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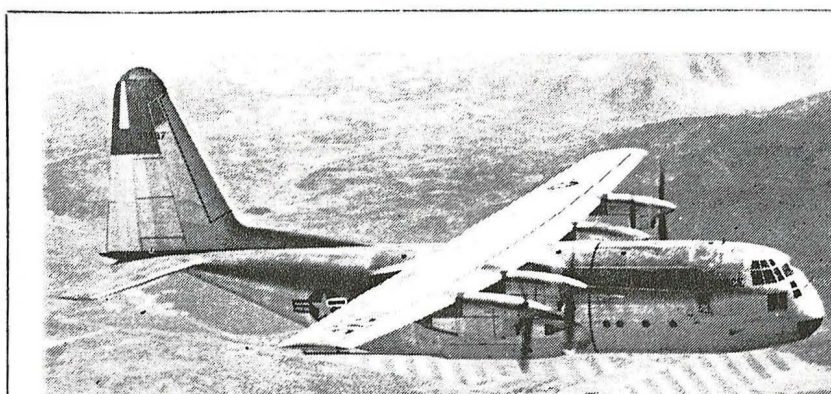
The Neptunes will be flown by RCAF crews from California to their new home at Greenwood, N.S., where they will go into service with RCAF maritime squadrons. They will supplement the maritime reconnaissance Lancasters now in service with these squadrons.

## Brave Conduct

Flight Lieutenant David E. MacLeod, an RCAF medical officer stationed at North Bay, Ont., has been awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct, it was announced recently by AFHQ. The award, approved by Her Majesty the Queen, is for outstanding personal bravery displayed during an attempt by F/L MacLeod to save the lives of two officers in a burning aircraft at RCAF Station North Bay, September 8, 1954.

Born in Brule, N.S., in July, 1925, F/L MacLeod joined the RCAF in March, 1943, and was trained as an air gunner. He served as a gunnery instructor in Canada until the end of World War II when he left the RCAF to attend Acadia University. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1949, F/L MacLeod enrolled at Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S., where he graduated in medicine in 1953.

While attending Dalhousie F/L MacLeod re-enrolled in the Medical Branch of the RCAF and was taken on active Air Force duty at North Bay in June, 1954.



**FIRST IN FLIGHT:** This photo is the first one to be released showing the USAF's Lockheed YC-130 transport in full flight. Known as the "Hercules", this big aircraft has been designed to carry troops and military supplies in and out of small makeshift fields. In production at Marietta, Georgia, the Hercules is powered by four Allison T-56 turboprops. It has a wingspan of 132 feet.

The citation reads:

"On the night of Wednesday, 8 Sept. 54, a CF-100 aircraft swung off the main jet runway at RCAF Station North Bay and crashed into two aircraft which were parked on a taxi strip adjacent to one of the hangars. The crew of the CF-100 were killed on impact and a fierce conflagration was started involving the three airplanes.

"F/L MacLeod was the Medical Officer on duty at the time of the accident and he was on the scene minutes after the crash occurred. The pilot and the crew member of the CF-100 were still seated in the aircraft and could be plainly seen by the light of the flames. F/L MacLeod, disregarding his own safety, climbed onto the fuselage of the burning aircraft to determine whether or not the occupants were still alive;

the heat of the flames was so intense that he had to be continuously sprayed with water while he was finding out if life still remained. He remained until he had definitely proven to his own satisfaction that the two occupants were in fact dead and only then did he leave the aircraft. During the time that he was examining the occupants, the explosive charges in the canopy mechanism might have gone off at any instant and without any doubt whatever would have caused instant death to this officer . . ."

## Citation

Presentation of the United States Air Medal for distinguished service while flying in the Korean War on exchange duties with the USAF has been made to Flying Officer Andrew Lambros, DFC.

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