

Shackletons in Service

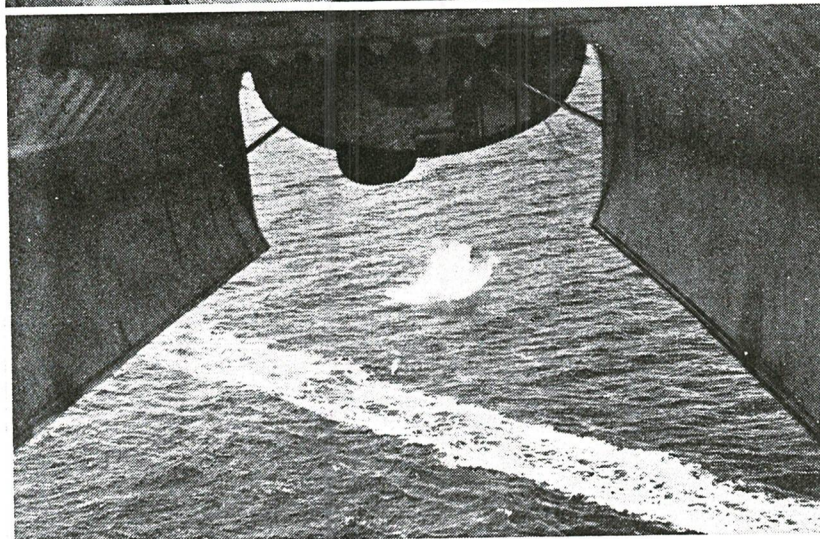
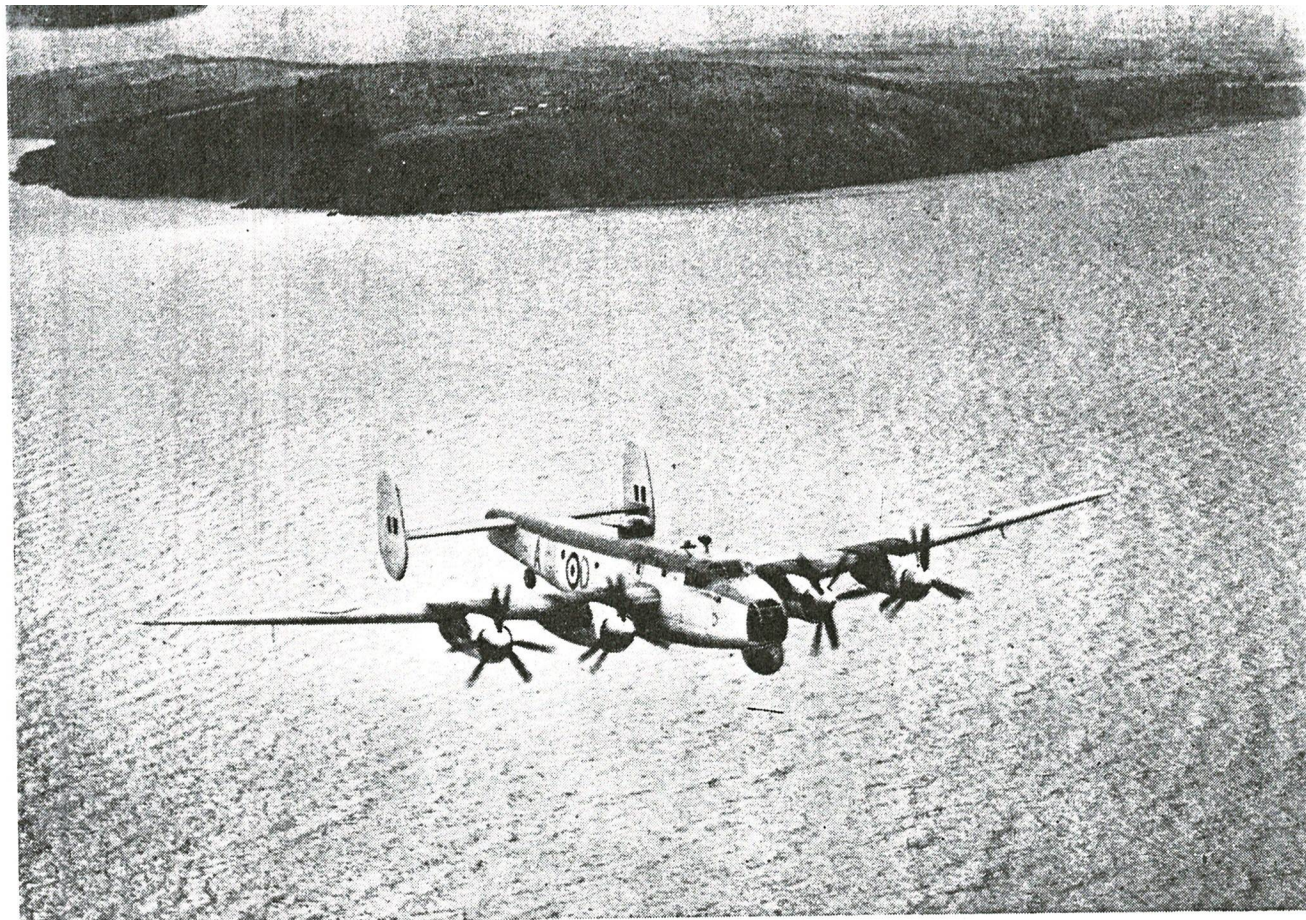


