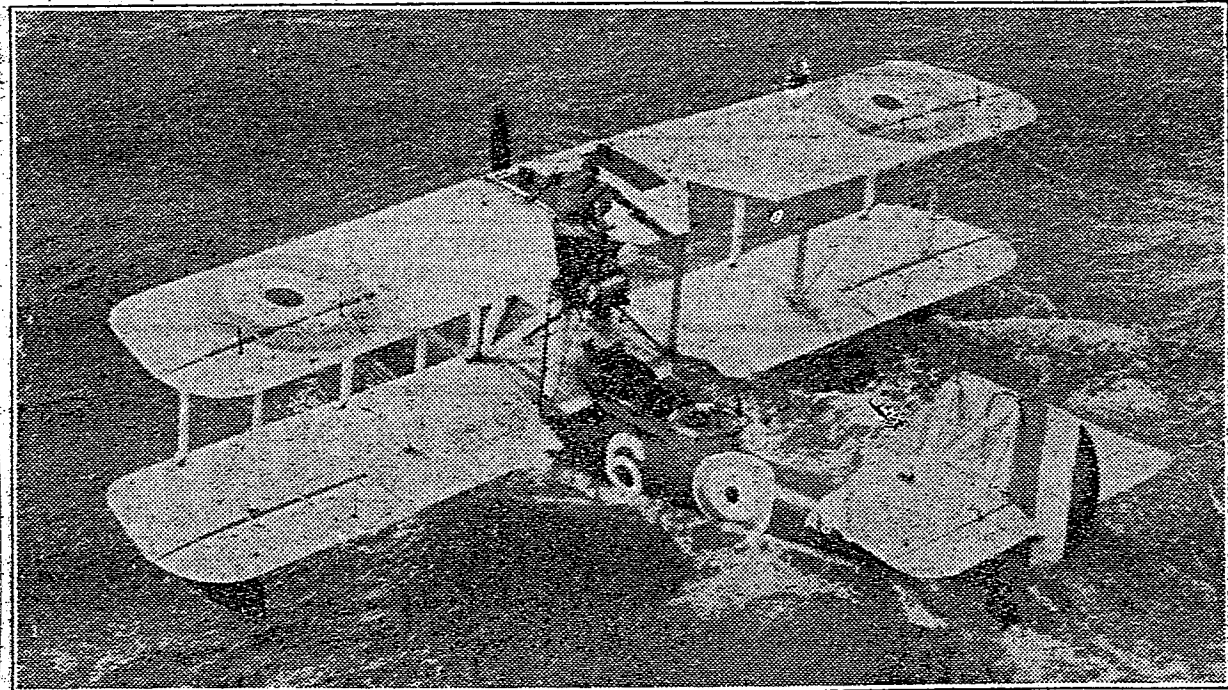
