

Flying Boat Will Survey Possible Mail Route

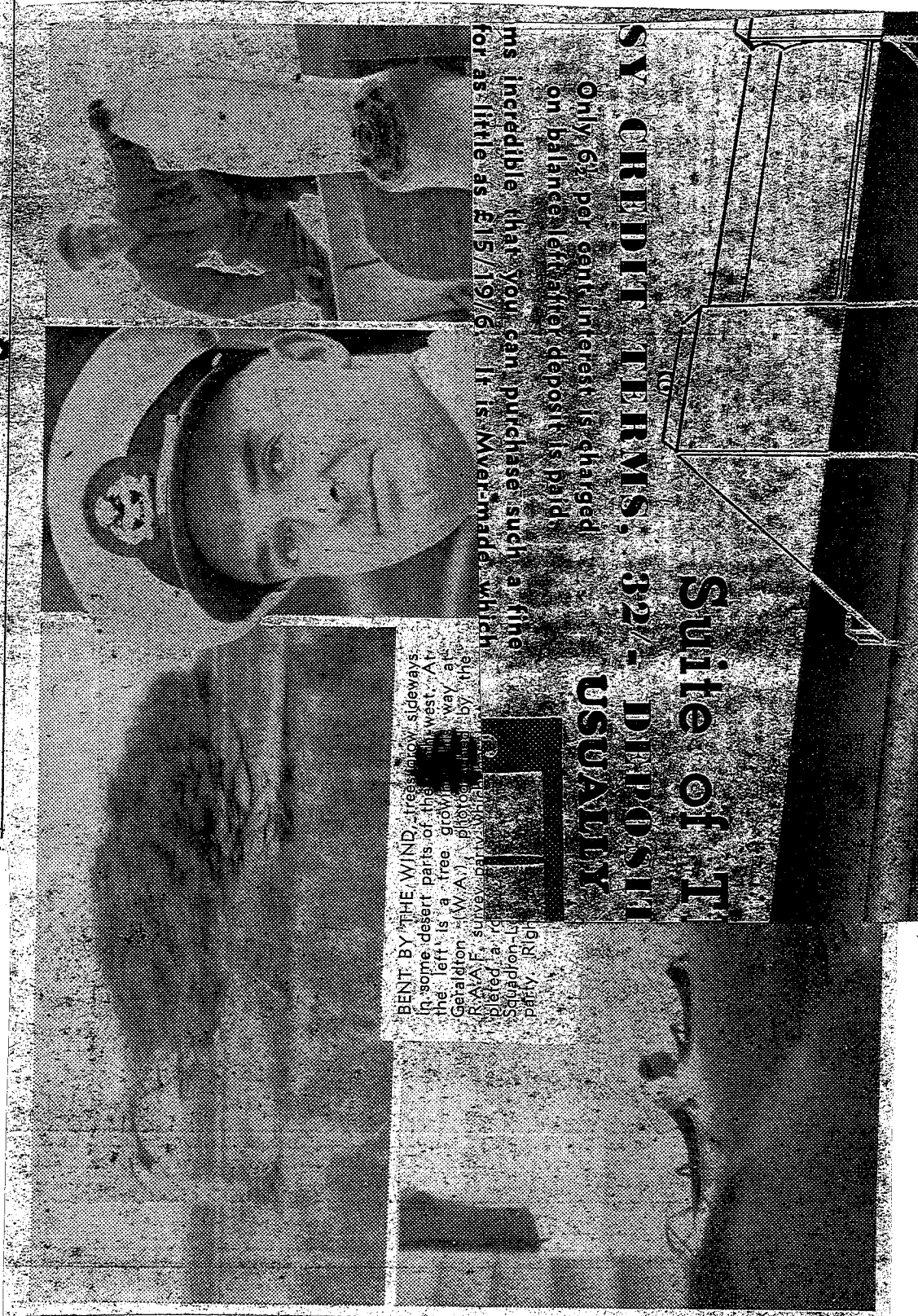
FOLLOWING representations by the British postal authorities, a Southampton flying boat piloted by Squadron-Leader A. E. Hempel, left Point Cook yesterday to make a reconnaissance of the route between Sydney and Darwin for operating a regular air service with large flying boats.

Under its scheme for the carriage of all first-class mails from Australia to England on a seven-days' service, the British authorities are considering the use of flying boats between Darwin and the eastern States.

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A11-2 Survey flight of Supermarine Southampton under Squadron Leader A E Hempel
Forced landing at Dengarra then returned to Geraldton, Note on survey of mail route 27 June
1935. Picture of aircraft at Mossman, Queensland. 11 February 1936

R.A.A.F. SURVEY FLIGHT SCENES IN FAR NORTH AUSTRALIA



BENT BY THE WIND, trees grow sideways in some desert parts of the Northwest. At the left is a tree growing the way at Geraldton (W.A.) photograph taken by the R.A.A.F. survey party. The photograph is a reproduction of the original by the Squadron-Lieutenant, R.A.A.F. Party, Right.

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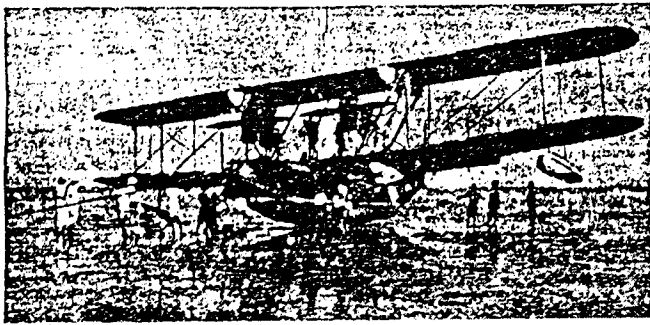
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FLYING BOATS CRUISE.

Overhaul at Geraldton.

Machinery, spare parts and materials for the overhaul of the Royal Australian Air Force Southampton flying boat which is at Geraldton left Fremantle in the Kybra yesterday. Travelling as a passenger on the vessel was Squadron-Leader A. E. Hempel, who is in command of the boat, and who made a hurried visit to Perth during the holidays to arrange for the shipment of the material. The boat, which is engaged on a survey of seaplane and flying anchorages on the western coast of Australia, left Geraldton for Perth on Saturday last but was forced



The flying boat at Broome for refuelling.

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to land at Dengarra with engine trouble. The sea proving too rough for the flying boat, it was decided to return to Geraldton, where the boat arrived with a badly damaged engine. The cylinder head was cracked and new parts were ordered from Point Cook. It is expected that the boat will have to remain at Geraldton from three weeks to a month. The original plans for the survey flight, which involves a flight of over 10,000 miles, provided for an overhaul at Perth, where a supply of spare parts and machinery have been available since June last.

After the extent of the damage to the flying boat had been ascertained, Squadron-Leader Hempel came to Perth by train and arranged for the shipment of the equipment. This included a trolley for beaching the big twin-engined boat so that the hull can be cleaned and repaired if necessary. It is now expected that the Southampton will spend only a few days in Perth when it resumes its flight from Geraldton, after which it will return to Victoria round the south coast of Australia.