The Shackleton accommodates a large crew in reasonable comfort. Here they are after a 13-hour flight waiting for transport.

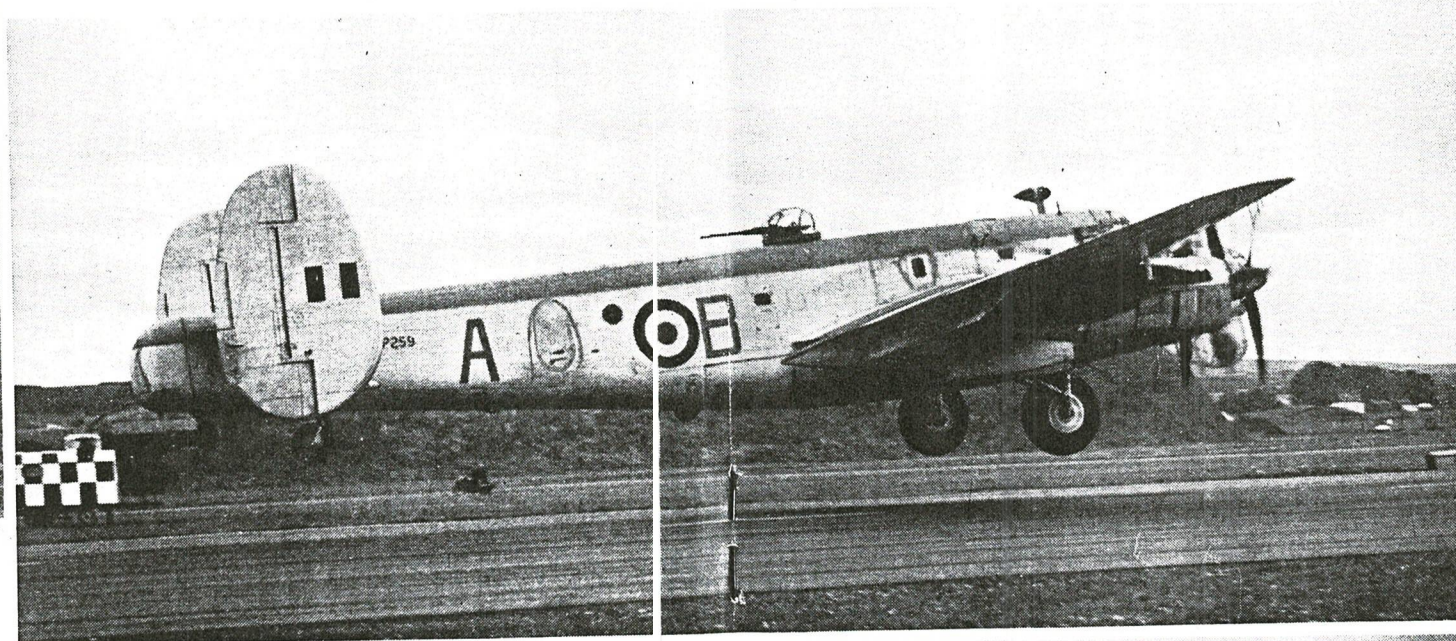
The first Avro Shackletons for the Royal Air Force are now coming into squadron service with Coastal Command. These "Aeroplane" pictures show the activities of one of the units which are at present engaged on a programme of intensive flying with their new equipment at Kinloss, Scotland.

Day to day flying consists of 12-14 hour sorties during which aircrews are engaged on convoy duties, submarine detection, shadowing, bombing, fighter affiliation, fleet exercises and general reconnaissance.

Right, a Shackleton outward-bound. Below, landing after a routine sortie. At bottom, maintenance between sorties.



Top, Group Capt. D. G. Keddie (left), Officer Commanding the R.A.F. Station Kinloss, Sqdn. Ldr. P. G. D. Farr, D.F.C., Commanding a Shackleton Squadron, Flt. Lieut. Harding, Flight Commander. Bottom, a couple of low near misses on the submarine target.



Below, two views taken through the astrodrome showing a Spitfire giving a gunner experience in handling the twin 20-mm. cannon turret.