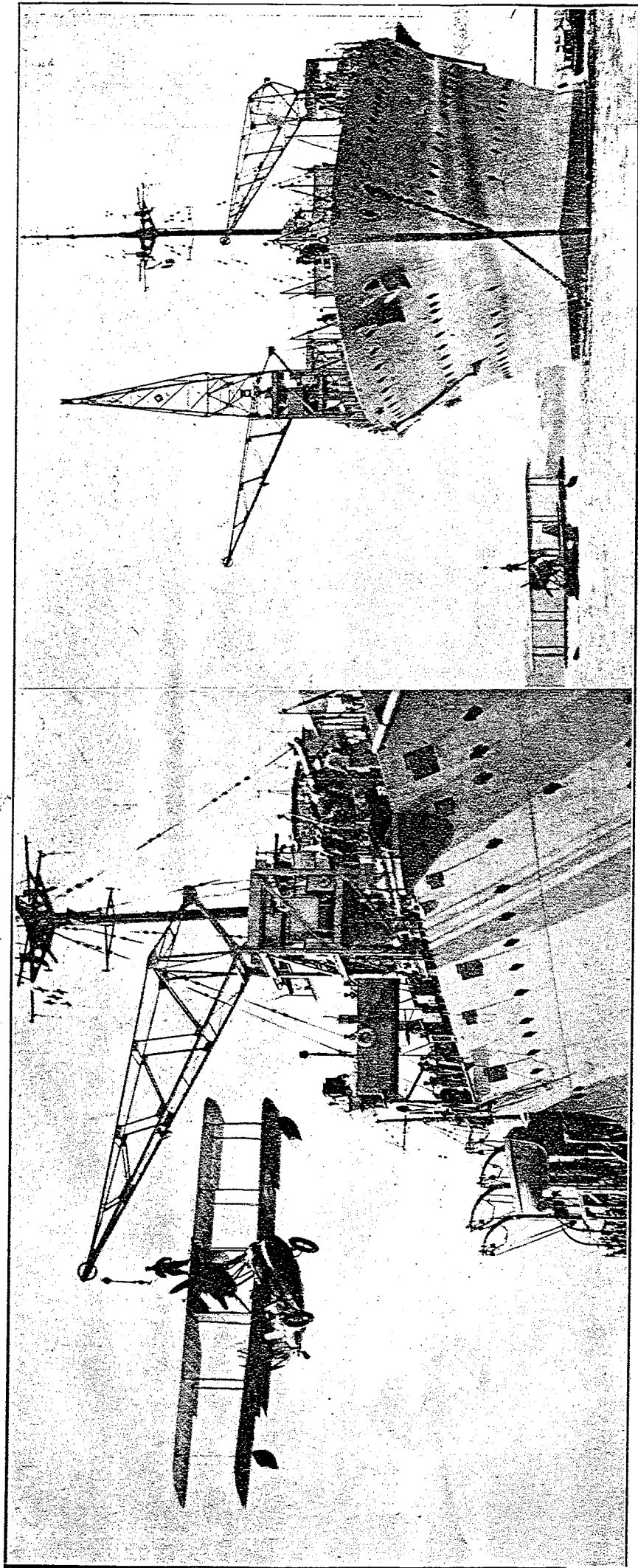


THE "ENEMY" LEAVES TO BOMB MELBOURNE



A Seagull plane, launched from the aircraft carrier Albatross, about to leave on its flight to Melbourne. The plane, with six others, represented the "enemy," which made an air attack on Melbourne during the Air Force exercises yesterday.

A9-6 picture of Seagull in 1929 Air Force exercises

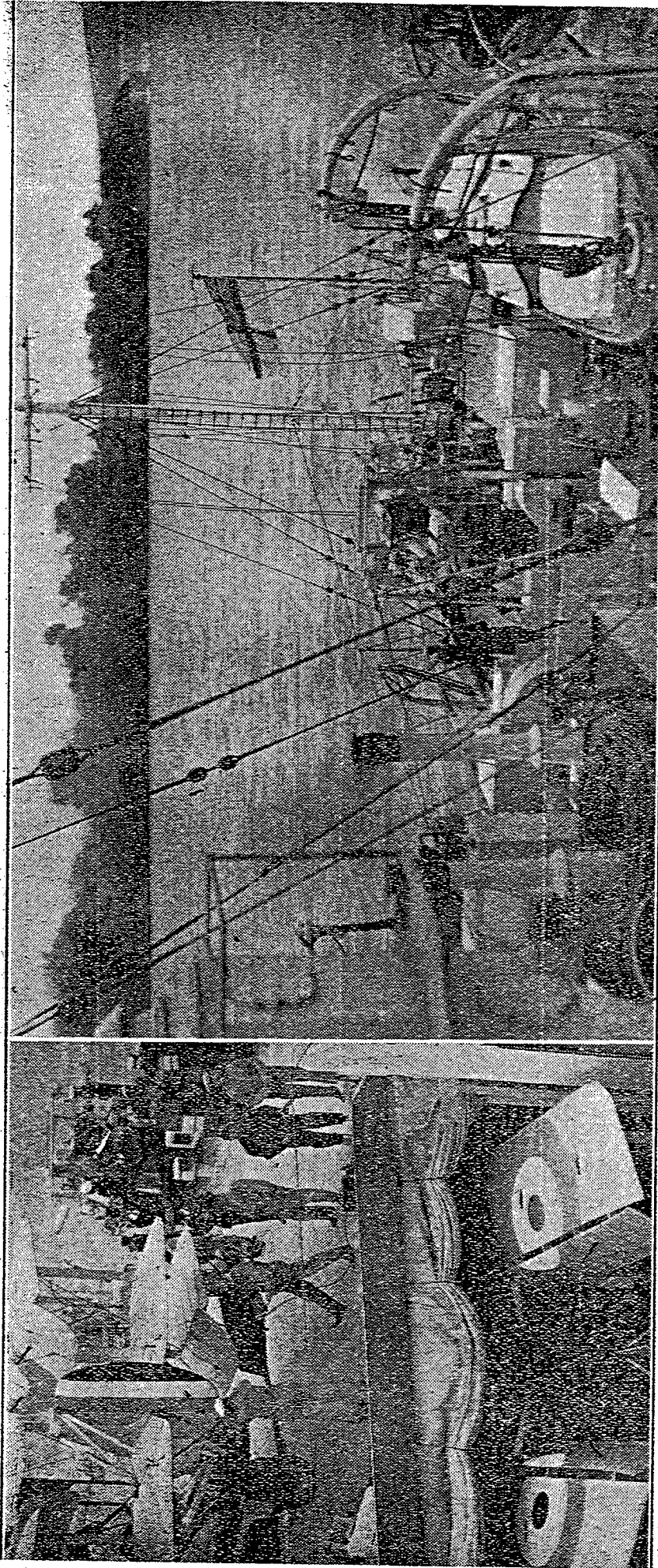


AUSTRALIAN NAVY'S SEAPLANE SHIP: MACHINES BEING HOISTED ABOARD H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS.

The Albatross, officially described as an aircraft tender, took aboard her complement of six Fairey amphibians recently at Corio Bay, Melbourne. Each machine descended alongside, and one of the crew, climbing on to the upper wing, caught the sling of the derrick and made it fast. The plane was then hoisted aboard and was lowered into the interior of the ship after its wings had been folded. The operation took less than five minutes.

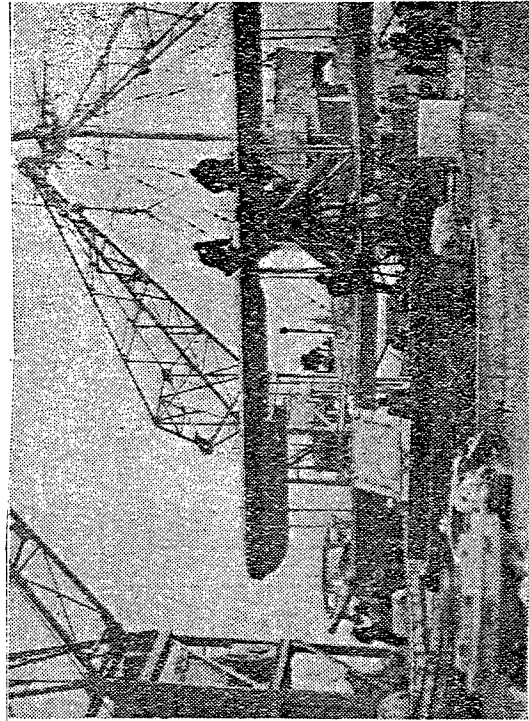
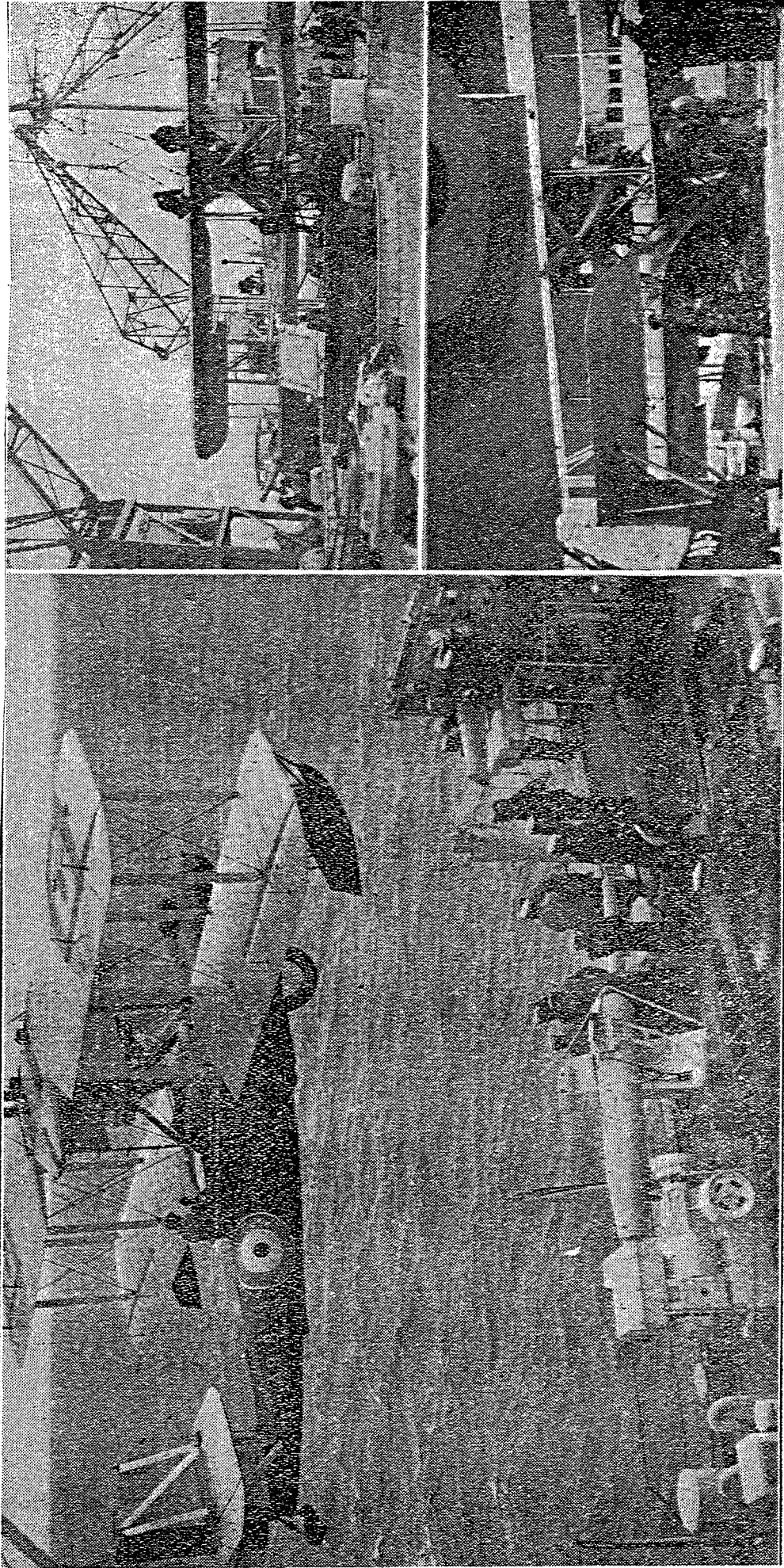
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A9 Seagull aircraft and HMAS Albatross in exercises involving an attack on Melbourne



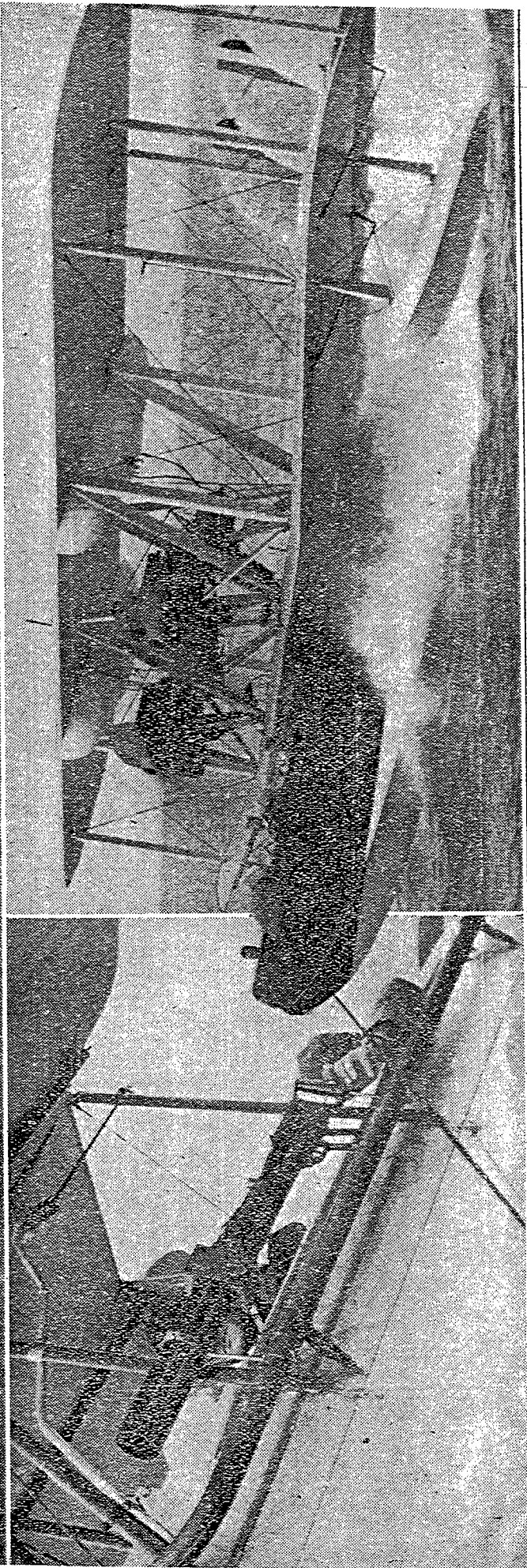
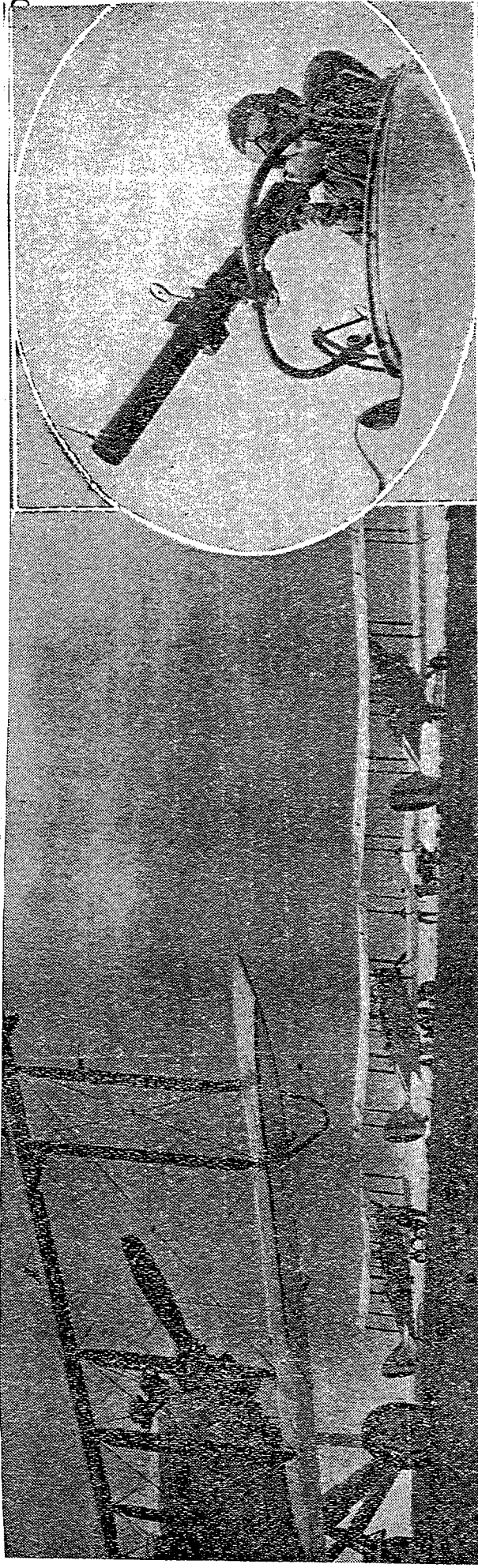
The launching of the scaphanes from the Albatross was by no means the least interesting part of the manoeuvres. The machines were hauled up from the hangar and were swung over the side and gradually lowered to the water. Once on the water it was a matter of seconds before they were away. The illustration on the left is of the machines in the hangar and of several machines on the deck. On the right the Success is throwing out a smoke screen to protect the Albatross from the enemy fire. The smoke extended for about two miles over the water.

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The large picture is of a Seagull poised over the side of the ship before being lowered into the water for the take-off. On the right, at the top, one of the seaplanes is on the deck ready for launching, at beneath is a photograph taken from under a wing of one of the machines to illustrate the manner in which the seaplanes are stored on deck.

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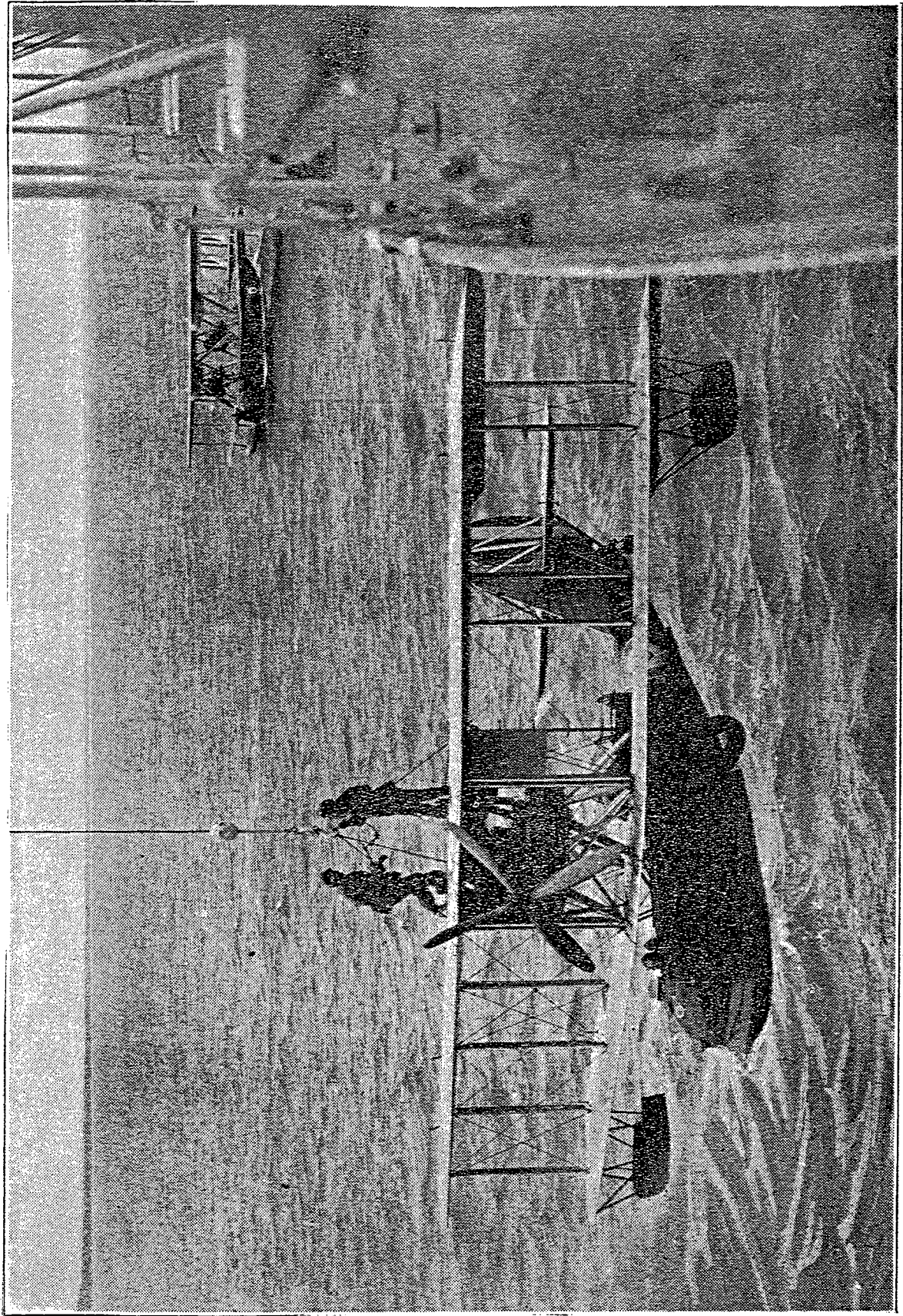


Maneuvers were carried out by Royal Australian Air Force machines over the bay and the city yesterday. A fleet of seaplanes was sent off from the steamer Albatross, in the bay, to attack Melbourne. The alarm was given at Point Cooke, and the fighting aeroplanes took off to attack the invaders. The battle was fought with camera guns, and rolls of film recorded the "hits."

The illustration across the top shows the scouts taking off at Point Cooke, with the hangars in the background. Beneath them, on the left, are several of the Wrattis warming up, and at the bottom, on the right, the supermarine is shown taking off from the water. The other pictures are of the camera guns, the smaller being a swivel gun in the observer's cockpit, and the larger a fixed gun, which "fires" through the air screw.

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MELBOURNE YESTERDAY WAS BOMBED IN MIMIC AERIAL BATTLE by seaplanes from H.M.A.S. Albatross, out in the Bay. Under war conditions, the city would have suffered many casualties. This picture, obtained by a staff photographer from the deck of H.M.A.S. Albatross, shows one of the Seagull 'planes, which took part in the air manoeuvres, being hoisted inboard after she had eluded the defence forces from Point Cooke. In the background is a Supermarine Southampton, one of the defending machines.